



MARYLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY
DEPARTMENT OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES

Effective Dates

2015 Chapters – Effective October 1, 2015

- SB 30**
Chapter 3 **Senator Peters**
PROCUREMENT – VETERAN-OWNED SMALL BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PARTICIPATION – AWARD OF CONTRACTS
Requiring a unit awarding a contract with a specified goal of veteran-owned small business participation to comply with specified requirements depending on the type of procurement being conducted; etc.
- SB 61**
Chapter 4 **Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request – Maryland Judicial Conference), et al**
ACTIVE ARMED FORCES MEMBER – EXEMPTION FROM PAYMENT OF FEES FOR CERTAIN COURT RECORDS
Requiring a clerk of a court to provide without charge a copy of specified papers or records requested by an active armed forces member or by the United States government if the copy is to be used in connection with a claim of the member against the United States government; and requiring a clerk of a court to provide without charge a copy of specified marriage records of an active armed forces member that are requested under specified circumstances.

SB 77 **Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Maryland Judicial**
Chapter 8 **Conference)**

**COMMERCIAL LAW – SECURED TRANSACTIONS – FALSE
FINANCING STATEMENTS**

Prohibiting a person from causing a financing statement to be filed or recorded with a filing office under specified circumstances; requiring a filing office to accept for filing a financing statement that meets specified requirements and send a specified notice in a specified manner to specified persons under specified circumstances; authorizing a specified person to submit a specified affidavit stating specified information; requiring a filing office to send a specified notice if the filing office receives a specified affidavit; etc.

SB 148 **Senator Klausmeier**
Chapter 17

**OFFICE OF CEMETERY OVERSIGHT – PRENEED BURIAL
CONTRACTS – REPORT SUBMISSION REQUIREMENT**

Increasing the time period, from 120 to 150 days, within which a seller of preneed goods or preneed services who is subject to the preneed trust account requirements is required to submit a report regarding preneed burial contracts and preneed trust accounts to the Director of the Office of Cemetery Oversight.

SB 217 **Senator Kelley**
Chapter 20

**SPECIAL OR SUPPLEMENTAL NEEDS TRUSTS –
AUTHORIZATION TO FUND**

Providing that specified provisions of law concerning regulations adopted by specified State agencies regarding special or supplemental needs trusts may not be interpreted to require a court order to authorize the funding of a special or supplemental needs trust.

- SB 241** **Senator Astle**
Chapter 23 **HEALTH INSURANCE – COVERAGE FOR OSTOMY EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES – REQUIRED**
- Requiring insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations that provide health insurance benefits under specified insurance policies or contracts to provide coverage for specified equipment and supplies used for the treatment of ostomies; providing that the required coverage may be subject to specified deductibles and coinsurance; applying the Act to all policies, contracts, and health benefit plans subject to the Act that are issued, delivered, or renewed on or after October 1, 2015; etc.
- SB 325** **Senator Pugh**
Chapter 25 **LIFE INSURERS – RESERVE INVESTMENTS – LOANS SECURED BY REAL ESTATE**
- Altering the maximum term, to not more than 30 years, of specified loans on specified nonresidential and nonfarm real estate that a life insurer may include in its reserve investments; and making conforming changes.
- SB 371** **Senator Rosapepe**
Chapter 28 **STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION – BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN PRIORITY AREAS**
- Requiring the State Highway Administration, under specified circumstances, to make a determination on whether to designate specified areas as bicycle and pedestrian priority areas by specified dates; clarifying that the Administration and a local government each must make a specified designation before a specified plan is required to be implemented; etc.

- SB 401** **Senator Astle, et al**
Chapter 29 **UNDERGROUND UTILITY DAMAGE PREVENTION –**
 CONNECTING BUILDINGS TO WATER SUPPLY SYSTEMS AND
 SEWERAGE SYSTEMS – DETECTABLE WIRES
- Requiring that any new or replacement piping that is buried or installed for the purpose of connecting a building to a water supply system or sewerage system be buried or installed with an insulated copper tracer wire that is suitable for direct burial and has an American wire gauge (AWG) of at least 10, or an equivalent product that makes the piping detectable; providing for the prospective application of the Act; etc.
- SB 418** **Senator Lee**
Chapter 30 **ESTATES – MODIFIED ADMINISTRATION – FINAL REPORT**
 AND DISTRIBUTION – EXTENSION
- Authorizing, under specified circumstances, a register of wills to extend the time periods for filing a final report and for making distribution of an estate in a modified administration of the estate for an additional specified period on the filing of a specified request; requiring a request for the extension to be signed by the personal representative and consented to by each interested person; requiring the request to be delivered to the register of wills no later than a specified date; applying the Act prospectively; etc.
- SB 450** **Senator Guzzone**
Chapter 35 **HEALTH INSURANCE – EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT CLAIMS**
 FORMS – METHODS FOR SUBMISSION
- Requiring insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations to permit an insured, a subscriber, or a member to submit a claim for reimbursement for specified expenses by first-class mail and by facsimile transmission or through a Web site; requiring insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations annually to provide a specified notice and instructions on how to submit a claim by facsimile transmission or through a secure Web site; etc.

- SB 465** **Senator Klausmeier, et al**
Chapter 36 **CHESAPEAKE EMPLOYERS' INSURANCE COMPANY**
- Authorizing the Chesapeake Employers' Insurance Company to take specified actions relating to a subsidiary for specified purposes subject to specified requirements and under specified circumstances; altering the staggering of terms of members of the Board; authorizing the Governor to remove specified members for incompetence or misconduct; authorizing the Maryland Insurance Commissioner to remove specified members under specified circumstances; etc.
Except Section 3 and Section 4
- SB 498** **Senator Montgomery, et al**
Chapter 37 **PUBLIC SAFETY – STATEWIDE ACCOUNTING OF SEXUAL ASSAULT EVIDENCE KITS**
- Requiring a specified law enforcement agency or other State or local agency to conduct an inventory of specified sexual assault kit evidence on or before January 1, 2016; requiring a specified agency to prepare a report regarding untested sexual assault evidence collection kits on or before March 1, 2016; requiring the report to be submitted to the Attorney General; and requiring the Attorney General to prepare and submit to the General Assembly a specified report and specified recommendations on or before December 1, 2016.
- SB 553** **Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Maryland Insurance Administration)**
Chapter 39 **MOTOR CLUBS – SCOPE OF LAW – FEES**
- Providing that specified entities are not regulated as motor clubs in the State; requiring specified information to be filed in the application for a motor club; providing for the contents of a motor club service contract; and prohibiting a person from representing that the person is licensed or authorized to provide motor club services unless the person holds a license issued by the Insurance Commissioner, with a specified exception.

SB 555 **Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental –**
Chapter 40 **Maryland Insurance Administration)**

LIFE INSURANCE – CASH SURRENDER VALUES –
SUPPLEMENTAL BENEFITS

Providing that the effects on the basic cash value of supplemental life insurance, annuity benefits, or family coverage as described under specified provisions of law shall be the same as the effects on cash surrender values under those provisions.

SB 596 **Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental –**
Chapter 41 **Health and Mental Hygiene)**

HEALTH CARE FACILITIES – SURVEYS, INSPECTIONS, AND
EXTERNAL REVIEWS

Requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to survey freestanding ambulatory care facilities in accordance with federal regulations, with an exception; requiring the Department to survey each freestanding birthing center at least once per calendar year; requiring the Department to inspect the operations of each home health agency at least every 3 years; altering the frequency from two times to once each year at which the Department must make a site visit and conduct a survey of each licensed nursing home; etc.

SB 604 **Senator King, et al**
Chapter 43

HUMAN RELATIONS – EMPLOYMENT DISCRIMINATION –
PROTECTION FOR INTERNS

Establishing specified protections for interns and applicants for internships from specified discriminatory acts; providing that a specified intern has access to a specified complaint resolution procedure or, under specified circumstances, may file a complaint with the Maryland Commission on Civil Rights for specified nonmonetary administrative remedies; providing that the Act does not create an employment relationship between an employer and an intern for the purposes of specified remedies or specified provisions of law; etc.

- SB 641** **Senator Klausmeier**
Chapter 45 **PUBLIC HEALTH – SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT OUTCOMES PARTNERSHIP FUND**
- Altering the definition of “eligible populations” to allow funds from the Substance Abuse Treatment Outcomes Partnership Fund to be used for services provided to drug offenders under the supervision of the problem solving courts; altering the information an applicant is required to include in an request for Partnership funding; authorizing a participating county, under specified circumstances, to use Partnership funding to continue or expand funding for eligible functions; etc.
- SB 685** **Senator Benson, et al**
Chapter 46 **FAMILY LAW – INFORMATION AND SERVICES FOR FOSTER CHILDREN AND FORMER FOSTER CHILDREN**
- Requiring the juvenile court to determine whether a local department made a reasonable effort, for a child at least 18 years of age, to enroll the child in health insurance that will continue after the child is emancipated, screen and assist the child with eligibility for public assistance, and establish a plan for stable housing for at least 12 months and sufficient income after emancipation; requiring a local department to advise a child before emancipation of the right to reenter care and procedures for reentering care; etc.
- SB 802** **Senator Cassilly, et al**
Chapter 52 **TRANSPORTATION – DEDICATION OF STRUCTURES (HERO’S HIGHWAY ACT)**
- Requiring the Department of Transportation to establish a process by which a member of the General Assembly, another elected official, or any member of the general public may request that the Department dedicate a bridge or another appropriate structure under the jurisdiction of the Department to a specified deceased member of the armed forces or an emergency responder who died in the line of duty; etc.

- HB 466** **Delegate Folden, et al**
Chapter 53 **TRANSPORTATION – DEDICATION OF STRUCTURES (HERO’S HIGHWAY ACT)**
- Requiring the Department of Transportation to establish a process by which a member of the General Assembly, another elected official, or any member of the general public may request that the Department dedicate a bridge or another appropriate structure under the jurisdiction of the Department to a specified deceased member of the armed forces or an emergency responder who died in the line of duty; etc.
- SB 886** **Senators Hough and Young**
Chapter 55 **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.
- Section 1 Only**
- HB 49** **Chair, Judiciary Committee (By Request – Maryland Judicial Conference)**
Chapter 57 **CLERKS OF THE CIRCUIT COURTS – WATER AND SEWER LIEN REGISTERS – FEES**
- Repealing a requirement that specified water and sewer authorities pay a fee of 5 cents for each entry to the clerk of a circuit court in the county where the specified real estate is located to record a lien in a specified lien register.

- HB 82** **Montgomery County Delegation**
Chapter 60 **MONTGOMERY COUNTY – FREE–PLAY PINBALL MACHINES –**
PLACEMENT RESTRICTIONS – REPEAL MC 2–15
- Repealing a provision of law that prohibits, in Montgomery County, more than two free–play pinball machines that are not in locked storage and are available for public use from being kept on the same floor of a building.
- HB 93** **Montgomery County Delegation**
Chapter 65 **MONTGOMERY COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – 1–DAY**
LICENSE FOR SCHOOLS, PLACES OF WORSHIP, AND YOUTH
CENTERS MC 10–15
- Specifying that restrictions on the issuance of a license to sell alcoholic beverages within a specified distance of a secondary or elementary school, place of worship, or specified youth center do not apply to the issuance of a special 1–day license for use on the premises of a secondary or elementary school, place of worship, or specified youth center.
- HB 106** **Montgomery County Delegation**
Chapter 67 **MONTGOMERY COUNTY – ILLEGAL DUMPING AND LITTER**
CONTROL LAW – ADOPTION OF LOCAL ORDINANCE MC 11–15
- Authorizing the governing body of Montgomery County to adopt an ordinance to prohibit littering under the Illegal Dumping and Litter Control Law and to impose specified criminal and civil penalties.
- HB 131** **Chair, Judiciary Committee (By Request – Maryland Judicial**
Chapter 69 **Conference)**
CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – TRANSFER TO JUVENILE COURT –
PETITION FOR EXPUNGEMENT
- Requiring a petition for expungement of a criminal charge that has been transferred to the juvenile court to be filed in the court of original jurisdiction from which the order of transfer was entered.

- HB 145**
Chapter 72 **Howard County Delegation**
HOWARD COUNTY – APPOINTED ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE HEARING BOARD – COMPENSATION HO. CO. 6–15
Providing that the compensation for the Howard County Appointed Alcoholic Beverage Hearing Board shall be the amount set by the Howard County Council.
- HB 179**
Chapter 74 **Delegate Barron**
STATE BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY EXAMINERS – FAILURE TO PASS LICENSURE EXAMINATION – PROHIBITION ON ISSUANCE OF LICENSE
Prohibiting an applicant for licensure as a physical therapist or a physical therapist assistant who fails the examination for licensure six times from retaking the examination and being licensed by the State Board of Physical Therapy Examiners.
- HB 182**
Chapter 75 **Delegates Lafferty and Rosenberg**
HOUSING – COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION – RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE LOANS
Authorizing the Community Development Administration to make a residential mortgage loan for the refinancing of a residential mortgage loan under specified circumstances; requiring the Secretary of Housing and Community Development to determine the terms and qualifications for specified financial assistance to a homeowner under specified conditions; etc.
- HB 201**
Chapter 76 **Delegate S. Robinson**
VEHICLE LAWS – SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATES AND PARKING PLACARDS FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES – LICENSED PHYSICAL THERAPISTS
Authorizing a licensed physical therapist to certify specified medical conditions of an applicant for a special disability registration number and special disability registration plates and for specified parking placards; requiring the State Board of Physical Therapy Examiners to be responsible for the development and maintenance of a database system with which the Motor Vehicle Administration can interface and verify licensure; etc.

- HB 233** **Delegate Beidle**
Chapter 80 **MOTOR VEHICLES – CALCULATION OF LENGTH – LOADING DEVICES**
- Excluding specified cargo loading devices from the calculation of the length of a motor vehicle or combination of vehicles for the purposes of compliance with maximum motor vehicle or combination of vehicles length requirements; clarifying that specified factors included in the calculation of the length of a motor vehicle apply to the calculation of the length of a combination of vehicles; extending the application of the calculation to specified provisions of law; etc.
- HB 329** **Harford County Delegation**
Chapter 87 **HARFORD COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – INSPECTORS**
- Authorizing the Harford County Liquor Control Board and general manager to appoint alcoholic beverages inspectors as necessary to provide appropriate control over newly created licenses; and repealing provisions of law governing the authority of the Board and general manager to appoint additional alcoholic beverages inspectors.
- HB 549** **Delegate Valentino-Smith, et al**
Chapter 93 **VIDEO LOTTERY FACILITY PAYOUTS – INTERCEPTS FOR RESTITUTION PAYMENTS**
- Requiring video lottery operation licensees to provide specified notices to obligors who win specified prizes and who owe restitution; requiring video lottery operation licensees to make specified payments, withhold specified amounts, honor specified requests in a specified order, and transfer specified amounts under specified circumstances; authorizing specified obligors to appeal specified proposed transfers; etc.

HB 556
Chapter 94**Delegate Pendergrass****STATE BOARD OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SPECIALISTS – REVISIONS**

Altering the frequency, from annual to once every 2 years, with which specified officers of the State Board of Environmental Health Specialists must be elected; altering specified qualifications for a specified license; altering specified requirements for applying for a specified license; altering specified education requirements for qualification to take a specified examination; authorizing the Board to waive a specified examination requirement if the applicant is recognized as outstanding in the field of environmental health; etc.

HB 565
Chapter 96**Delegates Bromwell and Kipke****INSURANCE – SURPLUS LINES – DISABILITY INSURANCE**

Authorizing the use of surplus lines insurance for disability insurance coverage under specified circumstances; providing that the procurement of specified disability insurance through surplus lines insurance is subject to specified requirements; providing that the Act applies to all policies and contracts of surplus lines insurance for disability insurance issued, delivered, or renewed in the State on or after October 1, 2015; etc.

HB 591
Chapter 98**Delegate Miele, et al****HEALTH OCCUPATIONS – PHARMACISTS – REFILLS OF PRESCRIPTIONS DURING STATE OF EMERGENCY**

Altering the circumstances under which a pharmacist, during a state of emergency, may refill a prescription for a drug for which the refill has not been authorized; providing that a pharmacist who is working in Maryland, instead of the area declared an emergency, may refill the prescription if the federal or any state government, instead of the federal or this State's government, has declared a state of emergency; increasing the maximum quantity from a 14-day to a 30-day supply that may be dispensed under the prescription refill; etc.

- HB 666**
Chapter 100 **Delegate Miele, et al**
MARYLAND TRUST ACT – REVOCABLE TRUSTS – CREDITORS’ CLAIMS – LIMITATIONS
- Providing that, under specified circumstances, property of a specified trust is not subject to, and a trustee and beneficiaries of that trust may not be held liable for, specified claims of creditors of the settlor; providing that the publication of specified notice by the trustee in a specified manner shall afford the trust property, the trustee, and the beneficiaries specified protections under specified provisions of law barring specified claims after a specified period of time; etc.
- HB 748**
Chapter 102 **Delegate Saab, et al**
HEALTH OCCUPATIONS – BOARD OF PHARMACY – PHARMACIST REHABILITATION COMMITTEE – DEFINITION
- Altering the definition of “pharmacist rehabilitation committee”, for purposes of provisions of law governing pharmacist rehabilitation committees, to provide that it is a group that includes at least one pharmacist instead of a group, the majority of which is comprised of pharmacists.
- HB 786**
Chapter 103 **Delegate Davis, et al**
SELF-SERVICE STORAGE FACILITIES – ENFORCEMENT OF LIEN – PROCEDURES
- Altering specified notice procedures required to enforce a lien on specified property stored in a leased space at a self-service storage facility; requiring a specified agreement to contain a specified statement; establishing that the balance of proceeds from a specified sale is presumed abandoned under specified circumstances; altering specified procedures required for the administration of specified proceeds from a specified sale.

HB 845 Harford County Delegation**Chapter 107****HARFORD COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – CLASS B CAFE LICENSES**

Authorizing the Harford County Liquor Control Board to issue a special Class B Cafe beer, wine and liquor license; specifying an annual Class B Cafe beer, wine and liquor license fee of \$3,000; specifying that the Class B Cafe beer, wine and liquor license entitles the holder to sell beer and wine for consumption on and off the premises and liquor for consumption on the premises; requiring the Board to set the maximum amount of Class B Cafe beer, wine and liquor licenses that it may issue; etc.

HB 878 Delegate Vaughn, et al**Chapter 110****CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS – DEFINITIONS – ATTEST AND PRACTICE CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANCY**

Altering the definitions of the terms “attest” and “practice certified public accountancy” as they relate to the Maryland Public Accountancy Act to include specified services and procedures performed in accordance with the Statements on Standards for Attestation Engagements issued by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants; etc.

HB 1028 Delegate Branch, et al**Chapter 113****BUSINESS OCCUPATIONS AND PROFESSIONS – REAL ESTATE SALESPERSONS AND BROKERS – FORMATION OF BUSINESS ENTITIES AND PAYMENT OF COMMISSIONS**

Authorizing specified licensed real estate salespersons and licensed associate real estate brokers, with the consent of a specified licensed real estate broker, to form a specified business entity; authorizing payment of compensation for the provision of real estate brokerage services to a specified business entity under specified circumstances; etc.

- HB 1056** **Delegate Vaughn, et al**
Chapter 115 **REAL ESTATE BROKERS AND SALESPERSONS – CONTINUING EDUCATION – REQUIREMENTS**
- Repealing a provision of law that requires specified licensed realtors to complete fewer overall clock hours of continuing education instruction than are generally required during specified licensing periods; requiring that specified mandated subject matter for continuing education courses be taken by a licensee during each licensing period; etc.
- HB 1080** **Delegate Pena–Melnyk, et al**
Chapter 116 **9–1–1 EMERGENCY TELEPHONE SYSTEM – MULTIPLE–LINE TELEPHONE SYSTEMS – DIRECT DIAL (KARI’S LAW)**
- Requiring that, on or before December 31, 2017, a person that installs or operates a multiple–line telephone system ensures that the system is connected to the public switched telephone network in such a way that an individual dialing 9–1–1 is connected to the public safety answering point without requiring the individual to dial any other number or set of numbers; providing a specified exception for a unit of the Executive Branch of State government; etc.
- HB 1111** **Chair, Ways and Means Committee (By Request –**
Chapter 117 **Departmental – Lottery and Gaming Control Agency)**
- VIDEO LOTTERY FACILITY – AREAS PROHIBITED TO INDIVIDUALS UNDER THE AGE OF 21 YEARS – EMPLOYEE EXCEPTION**
- Allowing a video lottery employee who works for a video lottery operation licensee and is an adult to enter and remain in an area within a video lottery facility designated for table game or video lottery terminal activities if the video lottery employee is working; etc.

HB 1114 **Chair, Ways and Means Committee (By Request –**
Chapter 118 **Departmental – Lottery and Gaming Control Agency)**

**STATE LOTTERY AND GAMING CONTROL AGENCY – RAFFLES
– AUTHORIZED**

Altering the definition of “State lottery” to include a raffle conducted by the State Lottery and Gaming Control Agency; authorizing the Director of the State Lottery and Gaming Control Agency to enter into agreements to operate raffles with specified entities outside the State; etc.

SB 321 **Senators Nathan–Pulliam and Ferguson**
Chapter 126

**BALTIMORE CITY AND BALTIMORE COUNTY – POLICE
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH UNITS – PILOT PROGRAM**

Requiring, on or before October 1, 2016, the Baltimore City and Baltimore County police departments to establish behavioral health units; requiring a behavioral health unit to consist of at least six officers who are specially trained to understand the needs of individuals with mental health, substance use, or co-occurring mental health and substance use disorders and in cultural sensitivity and cultural competency; establishing the purpose and goals of a behavioral health unit; etc.

SB 882 **Senator Conway, et al**
Chapter 130 **BALTIMORE CITY CIVILIAN REVIEW BOARD**

Altering the definition of “law enforcement unit” as it relates to the Baltimore City Civilian Review Board so as to increase the number of law enforcement units that are subject to review by the Board; altering the composition of the Board; requiring the Board to hold at least four meetings in locations rotated throughout different police districts in Baltimore City; and altering specified definitions.

- HB 113** **Delegate Conaway**
Chapter 131 LOCAL GOVERNMENT TORT CLAIMS ACT – NOTICE REQUIREMENTS AND LIMITS ON LIABILITY
- Increasing to \$400,000 per individual claim and \$800,000 per total claims the limits on liability of a local government for claims under the Local Government Tort Claims Act that arise from the same occurrence; altering the period of time from 180 days to 1 year after the injury during which a specified notice of a claim under the Local Government Tort Claims Act must be provided; and applying the Act prospectively.
- HB 114** **Delegate Conaway**
Chapter 132 MARYLAND TORT CLAIMS ACT – CLAIM REQUIREMENT AND LIMIT ON LIABILITY
- Increasing the limit on liability of the State and its units under the Maryland Tort Claims Act for injuries to a claimant arising from an incident or occurrence; authorizing a court to entertain a suit under the Maryland Tort Claims Act under specified circumstances, even if a specified claim was not submitted; and applying the Act prospectively.
- HB 771** **Delegate Carter, et al**
Chapter 133 BALTIMORE POLICE DEPARTMENT – REPORTING ON COMMUNITY POLICING
- Requiring the Police Commissioner of Baltimore City to report annually specified information concerning the Baltimore Police Department to the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore and the members of the Baltimore City Delegation to the General Assembly; and requiring the report to be made available on the Department's Web site.

- SB 695** **Senator Raskin**
Chapter 135 **GENERAL PROVISIONS – PUBLIC INFORMATION ACT – ENFORCEMENT, FEES, AND EXEMPTIONS**
- Establishing the State Public Information Act Compliance Board and Office of the Public Access Ombudsman; requiring the Governor and the Attorney General to publish on their Web sites specified notice relating to specified applications and the names and qualifications of specified applicants; requiring the Governor to solicit specified recommendations from specified individuals; requiring the Board to report on specified matters to the Governor and General Assembly by October 1 of each year; etc.
- HB 755** **Delegate Cullison, et al**
Chapter 136 **GENERAL PROVISIONS – PUBLIC INFORMATION ACT – ENFORCEMENT, FEES, AND EXEMPTIONS**
- Establishing the State Public Information Act Compliance Board and Office of the Public Access Ombudsman; requiring the Governor and the Attorney General to publish on their Web sites specified notice relating to specified applications and the names and qualifications of specified applicants; requiring the Governor to solicit specified recommendations from specified individuals; requiring the Board to report on specified matters to the Governor and General Assembly by October 1 of each year; etc.
- HB 939** **The Speaker (By Request – Maryland Economic Development and Business Climate Commission), et al**
Chapter 137 **PROPOSED REGULATIONS – DETERMINATION OF IMPACT ON SMALL BUSINESSES**
- Establishing the Advisory Council on the Impact of Regulations on Small Businesses in the Department of Business and Economic Development; requiring the Advisory Council to take specified actions and make specified determinations about proposed regulations; requiring the Maryland Economic Development and Business Climate Commission to examine whether the Advisory Council should consider whether a proposed regulation poses a potential unreasonable burden on consumers; etc.

HB 940 **The Speaker (By Request – Maryland Economic Development
Chapter 138** **and Business Climate Commission), et al**

**OFFICE OF THE BUSINESS OMBUDSMAN – STATE CUSTOMER
SERVICE AND BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT EFFORTS TRAINING
PROGRAM**

Establishing the State Customer Service and Business Development Efforts Training Program to increase the responsiveness of and improve customer service provided by State agencies to businesses and customers in the State; requiring the Office of the Business Ombudsman to administer and oversee the program; requiring the Office to develop standards that identify best practices for providing excellent customer service; requiring each participating agency to develop and conduct customer service training for each specified employee; etc.

HB 943 **The Speaker (By Request – Maryland Economic Development
Chapter 141** **and Business Climate Commission), et al**

**ECONOMIC COMPETITIVENESS AND COMMERCE –
RESTRUCTURING**

Renaming the Department of Business and Economic Development to be the Department of Economic Competitiveness and Commerce; renaming the Secretary of Economic Development to be the Secretary of Commerce; establishing an Office of the Secretary of Commerce in the Office of the Governor; specifying that the Secretary is the head of the economic development policy; establishing the Public–Private Partnership Marketing Corporation to create a branding strategy, attract new business to the State, and other specified purposes; etc.

SB 4 **Carroll County Senators**

Chapter 142 **CARROLL COUNTY – GAMING EVENTS**

Authorizing specified organizations in Carroll County to conduct a card game, card tournament, or casino event under specified circumstances; requiring a specified organization to obtain a permit from the Board of County Commissioners of Carroll County; requiring a participant in a card game, card tournament, or casino event to be at least 21 years old; requiring the permit holder to file with the Board of County Commissioners of Carroll County a financial report that includes specified information on prize winners; etc.

- SB 51** **Senator Serafini, et al**
Chapter 145 **COMMISSION ON AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY AND CULTURE – DUTIES**
- Authorizing the Commission on African American History and Culture to provide operational funding to a museum that specializes in African American history and culture.
- SB 60** **Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request –**
Chapter 146 **Maryland Judicial Conference)**
- CLERKS OF THE CIRCUIT COURTS – COLLECTION OF APPEARANCE FEES**
- Clarifying that if more than one stockholder, partner, member, or employee of a corporation, partnership, limited liability company, or other entity engaged in practicing law enters an appearance in an action or a case, the clerk of the circuit court may collect only one appearance fee per entity; and clarifying that, if more than one employee of a specified governmental entity enters an appearance in an action or a case, the clerk of the circuit court may collect only one appearance fee per governmental entity.
- SB 88** **Senator Astle, et al**
Chapter 148 **NATURAL RESOURCES – GAME BIRDS – BAITING**
- Altering the prohibition against a person hunting specified game birds by the aid of baiting or on or over a baited area to require that the person know or reasonably should know that the area is a baited area before a violation occurs.
- SB 121** **Senator Norman, et al**
Chapter 152 **COURTS – DISCOVERY – EXAMINATION IN AID OF ENFORCEMENT OF MONEY JUDGMENT**
- Prohibiting a circuit court and the District Court, in ruling on a certain request by a judgment creditor for an examination in aid of enforcement of a specified judgment, from requiring the judgment creditor to show that good cause exists for the examination; etc.

SB 133 **Senator Edwards****Chapter 153****ENVIRONMENT – BAY RESTORATION FUND – USE OF FUNDS**

Authorizing funds in the Bay Restoration Fund, in fiscal 2016 and thereafter, to be used to pay up to 87.5% of the total cost of projects relating to combined sewer overflows abatement, rehabilitation of existing sewers, and upgrading specified conveyance systems; specifying that an order of priority for specified projects funded by the Bay Restoration Fund in specified fiscal years shall be determined by the Department of the Environment; and generally relating to the use of funds in the Bay Restoration Fund.

SB 298 **Senator Norman****Chapter 156****VEHICLE LAWS – DEALERS – FINANCING OR LEASING AGREEMENTS**

Requiring that a specified notice be provided to a buyer purchasing a vehicle through dealer–arranged financing or leasing before approval of a third–party financial institution has been received; requiring a dealer to notify a buyer in writing if the terms of a specified financing or lease agreement are not approved by a third party finance source within 4 days of delivery of the vehicle to the buyer; requiring a buyer to return a vehicle to a dealer within 2 days of receipt of the written notice under specified circumstances; etc.

HB 313 **Delegate Beidle****Chapter 157****VEHICLE LAWS – DEALERS – FINANCING OR LEASING AGREEMENTS**

Requiring that a specified notice be provided to a buyer purchasing a vehicle through dealer–arranged financing or leasing before approval of a third–party financial institution has been received; requiring a dealer to notify a buyer in writing if the terms of a specified financing or lease agreement are not approved by a third–party finance source within 4 days of delivery of the vehicle to the buyer; requiring a buyer to return a vehicle to a dealer within 2 days of receipt of the notice under specified circumstances; etc.

SB 353 **Senator Hershey****Chapter 161****ELECTRIC COMPANIES – INSTALLATION OF SOLAR
ELECTRIC GENERATING FACILITY – NEW
INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT**

Requiring a person who is negotiating a specified solar installation and interconnection contract with specified customer-generator to submit to the customer-generator's electric company a specified application; allowing a specified person to accept a payment from the customer-generator in connection with the contract before receiving an approval from the customer-generator's electric company; prohibiting a specified person to begin a specified installation under specified circumstances; etc.

SB 360 **Calvert County Senators****Chapter 162****CALVERT COUNTY – BUDGET HEARINGS AND PROCEDURES**

Altering the procedures for preparing and adopting a budget for Calvert County; requiring each county department, agency, or board receiving county funds to submit a specified itemized budget request on or before a date set by the County Commissioners of Calvert County; requiring the County Commissioners to conduct a public hearing on a specified staff-recommended budget and a subsequent public hearing on the County Commissioners' budget; etc.

SB 383 **Senators Hershey and Eckardt****Chapter 166****PUBLIC SAFETY – APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS OF FIRE
COMPANIES AS DEPUTY SHERIFFS – CAROLINE COUNTY AND
TALBOT COUNTY**

Altering the applicability in Caroline County of specified provisions governing the appointment and duties of members of fire companies as deputy sheriffs; and providing for the appointment and duties of members of fire companies as deputy sheriffs in Talbot County.

- SB 391** **Senator Montgomery**
Chapter 167 **STATE BOARD OF MORTICIANS AND FUNERAL DIRECTORS –**
LICENSES, PERMITS, AND REGISTRATIONS – PROCESSES
AND CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORDS CHECKS
- Clarifying that a specified process for regulating crematories must provide for the registration of crematory operators or the issuance of permits for operating crematories; requiring specified applicants to the State Board of Morticians and Funeral Directors to submit to a specified criminal history records check or submit to the Board a criminal history records check conducted by an accredited agency approved by the Board; etc.
- SB 410** **Senator Gladden**
Chapter 168 **BALTIMORE CITY – VEHICLE LAWS – TRAFFIC SAFETY**
- Adding Baltimore City to the list of local authorities that under specified circumstances may impose specified restrictions on vehicles passing over a bridge or culvert under the jurisdictions of the local authorities without the approval of the State Highway Administration.
- SB 422** **Senator Rosapepe**
Chapter 169 **GENERAL PROVISIONS – COMMEMORATIVE DAYS – SOUTH**
ASIAN AMERICAN HERITAGE DAY
- Requiring the Governor to proclaim annually October 2 as South Asian American Heritage Day; and requiring the proclamation to urge educational and cultural organizations to properly observe South Asian American Heritage Day with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities.
- HB 746** **Delegate Barve, et al**
Chapter 170 **GENERAL PROVISIONS – COMMEMORATIVE DAYS – SOUTH**
ASIAN AMERICAN HERITAGE DAY
- Requiring the Governor to proclaim annually October 2 as South Asian American Heritage Day; and requiring the proclamation to urge educational and cultural organizations to properly observe South Asian American Heritage Day with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities.

SB 441 **Senator Hershey****Chapter 172****MARYLAND ENERGY ADMINISTRATION – ANNUAL REPORT – GRANTS**

Requiring that a specified annual report made by the Maryland Energy Administration to the Governor and General Assembly include a detailed accounting of all amounts received by and disbursed from the Maryland Strategic Energy Investment Fund, including the amount and recipient of each grant awarded by the Administration.

SB 460 **Senator Feldman, et al****Chapter 174****PUBLIC UTILITIES – ELECTRICITY – CONSTRUCTION OF OVERHEAD TRANSMISSION LINES**

Altering the scope of persons who may apply to begin construction of a new overhead transmission line for electricity under specified circumstances to include an electric company or a person who is or will be subject to regulation as a public utility by an officer or an agency of the United States; prohibiting the Public Service Commission from issuing a certificate of public convenience and necessity for the construction of a specified overhead transmission line to an applicant other than an electric company under specified circumstances; etc.

SB 540 **Senator Astle****Chapter 181****MUNICIPALITIES – PARKING AUTHORITIES**

Authorizing a municipality that is organized under Article XI–E of the Maryland Constitution to create a parking authority as a body politic and corporate as provided under the Parking Authorities Act; authorizing a municipality to authorize an authority to take specified actions; requiring a municipality to determine specified matters by local law in connection with the authorization, issuance, sale, delivery, and payment of specified revenue bonds as authorized under the Parking Authorities Act; etc.

SB 618 **Senator Norman****Chapter 184****PUBLIC SAFETY – RETIRED LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER IDENTIFICATION CARD**

Requiring a law enforcement agency to provide a retiring law enforcement officer or specified retired law enforcement officer with an identification card under specified circumstances; authorizing a law enforcement agency to charge a reasonable fee for an identification card or a replacement card; requiring a law enforcement officer to meet specified requirements to qualify for an identification card; establishing the form and contents of an identification card; etc.

SB 634 **Washington County Senators****Chapter 186****WASHINGTON COUNTY – LIQUOR TASTING LICENSE**

Authorizing a special liquor tasting license to be issued in Washington County; authorizing the license to be issued only to a holder of a Class A (off-sale) beer, wine and liquor license; establishing the annual license fee of \$300 for 12 tastings and \$500 for 24 tastings; authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Washington County to issue the license for specified purposes; prohibiting the holder of the license from charging for the liquor tasting or sampling; etc.

SB 715 **Senator Edwards****Chapter 194****ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – GARRETT COUNTY – MULTIPLE EVENT LICENSE**

Requiring the holder of a special multiple event Class C license in Garrett County to ensure that at least one individual who is certified by an approved alcohol awareness program is on the premises when alcoholic beverages are served; authorizing the license holder to store specified alcoholic beverages between specified events under specified circumstances and conditions; providing that a license holder who violates the Act is subject to specified fines and denial of specified licenses; etc.

- SB 816** **Senator Rosapepe**
Chapter 200 **MARYLAND HIGHER EDUCATION OUTREACH AND COLLEGE ACCESS PILOT PROGRAM**
- Establishing the Maryland Higher Education Outreach and College Access Pilot Program targeting low-income Maryland high school students to determine if the program can lead to an increase in low-income students attending and succeeding in college; establishing specified eligibility requirements for participation in the Program; requiring the Commission to submit a specified report on the Program to the General Assembly on or before December 1, 2017, and December 1, 2018; etc.
- HB 779** **Delegate A. Washington, et al**
Chapter 201 **MARYLAND HIGHER EDUCATION OUTREACH AND COLLEGE ACCESS PILOT PROGRAM**
- Establishing the Maryland Higher Education Outreach and College Access Pilot Program targeting low-income Maryland high school students to determine if the Program can lead to an increase in low-income students attending and succeeding in college; establishing specified eligibility requirements for participation in the Program; requiring the Commission to submit a specified report on the Program to the General Assembly on or before December 1, 2017, and December 1, 2018; etc.
- SB 864** **Senator Klausmeier**
Chapter 203 **STATE BOARD OF HEATING, VENTILATION, AIR-CONDITIONING, AND REFRIGERATION CONTRACTORS – CEASE AND DESIST ORDERS – AUTHORITY**
- Authorizing the State Board of Heating, Ventilation, Air-Conditioning, and Refrigeration Contractors to issue a cease and desist order for violations of specified provisions of law, subject to specified notice and hearing provisions; and authorizing an aggrieved party to file a specified appeal.

- SB 906** **Senator Mathias**
Chapter 206 **SOMERSET COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – SELLING NEAR SCHOOLS, PLACES OF WORSHIP, PUBLIC LIBRARIES, AND YOUTH CENTERS**
- Altering a specified exception to the prohibition against the Somerset County Board of License Commissioners approving a license to sell alcoholic beverages for specified establishments located within 300 feet of a school, church or other place of worship, public library, or youth center.
- SB 913** **Washington County Senators**
Chapter 209 **WASHINGTON COUNTY – TAX INCREMENT FINANCING – APPLICATION OF BOND PROCEEDS**
- Authorizing Washington County to use the proceeds from the issuance of specified bonds for specified purposes.
- SB 928** **Senator Mathias**
Chapter 212 **SOMERSET COUNTY SANITARY COMMISSION – ENFORCEMENT OF LIENS – TAX SALE AUTHORIZATION**
- Authorizing the Somerset County Sanitary Commission to request the county tax collector to conduct a sale of real property to enforce a lien representing specified unpaid benefit assessments or other specified charges in accordance with the same procedures governing the sale of property for delinquent property taxes; and authorizing the tax collector in Somerset County to conduct a county tax sale for the purpose of enforcing a specified lien.
- HB 35** **Delegate Barkley**
Chapter 217 **PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION – HEARING EXAMINERS – CHANGE OF JOB TITLE**
- Changing the job title of “hearing examiners” of the Public Service Commission to “public utility law judges”.

- HB 58**
Chapter 219 **Delegate Reznik, et al**
HEALTH OCCUPATIONS – MEMBERS OF BOARDS AND
ADVISORY COMMITTEES – PROHIBITION AGAINST
CONCURRENT SERVICE
- Prohibiting an individual from serving concurrently as a member of a health occupations board or a specified advisory committee and as an elected officer of a specified professional association that advocates for the interests of the individuals regulated by that health occupations board; and defining specified terms.
- HB 115**
Chapter 221 **Carroll County Delegation**
CARROLL COUNTY – CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS’ BILL OF
RIGHTS
- Making the Correctional Officers’ Bill of Rights applicable to correctional officers in Carroll County.
- HB 164**
Chapter 225 **Delegate Dumais**
JUDGMENTS – APPEALS – SUPERSEDEAS BOND
- Limiting the amount of a supersedeas bond required to stay the enforcement of a judgment in a civil action; authorizing a court to reduce further the amount of a supersedeas bond; providing a procedure by which an appellee may seek discovery for the limited purpose of determining whether an appellant has dissipated or diverted assets under specified circumstances; requiring a circuit court to retain jurisdiction over a specified action for a specified limited purpose; applying the Act prospectively; etc.
- HB 165**
Chapter 226 **Delegate Dumais**
FAMILY LAW – GROUNDS FOR LIMITED DIVORCE
- Altering a specified ground for limited divorce by repealing a requirement that separation of the parties be voluntary and without a reasonable expectation of reconciliation; and repealing a specified condition precedent to granting a decree of limited divorce.

HB 180 **Delegate Turner, et al****Chapter 227****VIDEO LOTTERY TERMINAL REVENUES – PURSE DEDICATION ACCOUNT – STANDARD BRED RACETRACK OPERATING LOSS ASSISTANCE**

Providing for calendar years through 2019 the authorization to use specified Purse Dedication Account funds generated from video lottery proceeds for financial assistance for operating losses, in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, by the Ocean Downs Race Course and Rosecroft Raceway to support a minimum of 40 live racing days at each race course.

HB 187 **Delegate Arentz, et al****Chapter 228****CECIL COUNTY AND QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY – INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATION AND ACCEPTANCE OF FUNDS**

Applying to Cecil County and Queen Anne's County specified provisions authorizing the governing body of a county to contract with another governmental entity for the joint or cooperative performance of any governmental function; and authorizing the governing body of a county to accept specified gifts or grants from the federal or State government and to use the gifts and grants for specified purposes.

HB 208 **Delegate Pendergrass****Chapter 229****STATE BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC AND MASSAGE THERAPY EXAMINERS – PREAPPROVAL FOR USE OF TRADE NAMES – REPEAL**

Repealing specified provisions of law that condition the use of specified trade names by specified chiropractors, massage therapists, and massage practitioners on preapproval of the use by the State Board of Chiropractic and Massage Therapy Examiners.

HB 235 **Delegate Reznik, et al****Chapter 231** **VEHICLE LAWS – MANUFACTURERS AND DISTRIBUTORS –
SALE OF ELECTRIC OR NONFOSSIL–FUEL BURNING
VEHICLES**

Authorizing a manufacturer or distributor to be licensed as a vehicle dealer if the manufacturer or distributor deals only in electric or nonfossil–fuel burning vehicles, no dealer in the State holds a franchise from the manufacturer or distributor, and the manufacturer or distributor does not have a specified relationship with another manufacturer or distributor licensed as a dealer under the Act; requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration to adopt regulations to implement the Act; etc.

HB 263 **Delegate Valentino–Smith, et al****Chapter 233** **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE – PERMANENT PROTECTIVE ORDERS –
CONSPIRACY OR SOLICITATION TO COMMIT MURDER**

Expanding the circumstances under which a court is required to issue a permanent final protective order to include the conviction of an individual for conspiracy or solicitation to commit murder under specified circumstances.

HB 274 **Frederick County Delegation****Chapter 234** **FREDERICK COUNTY – GAMING EVENTS**

Authorizing specified organizations in Frederick County to conduct a card game, card tournament, or casino event under specified circumstances; requiring an organization to obtain a permit from the Frederick County Department of Permits and Inspections; requiring an individual who participates in a card game, card tournament, or casino event to be at least 21 years of age; requiring a permit holder to submit a financial report and specified information about the winners of specified prizes; etc.

HB 287 **Delegate O'Donnell**
Chapter 235 **NATURAL RESOURCES – AQUACULTURE – LIABILITY FOR TRESPASS**

Establishing specified damages for which specified persons are liable for entering an area leased to another person for aquaculture purposes to harvest, damage, or transfer shellfish or to alter, damage, or remove any markings or equipment; requiring a person who enters an area leased to another person for aquaculture purposes to display a shellfish aquaculture harvester registration card or an operator card for the lease area on the request of a law enforcement officer; etc.

HB 290 **Delegate Barkley**
Chapter 236 **ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – WINERY OFF-SITE PERMIT HOLDERS – COMPTROLLER NOTIFICATION AND ATTENDANCE RESTRICTIONS**

Requiring the holder of a winery off-site permit to report specified information to the Comptroller within a time period determined by the Comptroller rather than by a specified day; and altering a limitation on attendance at specified events by winery off-site permit holders.

HB 291 **Delegate Barkley**
Chapter 237 **ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – DIRECT WINE SHIPPERS – REPORTING REQUIREMENTS**

Requiring a direct wine shipper to report information about wine shipments to the Office of the Comptroller in the manner determined by the Officer of the Comptroller, rather than reporting specified information according to a specified schedule.

- HB 323** **Delegate Impallaria, et al**
Chapter 239 **MARYLAND BUILDING PERFORMANCE STANDARDS –**
 MODIFICATIONS – ENERGY CODES
- Requiring the Department of Housing and Community Development, subject to specified provisions, to adopt modifications to the Maryland Building Performance Standards that allow any innovative approach, design, equipment, or method of construction that can be demonstrated to offer performance that is at least the equivalent to the requirements of specified international energy conservation and energy efficiency codes.
- HB 327** **Delegate Kelly**
Chapter 240 **HEALTH – AMBULATORY SURGICAL FACILITY – DEFINITIONS**
- Altering the definitions of “ambulatory surgical facility” and “surgical services” under provisions of law governing freestanding ambulatory care facilities in the State to conform with federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services regulations; etc.
- HB 356** **Delegate Beitzel**
Chapter 243 **DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES – DEEP CREEK LAKE**
 BUY DOWN AREA PROGRAM – EXTENSION
- Requiring the Department of General Services to establish the Deep Creek Lake Buy Down Area Program to offer the owners of properties adjoining Deep Creek Lake the right to purchase the land contiguous to their land at an amount equal to the State’s cost of acquiring the land plus reasonable costs and expenses incurred by the State from the sale; providing that revenue from the sale of specified property be distributed to the Deep Creek Lake Recreation Maintenance and Management Fund for specified land purchases; etc.

HB 382 **Delegate Morales, et al****Chapter 244** **SEXUAL ASSAULT SURVIVORS' RIGHT TO KNOW ACT**

Requiring a health care provider that performs a sexual assault evidence collection kit exam on a victim of sexual assault to provide the victim with contact information for a specified law enforcement agency; and requiring a law enforcement agency that receives a sexual assault evidence collection kit to provide specified information, except results that include identifying information, within 30 days after a request by a victim from whom the evidence was collected.

HB 386 **Delegate Valentino-Smith****Chapter 245** **CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT – CENTRALIZED CONFIDENTIAL DATABASE**

Repealing provisions of law authorizing the Social Services Administration and each local department of social services to maintain a central registry of child abuse and neglect cases and substituting provisions authorizing a centralized confidential database; requiring each local department to enter and have access to specified information in the database; specifying conditions under which an individual may be identified as responsible for child abuse or neglect in the centralized confidential database; etc.

HB 425 **Howard County Delegation****Chapter 246** **HOWARD COUNTY – CASINO EVENTS – AUTHORIZED HO. CO. 7-15**

Authorizing specified organizations to hold casino events that may include a card game or roulette in Howard County, as specified; requiring an organization to obtain a permit from the Howard County Department of Inspections, Licenses, and Permits before operating a casino event; authorizing a permit holder under the Act to charge only a preset entrance fee; requiring participants in a casino event to use tokens and not cash for wagering under specified circumstances; requiring a permit holder to submit a financial report; etc.

HB 430 Delegates Folden and Afzali**Chapter 247****DRUNK DRIVING – ACCIDENTS RESULTING IN DEATH – SANCTIONS FOR ADMINISTRATIVE PER SE OFFENSES**

Altering the administrative sanctions for specified alcohol-related administrative per se offenses applicable to a person who was involved in a motor vehicle accident that resulted in the death of another person; authorizing the Administration, under specified circumstances, to issue a specified restrictive license to allow for participation in the Ignition Interlock System Program by a person whose license is suspended or revoked under the Act; etc.

HB 440 Howard County Delegation**Chapter 248****HOWARD COUNTY – INSURANCE – CERTIFICATES OF GUARANTEE FOR COUNTY BOND REQUIREMENTS HO. CO. 8–15**

Authorizing Howard County to honor certificates of guarantee that are issued by specified associations or their wholly owned subsidiaries on behalf of specified contractors for the purpose of satisfying county bond requirements for public improvements or other county bond requirements; providing that Howard County is not required under specified provisions of law to honor a certificate of guarantee; and altering the definition of “certificate of guarantee”.

HB 463 Delegate K. Young**Chapter 249****STATE BOARD OF MORTICIANS AND FUNERAL DIRECTORS – FUNERAL ESTABLISHMENT LICENSES – OWNERSHIP AND OPERATION REQUIREMENTS**

Requiring the State Board of Morticians and Funeral Directors to issue a funeral establishment license to a funeral establishment that will be owned and operated in accordance with specified provisions of law by a specified individual, a specified group of individuals, or a holder of a specified license or operated in accordance with specified provisions of law by a holder of a specified license; etc.

- HB 493** **Delegate McMillan, et al**
Chapter 252 **MOTOR VEHICLES – PROHIBITION AGAINST UNATTENDED
MOTOR VEHICLE – EXCEPTIONS**
- Creating specified exceptions to the prohibition against leaving an unattended motor vehicle by allowing the vehicle to be locked or on private property which is not open to the public and to operate unattended for 5 consecutive minutes or less when the vehicle is not in motion.
- HB 509** **Delegate McMillan, et al**
Chapter 254 **ENVIRONMENT – STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS –
ADMINISTRATIVE PENALTIES**
- Establishing a 5-year statute of limitations for an action for administrative penalties for violations of specified laws relating to the environment; requiring the statute of limitations for an action for an administrative penalty for an ongoing violation to be tolled until the action that caused the ongoing violation has ceased; providing that the Act may not be construed as limiting specified authority of the Department of the Environment to issue administrative orders or seek injunctive relief for specified violations; etc.
- HB 522** **Delegate Kramer**
Chapter 256 **CORPORATIONS – MARYLAND GENERAL CORPORATION LAW
– MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS**
- Clarifying the rights of a subscriber for shares of stock of a corporation; providing that an individual, whether or not then a director, may assent to an action by a consent that will be effective at a future time under specified circumstances; providing that a person, whether or not then a stockholder, may assent to an action by a consent that will be effective at a future date that is no later than 60 days after the consent is delivered to the corporation or its agent; etc.
- HB 524** **Delegate McMillan, et al**
Chapter 257 **VEHICLE LAWS – SINGLE REGISTRATION PLATE – CLASS L
(HISTORIC) VEHICLES AND CLASS N (STREET ROD) VEHICLES**
- Requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration, when it registers specified Class L (historic) vehicles or Class N (street rod) vehicles, to issue a single registration plate for the vehicle.

HB 543 **Delegate Anderson (By Request – Baltimore City**
Chapter 258 **Administration), et al**

BALTIMORE CITY – HOUSING AUTHORITY OF BALTIMORE CITY – SUBSIDIARY ENTITIES

Providing that a not-for-profit entity shall be deemed controlled by the Housing Authority of Baltimore City under specified circumstances; and altering the applicability of specified tax exemption provisions for property of a subsidiary entity of a Baltimore Housing Authority entity.

HB 566 **Delegate Rosenberg**
Chapter 261

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE – LICENSEES PROVIDING SERVICES TO INDIVIDUALS WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES – EMERGENCY ACTION

Authorizing the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, under specified circumstances, to suspend the license of a licensee that provides services to individuals with developmental disabilities or order the licensee to remedy immediately a situation requiring emergency action.

HB 587 **Delegate Davis**
Chapter 262

STATE BOARD OF BARBERS – LIMITED LICENSE – BARBER-STYLIST

Establishing a barber-stylist limited license; authorizing the licensee to provide barber-stylist services, under the State Board of Barbers; requiring the Board to adopt regulations to set specified curriculum standards for specified students; requiring an individual to obtain a barber-stylist limited license before providing barber-stylist services; authorizing a specified student to provide barber-stylist services in specified settings without a limited license, under specified circumstances; etc.

- HB 613** **Delegate Hammen**
Chapter 263 **HOSPITALS – RATE-SETTING – PARTICIPATION IN 340B PROGRAM UNDER THE FEDERAL PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE ACT**
- Altering the definition of “hospital services” to include a hospital outpatient service that meets specified criteria for the purpose of making it possible for the hospital outpatient service to participate in the federal 340B Program under rates set by the State Health Services Cost Review Commission.
- HB 674** **Delegate Barron, et al**
Chapter 266 **PUBLIC INFORMATION ACT – LIST OF CONTACT INFORMATION FOR GOVERNMENTAL UNIT REPRESENTATIVES**
- Requiring each governmental unit that maintains public records to identify a representative who a member of the public should contact to request a public record, to maintain specified contact information and post the information on the unit’s Web site or keep the information in a specified place, and annually update the information and submit it to the Office of the Attorney General; and requiring the Office to post specified information on the Office’s Web site and include specified information in a specified manual.
- HB 716** **Delegate Pena–Melnyk, et al**
Chapter 269 **HEALTH OCCUPATIONS – PRESCRIBER–PHARMACIST AGREEMENTS AND THERAPY MANAGEMENT CONTRACTS**
- Authorizing licensed physicians, podiatrists, and advanced practice nurses to enter into prescriber–pharmacist agreements for therapy management contracts; requiring the submission of specified documents to specified health occupations boards; requiring specified contracts to include specified provisions; providing that a protocol by a licensed physician and licensed pharmacist may authorize the initiation of specified drug therapy; etc.

HB 720 **Delegate Vaughn****Chapter 270****ARCHITECTS, LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS, AND
PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYORS – FIRM PERMITS**

Altering specified requirements for the responsible member of an entity providing architectural services; authorizing the State Board of Architects to deny a firm permit to an applicant, reprimand a permit holder, suspend or revoke a permit, or impose a penalty up to \$5,000 under specified circumstances and subject to specified hearing provisions; authorizing landscape architecture to be practiced through a limited liability company under specified circumstances; etc.

HB 738 **Delegate Krebs****Chapter 271****JURISDICTION OF THE STATE ETHICS COMMISSION AND THE
MARYLAND STATE BOARD OF CONTRACT APPEALS –
PARTICIPATION IN PROCUREMENT**

Amending and transferring from the State Ethics Commission to the Maryland State Board of Contract Appeals jurisdiction of specified provisions of law prohibiting specified participation in procurement by a specified individual or a specified person that employs a specified individual who assists a specified executive unit in the drafting of specifications, an invitation for bids, a request for proposals for procurements, or the selections or awards made in response to an invitation for bids or a request for proposals; etc.

HB 775 **Delegate Frick****Chapter 275****INAUGURAL COMMITTEES – DONATIONS AND
DISBURSEMENTS – DISCLOSURE**

Requiring that the inaugural festivities of the Governor and Lieutenant Governor be financed with private donations only if the private donations are received by an inaugural committee and disclosed by the inaugural committee; requiring an inaugural committee to file a statement of organization with the State Board of Elections before it may receive donations or make expenditures; requiring the treasurer of an inaugural committee to maintain detailed and accurate records of donations received and disbursements made; etc.

HB 793 **Washington County Delegation****Chapter 276** **WASHINGTON COUNTY – COUNTY CLERK**

Altering the duties of the County Clerk of Washington County; repealing a requirement that the County Clerk execute a specified bond before beginning the duties of the office; repealing requirements that each Washington County agency file with the County Clerk the names and addresses of all attorneys representing the agency and of all members of the agency who are attorneys; repealing requirements that the County Clerk maintain specified lists of names filed by each Washington County agency; etc.

HB 795 **Washington County Delegation****Chapter 277** **WASHINGTON COUNTY – BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS – EXPUNGEMENT OF VIOLATIONS**

Requiring, in Washington County, violations of the alcoholic beverages laws of the State or any regulation adopted under those laws to be expunged by the Washington County Board of License Commissioners after 5 years from the date the violation occurred.

HB 846 **Delegate Vogt, et al****Chapter 283** **MOTOR VEHICLE ADMINISTRATION – COMMERCIAL DRIVER'S LICENSE – PROGRAM FOR VETERANS AND SERVICE MEMBERS (TROOPS TO TRUCKS)**

Requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration to establish a program to assist veterans and members of the military transitioning out of military service to obtain a commercial driver's license; requiring the Administration, as part of the program, to waive a specified skills test for specified program participants and coordinate and consult with specified entities to explore the feasibility of providing a commercial driver's license training course on military bases in the State; etc.

- HB 873** **Charles County Delegation**
Chapter 284 CHARLES COUNTY – CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS’ BILL OF RIGHTS
- Altering, for purposes of the Charles County Correctional Officers’ Bill of Rights, the definition of “correctional officer” to exclude an officer who is in probationary status on initial entry into the Sheriff’s Office, except if an allegation of brutality in the execution of the officer’s duties is made against the officer.
- HB 917** **Delegate Kramer, et al**
Chapter 287 MOTOR VEHICLES – CHECKPOINTS – PROHIBITION ON TARGETING MOTORCYCLES
- Prohibiting a police officer at a motor vehicle checkpoint from targeting only motorcycles for inspection or evaluation; creating a specified exception to the prohibition for a police officer at a motor vehicle checkpoint established as part of a police search or investigation; providing for the construction of a provision of law governing obedience to a lawful order or direction of a police officer; etc.
- HB 919** **Delegate Lafferty, et al**
Chapter 288 LAND USE – PLANS – DEVELOPMENT AND ADOPTION
- Authorizing the legislative body of a local jurisdiction to adopt, modify, remand or disapprove a specified plan or part of a plan, a plan for one or more geographic sections or divisions of the local jurisdiction, or an amendment to the plan; authorizing and requiring the legislative body to hold a public hearing before taking specified actions; requiring a planning commission to hold a public hearing before submitting a new recommended plan under specified circumstances; etc.
- HB 936** **Delegate Jones**
Chapter 290 PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENTS – CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS – SECURITY REQUIREMENTS
- Clarifying the value on which requirements for the amount of the payment security and specified performance security shall be based in a public-private partnership agreement for a construction contract.

HB 981 Cecil County Delegation**Chapter 292 CECIL COUNTY – ORPHANS’ COURT – SESSIONS**

Altering the frequency of the sessions of the Orphans’ Court in Cecil County to be every Tuesday for the transaction of the business of the Court, and more often if need be, according to its own adjournment.

HB 1032 Delegate Jackson, et al**Chapter 293 PUBLIC SAFETY – TRANSPORT OF WEAPONS ON SCHOOL PROPERTY – RETIRED LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS**

Providing that a specified prohibition on carrying or possessing a specified weapon on public school property does not include a specified retired law enforcement officer who is a parent, guardian, or visitor of a student attending a school located on the public school property under specified circumstances.

HB 1074 Delegate Kipke, et al**Chapter 295 COMPLIMENTARY HUNTING LICENSE FOR FORMER PRISONERS OF WAR OR DISABLED VETERANS – RECIPROCITY**

Authorizing the Department of Natural Resources to issue a lifetime complimentary hunter’s license to an out-of-state person who certifies that the person is a former prisoner of war or 100% service connected disabled American veteran if the person’s state of residence extends similar privileges to former prisoners of war or 100% service connected disabled American veterans of this State.

HB 1106 Delegate Morhaim**Chapter 297 PUBLIC HEALTH – ELECTRONIC ADVANCE DIRECTIVES – WITNESS REQUIREMENTS**

Providing that an electronic advance directive that is created in compliance with specified protocols satisfies the requirement that specified witnesses sign the advance directive.

HB 1110 **Chair, Judiciary Committee (By Request – Departmental –
Chapter 298** **State Police)**

LAW ENFORCEMENT – SPECIAL POLICE OFFICERS

Authorizing the Secretary of State Police to require a specified manner and format for an application for a commission; requiring the Secretary to apply for a State and national criminal history records check under specified circumstances; requiring the Central Repository to forward to a specified applicant and the Secretary a printed statement of the applicant's criminal history information; providing that specified information obtained from the Central Repository is confidential and may only be used for specified purposes; etc.

HB 1113 **Chair, Ways and Means Committee (By Request –
Chapter 299** **Departmental – Lottery and Gaming Control Agency)**

**VIDEO LOTTERY FACILITIES – OPERATION AND EMPLOYEE
LICENSES – CRIMES OR ACTS OF MORAL TURPITUDE OR
GAMBLING**

Altering the circumstances under which the State Lottery and Gaming Control Commission must disqualify an applicant for a specified license due to the commission of a crime involving moral turpitude or a gambling offense; repealing the requirement that the Commission deny a specified license to an applicant who is disqualified due to the commission of a specified act that has not been or may not be prosecuted under specified laws; etc.

HB 1160 **Delegate Luedtke
Chapter 300**

**STATE RACING COMMISSION – EMPLOYEES OF LICENSEES –
REPEAL OF CITIZENSHIP REQUIREMENT**

Repealing specified provisions of law that require 85% of individuals employed by a person licensed by the State Racing Commission to hold a race meeting to be citizens of the United States who have maintained a permanent place of residence in the State for at least the 2 years immediately before being employed.

HB 1188 **Chair, Judiciary Committee (By Request – Departmental – Chapter 302** **General Services)**

MARYLAND CAPITOL POLICE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES

Altering the definition of “police officer” and “law enforcement officer” under specified provisions of law to clarify that the terms include members of the Maryland Capitol Police of the Department of General Services; clarifying the geographic area over which the Department of General Services has jurisdiction and full police authority for a specified purpose; specifying that the police and security force established by the Secretary of General Services is the Maryland Capitol Police of the Department of General Services; etc.

HB 1229 **Chair, Environment and Transportation Committee (By Chapter 304** **Request – Departmental – Transportation)**

COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLES – DENIAL, CANCELLATION, SUSPENSION, OR REVOCATION OF REGISTRATION

Authorizing the Motor Vehicle Administration to deny, cancel, suspend, or revoke the commercial motor vehicle registration of a vehicle if the motor carrier responsible for the safety of the vehicle is subject to an out-of-service order, under specified provisions of law, or other federal operating authority sanctions or determinations; requiring that a denial, cancellation, suspension, or revocation continue until the out-of-service order or other sanctions have been lifted and the carrier is allowed to resume operations; etc.

HB 1279 **Chair, Judiciary Committee (By Request – Departmental – Chapter 306** **Public Safety and Correctional Services)**

CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – CRIMINAL JUSTICE INFORMATION ADVISORY BOARD – MEMBERS

Altering the membership of the Criminal Justice Information Advisory Board to include the director or chair of a criminology studies program at a university or college in the State.

- HB 244** **Delegate Anderson, et al**
Chapter 313 **MARYLAND SECOND CHANCE ACT OF 2015**
- Authorizing a person to petition the court to shield court records and police records relating to shieldable convictions no earlier than 3 years after the person satisfies the sentence or sentences imposed for all convictions for which shielding is requested; providing that, if a person is convicted of a new crime during a specified time period, the original conviction or convictions are not eligible for shielding unless the new conviction becomes eligible for shielding; providing that shielded records remain accessible to specified entities; etc.
- HB 304** **Delegate Carter, et al**
Chapter 314 **CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – EXPUNGEMENT OF RECORDS**
- Repealing a provision of law that provides that a person is not entitled to expungement of the person’s record if the petition for expungement is based on a specified case disposition other than a specified entry of a probation before judgment within 3 years and the person, since the disposition, has been convicted of a crime other than a minor traffic violation or a specified crime; providing that a person is not entitled to expungement of the person’s record if the person is a defendant in a pending criminal proceeding; etc.
- SB 185** **Senator McFadden**
Chapter 316 **HIGHER EDUCATION – WORKFORCE SHORTAGE STUDENT ASSISTANCE GRANTS FOR CHILD CARE PROVIDERS – HATTIE N. HARRISON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**
- Naming the Workforce Shortage Student Assistance grant for child care providers to be the grant known as the Hattie N. Harrison Memorial Scholarship; and generally relating to the Workforce Shortage Student Assistance grants for child care providers.
- HB 1** **Delegate Glenn, et al**
Chapter 317 **HIGHER EDUCATION – WORKFORCE SHORTAGE STUDENT ASSISTANCE GRANTS FOR CHILD CARE PROVIDERS – HATTIE N. HARRISON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**
- Naming the Workforce Shortage Student Assistance grant for child care providers to be the grant known as the Hattie N. Harrison Memorial Scholarship.

- SB 44** **Senator Edwards, et al**
Chapter 320 **VEHICLE LAWS – MAXIMUM SPEED LIMITS ON HIGHWAYS**
Increasing from 65 miles an hour to 70 miles an hour the maximum speed limit that may be established on specified highways in the State.
- SB 67** **Senator Lee**
Chapter 321 **CRIME OF VIOLENCE – HOME INVASION**
Classifying the offense of home invasion as a crime of violence under specified provisions of law.
- SB 86** **Senator Simonaire**
Chapter 323 **PUBLIC SAFETY – HIT AND RUN SUSPECTS – YELLOW ALERT PROGRAM**
Requiring the Department of State Police to establish a Yellow Alert Program to provide a system for rapid dissemination of specified information to assist in locating and apprehending specified missing persons suspected of failing to remain at the scene of a vehicle accident under specified circumstances; requiring the Department to adopt specified guidelines and develop specified procedures for issuing a Yellow Alert; etc.
- SB 135** **Senator Astle**
Chapter 324 **WORKERS’ COMPENSATION – HEART DISEASE AND HYPERTENSION PRESUMPTION – ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY DETENTION OFFICERS**
Extending the presumption of compensability under the workers’ compensation law to include, under specified conditions, Anne Arundel County detention officers who suffer from heart disease or hypertension resulting in partial or total disability or death; requiring Anne Arundel County detention officers to submit specified medical disclosures to the Anne Arundel County Sheriff; allowing benefits under the Act to be added to retirement benefits subject to a specified limitation; etc.

SB 145 **Senator Zirkin****Chapter 325****CIVIL ACTIONS – DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION – REPEAL OF CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENT**

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

SB 150 **Senator Hough, et al****Chapter 326****COURTS – CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT – WAIVER OF REUNIFICATION EFFORTS (ANAYAH’S LAW)**

Altering the circumstances under which a local department of social services may ask the court in a child in need of assistance proceeding to find that reasonable efforts to reunify the child with the child’s parent or guardian are not required; etc.

SB 157 **Senator Nathan-Pulliam, et al****Chapter 327****CONSULTATION, DIAGNOSIS, AND TREATMENT OF MENTAL AND EMOTIONAL DISORDERS – CONSENT BY MINORS**

Altering the health care providers who provide consultation, diagnosis, and treatment of a mental or emotional disorder to which minors who are 16 years old and older have the same capacity as an adult to consent; providing that the capacity to consent does not include the capacity to refuse consultation, diagnosis, or treatment for a mental or emotional disorder by health care providers for which a specified individual has given consent; etc.

SB 174 **Senator Eckardt****Chapter 328****BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADMINISTRATION – BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADVISORY COUNCIL**

Establishing the Behavioral Health Advisory Council in the Office of the Governor; providing the purpose of the Council is to promote a quality system of care that integrates specified practices and strategies to enhance behavioral health services across the State and to advocate for specified services that promote wellness and recovery for individuals with behavioral health disorders; requiring the submission of an annual report to the Governor and General Assembly on or before December 31 of each year; etc.

SB 195 **Senators Eckardt and Reilly****Chapter 330****MENTAL HEALTH – VOLUNTARY AND INVOLUNTARY ADMISSIONS – ASSENT AND CERTIFICATION BY PSYCHIATRIC NURSE PRACTITIONERS**

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

SB 201 **Senator Conway****Chapter 331****STATE BOARD FOR THE CERTIFICATION OF RESIDENTIAL CHILD CARE PROGRAM PROFESSIONALS – REVISIONS**

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

SB 204 **Senator Conway****Chapter 332****ELECTION LAW – PRIMARY ELECTION DATES IN THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION YEAR**

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

SB 269 **Senator Lee, et al****Chapter 335****DOMESTIC VIOLENCE – ADDITIONAL RELIEF**

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

SB 288 **Senator Lee, et al****Chapter 336****CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – FINANCIAL CRIMES AGAINST VULNERABLE AND ELDER ADULTS – PETITION TO FREEZE ASSETS**

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

- HB 737** **Delegate B. Wilson, et al**
Chapter 337 **CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – FINANCIAL CRIMES AGAINST VULNERABLE AND ELDER ADULTS – PETITION TO FREEZE ASSETS**
- Authorizing a State’s Attorney to file a petition to freeze assets of a defendant charged with a specified financial crime involving a vulnerable or elder adult under specified circumstances; requiring that a petition to freeze assets be served in accordance with the Maryland Rules and include specified information; requiring that a petition to freeze assets be mailed to specified financial institutions; etc.
- SB 315** **Senator Ramirez, et al**
Chapter 338 **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE – 2–YEAR PROTECTIVE ORDER**
- Specifying that a court may issue a final protective order for a period not to exceed 2 years by consent of the respondent under specified circumstances; and authorizing a judge, under specified circumstances, to extend the term of a protective order for a specified period of time if the respondent named in the protective order consents to the extension.
- SB 331** **Senator Klausmeier**
Chapter 339 **WORKERS’ COMPENSATION – BALTIMORE COUNTY DEPUTY SHERIFF**
- Altering a specified definition of “public safety employee” to include a deputy sheriff in Baltimore County for purposes of providing enhanced compensation benefits under the Workers’ Compensation Law for a compensable permanent partial disability of less than a specified number of weeks under specified circumstances; and providing the Act be applied prospectively.

SB 344 **Senator Pugh, et al**
Chapter 342 **PUBLIC HEALTH – EMERGENCY AND ALLERGY TREATMENT PROGRAM**

Altering the name of the Insect Sting Emergency Treatment Program to be the Emergency and Allergy Treatment Program; establishing the program as a means of authorizing specified individuals to administer life-saving treatment to individuals who have severe adverse reactions to allergens or insect stings when physician or emergency medical services are not immediately available in a youth camp; authorizing specified certificate holders and agents to administer auto-injectable epinephrine to an individual under specified circumstances; etc.

SB 350 **Senator Edwards, et al**
Chapter 343 **PROCUREMENT – VETERAN-OWNED SMALL BUSINESS ENTERPRISES – PARTICIPATION GOAL**

Increasing the participation goal from 0.5% to 1% for specified veteran-owned business enterprises for specified procurement contracts.

HB 243 **Delegate Carozza, et al**
Chapter 344 **PROCUREMENT – VETERAN-OWNED SMALL BUSINESS ENTERPRISES – PARTICIPATION GOAL**

Increasing the participation goal from 0.5% to 1% for specified veteran-owned small business enterprises for specified procurement contracts.

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

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

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

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

SB 444 **Senator Ready****Chapter 350****PUBLIC RECORDS – INSPECTION**

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

- SB 456** **Senators Zirkin and Raskin**
Chapter 351 **CRIMINAL LAW – MARIJUANA AND DRUG PARAPHERNALIA – MEDICAL NECESSITY**
- Requiring a court to dismiss a specified possession of marijuana charge if the court finds that the person used or possessed marijuana because of medical necessity; requiring a court to dismiss a specified possession of drug paraphernalia charge related to marijuana if the court finds that the person possessed the drug paraphernalia related to marijuana because of medical necessity; etc.
- SB 472** **Senator Zirkin**
Chapter 353 **FAMILY LAW – GROUNDS FOR DIVORCE – MUTUAL CONSENT**
- Authorizing a court to decree an absolute divorce on the grounds of mutual consent if the parties do not have any minor children in common and the parties execute and submit to the court a written settlement agreement signed by both parties resolving specified issues; authorizing a court to merge or incorporate a specified settlement agreement into a specified divorce decree; authorizing a court to modify or enforce a specified settlement agreement consistent with specified provisions of law; etc.
- SB 477** **Senator Ramirez, et al**
Chapter 354 **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE – PERSONS ELIGIBLE FOR RELIEF**
- Altering, for specified purposes relating to domestic violence, the definition of “person eligible for relief” to include an individual who has had a sexual relationship with the respondent within 1 year before filing the petition; establishing a specified exception to a provision that authorizes the court to include in a final protective order a requirement that specified individuals participate in specified counseling or a domestic violence program.

SB 516 **Senator Klausmeier, et al****Chapter 356** **PUBLIC HEALTH – OVERDOSE RESPONSE PROGRAM**

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

SB 520 **Senator Lee, et al****Chapter 357** **CRIMINAL LAW – HUMAN TRAFFICKING – AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

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

SB 546 **Senator Klausmeier, et al****Chapter 359** **CIVIL ACTIONS – IMMUNITY FROM LIABILITY – EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE FOR DRUG OVERDOSE**

Providing immunity from civil liability for a specified person administering specified medications or treatment in response to an apparent drug overdose if the person is licensed or certified as an emergency medical services provider by the State Emergency Medical Services Board and is authorized to administer the medications and treatment under specified protocols, or is certified to administer the medications and treatment under specified protocols established by specified entities; and applying the Act prospectively.

HB 368 **Delegate Beidle (By Request – Anne Arundel County**
Chapter 360 **Administration), et al**

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SB 549 **Senator Lee**

Chapter 361 **CRIMINAL LAW – IDENTITY FRAUD – NAME OF THE
INDIVIDUAL**

Repealing, for purposes of a provision of law prohibiting a person from knowingly, willfully, and with fraudulent intent, possessing, obtaining, or helping another to possess or obtain personal identifying information for specified purposes, a limitation that a specified benefit, credit, good, service, thing of value, health information, or health care be obtained or accessed in the name of an individual.

SB 563 **Senator Peters, et al**

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

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

SB 564 **Senator Peters, et al****Chapter 365****PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY – MARYLAND–WASHINGTON
REGIONAL DISTRICT – FAIRNESS IN ZONING**

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

SB 567 **Senator Gladden****Chapter 366****DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES – STATE CHILD
WELFARE SYSTEM – REPORT**

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

SB 573 **Senator Kelley****Chapter 367****INSURANCE – STANDARD VALUATION LAW AND RESERVE
AND NONFORFEITURE REQUIREMENTS**

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

- SB 666** **Senator Bates, et al**
Chapter 376 **RECREATIONAL FISHING LICENSES – DURATION AND EXPIRATION DATE**
- Altering the expiration date for and, under specified circumstances, the duration of specified recreational fishing licenses; requiring the Department of Natural Resources to establish by regulation a term for a specified recreational fishing license; and requiring the Department to proportionally prorate the annual license fees for specified recreational fishing licenses.
- SB 736** **Senator Reilly, et al**
Chapter 379 **PUBLIC SAFETY – HANDGUN IDENTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS – REPEAL**
- Repealing a provision of law requiring specified firearms manufacturers and dealers and the Department of State Police to take specified actions relating to identification of handguns; authorizing the Department of State Police to dispose of specified shell casings; and providing for the intent of the General Assembly.
- SB 755** **Senator Simonaire**
Chapter 380 **ELECTION LAW – CAMPAIGN FINANCE – CENTRAL COMMITTEE CANDIDATES**
- Providing that a specified provision of law relating to campaign finance entities does not apply to candidates for election to the central committee of a political party if the candidate during an election cycle does not spend more than \$1,000 in personal funds or accept contributions; requiring specified candidates for election to the central committee of a political party to keep a specified account book, preserve the account book for specified purposes and for a specified period of time, and file a specified affidavit; etc.
- SB 757** **Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Health and Mental Hygiene)**
Chapter 381 **PUBLIC HEALTH – PRESCRIPTION DRUG MONITORING PROGRAM – REQUIRED DISCLOSURES**
- Requiring the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program to disclose prescription monitoring data to specified entities.

SB 829 **Senator Conway****Chapter 385****AUDIOLOGISTS AND SPEECH–LANGUAGE PATHOLOGISTS –
LICENSURE EXEMPTION – CLINICAL TRAINING**

Exempting individuals licensed to practice audiology or speech–language pathology in another state or a foreign country from a specified licensure requirement while the individuals are providing a clinical demonstration or receiving clinical training at a training or an educational event in the State.

SB 838 **Senator Waugh****Chapter 386****ST. MARY’S COUNTY – ANIMAL REGULATIONS**

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

SB 921 **Senator Pugh****Chapter 391****BALTIMORE CITY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – PENALTIES
FOR SALES TO UNDERAGE PERSONS**

Increasing to \$1,000 the maximum fine that the Baltimore City Board of License Commissioners may impose for a first offense of selling alcoholic beverages to a person under 21 years of age.

HB 868 **Delegate Hayes, et al****Chapter 392****BALTIMORE CITY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – PENALTIES
FOR SALES TO UNDERAGE PERSONS**

Increasing to \$1,000 the maximum fine that the Baltimore City Board of License Commissioners may impose for a first offense of selling alcoholic beverages to a person under 21 years of age.

- HB 84**
Chapter 398 **Delegate Krebs**
ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND – CAPTIONS AND
CATCHLINES – INTERPRETATION
- Clarifying that a caption or catchline accompanying a section or subsection of law is to be interpreted in a specified manner unless otherwise provided by law.
- HB 109**
Chapter 400 **Delegates Dumais and Vallario**
GUARDIANSHIP OF THE PERSON – DISABLED PERSONS –
ATTORNEY'S FEES
- Authorizing a court to order payment of specified attorney's fees incurred in bringing a petition for the appointment of a guardian of the person of a disabled person under specified circumstances; requiring the court to consider specified factors before ordering the payment; requiring the court to deny a specified petition for specified attorney's fees under specified circumstances; prohibiting the court from awarding specified attorney's fees under specified circumstances; etc.
- HB 120**
Chapter 402 **Delegate Vallario, et al**
CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – FAILURE TO APPEAR –
RESCHEDULING
- Authorizing a judge to set a bond in a case on issuing a bench warrant when the defendant fails to appear; requiring a judicial officer to mark a specified bench warrant satisfied under specified circumstances; and requiring the court to reschedule a specified hearing or trial if a specified person posts the bond under specified circumstances.

HB 158 **Delegate Haynes, et al****Chapter 403****STATE PERSONNEL AND PROCUREMENT – SERVICE CONTRACTS – REPORTING AND AUDIT REQUIREMENTS**

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

HB 189 **Delegate Cluster, et al****Chapter 404****PUBLIC SAFETY – HANDGUN PERMIT BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION – ARMORED CAR COMPANY EMPLOYEES**

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

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

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

- HB 200**
Chapter 407 **Delegate Cluster, et al**
STATE CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES – CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS – POLYGRAPH EXAMINATION
- Requiring the Secretary of Public Safety and Correctional Services to require an individual to pass a polygraph examination before being appointed to serve as a correctional officer in a correctional facility; and requiring the Secretary to adopt regulations governing the administration of the polygraph examination required by the Act.
- HB 207**
Chapter 408 **Delegate S. Robinson**
CHESAPEAKE BAY TRUST – INVESTMENT OPTIONS – EXPANSION
- Authorizing the Chesapeake Bay Trust to invest any money of the Trust in marketable equity securities, marketable equity–related mutual funds, or debt–related mutual funds; etc.
- HB 216**
Chapter 409 **Delegate Morhaim, et al**
ENVIRONMENT – PERSONAL CARE PRODUCTS CONTAINING SYNTHETIC PLASTIC MICROBEADS – PROHIBITION ON MANUFACTURING OR SALE
- Prohibiting a person from manufacturing for sale or accepting for sale a personal care product or an over–the–counter drug that contains synthetic plastic microbeads on or after specified dates; requiring the Department of the Environment to adopt specified regulations; requiring the Department to periodically review specified guidelines to ensure that specified methods are being utilized to prevent the entrance of synthetic plastic microbeads into the natural aquatic environment of the State; etc.
- HB 236**
Chapter 410 **Delegate Jalisi, et al**
CRIMINAL LAW – ASSAULT – FIRST RESPONDERS
- Prohibiting a person from intentionally causing physical injury to another if the person knows or has reason to know that the other is a firefighter, an emergency medical technician, a rescue squad member, or any other first responder engaged in providing emergency medical care or rescue services; and applying specified penalties.

HB 293 **Delegate Morhaim****Chapter 412** **GUARDIANSHIP OF DISABLED PERSONS AND REVOCATION OF ADVANCE DIRECTIVES**

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

HB 346 **Delegate Morales, et al****Chapter 414** **COURT PERSONNEL – ALTERING REFERENCES FROM MASTER TO MAGISTRATE**

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

HB 367 **Delegate Rosenberg, et al****Chapter 416** **PUBLIC HEALTH – MARYLAND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CRISIS RESPONSE SYSTEM**

Altering the name of the Maryland Mental Health Crisis Response System to be the Maryland Behavioral Health Crisis Response System; requiring the Crisis Response System to evaluate the outcomes of services through the annual collection of data on behavioral health calls received by police, attempted and completed suicides, unnecessary hospitalizations, hospital diversions, arrests and detentions and diversion of arrests and detentions of individuals with behavioral health diagnoses; etc.

- HB 375**
Chapter 417 **Delegate Cullison, et al**
EDUCATION – MARYLAND COUNCIL ON ADVANCEMENT OF SCHOOL–BASED HEALTH CENTERS
- Establishing the Maryland Council on Advancement of School–Based Health Centers; requiring the Council to study and make recommendations on improving the health and educational outcomes of students who receive services from school–based health centers; authorizing the State Department of Education to seek the assistance of specified organizations to provide specified staffing resources; requiring the Council to report to specified entities on its findings and recommendations on or before December 31 of each year; etc.
- HB 390**
Chapter 418 **Delegate Atterbeary, et al**
PROTECTIVE ORDER AND PEACE ORDER PETITIONS – MARYLAND RESIDENTS
- Authorizing the filing of a protective order petition if the abuse is alleged to have occurred in the State or if the person eligible for relief is a resident of the State; and authorizing the filing of a peace order petition if a specified act is alleged to have occurred in the State or if the petitioner is a resident of the State; declaring that it is the intent of the General Assembly that an order for protection issued by a court of this State shall be accorded full faith and credit by a court of another state; etc.
- HB 431**
Chapter 419 **Delegate Parrott, et al**
HEALTH – BURIAL OR DISPOSAL OF BODY – REQUIREMENTS AND PENALTIES
- Prohibiting an individual from burying or disposing of a body except in a specified manner; and establishing a penalty of imprisonment not exceeding 1 year or a fine not exceeding \$5,000 or both, for violation of the Act.
- HB 479**
Chapter 424 **Delegate McComas, et al**
PRIVATE DETECTIVE AGENCIES – LICENSE TERMS
- Altering the term of a license to conduct business to provide private detective services to 3 years.

- HB 489**
Chapter 425 **Delegate A. Miller, et al**
ELECTRONIC CIGARETTES – SALE TO MINORS –
COMPONENTS, SUPPLIES, AND ENFORCEMENT
- Clarifying that the prohibition against selling, distributing, or offering for sale an electronic device to a minor that can be used to deliver nicotine includes any component for the device or product used to refill or resupply the device; clarifying that the exception to the prohibition for devices approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration applies only to devices for sale as a tobacco cessation product; requiring the District Court to remit penalties collected to the county in which the violation of the Act occurred; etc.
- HB 501**
Chapter 426 **Delegate Valentino-Smith, et al**
CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – VICTIMS OF CRIME –
NOTIFICATION REGARDING DNA PROFILE
- Requiring a specified law enforcement agency or unit, under specified circumstances, to give a specified victim or victims' representative timely notice as to specified matters relating to a specified DNA profile; requiring the State Board of Victim Services to develop pamphlets to notify victims and victims' representatives of how to request information regarding an unsolved case; etc.
- HB 510**
Chapter 427 **Montgomery County Delegation**
MONTGOMERY COUNTY – EDUCATION – SCHOOL BUS –
DOORS THAT LOCK MC 27–15
- Providing that, in Montgomery County, the Montgomery County Board of Education may utilize a school bus with doors that lock to transport students in the county if the school bus' locking system prevents the school bus from being operated when any bus exit is locked.
- HB 555**
Chapter 432 **Anne Arundel County Delegation**
ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – SEMIPERMANENT FOOD SERVICE
FACILITIES – WASTEWATER DISPOSAL
- Altering the scope of specified provisions of law that establish specified requirements for the disposal of wastewater by an operator of a semipermanent food service facility that operates in Anne Arundel County; etc.

- HB 564** **Delegate Kelly, et al**
Chapter 435 **STATE PERSONNEL – LIMITS ON USE OF LEAVE FOR BIRTH, ADOPTION, FOSTER PLACEMENT, OR CARE OF CHILD**
- Prohibiting specified units of State government from limiting, to less than 60 days, the aggregate number of days of accrued sick leave that specified employees may use, without certification of illness or disability, for the birth or adoption of their child; prohibiting specified units of State government from limiting to less than 24 weeks, the aggregate number of weeks of family and medical leave that specified employees may use during a specified time period for a specified purpose; etc.
- HB 580** **Delegate Pena–Melnyk, et al**
Chapter 437 **HEALTH CARE DISPARITIES, CULTURAL AND LINGUISTIC COMPETENCY, AND HEALTH LITERACY – RECOMMENDED COURSES**
- Requiring the Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities to provide to specified health occupations boards a list of specified recommended courses in cultural and linguistic competency, health disparities, and health literacy; requiring each board to post a course list prominently on the Boards’ Web site, provide information about the recommended courses to health care professionals at the time of license renewal, and advertise the availability of specified courses in specified newsletters and media; etc.
- HB 585** **Montgomery County Delegation and Prince George’s County**
Chapter 438 **Delegation**
- MARYLAND–NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION – REGULATIONS TO PROHIBIT SMOKING MC/PG 109–15**
- Requiring the Maryland–National Capital Park and Planning Commission to adopt regulations on or before June 30, 2016, to prohibit on property under its jurisdiction the smoking of a cigarette, a cigar, or any other tobacco product; providing for a specified exclusion; and requiring that the regulations provide that specified penalties be imposed for specified infractions.

HB 599 **St. Mary's County Delegation****Chapter 439****ST. MARY'S COUNTY – VIOLATIONS OF ORDINANCES, RULES,
AND REGULATIONS – PENALTIES**

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

HB 600 **St. Mary's County Delegation****Chapter 440****ST. MARY'S COUNTY – PROPERTY MAINTENANCE –
VOLUNTARY AGREEMENTS**

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

HB 614 **Delegate Dumais****Chapter 441****DEPARTMENT OF STATE POLICE – HANDGUN ROSTER BOARD
– DEFINITION OF HANDGUN**

Altering the definition of handgun for purposes of provisions relating to the Handgun Roster Board to exclude a shotgun, a rifle, a short-barreled rifle, a short-barreled shotgun, or an antique firearm from the definition.

HB 618 **Delegate Carter, et al**
Chapter 442 **JUVENILES – TRANSFER DETERMINATIONS – CONFINEMENT
IN JUVENILE FACILITIES**

Requiring a court exercising criminal jurisdiction in a case involving a child, or the District Court at a bail review or preliminary hearing involving a child, to order a specified child to be held in a secure juvenile facility pending a specified transfer determination except under specified circumstances; requiring the District Court to state the reasons on the record for a finding that detention in a secure juvenile facility would pose a substantial risk of harm to the child or others; etc.

HB 624 **Delegate Miele, et al**
Chapter 443 **ESTATES AND TRUSTS – FUNERAL EXPENSES ALLOWANCE –
MODIFIED ADMINISTRATION**

Increasing the maximum amount from \$10,000 to \$15,000 that a court may allow for specified funeral expenses; establishing that, if an estate is solvent, a personal representative is not required to obtain an allowance by the court for funeral expenses if the estate is under modified administration and the personal representative includes the funeral expenses on the final report; and providing for the prospective application of the Act.

HB 630 **Delegate Jameson**
Chapter 444 **MECHANICAL REPAIR CONTRACTS – REQUIREMENTS**

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

- HB 657** **Delegate Krebs, et al**
Chapter 447 **PHARMACISTS – SCOPE OF PRACTICE – ADMINISTRATION OF DRUGS**
- Authorizing specified pharmacists to administer a self-administered drug to a patient under specified circumstances in accordance with specified regulations; defining a specified term; etc.
- HB 675** **Montgomery County Delegation and Prince George’s County**
Chapter 448 **Delegation**
- PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY – MARYLAND–NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION – PERFORMANCE AUDIT MC/PG 104–15**
- Requiring the Office of Legislative Audits to conduct a performance audit evaluating specified Maryland–National Capital Park and Planning Commission project management practices in Prince George’s County; requiring the Office of Legislative Audits, before initiating the audit, to coordinate with the Commission to develop the scope of the audit and submit the scope of the audit to the Joint Audit Committee for approval; etc.
- HB 703** **Delegate Miele, et al**
Chapter 450 **ESTATES AND TRUSTS – MARYLAND TRUST ACT – INCAPACITY**
- Defining “incapacitated” and “incapacity” for purposes of the Maryland Trust Act; and clarifying that a revocable trust does not become irrevocable if the settlor loses the capacity to create a will.
- HB 729** **Delegate Angel, et al**
Chapter 452 **STATE BOARD OF MORTICIANS AND FUNERAL DIRECTORS – CEASE AND DESIST ORDERS AND INJUNCTIVE RELIEF – AUTHORITY**
- Authorizing the State Board of Morticians and Funeral Directors to issue a public cease and desist order or impose a civil fine of no more than \$5,000 per offense for specified violations of specified provisions of law under specified circumstances; and providing that each violation of specified provisions of law is a separate offense under specified circumstances.

- HB 744** **Delegate Carter, et al**
Chapter 453 **COMMERCIAL LAW – CONSUMER PROTECTION – “MUG SHOT”
WEB SITES**
- Authorizing an individual to request an operator of a Web site to remove the individual’s photograph or digital image from the operator’s Web site under specified circumstances; requiring an individual to make a specified request for removal of a photograph or digital image in a specified manner; requiring an operator of a Web site to remove the photograph or digital image of an individual within 30 days and to send a specified written confirmation within 5 business days, under specified circumstances; etc.
- HB 803** **Delegate Fraser-Hidalgo, et al**
Chapter 456 **AGRICULTURE – INDUSTRIAL HEMP – LEGALIZATION**
- Authorizing a person to plant, grow, harvest, possess, process, sell, or buy industrial hemp in the State; requiring a person to register with the Department of Agriculture before planting or growing industrial hemp; altering the definition of “marijuana” for purposes of specified provisions of law relating to controlled dangerous substances to exclude industrial hemp; providing that the Act is contingent on the taking effect of specified federal provisions that delegate authority over industrial hemp to the states; etc.
Contingent – Contingency described in Section 2 of the Act.
- HB 805** **Delegate Cullison**
Chapter 457 **STATE BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS AND
THERAPISTS – EXAMINATION OF APPLICANTS, LICENSEES,
CERTIFICATE HOLDERS, AND TRAINEES**
- Requiring the State Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists to require applicants, licensees, certificate holders, and trainees to submit to a mental health or physical examination under specified circumstances; providing that applicants, licensees, certificate holders, or trainees are deemed to have waived a claim of privilege under specified circumstances; providing that a specified report or testimony of a health care practitioner is confidential, except under specified circumstances; etc.

- HB 821** **Delegates Simonaire and Kipke**
Chapter 458 ENVIRONMENT – COX CREEK CITIZENS OVERSIGHT
COMMITTEE – COMPOSITION – SECOND DUTIES
- Altering the composition of the Cox Creek Citizens Oversight Committee; establishing the duties of the Oversight Committee to monitor the redeposit of Anne Arundel County dredged material and other dredged material in the Cox Creek area, hear and dispose of complaints lodged by individuals affected by the dredged material, and appoint a member from the Committee to serve as a liaison to the Innovative Use Advisory Council; etc.
- HB 852** **Delegate Carter, et al**
Chapter 460 HUMAN RESOURCES – HOMELESS SHELTERS – BEST
PRACTICES AND MODELS
- Requiring the Interagency Council on Homelessness to determine specified best practices and models for providing emergency shelter and shelter diversion; etc.
- HB 860** **Delegate Stein, et al**
Chapter 461 AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES – DECONTAMINATION OF
VESSELS (STATE LAKES INVASIVE SPECIES ACT OF 2015)
- Prohibiting an owner of a vessel from placing the vessel or having the vessel placed in a lake at a public launch ramp or public dock after April 1, 2017, unless the owner has taken specified actions; establishing penalties for violation of the Act; requiring the Department of Natural Resources to convene a specified workgroup to evaluate actions that reduce the spread of aquatic invasive species from vessels placed in lakes that are owned or managed by the State; etc.

- HB 871** **Delegate S. Howard, et al**
Chapter 462 STATE BOARD OF INDIVIDUAL TAX PREPARERS –
EXPIRATION AND SURRENDER OF REGISTRATIONS AND
CIVIL AND CRIMINAL PENALTIES
- Providing that the registration issued to an individual tax preparer remains in effect and does not expire by operation of law while the tax preparer is under investigation by the State Board of Individual Tax Preparers; providing that an extension of a specified registration term under specified circumstances is effective only for a specified purpose; prohibiting an individual tax preparer from surrendering a registration under specified circumstances; etc.
- HB 999** **Delegate Cullison, et al**
Chapter 468 CERTIFIED NURSE PRACTITIONERS – AUTHORITY TO
PRACTICE
- Repealing a prohibition against a certified nurse practitioner practicing in the State unless the nurse practitioner has an approved attestation that the nurse practitioner has an agreement for collaboration and consulting with a specified physician and will practice in accordance with specified standards; requiring applicants for initial certification as a nurse practitioner to identify, on the certification application, a certified nurse practitioner or licensed physician to act as mentor for 18 months; etc.
- HB 1109** **Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee (By**
Chapter 469 **Request – Departmental – Health and Mental Hygiene)**
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADMINISTRATION – POWERS, DUTIES,
AND RESPONSIBILITIES
- Establishing specified powers, duties, and responsibilities of the Director of the Behavioral Health Administration in the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene; requiring core service agencies, local addictions authorities, and local behavioral health authorities to submit a specified plan to the Director; authorizing the Director to deny approval of a local addictions authority or local behavioral health authority and cease funding or request the return of unspent funds under specified circumstances; etc.

HB 1183 **Delegate Knotts****Chapter 472** **REAL PROPERTY – CONTRACT FOR SALE OF NEW HOME**

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

HB 1185 **Delegate Dumais****Chapter 473** **FAMILY LAW – APPLICATION FOR DIVORCE – RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT**

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

SB 146 **Senator Zirkin****Chapter 476** **PRELITIGATION DISCOVERY – INSURANCE COVERAGE – PREREQUISITES FOR DISCLOSURE**

Repealing specified requirements that specified claimants provide a specified insurer with specified information relating to health care treatment and economic damages before the insurer is required to disclose to the claimants specified coverage limits in a specified insurance agreement; and repealing the requirement that the amount of health care bills and loss of income documented by a specified claimant be at least \$12,500 before a specified insurer is required to disclose to the claimant specified coverage limits.

SB 264 **Senator Miller****Chapter 478** **CIRCUIT COURT FOR CALVERT COUNTY – FEES FOR APPEARANCE OF COUNSEL**

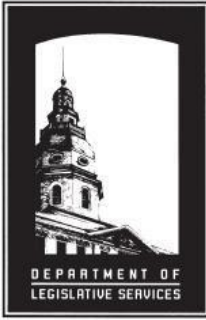
Increasing to \$20 from \$10 specified appearance of counsel fees collected or charged by the Clerk of the Circuit Court for Calvert County; and altering the purposes for which the appearance fees deposited into the Calvert County Law Library Fund may be used.

- HB 542** **Delegates O'Donnell and Jackson**
Chapter 479 **CIRCUIT COURT FOR CALVERT COUNTY – FEES FOR APPEARANCE OF COUNSEL**
- Increasing to \$20 from \$10 specified appearance of counsel fees collected or charged by the Clerk of the Circuit Court for Calvert County; and altering the purposes for which the appearance fees deposited into the Calvert County Law Library Fund may be used.
- SB 409** **Senator Montgomery, et al**
Chapter 480 **ENVIRONMENT – HYDRAULIC FRACTURING – REGULATIONS**
- Requiring the Department of the Environment to adopt regulations to provide for the hydraulic fracturing of a well for the exploration or production of natural gas in the State on or before October 1, 2016; prohibiting specified regulations adopted by the Department from becoming effective until October 1, 2017; prohibiting the Department from issuing a permit for the hydraulic fracturing of a well for the exploration or production of natural gas in the State until October 1, 2017; etc.
- HB 449** **Delegate Fraser-Hidalgo, et al**
Chapter 481 **ENVIRONMENT – HYDRAULIC FRACTURING – REGULATIONS**
- Requiring the Department of the Environment, on or before October 1, 2016, to adopt regulations to provide for the hydraulic fracturing of a well for the exploration or production of natural gas in the State; prohibiting specified regulations adopted by the Department from becoming effective until October 1, 2017; prohibiting the Department from issuing a permit to authorize the hydraulic fracturing of a well for the exploration or production of natural gas in the State until October 1, 2017; etc.

- SB 743** **Senator Lee, et al**
Chapter 484 **VITAL RECORDS – NEW CERTIFICATES OF BIRTH – SEX CHANGE OR DIAGNOSIS OF AN INTERSEX CONDITION**
- Requiring the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene, under specified circumstances, to make a new certificate of birth for an individual whose sex has been changed or who has been diagnosed with an intersex condition; requiring that a specified sex designation and, under specified circumstances, a specified name be on the new certificate of birth; prohibiting a new certificate of birth from having specified markings or showing on its face specified changes; etc.
- HB 862** **Delegate Moon, et al**
Chapter 485 **VITAL RECORDS – NEW CERTIFICATES OF BIRTH – SEX CHANGE OR DIAGNOSIS OF AN INTERSEX CONDITION**
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- HB 121** **Delegate Anderson, et al**
Chapter 490 **CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – DRUG-RELATED OFFENSES – DEPARTURE FROM MANDATORY MINIMUM SENTENCES**
- Specifying that a person convicted of specified drug-related offenses is not prohibited from participating in a specified drug treatment program; authorizing a court to depart from a specified mandatory minimum sentence under specified circumstances; applying the Act prospectively; and requiring the savings realized as a result of the Act to revert to the General Fund to be used for funding drug treatment programs.

HB 345 Delegates Lierman and Clippinger**Chapter 493****LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT – FLEXIBLE LEAVE – USE OF LEAVE FOR FAMILY ILLNESS**

Providing that an agreement between an employer and employee to waive the employee's right to use flexible leave for illness of the employee's immediate family is void; and prohibiting an employer from discharging, demoting, suspending, disciplining or discriminating against an employee or threatening to take any of these actions against an employee because the employee requested flexible leave.



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SB 587 **Senator Garagiola, et al**

Chapter 503

HIGHER EDUCATION – CHARLES W. RILEY FIREFIGHTER AND AMBULANCE AND RESCUE SQUAD MEMBER SCHOLARSHIP

Repealing a specified tuition reimbursement program and establishing the Charles W. Riley Firefighter and Ambulance and Rescue Squad Member Scholarship; establishing eligibility requirements; requiring scholarship recipients to repay funds to the Maryland Higher Education Commission under specified circumstances; authorizing that the annual amount of the scholarship may be up to 100% of the equivalent tuition and mandatory fees of a resident undergraduate student at a specified 4-year public institution of higher education; etc.

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SB 868 **Senator Conway**

Chapter 312

RESIDENTIAL CHILD AND YOUTH CARE PRACTITIONERS –
CERTIFICATION – MODIFICATIONS

Requiring the State Board for Certification of Residential Child Care Program Professionals, in consultation with the Children’s Cabinet, to establish a tiered certification structure for residential child and youth care practitioners; requiring the Board to establish training requirements for the residential child and youth care practitioners certified by the Board; requiring, rather than authorizing, the Board to set reasonable fees for specified services; authorizing the Board to waive the fees under specified circumstances; etc.

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HB 862 **Delegate Hammen**

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