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Preface

2015 Regular Session
(January 14, 2015 - April 13, 2015)

This Synopsis of the laws enacted by the 2015 Regular Session of the General Assembly of Maryland has been prepared for the use of the public.

A total of 2,234 bills were introduced in the General Assembly of Maryland. Of that total number, 942 were Senate bills, and 297 of those were passed by both houses; of that number, 207 became law, 96 were duplicative vetoes, and four were policy vetoes. Out of a total of 1,292 House bills, 385 were passed by both houses; of that number, 288 became law, 95 were duplicative vetoes, and two were policy vetoes.

The Governor vetoed one item (line item veto) in House Bill 71, the General Construction Loan of 2015 (the Capital Budget), which was assigned Chapter 495.

Pursuant to Article III, Section 52(6) of the Constitution, the Annual Operating Budget Bill (Chapter 310) took effect April 13, 2015, the day it passed.

A total of 14 joint resolutions were introduced, 6 in the Senate and 8 in the House. None of the joint resolutions were passed by the two chambers.

This publication covers all the bills that were signed by the Governor or otherwise became law in order by chapter number. It also contains a list of the bills vetoed by the Governor. In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Constitution, a vetoed bill must be returned to the Legislature at the next Regular or Special Session unless a new General Assembly of Maryland has been elected and sworn in since the passage of the vetoed bill. Thus, the General Assembly will have the opportunity to override the Governor's veto of any bill passed during the 2015 Session at the 2016 Regular Session or earlier if a Special Session is convened before the 2016 Regular Session.

Included in this publication is a brief description of the subject matter of each Act, as well as a reference to the introductory bill number and the name of the member who introduced the bill. The words "Amended" or "Enrolled" indicate that the bill was amended during its passage through the two houses.

The word "Emergency" indicates that the law became effective on enactment. Most of the laws become effective as of either June 1, 2015, July 1, 2015, or October 1, 2015. The use of October 1 as the standard effective date for legislation was begun in the 1992 Session to provide for more adequate notice to the bench and the bar.

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NOTE: No Simple Resolutions were adopted by either chamber during the 2015 Session.

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(Bill numbers in **bold** indicate policy vetoes. Bill numbers in *italics* indicate technical vetoes. All other vetoes are duplicative.)

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SB 11	Public Service Commission – Hearing Examiners – Change of Job Title
SB 14	Health Occupations – Board of Pharmacy – Pharmacist Rehabilitation Committee – Definition
SB 15	Task Force to Study the Implementation of a Dyslexia Education Program
SB 20	Kent County – Board of Elections – Membership
SB 21	Cecil County and Queen Anne’s County – Intergovernmental Cooperation and Acceptance of Funds
SB 25	Frederick Center for Research and Education in Science and Technology
SB 48	State Board of Physical Therapy Examiners – Failure to Pass Licensure Examination – Prohibition on Issuance of License
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SB 54	Public Service Commission – Restrictions After Service
SB 59	State Board of Examiners of Nursing Home Administrators – Sunset Extension and Program Evaluation
SB 62	Clerks of the Circuit Courts – Water and Sewer Lien Registers – Fees
SB 71	County Superintendents of Schools – Reappointment Exemption in Washington County and Recruitment Recommendations
SB 87	Criminal Procedure – Transfer to Juvenile Court – Petition for Expungement
SB 89	City of Annapolis – Alcoholic Beverages – Election Days
SB 90	Guardianship of Disabled Persons and Revocation of Advance Directives
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SB 116	Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loans of 2013 and 2014 – Baltimore City – Skatepark of Baltimore at Roosevelt Park
SB 124	Vehicle Laws – Special Registration Plates and Parking Placards for Individuals With Disabilities – Licensed Physical Therapists
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SB 189	State Correctional Facilities – Correctional Officers – Polygraph Examination
SB 190	Sales and Use Tax – Taxable Price – Accommodations
SB 193	Election Law – Local Petitions – Advance Determination of Sufficiency of Local Law or Charter Amendment Summary
SB 198	Health Care Disparities, Cultural and Linguistic Competency, and Health Literacy – Recommended Courses
SB 203	Business Occupations and Professions – Real Estate Salespersons and Brokers – Formation of Business Entities and Payment of Commissions
SB 207	Telephone Companies – Streamlined Regulatory Requirements
SB 220	General Assembly – Mandated Reports by State Agencies
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SB 254	Department of General Services – Deep Creek Lake Buy Down Area Program – Extension
SB 258	Maryland Commission on Climate Change
SB 262	Maryland Building Performance Standards – Modifications – Energy Codes
SB 270	Protective Order and Peace Order Petitions – Maryland Residents
SB 286	Law Enforcement Officers’ Pension System – Division of Parole and Probation – Warrant Apprehension Unit Employees – Membership
SB 295	Prince George’s County – Education – Youth Wellness Leadership Pilot Program
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SB 337	Public Health – Expedited Partner Therapy Program – Repeal of Termination Date
SB 340	Election Law – Voting Rights – Ex-Felons
SB 347	Health Occupations – Prescriber-Pharmacist Agreements and Therapy Management Contracts
SB 354	Alcoholic Beverages – Charles County and Queen Anne’s County

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SB 355	Baltimore City – Housing Authority of Baltimore City – Subsidiary Entities
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SB 403	Education – Maryland Council on Advancement of School–Based Health Centers
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SB 417	Maryland Trust Act – Revocable Trusts – Creditors’ Claims – Limitations
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SB 439	Baltimore City – Tax Sales
SB 451	Vehicle Laws – Title Fees – Rental Vehicles
SB 453	Public–Private Partnership Agreements – Construction Contracts – Security Requirements
SB 461	Insurance – Surplus Lines – Disability Insurance
SB 467	Department of Health and Mental Hygiene – Newborn Screening Program Fund – Establishment
SB 469	Public Health – Maryland Behavioral Health Crisis Response System
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SB 501	Frederick County – Alcoholic Beverages – Sunday Permit – Hours of Sale
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SB 510	Frederick County – Gaming Events
SB 513	Hospitals – Rate–Setting – Participation in 340B Program Under the Federal Public Health Service Act
SB 515	Financial Institutions – Depository Institutions – Savings Promotion Raffles
SB 517	Criminal Law – Use and Possession of Marijuana and Drug Paraphernalia
SB 521	Workgroup to Study Safe Harbor Policy for Youth Victims of Human Trafficking
SB 523	Worcester County – Alcoholic Beverages – Limited Distillery License

Bill No.	Subject
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SB 536	Certified Public Accountants – Definitions – Attest and Practice Certified Public Accountancy
SB 538	Blind or Visually Impaired Children – Individualized Education Programs – Orientation and Mobility Instruction
SB 551	Land Use – Plans – Development and Adoption
SB 561	Video Lottery Facility Payouts – Intercepts for Restitution Payments
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SB 630	Alcoholic Beverages – Washington County – Population Ratio Quota
SB 632	Washington County – Board of License Commissioners – Expungement of Violations
SB 633	Alcoholic Beverages – Washington County – Refillable Container Permit
SB 636	Washington County – County Clerk
SB 644	Alcoholic Beverages – Allegany County – Class B–MB (Micro–Brewery/Restaurant) License
SB 649	Real Property – Contract for Sale of New Home
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SB 663	Carroll County – Public Facilities Bonds
SB 671	Motor Vehicle Administration – Commercial Driver’s License – Program for Veterans and Service Members (Troops to Trucks)
SB 705	Criminal Law – Assault – First Responders
SB 719	Carroll County – Alcoholic Beverages – Hours of Sale on Sundays for Holders of Class A Licenses
SB 723	Certified Nurse Practitioners – Authority to Practice
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SB 865	Edward T. and Mary A. Conroy and Jean B. Cryor Memorial Scholarship Programs – Eligibility
SB 937	Alcoholic Beverages – Powdered Alcoholic Beverages – Ban on Sales

House Bills Vetoed

(Bill numbers in **bold** indicate policy vetoes. Bill numbers in *italics* indicate technical vetoes. All other vetoes are duplicative.)

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HB 12	Workers’ Compensation – Baltimore County Deputy Sheriff
HB 48	Clerks of the Circuit Courts – Collection of Appearance Fees
HB 50	Active Armed Forces Member – Exemption From Payment of Fees for Certain Court Records
HB 71*	Creation of a State Debt – Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loan of 2015, and the Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loans of 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, and 2014
HB 76	State Retirement and Pension System – Accumulated Contributions of Nonvested Former Members
HB 77	Judges’ Retirement System – Membership, Benefits, and Reemployment
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HB 79	Correctional Officers’ Retirement System – Membership and Eligibility for Retirement
HB 83	Public Records – Inspection
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HB 124	Criminal Procedure – Expungement – Conviction of a Crime That Is No Longer a Crime
HB 129	Procurement – Veteran–Owned Small Business Enterprise Participation – Award of Contracts
HB 130	African American Heritage Preservation Program – Reestablishment and Revisions
HB 156	Environment – Bay Restoration Fund – Use of Funds
HB 167	Calvert County – Length of Service Award Program – Recipient Benefits
HB 170	Natural Resources – Game Birds – Baiting
HB 171	Courts – Child Abuse and Neglect – Waiver of Reunification Efforts (Anayah’s Law)
HB 173	Workers’ Compensation – Heart Disease and Hypertension Presumption – Anne Arundel County Detention Officers
HB 181	State Board of Pharmacy – Sterile Compounding – Compliance by Nonresident Pharmacies and Repeal of Permit Requirement

* Item ZA00 (I) received a line item veto from the Governor.

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HB 194	Vehicle Laws – Maximum Speed Limits on Highways
HB 209	Howard County – Room Rental Tax – Room Rental Fee Ho. Co. 12–15
HB 223	Pilots – Recreational Vessels – Employment Requirement
HB 224	Domestic Violence – 2–Year Protective Order
HB 225	Domestic Violence – Additional Relief
HB 228	Public Health – Expedited Partner Therapy Program – Repeal of Termination Date
HB 229	Human Relations – Employment Discrimination – Protection for Interns
HB 231	Developmental Disabilities Administration – Low Intensity Support Services – Definition
HB 242	Frederick County – Alcoholic Beverages – Multiple Event Licenses and Promoter’s License
HB 273	Frederick County – Alcoholic Beverages – Wine Events, Licensing, Alcohol Awareness Requirements, and Fines
HB 275	Frederick County – Alcoholic Beverages – Special Class C (Retirement Center) License
HB 280	Carroll County – Gaming Events
HB 297	Higher Education – Unaccompanied Homeless Youth Tuition Exemption – Modification
HB 312	Commercial Law – Secured Transactions – False Financing Statements
HB 330	Alcoholic Beverages – Micro–Breweries – Additional License
HB 339	Vehicle Laws – Race–Based Traffic Stops – Policy and Reporting Requirements
HB 341	Underground Utility Damage Prevention – Connecting Buildings to Water Supply Systems and Sewerage Systems – Detectable Wires
HB 353	State Government – Automated Mapping–Geographic Information Systems – System Services Costs
HB 369	Public Safety – Appointment of Members of Fire Companies as Deputy Sheriffs – Caroline County and Talbot County
HB 388	Justice Reinvestment Coordinating Council
HB 396	Election Law – Primary Election Dates in the Presidential Election Year
HB 405	Maryland False Claims Act
HB 439	Family Law – Information and Services for Foster Children and Former Foster Children
HB 450	State Highway Administration – Bicycle and Pedestrian Priority Areas
HB 462	Public Safety – Statewide Accounting of Sexual Assault Evidence Kits
HB 468	Chesapeake Employers’ Insurance Company

Bill No.	Subject
HB 469	Public Utilities – Electricity – Construction of Overhead Transmission Lines
HB 475	Harford County – Alcoholic Beverages – Refillable Wine Container Permits
HB 506	Baltimore City – Vehicle Laws – Traffic Safety
HB 507	Baltimore City – Property Tax Credit – Supermarkets
HB 512	Office of Cemetery Oversight – Preneed Burial Contracts – Report Submission Requirement
HB 523	Alcoholic Beverages – Garrett County – Multiple Event License
HB 526	Alcoholic Beverages – Brewing Company Off-Site Permit and Nonprofit Beer Festival Permit
HB 529	Criminal Law – Identity Fraud – Name of the Individual
HB 574	State Board of Physicians – Physicians, Physician Assistants, and Allied Health Practitioners – Licensure Requirements
HB 592	State Donor Registry – Information and Methods of Registration – Clerks of Circuit Courts, Registers of Wills, and Motor Vehicle Administration (Enhancing Organ Donation Rates Act)
HB 602	University of Maryland School of Medicine – Workgroup to Study Issues Related to Uterine Fibroids
HB 616	St. Mary’s County – Animal Regulations
HB 623	Estates – Modified Administration – Final Report and Distribution – Extension
HB 629	Health Occupations – Alcohol and Drug Counselors – Qualifications and Practice Limitations
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HB 660	Health Insurance – Expense Reimbursement Claims Forms – Methods for Submission
HB 662	Consultation, Diagnosis, and Treatment of Mental and Emotional Disorders – Consent by Minors
HB 664	Frederick County Property Tax Fairness Act of 2015 (Strengthening Frederick Municipalities)
HB 697	Life Insurers – Reserve Investments – Loans Secured by Real Estate
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HB 739	Task Force to Study Maternal Mental Health
HB 745	Public Health – Overdose Response Program

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HB 781	Health Insurance – Coverage for Ostomy Equipment and Supplies – Required
HB 785	Recreational Fishing Licenses – Duration and Expiration Date
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HB 826	Estate Tax – Alternative Payment Schedule – Penalty Prohibition
HB 836	Washington County – Alcoholic Beverages – Wine Tasting License for Class B License Holders – Repeal
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HB 887	Health Insurance – Abuse–Deterrent Opioid Analgesic Drug Products – Coverage
HB 895	Baltimore County – Education – Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps Instructors
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HB 932	Prince George’s County – City of College Park – Class D Beer and Wine License PG 317–15
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HB 945	Registered Nurses – Local Health Departments – Requirements for Personally Preparing and Dispensing Drugs and Devices
HB 970	Prince George’s County – Transfer Tax – Deputy Sheriffs
HB 971	Public Health – Substance Abuse Treatment Outcomes Partnership Fund
HB 980	Election Law – Voting Rights – Ex–Felons
HB 1009	Criminal Procedure – Immunity – Alcohol– or Drug–Related Medical Emergencies
HB 1069	Education – Professional Development for Teachers and Providers of Early Childhood Education – Master Plan
HB 1105	Disabled Individuals – Task Force on the Maryland ABLE Program

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HB 1176	Video Lottery Terminal Revenues – Standardbred Owners and Trainers – Benefit Programs
HB 1233	Tax Amnesty Program

Synopsis of Laws Enacted

(All references to the Code are to the Annotated Code of Maryland, 1957 Edition and 2014 Supplement or to one of the Replacement Volumes, unless otherwise indicated.)

Chapter No.

- 1 **General Provisions – Commemorative Days – Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day**
Establishing March 30 as Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day in recognition of the service and sacrifice of Vietnam veterans from the State of Maryland; and making the act an emergency measure.
EMERGENCY BILL
GP, § 7–402 – added
(HB 1118 – Amended)
Delegate C. Wilson, et al

- 2 **General Provisions – Commemorative Days – Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day**
Establishing March 30 as Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day in recognition of the service and sacrifice of Vietnam veterans from the State of Maryland; and making the Act an emergency measure.
EMERGENCY BILL
GP, § 7–402 – added
(SB 80 – Amended)
Senator Astle, et al

- 3 **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.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015
SF, § 14–603 – amended
(SB 30 – Amended)
Senator Peters

- 4 **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

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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.

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CJ, § 7–406 – amended

(SB 61 – Amended)

Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request – Maryland Judicial Conference), et al

5 State Board of Pharmacy – Sterile Compounding – Compliance by Nonresident Pharmacies and Repeal of Permit Requirement

Repealing the requirement that specified entities hold a sterile compounding permit issued by the State Board of Pharmacy before engaging in activities relating to sterile compounding; repealing the requirement that a person that prepares and distributes sterile drug products into or within the State hold a specified permit; repealing the qualifications, fees, and other requirements for applying for a sterile compounding permit; making the Act an emergency measure; etc.

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HO, § 12–101 (d) and (z) – added, §§ 12–4A–01 through 12–4A–12 – repealed, and Various Sections – amended

(SB 69)

Senator Conway

6 Task Force to Study Maternal Mental Health

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

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(SB 74 – Amended)

Senator Feldman, et al

7 State Retirement and Pension System – Noncontributory Pension Benefit – Definition

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

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EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015
SP, § 20–101(aa–1) – amended
(SB 76)
Senator Peters (Chair, Joint Committee on Pensions)

8 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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015
CL, § 9–501.1 – added
(SB 77 – Amended)
Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Maryland Judicial Conference)

9 Election Law – Counting of Properly Cast Ballots

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

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015
EL, § 11–302(d)(3) – amended and § 11–303.1 – added
(SB 97 – Amended)
Senator Norman, et al

10 State Retirement and Pension System – Accumulated Contributions of Nonvested Former Members

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

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EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015
SP, §§ 21–303(a) and 21–311 – amended
(SB 102 – Amended)
Senator Peters (Chair, Joint Committee on Pensions)

11 Correctional Officers’ Retirement System – Membership and Eligibility for Retirement

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015
SP, §§ 25–201, 25–401, and 29–302(c) – amended
(SB 104 – Amended)
Senator Peters (Chair, Joint Committee on Pensions)

12 Task Force to Study Small and Minority Design Firm Participation in State Procurement

Establishing the Task Force to Study Small and Minority Design Firm Participation in State Procurement; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Task Force; requiring the Task Force to determine specific measures to ensure equitable participation by small and minority design firms in State–funded projects and other specified measures; requiring the Task Force to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and General Assembly on or before December 31, 2015; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015
(SB 109 – Amended)
Senator Conway

13 Developmental Disabilities Administration – Low Intensity Support Services – Definition

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

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EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015
HG, § 7-717 – amended
(SB 110 – Amended)
Senator Middleton, et al

- 14 **Public Health – Regulation of Milk Products – Revisions**
Altering specified definitions related to the regulation of milk products; repealing the limitation on the number of milk processor – farmstead cheese producer permits the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene may issue; repealing the requirement that an applicant for a milk processor – farmstead cheese producer permit operate a dairy farm with no more than 120 cows or goats in the herd; repealing the limit on the number of times a milk processor – farmstead cheese producer permit may be renewed; etc.
EMERGENCY BILL
HG, §§ 21-401, 21-416.1, and 21-417 – amended
(SB 122)
Senator Eckardt, et al
- 15 **Public Health – Regulation of Milk Products – Revisions**
Altering specified definitions related to the regulation of milk products; repealing the limitation on the number of milk processor – farmstead cheese producer permits the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene may issue; repealing the requirement that an applicant for a milk processor – farmstead cheese producer permit operate a dairy farm with no more than 120 cows or goats in the herd; repealing the limit on the number of times a milk processor – farmstead cheese producer permit may be renewed; etc.
EMERGENCY BILL
HG, §§ 21-401, 21-416.1, and 21-417 – amended
(HB 540)
Delegate Mautz
- 16 **Property and Casualty Insurance – Premium Finance Companies – Assignment of Rights and Obligations – Repeal of Termination Date**
Repealing the termination date of specified provisions of law relating to the authority of a premium finance company, with respect to specified motor vehicle insurance, personal insurance, and commercial insurance, to assign rights and obligations under a premium finance agreement and to pledge a premium finance agreement as collateral for a loan.

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EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015
Chapter 334 of the Acts of 2013, § 6 – amended
(SB 142)
Senator Pugh, et al

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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015
BR, § 5–710(b)(1) – amended
(SB 148 – Amended)
Senator Klausmeier

18 Estate Tax – Alternative Payment Schedule – Penalty Prohibition

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015
TG, § 7–307 – amended
(SB 178 – Amended)
Senators Kasemeyer and Waugh

19 Pilots – Recreational Vessels – Employment Requirement

Requiring that a recreational vessel that meets specified parameters employ a licensed pilot to pilot the vessel when it is underway on the navigable waters of the State; defining a specified term; and making the Act an emergency measure.

EMERGENCY BILL
BOP, § 11–501 – amended
(SB 215)
Senator Astle

20 Special or Supplemental Needs Trusts – Authorization to Fund

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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.

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ET, § 14.5-1002 – amended

(SB 217)

Senator Kelley

21 Annual Curative Bill

Generally curing previous Acts of the General Assembly with possible title defects.

EMERGENCY BILL

(SB 222)

The President (By Request – Department of Legislative Services)

22 Annual Corrective Bill

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

EMERGENCY BILL

Various Sections of Various Articles – amended, added, and repealed

(SB 223)

The President (By Request – Department of Legislative Services)

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.

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EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015
IN, § 15–848 – added
(SB 241 – Enrolled)
Senator Astle

24 **University of Maryland School of Medicine – Workgroup to Study
Issues Related to Uterine Fibroids**

Requiring the University of Maryland School of Medicine to convene a workgroup that includes representatives from the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, specified experts and interested stakeholders to study issues related to the incidence of uterine fibroids in the State; requiring the workgroup to examine specified issues; and requiring, on or before June 30, 2016, the University of Maryland School of Medicine to report specified findings to specified committees of the General Assembly.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015
(SB 320 – Amended)
Senator Nathan–Pulliam

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.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015
IN, § 5–511(g) – amended
(SB 325)
Senator Pugh

26 **Alcoholic Beverages – Baltimore City – Belvedere Square**

Repealing a prohibition on the issuance of a new alcoholic beverages license within and the transfer of an existing alcoholic beverages license into a specified area beginning July 1, 2015; prohibiting an existing Class A license from being transferred into specified areas beginning July 1, 2015; and authorizing the consumption of alcoholic beverages within a specified area under specified circumstances.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015
Art. 2B, § 9–204.1(i) – amended
(SB 339 – Enrolled)
Senator Conway

27 **Calvert County – Public Facilities Bonds**

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

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015

(SB 362)

Calvert County Senators

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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

TR, § 8–204(c) – amended

(SB 371 – Amended)

Senator Rosapepe

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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

EN, § 9–223.1 and PU, §§ 12–129 and 24–107 – added

(SB 401 – Enrolled)

Senator Astle, et al

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

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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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

ET, § 5–703 – amended

(SB 418)

Senator Lee

31 Alcoholic Beverages – Towne Centre at Laurel – Class A License

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

Art. 2B, § 9–217(b)(11) and (f)(7)(iv) – amended and § 9–217(o) – added

(SB 423 – Enrolled)

Senator Rosapepe

32 Employees’ and Teachers’ Pension Systems – Combination of Service – Clarification

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

SP, § 23–303.1 – amended

(SB 432 – Amended)

Senator Peters

33 Employees’ Pension System – Dorchester County Sanitary Commission – Eligible Governmental Unit

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

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EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015
SP, §§ 23–221, 31–102, and 31–116.2 – amended
(SB 442)
Senator Eckardt

34 **State Board of Physicians – Physicians, Physician Assistants, and Allied Health Practitioners – Licensure Requirements**

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015
HO, Various Sections – amended and added
(SB 449 – Amended)
Senator Conway

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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015
IN, § 15–1011 – added
(SB 450 – Amended)
Senator Guzzone

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

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the Maryland Insurance Commissioner to remove specified members under specified circumstances; etc.

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IN, Various Sections – amended, added, and repealed and LE, § 10–102(d) – amended

(SB 465 – Amended)

Senator Klausmeier, et al

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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

(SB 498 – Amended)

Senator Montgomery, et al

38 Baltimore City – Property Tax Credit – Supermarkets

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

TP, § 9–304(h) – added

(SB 541 – Amended)

Senator McFadden (By Request – Baltimore City Administration)

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

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authorized to provide motor club services unless the person holds a license issued by the Insurance Commissioner, with a specified exception.

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IN, §§ 26–101(g), 26–102, 26–203(c)(4), 26–206(c), and 26–402(b) – amended and § 26–501.1 – added

(SB 553 – Amended)

Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Maryland Insurance Administration)

40 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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

IN, § 16–312(d) – amended

(SB 555)

Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Maryland Insurance Administration)

41 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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

HG, §§ 19–3B–03, 19–407, 19–705.1(f), and 19–1408 – amended

(SB 596 – Enrolled)

Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Health and Mental Hygiene)

42 Justice Reinvestment Coordinating Council

Establishing the Justice Reinvestment Coordinating Council in the Governor’s Office of Crime Control and Prevention; requiring the Council to develop a statewide framework of sentencing and corrections policies to further reduce the State’s incarcerated population, reduce spending on corrections and reinvest in strategies for specified purposes; requiring the

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Council to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and General Assembly on or before December 31, 2015; etc.

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PS, §§ 1–601 through 1–605 – added

(SB 602 – Amended)

Senator Miller, et al

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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

SG, § 20–610 – added

(SB 604 – Amended)

Senator King, et al

44 Registered Nurses – Local Health Departments – Requirements for Personally Preparing and Dispensing Drugs and Devices

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

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015

HG, §§ 3–401 through 3–405 – added and §§ 13–3108 and 18–214.1(d) – amended and HO, § 8–512 – added

(SB 626)

Senators Montgomery and Lee

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

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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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

HG, §§ 8-6C-01 and 8-6C-04 – amended

(SB 641 – Amended)

Senator Klausmeier

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.

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CJ, § 3-816.1(b) and FL, § 5-525(b)(3), (j), and (k) – amended

(SB 685 – Amended)

Senator Benson, et al

47 **Prince George’s County – Transfer Tax – Deputy Sheriffs**

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

PLL of Prince George’s County, Art. 17, § 10-187(b)(4) – amended

(SB 689)

Senator Benson, et al

48 **Baltimore County – Property Tax Credit – Homes Near a Refuse Disposal System**

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

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EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015
TP, § 9–305(e) – added
(SB 702 – Enrolled)
Senator Jennings, et al

49 Alcoholic Beverage Tax Returns – Manufacturers and Wholesalers – Due Date

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015
TG, § 5–201(b) – amended
(SB 707 – Amended)
Senator Eckardt

50 Tax Amnesty Program

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

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015
(SB 763 – Enrolled)
Senator Peters, et al

51 Insurance – Motor Vehicle Rental Companies – Limited Lines License to Sell Insurance

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

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EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

IN, §§ 10–130(a), 10–601, 10–602, 10–604(a), 10–606, and 10–607 – amended

(SB 770 – Amended)

Senator Astle

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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

TR, § 8–656 – added

(SB 802 – Enrolled)

Senator Cassilly, et al

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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

TR, § 8–656 – added

(HB 466 – Enrolled)

Delegate Folden, et al

54 Alcoholic Beverages – Baltimore City – Transfer or Issuance of Licenses

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

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EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015
Art. 2B, §§ 8–403.2 and 9–204.1(f)(6) – amended
(SB 818 – Amended)
Senator Nathan–Pulliam, et al

**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.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES
TP, § 6–305 – amended and § 6–305.1 – added
(SB 886 – Amended)
Senators Hough and Young

**56 **Department of Health and Mental Hygiene – Newborn Screening
Program Fund – Establishment****

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015
HG, §§ 13–111(f) and 13–113 – added and SF, § 6–226(a)(2)(ii)81. and 82. – amended and § 6–226(a)(2)(ii)83. – added
(HB 5 – Amended)
Delegate O’Donnell, et al

**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.

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EN, § 9–949(d) – amended

(HB 49)

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

58 General Assembly – Mandated Reports by State Agencies

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

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Various Articles, Various Chapters, and Various Sections – amended, added, and repealed

(HB 67 – Enrolled)

The Speaker, et al

**59 State Board of Examiners of Nursing Home Administrators –
Sunset Extension and Program Evaluation**

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

HO, § 9–502 – repealed and SG, § 8–403(b)(37) – amended

(HB 68)

The Speaker (By Request – Department of Legislative Services)

**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.

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EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015
BR, § 17–416 – repealed
(HB 82)
Montgomery County Delegation

**61 Montgomery County – Alcoholic Beverages – Refillable Wine
Containers MC 19–15**

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015
Art. 2B, § 8–216.6 – added and § 8–103 – amended
(HB 88 – Amended)
Montgomery County Delegation

**62 Montgomery County – Alcoholic Beverages – Class BD–BWL
License MC 18–15**

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015
Art. 2B, § 6–201(q)(7) – added and §§ 5–201(q) and 8–216(d)(1) – amended
(HB 89 – Amended)
Montgomery County Delegation

**63 Montgomery County – Alcoholic Beverages Licenses –
Laytonsville MC 12–15**

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

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and transfer a specified number of Class B (on-sale) beer, wine, and liquor licenses in Laytonsville.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

Art. 2B, § 8–216(e) – amended
(HB 91)

Montgomery County Delegation

64 **Montgomery County – Alcoholic Beverages – Wine Auction Permits MC 9–15**

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

Art. 2B, §§ 2–101(o) and 15–204 – amended
(HB 92)

Montgomery County Delegation

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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

Art. 2B, § 9–216(a) – amended
(HB 93)

Montgomery County Delegation

66 **City of Gaithersburg – Licensed Alcoholic Beverages Restaurants – Distance from Churches or Other Places of Worship MC 23–15**

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

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EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015
Art. 2B, § 9–216 – amended
(HB 95)
Montgomery County Delegation

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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015
CR, § 10–110(j) – amended
(HB 106)
Montgomery County Delegation

68 **Baltimore City – Residential Retention Property Tax Credit – Modification**

Providing an exemption from a prohibition against specified homeowners receiving specified property tax credits under specified circumstances; and providing for the application and termination of the Act.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016
TP, § 9–304(g)(6) – amended
(HB 123)
Delegate Anderson (By Request – Baltimore City Administration)

69 **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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015
CP, §§ 10–105(b) and 10–106 – amended
(HB 131)
Chair, Judiciary Committee (By Request – Maryland Judicial Conference)

70 **Charles County – Property Tax Credit – New or Expanding Businesses**

Authorizing Charles County or a municipal corporation in Charles County to grant a property tax credit against the county or municipal corporation property tax imposed on property that is leased by a new or

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expanding business that creates 10 or more full-time jobs in an industry targeted for expansion by the Charles County Economic Development Commission.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015

TP, § 9-310(e) – amended

(HB 134)

Charles County Delegation

71 Garrett County – Alcoholic Beverages – Sunday Sales

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

Art. 2B, § 11-512 – amended

(HB 139 – Amended)

Delegate Beitzel

72 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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

Art. 2B, § 15-107.1(f) – amended

(HB 145)

Howard County Delegation

73 Secretary of State and Attorney General – Charitable Enforcement and Protection of Charitable Assets – Workgroup Reports – Extension

Extending the due date on the final report from July 1, 2015, to December 1, 2016, of the workgroup convened by the Secretary of State and the Attorney General to study information that should be reported to the Secretary of State by charitable organizations, charitable representatives, and fund-raising counsel.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015

Chapter 654 of the Acts of 2014, § 2 – amended

(HB 150 – Amended)

Delegate Morhaim

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- 74 **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.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015
HO, § 13–306 – amended
(HB 179)
Delegate Barron
- 75 **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.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015
HS, § 4–201(u) – added and §§ 4–235(b), 4–237(a), 4–238(a), and 4–240 – amended
(HB 182 – Amended)
Delegates Lafferty and Rosenberg
- 76 **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.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015
TR, §§ 13–616(a), (b)(1) and (2), and (m), 13–616.1(a) and (k), and 13–616.2(a), (b), (c), and (i) – amended
(HB 201)
Delegate S. Robinson

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- 77 **Montgomery County – Alcoholic Beverages – Wineries MC 21–15**
Authorizing the Montgomery County Board of License Commissioners to issue a Class D beer and light wine license to a holder of a Class 3 manufacturer’s license in Montgomery County that produces not more than 20,000 gallons in a year.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015
Art. 2B, § 2–204 – amended
(HB 202 – Amended)
Montgomery County Delegation
- 78 **Vehicle Laws – Title Fees – Rental Vehicles**
Making permanent a \$50 fee for a certificate of title for a rental vehicle.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015
TR, § 13–802 – amended
(HB 203 – Enrolled)
Delegate Beidle
- 79 **Health Insurance – Assignment of Benefits and Reimbursement of Nonpreferred Providers – Repeal of Termination Date**
Repealing the termination date of specified provisions of law relating to the assignment of benefits and reimbursement of nonpreferred providers.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015
Chapter 537 of the Acts of 2010, § 7 – amended
(HB 230 – Amended)
Delegate Hammen, et al
- 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.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015
TR, § 24–104.1(b) – amended
(HB 233)
Delegate Beidle
- 81 **Frederick County – Alcoholic Beverages – Sunday Permit – Hours of Sale**

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

EMERGENCY BILL

Art. 2B, § 11-511(c) – amended

(HB 245 – Amended)

Frederick County Delegation

82 Election Law – Local Petitions – Advance Determination of Sufficiency of Local Law or Charter Amendment Summary

Requiring an election director of a local board of elections to determine the sufficiency of a summary of a local law or charter amendment contained in a petition when determining the sufficiency of the format of the petition; requiring an election director to provide the sponsor of a petition with an explanation of the reasons for a determination that a summary of a local law or charter amendment is insufficient; requiring the election director to make the determination within 10 days; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015

EL, §§ 6-202 and 6-210(a) – amended

(HB 284 – Amended)

Delegate Flanagan, et al

83 Calvert and St. Mary’s Counties – Scenic Byways – Signs

Authorizing the State Highway Administration to issue a permit for an outdoor sign along or near a scenic byway on a federal-aid primary highway in Calvert County or St. Mary’s County in conformance with federal law if the sign was erected on or before January 1, 2008, or is a directional sign for a facility that sells principally local agricultural or aquacultural products and is located within a 5-mile radius of the sign; establishing specified standards for a sign erected under the Act; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015

TR, § 8-730 – amended

(HB 286 – Amended)

Delegates O’Donnell and Fisher

84 Carroll County – Public Facilities Bonds

Authorizing and empowering the County Commissioners of Carroll County, from time to time, to borrow not more than \$17,000,000 in order to finance the construction, improvement, or development of specified

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public facilities in Carroll County, and to effect such borrowing by the issuance and sale at public or private sale of its general obligation bonds; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015
(HB 296)
Carroll County Delegation

85 Montgomery County – Alcoholic Beverages – Licenses in Takoma Park MC 29–15

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015
Art. 2B, §§ 5–401(q), 6–201(q)(2), and 8–216(d) – amended
(HB 316 – Amended)
Montgomery County Delegation

86 Harford County – Alcoholic Beverages – Applications for Licenses

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015
Art. 2B, § 10–103(b)(18) – amended
(HB 328)
Harford County Delegation

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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015
Art. 2B, § 15–112(n) – amended
(HB 329)
Harford County Delegation

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Altering the time period from 30 to 45 days within which an insurer, except under specified circumstances, must serve a specified notice on an employer and file a copy of the notice with a specified individual if the insurer is canceling or refusing to renew a workers' compensation insurance policy before its expiration; and providing for a delayed effective date.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2016

IN, § 19-406 – amended

(HB 358 – Amended)

Delegate Jameson

89 Harford County – Alcoholic Beverages – Class DBR License

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

Art. 2B, § 3-402 – added

(HB 399 – Amended)

Harford County Delegation

90 Howard County – Alcoholic Beverages – Special Event – Education Permits Ho. Co. 05-15

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

Art. 2B, § 8-408.2 – added

(HB 424 – Amended)

Howard County Delegation

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- 91 **Workgroup to Study Safe Harbor Policy for Youth Victims of Human Trafficking**
Establishing the Workgroup to Study Safe Harbor Policy for Youth Victims of Human Trafficking; specifying the purpose of the Workgroup; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Workgroup; prohibiting a member of the Workgroup from receiving specified compensation, but authorizing the reimbursement of specified expenses; establishing the duties of the Workgroup; requiring the Workgroup to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and General Assembly on or before December 1, 2015; etc.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015
(HB 456 – Enrolled)
Delegate Morales, et al
- 92 **Harford County – Alcoholic Beverages – Residency Requirements**
Altering specified residency requirements for specified business applicants for alcoholic beverages licenses in Harford County to require the applicant to be a bona fide resident of Harford County for at least 1 year before filing the applicant; requiring the applicant to remain a resident as long as the license is in effect; altering a requirement that a specified applicant for specified alcoholic beverages licenses own a specified percentage of a specified business; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015
Art. 2B, § 9–101(a), (b), (c), and (k) – amended
(HB 527)
Harford County Delegation
- 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.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015
CP, §§ 11–616(b) and 11–618 – amended
(HB 549)
Delegate Valentino–Smith, et al
- 94 **State Board of Environmental Health Specialists – Revisions**

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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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

HO, §§ 21–203, 21–204, 21–304, 21–306, and 21–309 – amended and §§ 21–302 and 21–303 – repealed and added

(HB 556 – Amended)

Delegate Pendergrass

**95 Financial Institutions – Depository Institutions – Savings
Promotion Raffles**

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

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015

CL, § 13–305(a), CR, § 12–106(c), and FI, § 1–211 – amended and FI, § 6–716 – repealed

(HB 558)

Delegate Clippinger

96 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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

IN, § 3–302 – amended and § 3–306.2 – added

(HB 565)

Delegates Bromwell and Kipke

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- 97 **Charles County – Alcoholic Beverages – Certification for License Application**
Requiring the Treasurer of Charles County, instead of the Office of the County Supervisor of Assessments, to prepare a certification showing the value of specified merchandise, fixtures, and stock-in-trade, as certified to the county by the State Department of Assessments and Taxation, for a business for which an application is made for a specified alcoholic beverages license.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015
Art. 2B, §§ 10–104(j), 10–301(i), and 10–503(j) – amended
(HB 589)
Charles County Delegation
- 98 **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.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015
HO, § 12–506(c) – amended
(HB 591 – Amended)
Delegate Miele, et al
- 99 **Prince George’s County – Raffles – Charitable Foundations PG 301–15**
Authorizing a raffle to be conducted in Prince George’s County by a specified charitable foundation affiliated with a professional football team that plays its home games in the county; setting no limitation on the number of raffle permits that may be issued in a year; authorizing the charitable foundation to set the price of raffle tickets; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015
CR, § 13–1911.1 – added and §§ 13–1901, 13–1908, 13–1909, 13–1910, and 13–1911 – amended
(HB 598 – Amended)
Prince George’s County Delegation

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- 100 **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.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015
ET, § 14.5–508 – amended
(HB 666 – Amended)
Delegate Miele, et al
- 101 **Prince George’s County – Alcoholic Beverages – Penalties PG 304–15**
Altering the fine to not more than \$1,500 for a first offense that the Prince George’s County Board of License Commissioners may impose for a violation that is cause for suspension or revocation of a license under specified alcoholic beverages laws; requiring, except under specified circumstances, the board to suspend a license for 30 days under specified circumstances; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015
Art. 2B, § 16–507(r) – amended
(HB 705 – Amended)
Prince George’s County Delegation
- 102 **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.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015
HO, § 12–317 – amended
(HB 748)
Delegate Saab, et al
- 103 **Self-Service Storage Facilities – Enforcement of Lien – Procedures**

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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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

CL, §§ 18-503 and 18-504(b) and (e) – amended and § 17-307.1 – added
(HB 786 – Enrolled)

Delegate Davis, et al

104 Estate Tax – Filing of Tax Returns

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

TG, § 7-305(a) and (b) – amended
(HB 828)

Delegate Hixson, et al

105 Alcoholic Beverages – Washington County – Refillable Container Permit

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

Art. 2B, § 8-222.1 – added and § 8-103 – amended
(HB 835 – Amended)

Washington County Delegation

106 Maryland Small Business Development Financing Authority – Small Business Surety Bond Program

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

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EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015
EC, §§ 5–568 and 5–569 – amended
(HB 844)
Delegate Branch, et al

- 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.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015
Art. 2B, § 5–201(n)(6) – amended and § 6–201(n)(10) – added
(HB 845)
Harford County Delegation
- 108 **Nonprofit Health Service Plans – Hearing and Order – Impact of Law or Regulatory Action by Another State**
Authorizing the Maryland Insurance Commissioner to conduct an examination relating to the impact of a law of another state on a nonprofit health service plan operating in this state; adding a regulatory action by another state to the circumstances in which the Commissioner may hold a hearing or conduct an examination to review and evaluate the impact of the law or regulation on the nonprofit health service plan in this State; etc.
EMERGENCY BILL
IN, § 14–124 – amended
(HB 859 – Amended)
Delegate Bromwell, et al
- 109 **Kent County – Board of Elections – Membership**
Altering the number of regular members of the Kent County Board of Elections; requiring three regular members of the local board to be of the majority party, and two regular members to be of the principal minority party; requiring that a vacancy on the local board be filled in a specified manner; and making a conforming change.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015
EL, § 2–201(l) – amended and § 2–204(b)(2)(ii)3. – repealed
(HB 864)
Delegate Jacobs, et al

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- 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.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015
BOP, § 2–101(c) and (m) – amended
(HB 878)
Delegate Vaughn, et al
- 111 **Alcoholic Beverages – Prince George’s County – Seven Day Sales PG 318–15**
Establishing a special Sunday off–sale permit in Prince George’s County; authorizing the Board of License Commissioners, except under specified circumstances, to issue the permit to specified license holders; providing that no more than 100 permits may be active at any one time; requiring an applicant for a permit to commit to making a specified reinvestment in the business; and authorizing the permit holder to sell specified alcoholic beverages during a specified time on Sunday for consumption off the licensed premises.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015
Art. 2B, § 11–517(b) and (f) – amended and § 11–517(l) – added
(HB 931 – Amended)
Prince George’s County Delegation
- 112 **HIV Testing – Informed Consent and Pretest Requirements – Modification**
Altering specified requirements on health care providers before obtaining specified samples for the purpose of HIV testing; requiring consent for HIV testing to be included in a specified general informed consent for medical care in a specified category of tests; providing, subject to a specified exception, that a health care provider may not be required to obtain specified consent using a separate consent form; requiring a health care provider to make available specified materials to specified individuals; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015
HG, § 18–336 – amended
(HB 978 – Amended)
Delegate Lam, et al

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- 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.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015
BOP, §§ 17–512 and 17–604 – amended
(HB 1028)
Delegate Branch, et al
- 114 **Baltimore City – Tax Sales**
Requiring the tax collector in Baltimore City to withhold specified owner–occupied residential property from a tax sale when the taxes on the property are under \$750; exempting a person redeeming specified owner–occupied residential property in Baltimore City from the requirement that the person pay the tax collector any taxes, interest, and penalties accruing after the date of the tax sale; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015
TP, §§ 14–801, 14–811, 14–828(a), 14–833, 14–843, 14–844, and 14–849.1 – amended
(HB 1035 – Amended)
Delegate Oaks (By Request – Baltimore City Administration), et al
- 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.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015
BOP, § 17–315(a) and (b) – amended
(HB 1056)
Delegate Vaughn, et al
- 116 **9–1–1 Emergency Telephone System – Multiple–Line Telephone Systems – Direct Dial (Kari’s Law)**

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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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

PS, § 1-314 – added

(HB 1080 – Amended)

Delegate Pena-Melnyk, et al

117 **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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

CR, § 10-136 and SG, § 9-1A-24(c) – amended

(HB 1111)

Chair, Ways and Means Committee (By Request – Departmental – Lottery and Gaming Control Agency)

118 **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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

SG, §§ 9-101 and 9-111(b) – amended

(HB 1114)

Chair, Ways and Means Committee (By Request – Departmental – Lottery and Gaming Control Agency)

119 **Gaming – Video Lottery Employee – Temporary License**

Authorizing the State Lottery and Gaming Control Commission to issue a temporary video lottery employee license to an applicant for a video lottery employee license; requiring an applicant to acknowledge that the State is not financially responsible if a temporary license is terminated; providing that the temporary license is valid for only 180 days; authorizing the Commission to extend the temporary license for an

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additional 180 days; authorizing the Commission to terminate a temporary license without a hearing for specified reasons; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

SG, § 9–1A–14(a) – amended and § 9–1A–14(d) – added
(HB 1115 – Amended)

Chair, Ways and Means Committee (By Request – Departmental – Lottery and Gaming Control Agency)

120 **Apprenticeship and Training – Replacement of Obsolete References**

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

LE, Various Sections, PS, § 12–827(a)(3) and (d)(1)(iii), and SF, §§ 17–201(b)(3) and 17–205(b) – amended
(HB 1226)

Chair, Economic Matters Committee (By Request – Departmental – Labor, Licensing and Regulation)

121 **Real Estate Appraisers – Licensing and Certification – Examination Waiver Requirements**

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

BOP, §§ 16–305 and 16–507 – amended
(HB 1227)

Chair, Economic Matters Committee (By Request – Departmental – Labor, Licensing and Regulation)

122 **Maryland Transportation Authority – Payment of Tolls and Related Fees**

Altering procedures of the Maryland Transportation Authority for the collection of unpaid tolls through a notice of toll due administrative action and a citation; altering procedures for assessing a civil penalty; altering the contents of a specified citation; authorizing the Authority to waive

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portions of unpaid tolls and civil penalties until the Authority refers the debt to the Central Collection Unit; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

TR, § 21-1414 – amended

(HB 1241 – Amended)

Chair, Environment and Transportation Committee (By Request – Departmental – Transportation)

123 **Education and Workforce Training Coordinating Council for Correctional Institutions – Name Change**

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

LE, §§ 11-901(a), 11-902(a), and 11-906(a) – amended

(HB 1244)

Chair, Economic Matters Committee (By Request – Departmental – Labor, Licensing and Regulation)

124 **Watershed Protection and Restoration Programs – Revisions**

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

EN, Various Sections – amended and § 4-204(e) – added and NR, § 8-2A-02(f)(2) – amended

(SB 863 – Enrolled)

Senator Miller, et al

125 **Income Tax – Subtraction Modification – Military Retirement Income – Individuals at Least 65 Years Old**

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

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EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015
TG, § 10–207(q) – amended
(SB 592 – Amended)
The President (By Request – Administration), et al

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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015
PS, § 3–510 – added
(SB 321 – Amended)
Senators Nathan–Pulliam and Ferguson

127 **Vehicle Laws – Race–Based Traffic Stops – Policy and Reporting Requirements**

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

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015
TR, § 25–113 – amended
(SB 413 – Amended)
Senator Gladden, et al

128 **Public Safety – Law Enforcement Officers – Body–Worn Digital Recording Device and Electronic Control Device**

Establishing that it is lawful under a specified provision of law for a law enforcement officer to intercept a specified oral communication with a specified device under specified circumstances; requiring on or before January 1, 2016, the Maryland Police Training Commission to develop and publish online a policy for the issuance and use of a body–worn camera by a law enforcement officer; establishing the Commission

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Regarding the Implementation and Use of Body Cameras by Law Enforcement Officers; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

CJ, § 10–402(c)(11) and PS, § 3–510 – added

(SB 482 – Amended)

Senator Ramirez, et al

129 **Public Safety – Law Enforcement Officers – Body–Worn Digital Recording Device and Electronic Control Device**

Establishing that it is lawful under a specified provision of law for a law enforcement officer to intercept a specified oral communication with a specified device under specified circumstances; requiring the Maryland Police Training Commission to develop and publish a specified policy; establishing the Commission Regarding the Implementation and Use of Body Cameras by Law Enforcement Officers; requiring the Commission to submit a report to the Maryland Police Training Commission and the General Assembly on or before October 1, 2015; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

CJ, § 10–402(c)(11) and PS, § 3–510 – added

(HB 533 – Enrolled)

Delegate Sydnor, et al

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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

PLL of Baltimore City, Art. 4, §§ 16–41 and 16–43 – amended

(SB 882 – Amended)

Senator Conway, et al

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.

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EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015
CJ, §§ 5–303 and 5–304 – amended
(HB 113 – Enrolled)
Delegate Conaway

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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015
SG, §§ 12–104 and 12–106 – amended
(HB 114 – Enrolled)
Delegate Conaway

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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015
PS, § 3–510 – added
(HB 771 – Amended)
Delegate Carter, et al

134 **Public Safety – Deaths Involving a Law Enforcement Officer – Reports**

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

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EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015
PS, § 3-507 – added
(HB 954 – Enrolled)
Delegate A. Washington, et al

**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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015
GP, Various Sections – amended and §§ 4-1A-01 through 4-1A-10 – added and § 4-361 – repealed
(SB 695 – Enrolled)
Senator Raskin

**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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015
GP, Various Sections – amended and added and § 4-361 – repealed
(HB 755 – Enrolled)
Delegate Cullison, et al

**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

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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.

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EC, §§ 3–501 through 3–508 – added and SG, §§ 10–101 and 10–110 – amended

(HB 939 – Enrolled)

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

138 **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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

EC, §§ 14–203 and 14–204 – amended and § 14–204 – added

(HB 940 – Enrolled)

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

139 **Task Force to Study Exemptions from Higher Education Ethics Requirements and Procurement Rules to Facilitate Technology Transfer**

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

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(HB 941 – Enrolled)

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

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- 140 **Apprenticeship Pilot Program – Apprenticeship Maryland**
Establishing a 2–year pilot program called Apprenticeship Maryland to prepare students to enter the workforce; providing for the Program to begin in the summer of 2016; requiring the State Department of Education, in consultation with the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation and a specified entity to develop criteria for the selection of two local school systems and to consider, where practicable, one rural and one urban system; allowing for the participation of up to 60 students from each school system; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015
LE, § 11–603 – added
(HB 942 – Enrolled)
The Speaker (By Request – Maryland Economic Development and Business Climate Commission), et al
- 141 **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.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015
EC, Various Sections – amended, repealed, and added and SG and SF, Various Sections – amended and added
(HB 943 – Enrolled)
The Speaker (By Request – Maryland Economic Development and Business Climate Commission), et al
- 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.

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CR, § 13–906 – amended and § 13–906.1 – added
(SB 4 – Enrolled)
Carroll County Senators

- 143 **Earned Income Tax Credit – Tax Year 2014 – Technical Correction**
Clarifying, for the 2014 taxable year, that 25 percent is the applicable percentage of the federal earned income credit used for determining the amount that an individual may claim as a refund under the Maryland earned income credit under specified circumstances; etc.
EMERGENCY BILL
TG, § 10–704(b)(2) – amended
(SB 22)
Senator Madaleno
- 144 **Worcester County – Alcoholic Beverages – Class C Licenses – Clubs**
Repealing a requirement that the daily average receipts from the sale of food be in excess of those for the sale of alcoholic beverages for a club to qualify for a specified seven–day license in Worcester County.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015
Art. 2B, § 6–301(y)(9)(i) – amended
(SB 38 – Amended)
Senator Mathias
- 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.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015
SG, § 9.5–407 – amended
(SB 51 – Amended)
Senator Serafini, et al
- 146 **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

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of the circuit court may collect only one appearance fee per governmental entity.

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CJ, § 7–204(b) – added

(SB 60)

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

147 **Charles County and St. Mary’s County – Deer Management Permit**

Repealing the requirement that the Department of Natural Resources establish a program in Charles County and St. Mary’s County to train rifle shooters to hunt deer for the purpose of controlling the deer population; authorizing an individual who holds a specified permit to use a specified rifle in specified locations and under specified conditions in Charles County and St. Mary’s County; altering the circumstances and conditions under which an individual may hunt deer on State land in Charles County and St. Mary’s County; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

NR, § 10–408.2 – repealed and § 10–415 and Chapter 574 of the Acts of 2014, § 2 – amended

(SB 68 – Enrolled)

Senators Conway and Waugh

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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

NR, § 10–412 – amended

(SB 88 – Amended)

Senator Astle, et al

149 **State Government – Automated Mapping–Geographic Information Systems – System Services Costs**

Repealing the authority of specified governmental units to adopt a fee structure to cover specified costs for system services; altering a specified definition for the purpose of repealing the authority of specified governmental units to adopt a fee structure to cover specified costs relating to existing system products; authorizing specified governmental units to adopt a fee structure for system products that includes an

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additional charge of not more than \$50; repealing a specified requirement; etc.

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SG, §§ 10–901 through 10–904 – amended and § 10–905 – repealed
(SB 94 – Enrolled)

Senator Ferguson, et al

150 Judges’ Retirement System – Membership, Benefits, and Reemployment

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

SP, §§ 27–101, 27–203, 27–204, 27–401, 27–402(c)(2), 27–405, 27–406, and 29–502 – amended and § 29–501 – repealed
(SB 103 – Enrolled)

Senator Peters (Chair, Joint Committee on Pensions)

151 Public Safety – Hotels and Lodging or Rooming Houses – Carbon Monoxide Alarms

Altering the applicability to specified hotels and lodging or rooming houses of specified provisions of law concerning carbon monoxide alarms; altering a specified reference to a specified alarm device national standard; requiring specified hotels and lodging or rooming houses, on or after April 1, 2017, to install a specified carbon monoxide alarm on the wall of specified rooms and areas within the hotel or lodging or rooming house under specified circumstances; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

PS, §§ 12–1101, 12–1102, 12–1103, and 12–1104 – amended
(SB 107 – Enrolled)

Senator Conway

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.

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EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015
CJ, § 11-404 – added
(SB 121)
Senator Norman, et al

- 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.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015
EN, § 9-1605.2(i)(2) – amended
(SB 133 – Enrolled)
Senator Edwards
- 154 **Calvert County – Length of Service Award Program – Recipient Benefits**
Altering the age from 55 to 50 years old at which specified individuals may begin to receive benefits under the Length of Service Award Program for Calvert County; altering from \$4 to \$10 per month an additional amount that is payable under the Program for specified volunteer service; repealing a limit on a maximum benefit payable under the Program; authorizing a specified death benefit to be paid to an alternate beneficiary if a volunteer dies and is unmarried at the time of death; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015
PLL of Calvert Co, Art. 5, § 14-102 – amended
(SB 230)
Calvert County Senators
- 155 **Task Force on Family Caregiving and Long-Term Supports**
Establishing the Task Force on Family Caregiving and Long-Term Supports; providing for the composition, staff, and duties of the Task Force; prohibiting a member of the Task Force from receiving specified compensation; authorizing the reimbursement of specified expenses for specified members of the Task Force; and requiring the Task Force to make recommendations for legislative and administrative action relating to family caregiving and to report to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before September 30, 2016.

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(SB 297 – Enrolled)
Senator Kelley, et al

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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015
CL, § 13–301(14)(xxviii) – amended and § 13–301(14)(xxx) – added and
TR, § 15–311.3 – added
(SB 298 – Enrolled)
Senator Norman

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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015
TR, § 15–311.3 and CL, § 13–301(14)(xxx) – added and CL, §
13–301(14)(xxviii) – amended
(HB 313 – Enrolled)
Delegate Beidle

**158 Harford County – Alcoholic Beverages – Refillable Wine
Container Permits**

Establishing a refillable wine container permit in Harford County; authorizing the Harford County Liquor Control Board to issue a refillable container permit for wine to a holder of a specified license under specified circumstances and conditions; specifying that the Act applies in the County to wine; providing that the permit authorizes the permit holder to sell wine for off–premises consumption in a refillable container under

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specified circumstances and conditions; providing for an annual permit fee of \$50; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

Art. 2B, §§ 8–103 and 8–213.3 – amended

(SB 299 – Enrolled)

Harford County Senators

159 **Baltimore County Code of Public Local Laws – 2015 Edition –
Legalization**

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

(SB 330)

Senator Klausmeier (By Request – Baltimore County Administration)

160 **Public Ethics – Advisory Bodies – Advisory Opinions and
Informal Advice**

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

GP, § 5–301 – amended

(SB 343)

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

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.

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EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015
 PU, § 7–306.1 – added
 (SB 353 – Amended)
 Senator Hershey

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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015
 PLL of Calvert Co, Art. 5, § 5–102 – amended
 (SB 360)
 Calvert County Senators

163

Alternate Contributory Pension Selection – Return to Employment

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015
 SP, § 23–215.1 – amended
 (SB 364 – Amended)
 Senators Kasemeyer and Simonaire

164

Unmanned Aircraft Systems Research, Development, Regulation, and Privacy Act of 2015

Providing that only the State may enact a law or take other action to prohibit, restrict, or regulate the testing or operation of unmanned aircraft systems; requiring the Department of Business and Economic Development, in consultation with other specified institutions, to study specified benefits and concerns; requiring specified State and local government entities and officials to review the use of unmanned aircraft

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systems and report their findings to the Governor and General Assembly on or before December 31, 2018; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

EC, § 14–301 – added

(SB 370 – Enrolled)

Senator Rosapepe, et al

165 Maryland False Claims Act

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

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015

GP, §§ 8–101 through 8–111 – added

(SB 374 – Amended)

The President (By Request – Office of the Attorney General), et al

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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

PS, §§ 7–302(a), (d), (e), and (f)(4) and 7–303(a) through (d) – amended

(SB 383)

Senators Hershey and Eckardt

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.

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EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015
HO, § 7–205(c) – amended and § 7–301.1 – added
(SB 391 – Amended)
Senator Montgomery

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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015
TR, § 24–206(b) – amended
(SB 410 – Amended)
Senator Gladden

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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015
GP, § 7–411 – added
(SB 422)
Senator Rosapepe

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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015
GP, § 7–411 – added
(HB 746)
Delegate Barve, et al

171 **Montgomery County – Alcoholic Beverages – License Requirements**

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

Art. 2B, §§ 9–101(a)(2)(i), (b)(1), and (c)(1) and 10–103(b)(4) – amended
(SB 426 – Amended)

Senator Madaleno

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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

SG, § 9–20B–12 – amended
(SB 441)

Senator Hershey

173 Harford County – Charitable Gaming

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

CR, § 13–1512 – added
(SB 443 – Enrolled)

Senators Norman and Jennings

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

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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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

PU, § 7–207 – amended

(SB 460 – Amended)

Senator Feldman, et al

175 Maryland College Education Export Act of 2015

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

ED, §§ 11–105(m) and 11–202.2(b) – amended

(SB 496)

Senator Rosapepe, et al

176 Maryland College Education Export Act of 2015

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

ED, §§ 11–105(m) and 11–202.2(b) – amended

(HB 672)

Delegate Jones, et al

177 Frederick County – Alcoholic Beverages – Special Class C (Retirement Center) License

Establishing a special Class C (retirement center) on-sale beer, wine and liquor license in Frederick County; authorizing the Board of License Commissioners to issue the license by converting a specified license held on behalf of a retirement center; specifying that the retirement center license authorizes the holder to sell at retail beer, wine, and liquor for

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on-premises consumption; authorizing an annual fee of \$1,500 for the license; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

Art. 2B, § 6–301(l)(10) – added
(SB 499)

Senators Young and Hough

178 **Frederick County – Alcoholic Beverages – Wine Events,
Licensing, Alcohol Awareness Requirements, and Fines**

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

Art. 2B, §§ 8–406.1, 10–103(b)(18), 13–101(c)(2), and 16–507(l) – amended
(SB 500 – Amended)

Senators Young and Hough

179 **Frederick County – Alcoholic Beverages – Multiple Event
Licenses and Promoter’s License**

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

Art. 2B, § 7–101(b)(7) and (d)(8) – amended and § 7–102 – added
(SB 502)

Senators Young and Hough

180 **Children – Child Care Facilities, Public Schools, and Nonpublic
Schools – Contractors and Subcontractors**

Prohibiting specified county boards of education and specified nonpublic schools from hiring or retaining specified individuals who have been convicted of specified crimes; requiring specified contracts to provide that specified contractors or subcontractors for specified nonpublic schools and

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specified local school systems may not knowingly assign employees to work on school premises with direct, unsupervised, and uncontrolled access to children if the employee has been convicted of a specified crime; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

ED, §§ 2–206.1 and 6–113 – amended and FL, § 5–561(b–1) – added
(SB 508 – Enrolled)

Senator Hough, et al

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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

LG, §§ 18–103 through 18–109, 18–112, and 18–116 through 18–118 – amended

(SB 540 – Amended)

Senator Astle

182 **Employees’ Pension System – Optional Membership**

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

SP, §§ 21–305.3(a)(3), 23–201(a), 23–204, and 31–113(b)(1)(iii) and (d)(1)(i) – amended

(SB 560 – Amended)

Senator Peters

183 **Public Health – Expedited Partner Therapy for Chlamydia and Gonorrhea**

Repealing specified provisions of law establishing an Expedited Partner Therapy Pilot Program in the Baltimore City Health Department; providing for the purpose of expedited partner therapy; authorizing

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licensed physicians, advanced practice registered nurses, and physician assistants who diagnose chlamydia or gonorrhea in an individual patient to prescribe, dispense, or otherwise provide prescription antibiotic drugs to that patient's sexual partners without examination of that patient's partners; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015

HG, § 18–214.1 and Chapter 146 of the Acts of 2007, § 2, as amended – amended

(SB 599 – Enrolled)

Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee (By Request – Departmental – Health and Mental Hygiene)

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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

PS, § 3–510 – added

(SB 618 – Enrolled)

Senator Norman

185 **Washington County – Alcoholic Beverages – Wine Tasting License for Class B License Holders – Repeal**

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

Art. 2B, § 8–411 – amended

(SB 631)

Washington County Senators

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

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specified purposes; prohibiting the holder of the license from charging for the liquor tasting or sampling; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

Art. 2B, § 8–9A–02 – added

(SB 634)

Washington County Senators

187 **State Board of Education and the Professional Standards and Teacher Education Board – Alternative Teacher Certification Program**

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

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015

(SB 635 – Amended)

Washington County Senators

188 **Washington County – Hotel Rental Tax Revenue Distribution – Annual Reports**

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

LG, § 20–421 – amended

(SB 637 – Amended)

Washington County Senators

189 **Teachers’ Retirement and Pension Systems – Reemployment of Retirees – Exemptions**

Exempting from a specified offset of a retirement allowance specified retirees of the Teachers’ Retirement System or the Teachers’ Pension System who are employed in specified positions in a local school system

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or the Maryland School for the Deaf; authorizing local school system superintendents and the superintendent of the Maryland School for the Deaf to employ a maximum of five retirees per year who will not be subject to a specified offset of a retirement allowance; etc.

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SP, Various Sections – amended

(SB 639 – Amended)

Senator Serafini

190 Alcoholic Beverages – Micro–Breweries – Additional License

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

Art. 2B, §§ 2–201(b) and 2–208(c)(1), (d)(1), and (e) – amended

(SB 643 – Amended)

Senator Edwards

191 State Finance and Procurement – One Maryland Blue Ribbon Commission

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

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(SB 662 – Amended)

Senator Ready, et al

192 Alcoholic Beverages – Brewing Company Off–Site Permit and Nonprofit Beer Festival Permit

Requiring specified licensing boards to collect a \$100 fee for a nonprofit beer festival permit; authorizing the Comptroller to issue a brewing company off–site permit to specified persons who meet specified requirements; establishing that specified holders of a brewing company

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off-site permit may use the permit for specified activities during specified events; authorizing a nonprofit beer festival permit holder to purchase beer at wholesale to provide and sell beer for specified purposes under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015

Art. 2B, § 2–105 – amended and § 2–106 – added
(SB 673 – Amended)

Senator Young

193 Income Tax Credit – Oyster Shell Recycling – Credit Amount

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

TG, § 10–724.1 – amended
(SB 694 – Enrolled)

Senator Manno

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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

Art. 2B, § 7–101(p) – amended
(SB 715)

Senator Edwards

195 Employees’ Pension System – Town of Sykesville – Service Credit

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

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EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015
SP, § 31-111.5 – amended
(SB 726 – Amended)
Senators Bates and Ready

196 **Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loan of 2011 – Montgomery County – Water Park at Bohrer Park**

Amending the Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loan of 2011 to provide that specified grants for the Water Park at Bohrer Park may not terminate before June 1, 2016; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

Ch. 396 of the Acts of 2011, § 1(3) Item ZA02(BG) and Item ZA03(AT) – amended
(SB 744)
Senators Kagan and King

197 **Agricultural Land Transfer Tax – Rate Determination**

Providing that, when determining the rate of the agricultural land transfer tax to be imposed, the amount of agricultural land transferred that is exempt from the tax in accordance with specified provisions of law may not be included in the amount of agricultural land that is transferred.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015
TP, § 13-303 – amended
(SB 766 – Amended)
Senator Ready, et al

198 **Ethics Law – Statement by Person Providing Lobbyist Compensation and Making Campaign Contributions**

Clarifying and conforming specified provisions of the State ethics law with related provisions under the State election law relating to a statement required by persons providing lobbyist compensation and making campaign contributions; altering the reporting periods and due dates for a specified statement; authorizing the State Board of Elections to impose fines for the late filing of a specified statement; altering a specified definition; and defining a term.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015
EL, § 14-107 and GP, § 5-716 – amended
(SB 767 – Enrolled)
Senator Conway

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- 199 **State Personnel – Automatic Step Increases – Standard Pay Plan**
Requiring that regulations adopted by the Secretary of Budget and Management provide for automatic increases from minimum to maximum steps in a pay grade of pay rates in the Standard Pay Plan for State employees for an employee whose overall performance is rated satisfactory or above on the employee’s annual performance appraisal; and making the Act an emergency measure.
EMERGENCY BILL
SP, § 8–106 – amended
(SB 793 – Amended)
Senator Middleton
- 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.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015
ED, §§ 11–1101 through 11–1106 – added
(SB 816 – Enrolled)
Senator Rosapepe
- 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.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015
ED, §§ 11–1101 through 11–1106 – added
(HB 779 – Enrolled)
Delegate A. Washington, et al

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- 202 **Frederick County – Deer Management Permit – Use of Rifles**
Authorizing an individual who holds a Deer Management Permit to use a specified rifle to harvest deer throughout the year in Frederick County, subject to specified conditions; authorizing an agent of a permittee in a specified zone in Frederick County to use a specified rifle to harvest deer in the county throughout the year; authorizing an agent of a permittee in a specified zone in Frederick County to use a rifle to harvest deer during a specified period with a specified exception; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015
NR, § 10–415(d) – amended and added
(SB 844 – Amended)
Senators Young and Hough
- 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.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015
BR, § 9A–206 – amended
(SB 864)
Senator Klausmeier
- 204 **Public Utilities – Transportation Network Services and For–Hire Transportation**
Authorizing the establishment of transportation network services in the State; requiring specified motor vehicle insurance to be issued by specified insurers under specified circumstances; prohibiting a person from operating a specified motor vehicle for hire under a specified permit unless the person holds a specified license issued by the Public Service Commission; authorizing the Commission to issue a permanent driver’s license if the applicant submits a specified criminal background check; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015
PU, Various Sections – amended and added and IN, §§ 19–517 and 19–517.1 – added
(SB 868 – Amended)
Senator Ferguson, et al
- 205 **Frederick County – Alcoholic Beverages Licenses**

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

Art. 2B, §§ 2–208(b)(3), 8–211(b), and 9–102(a) – amended and § 6–201(l)(8) through (10) – added

(SB 902 – Amended)

Senators Young and Hough

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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

Art. 2B, § 9–220 – amended

(SB 906)

Senator Mathias

207 **Tri–County Council for Southern Maryland – Financing Purchase or Lease of Property by Other Entities**

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

EMERGENCY BILL

EC, § 13–612.1 – added

(SB 909 – Enrolled)

Senator Middleton

208 **Motor Vehicle Insurance – Entry–Level Commercial Truck Driver’s License Holders – Study**

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Requiring the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation to conduct a study of the availability, accessibility, and affordability of commercial motor vehicle insurance for motor carriers who want to employ entry-level commercial driver's license holders; requiring the Department to make specified recommendations on or before December 1, 2015, to specified committees of the General Assembly; authorizing the Department to consult with specified State agencies, institutions of higher education, industries, and other persons; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015

(SB 910 – Amended)

Senator Middleton, et al

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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

EC, § 12–207(f) – added

(SB 913)

Washington County Senators

210 **City of Hagerstown – Alcoholic Beverages – Outdoor Festivals and Street Festival Licenses**

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

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015

Art. 2B, §§ 7–101(b)(12) and 12–107(b)(2) – amended and §§ 7–101(t)(4) and 12–107(b)(11) – added

(SB 922 – Enrolled)

Senator Serafini

211 **Washington County – Property Tax Credit – Economic Development Projects**

Expanding a specified property tax credit for specified business entities in Washington County to include specified business entities that invest at least \$10,000,000 for capital improvements of specified real property

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and create 100 new and permanent full-time positions in Washington County; providing for the amount and duration of the property tax credit; making conforming changes; and providing for the application of the Act to all taxable years beginning after June 30, 2015.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015

TP, § 9–323(f) – amended

(SB 925)

Washington County Senators

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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

EN, § 9–658 – amended

(SB 928)

Senator Mathias

213 **Video Lottery Terminal Revenues – Standardbred Owners and Trainers – Benefit Programs**

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

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015

SG, § 9–1A–28.1 – added

(SB 929 – Enrolled)

Senators King and Miller

214 **Residential Child Care Programs – Statement of Need – Exception for Relocation**

Creating an exception to a specified statement of need requirement for the relocation of an existing licensed residential child care program if the relocation is necessary due to circumstances beyond the control of the licensee, including the nonrenewal of the lease for the site of the existing

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licensed residential child care program, the new site meets the requirements of the residential child care program's license, and the new site is located within the same jurisdiction and within 10 miles of the closed site.

EMERGENCY BILL

HU, § 8–703.1 – amended

(SB 940 – Amended)

Senators Conway and Salling

215 Edward T. and Mary A. Conroy and Jean B. Cryor Memorial Scholarship Programs – Eligibility

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

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015

ED, § 18–601(c) and (d) – amended

(HB 11 – Enrolled)

Delegate O'Donnell

216 Hunting Licenses – Exemption for Retired Members of the Armed Forces

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

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015

NR, § 10–301(c) – amended

(HB 14 – Amended)

Delegates O'Donnell and S. Howard

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”.

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EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015
PU, Various Sections – amended
(HB 35)
Delegate Barkley

**218 Frederick Center for Research and Education in Science and
Technology**

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

EMERGENCY BILL

ED, §§ 24–1001, 24–1002, 24–1003(a), and 24–1004 – amended
(HB 37 – Amended)
Frederick County Delegation

**219 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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015
HO, § 1–222 – added
(HB 58 – Amended)
Delegate Reznik, et al

220 Alcoholic Beverages – Local Licensing Boards – Judicial Review

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015
Art. 2B, § 16–101(e)(3) – repealed
(HB 64 – Amended)
Delegate Vitale, et al

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- 221 **Carroll County – Correctional Officers’ Bill of Rights**
Making the Correctional Officers’ Bill of Rights applicable to correctional officers in Carroll County.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015
CS, § 11–1002 – amended
(HB 115)
Carroll County Delegation
- 222 **Carroll County – Alcoholic Beverages – Hours of Sale on Sundays for Holders of Class A Licenses**
Altering the hours of sale on Sundays from between 11 a.m. and 11 p.m. to between 8 a.m. and 11 p.m. for holders of Class A licenses in Carroll County.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015
Art. 2B, § 11–507 – amended
(HB 117)
Carroll County Delegation
- 223 **Public Service Commission – Restrictions After Service**
Prohibiting an individual from receiving financial benefit, that is not otherwise generally available to the public as a customer of a public service company, from public service companies, persons, or entities until at least 1 year has passed after the individual left service with the Public Service Commission as a commissioner; applying the Act to an individual who serves as a commissioner of the Public Service Commission on or after January 1, 2015; etc.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015
PU, § 2–306 – amended
(HB 140 – Enrolled)
Delegate Davis
- 224 **Maryland Home Builder Registration Act – Guaranty Fund – Claims**
Increasing to \$7,500 the maximum amount of a claim against the Maryland Home Builder Guaranty Fund for which the Consumer Protection Division may issue a specified proposed order; and increasing to 60 the number of days, following specified notice by the Division, after which the Division may bring a specified action in court against a registered home builder who fails to reimburse the Fund in full for payment of a specified claim.

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EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015
BR, §§ 4.5–707 and 4.5–711 – amended
(HB 154 – Amended)
Delegates Davis and Holmes

225 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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015
CJ, § 12–301.1 – added
(HB 164 – Enrolled)
Delegate Dumais

226 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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015
FL, § 7–102 – amended
(HB 165)
Delegate Dumais

**227 Video Lottery Terminal Revenues – Purse Dedication Account –
Standardbred 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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015
SG, § 9–1A–28(g)(1) – amended
(HB 180 – Amended)
Delegate Turner, et al

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- 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.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015
LG, § 1–902 – amended
(HB 187)
Delegate Arentz, et al
- 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.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015
HO, §§ 3–407 and 3–5A–12 – amended
(HB 208)
Delegate Pendergrass
- 230 **State Retirement and Pension System – Credit for Unused Sick Leave – Clarification**
Clarifying that a member of the State Retirement and Pension System may not receive creditable service for unused sick leave at retirement unless the leave was available to the member to be used as sick leave during employment; and clarifying the definition of “unused sick leave” to specify that the leave must have been available to be used as sick leave during employment.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015
SP, § 20–206 – amended
(HB 217)
Delegate B. Barnes (Chair, Joint Committee on Pensions)
- 231 **Vehicle Laws – Manufacturers and Distributors – Sale of Electric or Nonfossil–Fuel Burning Vehicles**

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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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

TR, § 15–305 – amended

(HB 235 – Enrolled)

Delegate Reznik, et al

232 **Frederick County – Alcoholic Beverages – Notice for License Applications, Fees, and Inspectors**

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

Art. 2B, §§ 10–202(a)(1), 10–506(a), and 15–103 – amended

(HB 246 – Amended)

Frederick County Delegation

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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

FL, § 4–506(k) – amended

(HB 263)

Delegate Valentino–Smith, et al

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

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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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

CR, § 13–1304.1 – added

(HB 274 – Enrolled)

Frederick County Delegation

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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

NR, § 4–11A–16.1 – added

(HB 287 – Amended)

Delegate O'Donnell

**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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

Art. 2B, §§ 2–102(h) and 2–104 – amended

(HB 290 – Amended)

Delegate Barkley

**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.

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EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015
Art. 2B, § 7.5–107 – amended
(HB 291)
Delegate Barkley

238 **Department of Transportation – Washington Metropolitan Area
Transit Authority Services – Utilization Study**

Requiring the Department of Transportation, in cooperation with the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority, to study specified matters relating to the utilization of services provided by the Authority every 5 years; requiring that the study include an evaluation of specified ridership information; requiring the Department to submit a report detailing the results of the study to the Governor and specified committees of the General Assembly on or before December 1, 2015, and every 5 years thereafter; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015
TR, § 7–708 – added
(HB 300 – Enrolled)
Delegate Korman, et al

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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015
PS, § 12–503 – amended
(HB 323 – Amended)
Delegate Impallaria, et al

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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015
HG, § 19–3B–01(b) and (l) – amended
(HB 327 – Enrolled)
Delegate Kelly

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- 241 **General Provisions – Commemorative Days – Thurgood Marshall Day**
Requiring the Governor annually to proclaim July 2 as Thurgood Marshall Day; and requiring the proclamation to urge educational and cultural organizations to observe Thurgood Marshall Day properly.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015
GP, § 7–411 – added
(HB 340)
Delegate Haynes, et al
- 242 **Calvert County – Task Force to Study the Commemoration of Harriet Elizabeth Brown**
Establishing the Task Force to Study the Commemoration of Harriet Elizabeth Brown; requiring the staff of the Calvert County Delegation to the General Assembly to provide staff to the Task Force; requiring the Task Force to hold public hearings and make recommendations regarding commemoration of Harriet Elizabeth Brown; and requiring the Task Force to report its findings to the County Commissioners of Calvert County, the Governor, and the General Assembly on or before December 31, 2015.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015
(HB 354 – Enrolled)
Calvert County Delegation
- 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.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015
NR, § 5–215(c) – amended
(HB 356 – Enrolled)
Delegate Beitzel
- 244 **Sexual Assault Survivors’ Right to Know Act**

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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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

CP, § 11–926 – added

(HB 382 – Amended)

Delegate Morales, et al

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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

FL, §§ 5–701(d), 5–706.1, and 5–714 – amended and § 5–701(l) – repealed

(HB 386 – Amended)

Delegate Valentino–Smith

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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

CR, §§ 13–1601, 13–1603, and 13–1604 – amended and § 13–1602.1 – added

(HB 425 – Enrolled)

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- 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.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015
TR, §§ 16–205.1(b)(1)(i) and (ii), (f)(4), (7), and (8)(i) and (v), and (j) and 16–404.1(f) – amended
(HB 430)
Delegates Folden and Afzali
- 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”.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015
IN, § 1–203 – amended
(HB 440)
Howard County Delegation
- 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.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015
HO, § 7–310(c) – amended
(HB 463 – Enrolled)
Delegate K. Young

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- 250 **Telephone Companies – Streamlined Regulatory Requirements**
Narrowing the types of services of a telephone company that are regulated by the Public Service Commission by altering a specified definition; providing that the Commission may allow a specified telephone company to provide a regulated service without requiring the telephone company to file a specified tariff schedule if the Commission finds that it is in the public interest; providing that specified transactions do not require specified prior authorization from the Commission; etc.
VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES
PU, §§ 1–101(l), 4–202, 5–203, and 6–101 – amended
(HB 472 – Amended)
Delegate Jameson
- 251 **Natalie M. LaPrade Medical Cannabis Commission – Miscellaneous Revisions**
Renaming the Natalie M. LaPrade Medical Marijuana Commission to be the Natalie M. LaPrade Medical Cannabis Commission; renaming the Natalie M. LaPrade Medical Marijuana Commission Fund to be the Natalie M. LaPrade Medical Cannabis Commission Fund; providing that the purpose of the Commission is to develop policies, procedures, guidelines, and regulations to implement programs to make medical cannabis available to qualifying patients in a safe and effective manner; altering the information to be included on the Commission’s Web site; etc.
EMERGENCY BILL
HG, Various Sections – amended, added, and repealed
(HB 490 – Enrolled)
Delegate Morhaim, et al
- 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.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015
TR, § 21–1101 – amended
(HB 493 – Amended)
Delegate McMillan, et al

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No.****253 Property Tax – Exemption – Low Income Housing – Ownership by Limited Liability Company**

Providing for an exemption, under specified circumstances, from property tax for real property if, under specified circumstances, the owner of the real property is a specified limited liability company or is a specified limited partnership whose managing general partner is a specified limited liability company; providing that the real property may be exempt from property tax only under specified circumstances; applying the Act to all taxable years beginning after June 30, 2015; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015

TP, § 7–503 – amended

(HB 497)

Delegate Anderson (By Request – Baltimore City Administration), et al

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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

EN, § 1–303 – amended

(HB 509 – Enrolled)

Delegate McMillan, et al

255 Alcoholic Beverages – Allegany County – Class B–MB (Micro–Brewery/Restaurant) License

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

Art. 2B, § 6–201(b)(4) – added

(HB 515 – Amended)

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- 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.
 EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015
 CA, §§ 2–408(d), 2–505(f), and 3–106.1(a) and (c) – amended and §§ 2–202(d) and 2–408(d) – added
 (HB 522 – Amended)
 Delegate Kramer
- 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.
 EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015
 TR, §§ 13–410(a) and 13–936.1 – amended
 (HB 524 – Enrolled)
 Delegate McMillan, et al
- 258 **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.
 EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015
 HS, § 12–104 – amended
 (HB 543)
 Delegate Anderson (By Request – Baltimore City Administration), et al
- 259 **Calvert County – Alcoholic Beverages – Bottle Clubs**
 Defining a bottle club in Calvert County to mean a restaurant that accommodates the public and is equipped with a dining room with facilities for preparing and serving regular meals or a nightclub that

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offers to the public music, dancing or other nighttime entertainment; and prohibiting a bottle club in the county from giving, serving, dispensing, keeping, or allowing to be consumed on its premises, or on premises under its control or possession, any alcoholic beverages.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

Art. 2B, § 20–103.1 – amended

(HB 544)

Calvert County Delegation

260 Natural Resources – Nonresident Senior and Junior Hunting Licenses

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

NR, § 10–301(g) – amended

(HB 554 – Amended)

Delegate Beitzel

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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

HG, § 7–910 – amended

(HB 566 – Amended)

Delegate Rosenberg

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

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specified settings without a limited license, under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

BOP, Various Sections – amended

(HB 587)

Delegate Davis

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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

HG, § 19–201 – amended

(HB 613 – Enrolled)

Delegate Hammen

264 Prince George’s County – Alcoholic Beverages – Licenses, Salaries, Inspectors, and Bottle Clubs PG 307–15

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

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Art. 2B, §§ 6–201(r)(8), 9–101(a)(4) and (d), 9–217(e) and (f)(3), 15–109(r), 15–112(r)(3), and 20–108.1 – amended

(HB 617 – Amended)

Prince George’s County Delegation

265 Prince George’s County – Clean Water Program – Report PG 404–15

Requiring the Prince George’s County Department of Environmental Resources to prepare a specified report on the county funding plan established for the Clean Water Program of Prince George’s County; requiring the report to include specified information relating to the collection and use of program funds and specified recommendations concerning residential fee structures under the program; requiring the

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Department to submit the report to the Prince George's County Delegation by July 1, 2016; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

(HB 649)

Prince George's County Delegation

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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

GP, § 4–503 – added

(HB 674 – Enrolled)

Delegate Barron, et al

267 **Prince George's County – Municipal Tax Setoff – Report PG 417–15**

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

TP, § 6–305 – amended

(HB 681)

Prince George's County Delegation

268 **Law Enforcement Officers' Pension System – Division of Parole and Probation – Warrant Apprehension Unit Employees – Membership**

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

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EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

SP, §§ 26–201(a), 26–202, and 26–203.1 – amended and § 26–203.4 – added

(HB 694 – Enrolled)

Delegate Jackson, et al

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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

HO, §§ 12–6A–01, 12–6A–03 through 12–6A–08, and 12–6A–10 – amended

(HB 716 – Amended)

Delegate Pena–Melnyk, et al

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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

BOP, Various Sections – added, amended, and repealed

(HB 720)

Delegate Vaughn

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

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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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

GP, § 5–508 – repealed and SF, § 13–212.1 – added and §§ 15–202 and 15–211 – amended

(HB 738 – Enrolled)

Delegate Krebs

272 **Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loans of 2013 and 2014 – Baltimore City – Skatepark of Baltimore at Roosevelt Park**

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

EMERGENCY BILL

Chapter 424 of the Acts of 2013, § 1(3) Item ZA02(W) and Chapter 463 of the Acts of 2014, § 1(3) Item ZA02(Z) and Item ZA03(X) – amended

(HB 750)

Delegate B. Robinson, et al

273 **Alcoholic Beverages – Charles County and Queen Anne’s County**

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

Art. 2B, §§ 8–103 and 9–218(b) – amended and §§ 8–209 and 8–218.1 – added

(HB 756 – Amended)

Delegate Arentz, et al

274 **Health Insurance – Small Employer Health Benefit Plan Premium Subsidy Program – Repeal**

Repealing the Small Employer Health Benefit Plan Premium Subsidy Program; repealing provisions of law relating to the purposes,

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administration, subsidies, and funding for the Program; repealing a requirement that the Maryland Health Care Commission adopt regulations for the Program; repealing eligibility requirements for the Program; repealing provisions of law relating to the calculation of subsidies under the Program; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

IN, §§ 15–12A–01 through 15–12A–05 – repealed

(HB 759)

Delegate Bromwell

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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

EL, § 13–105 – added

(HB 775 – Amended)

Delegate Frick

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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

PLL of Washington Co, Art. 22, §§ 1–202(a), 3–602, and 3–603 – amended

(HB 793)

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277 Washington County – Board of License Commissioners – Expungement of Violations

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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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

Art. 2B, § 16–508.1 – added

(HB 795)

Washington County Delegation

278 **Alcoholic Beverages – Washington County – Population Ratio Quota**

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

Art. 2B, § 9–222(b) – amended

(HB 797)

Washington County Delegation

279 **Higher Education – Veterans and Dependents Nonresident Tuition – Compliance With Federal Law**

Requiring each public institution of higher education in the State to comply with specified federal laws relating to veterans' tuition benefits.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015

ED, § 15–106.4 – amended

(HB 799 – Amended)

Delegate P. Young, et al

280 **Washington County – Alcoholic Beverages – Conversion of Class P Licenses**

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

Art. 2B, §§ 3–201(w), 5–201(w), 6–201(w), 6–709, 8–222, and 9–222 – amended and § 8–222.1 – added

(HB 801 – Amended)

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- 281 **Vehicle Laws – All-Terrain Vehicles – Access to Farms**
Authorizing a local authority to allow a person to cross a highway under its jurisdiction on an all-terrain vehicle at a right angle to access a farm or to move from one part of a farm to another part of the same farm.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015
TR, § 25–102(a) – amended
(HB 812)
Delegate Hornberger, et al
- 282 **Alcoholic Beverage Taxes – Wine Tax Revenue Distribution**
Distributing revenue from the excise tax on wine to the Maryland Wine and Grape Promotion Fund.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015
AG, § 2–1102(f) and TG, § 5–105 – amended
(HB 827 – Amended)
Delegate Hixson, et al
- 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.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015
TR, § 16–807(b) – amended and § 16–807.1 – added
(HB 846 – Amended)
Delegate Vogt, et al
- 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.

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EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015
CS, § 11–1101(b) – amended
(HB 873)
Charles County Delegation

285 **Kent County – Alcoholic Beverages – Class B Wine Shop and Lounge License**

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015
Art. 2B, § 4–301 – added
(HB 877 – Amended)
Delegate Jacobs, et al

286 **Transportation – Highway User Revenues – Local Government Reporting – Revisions**

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015
TR, § 8–412 – amended
(HB 913 – Enrolled)
Delegate Hixson

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.

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EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015
TR, § 21–103 – amended and § 25–114 – added
(HB 917)
Delegate Kramer, et al

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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015
LU, §§ 3–204 and 3–205 – amended
(HB 919 – Amended)
Delegate Lafferty, et al

289 **Prince George’s County – Tax Sales – Foreclosure for Abandoned Property PG 410–15**

Authorizing the governing body of Prince George’s County to file a complaint to foreclose all rights of redemption in abandoned property consisting of a vacant lot or improved property cited as vacant and unfit for habitation on a housing or building violation notice at any time after the date of sale.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015
TP, § 14–833(g) – amended
(HB 935)
Prince George’s County Delegation

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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015
SF, § 10A–401 – amended
(HB 936 – Amended)
Delegate Jones

291 **The Hunger–Free Schools Act of 2015**

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Altering a specified definition for fiscal years 2017 and 2018 to determine the number of students used to calculate the State compensatory education grant for schools that participate in the federal community eligibility provision for school meals; requiring the State Department of Education, the Department of Budget and Management, and the Department of Legislative Services to submit a specified report to specified committees of the General Assembly on or before December 1, 2015; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015
ED, § 5–207(a)(3) – amended
(HB 965 – Enrolled)
Delegate Haynes, et al

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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015
ET, § 2–106(j) – added
(HB 981)
Cecil County Delegation

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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015
CR, § 4–102 – amended
(HB 1032 – Amended)
Delegate Jackson, et al

294 Wicomico County – Alcoholic Beverages – Micro–Breweries – Annual Production Limit

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

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EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015
Art. 2B, § 2–208(c)(1) – amended
(HB 1039)
Wicomico County Delegation

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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015
NR, § 10–303 – amended
(HB 1074 – Amended)
Delegate Kipke, et al

296 **Procurement Exemptions – Maryland Public Broadcasting Commission – Repacking Requirements**

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015
SF, § 11–203(a)(1)(vi) – amended
(HB 1104)
Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee (By Request – Departmental – Public Television)

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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015
HG, § 5–602(c) – amended
(HB 1106 – Amended)
Delegate Morhaim

298 **Law Enforcement – Special Police Officers**

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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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

PS, §§ 3-301, 3-304, 3-305, 3-310, 3-312, and 3-313 – amended

(HB 1110 – Enrolled)

Chair, Judiciary Committee (By Request – Departmental – State Police)

299 **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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

SG, §§ 9-1A-08(d) and 9-1A-14(c) – amended

(HB 1113 – Enrolled)

Chair, Ways and Means Committee (By Request – Departmental – Lottery and Gaming Control Agency)

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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

BR, § 11-320 – repealed

(HB 1160)

Delegate Luedtke

301 **Recordation and Transfer Taxes – Exemption – Purchase Money Mortgage or Purchase Money Deed of Trust**

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

EMERGENCY BILL

TP, § 12–108(ff) – amended

(HB 1178 – Amended)

Delegate Lafferty

302 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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

CP, HG, PS, SF, SP, and TR, Various Sections – amended and HG, § 18–213.2(a)(8)(xi) – added

(HB 1188 – Enrolled)

Chair, Judiciary Committee (By Request – Departmental – General Services)

303 Procurement – Contracts for Pretreatment and Removal of Snow and Ice

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

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015

SF, § 13–108 – amended

(HB 1224 – Amended)

Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee (By Request – Departmental – Transportation)

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- 304 **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.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015
TR, § 13–710 – added
(HB 1229)
Chair, Environment and Transportation Committee (By Request – Departmental – Transportation)
- 305 **Police and Correctional Training Commissions – Applicants – Criminal History Records Checks**
Requiring specified applicants for police officer certification to submit to specified criminal history records checks; requiring specified applicants for correctional officer certification or certification as a specified Department of Juvenile Services employee to submit to specified criminal history records checks; requiring specified applicants to submit specified fingerprints and fees to the Criminal Justice Information System Central Repository of the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015
CS, § 8–209.1 – added and PS, § 3–209 – amended and § 3–209.1 – added
(HB 1237 – Amended)
Chair, Judiciary Committee (By Request – Departmental – Public Safety and Correctional Services)
- 306 **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.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015
CP, § 10–208 – amended
(HB 1279)
Chair, Judiciary Committee (By Request – Departmental – Public Safety and Correctional Services)

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- 307 **Tidal Fisheries Advisory Commission and Sport Fisheries Advisory Commission – Membership**
Altering the composition of the Tidal Fisheries Advisory Commission and the Sport Fisheries Advisory Commission; requiring the Governor, with the advice of the Secretary of Natural Resources, to appoint a representative of the aquaculture industry in the State to both the Tidal Fisheries Advisory Commission and the Sport Fisheries Advisory Commission; providing for the terms of the membership of the Tidal Fisheries Advisory Commission and the Sport Fisheries Advisory Commission; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015
NR, § 4–204(a) and (b) – amended
(HB 1287 – Amended)
Delegate O’Donnell
- 308 **Maryland Uniform Interstate Family Support Act – Revision**
Revising the Maryland Uniform Interstate Family Support Act; identifying the Child Support Enforcement Administration as the support enforcement agency of the State; extending the application of specified provisions of the Maryland Uniform Interstate Family Support Act to include parties, pleadings, proceedings, and support orders of a foreign country; authorizing a tribunal of this State to exercise jurisdiction over a guardian or conservator under specified circumstances; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015
FL, Various Sections – amended, added, and repealed
(HB 1289 – Amended)
Delegate Dumais
- 309 **Medicaid Managed Care Organizations – Pharmacy Networks – Plan**
Requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to establish a plan on or before September 1, 2015, to ensure that Maryland Medical Assistance Program recipients enrolled in managed care organizations have reasonable access to pharmacy services in the event a managed care organization makes a change to its pharmacy network; requiring the plan to address specified standards needed to ensure access to specified pharmacy services; requiring the Department to submit the plan to specified committees of the General Assembly; etc.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015
(HB 1290 – Enrolled)
Delegate Adams, et al

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- 310 **Budget Bill (Fiscal Year 2016)**
Making the proposed appropriations contained in the State budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016, in accordance with Article III, Section 52 of the Maryland Constitution; etc.
EFFECTIVE APRIL 13, 2015
(HB 70 – Enrolled)
The Speaker (By Request – Administration)
- 311 **Public Charter School Improvement Act of 2015**
Requiring specified public charter schools to take specified steps to maintain a specified ratio as part of the initial cohort of students in a grade; authorizing specified public charter schools to give specified students a greater weight to the student’s lottery status as part of the public charter school’s admissions lottery; authorizing a county board to consider specified issues relating to school site and school building utilization when authorizing specified public charter schools to occupy specified sites or buildings; etc.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015
ED, §§ 9–102, 9–102.1, 9–103 through 9–108, 9–110, and 9–111 – amended and §§ 9–102.2, 9–102.3, and 9–104.1 – added
(SB 595 – Enrolled)
The President (By Request – Administration), et al
- 312 **Election Law – Fair Campaign Financing Fund – Income Tax Checkoff**
Requiring the Comptroller to establish a checkoff on the individual income tax return through which specified individuals may make a contribution to the Fair Campaign Financing Fund; requiring the Comptroller to credit specified funds to the Fair Campaign Financing Fund; providing that specified fees, fines and penalties that are assessed under the Election Law Article and the General Provisions Article be distributed to the Fair Campaign Financing Fund; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015
EL, §§ 13–604(g), 15–104.1, and 16–1003, GP, § 5–405(h), and TG, § 2–113.1 – added and GP, § 5–903 and EL, Various Sections – amended
(HB 485 – Enrolled)
The Speaker (By Request – Administration), et al
- 313 **Maryland Second Chance Act of 2015**

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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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

CP, §§ 10–301 through 10–306 and GP, § 4–327 – added

(HB 244 – Amended)

Delegate Anderson, et al

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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

CP, § 10–105(e) – amended

(HB 304 – Enrolled)

Delegate Carter, et al

315 Pilot Program for Small Business Development by Ex–Offenders

Establishing the Pilot Program for Small Business Development by Ex–Offenders to encourage the establishment of small businesses by individuals exiting the correctional system; requiring the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation, in consultation with the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services and the Maryland Small Business Development Financing Authority, to establish by January 1, 2016, a pilot training program for individuals exiting the correctional system; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

LE, § 11–1201 – added

(SB 582 – Amended)

Senator Pugh, et al

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- 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.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015
ED, § 18–708(e)(5) – amended
(SB 185 – Amended)
Senator McFadden
- 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.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015
ED, § 18–708(e)(5) – amended
(HB 1 – Amended)
Delegate Glenn, et al
- 318 **Election Law – Canvass of Votes – Public Observation**
Clarifying the definition of “canvass” as it applies to votes cast during early voting; providing that a board of canvassers and the staff of a local board may be observed as they complete each part of the canvass by authorized observers and any other individuals who wish to be present; providing that a candidate, a political party and any other group of voters supporting or opposing a candidate, principle, or proposition on the ballot has the right to designate a registered voter as an observer at each counting center; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015
EL, §§ 11–101 and 11–301 – amended
(SB 5 – Enrolled)
Senator Bates
- 319 **Institutions of Higher Education – Fully Online Distance Education – Definition**
Altering the definition of “fully online distance education program” to mean a program, originating outside the State, offered by an out-of-state

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institution in which a student domiciled in Maryland enrolls, 51% or more of the program is offered through electronic distribution, and the Commission determines that the portion of the program offered at a location in the State, if any, does not require a specified certificate of approval; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015

ED, § 11–202.2 – amended

(SB 13 – Amended)

Senators Conway and Pinsky

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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

TR, § 21–801.1(e) – amended

(SB 44)

Senator Edwards, et al

321 Crime of Violence – Home Invasion

Classifying the offense of home invasion as a crime of violence under specified provisions of law.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

CR, § 4–401(b) and PS, § 5–101(c) – amended

(SB 67 – Enrolled)

Senator Lee

322 Environment – Vibrio Public Information Campaign

Requiring the Department of the Environment, after specified consultation, to develop and implement a specified public information campaign about the health risks associated with the Vibrio bacteria in the waters of the State on or before June 15, 2015; requiring the public information campaign to identify specified information relevant to Vibrio and Vibrio infections, to implement processes to ensure the medical community is properly notified and prepared for a Vibrio infection, and to provide a Web site for additional information; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

(SB 83 – Enrolled)

Senator Simonaire

323 Public Safety – Hit and Run Suspects – Yellow Alert Program

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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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

PS, § 3-606 – added

(SB 86)

Senator Simonaire

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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

LE, §§ 9-503(b) and (e) and 9-628(a) – amended

(SB 135 – Amended)

Senator Astle

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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

CJ, § 6-311 – amended

(SB 145)

Senator Zirkin

326 **Courts – Child Abuse and Neglect – Waiver of Reunification
Efforts (Anayah's Law)**

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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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

CJ, § 3–812 – amended

(SB 150 – Amended)

Senator Hough, et al

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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

HG, § 20–104 – amended

(SB 157 – Enrolled)

Senator Nathan–Pulliam, et al

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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

HG and SG, Various Sections – added, amended, and repealed

(SB 174 – Enrolled)

Senator Eckardt

329 **Workgroup to Study Access to Obstetric Services**

Authorizing the Maryland Hospital Association, in consultation with the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene, health occupations boards, the Governor's Workforce Investment Board, and specified other entities and

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parties, to establish a workgroup to study access to obstetric services in the State; requiring the workgroup to develop a specified mechanism to evaluate specified factors and to make specified recommendations; requiring the workgroup to report to specified committees of the General Assembly; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015

(SB 187 – Amended)

Senator Pugh, et al

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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

HG, §§ 10–610, 10–615, and 10–616 – amended

(SB 195)

Senators Eckardt and Reilly

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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

HO, §§ 20–101, 20–301 through 20–304, 20–306, 20–307, 20–310, 20–311, and 20–313 – amended

(SB 201 – Enrolled)

Senator Conway

332 **Election Law – Primary Election Dates in the Presidential Election Year**

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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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

EL, Various Sections – amended

(SB 204 – Enrolled)

Senator Conway

333 **Higher Education – Unaccompanied Homeless Youth Tuition Exemption – Modification**

Altering the definition of unaccompanied homeless youth by requiring specified documentation that establishes that the child or youth has had a consistent presence in the State for at least 1 year before enrollment in a public institution of higher education that is documented by school, employment, or other records; requiring a determination of homelessness by a specified individual; and requiring a financial aid administrator to annually make a specified verification.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

ED, § 15–106.1 – amended

(SB 225 – Amended)

Senator Reilly

334 **Calvert County – Electronic Bingo and Electronic Tip Jars – Distribution of Admissions and Amusement Tax Revenues**

Extending through fiscal year 2019 a specified distribution of revenue from the State admissions and amusement tax on electronic bingo and electronic tip jars in Calvert County; altering the amount of a specified distribution; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

TG, § 2–202 and NR, § 5–1901(f)(1) – amended

(SB 265)

Calvert County Senators

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.

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EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015
FL, § 4–506(d) – amended
(SB 269 – Amended)
Senator Lee, et al

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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015
CP, § 4–206 – added
(SB 288 – Amended)
Senator Lee, et al

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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015
CP, § 4–206 – added
(HB 737 – Amended)
Delegate B. Wilson, et al

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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015
FL, §§ 4–506(j) and 4–507(a)(3) – amended
(SB 315 – Amended)
Senator Ramirez, et al

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- 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.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015
LE, § 9–628(a) – amended
(SB 331 – Amended)
Senator Klausmeier
- 340 **Community Colleges – Victims of Human Trafficking – Exemption From Out-of-County and Out-of-Region Fees**
Exempting victims of human trafficking from paying a specified out-of-county fee or out-of-region fee at community colleges in the State; authorizing each board of community college trustees to waive a specified out-of-county fee or out-of-region fee for students who are not residents of the county and are victims of human trafficking; requiring a community college to collect specified information and report to the Commission each year; requiring the Commission to submit a specified annual report to the General Assembly; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015
ED, § 16–310(b) – amended
(SB 335 – Enrolled)
Senator Simonaire, et al
- 341 **Community Colleges – Victims of Human Trafficking – Exemption From Out-of-County and Out-of-Region Fees**
Exempting victims of human trafficking from paying a specified out-of-county fee or out-of-region fee at community colleges in the State; authorizing each board of community college trustees to waive a specified out-of-county fee or out-of-region fee for students who are not residents of the county and are victims of human trafficking; requiring a community college to collect specified information and report to the Commission each year; requiring the Commission to submit a specified annual report to the General Assembly; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015
ED, § 16–310(b) – amended
(HB 847 – Amended)
Delegate Simonaire, et al

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- 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.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015
HG, §§ 13-701 through 13-704, 13-708, and 13-709 – amended, §§ 13-705 through 13-707 – repealed, and §§ 13-705 and 13-706 – added
(SB 344 – Enrolled)
Senator Pugh, et al
- 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.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015
SF, § 14-602 – amended
(SB 350 – Enrolled)
Senator Edwards, et al
- 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.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015
SF, § 14-602 – amended
(HB 243 – Amended)
Delegate Carozza, et al
- 345 **Prince George’s County – City of College Park – Class D Beer and Wine License**
Authorizing a specified Class D (on-sale) beer and wine license issued for specified premises in the City of College Park to be converted, on or after July 1, 2015, into a specified Class D (on- and off-sale) beer and wine license for specified other premises in the City of College Park.

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EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015
Art. 2B, § 9–217(l)(3) – added
(SB 369)
Senator Rosapepe

346 Electricity – Community Solar Energy Generating System Program

Establishing a pilot program on community solar energy generating systems under the authority of the Public Service Commission; providing for the structure and operation of the program, including the generation of electricity and allocation of costs to subscribers to the community solar energy generating system; requiring the Commission to limit the program so that the Commission may conduct a meaningful study of the program's results; requiring the Commission to adopt specified regulations on or before May 15, 2016; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015
PU, § 7–306.1 – added
(SB 398 – Enrolled)
Senator Pugh, et al

347 Electricity – Community Solar Energy Generating System Program

Establishing a pilot program on community solar energy generating systems under the authority of the Public Service Commission; providing for the structure and operation of the program, including the generation of electricity and allocation of costs to subscribers to a community solar energy generating system; requiring the Public Service Commission to study specified matters and report its findings to specified committees of the General Assembly on or before July 1, 2019; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015
PU, § 7–306.1 – added
(HB 1087 – Enrolled)
Delegate Clippinger, et al

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

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and select to have a donor designation on the individual's driver's license or identification card; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

CJ, § 2–214 and ET, § 2–213 – added and TR, § 12–303 – amended
(SB 415 – Amended)

Senator Kagan, et al

349 Funeral Establishments and Crematories – Unclaimed Remains 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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

BR, § 5–803 and CJ, § 5–642 – added and HO, § 7–406 – amended
(SB 433 – Enrolled)

Senator Peters, et al

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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

GP, §§ 4–201 and 4–205 – amended
(SB 444)

Senator Ready

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.

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EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015
CR, §§ 5–601 and 5–619 – amended
(SB 456)
Senators Zirkin and Raskin

352 Baltimore County – Education – Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps Instructors

Applying to Baltimore County a definition of “public school employee” that includes Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC) instructors for the purpose of specified provisions of law related to organizations of certificated employees.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015
ED, § 6–401(e) – amended
(SB 466)
Senators Klausmeier and Jennings

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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015
FL, § 7–103 – amended
(SB 472 – Enrolled)
Senator Zirkin

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; and 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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015
FL, §§ 4–501(m) and 4–506(d) – amended
(SB 477 – Enrolled)
Senator Ramirez, et al

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- 355 **Capital Grant Program for Local School Systems With Significant Enrollment Growth or Relocatable Classrooms**
Establishing the Capital Grant Program for Local School Systems With Significant Enrollment Growth or Relocatable Classrooms; requiring the Interagency Committee on Public School Construction to implement and administer the Program; specifying requirements for grants awarded under the Program; requiring the Governor, beginning in fiscal year 2016, to provide \$20,000,000 in the State budget for the Program each fiscal year; etc.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015
ED, § 5–313 – added
(SB 490 – Amended)
Senator King, et al
- 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.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015
HG, §§ 13–3101, 13–3104, 13–3107, 13–3108, and 13–3109 – amended
and §§ 13–3110 and 13–3111 – added
(SB 516 – Enrolled)
Senator Klausmeier, et al
- 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.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015
CR, § 11–306 – amended
(SB 520 – Enrolled)
Senator Lee, et al

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- 358 **Maryland Cybersecurity Council – Establishment**
Establishing the Maryland Cybersecurity Council; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Council; prohibiting a member of the Council from receiving specified compensation, but authorizing the reimbursement of specified expenses; requiring the Council to work with specified entities to take specified actions related to cybersecurity; requiring the Council, beginning on July 1, 2017, and every 2 years thereafter, to submit a report on its activities to the General Assembly; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015
SG, § 9–2901 – added
(SB 542 – Enrolled)
Senator Lee, et al
- 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.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015
CJ, § 5–603 – amended
(SB 546 – Enrolled)
Senator Klausmeier, et al
- 360 **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; applying the Act prospectively; etc.

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EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

CJ, § 5–603 – amended

(HB 368 – Amended)

Delegate Beidle (By Request – Anne Arundel County Administration), et al

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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

CR, § 8–301(b) – amended

(SB 549)

Senator Lee

362 Insurance – Reinsurers – Fees

Establishing a fee of \$1,000 that must be paid to the Maryland Insurance Commissioner for filing the annual statement by an unauthorized insurer applying for approval to become a certified reinsurer; correcting an obsolete reference; repealing an erroneous reference to an accepted insurer; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

IN, § 2–112(a)(8) – amended

(SB 554)

Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Maryland Insurance Administration)

363 Health Insurance – Selection of State Benchmark Plan and Required Conformity With Federal Law

Providing that specified requirements of the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act relating to prescription drug benefits apply to specified coverage offered in specified markets; altering the circumstances under which specified health benefit plans are required to allow specified individuals to enroll for specified coverage; altering the process for selection of the State benchmark plan used to establish specified essential health benefits; etc.

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IN, Various Sections – amended, repealed, and added and HG, § 19–703.1 – repealed

(SB 556 – Enrolled)

Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Maryland Insurance Administration)

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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

HG, §§ 7–404.1 and 15–134.1 – added

(SB 563 – Amended)

Senator Peters, et al

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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

LU, §§ 22–206, 22–407(a)(1), and 23–401 – amended and §§ 25–212 and 22–213 – added

(SB 564 – Enrolled)

Senator Peters, et al

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

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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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

FL, § 5-1312 – added

(SB 567 – Amended)

Senator Gladden

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.

CONTINGENT – EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

IN, Various Sections – amended and added

(SB 573 – Amended)

Senator Kelley

368 **Health Occupations – Alcohol and Drug Counselors – Qualifications and Practice Limitations**

Altering the qualifications individuals are required to meet to be licensed to practice clinical alcohol and drug counseling, to qualify to practice as a licensed graduate alcohol and drug counselor under supervision for a limited period of time, to qualify as a certified associate counselor–alcohol and drug, or to qualify as a certified supervised counselor–alcohol and drug; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

HO, §§ 17-302, 17-309(a) and (c), 17-403, and 17-404 – amended

(SB 575 – Enrolled)

Senator Nathan–Pulliam

369 **DNA Evidence – Postconviction Review**

Expanding the group of persons who may file a specified petition for postconviction DNA testing or a database or log search; and clarifying what scientific identification evidence the State is required to preserve under specified circumstances.

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EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015
CP, § 8–201(b) and (j)(1) – amended
(SB 583 – Amended)
Senator Pugh, et al

370 **Chesapeake Bay Trust and Chesapeake Conservation Corps –
Funding**

Increasing, from \$250,000 to \$375,000, the amount the Chesapeake Bay Trust is required to receive each fiscal year from the Environmental Trust Fund for funding energy conservation projects through the Chesapeake Conservation Corps Program; requiring the Maryland Transportation Authority, in consultation with the Chesapeake Bay Trust, to report to the General Assembly on the feasibility of establishing a specified donation program for the benefit of the Chesapeake Bay Trust to which E-ZPass account holders may donate; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015
NR, § 3–302(d)(3) – amended
(SB 600 – Enrolled)
Senator Astle, et al

371 **African American Heritage Preservation Program –
Reestablishment and Revisions**

Reestablishing the African American Heritage Preservation Program in the Maryland Historical Trust to identify and preserve buildings, communities, and sites of historical and cultural importance to the African American experience in the State; requiring the Trust to develop and administer the Program in partnership with the Commission on African American History and Culture; requiring the Governor, for each fiscal year, to include \$1,000,000 for the Program in the annual operating or capital budget; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015
SF, § 5A–331 – added
(SB 601)
Senator McFadden, et al

372 **Health Insurance – Abuse–Deterrent Opioid Analgesic Drug
Products – Coverage**

Requiring insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations to provide coverage for at least two brand name abuse–deterrent opioid analgesic drug products and, if available, at least two generic abuse–deterrent opioid analgesic drug products; prohibiting the insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health

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maintenance organizations from requiring an insured or an enrollee to first use a specified drug product before providing coverage for a specified abuse–deterrent opioid analgesic drug product; etc.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2016

IN, § 15–848 – added

(SB 606 – Amended)

Senator Pugh, et al

373 Education – English Language Learner Liaison Pilot Program

Establishing the English Language Learner Liaison Pilot Program in the State Department of Education; requiring the Department to implement the Program in Prince George’s County; specifying the purpose of the Program is to address the specific needs of English language learner students and their families; requiring the Department to report annually to specified committees of the General Assembly; and providing for the termination of the Act.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

ED, § 7–437 – added

(SB 622 – Amended)

Senator Currie, et al

374 Criminal Procedure – Expungement – Conviction of a Crime That Is No Longer a Crime

Authorizing a person to file a petition for expungement if the person was convicted of a crime and the act on which the conviction was based is no longer a crime.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

CP, § 10–105 – amended

(SB 651)

Senator Muse, et al

375 Criminal Procedure – Immunity – Alcohol– or Drug–Related Medical Emergencies

Establishing that the act of seeking assistance by a person who experiences a medical emergency after ingesting or using alcohol or drugs may be used as a mitigating factor in a criminal prosecution of the person; extending the applicability of specified immunity from a criminal arrest charge or prosecution and providing immunity when a person is reasonably believed to be experiencing a medical emergency rather than when the person is experiencing a medical emergency; etc.

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EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015
CP, § 1–210 – amended
(SB 654 – Amended)
Senator Muse

- 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.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015
NR, §§ 4–210.1(e), 4–216(c), 4–604(h)(1), and 4–745(a)(3) and (d)(1) – amended
(SB 666 – Amended)
Senator Bates, et al
- 377 **Education – Professional Development for Teachers and Providers of Early Childhood Education – Master Plan**
Requiring the State Department of Education, in collaboration with the Maryland Higher Education Commission and specified representatives from specified institutions of higher education, to develop a master plan that focuses on specified issues relating to qualified providers of early childhood education services; requiring the Department and the Commission to submit a specified plan and specified recommendations to the Governor and specified committees of the General Assembly on or before December 31, 2015; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015
(SB 677 – Amended)
Senator Ferguson
- 378 **Maryland Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Council – Reporting and Sunset Extension**
Altering the deadlines for the reporting requirements for the Maryland Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Council; extending until June 30, 2020, the termination date for the Council; and providing that on or before June 30, 2020, the Council shall submit a final report of its work and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly.

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EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015

Chapter 400 of the Acts of 2011, §§ 1(h) and 2, as amended and Chapter 401 of the Acts of 2011, §§ 1(h) and 2, as amended – amended
(SB 714 – Amended)

Senators Feldman and Rosapepe

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 the intent of the General Assembly.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

PS, § 5–131 – repealed

(SB 736 – Amended)

Senator Reilly, et al

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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

EL, §§ 13–202 and 13–221 – amended and §§ 13–305.1 and 13–604.2 – added

(SB 755 – Enrolled)

Senator Simonaire

381 **Public Health – Prescription Drug Monitoring Program –
Required Disclosures**

Requiring the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program to disclose prescription monitoring data to specified entities.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

HG, § 21–2A–06(b) – amended

(SB 757 – Amended)

Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Health and Mental Hygiene)

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- 382 **Disabled Individuals – Task Force on the Maryland ABLE Program**
Establishing a Task Force on the Maryland Achieving a Better Life Experience (ABLE) Program; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Task Force; requiring the Task Force to study and make recommendations regarding specified matters; requiring the Task Force to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before December 1, 2015; etc.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015
(SB 761 – Enrolled)
Senator Feldman, et al
- 383 **Public Health – Nondiscrimination in Access to Anatomical Gifts and Organ Transplantation**
Prohibiting specified entities from taking specified actions regarding organ transplantation and anatomical gifts solely on the basis of an individual’s disability; prohibiting specified insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations from denying coverage for organ transplantations solely on the basis of an insured’s or enrollee’s disability; etc.
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HG, §§ 20–1601 through 20–1606 – added and IN, § 27–915 – added
(SB 792 – Amended)
Senator Astle, et al
- 384 **Public Health – Maryland AIDS Drug Assistance Program – Expansion of Eligibility and Services – Pharmaceutical Rebate Coverage**
Authorizing any rebates received by the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene from the Maryland AIDS Drug Assistance Program to be used to provide specified services to eligible individuals under Part B of the federal Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015
HG, § 2–104(j) – amended
(SB 796)
Senator Nathan–Pulliam, et al
- 385 **Audiologists and Speech–Language Pathologists – Licensure Exemption – Clinical Training**

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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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

HO, § 2–301 – amended

(SB 829)

Senator Conway

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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

LG, § 13–129 – amended

(SB 838)

Senator Waugh

387 Ethan Saylor Alliance for Self–Advocates as Educators

Establishing the Ethan Saylor Alliance for Self–Advocates as Educators in the Department of Disabilities; establishing that the purpose of the Alliance is to advance the community inclusion of individuals with intellectual disabilities and developmental disabilities through specified programs; establishing specified requirements for the Alliance; establishing a Steering Committee for the Alliance; providing for the funding of the Alliance; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

HU, §§ 7–501 through 7–504 – added

(SB 853 – Amended)

Senator Young, et al

388 Ethan Saylor Alliance for Self–Advocates as Educators

Establishing the Ethan Saylor Alliance for Self–Advocates as Educators in the Department of Disabilities; establishing the purpose of the Alliance; establishing specified requirements for the Alliance; establishing a Steering Committee for the Alliance; providing funding for the Alliance through appropriations in the annual State budget, grants

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from federal, State, or local governments, and from any public or private source; providing that the operation of the Alliance is subject to the limitations of the State budget; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

HU, §§ 7–501 through 7–504 – added

(HB 1161 – Amended)

Delegate Krimm, et al

389 Maryland Park Service – Operations Revenue – Mandated Appropriation

Ratifying amendments to the Natural Resources Article that require a specified percentage of revenues attributable to Maryland Park Service operations be appropriated in the State budget by the Governor for the Maryland Park Service; requiring the budgeting of specified appropriations to be done after specified administrative costs are allocated; and stating the intent of the General Assembly.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015

NR, § 5–212(g) – amended

(SB 862 – Enrolled)

Senator Kasemeyer

390 Military Personnel and Veteran–Owned Small Business No–Interest Loan Program and Fund

Establishing the Military Personnel and Veteran–Owned Small Business No–Interest Loan Fund as a special, nonlapsing fund; specifying the purpose of the Fund; requiring the Secretary of Business and Economic Development to administer the Fund; requiring the Department of Business and Economic Development, in consultation with the Department of Veterans Affairs, in making loans, to consider how to maximize the number of veterans, military reservists, and National Guard Personnel who would benefit from the loan program; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

EC and SF, various sections – amended and added

(SB 896 – Amended)

Senator Jennings, et al

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.

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EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015
Art. 2B, § 16–507(d) – amended
(SB 921)
Senator Pugh

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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015
Art. 2B, § 16–507(d) – amended
(HB 868)
Delegate Hayes, et al

393 **Maryland Licensure of Direct–Entry Midwives Act**

Establishing a licensing and regulatory system for the practice of direct–entry midwifery under the State Board of Nursing; establishing the Direct–Entry Midwifery Advisory Committee; requiring the Committee, beginning on November 1, 2016, to submit a specified annual report to the Board; requiring the Department of Legislative Services, on or before December 1, 2016, to compile and analyze specified data, report on the data to specified committees of the General Assembly, and provide the data to the Board; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015
HO, Various Sections – amended and added and SG, § 8–405(b)(3) – amended
(HB 9 – Enrolled)
Delegate Kelly, et al

394 **Task Force on the Disposition of the Crownsville Hospital Center Property**

Establishing the Task Force on the Disposition of the Crownsville Hospital Center Property; requiring the Task Force to study and make recommendations regarding the sale, transfer, or other disposition of the Crownsville Hospital Center property; requiring the Task Force to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor, the General Assembly, and other specified entities on or before January 1, 2016; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015
(HB 27 – Enrolled)
Anne Arundel County Delegation

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- 395 **Joint Committee on Fair Practices and State Personnel Oversight – Revisions**
Altering and clarifying the duties of the Joint Committee on Fair Practices and State Personnel Oversight.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015
SG, § 2–10A–08 – amended
(HB 46)
Delegates Jones and A. Miller
- 396 **Voters’ Rights Protection Act of 2015**
Authorizing the Attorney General to institute an action in a circuit court for injunctive relief to prohibit a person from engaging in or continuing to engage in specified violations of election law, except in specified circumstances; authorizing the State Prosecutor to seek injunctive relief in specified circumstances in which the Attorney General is prohibited from seeking injunctive relief under the Act; requiring a showing of specified evidence before injunctive relief may be granted under the Act; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015
EL, § 16–1003 – added
(HB 73 – Enrolled)
Delegate Rosenberg, et al
- 397 **Walter Sondheim Jr. Public Service Internship Scholarship Program – Expansion of Scope**
Altering the name of the Walter Sondheim Jr. Public Service Summer Internship Scholarship Program to be the Walter Sondheim Jr. Public Service Internship Scholarship Program; expanding the scope of the Program to include fall and spring public service internships; and specifying the dates of January 15 for the scholarship awards for spring internships, May 1 for summer internships, and August 1 for fall internships.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015
ED, §§ 18–1701, 18–1702, and 18–1704 – amended
(HB 74)
Delegate Rosenberg, et al
- 398 **Annotated Code of Maryland – Captions and Catchlines – Interpretation**

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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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

GP, § 1–208 – amended

(HB 84)

Delegate Krebs

399 **Developmental Disabilities Administration – Medicaid Fair Hearings**

Requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to provide notice and an opportunity for a Medicaid fair hearing to specified applicants and recipients of Developmental Disabilities Administration Medicaid waiver services; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

HG, § 7–406 – amended

(HB 100 – Amended)

Delegate Hammen

400 **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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

ET, §§ 13–704 and 13–705(d) – amended

(HB 109 – Amended)

Delegates Dumais and Vallario

401 **Creation of a State Debt – Qualified Zone Academy Bonds**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt in the amount of \$4,625,000, the proceeds to be used as grants to the Interagency Committee on School Construction and the Maryland State Department of Education for the renovation, repair, and capital improvements of qualified zone academies; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds and the further grant of funds to eligible school systems for specified purposes, subject to a requirement that the grantees document the provision of a required matching fund; etc.

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EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015
(HB 110)
The Speaker (By Request – Administration)

- 402 **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.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015
CP, § 5–211 – amended
(HB 120 – Enrolled)
Delegate Vallario, et al
- 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.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015
SF, § 13–218.1(b)(1) and SP, § 13–405 – amended
(HB 158 – Enrolled)
Delegate Haynes, et al
- 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.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015
PS, § 5–305 – amended
(HB 189 – Enrolled)
Delegate Cluster, et al

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- 405 **County Superintendents of Schools – Reappointment Exemption in Washington County and Recruitment Recommendations**
Exempting the Washington County Board of Education from specified requirements for appointment and reappointment of a Washington County Superintendent of Schools; requiring the State Superintendent of Schools, on or before November 1, 2015, to submit recommendations to the Governor and General Assembly on ways to improve the recruitment and retention of county superintendents of schools in the State; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015
ED, § 4–201 – amended
(HB 191 – Amended)
Washington County Delegation
- 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.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015
ED, § 7–415.1 – added
(HB 197 – Amended)
Delegate Fennell, et al
- 407 **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.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015
CS, § 3–215(f) – amended
(HB 200)
Delegate Cluster, et al
- 408 **Chesapeake Bay Trust – Investment Options – Expansion**

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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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

NR, § 8–1909 – amended

(HB 207 – Amended)

Delegate S. Robinson

409 **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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

EN, §§ 9–2001 through 9–2003 – added

(HB 216 – Enrolled)

Delegate Morhaim, et al

410 **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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

CR, § 3–203 – amended

(HB 236 – Enrolled)

Delegate Jalisi, et al

411 **Task Force to Study the Implementation of a Dyslexia Education Program**

Establishing the Task Force to Study the Implementation of a Dyslexia Education Program; providing for the composition of the Task Force, including one representative each from the Public School Superintendents Association of Maryland, the Maryland State Education Association, and the Maryland School Psychologists’ Association; requiring the Task Force to study specified matters and to report its

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findings and recommendations on or before December 30, 2015, to the Governor and specified committees of the General Assembly; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015

(HB 278 – Enrolled)

Delegate Kaiser, et al

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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

ET, § 13–708(a) and (b) and HG, § 5–604 – amended

(HB 293 – Enrolled)

Delegate Morhaim

413 Education – Student Data Privacy Act of 2015

Requiring specified operators of specified Internet sites, services, and applications to protect PreK–12 student information from unauthorized access, implement and maintain security procedures and practices, and delete specified student information under specified circumstances; prohibiting specified operators from knowingly engaging in specified activities with respect to specified sites, services, and applications related to targeted advertising, selling, and disclosing student information under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

ED, § 4–131 – added

(HB 298 – Enrolled)

Delegate Kaiser, et al

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.

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EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015
BOP, CJ, FL, LU, SG, and SP, Various Sections – amended
(HB 346 – Enrolled)
Delegate Morales, et al

415 **Procurement Preferences – Pricing and Selection Committees**

Repealing the Pricing Committee for Blind Industries and Services of Maryland and merging the functions of the Committee with the Pricing and Selection Committee for the Employment Works Program; providing that the Committee shall ensure that supplies and services provided by Blind Industries and Services of Maryland or a community service provider create work opportunities for individuals who have a mental or physical disability; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015
SF, §§ 14–106 and 14–107 – amended and §§ 14–104 and 14–105 – repealed
(HB 349 – Enrolled)
Delegate B. Robinson

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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015
HG, §§ 10–1401 through 10–1405 and 19–303(a)(3) – amended and Chapter 371 of the Acts of 2002, § 2 – repealed
(HB 367 – Amended)
Delegate Rosenberg, et al

417 **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

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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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

ED, §§ 7-4A-01 and 7-4A-05 – repealed and added and §§ 7-4A-02 through 7-4A-04 – amended

(HB 375 – Enrolled)

Delegate Cullison, et al

418 **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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

FL, §§ 4-504(a) and 4-508.1 and CJ, § 3-1503(a) – amended

(HB 390 – Enrolled)

Delegate Atterbeary, et al

419 **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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

HG, § 5-514 – added

(HB 431 – Amended)

Delegate Parrott, et al

420 **City of Annapolis – Alcoholic Beverages – Election Days**

Adding the City of Annapolis to the list of subdivisions in which a holder of an alcoholic beverages license may exercise all of the privileges conferred by that license on the day of any election in that subdivision.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

Art. 2B, § 11-401(b) – amended

(HB 447 – Amended)

Anne Arundel County Delegation

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- 421 **Commission to Review Maryland’s Use of Assessments and Testing in Public Schools**
Establishing the Commission to Review Maryland’s Use of Assessments and Testing in Public Schools; requiring the Commission to make recommendations regarding specified matters; requiring the Commission, on or before July 1, 2016, to report its findings to specified entities; requiring the State Department of Education to survey and assess specified data relating to local, State, and federally mandated assessments; requiring the Department to report specified results to the State Board of Education; etc.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015
(HB 452 – Enrolled)
Delegate Ebersole, et al
- 422 **Couples Advancing Together Pilot Program – Eligibility and Extension**
Requiring the establishment of the Couples Advancing Together Pilot Program in one county and, on or after July 1, 2015, the program shall assist 50 couples; altering the provision of law relating to the number of couples to be assisted by the Program; repealing the eligibility requirement that an individual be an adult under the age of 36 years and substituting the requirement that a couple be raising together a child under the age of 14 years; and altering the termination date of the Program.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015
HU, § 5–318.1(b) and (e) and Chapter 367 of the Acts of 2013, § 3 – amended
(HB 460 – Amended)
Delegates Rosenberg and Haynes
- 423 **Tax Credits – Employment of Individuals With Disabilities**
Altering the amount of a credit against specified State taxes for wages and child care or transportation expenses related to qualified employees with disabilities; and applying the Act to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2014.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015
ED, § 21–309 – amended
(HB 473)
Delegate Kramer, et al

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- 424 **Private Detective Agencies – License Terms**
Altering the term of a license to conduct business to provide private detective services to 3 years.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015
BOP, § 13–308 – amended
(HB 479)
Delegate McComas, et al
- 425 **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.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015
HG, § 24–305 – amended
(HB 489 – Amended)
Delegate A. Miller, et al
- 426 **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.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015
CP, §§ 11–104 and 11–914 – amended
(HB 501 – Amended)
Delegate Valentino–Smith, et al
- 427 **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

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students in the county if the school bus' locking system prevents the school bus from being operated when any bus exit is locked.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

ED, § 7–809 – added

(HB 510 – Amended)

Montgomery County Delegation

428 Real Property – Residential Property – Ground Leases

Altering a specified definition for purposes of specified provisions of law prohibiting nonjudicial actions to take possession of property; specifying the date from which specified past due ground rent accrues for specified purposes; authorizing a ground lease holder to be reimbursed for specified late fees, interest, costs, and expenses in an action to recover past due ground rent; authorizing a leasehold tenant to cure a default and commence a proceeding to obtain relief from a writ of possession under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

RP, §§ 8–402.3 and 14–117(a) – repealed, Various Sections – amended, and §§ 8–801, 8–802, and 8–807 – added

(HB 511 – Enrolled)

Delegate Holmes

429 Maryland Commission on Climate Change

Establishing the Commission on Climate Change in the Department of the Environment to advise the Governor and General Assembly on ways to mitigate the causes of, prepare for, and adapt to the consequences of climate change; establishing the membership of the Commission; requiring the Commission to establish specified working groups; requiring the Commission members and working group members to be appointed and the Commission to be convened on or before July 1, 2016; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015

EN, §§ 2–1301 through 2–1306 – added

(HB 514 – Enrolled)

Delegate Stein, et al

430 Blind or Visually Impaired Children – Individualized Education Programs – Orientation and Mobility Instruction

Requiring individualized education programs for blind or visually impaired children to provide orientation and mobility instruction under specified circumstances; establishing a specified process for a specified individualized education program team to make a specified determination

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as to whether specified orientation and mobility instruction is appropriate for a specified child and to include it in a specified child's individualized education program; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

ED, § 8–408 – amended

(HB 535 – Amended)

Delegate Turner, et al

431 **Public Service Commission – Attachments to Utility Poles – Study**

Requiring the Public Service Commission to convene a workgroup to study attachments to utility poles in the State; and requiring the workgroup to examine specified matters relating to pole attachments and to report its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly on or before December 31, 2015.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015

(HB 541 – Amended)

Delegate Barkley, et al

432 **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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

HG, § 21–312.2 – amended

(HB 555 – Amended)

Anne Arundel County Delegation

433 **State Board of Morticians and Funeral Directors – Notice of Member Vacancies**

Requiring the State Board of Morticians and Funeral Directors to provide notice by electronic mail or regular mail of a member vacancy to specified persons; and requiring a specified notice to include information regarding the type of member vacancy, the qualifications for the vacancy, and an explanation of the process for applying for the vacancy.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015

HO, §§ 1–215 and 7–202 – amended

(HB 561 – Amended)

Delegate Krebs

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- 434 **Health Insurance – Ambulance Service Providers – Direct Reimbursement – Repeal of Termination Date**
Repealing the termination date of specified provisions of law relating to direct reimbursement by health insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations for transportation by ambulance.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015
Chapter 425 of the Acts of 2011, § 4 and Chapter 426 of the Acts of 2011, § 4 – amended
(HB 562 – Amended)
Delegate Kramer, et al
- 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.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015
SP, § 2–309 – added and §§ 9–505 and 9–1001 – amended
(HB 564 – Enrolled)
Delegate Kelly, et al
- 436 **Institutions of Higher Education – Sexual Assault – Policy and Survey**
Requiring a specified sexual assault policy adopted by the governing body of each institution of higher education to conform with the requirements of a specified federal law; requiring a specified sexual assault policy to include a prohibition against the imposition of specified campus conduct actions, except for a specified type of mandatory intervention, for a specified violation of the institution of higher education’s alcohol and drug use policies for specified students under specified circumstances; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015
ED, § 11–601 – amended
(HB 571 – Enrolled)
Delegate Hettleman, et al
- 437 **Health Care Disparities, Cultural and Linguistic Competency, and Health Literacy – Recommended Courses**

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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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

HO, §§ 1–801 and 1–802 – added

(HB 580 – Amended)

Delegate Pena–Melnyk, et al

438 **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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

LU, § 17–207 – amended

(HB 585 – Enrolled)

Montgomery County Delegation and Prince George's County Delegation

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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

LU, §§ 9–1607 and 9–1608 – repealed and LG, §§ 12–538, 12–618, 12–804, and 13–703 – amended

(HB 599)

St. Mary's County Delegation

440 **St. Mary's County – Property Maintenance – Voluntary Agreements**

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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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

PLL of St. Mary's Co, Art. 19, § 93-5 – added

(HB 600 – Amended)

St. Mary's County Delegation

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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

PS, § 5-401 – amended

(HB 614)

Delegate Dumais

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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

CP, § 4-202 – amended

(HB 618 – Enrolled)

Delegate Carter, et al

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

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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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

ET, § 8–106 – amended

(HB 624 – Amended)

Delegate Miele, et al

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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

CL, §§ 14–401(k) and 14–409(a) and (b), IN, § 2–112(a)(9), and TR, § 15–311.2 – amended and IN, § 2–112(a)(11) and TR, § 27–101(ff) – added (HB 630 – Enrolled)

Delegate Jameson

445 Prince George’s County Board of Education – Authority to Establish a Certified County–Based Business Participation Program PG 408–15

Authorizing the Prince George’s County Board of Education, after consultation with the Chief Executive Officer, to establish and implement a Certified County–Based Business Participation Program to be used in county board procurement; requiring, if the county board exercises specified authority, the Chief Executive Officer of the Prince George’s County public school system and the county board to establish program requirements and to use specified incentives to achieve specified program goals; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

ED, § 4–125.1 – added

(HB 634 – Amended)

Prince George’s County Delegation

446 Maryland–National Capital Park and Planning Commission – Montgomery County – Commissioner Terms MC/PG 105–15

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Authorizing a commissioner appointed from Montgomery County to be appointed for a maximum of three consecutive full terms as a member of the Maryland–National Capital Park and Planning Commission if the commissioner is designated as chair of the Montgomery County Planning board during the commissioner’s second term in office; and providing for the retroactive application of the Act.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

LU, § 15–102 – amended

(HB 652 – Amended)

Montgomery County Delegation and Prince George’s County Delegation

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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

HO, § 12–101(b) and (t) – amended and §§ 12–101(v–1) and 12–509 – added

(HB 657 – Amended)

Delegate Krebs, et al

448 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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

(HB 675 – Amended)

Montgomery County Delegation and Prince George’s County Delegation

449 Worcester County – Alcoholic Beverages – Limited Distillery License

Establishing a Class 9 limited distillery license in Worcester County; setting a license fee of \$500; providing that the State Comptroller issue the Class 9 license only to a holder of a Class D beer, wine and liquor license in the County for use on the premises for which the Class D license was issued; authorizing a holder of a Class 9 license to establish and

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operate a plant for distilling, rectifying, and bottling brandy, rum, whiskey, alcohol, and neutral spirits under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

Art. 2B, § 2–201(a) – amended and § 2–202.1 – added
(HB 689 – Amended)

Delegates Carozza and Otto

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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

ET, § 14.5–103(k) and (l) – added and § 14.5–601 – amended
(HB 703 – Amended)

Delegate Miele, et al

451 Prince George’s County – Board of Education – Issuance of Credit Cards – Prohibition PG 411–15

Prohibiting the Prince George’s County Board of Education from issuing a credit card to a member of the county board; and providing for a delayed effective date.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

ED, § 3–1003 – amended
(HB 707)

Prince George’s County Delegation

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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

HO, § 7–509 – added
(HB 729 – Amended)

Delegate Angel, et al

453 Commercial Law – Consumer Protection – “Mug Shot” Web Sites

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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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

CL, § 14-1324 – added

(HB 744 – Amended)

Delegate Carter, et al

454 Election Law – Persons Doing Public Business – Statements of Contributions

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

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015

EL, §§ 14-101, 14-104, and 14-107(e) – amended

(HB 769 – Enrolled)

Delegate Turner

455 Real Property – Residential Leases – Interest on Security Deposits

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

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015

RP, §§ 8-203(e), (h), and (k) and 8A-1001(f) – amended

(HB 782)

Delegate McMillan, et al

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- 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 – EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015
AG, § 14–101 – added and CR, § 5–101(r) – amended
(HB 803 – Enrolled)
Delegate Fraser–Hidalgo, et al
- 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.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015
HO, § 17–513.1 – added
(HB 805)
Delegate Cullison
- 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.

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EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015
EN, § 5–1102.1 – amended
(HB 821)
Delegates Simonaire and Kipke

459 **Anne Arundel County Public Schools Funding Accountability
and Transparency Act**

Requiring the Anne Arundel County Board of Education to develop and operate a specified Web site that includes specified information about specified payments; specifying the parameters of the Web site; requiring the Board to post the required payment data in a timely manner; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015
ED, § 5–119 – added
(HB 848 – Amended)
Anne Arundel County Delegation

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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015
HU, § 6–423 – amended
(HB 852 – Amended)
Delegate Carter, et al

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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015
NR, § 8–703.3 – added
(HB 860 – Enrolled)
Delegate Stein, et al

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- 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.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015
BOP, §§ 21–314 and 21–405 – added
(HB 871 – Enrolled)
Delegate S. Howard, et al
- 463 **Election Law – Counting of Properly Cast Ballots**
Requiring a ballot properly cast by a voter who dies before the ballot is canvassed to be counted in full unless a law or regulation requires that it be fully or partially rejected for a reason unrelated to the death of the voter; and making a conforming change.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015
EL, § 11–302(d)(3) – amended and § 11–303.1 – added
(HB 884)
Delegate Lisanti, et al
- 464 **Joint Committee on Behavioral Health and Opioid Use Disorders**
Establishing the Joint Committee on Behavioral Health and Opioid Use Disorders; specifying the purposes of the Joint Committee are to review the final report of the Governor’s Heroin and Opioid Emergency Task Force, review and monitor the activities of the Governor’s Inter–Agency Heroin and Opioid Coordinating Council, monitor the effectiveness of specified programs, policies, and practices, review compliance with specified federal and State laws by health insurance carriers, and identify areas of concern and corrective measures; etc.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015
SG, § 2–10A–02 – added
(HB 896 – Enrolled)
Delegate Bromwell, et al
- 465 **Institutions of Postsecondary Education – Personal Electronic Account – Privacy Protection**

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No.**

Prohibiting an institution of postsecondary education from requiring, requesting, suggesting, or causing a student, an applicant, or a prospective student to grant access to, allow observation of, or disclose information that allows access to or observation of the individual's personal electronic account; prohibiting an institution of postsecondary education from compelling, as a condition of acceptance or participation in specified activities, an individual to add individuals to a contact list or to change privacy settings; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015

ED, § 26–401 – added

(HB 934 – Enrolled)

Delegate K. Young, et al

466 Institutions of Postsecondary Education – Personal Electronic Account – Privacy Protection

Prohibiting an institution of postsecondary education from requiring, requesting, suggesting, or causing a student, an applicant, or a prospective student to grant access to, allow observation of, or disclose information that allows access to or observation of the individual's personal electronic account; prohibiting an institution of postsecondary education from compelling, as a condition of acceptance or participation in specified activities, an individual to add individuals to a contact list or to change privacy settings; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015

ED, § 26–401 – added

(SB 210 – Enrolled)

Senator Young, et al

467 Professional Standards and Teacher Education Board – School Counselors – Certification Renewal Requirement (Lauryn's Law)

Requiring the Professional Standards and Teacher Education Board to require, beginning on or before July 1, 2016, specified certificate holders applying for renewal of a certificate as a school counselor to have obtained, by a method determined by the Board, specified knowledge and skills required to understand and respond to the social, emotional, and personal development of students; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

ED, § 6–704.1 – added

(HB 947 – Amended)

Delegate Pena–Melnyk, et al

468 Certified Nurse Practitioners – Authority to Practice

**Chapter
No.**

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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

HO, § 8–101(j) – added and §§ 8–101(j) through (n) and 8–302(b) – amended

(HB 999 – Amended)

Delegate Cullison, et al

469 **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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

HG and HU, Various Sections – added, amended, and repealed

(HB 1109 – Enrolled)

Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee (By Request – Departmental – Health and Mental Hygiene)

470 **Individuals With Developmental Disabilities – Providers – Licenses**

Requiring a person to be licensed by the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene before the person may provide services to an individual with a developmental disability or a recipient of individual support services; repealing the authority of the Developmental Disabilities Administration to license specified persons to provide specified services; authorizing the Department to impose sanctions, including a civil money penalty not to exceed \$5,000, for failure by a licensee to substantially comply with specified laws, regulations, and rules; etc.

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EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 1, 2015

HG, §§ 7–903 through 7–907, 7–909, and 7–910 – amended
(HB 1172 – Amended)

Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee (By Request –
Departmental – Health and Mental Hygiene)

471 **Academic Facilities Bonding Authority**

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

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015

(HB 1182 – Amended)

Chair, Appropriations Committee (By Request – Departmental –
University System of Maryland)

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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

RP, § 14–117(j–1) – amended

(HB 1183 – Amended)

Delegate Knotts

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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

FL, § 7–101(a) – amended

(HB 1185)

Delegate Dumais

**Chapter
No.****474 Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission – Customer Assistance Program MC/PG 107–15**

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

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015

PU, § 25–501 – amended

(HB 1234 – Amended)

Montgomery County Delegation and Prince George’s County Delegation

475 Alcoholic Beverages – Sale of Powdered Alcohol – Prohibition

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

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015

Art. 2B, § 16–505.3 – added

(HB 1288)

Delegates Morhaim and Lam

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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

CJ, §§ 10–1103 and 10–1104 – amended

(SB 146)

Senator Zirkin

477 Education – Geographic Cost of Education – Requirement

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

ED, § 5–202(f) – amended

(SB 183 – Amended)

Senator King, et al

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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

CJ, § 7–204(a)(1) and (f) – amended and § 7–204(a)(7) – added

(SB 264)

Senator Miller

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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

CJ, § 7–204(a)(1) and (f) – amended and § 7–204(a)(7) – added

(HB 542)

Delegates O'Donnell and Jackson

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.

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EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015
EN, § 14–107.1 – added
(SB 409 – Amended)
Senator Montgomery, et al

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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015
EN, § 14–107.1 – added
(HB 449 – Enrolled)
Delegate Fraser–Hidalgo, et al

482 Health Insurance – Coverage for Infertility Services

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015
IN, § 15–810 – amended
(SB 416 – Amended)
Senator Kagan, et al

483 Health Insurance – Coverage for Infertility Services

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

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EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015
IN, § 15–810 – amended
(HB 838 – Amended)
Delegate Hill, et al

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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015
HG, §§ 4–201, 4–211, and 4–214 – amended
(SB 743 – Amended)
Senator Lee, et al

485 **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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015
HG, §§ 4–201, 4–211, and 4–214 – amended
(HB 862 – Amended)
Delegate Moon, et al

486 **Income Tax – Film Production Activity Tax Credit**

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

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TG, § 10–730(d) through (g) and Chapter 516 of the Acts of 2011, § 2, as amended – amended and TG, § 10–730(g) and (h) – added
(SB 905 – Amended)

Senator Kasemeyer, et al

487 **Circuit Court Real Property Records Improvement Fund – Funding**

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

CJ, § 13–604 – amended

(HB 51 – Amended)

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

488 **Circuit Court Real Property Records Improvement Fund – Funding**

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

CJ, §§ 7–102, 7–202(e) and (f), 7–301(c), and 13–603(a) – amended and § 7–202(e) – added

(HB 54 – Amended)

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

489 **Budget Reconciliation and Financing Act of 2015**

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

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local school system with a specified structural deficit to provide specified notifications under specified circumstances; etc.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

CR, EC, ED, EN, HG, NR, PS, SF, SG, TG, TP, TR, and SP and Various Chapters of the Acts, Various Sections – amended, added, and repealed (HB 72 – Enrolled)

The Speaker (By Request – Administration)

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.

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CR, §§ 5–607, 5–608, and 5–609 – amended and § 5–609.1 – added (HB 121 – Enrolled)

Delegate Anderson, et al

491 Charles County – School Construction Excise Tax Rates

Authorizing the County Commissioners of Charles County to alter the school construction excise tax base rates on specified types of dwellings in specified fiscal years in a specified manner; and providing that the school construction excise tax rates may not increase in specified fiscal years by more than the percentage change in the average statewide school building cost as calculated by the Interagency Committee on School Construction.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015

LG, § 20–804 – amended

(HB 135)

Charles County Delegation

492 Charles County – Alcoholic Beverages – License Fees

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

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EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015
Art. 2B, Various Sections – amended
(HB 137 – Amended)
Charles County Delegation

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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015
LE, § 3–802(d) and (f) – amended
(HB 345)
Delegates Lierman and Clippinger

494 **Health Insurance – Medical Stop–Loss Insurance – Small
Employers**

Altering, with specified exceptions, specified attachment points above which a medical stop–loss insurer assumes specified liability for losses incurred by an insured; applying the altered attachment points to renewal of a policy or contract of medical stop–loss insurance; requiring the Maryland Insurance Administration to conduct a study of the use of medical stop–loss insurance in self–funded employer health plans and to submit specified reports to the Governor and specified committees of the General Assembly; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015
IN, § 15–129 – amended
(HB 552 – Amended)
Delegates Pendergrass and Hammen

495* **Creation of a State Debt – Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond
Loan of 2015, and the Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loans
of 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, and 2014**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt in the amount of \$1,063,670,134, the proceeds to be used for specified necessary building, construction, demolition, planning, renovation, conversion, replacement, and capital equipment purchases of the State, for acquiring specified real estate in

* Item ZA00 (I) received a line item veto from the Governor.

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connection therewith, and for grants to specified subdivisions and other organizations for specified development and improvement purposes, subject to specified requirements; etc.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

Various Chapters of Various Years, Various Sections – amended, added, and repealed

(HB 71 – Enrolled)

The Speaker (By Request – Administration)

Synopsis of Resolutions Passed and Approved

Joint Resolutions

NOTE: No Joint Resolutions were passed and approved during the 2015 Session.

Simple Resolutions

NOTE: No Simple Resolutions were adopted during the 2015 Session.

Synopsis of Senate Bills Vetoed

Bill No.

SB 1 **Health Occupations – Pharmacists – Refills of Prescriptions**
Duplicative **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.

Senator Conway

SB 7 **Electronic Cigarettes – Sale to Minors – Components, Supplies,**
Duplicative **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; changing a violation of the prohibition from a misdemeanor to a civil infraction; etc.

Senator Middleton, et al

SB 11 **Public Service Commission – Hearing Examiners – Change of**
Duplicative **Job Title**

Changing the job title of “hearing examiners” of the Public Service Commission to “public utility law judges”.

Senators Astle and Middleton

SB 14 **Health Occupations – Board of Pharmacy – Pharmacist**
Duplicative **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.

Senator Conway

Bill No.**SB 15 Task Force to Study the Implementation of a Dyslexia
Duplicative Education Program**

Establishing the Task Force to Study the Implementation of a Dyslexia Education Program; providing for the composition of the Task Force including one representative each from the Public School Superintendents Association of Maryland, the Maryland State Education Association, and the Maryland School Psychologists' Association; requiring the Task Force to study specified matters and to report its findings and recommendations on or before December 30, 2015, to the Governor and specified committees of the General Assembly; etc.

Senator Conway, et al

SB 20 Kent County – Board of Elections – Membership

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

Senator Hershey

**SB 21 Cecil County and Queen Anne's County – Intergovernmental
Duplicative 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; 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; etc.

Senators Hershey and Norman

**SB 25 Frederick Center for Research and Education in Science and
Duplicative Technology**

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

Senator Young, et al

Bill No.

- SB 48
Duplicative **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.
Senator Conway
- SB 49
Duplicative **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.
Senator Conway
- SB 54
Duplicative **Public Service Commission – Restrictions After Service**
Prohibiting an individual from receiving financial benefit, that is not otherwise generally available to the public as a customer of a public service company, from public service companies, persons, or entities until at least 1 year has passed after the individual left service with the Public Service Commission as a commissioner; applying the Act to an individual who serves as a commissioner of the Public Service Commission on or after January 1, 2015; etc.
Senator Middleton
- SB 59
Duplicative **State Board of Examiners of Nursing Home Administrators – Sunset Extension and Program Evaluation**
Continuing the State Board of Examiners of Nursing Home Administrators by repealing the termination provisions relating to the statutory and regulatory authority of the Board; and requiring that a preliminary evaluation of the Board and the statutes and regulations relating to the Board be performed on or before December 15, 2024.
The President (By Request – Department of Legislative Services)

Bill No.

- SB 62 **Clerks of the Circuit Courts – Water and Sewer Lien Registers – Fees**
Duplicative 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.
Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request – Maryland Judicial Conference)
- SB 71 **County Superintendents of Schools – Reappointment Exemption in Washington County and Recruitment Recommendations**
Duplicative Exempting the Washington County Board of Education from specified requirements for appointment and reappointment of a Washington County Superintendent of Schools; requiring the State Superintendent of Schools, on or before November 1, 2015, to submit recommendations to the Governor and General Assembly on ways to improve the recruitment and retention of county superintendents of schools in the State; etc.
Senator Edwards, et al
- SB 87 **Criminal Procedure – Transfer to Juvenile Court – Petition for Expungement**
Duplicative 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.
Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request – Maryland Judicial Conference)
- SB 89 **City of Annapolis – Alcoholic Beverages – Election Days**
Duplicative Adding the City of Annapolis to the list of subdivisions in which a holder of an alcoholic beverages license may exercise all of the privileges conferred by that license on the day of any election in that subdivision.
Senator Astle
- SB 90 **Guardianship of Disabled Persons and Revocation of Advance Directives**
Duplicative 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.
Senator Kelley, et al

Bill No.

- SB 92 **Health Insurance – Assignment of Benefits and Reimbursement
Duplicative of Nonpreferred Providers – Repeal of Termination Date**
Repealing the termination date of specified provisions of law relating to the assignment of benefits and reimbursement of nonpreferred providers.
Senator Middleton
- SB 106 **Chesapeake Bay Trust – Investment Options – Expansion**
Duplicative 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.
Senator Astle
- SB 116 **Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loans of 2013 and 2014 –
Duplicative Baltimore City – Skatepark of Baltimore at Roosevelt Park**
Amending the Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loans of 2013 and 2014 to change the grantees of the grants for the Skatepark of Baltimore at Roosevelt Park to the Mayor and City Council of the City of Baltimore; extending the deadline to June 1, 2016, for the grantee to present evidence of a specified matching fund; making the Act an emergency measure; etc.
Senator Pugh
- SB 124 **Vehicle Laws – Special Registration Plates and Parking
Duplicative 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.
Senator Gladden

Bill No.**SB 139 Kent County – Alcoholic Beverages – Class B Wine Shop and
Duplicative Lounge License**

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

Senator Hershey

**SB 160 State Board of Morticians and Funeral Directors – Cease and
Duplicative 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.

Senator Montgomery, et al

**SB 172 Juveniles – Transfer Determinations – Confinement in Juvenile
Duplicative 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.

Senator Gladden

SB 177 Estate Tax – Filing of Tax Returns

Duplicative Altering specified requirements for filing specified estate tax returns so as to require them to be filed 9 months after the date of death of the decedent and with the Comptroller only.

Senator Kasemeyer

Bill No.

SB 186 **Baltimore City – Residential Retention Property Tax Credit –**
Duplicative **Modification**

Providing an exemption from a prohibition against specified homeowners receiving specified property tax credits under specified circumstances; and providing for the application and termination of the Act.

Senator McFadden (By Request – Baltimore City Administration)

SB 189 **State Correctional Facilities – Correctional Officers –**
Duplicative **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.

Senator Hough, et al

SB 190 **Sales and Use Tax – Taxable Price – Accommodations**
Policy

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

Senator Madaleno, et al

SB 193 **Election Law – Local Petitions – Advance Determination of**
Duplicative **Sufficiency of Local Law or Charter Amendment Summary**

Requiring an election director of a local board of elections to determine the sufficiency of a summary of a local law or charter amendment contained in a petition when determining the sufficiency of the format of the petition; requiring an election director to provide the sponsor of a petition with an explanation of the reasons for a determination that a summary of a local law or charter amendment is insufficient; requiring the election director to make the determination within a specified period of time; etc.

Senator Bates, et al

Bill No.**SB 198 Health Care Disparities, Cultural and Linguistic Competency, and Health Literacy – Recommended Courses**
Duplicative

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 Board's Web site, provide information about the courses to specified health care professionals at the time of license renewal and advertise the availability of specified courses in specified newsletters and media; etc.

Senator Nathan–Pulliam, et al

SB 203 Business Occupations and Professions – Real Estate Salespersons and Brokers – Formation of Business Entities and Payment of Commissions
Duplicative

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.

Senator Conway

SB 207 Telephone Companies – Streamlined Regulatory Requirements
Duplicative

Narrowing the types of services of a telephone company that are regulated by the Public Service Commission by altering a specified definition; providing that the Commission may allow a specified telephone company to provide a regulated service without requiring the telephone company to file a specified tariff schedule if the Commission finds that it is in the public interest; requiring the Commission to make a specified determination on specified services on or before September 1, 2015; etc.

Senator Klausmeier, et al

SB 220 General Assembly – Mandated Reports by State Agencies
Duplicative

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

The President

Bill No.**SB 243 State Personnel and Procurement – Service Contracts –
Duplicative 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.

Senator Feldman, et al

**SB 251 Professional Standards and Teacher Education Board – School
Duplicative Counselors – Certification Renewal Requirement (Lauryn’s
Law)**

Requiring the Professional Standards and Teacher Education Board to require, on or before July 1, 2016, specified certificate holders applying for renewal of a certificate as a school counselor to have obtained, by a method determined by the Board, specified knowledge and skills required to understand and respond to the social, emotional, and personal development of students; etc.

Senator Pugh, et al

**SB 254 Department of General Services – Deep Creek Lake Buy Down
Duplicative Area Program – Extension**

Authorizing 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.

Senator Edwards

Bill No.

- SB 258 Maryland Commission on Climate Change**
Duplicative Establishing the Commission on Climate Change in the Department of the Environment to advise the Governor and General Assembly on ways to mitigate the causes of, prepare for, and adapt to the consequences of climate change; establishing the membership of the Commission; requiring the Commission to establish specified working groups; requiring the Commission members and working group members to be appointed and the Commission to be convened on or before July 1, 2016; etc.
Senator Pinsky, et al
- SB 262 Maryland Building Performance Standards – Modifications – Energy Codes**
Duplicative 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.
Senator Jennings
- SB 270 Protective Order and Peace Order Petitions – Maryland Residents**
Duplicative 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; 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.
Senator Lee, et al

Bill No.

SB 286 **Law Enforcement Officers' Pension System – Division of Parole
Duplicative and Probation – Warrant Apprehension Unit Employees –
Membership**

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

Senator Manno

SB 295 **Prince George's County – Education – Youth Wellness
Duplicative Leadership Pilot Program**

Establishing the Youth Wellness Leadership Pilot Program in Prince George's County; requiring the Prince George's County 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.

Senator Ramirez

SB 328 **Private Detective Agencies – License Terms**

Duplicative Altering the term of a license to conduct business to provide private
detective services to 3 years.

Senator Klausmeier, et al

SB 334 **The Hunger-Free Schools Act of 2015**

Duplicative Altering a specified definition for fiscal years 2017 and 2018 to
determine the number of students used to calculate the State
compensatory education grant for schools that participate in the federal
community eligibility provision for school meals; requiring the State
Department of Education, the Department of Budget and Management,
and the Department of Legislative Services to submit a specified report
to specified committees of the General Assembly on or before December
1, 2015; etc.

Senator Madaleno, et al

Bill No.

- SB 337
Duplicative **Public Health – Expedited Partner Therapy Program – Repeal of Termination Date**
Establishing the Expedited Partner Therapy Program in the Baltimore City Health Department as a permanent program; authorizing a specified advanced practice registered nurse instead of a certified nurse practitioner to dispense or otherwise provide antibiotic therapy under specified circumstances; repealing a specified reporting requirement; repealing the termination date of the Program; and making conforming and clarifying changes.
Senator Conway (By Request – Baltimore City Administration)
- SB 340
Policy **Election Law – Voting Rights – Ex-Felons**
Altering specified qualifications for voter registration; providing that individuals discharged from incarceration are qualified to register to vote; and making a conforming change.
Senator Conway
- SB 347
Duplicative **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.
Senator Pugh, et al
- SB 354
Duplicative **Alcoholic Beverages – Charles County and Queen Anne’s County**
Establishing refillable container permits for draft beer in Charles County and Queen Anne’s County; authorizing the Charles County Board of License Commissioners and the Queen Anne’s County Board of License Commissioners to issue the permits to holders of specified licenses under specified circumstances and conditions; specifying that the permit authorizes the permit holders to sell draft beer for consumption off the licensed premises in a refillable container under specified circumstances and conditions; etc.
Senator Hershey

Bill No.

- SB 355 **Baltimore City – Housing Authority of Baltimore City –
Duplicative 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.
Senator McFadden (By Request – Baltimore City Administration)
- SB 361 **Calvert County – Alcoholic Beverages – Bottle Clubs**
Duplicative Defining a bottle club in Calvert County to mean an establishment that is a specified type of restaurant or nightclub; prohibiting a bottle club in the county from giving, serving, dispensing, keeping, or allowing to be consumed on its premises, or on premises under its control or possession, any alcoholic beverages; etc.
Calvert County Senators
- SB 368 **Workers’ Compensation Insurance – Cancellation and
Duplicative Nonrenewal – Notice**
Altering the time period from 30 to 45 days within which an insurer, except under specified circumstances, must serve a specified notice on an employer and file a copy of the notice with a specified individual if the insurer is canceling or refusing to renew a workers’ compensation insurance policy before its expiration; and providing for a delayed effective date.
Senator Kelley
- SB 403 **Education – Maryland Council on Advancement of
Duplicative 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.
Senators Madaleno and Ferguson

Bill No.**SB 408 Real Property – Residential Leases – Interest on Security Deposits**
Duplicative

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

Senator Muse, et al

SB 417 Maryland Trust Act – Revocable Trusts – Creditors’ Claims – Limitations
Duplicative

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.

Senator Lee

SB 427 Criminal Procedure – Victims of Crime – Notification Regarding DNA Profile
Duplicative

Requiring a specified law enforcement agency or unit, under specified circumstances, to give a specified victim or victim’s representative timely notice as to specified matters relating to a 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.

Senator Lee, et al

SB 437 Nonprofit Health Service Plans – Hearing and Order – Impact of Law or Regulatory Action by Another State
Duplicative

Authorizing the Maryland Insurance Commissioner to conduct an examination relating to the impact of a law of another state on a nonprofit health service plan operating in this State; adding a regulatory action by another state to the circumstances in which the Commissioner may hold a hearing or conduct an examination to review and evaluate the impact of the law or regulation on the nonprofit health service plan in this State; etc.

Senator Middleton

Bill No.

- SB 439 **Baltimore City – Tax Sales**
Duplicative Requiring the tax collector in Baltimore City to withhold specified owner–occupied residential property from a tax sale when the taxes on the property are under \$750; exempting a person redeeming specified owner–occupied residential property in Baltimore City from the requirement that the person pay the tax collector any taxes, interest, and penalties accruing after the date of the tax sale; etc.
Senator McFadden (By Request – Baltimore City Administration)
- SB 451 **Vehicle Laws – Title Fees – Rental Vehicles**
Duplicative Making permanent a \$50 fee for a certificate of title for a rental vehicle.
Senators Guzzone and McFadden
- SB 453 **Public–Private Partnership Agreements – Construction Contracts – Security Requirements**
Duplicative 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.
Senators Guzzone and Middleton
- SB 461 **Insurance – Surplus Lines – Disability Insurance**
Duplicative 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.
Senators Feldman and Hershey
- SB 467 **Department of Health and Mental Hygiene – Newborn Screening Program Fund – Establishment**
Duplicative Establishing the Newborn Screening Program Fund; requiring the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene to administer the Fund; requiring the Secretary to pay specified fees to the Comptroller; requiring the Comptroller to distribute the specified fees to the Newborn Screening Program Fund; requiring interest earnings of the Fund to be credited to the Fund; exempting the Fund from a specified provision of law requiring interest on State money in special funds to accrue to the General Fund of the State; etc.
Senator Klausmeier, et al

Bill No.**SB 469 Public Health – Maryland Behavioral Health Crisis Response
Duplicative System**

Altering the name of the Maryland Mental Health Crisis Response System to be the Maryland Behavioral Health Crisis Response System; authorizing specified services to be provided by the 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, and arrests and detentions of individuals with behavioral health diagnoses; etc.

Senator Madaleno, et al

**SB 484 Anne Arundel County Public Schools Funding Accountability
Duplicative and Transparency Act**

Requiring the Anne Arundel County Board of Education to develop and operate a specified Web site that includes specified information about specified payments; specifying the parameters of the Web site; requiring the Board to post the required payment data in a timely manner; etc.

Senator Simonaire

**SB 497 Commission to Review Maryland’s Use of Assessments and
Duplicative Testing in Public Schools**

Establishing the Commission to Review Maryland’s Use of Assessments and Testing in Public Schools; requiring the State Department of Education to survey and assess specified data relating to local, State and federally mandated assessments; requiring the Department to report specified results to the State Board of Education, each county board of education, specified educational organizations, and specified legislative committees on or before August 31, 2015; etc.

Senator Pinsky, et al

**SB 501 Frederick County – Alcoholic Beverages – Sunday Permit –
Duplicative Hours of Sale**

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

Senators Young and Hough

Bill No.**SB 503 Frederick County – Alcoholic Beverages – Notice for License
Duplicative Applications, Fees, and Inspectors**

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

Senators Young and Hough

SB 510 Frederick County – Gaming Events

Duplicative 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.

Senators Hough and Young

**SB 513 Hospitals – Rate-Setting – Participation in 340B Program Under
Duplicative 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.

Senator Klausmeier

**SB 515 Financial Institutions – Depository Institutions – Savings
Duplicative Promotion Raffles**

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

Senator Klausmeier, et al

Bill No.**SB 517 Criminal Law – Use and Possession of Marijuana and Drug Paraphernalia**
Policy

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

SB 521 Workgroup to Study Safe Harbor Policy for Youth Victims of Human Trafficking
Duplicative

Establishing the Workgroup to Study Safe Harbor Policy for Youth Victims of Human Trafficking; specifying the purpose of the Workgroup; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Workgroup; prohibiting a member of the Workgroup from receiving specified compensation, but authorizing the reimbursement of specified expenses; establishing the duties of the Workgroup; requiring the Workgroup to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before December 1, 2015; etc.
Senator Lee, et al

SB 523 Worcester County – Alcoholic Beverages – Limited Distillery License
Duplicative

Establishing a Class 9 limited distillery license in Worcester County; setting a license fee of \$500; providing that the State Comptroller issue the Class 9 license only to a holder of a Class D beer, wine and liquor license in the County for use on the premises for which the Class D license was issued; authorizing a holder of a Class 9 license to establish and operate a plant for distilling, rectifying, and bottling brandy, rum, whiskey, alcohol, and neutral spirits under specified circumstances; etc.
Senator Mathias

SB 528 Criminal Procedure – Seizure and Forfeiture
Policy

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

Bill No.**SB 536 Certified Public Accountants – Definitions – Attest and Practice
Duplicative 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.

Senator Conway

**SB 538 Blind or Visually Impaired Children – Individualized Education
Duplicative Programs – Orientation and Mobility Instruction**

Requiring individualized education programs for blind or visually impaired children to provide orientation and mobility instruction under specified circumstances; establishing a specified process for a specified individualized education program team to make a specified determination as to whether specified orientation and mobility instruction is appropriate for a specified child and to include it in a specified child’s individualized education program; etc.

Senators Conway and Middleton

SB 551 Land Use – Plans – Development and Adoption

Duplicative 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.

Senator Rosapepe, et al

**SB 561 Video Lottery Facility Payouts – Intercepts for Restitution
Duplicative 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.

Senator Peters, et al

Bill No.

- SB 562 **Tax Credits – Employment of Individuals With Disabilities**
Duplicative Altering the amount of a credit against specified State taxes for wages and child care or transportation expenses related to qualified employees with disabilities; and applying the Act to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2014.
Senator Peters
- SB 576 **9–1–1 Emergency Telephone System – Multiple–Line Telephone Systems – Direct Dial (Kari’s Law)**
Duplicative 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.
Senator Pugh
- SB 579 **Maryland Small Business Development Financing Authority – Small Business Surety Bond Program**
Duplicative Increasing from \$1,350,000 to \$2,250,000 the maximum amount that the Maryland Small Business Development Financing Authority may guarantee a surety under the Small Business Surety Bond Program; and increasing from \$1,000,000 to \$2,500,000 the maximum amount of specified bonds that the Financing Authority may execute and perform as a surety under its surety program.
Senator Pugh
- SB 607 **Joint Committee on Behavioral Health and Opioid Use Disorders**
Duplicative Establishing the Joint Committee on Behavioral Health and Opioid Use Disorders; specifying the purposes of the Joint Committee are to review the final report of the Governor’s Heroin and Opioid Emergency Task Force, review and monitor the activities of the Governor’s Inter–Agency Heroin and Opioid Coordinating Council, monitor the effectiveness of specified programs, policies, and practices, review compliance with specified federal and State laws by health insurance carriers, and identify areas of concern and corrective measures; etc.
Senator Klausmeier, et al

Bill No.**SB 610 Real Estate Brokers and Salespersons – Continuing Education
Duplicative – 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.

Senator Pinsky, et al

**SB 613 Self-Service Storage Facilities – Enforcement of Lien –
Duplicative 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; and altering specified procedures required for the administration of specified proceeds from a specified sale.

Senator Astle, et al

**SB 630 Alcoholic Beverages – Washington County – Population Ratio
Duplicative Quota**

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

Washington County Senators

**SB 632 Washington County – Board of License Commissioners –
Duplicative 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.

Washington County Senators

Bill No.**SB 633 Alcoholic Beverages – Washington County – Refillable
Duplicative Container Permit**

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

Washington County Senators

SB 636 Washington County – County Clerk

Duplicative 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.

Washington County Senators

**SB 644 Alcoholic Beverages – Allegany County – Class B–MB
Duplicative (Micro–Brewery/Restaurant) License**

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

Senator Edwards

SB 649 Real Property – Contract for Sale of New Home

Duplicative 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.

Senators Muse and Ramirez

Bill No.

- SB 652 **Criminal Procedure – Expungement of Records**
Duplicative 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 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.
Senator Muse, et al
- SB 663 **Carroll County – Public Facilities Bonds**
Duplicative Authorizing and empowering the County Commissioners of Carroll County, from time to time, to borrow not more than \$17,000,000 in order to finance the construction, improvement, or development of specified public facilities in Carroll County, and to effect such borrowing by the issuance and sale at public or private sale of its general obligation bonds; etc.
Carroll County Senators
- SB 671 **Motor Vehicle Administration – Commercial Driver’s License – Program for Veterans and Service Members (Troops to Trucks)**
Duplicative 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.
Senator Young, et al
- SB 705 **Criminal Law – Assault – First Responders**
Duplicative 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.
Senator Montgomery, et al

Bill No.**SB 719 Carroll County – Alcoholic Beverages – Hours of Sale on
Duplicative Sundays for Holders of Class A Licenses**

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

Senator Ready, et al

SB 723 Certified Nurse Practitioners – Authority to Practice

Duplicative 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.

Senator Conway

**SB 750 Washington County – Alcoholic Beverages – Conversion of Class
Duplicative P Licenses**

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

Washington County Senators

**SB 798 Wicomico County – Alcoholic Beverages – Micro-Breweries –
Duplicative Annual Production Limit**

Raising in Wicomico County from 22,500 to 45,000 the limit on the number of barrels of malt beverages that a micro-brewery may collectively brew, bottle, or contract for in a calendar year.

Senators Mathias and Eckardt

Bill No.

- SB 808 **Natural Resources – Aquaculture – Liability for Trespass**
Duplicative 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.
Senator Klausmeier, et al
- SB 852 **Public Information Act – List of Contact Information for Governmental Unit Representatives**
Duplicative 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.
Senator Young, et al
- SB 865 **Edward T. and Mary A. Conroy and Jean B. Cryor Memorial Scholarship Programs – Eligibility**
Duplicative Changing the name of the Edward T. Conroy Memorial Scholarship Program to the Edward T. and Mary A. Conroy Memorial Scholarship Program; and altering the eligibility requirements for the Edward T. and Mary A. Conroy Memorial Scholarship Program and the Jean B. Cryor Memorial Scholarship Program to include the stepchildren of specified individuals who are at least 16 years of age.
Senators Peters and Waugh
- SB 937 **Alcoholic Beverages – Powdered Alcoholic Beverages – Ban on Sales**
Duplicative Prohibiting a person from selling or offering to sell alcoholic beverages that are sold in a powder or crystalline form for direct use or use in combination with water or any other substance; providing for a penalty of up to \$1,000 for a violation of the Act; and providing for the termination of the Act.
Senator Madaleno, et al

Synopsis of House Bills Vetoed

Bill No.

HB 10 **Institutions of Higher Education – Fully Online Distance Education – Definition**
Duplicative

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

Delegates Jones and McIntosh

HB 12 **Workers’ Compensation – Baltimore County Deputy Sheriff**
Duplicative

Altering a specified definition of “public safety employee” to include a deputy sheriff in Baltimore County when performing duties directly related to courthouse security, prisoner transportation, service of warrants, personnel management, or other administrative duties for purposes of providing for 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 applying the Act prospectively.

Baltimore County Delegation

HB 48 **Clerks of the Circuit Courts – Collection of Appearance Fees**
Duplicative

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.

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

Bill No.

HB 50 **Active Armed Forces Member – Exemption From Payment of Fees for Certain Court Records**
 Duplicative

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.

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

HB 71 **Creation of a State Debt – Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loan of 2015, and the Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loans of 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, and 2014**
 Policy

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

The Speaker (By Request – Administration)

HB 76 **State Retirement and Pension System – Accumulated Contributions of Nonvested Former Members**
 Duplicative

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

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

* Item ZA00 (I) received a line item veto from the Governor.

Bill No.**HB 77 Judges' Retirement System – Membership, Benefits, and
Duplicative Reemployment**

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

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

**HB 78 State Retirement and Pension System – Noncontributory
Duplicative Pension Benefit – Definition**

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

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

**HB 79 Correctional Officers' Retirement System – Membership and
Duplicative Eligibility for Retirement**

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

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

HB 83 Public Records – Inspection

Duplicative 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 upon request; repealing the prohibition against a specified applicant obtaining a copy of a judgment until a specified time; etc.

Delegate Krebs, et al

Bill No.**HB 90 Montgomery County – Alcoholic Beverages – License
Duplicative Requirements MC 17–15**

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

Montgomery County Delegation

**HB 124 Criminal Procedure – Expungement – Conviction of a Crime
Duplicative That Is No Longer a Crime**

Authorizing a person to file a petition for expungement if the person was convicted of a crime and the act on which the conviction was based is no longer a crime.

Delegate Anderson, et al

**HB 129 Procurement – Veteran–Owned Small Business Enterprise
Duplicative 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.

Delegate Morhaim, et al

**HB 130 African American Heritage Preservation Program –
Duplicative Reestablishment and Revisions**

Reestablishing the African American Heritage Preservation Program in the Maryland Historical Trust to identify and preserve buildings, communities, and sites of historical and cultural importance to the African American experience in the State; requiring the Trust to develop and administer the Program in partnership with the Commission on African American History and Culture; requiring the Governor, for each fiscal year, to include \$1,000,000 for the Program in the annual operating or capital budget; etc.

Delegate Jones, et al

Bill No.

- HB 156 **Environment – Bay Restoration Fund – Use of Funds**
Duplicative 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; etc.
Allegany County Delegation, et al
- HB 167 **Calvert County – Length of Service Award Program – Recipient Benefits**
Duplicative Altering the age from 55 to 50 years old at which specified individuals may begin to receive benefits under the Length of Service Award Program for Calvert County; altering from \$4 to \$10 per month an additional amount that is payable under the Program for specified volunteer service; repealing a limit on a maximum benefit payable under the Program; authorizing a specified death benefit to be paid to an alternate beneficiary if a volunteer dies and is unmarried at the time of death; etc.
Calvert County Delegation
- HB 170 **Natural Resources – Game Birds – Baiting**
Duplicative 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.
Delegate Beitzel, et al
- HB 171 **Courts – Child Abuse and Neglect – Waiver of Reunification Efforts (Anayah’s Law)**
Duplicative 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.
Delegates Afzali and Valentino–Smith

Bill No.

- HB 173 **Workers' Compensation – Heart Disease and Hypertension**
 Duplicative **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.
 Anne Arundel County Delegation
- HB 181 **State Board of Pharmacy – Sterile Compounding – Compliance**
 Duplicative **by Nonresident Pharmacies and Repeal of Permit Requirement**
 Repealing the requirement that specified entities hold a sterile compounding permit issued by the State Board of Pharmacy before engaging in activities relating to sterile compounding; repealing the requirement that a person that prepares and distributes sterile drug products into or within the State hold a specified permit; repealing the qualifications, fees, and other requirements for applying for a sterile compounding permit; making the Act an emergency measure; etc.
 Delegate Hill, et al
- HB 183 **Baltimore County Code of Public Local Laws – 2015 Edition –**
 Duplicative **Legalization**
 Legalizing the 2015 Edition of the Baltimore County Code of Public Local Laws and any supplement to the extent to which that code or supplement contains laws enacted by the General Assembly.
 Baltimore County Delegation (By Request – Baltimore County Administration)
- HB 194 **Vehicle Laws – Maximum Speed Limits on Highways**
 Duplicative 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.
 Delegate Beitzel, et al
- HB 209 **Howard County – Room Rental Tax – Room Rental Fee Ho. Co.**
 Policy **12–15**
 Clarifying that the Howard County room rental tax applies to the total charge for the rental of a room, including any room rental fee charged by a room rental intermediary but not including any tax; and defining specified terms.
 Howard County Delegation

Bill No.

- HB 223 **Pilots – Recreational Vessels – Employment Requirement**
Duplicative Requiring that a recreational vessel that meets specified parameters employ a licensed pilot to pilot the vessel when it is underway on the navigable waters of the State; defining a specified term; and making the Act an emergency measure.
Delegate Hammen
- HB 224 **Domestic Violence – 2-Year Protective Order**
Duplicative Specifying that a court may issue a 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.
Delegate Dumais, et al
- HB 225 **Domestic Violence – Additional Relief**
Duplicative 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.
Delegate Dumais, et al
- HB 228 **Public Health – Expedited Partner Therapy Program – Repeal of Termination Date**
Duplicative Establishing the Expedited Partner Therapy Program in the Baltimore City Health Department as a permanent program; authorizing a specified advanced practice registered nurse instead of a certified nurse practitioner to dispense or otherwise provide antibiotic therapy under specified circumstances; repealing a specified reporting requirement; repealing the termination date of the Program; making conforming and clarifying changes; etc.
Delegate Anderson (By Request – Baltimore City Administration), et al
- HB 229 **Human Relations – Employment Discrimination – Protection for Interns**
Duplicative 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.
Delegate Dumais, et al

Bill No.**HB 231 Developmental Disabilities Administration – Low Intensity
Duplicative Support Services – Definition**

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

Delegate Hammen, et al

**HB 242 Frederick County – Alcoholic Beverages – Multiple Event
Duplicative Licenses and Promoter’s License**

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

Frederick County Delegation

**HB 273 Frederick County – Alcoholic Beverages – Wine Events,
Duplicative Licensing, Alcohol Awareness Requirements, and Fines**

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

Frederick County Delegation

Bill No.

HB 275 **Frederick County – Alcoholic Beverages – Special Class C
Duplicative (Retirement Center) License**

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

Frederick County Delegation

HB 280 **Carroll County – Gaming Events**

Duplicative Authorizing specified organizations in Carroll County to conduct a card game, card tournament, or casino event under specified circumstances; requiring an organization to obtain a permit from the Board of County Commissioners for Carroll County before conducting a card game, card tournament, or casino event; requiring an organization that seeks a permit to meet specified requirements; requiring a permit holder to submit to the County Commissioners a financial report including information about winners of prizes; etc.

Carroll County Delegation

HB 297 **Higher Education – Unaccompanied Homeless Youth Tuition
Duplicative Exemption – Modification**

Altering the definition of unaccompanied homeless youth by requiring specified documentation that establishes that the child or youth has had a consistent presence in the State for at least 1 year before enrollment in a public institution of higher education that is documented by school, employment, or other records; requiring a determination of homelessness by a specified individual; and requiring a financial aid administrator to annually make a specified verification.

Delegate M. Washington

Bill No.**HB 312 Commercial Law – Secured Transactions – False Financing
Duplicative 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.

Chair, Economic Matters Committee (By Request – Maryland Judicial Conference)

HB 330 Alcoholic Beverages – Micro–Breweries – Additional License

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

Allegany County Delegation

**HB 339 Vehicle Laws – Race–Based Traffic Stops – Policy and Reporting
Duplicative Requirements**

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

Delegate Carter, et al

Bill No.**HB 341 Duplicative 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.

Delegate Davis

HB 353 Duplicative State Government – Automated Mapping–Geographic Information Systems – System Services Costs

Repealing the authority of specified governmental units to adopt a fee structure to cover specified costs for system services; altering a specified definition for the purpose of repealing the authority of specified governmental units to adopt a fee structure to cover specified costs relating to existing system products; authorizing specified governmental units to adopt a fee structure for system products that includes an additional charge of no more than \$50; repealing a specified requirement; etc.

Delegate Cullison

HB 369 Duplicative 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.

Caroline County Delegation and Talbot County Delegation

HB 388 Duplicative Justice Reinvestment Coordinating Council

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

Delegates Dumais and Vallario

Bill No.**HB 396 Election Law – Primary Election Dates in the Presidential
Duplicative 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 filing of specified vacancies in nomination; etc.

Delegate Turner

HB 405 Maryland False Claims Act

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

The Speaker (By Request – Office of the Attorney General), et al

**HB 439 Family Law – Information and Services for Foster Children and
Duplicative 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 ensure the child has 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.

Delegate M. Washington, et al

**HB 450 State Highway Administration – Bicycle and Pedestrian
Duplicative 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.

Delegate Carr, et al

Bill No.**HB 462 Public Safety – Statewide Accounting of Sexual Assault
Duplicative 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.

Delegate K. Young, et al

HB 468 Chesapeake Employers' Insurance Company

Duplicative 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.

Delegates Jameson and Davis

**HB 469 Public Utilities – Electricity – Construction of Overhead
Duplicative 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.

Delegates Jameson and Branch

Bill No.**HB 475 Harford County – Alcoholic Beverages – Refillable Wine Container Permits**
Duplicative

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

Harford County Delegation

HB 506 Baltimore City – Vehicle Laws – Traffic Safety
Duplicative

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. Delegate Anderson (By Request – Baltimore City Administration), et al

HB 507 Baltimore City – Property Tax Credit – Supermarkets
Duplicative

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

Delegate Anderson (By Request – Baltimore City Administration), et al

HB 512 Office of Cemetery Oversight – Preneed Burial Contracts – Report Submission Requirement
Duplicative

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.

Delegate K. Young, et al

Bill No.

- HB 523** **Alcoholic Beverages – Garrett County – Multiple Event License**
Duplicative Requiring the holder of a specified special multiple event 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; requiring the license holder to keep accurate records, for each individual event, of all alcoholic beverages purchased and sold on the licensed premises; etc.
Delegate Beitzel
- HB 526** **Alcoholic Beverages – Brewing Company Off-Site Permit and Nonprofit Beer Festival Permit**
Duplicative Requiring specified licensing boards to collect a \$100 fee for a nonprofit beer festival permit; authorizing the Comptroller to issue a brewing company off-site permit to specified persons who meet specified requirements; establishing that specified holders of a brewing company off-site permit may use the permit for specified activities during specified events; authorizing a nonprofit beer festival permit holder to purchase beer at wholesale to provide and sell beer for specified purposes under specified circumstances; etc.
Delegate Barkley
- HB 529** **Criminal Law – Identity Fraud – Name of the Individual**
Duplicative 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.
Delegate Clippinger
- HB 574** **State Board of Physicians – Physicians, Physician Assistants, and Allied Health Practitioners – Licensure Requirements**
Duplicative Requiring specified criminal history records checks for physicians, physician assistants, respiratory care practitioners, radiation oncology/therapy, medical radiation, and nuclear medicine technologists, polysomnographic technologists, athletic trainers, perfusionists, and naturopathic practitioners; requiring, beginning October 1, 2016, specified criminal history records checks for specified annual renewal applicants and former licensees who file for reinstatement under specified circumstances; etc.
Delegate B. Robinson, et al

Bill No.

HB 592 **State Donor Registry – Information and Methods of
Duplicative 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.

Delegate Morhaim, et al

HB 602 **University of Maryland School of Medicine – Workgroup to
Duplicative Study Issues Related to Uterine Fibroids**

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

Delegate Glenn, et al

HB 616 **St. Mary's County – Animal Regulations**

Duplicative 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.

St. Mary's County Delegation

Bill No.**HB 623 Estates – Modified Administration – Final Report and
Duplicative 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.

Delegate Miele, et al

**HB 629 Health Occupations – Alcohol and Drug Counselors –
Duplicative Qualifications and Practice Limitations**

Altering the qualifications individuals are required to meet to be licensed to practice clinical alcohol and drug counseling, to qualify to practice as a licensed graduate alcohol and drug counselor under supervision for a limited period of time, to qualify as a certified associate counselor–alcohol and drug, or to qualify as a certified supervised counselor–alcohol and drug; etc.

Delegate Pena–Melnyk, et al

**HB 642 Children – Child Care Facilities, Public Schools, and Nonpublic
Duplicative Schools – Contractors and Subcontractors**

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

Delegate Luedtke, et al

Bill No.**HB 643 Department of Human Resources – State Child Welfare System
Duplicative – 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.

Delegate Zucker, et al

HB 658 Public Health – Emergency and Allergy Treatment Program

Duplicative 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.

Delegate Pena-Melnyk, et al

**HB 660 Health Insurance – Expense Reimbursement Claims Forms –
Duplicative 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.

Delegate Zucker, et al

Bill No.

HB 662 **Consultation, Diagnosis, and Treatment of Mental and Emotional Disorders – Consent by Minors**
Duplicative

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 specified health care providers for which a parent, guardian, or custodian of the minor has given consent; etc.

Delegate Cullison, et al

HB 664 **Frederick County Property Tax Fairness Act of 2015 (Strengthening Frederick Municipalities)**
Duplicative

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.

Frederick County Delegation

HB 697 **Life Insurers – Reserve Investments – Loans Secured by Real Estate**
Duplicative

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.

Delegate Davis

HB 732 **Insurance – Motor Vehicle Rental Companies – Limited Lines License to Sell Insurance**
Duplicative

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

Delegate Vaughn

Bill No.

- HB 739 **Task Force to Study Maternal Mental Health**
Duplicative Establishing the Task Force to Study Maternal Mental Health; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Task Force; requiring the Task Force to study and make recommendations regarding specified matters; requiring the Task Force to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before December 15, 2016; and terminating the Act after December 31, 2016.
Delegate Kelly, et al
- HB 745 **Public Health – Overdose Response Program**
Duplicative 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.
Delegate Bromwell, et al
- HB 770 **Insurance – Standard Valuation Law and Reserve and Nonforfeiture Requirements**
Duplicative 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.
Delegate Davis
- HB 781 **Health Insurance – Coverage for Ostomy Equipment and Supplies – Required**
Duplicative Requiring insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations that provide specified 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; providing for the application of the Act; etc.
Delegates Waldstreicher and Beidle

Bill No.

- HB 785 Recreational Fishing Licenses – Duration and Expiration Date**
Duplicative 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.
Delegate Flanagan, et al
- HB 794 Washington County – Liquor Tasting License**
Duplicative Authorizing a special liquor tasting license to be issued in Washington County; authorizing the license to be issued only to a holder of 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.
Washington County Delegation
- HB 809 Municipalities – Parking Authorities**
Duplicative 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.
Delegate McMillan
- HB 826 Estate Tax – Alternative Payment Schedule – Penalty Prohibition**
Duplicative Prohibiting a specified penalty for late payment of the Maryland estate tax if an alternative payment schedule is allowed by the Comptroller and the tax is paid in accordance with the alternative payment schedule; and providing that the Act will apply to an estate that applies for an alternative payment schedule for payment of the Maryland estate tax on or after July 1, 2015, and receives approval by the Comptroller to pay the estate tax in accordance with an alternative payment schedule.
Delegate Hixson, et al

Bill No.

HB 836 **Washington County – Alcoholic Beverages – Wine Tasting
Duplicative License for Class B License Holders – Repeal**

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

Washington County Delegation

HB 851 **Alcoholic Beverages – Towne Centre at Laurel – Class A License
Duplicative PG 316–15**

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

Prince George’s County Delegation

HB 887 **Health Insurance – Abuse–Deterrent Opioid Analgesic Drug
Duplicative Products – Coverage**

Requiring insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations to provide coverage for at least two brand name abuse–deterrent opioid analgesic drug products and, if available, at least two generic abuse–deterrent opioid analgesic drug products; prohibiting the insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations from requiring an insured or an enrollee to first use a specified drug product before providing coverage for a specified abuse–deterrent opioid analgesic drug product; etc.

Delegate K. Young, et al

HB 895 **Baltimore County – Education – Junior Reserve Officer
Duplicative Training Corps Instructors**

Applying to Baltimore County a definition of “public school employee” that includes Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC) instructors for the purpose of specified provisions of law related to organizations of certificated employees.

Baltimore County Delegation

Bill No.

- HB 902 **Calvert County – Public Facilities Bonds**
Duplicative Authorizing and empowering the County Commissioners of Calvert County, from time to time, to borrow not more than \$51,925,000 to finance the construction, improvement, or development of specified public facilities in Calvert County, and to effect such borrowing by the issuance and sale of its general obligation bonds; etc.
Calvert County Delegation
- HB 907 **Employees’ Pension System – Town of Sykesville – Service Credit**
Duplicative Authorizing the Town of Sykesville to purchase specified additional service credit for specified employees; requiring specified additional service credit to be credited to specified employees on July 1 of the fiscal year in which the additional service credit is purchased; requiring a specified adjustment to a specified new entrant valuation that is used to determine a specified employer contribution in the fiscal year in which a specified purchase of services credit is made; etc.
Delegate W. Miller, et al
- HB 909 **Pilot Program for Small Business Development by Ex–Offenders**
Duplicative Establishing the Pilot Program for Small Business Development by Ex–Offenders to encourage the establishment of small businesses by individuals exiting the correctional system; requiring the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation, in consultation with the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services and the Maryland Small Business Development Financing Authority, to establish by January 1, 2016, a pilot program for the training of individuals exiting the correctional system; etc.
Delegate Pena–Melnyk, et al
- HB 923 **Capital Grant Program for Local School Systems With Significant Enrollment Growth or Relocatable Classrooms**
Duplicative Establishing the Capital Grant Program for Local School Systems With Significant Enrollment Growth or Relocatable Classrooms; requiring the Interagency Committee on Public School Construction to implement and administer the Program; specifying requirements for grants awarded under the Program; requiring the Governor, beginning in fiscal year 2016, to provide \$20,000,000 in the State budget for the Program each fiscal year; etc.
Delegate Hixson, et al

Bill No.

- HB 925 **Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loan of 2011 –
Duplicative Montgomery County – Water Park at Bohrer Park**
Amending the Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loan of 2011 to provide that specified grants for the Water Park at Bohrer Park may not terminate before June 1, 2016; etc.
Delegate Barve, et al
- HB 926 **Baltimore City and Baltimore County – Police Behavioral
Duplicative 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.
Delegate Sydnor, et al
- HB 932 **Prince George’s County – City of College Park – Class D Beer
Duplicative and Wine License PG 317–15**
Authorizing a specified Class D (on–sale) beer and wine license issued for specified premises in the City of College Park to be converted, on or after July 1, 2015, into a specified Class D (on– and off–sale) beer and wine license for specified other premises in the City of College Park.
Prince George’s County Delegation
- HB 938 **Prince George’s County – Maryland–Washington Regional
Duplicative District – Fairness in Zoning MC/PG 112–15**
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; 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; etc.
Montgomery County Delegation and Prince George’s County Delegation

Bill No.

HB 945 **Registered Nurses – Local Health Departments – Requirements for Personally Preparing and Dispensing Drugs and Devices**
Duplicative

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

Delegate Pena–Melnyk, et al

HB 970 **Prince George’s County – Transfer Tax – Deputy Sheriffs**
Duplicative

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

Delegate D. Barnes, et al

HB 971 **Public Health – Substance Abuse Treatment Outcomes Partnership Fund**
Duplicative

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 a request for Partnership funding; authorizing a participating county, under specified circumstances, to use Partnership funding to continue or expand funding for eligible functions; etc.

Delegate Oaks, et al

HB 980 **Election Law – Voting Rights – Ex–Felons**
Policy

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

Delegate McCray, et al

Bill No.**HB 1009 Criminal Procedure – Immunity – Alcohol- or Drug-Related
Duplicative Medical Emergencies**

Establishing that the act of seeking assistance by a person who experiences a medical emergency after ingesting or using alcohol or drugs may be used as a mitigating factor in a criminal prosecution of the person; extending the applicability of specified immunity from a criminal arrest charge or prosecution and providing immunity when a person is reasonably believed to be experiencing a medical emergency rather than when the person is experiencing a medical emergency; etc.
Delegate Smith, et al

**HB 1069 Education – Professional Development for Teachers and
Duplicative Providers of Early Childhood Education – Master Plan**

Requiring the State Department of Education, in collaboration with the Maryland Higher Education Commission and specified representatives from specified institutions of higher education, to develop a master plan that focuses on specified issues relating to qualified providers of early childhood education services; requiring the Department and the Commission to submit a specified plan and specified recommendations to the Governor and specified committees of the General Assembly on or before December 31, 2015; etc.
Delegates Rosenberg and Kaiser

**HB 1105 Disabled Individuals – Task Force on the Maryland ABLE
Duplicative Program**

Establishing a Task Force on the Maryland Achieving a Better Life Experience (ABLE) Program to investigate ways to assist disabled individuals and their families to establish savings accounts to pay qualified expenses for specified disabled individuals; requiring the Task Force to report its findings to the Governor and General Assembly on or before December 1, 2015; requiring the General Assembly to consider legislation proposed by the Task Force to establish an ABLE Program; etc.
Delegate Zucker, et al

Bill No.

HB 1176 **Video Lottery Terminal Revenues – Standardbred Owners and Trainers – Benefit Programs**
Duplicative

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

Delegates Knotts and Luedtke

HB 1233 **Tax Amnesty Program**

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

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