

April 12, 2016

To the Members of the General Assembly

Ladies and Gentlemen:

On April 12, 2016, the Honorable Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr., Governor; the Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr., President of the Senate; and the Honorable Michael E. Busch, Speaker of the House of Delegates, signed the following pieces of legislation, which you passed:

HB 454 **The Speaker (By Request – Administration)**
Chapter 37 **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 a specified agreement negotiated with the State, from a specified prohibition against specified merit increases in salary.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

SB 99 **Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental –**
Chapter 38 **Disabilities)**

**DEPARTMENT OF DISABILITIES – ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY
LOAN PROGRAM – BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Repealing the requirement that at least one of the four members of the Assistive Technology Loan Program Board of Directors, who must have disabilities or assist individuals with disabilities, also be a member of the Maryland Commission on Disabilities; providing for the staggering of terms of Board members; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

- HB 431** **Delegate Bromwell, et al**
Chapter 39 MARYLAND ACHIEVING A BETTER LIFE EXPERIENCE (ABLE)
PROGRAM – ESTABLISHMENT
- Requiring the College Savings Plans of Maryland Board to establish the Maryland ABLE Program to help promote financial savings to support individuals with disabilities in maintaining health, independence, and quality of life; renaming the College Savings Plans of Maryland Board to be the Maryland 529 Board; requiring the Board to work in consultation with the Department of Disabilities regarding the Maryland ABLE Program; applying the Act to all taxable years beginning after December 31, 2015; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016
- HB 596** **Delegate Flanagan, et al**
Chapter 40 STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION – HEARING AID LOAN
BANK PROGRAM – AGE OF ELIGIBILITY
- Altering the age of eligibility from under 3 years to under 18 years of age to participate in the Hearing Aid Loan Bank Program in the State Department of Education.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016
- SB 724** **The President (By Request – Department of Legislative
Services – Code Revision)**
Chapter 41 ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ARTICLE
- Adding a new article to the Annotated Code of Maryland, to be designated and known as the “Alcoholic Beverages Article”, to revise, restate, and recodify the laws of the State relating to the regulation and control of the manufacture, sale, distribution, transportation, and storage of alcoholic beverages by the State and specified jurisdictions in the State, the establishment of boards of license commissioners in specified jurisdictions, and the establishment of liquor control boards and departments of liquor control; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

SB 47

Chapter 42

Senator Simonaire

**ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – PROPERTY TAX CREDIT –
BENEFIT CORPORATIONS AND BENEFIT LIMITED LIABILITY
COMPANIES**

Authorizing the governing body of Anne Arundel County or of a municipal corporation in Anne Arundel County to grant, by law, a tax credit against the county or municipal corporation property tax imposed on property owned or leased by a benefit corporation or benefit limited liability company, property that is not used for residential purposes, and property used in a trade or business by a benefit corporation or benefit limited liability company; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

SB 61

Chapter 43

Senator Simonaire

**NATURAL RESOURCES – FOREST LANDS AND THE
CHESAPEAKE AND ATLANTIC COASTAL BAYS 2010 TRUST
FUND – MISCELLANEOUS CORRECTIONS AND
CLARIFICATIONS**

Repealing references to the “Chesapeake 2000 Agreement” in specified provisions of law relating to forest lands and the Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays 2010 Trust Fund and substituting references to the “2014 Chesapeake Bay Watershed Agreement”; requiring that the Trust Fund be utilized to support State and local watershed implementation plans by targeting limited financial resources on the most effective nonpoint source pollution control projects and to improve the health of Atlantic Coastal Bays and tributaries; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

SB 78

Chapter 44

**Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request –
Departmental – Lottery and Gaming Control Agency)**

**STATE LOTTERY AND VIDEO LOTTERY FACILITY PAYOUTS –
REMITTANCE OF INTERCEPTED PRIZES**

Repealing a requirement that the State Lottery and Gaming Control Agency or a video lottery operation licensee wait 15 days before transferring the prize of a restitution obligor or a child support obligor to the Central Collection Unit or the Child Support Enforcement Administration, respectively; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

SB 79 **Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request –**
Chapter 45 **Departmental – Office for Children)**

STATE CITIZENS REVIEW BOARD FOR CHILDREN –
PENALTIES FOR UNAUTHORIZED DISCLOSURE OF CHILD
PROTECTION CASE INFORMATION

Repealing the authority of the Special Secretary for Children, Youth, and Families to impose a civil penalty on members of the State Citizens Review Board for Children and the Board's designees and staff for unauthorized disclosure of specified child protection case information; and authorizing the Secretary of Human Resources to impose a civil penalty of up to \$500 on members of the Board and the Board's designees and staff for unauthorized disclosure of specified child protection case information.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

SB 91 **Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental –**
Chapter 46 **Health and Mental Hygiene)**

PUBLIC HEALTH – STATE-IDENTIFIED HIV PRIORITIES

Requiring rebates received by the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene from the Maryland AIDS Drug Assistance Program as a result of State general fund expenditures to be distributed to a specified special nonlapsing fund and used only to fund State-identified priorities for HIV prevention, surveillance, and care; requiring the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene to adopt regulations establishing, as appropriate, income and other eligibility criteria for the receipt of specified HIV prevention and care services.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

SB 107 **Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs**
Chapter 47 **Committee (By Request – Departmental – Military)**

MILITARY DEPARTMENT – SUMMARY COURTS-MARTIAL –
PENALTIES

Authorizing a summary court-martial to impose a sentence of confinement for a period not to exceed 30 days without regard to rank.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

SB 109
Chapter 48 **Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs
Committee (By Request – Departmental – Health and Mental
Hygiene)**

**HEALTH OCCUPATIONS BOARDS – CRIMINAL HISTORY
RECORDS CHECKS – REQUIRED**

Requiring specified applicants and licensees of the Board of Examiners for Audiologists, Hearing Aid Dispensers, and Speech–Language Pathologists, the Board of Examiners of Nursing Home Administrators, the Board of Occupational Therapy Practice, and the Board of Podiatric Medical Examiners to submit to a specified criminal history records check; authorizing specified health occupations boards to take specified actions against applicants and licensees who fail to submit the specified criminal history records check; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

SB 116
Chapter 49 **The President (By Request – Department of Legislative
Services)**

**STATE GOVERNMENT – OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE AUDITS –
ALTERATIONS IN AUDIT REQUIREMENTS**

Altering the time period during which the Office of Legislative Audits and the Legislative Auditor are required to audit specified State funds, programs, authorities, units, and a specified local liquor board; requiring the audit of each unit of State government to be conducted at an interval ranging from 3 to 4 years unless the Legislative Auditor determines, on a per case basis, that more frequent audits are required; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

SB 130
Chapter 50 **Senator Mathias**

**WORCESTER COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES –
REFILLABLE CONTAINER PERMIT FOR DRAFT BEER**

Establishing a refillable container permit for draft beer in Worcester County; authorizing the Worcester County Board of License Commissioners to issue a refillable container permit for draft beer to holders of a Class B or a Class D license; requiring applicants to complete the form provided by the Board and pay an annual permit fee of \$500; specifying that the hours of sale for the permit begin at the same time as those for the underlying license and end at midnight; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

SB 132 **Senator Mathias (Chair, Joint Committee on the Chesapeake
Chapter 51** **and Atlantic Coastal Bays Critical Areas)**

**CRITICAL AREA COMMISSION FOR THE CHESAPEAKE AND
ATLANTIC COASTAL BAYS – MEMBERSHIP FROM OCEAN
CITY**

Authorizing the Mayor of Ocean City to appoint a designee of the Mayor as a member of the Critical Area Commission for the Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays; and establishing that a member from the Atlantic Coastal Bays Watershed who is the Mayor of Ocean City or the designee of the Mayor is not subject to the advice and consent of the Senate.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

SB 146 **Harford County Senators**
Chapter 52

HARFORD COUNTY – STATE’S ATTORNEY – SALARY

Altering the annual salary of the State’s Attorney of Harford County to be equal to the salary of a judge of the District Court of Maryland; repealing a specified salary adjustment method; providing that the Act does not apply to the salary or compensation of the State’s Attorney of Harford County while serving in a term of office before the effective date of the Act; and providing for the application of the Act.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

SB 195 **Senators Ready and Bates**
Chapter 53

**CARROLL COUNTY – STATE’S ATTORNEY’S OFFICE AND
CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT ADMINISTRATION –
TRANSFER OF PERSONNEL**

Transferring the Child Support Unit of the Office of the State’s Attorney for Carroll County to the Child Support Enforcement Administration of the Department of Human Resources; requiring that the employees be transferred in accordance with specified provisions of law; requiring that specified transferred employees be given credit with the State for years of county employment for purposes of determining specified retirement eligibility and also be subject to specified benefit selections in the Employees’ Pension System; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

- SB 212** **Senators Middleton and Serafini**
Chapter 54 **HEALTH INSURANCE – LARGE EMPLOYERS – DISCLOSURE
OF AGGREGATE INCURRED CLAIMS**
- Requiring a health insurance carrier to disclose the aggregate incurred claims of the group to a large employer if the carrier is experience rating the large employer's health benefit plan; requiring the disclosure of the aggregate incurred claims to be made in a specified format within 30 days after receipt of a request from the large employer; etc.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016
- HB 124** **Delegates Hammen and Wivell**
Chapter 55 **HEALTH INSURANCE – LARGE EMPLOYERS – DISCLOSURE
OF AGGREGATE INCURRED CLAIMS**
- Requiring a health insurance carrier to disclose the aggregate incurred claims of the group to a large employer if the carrier is experience rating the large employer's health benefit plan; requiring the disclosure of the aggregate incurred claims to be made within 30 days after receipt of a request from the large employer and in a specified format; etc.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016
- SB 240** **Senator Kelley**
Chapter 56 **MARYLAND INSURANCE COMMISSIONER – RESPONSIBILITY
FOR HOLDING HEARINGS – DELEGATION**
- Altering the authority of the Maryland Insurance Commissioner to delegate to the Deputy Commissioner, an associate commissioner, or one other Administration employee who is designated by the Commissioner and admitted to the practice of law in the State the responsibility for holding a hearing under specified provisions of law.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

SB 252

Senator Pugh, et al

Chapter 57

MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM – FORMER FOSTER CARE ADOLESCENTS – DENTAL CARE

Authorizing the Maryland Medical Assistance Program, subject to the limitations of the State budget, and as permitted by federal law, to provide dental care for former foster care adolescents who, on their 18th birthday, were in foster care under the responsibility of the State; and requiring, on or before October 1, 2016, the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to apply to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services for a waiver to provide specified comprehensive dental care services.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

HB 511

Delegate Cullison, et al

Chapter 58

MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM – FORMER FOSTER CARE ADOLESCENTS – DENTAL CARE

Authorizing the Maryland Medical Assistance Program, subject to the limitations of the State budget, and as permitted by federal law, to provide dental care for former foster care adolescents who, on their 18th birthday, were in foster care under the responsibility of the State; and requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to apply to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services for a specified waiver.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

SB 277

Senators Middleton and Mathias

Chapter 59

MOTOR FUEL SUPPLIERS AND RETAIL SERVICE STATION DEALERS – PROMOTION – SALES

Authorizing a supplier of motor fuel to a retail service station to sponsor, promote, advertise, or otherwise perform or participate in games of chance at the retail service station under specified circumstances; prohibiting a supplier of motor fuel authorized to conduct a game of chance from requiring a retail service station dealer to participate in the game of chance; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

- HB 342**
Chapter 60 **Delegates Carey and Davis**
MOTOR FUEL SUPPLIERS AND RETAIL SERVICE STATION DEALERS – PROMOTION – SALES
- Authorizing a supplier of motor fuel to a retail service station to sponsor, promote, advertise, or otherwise perform or participate in games of chance at the retail service station under specified circumstances; prohibiting a supplier of motor fuel authorized to conduct a game of chance from requiring a retail service station dealer to participate in the game of chance; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016
- SB 280**
Chapter 61 **Chair, Budget and Taxation Committee (By Request – Departmental – University System of Maryland)**
ACADEMIC FACILITIES BONDING AUTHORITY
- Approving specified projects for the acquisition, development, and improvement of specified academic facilities for the University System of Maryland; authorizing the University System of Maryland to issue bonds in a total principal amount of \$7,500,000 to finance and refinance a bioengineering facility; etc.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016
- SB 281**
Chapter 62 **Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee (By Request – Departmental – Military)**
STATE GOVERNMENT – MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL GUARD – ACTIVE DUTY – EMPLOYMENT PROTECTION
- Altering and clarifying provisions of law governing employment and reemployment rights for specified members of the National Guard; repealing the application of specified employment and reemployment protection provisions of law relating to members of the Maryland Defense Force; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

- SB 317** **Senator Kelley, et al**
Chapter 63 **COORDINATING COUNCIL FOR JUVENILE SERVICES
EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS – MEMBERSHIP**
- Altering the membership of the Coordinating Council for Juvenile Services Educational Programs; providing for the terms of office of the appointed members of the Coordinating Council; terminating on December 31, 2016, the term of the member of the Coordinating Council who is a county superintendent of schools; providing that the terms of specified appointed and ex officio members of the Coordinating Council shall begin on January 1, 2017; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016
- SB 321** **Senator Peters (Chair, Joint Committee on Pensions)**
Chapter 64 **STATE RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEM – BOARD OF
TRUSTEES – DESIGNEE APPOINTMENTS AND FIDUCIARY
DUTIES**
- Authorizing the Secretary of Budget and Management, the State Comptroller, and the State Treasurer to each appoint their respective deputies to serve as designees on the Board of Trustees for the State Retirement and Pension System; and altering a specified defined term to provide for specified fiduciary duties of members of specified committees established by the Board.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016
- SB 342** **Senator Feldman, et al**
Chapter 65 **STATE FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT – PUBLIC SENIOR
HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS – POLICIES
CONCERNING PROCUREMENT CONTRACTS**
- Requiring that specified policies of public senior higher education institutions promote specified purposes and be similar to specified provisions concerning required clauses for procurement contracts.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

- HB 837**
Chapter 66 **Delegate Haynes, et al**
STATE FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT – PUBLIC SENIOR HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS – POLICIES CONCERNING PROCUREMENT CONTRACTS
Requiring that specified policies of public senior higher education institutions promote specified purposes and be similar to specified provisions concerning required clauses for procurement contracts.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016
- SB 369**
Chapter 67 **Senator Ferguson, et al**
EDUCATION – PREKINDERGARTEN PROGRAMS – NOTIFICATION OF ELIGIBILITY BY LOCAL DEPARTMENTS OF SOCIAL SERVICES
Requiring specified local departments of social services and specified local health departments, under specified circumstances, to provide specified parents or guardians with an oral and written notice that their child may be eligible for publicly funded prekindergarten programs; requiring specified local departments of social services and specified local health departments to report annually to the General Assembly on the number of parents who were given a notification and who subsequently enrolled their child in the specified program; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016
- SB 410**
Chapter 68 **Senator Ferguson, et al**
DISTILLERY LICENSE HOLDERS – SALE OF PRODUCT TO PARTICIPANTS IN GUIDED TOURS
Repealing a specified provision of law that limits a distillery license holder selling product and related merchandise to an individual on a guided tour only if the license holder manufactures not more than 27,500 gallons of products annually.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016
- SB 483**
Chapter 69 **Senator Edwards**
ALLEGANY COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – MINIMUM AGE TO SERVE LIQUOR
Decreasing in Allegany County the minimum age for an individual to serve liquor from 21 years to 18 years.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

- SB 516** **Washington County Senators**
Chapter 70 WASHINGTON COUNTY – FIRE, RESCUE, AND AMBULANCE
 SERVICE – LOCAL AUTHORITY
- Providing that the County Commissioners of Washington County are the ultimate authority having jurisdiction over the provision of fire, rescue, and ambulance services in Washington County.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016
- HB 868** **Delegate McKay**
Chapter 71 WASHINGTON COUNTY – FIRE, RESCUE, AND AMBULANCE
 SERVICE – LOCAL AUTHORITY
- Providing that the County Commissioners of Washington County are the ultimate authority having jurisdiction over the provision of fire, rescue, and ambulance services in Washington County.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016
- SB 530** **Senator Eckardt**
Chapter 72 DORCHESTER COUNTY – CLASS B BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR
 LICENSE – MINIMUM SEATING REQUIREMENT
- Altering the minimum seating requirement from 50 to 25 individuals for facilities for which a specified Class B beer, wine, and liquor license may be issued in Dorchester County.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016
- SB 541** **Senator Feldman**
Chapter 73 PORTABLE ELECTRONICS INSURANCE – REQUIRED NOTICES
 – METHOD OF MAILING
- Altering the method of mailing that an insurer or a vendor is required to use when the insurer or vendor sends to a policyholder or covered customer specified notices about a termination or any other change in the terms and conditions of a policy of portable electronics insurance.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

- SB 549**
Chapter 74 **Senator Pugh, et al**
VIRGINIA I. JONES ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE AND RELATED DISORDERS COUNCIL – MEMBERSHIP AND EXTENSION OF TERMINATION DATE
- Altering the membership of the Virginia I. Jones Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Council; and extending the termination date of specified provisions of law that establish and govern the Council to September 30, 2019.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016
- HB 730**
Chapter 75 **Delegate Sample–Hughes, et al**
VIRGINIA I. JONES ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE AND RELATED DISORDERS COUNCIL – MEMBERSHIP AND EXTENSION OF TERMINATION DATE
- Altering the membership of the Virginia I. Jones Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Council; and extending the termination date of specified provisions of law that establish and govern the Council to September 30, 2019.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016
- SB 629**
Chapter 76 **Senator Hershey**
KENT COUNTY – PROSPECTIVE EMPLOYEES AND VOLUNTEERS – CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORDS CHECK
- Authorizing the Director of Human Resources of Kent County to request from the Criminal Justice Information System Central Repository of the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services a State and national criminal history records check for a prospective county employee or volunteer; requiring that the Director submit sets of fingerprints and fees to the Central Repository as part of the application for a criminal history records check; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

HB 358

Chapter 77

Delegate Jacobs, et al

KENT COUNTY – PROSPECTIVE EMPLOYEES AND VOLUNTEERS – CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORDS CHECK

Authorizing the Director of Human Resources of Kent County to request from the Criminal Justice Information System Central Repository of the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services a State and national criminal history records check for a prospective county employee or volunteer; requiring that the Director submit sets of fingerprints and fees to the Central Repository as part of the application for a criminal history records check; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

SB 785

Chapter 78

Senator Zucker, et al

FOSTER YOUTH SUMMER INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

Requiring the Secretary of Human Resources to develop and implement the Foster Youth Summer Internship Program; specifying the purpose of the Program is to provide foster youth with training and experience through internships in agencies within the Executive Branch of State government; requiring the Secretary of Human Resources, in consultation with the Secretary of Budget and Management, to issue a report to specified committees of the General Assembly on or before October 1, 2019; providing for a delayed effective date; etc.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2017

HB 1162

Chapter 79

Delegates Reznik and Carozza

FOSTER YOUTH SUMMER INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

Requiring the Secretary of Human Resources to develop and implement the Foster Youth Summer Internship Program; specifying that the purpose of the Program is to provide foster youth with training and experience through internships in agencies within the Executive Branch of State government; requiring the Secretary of Human Resources, in consultation with the Secretary of Budget and Management, to issue a report to specified committees of the General Assembly on or before October 1, 2019; providing for a delayed effective date; etc.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2017

- SB 863**
Chapter 80 **Senator Lee, et al**
WORKGROUP TO STUDY SAFE HARBOR POLICY FOR YOUTH VICTIMS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING – SUNSET EXTENSION
Extending for an additional year to June 30, 2017, the termination date for the Workgroup to Study Safe Harbor Policy for Youth Victims of Human Trafficking; and requiring the Workgroup to submit a supplemental report on or before December 1, 2016.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016
- HB 786**
Chapter 81 **Delegate Morales, et al**
WORKGROUP TO STUDY SAFE HARBOR POLICY FOR YOUTH VICTIMS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING – SUNSET EXTENSION
Extending for an additional year to June 30, 2017, the termination date for the Workgroup to Study Safe Harbor Policy for Youth Victims of Human Trafficking; and requiring the Workgroup to submit a supplemental report on or before December 1, 2016.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016
- HB 51**
Chapter 82 **Delegate O'Donnell**
NATURAL RESOURCES – AQUACULTURE COORDINATING COUNCIL – MEMBERSHIP
Altering the membership of the Aquaculture Coordinating Council to include one representative of the Oyster Recovery Partnership and one representative of the Maryland Farm Bureau.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016
- HB 57**
Chapter 83 **Delegate Cassilly**
PUBLIC SAFETY – MARYLAND BUILDING PERFORMANCE STANDARDS – ADOPTION, IMPLEMENTATION, AND ENFORCEMENT OF MODIFICATIONS
Altering the period of time from 12 months to 18 months in which the Department of Housing and Community Development is required to adopt each subsequent version of the Maryland Building Performance Standards; and altering the period of time from 6 months to 12 months in which a local jurisdiction is required to implement and enforce a modification of the Maryland Building Performance Standards adopted by the State.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

HB 60 **Chair, Economic Matters Committee (By Request –**
Chapter 84 **Departmental – Maryland Insurance Administration)**

**INSURANCE – CERTIFICATE OF QUALIFICATION, LICENSING,
AND REGISTRATION – ELECTRONIC MEANS**

Altering the renewal date and process for renewing certificates of qualification of surplus lines brokers; authorizing the Maryland Insurance Commissioner to send a specified notice relating to renewal of the certificate of qualification of a surplus lines broker, the license of an insurance producer, an insurance adviser, and a motor club, and the registration of a motor club representative at the e-mail address of the holder of record; etc.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2017

HB 62 **Chair, Environment and Transportation Committee (By**
Chapter 85 **Request – Departmental – Natural Resources)**

NATURAL RESOURCES – FISHING AND HUNTING LICENSES

Altering the application and issuance requirements and procedures for specified fishing and hunting licenses and registrations; repealing the reimbursement standards and procedures applicable to agents of the Department of Natural Resources who have unsold angler's or hunting licenses; repealing the prohibition against issuing a hunting license without specified written consent to an applicant under the age of 16 years; requiring a hunter of migratory game birds to be in possession of proof of purchase of the Maryland Migratory Game Bird Stamp; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

HB 63 **Chair, Environment and Transportation Committee (By**
Chapter 86 **Request – Departmental – Natural Resources)**

**NATURAL RESOURCES – FISHING – REGULATION AND USE
OF COMMERCIAL FINFISH TROT LINES**

Authorizing the Department of Natural Resources, in consultation with specified entities, to adopt regulations defining and governing the use of commercial finfish trotlines; establishing an exception to the prohibition against using more than two hooks or sets of hooks for each commercial rod or line by authorizing a tidal fish licensee to use a finfish trotline; and providing for the termination of the Act.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

HB 65 **Chair, Environment and Transportation Committee (By**
Chapter 87 **Request – Departmental – Natural Resources)**

TREE EXPERT LICENSE – APPLICATION AND RENEWAL –
REPEAL OF SUNSET PROVISION

Repealing the termination provision of specified provisions of law relating to the application for and renewal of a tree expert license; requiring a licensed tree expert to complete the professional development curriculum established by the Department of Natural Resources after September 1, 2017; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

HB 66 **Chair, Appropriations Committee (By Request –**
Chapter 88 **Departmental – Office for Children)**

RESIDENTIAL CHILD CARE CAPITAL GRANT PROGRAM –
REPEAL

Repealing the Residential Child Care Capital Grant Program, which authorizes the Board of Public Works, on the recommendation of the Executive Director of the Governor’s Office for Children, to make specified grants to counties, municipal corporations, and nonprofit organizations; repealing provisions of law relating to the purposes, administration, and funding of the Program; repealing provisions of law relating to the uses, terms, and conditions of the grants and the State’s recovery of funds expended under the Program; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

HB 67 **Chair, Ways and Means Committee (By Request –**
Chapter 89 **Departmental – Office for Children)**

MARYLAND INFANTS AND TODDLERS PROGRAM –
COMPOSITION

Repealing the requirement for the Maryland Infants and Toddlers Program to include early intervention services provided or supervised by the Governor’s Office for Children.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

HB 70 **Delegate Luedtke**

Chapter 90 **BUSINESS REGULATION – BILLIARD TABLE LICENSE –**
REPEAL

Repealing specified provisions of law relating to a license to keep a billiard table for commercial use in the State.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

- HB 74**
Chapter 91 **The Speaker (By Request – Maryland Judiciary)**
JUDGESHIPS – CIRCUIT COURTS AND DISTRICT COURT
- Increasing the number of resident judges of the circuit court in Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Charles, Frederick, Harford, Montgomery, and Prince George’s counties and Baltimore City; and increasing the number of resident judges of the District Court in District 5 (Prince George’s County) and District 6 (Montgomery County).
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016
- HB 78**
Chapter 92 **Chair, Judiciary Committee (By Request – Departmental – State Police)**
STATE FIRE MARSHAL – REPORTING REQUIREMENTS – REPEAL
- Repealing a requirement that specified fire investigation reports about chimney fires be filed with the State Fire Marshal; repealing a requirement that the State Fire Marshal establish and maintain a repository of specified chimney fire reports; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016
- HB 90**
Chapter 93 **Delegate Lafferty**
ON-SITE SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEMS – OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE COSTS – LOW-INCOME HOMEOWNERS
- Authorizing specified fee revenue collected for the Bay Restoration Fund to be used for financial assistance for specified low-income homeowners for the cost, up to 50%, of an operation and maintenance contract of up to 5 years for on-site sewage disposal systems that utilize nitrogen removal technology; and requiring the Department of the Environment or a local government to determine applicant eligibility and the amount of assistance to be provided.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

- HB 119**
Chapter 94 **Delegate Reznik, et al**
STATE BOARD OF PHYSICIANS – LICENSING EXEMPTION – PHYSICIANS WITH TRAVELING ATHLETIC AND SPORTS TEAMS
- Authorizing specified physicians, under specified circumstances, to practice medicine in the State without a license issued by the State Board of Physicians and without submitting to a criminal history records check while providing medical care to an athletic team’s or a sports team’s members, band members, cheerleading squad, mascot, coaches, and other staff; requiring that specified physicians can only provide medical care in the State for a maximum of 45 days in a calendar year; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016
- HB 120**
Chapter 95 **Delegate Krimm, et al**
STATE BUDGET – DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT – STATEMENT OF DEDICATED STATE FUNDS
- Requiring the Secretary of Budget and Management to publish on the Department of Budget and Management’s Web site, in a machine-readable format, a specified itemized statement, linked to the proposed State budget, of revenues collected by the State that are dedicated by law to a special fund.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016
- HB 131**
Chapter 96 **Delegate Waldstreicher, et al**
COMMERCIAL LAW – NONDISPARAGEMENT CLAUSES IN CONSUMER CONTRACTS – PROHIBITION
- Prohibiting a contract or a proposed contract for the sale or lease of consumer goods or services from including a provision waiving the consumer’s right to make a specified statement; prohibiting a person from threatening or seeking enforcement of a specified contract provision; prohibiting a person from penalizing a consumer for making a specified statement; providing that the Act does not limit a person from including in a specified contract a provision prohibiting a consumer from making specified disclosures; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

- HB 137** **Charles County Delegation**
Chapter 97 CHARLES COUNTY – TAXING DISTRICTS FOR
 INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS – REPEAL OF
 RESTRICTION
- Repealing a specified restriction on the exercise of authority granted to Charles County to establish taxing districts for specified infrastructure improvements.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016
- HB 164** **Chair, Appropriations Committee (By Request –**
Chapter 98 **Departmental – Comptroller)**
- STATE PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT SYSTEM – BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION AND CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORDS CHECK – PROSPECTIVE AND CURRENT EMPLOYEES
- Authorizing specified appointing authorities in the State Personnel Management System to require specified prospective or current employees to provide specified information, for at least the previous 5–year period, for a specified background investigation; authorizing specified appointing authorities to request from the Criminal Justice Information System Central Repository a State and national criminal history records check for specified prospective and current employees; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016
- HB 185** **Delegate Morhaim, et al**
Chapter 99 STATE BOARD OF PHYSICIANS – LICENSED PHYSICIANS –
 CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS
- Prohibiting the State Board of Physicians from establishing a continuing education requirement that every licensed physician complete a specific course or program as a condition to the renewal of a license.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016
- HB 331** **Delegate Stein**
Chapter 100 PROGRAM OPEN SPACE – FUNDING FOR CAPITAL
 IMPROVEMENTS
- Altering the funds under Program Open Space that are authorized to be used for specified capital improvements under specified circumstances.
EMERGENCY BILL

- HB 357** **Delegate Afzali**
Chapter 101 **FREDERICK COUNTY – LOCAL GOVERNMENT TORT CLAIMS
ACT – NOTICE OF CLAIM**
- Requiring notice of a claim against Frederick County under the Local Government Tort Claims Act to be given to the county solicitor or county attorney.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016
- HB 366** **Anne Arundel County Delegation**
Chapter 102 **ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – PROPERTY TAX CREDIT – BLIND
INDIVIDUALS**
- Authorizing Anne Arundel County and a municipal corporation in Anne Arundel County to grant, by law, a property tax credit against the county and municipal corporation property tax imposed on \$15,000 of the assessment value of a dwelling owned by a blind individual; requiring that a property tax credit authorized by the Act shall be granted in addition to any property tax exemption authorized by law, except under specified circumstances; etc.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016
- HB 389** **Delegate O’Donnell, et al**
Chapter 103 **CHESAPEAKE AND ATLANTIC COASTAL BAYS CRITICAL
AREA PROTECTION PROGRAM – INTRAFAMILY TRANSFERS**
- Altering the definition of “immediate family” as it relates to intrafamily transfers of specified property authorized in a local jurisdiction’s Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays Critical Area protection program.
EMERGENCY BILL
- HB 411** **Delegate M. Washington, et al**
Chapter 104 **GENERAL ASSEMBLY – JOINT COMMITTEE ON ENDING
HOMELESSNESS – MEMBERSHIP**
- Adding three Senate members and three House of Delegates members to the membership of the Joint Committee on Ending Homelessness; and requiring that members of the Joint Committee appointed as a result of the Act reflect the geographic diversity of the State.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

- HB 443** **Delegate Fraser–Hidalgo, et al**
Chapter 105 AGRICULTURE – INDUSTRIAL HEMP – AGRICULTURAL OR
ACADEMIC RESEARCH
- Authorizing the Department of Agriculture or an institution of higher education to grow or cultivate industrial hemp if the industrial hemp is grown or cultivated for agricultural research or academic research purposes; requiring a site used by the Department or an institution of higher education to grow or cultivate industrial hemp to be certified by and registered with the Department; authorizing the Department to adopt specified regulations; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016
- HB 470** **Delegate Krebs, et al**
Chapter 106 HEALTH OCCUPATIONS – DENTAL HYGIENISTS –
ADMINISTRATION OF NITROUS OXIDE
- Authorizing, subject to specified requirements, dental hygienists to administer nitrous oxide to patients under the supervision of a dentist who is physically present on the premises and who has prescribed the administration of nitrous oxide; altering the definition of “practice dental hygiene”; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016
- HB 523** **Delegate Stein**
Chapter 107 E–ZPASS ACCOUNTS – TRANSPONDER THEFT – REPORTING
AND UNAUTHORIZED CHARGES
- Authorizing the holder of an E–ZPass account to report the theft of a transponder associated with the account to the Maryland Transportation Authority and a local law enforcement agency within 2 weeks of the first account statement after the theft and to report unauthorized charges to the account to the Authority; providing that the holder of an E–ZPass account is not responsible for unauthorized toll charges to the account under specified circumstances; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

HB 549 **Caroline County Delegation**

Chapter 108 CAROLINE COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES –
REFILLABLE CONTAINER PERMIT

Authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Caroline County to issue a refillable container permit for draft beer to a holder of a Class B alcoholic beverages license or a Class H alcoholic beverages license; and requiring an annual permit fee of \$500.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

HB 639 **Delegate Kelly, et al**

Chapter 109 HEALTH INSURANCE – PROVIDER CLAIMS – PAYMENT BY
CREDIT CARD OR ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFER PAYMENT
METHOD

Authorizing an insurer, a nonprofit health service plan, or a health maintenance organization, under specified circumstances, to pay specified claims for reimbursement submitted by specified providers of health care services using a credit card or electronic funds transfer payment method that imposes a fee or similar charge; requiring the acceptance by a specified provider or the provider's designee of a specified payment method to apply to specified claims; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

HB 642 **Anne Arundel County Delegation**

Chapter 110 ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES –
LICENSES

Authorizing in Anne Arundel County a holder of a Class BLX license to be issued a music permit, an entertainment permit, an outdoor permit, or an outdoor entertainment permit; authorizing a holder of a Class BLX license to be issued a dancing permit, except under specified circumstances; exempting specified alcoholic beverages licenses in the county from a prohibition against issuing multiple licenses to any one person; exempting a Class BLX license from a prohibition against issuing an alcoholic beverages license for a specified location; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

- HB 680** **Delegate Kipke**
Chapter 111 HEALTH OCCUPATIONS – DENTAL HYGIENISTS – LOCAL ANESTHESIA
- Altering the circumstances under which a dental hygienist may administer local anesthesia by infiltration or inferior nerve block.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016
- HB 697** **Delegates Otto and Carozza**
Chapter 112 WORCESTER COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – CLASS A BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR LICENSE
- Establishing a Class A beer, wine, and liquor license in Worcester County; authorizing the Board of License Commissioners to issue the license to an individual for use at a store previously operated by the Department of Liquor Control or to specified establishments; providing for the expiration of a specified distance restriction; providing that the license authorizes the sale of beer, wine, and liquor at the place described in the license for off-premises consumption; specifying a \$4,500 annual license fee and the hours and days of sale; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016
- SB 967** **Senator Mathias**
Chapter 113 WORCESTER COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – CLASS A BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR LICENSE
- Establishing a Class A beer, wine, and liquor license in Worcester County; authorizing the Board of License Commissioners to issue the license to an individual for use at a store previously operated by the Department of Liquor Control or specified establishments under specified conditions; providing for the expiration of a specified distance restriction; providing that the license authorizes the sale of beer, wine, and liquor at retail at the place described in the license; establishing an annual license fee of \$4,500; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

HB 718 **Delegate Kramer, et al**
Chapter 114 CONSUMER PROTECTION – ASSET RECOVERY FOR
EXPLOITED SENIORS ACT

Authorizing the Division of Consumer Protection of the Office of the Attorney General to bring a civil action for damages on behalf of a specified vulnerable adult against a specified person who violates specified provisions of law; authorizing the Division to recover damages for property loss or damage; authorizing the Division to recover the costs of the action for the use of the Office of the Attorney General; applying the Act prospectively; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

HB 745 **Delegate Reilly, et al**
Chapter 115 BUSINESS REGULATION – STATE AND HARFORD COUNTY
JUKE BOX LICENSES – REPEAL

Repealing specified provisions of law relating to licenses for keeping juke boxes for public entertainment in the State and in Harford County.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

HB 752 **Delegate Cullison**
Chapter 116 PHYSICIANS – PRESCRIPTIONS WRITTEN BY PHYSICIAN
ASSISTANTS OR NURSE PRACTITIONERS – PREPARING AND
DISPENSING

Providing that specified provisions of law do not prohibit a licensed physician who complies with specified requirements from personally preparing and dispensing a prescription written by a physician assistant in accordance with a specified delegation agreement or a nurse practitioner who is authorized to practice under a specified provision of law and is working with the physician in the same office setting.
EMERGENCY BILL

HB 766 **Chair, Environment and Transportation Committee (By**
Chapter 117 **Request – Departmental – Natural Resources)**

NATURAL RESOURCES – FISH AND FISHERIES

Clarifying the uses of the Fisheries Research and Development Fund; altering the standards, procedures, and requirements governing scientific collection permits for fisheries; clarifying the minimum publication frequency of public notices for specified regulations; authorizing the Department of Natural Resources to issue specified annual complimentary fishing licenses to specified individuals; establishing that a maximum of 20 complimentary fishing licenses for each state other than Maryland may be outstanding at any time; etc.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

HB 779 **Delegate Parrott**

Chapter 118 **ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – WASHINGTON COUNTY – LOCAL**
PENALTIES

Authorizing the Board of License Commissioners of Washington County to impose a fine not exceeding \$200 on an employee of a holder of an alcoholic beverages license in the county if the employee violates a specified provision of law.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

HB 788 **Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee (By**
Chapter 119 **Request – Departmental – Office of Minority Affairs)**

PROCUREMENT – SMALL BUSINESS RESERVE PROGRAM –
PROGRAM OVERSIGHT AND CONTINUATION

Designating the Governor's Office of Minority Affairs rather than the Department of General Services as the agency responsible for adopting regulations to establish procedures for compiling and maintaining a specified bidder's list of qualified small businesses that is to be posted on the Internet; requiring the Governor's Office of Minority Affairs to establish specified guidelines, ensure agency compliance, provide training and assistance to agency personnel, and collect data relating to the Small Business Reserve Program; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

HB 791 **Carroll County Delegation**

Chapter 120

**CARROLL COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – BEER, WINE,
AND LIQUOR TASTING LICENSE**

Creating in Carroll County a beer, wine, and liquor (BWL) tasting license; specifying that the Carroll County Board of License Commissioners may issue the license to a holder of a beer, wine, and liquor (BWL) license; authorizing the license holder to allow the consumption of beer, wine, and liquor for tasting under specified circumstances; requiring the Board to regulate the quantity of beer and wine served to specified individuals; establishing an annual license fee of \$150 in addition to the cost of a BWL license; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

HB 798 **Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee (By
Chapter 121 Request – Departmental – Maryland Insurance
Administration)**

**HEALTH INSURANCE – REPORTING REQUIREMENTS –
REPEAL**

Repealing a requirement that an annual report be filed with the Maryland Insurance Commissioner by insurers, nonprofit health service plans, health maintenance organizations, dental plan organizations, and specified other persons or entities regarding a summary description of specified clinical issues and diagnostic and therapeutic services; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

HB 801 **Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee (By
Chapter 122 Request – Departmental – Maryland Insurance
Administration)**

**HEALTH INSURANCE – REQUIRED CONFORMITY WITH
FEDERAL LAW**

Repealing provisions of law permitting specified preexisting condition limitations in group and blanket health insurance contracts and policies; altering provisions of law relating to specified preexisting condition exclusions in individual health benefit plans to comply with requirements of the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; clarifying the circumstances in which a grace period provision applies under a qualified health plan; requiring a student health plan to comply with the requirements of specified federal regulations; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

HB 803 **Delegate Rosenberg, et al**
Chapter 123 **LIFE INSURANCE – FREEDOM TO TRAVEL ACT**

Prohibiting an insurer from taking specified actions relating to life insurance coverage solely for reasons associated with an applicant's or insured's future lawful travel; establishing a specified exception related to bona fide differences in risk or exposure; and requiring an insurer to maintain specified data and documents that support the insurer's determination that bona fide differences in risk or exposure exist and to make the data and documents available on request from the Maryland Insurance Commissioner.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

HB 827 **Delegate O'Donnell**
Chapter 124 **NEWBORN INFANT SCREENING – TESTING BY NONPUBLIC LABORATORIES – NOTIFICATION**

Requiring that the coordinated statewide system for newborn screening that the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene is required to maintain include notifying parents and guardians of newborn infants that laboratories other than the Department's public health laboratory are authorized to perform postscreening confirmatory or diagnostic tests on newborn infants for hereditary and congenital disorders.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

HB 832 **Cecil County Delegation**
Chapter 125 **CECIL COUNTY – MARRIAGE LICENSES – APPLICATIONS**

Repealing the requirement that, in Cecil County, both parties to be married appear together before the clerk to apply for a marriage license.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

- HB 841** **Frederick County Delegation**
Chapter 126 **FREDERICK COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – HOTEL LOBBY LICENSE**
- Establishing in Frederick County a hotel lobby license; authorizing the Board of License Commissioners to issue the license for use by a hotel that does not have a restaurant; establishing that the license authorizes the license holder to sell beer and wine by the bottle to patrons of the hotel for on–premises consumption; providing for the hours of sale; and specifying an annual license fee of \$100.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016
- HB 843** **Frederick County Delegation**
Chapter 127 **FREDERICK COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – BEAUTY SALON LICENSE**
- Establishing in Frederick County a beauty salon beer and wine license; requiring that a recipient of the license be a holder of a beauty salon permit; authorizing a license holder to provide beer and wine by the glass for consumption by a customer receiving cosmetology services or when a fund–raising event is held; prohibiting the license from being transferred to another location; providing that the establishment for which the license is issued is subject to specified alcohol awareness training requirements; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016
- HB 844** **Frederick County Delegation**
Chapter 128 **FREDERICK COUNTY – ALCOHOL AWARENESS PROGRAM – ABSENCE FROM LICENSED PREMISES**
- Authorizing in Frederick County an individual certified by an approved alcohol awareness program to be absent from a licensed premises for a personal or business reason under specified circumstances.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016
- HB 890** **St. Mary’s County Delegation**
Chapter 129 **ST. MARY’S COUNTY – LOCAL LANDLORD AND TENANT LAW – REPEAL**
- Repealing a specified provision of law concerning the return of goods to a tenant in an action for distress for rent.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

HB 1090 **Howard County Delegation**

Chapter 130

HOWARD COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – CONTINUING CARE RETIREMENT COMMUNITY LICENSE HO. CO. 15–16

Creating in Howard County an exception to the alcoholic beverages license application or renewal requirements for a Class C (continuing care retirement community) beer, wine, and liquor license issued to a nonprofit organization; requiring that the license be applied for and issued to a manager or supervisor and two officers; and allowing residents and their guests in a continuing care retirement community that holds the license to consume beer, wine, or liquor not purchased from the community under specified circumstances.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

HB 1101 **Montgomery County Delegation**

Chapter 131

MUNICIPAL CORPORATIONS – CLOSED SWIMMING LAKE – REGULATION MC 32–16

Providing that specified closed swimming lakes located within and maintained by a municipal corporation and only accessible to residents of the municipal corporation are not subject to specified State or county regulations; requiring that a municipal corporation that maintains a closed swimming lake establish a policy to assess and monitor the water quality of the closed swimming lake; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

HB 1105 **Howard County Delegation**

Chapter 132

HOWARD COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM – ACCESS TO PUBLIC INFORMATION HO. CO. 9–16

Requiring the custodian of a public record to provide written notice to an applicant regarding the applicant's right to file a complaint with the State Public Information Act Compliance Board; requiring the Public Access Ombudsman to investigate, evaluate, and issue a report concerning the Howard County Public School System concerning specified matters; requiring the Howard County Board of Education, Howard County Superintendent of Schools, and Howard County Public School System to provide the Ombudsman with specified records; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

HB 1109 Frederick County Delegation

Chapter 133

FREDERICK COUNTY – DRY ELECTION DISTRICTS – REPEAL

Repealing specified provisions of law that prohibit the Board of License Commissioners for Frederick County from issuing specified alcoholic beverages licenses in specified election districts in the county; providing that the Board may issue anywhere in the county, regardless of election district, any license authorized under a specified provision of law; requiring that a specified public hearing be held for a license; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

HB 1144 Delegate W. Miller

Chapter 134

GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANIES – RETAIL CHOICE CUSTOMER EDUCATION AND PROTECTION FUND

Establishing the Retail Choice Customer Education and Protection Fund as a special, nonlapsing fund; specifying the purpose of the Fund; requiring the Public Service Commission to administer the Fund; requiring the State Treasurer to hold the Fund and the Comptroller to account for the Fund; specifying the contents of the Fund; specifying the purpose for which the Fund may be used; providing for the investment of money in and expenditures from the Fund; requiring that specified civil penalties be paid into the Fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

HB 1161 Delegate Lisanti

Chapter 135

MUNICIPALITIES – BOAT DOCKING AND STORAGE – USER FEES – AUTHORIZED USES

Authorizing a municipality to use revenue from a specified user fee on charges for the docking and storage of boats for land acquisition and the related construction and maintenance of public facilities to enhance public use and water access.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

HB 1220 **Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee (By**
Chapter 136 **Request – Departmental – Health and Mental Hygiene), et al**

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE – HEALTH
PROGRAM INTEGRITY AND RECOVERY ACTIVITIES**

Authorizing the Inspector General or a specified Assistant Inspector General in the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to subpoena any person or evidence, administer oaths, and take depositions and other testimony for the purpose of investigating fraud, waste, or abuse of departmental program funds; authorizing a specified court to take specified actions under specified circumstances if a person fails to comply with a specified order or subpoena; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

HB 1408 **Delegate McComas**
Chapter 137

**PROPERTY AND CASUALTY INSURANCE – COMMERCIAL
POLICIES AND WORKERS’ COMPENSATION INSURANCE
POLICIES – NOTICES OF PREMIUM INCREASES**

Altering the scope of provisions of law that require an insurer to send to specified persons a specified notice of a premium increase for policies of commercial insurance and policies of workers’ compensation insurance; providing that the provisions of law do not apply to policies for which the renewal policy premium is an increase of a specified percentage or less over the expiring policy premium; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

HB 1445 **Calvert County Delegation**
Chapter 138

**CALVERT COUNTY – PROPERTY TAX CREDIT – COMMERCE
ZONES**

Authorizing a specified property tax credit for specified business entities that obtain specified new or expanded premises in specified commerce zones in Calvert County; providing for the amount and duration of the property tax credit; authorizing the governing body of Calvert County to provide, by law, for specified matters relating to the tax credit; and applying the Act to taxable years beginning after June 30, 2016.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

HB 1457

Delegates Vaughn and Mautz

Chapter 139

LAND SURVEYORS – QUALIFICATIONS FOR LICENSE – EDUCATION, EXPERIENCE, AND EXAMINATION REQUIREMENTS

Altering and adding specified higher education, experience, and examination requirements that specified applicants for a license to practice land surveying must meet to qualify for a license; repealing specified dates after which, and specified dates on or before which, specified applicants must possess a specified minimum number of credit hours in specified land surveying–related courses, must have a specified minimum number of years of specified experience in land surveying, or must apply for a license; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

HB 1493

Calvert County Delegation

Chapter 140

CALVERT COUNTY – ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVE FUND – ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Decreasing from 25 to 10 the number of full–time jobs a specified applicant must plan to create in order to be eligible for a direct loan or grant from the Economic Development Incentive Fund in Calvert County.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

HB 1503

Delegate Simonaire, et al

Chapter 141

ADULT EDUCATION – GED TESTING FEES – EXEMPTION FOR HOMELESS YOUTH

Exempting specified homeless youth from specified GED testing fees under specified circumstances; requiring the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation to verify a specified individual’s status as a homeless youth; authorizing the Department to use specified individuals to verify a specified individual’s status as a homeless youth; and requiring the Department to adopt specified regulations.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

HB 1527 **Delegate O'Donnell**

Chapter 142 ENVIRONMENT – WATER APPROPRIATION PERMIT –
AQUACULTURE EXEMPTION

Creating an exemption from the requirement to obtain a water appropriation permit under specified circumstances for specified use of tidal waters for oyster aquaculture purposes.

EMERGENCY BILL

Pursuant to Article III, Section 52(6) of the Maryland Constitution, the following bill has been assigned a chapter number:

SB 190 **The President (By Request – Administration)**

Chapter 143 BUDGET BILL (FISCAL YEAR 2017)

Making the proposed appropriations contained in the State budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017, in accordance with Article III, Section 52 of the Maryland Constitution; etc.

Sincerely,

Warren G. Deschenaux
Executive Director