

April 7, 2016

To the Members of the General Assembly

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Article II, Section 17(b), of the Maryland Constitution states:

Section 17.

(b) If any Bill presented to the Governor while the General Assembly is in session is not returned by him with his objections within six days (Sundays excepted), the Bill shall be a law in the like manner as if he signed it, unless the General Assembly, by adjournment, prevents its return, in which case it shall not be a law.

Having chosen not to sign the following bill after formal presentment and allow the provisions of Article II, Section 17(b) to determine the effectiveness of the legislation, the bill will become law without the Governor's signature as of midnight, April 5, 2016, and is assigned the following chapter number:

SB 324

Chapter 13

Senator Miller, et al

**PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER
ACT OF 2016**

Requiring that in specified fiscal years specified amounts be provided to the University of Maryland Medical System Corporation to support the transition of the Prince George's County Regional Medical Center to operation as a participating institution of the University of Maryland Medical Corporation; requiring that State and Prince George's County funds be used only to increase access to critical health care services and to improve the quality of the services provided; making the Act subject to specified contingencies; etc.

CONTINGENT – EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

Having chosen not to sign the following bills after formal presentment and allow the provisions of Article II, Section 17(b) to determine the effectiveness of the legislation, the bills will become law without the Governor's signature as of midnight, April 6, 2016, and are assigned the following chapter numbers:

SB 370

Chapter 14

Senator Madaleno, et al

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS TRANSPARENCY ACT OF 2016

Requiring the Secretary of Budget and Management to provide specified notice at least 3 business days before the Board of Public Works may approve a reduction of appropriations; requiring the Secretary to publish on the Department's Web site, in a machine-readable format, notice of the proposed reduction, including specified items, and to provide written notice that includes the specified items to the Legislative Policy Committee, the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee, and the House Appropriations Committee; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

HB 368

Chapter 15

Delegate Korman, et al

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS TRANSPARENCY ACT OF 2016

Requiring the Secretary of Budget and Management to provide specified notice at least 3 business days before the Board of Public Works may approve a reduction of appropriations; requiring the Secretary to publish on the Department's Web site, in a machine-readable format, notice of the proposed reduction, including specified items, and to provide written notice that includes the specified items to the Legislative Policy Committee, the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee, and the House Appropriations Committee; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

Having chosen not to sign the following bills after formal presentment and allow the provisions of Article II, Section 17(b) to determine the effectiveness of the legislation, the bills will become law without the Governor's signature as of midnight, April 7, 2016, and are assigned the following chapter numbers:

SB 54

Chapter 16

Senators Middleton and Ferguson

**PUBLIC UTILITIES – TRANSPORTATION NETWORK SERVICES
AND FOR–HIRE TRANSPORTATION – CLARIFICATIONS**

Expanding the types of motor vehicle liability insurers that may exclude coverage to operators providing transportation network services; prohibiting a person from operating a transportation network company in the State without a permit issued by the Public Service Commission; providing that before December 15, 2016, the Commission may not require an applicant for a for–hire driver's license or transportation network operator's license to comply with a specified criminal history records check; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

SB 98

Chapter 17

**Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental –
Aging)**

**SENIOR CITIZEN ACTIVITIES CENTER OPERATING FUND –
DISTRIBUTIONS – ALTERATION**

Increasing the amount of funding from \$500,000 to \$750,000 required to be included in the annual State budget for the Senior Citizen Activities Center Operating Fund; requiring that \$400,000 of the Fund be distributed to counties based on each county's proportional share of the statewide population of senior citizens; requiring that each county receive a minimum amount of \$5,000; and altering the qualification criteria for specified need–based distributions from the Fund to specified counties.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

SB 104
Chapter 18 **Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs
Committee (By Request – Departmental – Housing and
Community Development)**

**HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – LOCAL
GOVERNMENT INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS – FINANCING**

Authorizing a county to agree with the Community Development Administration to pledge, on behalf of a municipal corporation located in the county, any money, including a share of income tax, that the county is entitled to receive from the State for specified infrastructure projects; authorizing each issuance by a municipal corporation of a local obligation for specified infrastructure projects to be secured by a pledge from the county in which the municipal corporation is located; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

SB 110
Chapter 19 **Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs
Committee (By Request – Departmental – Agriculture) and
Senator Middleton**

**AGRICULTURE – YOUNG FARMERS ADVISORY BOARD –
MEMBERSHIP**

Increasing the membership of the Young Farmers Advisory Board from 12 to 20 individuals.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

SB 111
Chapter 20 **Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs
Committee (By Request – Departmental – Lottery and Gaming
Control Agency)**

STATE LOTTERY – LICENSED AGENTS – PRIZE PAYMENTS

Authorizing the Director of the State Lottery and Gaming Control Agency to establish by regulation the amount specified licensed agents may pay in cash game prizes; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

SB 112 **Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs**
Chapter 21 **Committee (By Request – Departmental – Agriculture)**

PEST CONTROL COMPACT – REPEAL

Repealing the Pest Control Compact; repealing provisions of law relating to the findings of the parties to the compact; repealing provisions of law relating to the Pest Control Insurance Fund; repealing provisions of law relating to the administration of the compact and Fund; repealing provisions of law relating to the establishment of advisory and technical committees under the compact; repealing provisions of law relating to the entry into force, withdrawal, and construction of the compact; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

SB 113 **Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs**
Chapter 22 **Committee (By Request – Departmental – Agriculture)**

**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE – BEES, BEE COLONIES,
AND USED BEE EQUIPMENT – TRANSPORTATION AND
SHIPMENT**

Repealing the requirement that a bee colony or used bee equipment shipped or transported into the State be accompanied by an entry permit issued by the Department of Agriculture; requiring a specified person to submit specified information to the Department before shipping or transporting a bee colony or used bee equipment into the State; and authorizing the Department to restrict the movement of a bee or bee colony under specified circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

SB 378 **The President (By Request – Administration)**
Chapter 23

STATE EMPLOYEES – MERIT INCREASES IN SALARY

Excluding State employees represented by the State Law Enforcement Officers Labor Alliance who are subject to a step increase effective April 1, 2016, in accordance with and consistent with a specified collective bargaining agreement negotiated with the State from a specified prohibition against specified merit increases in salary.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

- SB 766**
Chapter 24 **Senator Madaleno, et al**
LOCAL INCOME TAX – OVERPAYMENTS, UNDERPAYMENTS,
AND WYNNE REPAYMENTS – LOCAL RESERVE ACCOUNT
REPAYMENT
- Requiring the Comptroller to pay a county or municipal corporation that receives an underpayment of local income tax revenue from the Local Reserve Account; requiring a county or municipal corporation that receives a specified overpayment of local income tax revenue to repay the Local Reserve Account in a specified manner; requiring the Attorney General to review the U.S. Supreme Court decision, Maryland State Comptroller v. Brian Wynne, and advise the Comptroller about payment of prior year income tax refunds and interest; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016
- SB 1052**
Chapter 25 **Senator Ferguson, et al**
UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP ACT
OF 2016
- Formalizing a strategic partnership between specified higher education institutions to be called the University of Maryland; requiring the University System of Maryland to maintain and enhance a coordinated Higher Education Center for Research and Graduate and Professional Study in the Baltimore area based on the joint graduate and research programs of specified State institutions; requiring the presidents of the University of Maryland campuses to implement a plan that promotes collaboration between specified campuses; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016
- SB 1159**
Chapter 26 **Senator Conway, et al**
BALTIMORE CITY BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS –
MEMBERS – TERMS AND APPOINTMENT
- Requiring the Governor, when evaluating an applicant for membership on the Board of License Commissioners for Baltimore City, to consider the need for geographic, political, racial, ethnic, cultural, and gender diversity on the Board; requiring the Governor to make an appointment to fill a vacancy on the Board within 15 days after the vacancy occurs; repealing the requirement that the Governor appoint all of the members of the Board of License Commissioners for Baltimore City; etc.
EMERGENCY BILL

Having chosen not to sign the following bills after formal presentment and allow the provisions of Article II, Section 17(b) to determine the effectiveness of the legislation, the bills will become law without the Governor's signature as of midnight, April 8, 2016, and are assigned the following chapter numbers:

SB 191

Chapter 27

The President (By Request – Administration)

CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – MARYLAND CONSOLIDATED CAPITAL BOND LOAN OF 2016, AND THE MARYLAND CONSOLIDATED CAPITAL BOND LOANS OF 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, AND 2015

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt in the amount of \$1,005,072,199 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.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

HB 3

Chapter 28

Delegate Davis

PUBLIC UTILITIES – TRANSPORTATION NETWORK SERVICES AND FOR-HIRE TRANSPORTATION – CLARIFICATIONS

Expanding the types of motor vehicle liability insurers that may exclude coverage to operators providing transportation network services; prohibiting a person from operating a transportation network company in the State without a permit from the Public Service Commission; providing that before December 15, 2016, the Commission may not require an applicant for a for-hire driver's license or transportation network operator's license to comply with a specified criminal history records check; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

HB 684 **Delegate Hammen, et al**
Chapter 29 BALTIMORE REGIONAL NEIGHBORHOOD INITIATIVE
PROGRAM – CODIFIED

Establishing the Baltimore Regional Neighborhood Initiative Program to provide investment in local housing and businesses focusing on areas where modest investment will have an appreciable impact; providing that community enhancement projects may be located in more than one political subdivision; requiring the Department of Housing and Community Development to issue a request for community enhancement project proposals; requiring the Governor to include a \$12,000,000 appropriation to the fund for fiscal years 2018 through 2022; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

HB 686 **Delegate Hammen, et al**
Chapter 30 DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT – STRATEGIC DEMOLITION AND SMART
GROWTH IMPACT FUND – ESTABLISHMENT

Establishing the Strategic Demolition and Smart Growth Impact Fund as a special, nonlapsing fund; specifying the purpose of the Fund is to provide grants and loans to assist in predevelopment activities, including demolition, land assembly, architecture and engineering, and site development for revitalization projects in an area designated as a sustainable community; requiring the Governor to include an appropriation to the Fund in fiscal year 2018 of \$25,625,000 to be allocated to projects in Baltimore City and throughout the State; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

HB 1400 **Delegate Glenn, et al**
Chapter 31 SEED COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ANCHOR INSTITUTION
FUND

Establishing the Seed Community Development Anchor Institution Fund as a special, nonlapsing fund; specifying that the purpose of the Fund is to provide grants and loans to anchor institutions for community development projects in blighted areas of the State; requiring the Department of Housing and Community Development to administer the Fund; requiring the Governor to include in the annual budget bill an appropriation of \$5,000,000 to the Fund for fiscal years 2018 through 2022; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

HB 1402
Chapter 32

Delegate McIntosh, et al

EDUCATION – PUBLIC SCHOOL OPPORTUNITIES
ENHANCEMENT ACT

Establishing the Public School Opportunities Enhancement Program; providing that the purpose of the Program is to provide grants to local school systems, community schools, and nonprofit organizations in the State to assist in expanding or creating extended day and summer enhancement programs and to expand and support educational programs during the school day for specified organizations; requiring the Governor, for fiscal years 2018 through 2021, to include \$7,500,000 annually in the State budget for the Program; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

HB 1403
Chapter 33

Delegate McIntosh, et al

NEXT GENERATION SCHOLARS OF MARYLAND

Altering the criteria for the prequalification of a student for the Guaranteed Access Grant; changing the name of the College Readiness Outreach Program to be the Next Generation Scholars of Maryland Program; providing that the purpose of the Program is to provide guidance and services to specified students who qualify for a Guaranteed Access Grant; requiring the Governor to provide \$5,000,000 in general funds in the State budget for fiscal years 2018 through 2023 for the Program; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

HB 1404
Chapter 34

Delegate Brooks, et al

**CONSTRUCTION EDUCATION AND INNOVATION –
ESTABLISHMENT OF FUND**

Establishing the Construction Education and Innovation Fund as a special, nonlapsing fund; providing that the Fund may be used to support the purposes of the Maryland Center for Construction Education and Innovation; requiring the Governor, for fiscal year 2018 and each fiscal year thereafter, to include in the annual State budget an appropriation to the Fund of \$250,000 to support the operation of the Center; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

Sincerely,

Warren G. Deschenaux
Executive Director