

April 26, 2016

To the Members of the General Assembly

Ladies and Gentlemen:

On April 26, 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:

SB 376 **The President (By Request – Administration), et al**
Chapter 144 **PATHWAYS IN TECHNOLOGY EARLY COLLEGE HIGH**
 (P-TECH) SCHOOLS ACT OF 2016

Establishing specified State-funded Pathways in Technology Early College High (P-TECH) schools in the State; authorizing specified planning grants for P-TECH schools; requiring specified P-TECH schools to reserve at least 50% of its available space for students who meet the free and reduced price meal income criteria; requiring the State to provide a specified grant to P-TECH schools beginning in fiscal year 2017 for P-TECH school costs; providing that the grant may not exceed a specified amount in specified fiscal years; etc.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

SB 377 **The President (By Request – Administration)**
Chapter 145 **ADMISSIONS AND AMUSEMENT TAX – REVENUE**
 DISTRIBUTION – MARYLAND STATE ARTS COUNCIL

Altering a distribution of revenue from the State admissions and amusement tax on electronic bingo and electronic tip jars to provide up to an aggregate amount of \$1,000,000 to the Special Fund for Preservation of Cultural Arts in Maryland; providing that the Maryland State Arts Council is entitled to a specified revenue distribution from the State's specified admissions and amusement tax; requiring that the funds distributed to the Council be included in the Council's prior fiscal year appropriations; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

- SB 381**
Chapter 146 **The President (By Request – Administration), et al**
HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION – STUDENT AND RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE LOANS
- Authorizing the Community Development Administration in the Department of Housing and Community Development to make, participate in making, and undertake a commitment for financial assistance to a homeowner for purchasing a homeowner's primary residence and making payments on the homeowner's student debt under specified circumstances; requiring the Secretary of Housing and Community Development to determine the terms and qualifications of specified financial assistance to homeowners; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016
- HB 437**
Chapter 147 **Delegate Barron, et al**
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE – PRESCRIPTION DRUG MONITORING PROGRAM – MODIFICATIONS
- Requiring that specified authorized providers be registered with the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program before obtaining a new or renewal controlled dangerous substance registration; requiring that specified prescribers be registered with the Program before obtaining a new or renewal registration or by July 1, 2017, whichever is sooner; authorizing the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene to identify and publish a list of monitored prescription drugs that have low potential for abuse; etc.
CONTINGENT – EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016
- SB 4**
Chapter 148 **Senator Conway**
NATURAL RESOURCES – MARYLAND ENVIRONMENTAL TRUST – TRUSTEES
- Increasing the number of trustees of the Maryland Environmental Trust from 15 to 19 members; increasing to 16 the number of trustees elected to the Trust beginning on June 1, 2017; requiring that four of the trustees be elected each year for a term of four years at a specified meeting by a majority vote of the trustees present; requiring that four trustees be elected in October 2016; specifying that recommendations for elected trustees reflect a range of professions, and geographies, diversity and specified experience; etc.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

SB 16 **Senator Eckardt**

Chapter 149 TALBOT COUNTY – BOARD OF EDUCATION – STUDENT MEMBERS

Increasing the number of student members of the Talbot County Board of Education from one member to two members; requiring that one student member be a student from St. Michaels High School and one student member be a student from Easton High School in Talbot County; and making specified conforming changes.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

HB 226 **Delegates Mautz and Adams**

Chapter 150 TALBOT COUNTY – BOARD OF EDUCATION – STUDENT MEMBERS

Increasing the number of student members of the Talbot County Board of Education from one member to two members; requiring that one student member be a student from St. Michaels High School and one student member be a student from Easton High School in Talbot County; and making specified conforming changes.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

SB 28 **Senator Kagan, et al**

Chapter 151 STATE GOVERNMENT – WEB SITES – LANGUAGE ACCESS

Providing that, beginning on October 1, 2016, the reasonable steps specified departments, agencies, and programs are required to take under specified provisions of law include the operation and maintenance of equal access versions of specified Web sites in a language spoken by any limited English proficient population of at least .5% of the overall population within the State and that can be translated free-of-charge; requiring the Department of Information Technology to establish specified minimum standards; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

SB 31 **Senators DeGrange and Ready**

Chapter 152

**FAMILY LAW – CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT –
EXPUNGEMENT OF REPORTS AND RECORDS – TIME PERIOD**

Requiring a local department of social services to expunge a report of suspected abuse or neglect and all assessments and investigative findings within 2 years after the date of referral if the report is ruled out and no further reports of abuse or neglect are received during the 2 years; and authorizing a local department to immediately expunge specified reports and records of suspected child abuse and neglect under specified circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

SB 72 **Senator DeGrange**

Chapter 153

**CITIZENS COMMITTEE FOR THE ENHANCEMENT OF
COMMUNITIES SURROUNDING BALTIMORE–WASHINGTON
INTERNATIONAL THURGOOD MARSHALL AIRPORT –
MEMBERSHIP**

Altering the designation of a specified certified noise zone that is used in determining the membership of the Citizens Committee for the Enhancement of Communities Surrounding Baltimore–Washington International Thurgood Marshall Airport.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

HB 233 **Delegate Carey**

Chapter 154

**CITIZENS COMMITTEE FOR THE ENHANCEMENT OF
COMMUNITIES SURROUNDING BALTIMORE–WASHINGTON
INTERNATIONAL THURGOOD MARSHALL AIRPORT –
MEMBERSHIP**

Altering the designation of a specified certified noise zone that is used in determining the membership of the Citizens Committee for the Enhancement of Communities Surrounding Baltimore–Washington International Thurgood Marshall Airport.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

SB 75 **Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental –**
Chapter 155 **Maryland Insurance Administration)**

INSURANCE – PUBLIC ADJUSTERS – LICENSING

Repealing specified employment requirements for specified licensed public adjusters; providing for specified initial license fees for public adjusters; authorizing renewal notification by e-mail for specified public adjuster licenses; altering the renewal dates of specified public adjuster licenses; establishing continuing education requirements for the renewal of specified public adjuster licenses of 24 credit hours for each 2-year license period of which at least 3 hours shall relate to ethics; etc.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2017

SB 76 **Chair, Budget and Taxation Committee (By Request –**
Chapter 156 **Departmental – Assessments and Taxation)**

ENTERPRISE ZONES – REIMBURSEMENTS TO LOCAL
GOVERNMENTS – SCHEDULE

Altering the schedule for the State's reimbursement of an amount equal to a specified portion of an enterprise zone property tax credit; requiring a county or municipal corporation to submit its annual request for reimbursement to the Department of Assessments and Taxation by June 30; providing if a county or municipal corporation submits its request after June 30, the Department will issue its certification to the Comptroller within 30 days and the Comptroller will reimburse within 30 days of receipt of the certification; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

SB 77 **Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request –**
Chapter 157 **Departmental – Human Resources)**

HUMAN RESOURCES – TRANSITION PLANNING FOR FOSTER
YOUTH

Lowering from 16 to 14 the age at which a juvenile court must determine, during a permanency planning hearing, the services needed to assist a child in transitioning from foster care to successful adulthood; requiring a juvenile court to determine the services needed to assist a 14-year old child transitioning from foster care to successful adulthood; requiring the Department of Human Resources to adopt regulations to define the term "successful adulthood" to conform with specified provisions of federal law; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

SB 80
Chapter 158 **Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request – Departmental – Transportation)**

COMMERCIAL DRIVERS' LICENSES – CANCELLATIONS AND DOWNGRADES (DRIVING PRIVILEGE PRESERVATION ACT OF 2016)

Requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration to cancel the commercial driver's license of an individual who fails to submit to the Administration a current certificate of physical examination; authorizing the Administration to immediately reinstate and, subject to specified conditions, issue a noncommercial driver's license of an appropriate class to an individual whose commercial driver's license is canceled as a result of the failure to submit a certificate of physical examination, under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

SB 108
Chapter 159 **Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee (By Request – Departmental – Higher Education Commission)**

NURSE SUPPORT PROGRAM ASSISTANCE FUND – REVISIONS

Altering the types of nursing positions that are eligible to receive grants from the Nurse Support Program Assistance Fund.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

SB 120
Chapter 160 **Senator Simonaire**

HIGHER EDUCATION – SENATORIAL SCHOLARSHIPS – AWARDS

Authorizing the recipients of senatorial scholarships to hold an award for a fifth undergraduate academic year or for a semester subsequent to a fourth undergraduate academic year if the recipient makes a specified request, is a full-time student, continues to be a resident of the State, continues to be a student at the institution and takes courses leading to a degree, and has exhausted the funds available during the previous 4 years of study; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

- SB 128** **Senator Serafini**
Chapter 161 MARYLAND HIGHER EDUCATION COMMISSION – RELIGIOUS
EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS – AUTHORITY TO OPERATE
- Repealing a condition under which a religious educational institution may operate without a certificate of approval from the Maryland Higher Education Commission and may enroll specified students in a specified online distance education program without a registration from the Commission.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016
- HB 878** **Delegate Parrott**
Chapter 162 MARYLAND HIGHER EDUCATION COMMISSION – RELIGIOUS
EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS – AUTHORITY TO OPERATE
- Repealing a condition under which a religious educational institution may operate without a certificate of approval from the Maryland Higher Education Commission and may enroll specified students in a specified online distance education program without a registration from the Commission.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016
- SB 129** **Senator Conway**
Chapter 163 BALTIMORE CITY BOARD OF SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS –
SUBMISSION OF A COMPREHENSIVE MASTER PLAN –
REPEAL OF DUPLICATIVE REQUIREMENT
- Repealing a duplicative requirement for the Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners to submit a comprehensive master plan to the State Board of Education.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016
- HB 163** **Delegate Anderson, et al**
Chapter 164 BALTIMORE CITY BOARD OF SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS –
SUBMISSION OF A COMPREHENSIVE MASTER PLAN –
REPEAL OF DUPLICATIVE REQUIREMENT
- Repealing a duplicative requirement for the Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners to submit a comprehensive master plan to the State Board of Education.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

SB 134 **Senator Mathias**

Chapter 165 **SOMERSET COUNTY – SHERIFF – SALARY**

Altering the salary of the Sheriff of Somerset County from not less than \$60,000 to not less than \$75,000; and providing for the application of the Act.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

HB 148 **Delegate Otto**

Chapter 166 **SOMERSET COUNTY – SHERIFF – SALARY**

Altering the salary of the Sheriff of Somerset County from not less than \$60,000 to not less than \$75,000; and providing for the application of the Act.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

SB 135 **Senator Mathias**

Chapter 167 **SOMERSET COUNTY – COMMISSIONERS – SALARY AND
EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENTS**

Altering the salary of the County Commissioners of Somerset County from \$7,500 to \$8,500 for each Commissioner and from \$8,500 to \$9,500 for the President; altering the limit on reimbursements that each Commissioner may receive from \$2,500 to \$3,000 for expenses incurred for any official duties; and providing for the application of the Act.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

HB 149 **Delegate Otto**

Chapter 168 **SOMERSET COUNTY – COMMISSIONERS – SALARY AND
EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENTS**

Altering the salary of the County Commissioners of Somerset County from \$7,500 to \$8,500 for each Commissioner and from \$8,500 to \$9,500 for the President; altering the limit on reimbursements that each Commissioner may receive for specified expenses from \$2,500 to \$3,000; and providing for the application of the Act.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

SB 145 Senators Mathias and Eckardt

Chapter 169

**WICOMICO COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION – ELECTION AND
APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS**

Providing for a referendum in November 2016, of the qualified voters of Wicomico County to decide the method for determining the membership of the County Board of Education; requiring the qualified voters of the County to choose to retain the current system of seven members appointed by the Governor, or choose a Board with five members elected by district and two elected at large, or for a Board with five members elected by district and two appointed by the Wicomico County Council; establishing a School Board Nominating Commission; etc.

CONTINGENT – EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

SB 148 Senator Feldman

Chapter 170

**CORPORATIONS AND REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUSTS –
DIRECTORS AND TRUSTEES – DUTIES AND IMMUNITY FROM
LIABILITY**

Clarifying the duties of a director of a corporation and that the director must act in good faith, in a manner the director reasonably believes to be in the best interests of the corporation, and with the care that an ordinarily prudent person in a similar position would use under similar circumstances; clarifying that a director who acts in accordance with the standard of conduct provided by a specified provision of law shall have specified immunity from liability; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

HB 354 Delegate Kramer

Chapter 171

**CORPORATIONS AND REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUSTS –
DIRECTORS AND TRUSTEES – DUTIES AND IMMUNITY FROM
LIABILITY**

Clarifying that the director of a corporation must act in good faith, in a manner the director reasonably believes to be in the best interests of the corporation, and with the care that an ordinarily prudent person in a similar position would use under similar circumstances; clarifying that a director who acts in accordance with a specified provision of law shall have specified immunity from liability; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

SB 170 **Senators Kagan and Hershey**

Chapter 172

VOTER REGISTRATION – AFFILIATION WITH POLITICAL PARTY AND PARTICIPATION IN PRIMARY ELECTION, CAUCUS, OR CONVENTION

Requiring that voter registration applications used in the State to register to vote or to change specified information for a registered voter include a specified statement concerning registration with a political party and the voter's right to participate in primary elections, caucuses, or conventions for a political party; authorizing the continued use of specified voter registration applications after June 1, 2016; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

HB 344 **Delegates Afzali and C. Howard**

Chapter 173

VOTER REGISTRATION – AFFILIATION WITH POLITICAL PARTY AND PARTICIPATION IN PRIMARY ELECTION, CAUCUS, OR CONVENTION

Requiring that voter registration applications used in the State to register to vote or to change specified information for a registered voter include a specified statement concerning registration with a political party and the voter's right to participate in primary elections, caucuses, or conventions for a political party; authorizing the continued use of specified voter registration applications after a June 1, 2016; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

SB 182 **Senator Mathias, et al**

Chapter 174

PUBLIC SAFETY – RENTAL DWELLING UNITS – CARBON MONOXIDE ALARMS

Altering specified requirements relating to carbon monoxide alarms as the requirements apply to rental dwelling units; requiring specified rental dwelling units, on or after April 1, 2018, to have a carbon monoxide alarm installed within the dwelling outside each separate sleeping area in the immediate vicinity of the bedrooms, and on every level of the rental dwelling unit, including basements; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

HB 849 **Delegate Sample–Hughes, et al**

Chapter 175

PUBLIC SAFETY – RENTAL DWELLING UNITS – CARBON MONOXIDE ALARMS

Altering specified requirements relating to carbon monoxide alarms as the requirements apply to rental dwelling units; requiring specified rental dwelling units, on or after April 1, 2018, to have a specified carbon monoxide alarm installed within the dwelling outside and in the immediate vicinity of each separate specified sleeping area, and on every level of the unit, including the basement; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

SB 194 **Senator Ready**

Chapter 176

ETHICS COMMISSION, COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL DISABILITIES, JUDICIAL ETHICS COMMITTEE, AND JOINT ETHICS COMMITTEE – DUTIES

Providing that the Judicial Ethics Committee as an alternative to the Commission on Judicial Disabilities or another body designated by a specified court, shall administer and implement specified provisions of law that apply to State officials of the Judicial Branch; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

HB 496 **Delegate Krebs**

Chapter 177

ETHICS COMMISSION, COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL DISABILITIES, JUDICIAL ETHICS COMMITTEE, AND JOINT ETHICS COMMITTEE – DUTIES

Providing that the Judicial Ethics Committee as an alternative to the Commission on Judicial Disabilities or another body designated by a specified court, shall administer and implement specified provisions of law that apply to State officials of the Judicial Branch; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

SB 217 **Senator Conway**

Chapter 178

**STATE BOARD OF PHYSICIANS – DISTRIBUTION OF FEES BY
COMPTROLLER – LOAN ASSISTANCE REPAYMENT FOR
PHYSICIANS AND PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS**

Altering the circumstances under which the Comptroller is required to distribute fees received from the State Board of Physicians to the Office of Student Financial Assistance to be used to make grants under the Maryland Loan Assistance Repayment Program for Physicians and Physician Assistants in fiscal years 2017 and 2018; repealing specified provisions of law that require the Comptroller to distribute specified fees to the Health Personnel Shortage Incentive Grant Program under specified circumstances etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

SB 218 **Senator Conway, et al**

Chapter 179

**HIGHER EDUCATION – UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF MARYLAND
AND MORGAN STATE UNIVERSITY – PROHIBITION AGAINST
INCLUSION**

Prohibiting the inclusion of Morgan State University within the University System of Maryland.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

SB 219 **Senator Ready, et al**

Chapter 180

**CARROLL COUNTY – TURKEY HUNTING ON PRIVATE
PROPERTY – SUNDAYS**

Authorizing a person to hunt turkey on private property on Sundays during the spring turkey hunting season in Carroll County; and making the Act an emergency measure.

EMERGENCY BILL

SB 272 **Senator King, et al**

Chapter 181

**FINANCIAL AID – DEAF AND HEARING IMPAIRED STUDENTS
– OUT-OF-STATE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION**

Authorizing the use of an Educational Excellence Award at an institution of higher education that is not in the State if the applicant is a deaf or hearing impaired student attending an institution of higher education that makes specified provisions for deaf and hearing impaired students and comparable provisions are not available in the State; altering a provision of law that prohibits the Office of Student Financial Assistance from awarding more than a specified percent of funds for specified grants; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

SB 307 **Calvert County Senators**

Chapter 182

CALVERT COUNTY – BONDING AUTHORITY

Authorizing and empowering the County Commissioners of Calvert County, from time to time, to borrow not more than \$9,410,000 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 in like par amount; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

SB 312 **Senator King, et al**

Chapter 183

**CHILDREN – FAMILY CHILD CARE HOMES AND CHILD CARE
CENTERS – ADVERTISING AND PENALTIES**

Requiring advertisements for specified child care services to include specified information; authorizing specified employees of the State Department of Education or the State Fire Marshal, a deputy State fire marshal, a special assistant State fire marshal, or a local fire marshal to visit, and authorizing the employees of the Department to serve a civil citation to specified child care homes and child care centers if the child care home or child care center is advertised and is not registered or licensed with the Department; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

HB 329 Delegate Dumais

Chapter 184

CHILDREN – FAMILY CHILD CARE HOMES AND CHILD CARE CENTERS – ADVERTISING AND PENALTIES

Requiring advertisements for specified child care services to include specified registration information; authorizing specified employees of the State Department of Education or the State Fire Marshal, a deputy State fire marshal, a special assistant State fire marshal, or a local fire marshal to visit, and authorizing the employees of the Department to serve a civil citation to specified child care homes and child care centers if the child care home or child care center is advertised and is not registered or licensed with the Department; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

SB 282 Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee (By Request – Departmental – Education)

Chapter 185

EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT – TRANSFER OF PROVISIONS

Transferring specified provisions of law relating to early childhood development from the Family Law Article to the Education Article; establishing the Division of Early Childhood Development within the State Department of Education; renaming the Early Childhood Development Advisory Council to be the Office of Child Care Advisory Council; etc.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

SB 314 Senator Klausmeier, et al

Chapter 186

STATE GOVERNMENT – FINANCIAL EDUCATION AND CAPABILITY COMMISSION – COMPOSITION

Altering the composition of the Financial Education and Capability Commission to include one representative of a nonprofit organization in the State that provides financial assistance and free financial education to State residents for postsecondary education.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

- HB 136** **Delegates Stein and A. Washington**
Chapter 187 STATE GOVERNMENT – FINANCIAL EDUCATION AND
CAPABILITY COMMISSION – COMPOSITION
- Altering the composition of the Financial Education and Capability Commission to include one representative of a nonprofit organization in the State that provides financial assistance and free financial education to State residents for postsecondary education.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016
- SB 343** **Senator Peters (Chair, Joint Committee on Pensions)**
Chapter 188 EMPLOYEES’ AND TEACHERS’ PENSION SYSTEMS –
ALTERNATE CONTRIBUTORY PENSION SELECTION AND
REFORMED CONTRIBUTORY PENSION BENEFIT
- Repealing the June 30, 2016, date by which individuals who were subject to the Alternate Contributory Pension Selection in the Employees’ Pension System or Teachers’ Pension System before separating from employment must resume employment in order to resume participation in the Alternate Contributory Pension Selection; requiring the Board of Trustees to submit a report by October 1 annually, to the Joint Committee on Pensions providing the number of specified members in specified circumstances; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016
- SB 344** **Senator Peters (Chair, Joint Committee on Pensions)**
Chapter 189 STATE RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEM – LOCAL FIRE
AND POLICE SYSTEM – COMMINGLING OF ASSETS
- Repealing obsolete language authorizing the commingling of Local Fire and Police System assets with other State Retirement and Pension System assets; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

- SB 345** **Senator Peters (Chair, Joint Committee on Pensions)**
Chapter 190 STATE RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEM – OPTIONAL
RETIREMENT ALLOWANCES – DESIGNATED BENEFICIARIES
- Repealing as redundant specified provisions relating to members of the Judges’ Retirement System designating multiple beneficiaries under a specified optional retirement allowance in the State Retirement and Pension System; clarifying that specified members of the State Retirement and Pension System may designate multiple beneficiaries under specified optional retirement allowances.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016
- SB 352** **Senators Hershey and Rosapepe**
Chapter 191 MARYLAND HEALTH CARE COMMISSION – CERTIFICATE OF
NEED REVIEW – INTERESTED PARTY
- Altering the definition of “interested party”, for the purpose of certificate of need review of a replacement acute general hospital project, to include a jurisdiction within the region served by a specified regional health system that does not contain a specified hospital project.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016
- SB 368** **Senator Ferguson, et al**
Chapter 192 BALTIMORE CITY – POLICE COMMISSIONER – LENGTH OF
TERM
- Repealing a provision requiring that the Police Commissioner of Baltimore City be appointed for a term of 6 years; and providing that the Police Commissioner shall serve at the pleasure of the Mayor of Baltimore City.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016
- HB 384** **Delegate Anderson, et al**
Chapter 193 BALTIMORE CITY – POLICE COMMISSIONER – LENGTH OF
TERM
- Repealing a provision requiring that the Police Commissioner of Baltimore City be appointed for a term of 6 years; and providing that the Police Commissioner shall serve at the pleasure of the Mayor of Baltimore City.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

- SB 372** **Senator Peters, et al**
Chapter 194 **STUDY OF INTERCEPTING HORSE RACING WINNINGS FOR CHILD SUPPORT AND RESTITUTION**
- Requiring the Department of Information Technology to analyze the logistics of intercepting horse racing winnings to pay for child support or restitution arears, study the use of specified intercept methods by the State for child support enforcement and restitution collection, and make recommendations regarding specified matters; requiring the Department to report its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly on or before December 31, 2016; etc.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016
- HB 707** **Delegate Valentino-Smith, et al**
Chapter 195 **STUDY OF INTERCEPTING HORSE RACING WINNINGS FOR CHILD SUPPORT AND RESTITUTION**
- Requiring the Department of Information Technology to analyze the logistics of intercepting horse racing winnings to pay for child support or restitution arears, study the use of specified intercept methods by the State for child support enforcement and restitution collection, and make recommendations regarding specified matters; requiring the Department to report its finding and recommendations to the General Assembly on or before December 31, 2016; etc.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016
- SB 373** **Senator Peters (Chair, Joint Committee on Pensions)**
Chapter 196 **TEACHERS' RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEMS – REEMPLOYMENT OF RETIREES – CLARIFICATION**
- Clarifying the number of retirees of the Teachers' Retirement System or the Teachers' Pension System that are exempt from a specified offset of a retirement allowance if they are reemployed in specified positions in a local school system or the Maryland School for the Deaf.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

SB 374 **Senator Serafini, et al**

Chapter 197 **INCOME TAX SUBTRACTION MODIFICATION – COLLEGE SAVINGS PLANS – CONTRIBUTIONS**

Providing a subtraction modification under the Maryland income tax for contributions made by specified individuals to specified college savings accounts subject to specified limitations; defining specified terms; and applying the Act to all taxable years beginning after December 31, 2015.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

SB 379 **The President (By Request – Administration)**

Chapter 198 **CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – QUALIFIED ZONE ACADEMY BONDS**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt in the amount of \$4,680,000, 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; establishing that proceeds from the sale of qualified zone academy bonds may only be spent on costs that were eligible under the rules and regulations governing the program that were in effect on January 1, 2016; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

SB 393 **Senator Nathan-Pulliam, et al**

Chapter 199 **MARYLAND NURSE PRACTICE ACT – PEER REVIEW AND ADVISORY COMMITTEES AND PENALTIES**

Repealing the requirement that the State Board of Nursing appoint specified peer review committees; authorizing the Board to appoint peer advisory committees to provide the Board with expert advice related to the practice of nursing by advance practice nurses; providing that a member of a peer advisory committee is entitled to receive compensation, as determined by the Board, and reimbursement for expenses under the Standard State Travel Regulations, as provided in the State budget; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

HB 490 **Delegate Cullison**

Chapter 200

**MARYLAND NURSE PRACTICE ACT – PEER REVIEW AND
ADVISORY COMMITTEES AND PENALTIES**

Repealing the requirement that the State Board of Nursing appoint specified peer review committees; authorizing the Board to appoint peer advisory committees to provide the Board with expert advice related to the practice of nursing by advance practice nurses; providing that a member of a peer advisory committee is entitled to receive compensation, as determined by the Board, and reimbursement for specified expenses; altering the maximum amount of a specified civil fine the Board may impose; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

SB 395 **Senator Conway**

Chapter 201

**ETHICS – LOCAL GOVERNMENT – CONFLICT OF INTEREST
AND FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE**

Requiring that specified authorized modifications of local conflict of interest and financial disclosure laws and regulations be made in accordance with regulations adopted by the State Ethics Commission and consistent with specified intent; and authorizing rather than requiring a county or municipal corporation to modify specified local financial disclosure laws under specified circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

SB 408 **Senator Manno**

Chapter 202

**ELECTION LAW – STATE ELECTED OFFICIALS – CAMPAIGN
FUND-RAISING DURING GENERAL ASSEMBLY SESSION –
CIVIL PENALTY**

Authorizing the State Board of Elections to impose a civil penalty for a violation by a campaign finance entity of the prohibition on fund-raising during the General Assembly session; authorizing the State Board to impose a lesser civil penalty than prescribed by law for a violation, as specified; repealing provisions of law authorizing the State Board, represented by the State Prosecutor, to institute a civil action in a circuit court against a campaign finance entity for violating the prohibition on fund-raising during the session; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

HB 241 **Delegates Rosenberg and A. Washington**

Chapter 203

**ELECTION LAW – STATE ELECTED OFFICIALS – CAMPAIGN
FUND–RAISING DURING GENERAL ASSEMBLY SESSION –
CIVIL PENALTY**

Clarifying that specified persons are prohibited from soliciting a contribution during the General Assembly session; authorizing the State Board of Elections to impose a civil penalty for a violation by a campaign finance entity of the prohibition on fund–raising during the General Assembly session; repealing provisions of law authorizing the State Board, represented by the State Prosecutor, to institute a civil action in a circuit court against a campaign finance entity for violating the prohibition on fund–raising during the session; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

SB 421 **Senator Ramirez, et al**

Chapter 204

**SPECIAL EDUCATION – TRANSLATIONS OF INDIVIDUALIZED
EDUCATION PROGRAMS OR INDIVIDUALIZED FAMILY
SERVICE PLANS – NATIVE LANGUAGE**

Authorizing the parents of a child with a completed individualized education program or a completed individualized family service plan to request that the document be translated into the parents' native language if that language is spoken by more than 1 percent of the student population in the local school system; requiring appropriate school personnel to provide a parent with a translated document within 30 days after the date of the request; and requiring the Department of Education and county boards of education to submit specified reports.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

HB 86

Chapter 205

Delegate Luedtke, et al

SPECIAL EDUCATION – TRANSLATIONS OF INDIVIDUALIZED EDUCATION PROGRAMS OR INDIVIDUALIZED FAMILY SERVICE PLANS – NATIVE LANGUAGE

Authorizing the parents of a child with a completed individualized education program or a completed individualized family service plan to request the document to be translated into the parents' native language if that language is spoken by more than 1 percent of the student population in the local school system; requiring appropriate school personnel to provide a parent with a translated document within 30 days after the date of the request; and requiring the Department of Education and county boards of education to submit specified reports.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

SB 431

Chapter 206

Senator Edwards

ALLEGANY COUNTY AND GARRETT COUNTY – ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORTS – FILING DATE

Providing the date by which Allegany County and Garrett County are required to file annual financial reports with the Department of Legislative Services is on or before December 31 after the close of the county's fiscal year.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

SB 436

Chapter 207

Senator Feldman, et al

INSURANCE – SURPLUS LINES – SHORT-TERM MEDICAL INSURANCE

Altering the scope of provisions of law governing surplus lines insurance to authorize the use of surplus lines insurance for short-term medical insurance coverage; authorizing the procurement of short-term medical insurance from a nonadmitted insurer under specified circumstances; prohibiting the inclusion of specified provisions in a short-term policy procured from a nonadmitted insurer; requiring the Maryland Insurance Commissioner to develop and make available on the Web site a consumer guide on short-term medical insurance; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

HB 554 **Delegates Bromwell and Kipke**

Chapter 208

**INSURANCE – SURPLUS LINES – SHORT-TERM MEDICAL
INSURANCE**

Altering the scope of provisions of law governing surplus lines insurance to authorize the use of surplus lines insurance for short-term medical insurance coverage; authorizing the procurement of short-term medical insurance from a nonadmitted insurer under specified circumstances; prohibiting the inclusion of specified provisions in a short-term policy procured from a nonadmitted insurer; requiring the Maryland Insurance Commissioner to develop and make available on the Web site a consumer guide on short-term medical insurance; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

SB 450 **Senator Kelley, et al**

Chapter 209

**HEALTH CARE PROVIDER MALPRACTICE INSURANCE –
SCOPE OF COVERAGE**

Authorizing the inclusion, in a policy that insures a health care provider against damages due to medical injury arising from providing or failing to provide health care, of coverage for the defense of a health care provider in a specified disciplinary hearing if the cost of the included coverage is itemized in the billing statement, invoice, or declarations page for the policy and reported to the Maryland Insurance Commissioner in a form and manner required by the Commissioner.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

HB 1487 **Delegates Valderrama and Barkley**

Chapter 210

**HEALTH CARE PROVIDER MALPRACTICE INSURANCE –
SCOPE OF COVERAGE**

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EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

- SB 473** **Senator Peters (Chair, Joint Committee on Pensions)**
Chapter 211 **CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM – CLIFTON
T. PERKINS MAXIMUM SECURITY GUARDS – ALLOWANCES**
- Altering the age at which a normal service retirement allowance begins for a member of the Correctional Officers' Retirement System who is a maximum security attendant at the Clifton T. Perkins Hospital Center; altering the age at which a vested allowance begins for specified members of the Correctional Officers' Retirement System who serve as maximum security attendants at the Clifton T. Perkins Hospital Center; and providing for the prospective application of specified provisions of the Act.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016
- SB 477** **Senator Peters (Chair, Joint Committee on Pensions)**
Chapter 212 **STATE RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEM –
REEMPLOYMENT OF ORDINARY DISABILITY RETIREES –
EARNINGS LIMITATION**
- Exempting from a specified reemployment earnings limitation specified retirees whose average final compensation was less than \$25,000 and who are reemployed while receiving an ordinary disability retirement allowance from the State Retirement and Pension System.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016
- SB 494** **Senator Nathan–Pulliam, et al**
Chapter 213 **STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION – COMMUNITY–
PARTNERED SCHOOL BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES
PROGRAMS – REPORTING SYSTEM AND REPORT (SCHOOL
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ACCOUNTABILITY ACT)**
- Requiring the State Department of Education, in consultation with the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, county boards of education, and other stakeholders, to develop and implement a standardized reporting system to determine the effectiveness of community–partnered school behavioral health services programs, not including school–based health centers; requiring the Department to report to the Governor and General Assembly on the effectiveness of the specified health services programs by December 1, 2017, and every 2 years thereafter; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

HB 713 **Delegate Luedtke, et al**

Chapter 214

STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION – COMMUNITY–
PARTNERED SCHOOL BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES
PROGRAMS – REPORTING SYSTEM AND REPORT (SCHOOL
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ACCOUNTABILITY ACT)

Requiring the State Department of Education, in consultation with the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, county boards of education, and other stakeholders, to develop and implement a standardized reporting system to determine the effectiveness of community–partnered school behavioral health services programs, not including school–based health centers; requiring the Department to report to the Governor and General Assembly on the effectiveness of the specified health services programs by December 1, 2017, and every 2 years thereafter; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

SB 499 **Senator Ferguson**

Chapter 215

ADMISSIONS AND AMUSEMENT TAX – BALTIMORE CITY –
AMATEUR SPORTS LEAGUE FEES

Authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City to exempt from the admissions and amusement tax gross receipts from any charge or fee to participate in an amateur recreational sports event or league; and prohibiting the imposition of the admissions and amusement tax in Baltimore City for gross receipts from a charge or fee to participate in an amateur recreational sports event or league collected before July 1, 2016.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

HB 1227 **Delegate Clippinger, et al**

Chapter 216

ADMISSIONS AND AMUSEMENT TAX – BALTIMORE CITY –
AMATEUR SPORTS LEAGUE FEES

Authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City to exempt from the admissions and amusement tax gross receipts from any charge or fee to participate in an amateur recreational sports event or league; prohibiting the imposition of the admissions and amusement tax in Baltimore City for gross receipts from a charge or fee to participate in an amateur recreational sports event or league collected before July 1, 2016.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

SB 517 **Washington County Senators**

Chapter 217

WASHINGTON COUNTY – CONTRIBUTIONS TO NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS – PROCESS

Altering the process by which the County Commissioners of Washington County make contributions to specified nonprofit organizations in Washington County; altering the deadline for submission of applications for contributions; requiring the County Commissioners to hold a public hearing on the applications; authorizing the County Commissioners to remove specified organizations from a specified list and, on request by the organization, to revise or amend the name of an organization; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

SB 532 **Senator McFadden**

Chapter 218

CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM – MEMBERSHIP – CORRECTIONAL CASE MANAGEMENT SPECIALIST

Altering the membership of the Correctional Officers' Retirement System to include specified correctional case management specialists, supervisors, or managers; providing that specified members of the Correctional Officers' Retirement System who meet specified criteria may receive a normal service retirement allowance that is based on specified creditable service; requiring the State Retirement Agency, on or before October 1, 2016, to notify specified individuals affected by the Act of their right to transfer specified service credit; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

HB 1438 **Delegate Sophocleus, et al**

Chapter 219

CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM – MEMBERSHIP – CORRECTIONAL CASE MANAGEMENT SPECIALIST

Altering the membership of the Correctional Officers' Retirement System to include specified correctional case management specialists, supervisors, or managers; providing that specified members of the Correctional Officers' Retirement System who meet specified criteria may receive a normal service retirement allowance that is based on specified creditable service; requiring the State Retirement Agency, on or before October 1, 2016, to notify specified individuals affected by the Act of their rights to transfer specified service credit; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

SB 542 **Senators Feldman and Ferguson**

Chapter 220 **STATE RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEM – FORFEITURE OF BENEFITS**

Establishing that specified public employees who are specified State officers may be subject to forfeiture of benefits from the State Retirement and Pension System; prohibiting the payment of benefits to a public employee who is found guilty of, pleads guilty to, or enters a plea of nolo contendere to a qualifying crime; prohibiting the forfeiture of benefits if the forfeiture negatively affects or invalidates the tax qualified status of any of several systems within the State Retirement and Pension System; etc.
EFFECTIVE JANUARY 9, 2019

SB 571 **Senator Lee**

Chapter 221 **MARYLAND TRUST ACT – NONJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT AGREEMENTS**

Authorizing, on or after October 1, 2016, specified interested persons to enter into a binding nonjudicial settlement agreement with respect to a matter involving a trust; providing that the nonjudicial settlement agreement is valid only to a specified extent; authorizing an interested person to request a court to make specified determinations with respect to the agreement; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

HB 888 **Delegate West**

Chapter 222 **MARYLAND TRUST ACT – NONJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT AGREEMENTS**

Authorizing, on or after October 1, 2016, specified interested persons to enter into a binding nonjudicial settlement agreement with respect to a matter involving a trust; providing that the nonjudicial settlement agreement is valid only to a specified extent; authorizing an interested person to request a court to make specified determinations with respect to the agreement; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

SB 597 **Senator Peters, et al**

Chapter 223

**RECORDATION AND TRANSFER TAXES – TRANSFER OF
CONTROLLING INTEREST – EXEMPTIONS**

Altering a specified exemption from recordation and transfer taxes so as to provide that a transfer of a controlling interest in a real property entity is not subject to recordation and transfer taxes if the transfer of the real property owned by the real property entity between the same transferor and transferee of the controlling interest under the same circumstances would have been exempt under specified provisions of law; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

HB 1226 **Delegate A. Washington**

Chapter 224

**RECORDATION AND TRANSFER TAXES – TRANSFER OF
CONTROLLING INTEREST – EXEMPTIONS**

Altering a specified exemption from recordation and transfer taxes so as to provide that a transfer of a controlling interest in a real property entity is not subject to recordation and transfer taxes if the transfer of the real property owned by the real property entity between the same transferor and transferee of the controlling interest under the same circumstances would have been exempt under specified provisions of law; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

SB 608 **Senator Guzzone**

Chapter 225

**EMPLOYEES' PENSION SYSTEM – REDEPOSIT OF
CONTRIBUTIONS**

Authorizing individuals who meet specified criteria to redeposit specified withdrawn accumulated contributions with the State Retirement and Pension System; requiring individuals who redeposit accumulated contributions to be enrolled in a specified benefit in the Employees' Pension System and receive specified credit for prior service; and requiring specified individuals to complete a specified form provided by the State Retirement and Pension System when redepositing accumulated contributions; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

SB 682 **Senator Edwards**

Chapter 226 GARRETT COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – SUNDAY
SALES

Submitting to a referendum of the qualified voters of specified election districts and precincts of election districts in Garrett County the question of whether the holders of specified alcoholic beverages licenses in Garrett County should be authorized to sell alcoholic beverages for off-premises consumption on Sundays under specified circumstances; etc.

CONTINGENT – EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

HB 1028 **Delegate Beitzel**

Chapter 227 GARRETT COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – SUNDAY
SALES

Submitting to a referendum of the qualified voters of specified election districts and precincts of election districts in Garrett County the question of whether the holders of specified alcoholic beverages licenses in Garrett County should be authorized to sell alcoholic beverages for off-premises consumption on Sundays under specified circumstances; etc.

CONTINGENT – EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

SB 725 **The President (By Request – Department of Legislative
Chapter 228 Services – Code Revision)**

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – CROSS-REFERENCES AND
CORRECTIONS

Correcting specified cross-references to the Alcoholic Beverages Article in the Annotated Code of Maryland; and correcting specified errors in the Alcoholic Beverages Article.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

SB 764 **Senators Raskin and Rosapepe**

Chapter 229 **EDUCATION – STUDENT JOURNALISTS – FREEDOM OF
SPEECH AND FREEDOM OF THE PRESS**

Authorizing student journalists at public schools and public institutions of higher education to exercise freedom of speech and freedom of the press in school-sponsored media; specifying that these freedoms are not limited by the fact that the media is supported financially by the school system, the school, or the institution of higher education, or by use of the facilities of the school; prohibiting student media advisors from using their position to influence a student journalist to promote specified positions; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

SB 770 **Senators Bates and Norman**

Chapter 230 **EDUCATION – PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOLS – AGRICULTURE
SCIENCE**

Encouraging each county board of education, beginning in the 2018–2019 school year, to implement a specified agriculture science curriculum in at least one public high school in each county or at least one career and technology education center in each county; and requiring that the agriculture science curriculum be selected from existing curricula developed by the State Department of Education or be developed by a county board and approved by the Department.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

SB 774 **Senator Norman**

Chapter 231 **MOTOR VEHICLES – AUTOCYCLES – STANDARDS AND
REQUIREMENTS**

Establishing that an autocycle is considered to be a motorcycle for the purposes of the Maryland Vehicle Law; defining the term “autocycle” to include a motor vehicle manufactured in compliance with federal motor vehicle safety standards; prohibiting an applicant for a specified driver skills examination from using an autocycle for the examination; requiring that the form for specified written accident reports distinguish autocycles from motorcycles; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

SB 781 **Senator Rosapepe, et al**

Chapter 232

EDUCATION – MARYLAND SEAL OF BILITERACY ACT – ESTABLISHMENT

Establishing the Maryland Seal of Biliteracy Program; providing for the purpose of the Program; providing that participation in the Program by a local school system is voluntary; providing that, beginning with the graduating class of 2017, specified eligible students shall receive the Maryland Seal of Biliteracy affixed to a diploma or transcript under specified circumstances; requiring the State Board of Education to establish specified criteria and requirements on or before October 1, 2016; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

SB 821

Chapter 233

Senator Peters (Chair, Joint Committee on Pensions)

PARTICIPATING GOVERNMENTAL UNITS – AMORTIZATION SCHEDULE

Altering the calculation of the accrued liability contributions required to be paid by a participating governmental unit on account of members of the Employees' Retirement System and Employees' Pension System who are employees of a participating governmental unit; and clarifying the application of a specified amortization period to specified legislative changes.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

SB 823

Chapter 234

Senator Conway

TASK FORCE TO STUDY THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A DYSLEXIA EDUCATION PROGRAM – MEMBERSHIP, DUTIES, AND EXTENSION

Altering the membership and duties of the Task Force to Study the Implementation of a Dyslexia Program; and changing the date from December 30, 2015, to December 30, 2016, by which the Task Force to Study the Implementation of a Dyslexia Education Program is required to submit specified findings and recommendations to the Governor and to specified committees of the General Assembly.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

HB 895 **Delegate Kaiser**

Chapter 235 TASK FORCE TO STUDY THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A
DYSLEXIA EDUCATION PROGRAM – MEMBERSHIP, DUTIES,
AND EXTENSION

Altering the membership and duties of the Task Force to Study the Implementation of a Dyslexia Education Program; and changing the date from December 30, 2015, to December 30, 2016, by which the Task Force is required to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and to specified committees of the General Assembly.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

SB 995 **Senator Waugh**

Chapter 236 ST. MARY'S COUNTY – LOCAL LICENSES – REPEAL

Repealing provisions of law that relate to specified licenses issued in St. Mary's County for hucksters, peddlers, and other specified businesses.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

SB 1033 **Senator Mathias**

Chapter 237 MARYLAND CONSOLIDATED CAPITAL BOND LOAN OF 2015 –
WORCESTER COUNTY – DELMARVA DISCOVERY CENTER
AND MUSEUM

Amending the Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loan of 2015 to add the Board of Directors of the Delmarva Discovery Center & Museum, Inc. as a grantee to a specified grant.
EMERGENCY BILL

SB 1077 **Washington County Senators**

Chapter 238 WASHINGTON COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – LICENSE
RENEWAL PROCEDURES

Specifying the filing period for a renewal of an alcoholic beverages license in Washington County is between April 1 and June 15, inclusive; requiring a license holder to file an application to renew an annual license and the required documents by a specified date; altering the penalty for late filing of an application for a license renewal; prohibiting the Washington County Board of License Commissioners from renewing a license until the license holder pays specified taxes and submits a specified certificate to the Board; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

- SB 1078** **Washington County Senators**
Chapter 239 WASHINGTON COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – CLASS A
 BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR – LICENSE FEE

 Increasing, from \$300 to \$600, the annual license fee for a Class A
 beer, wine, and liquor license in Washington County.
 EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016
- SB 1080** **Senator Edwards**
Chapter 240 GARRETT COUNTY – PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION – GARRETT
 COLLEGE BUSINESS INCUBATOR

 Authorizing the governing body of Garrett County to exempt from the
 county property tax specified real property in Garrett County that is
 owned by the Garrett College Board of Trustees and used as a
 specified business incubator; and applying the Act to taxable years
 beginning after June 30, 2016.
 EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016
- SB 1081** **Senator Eckardt, et al**
Chapter 241 MENTAL HEALTH – VOLUNTARY AND INVOLUNTARY
 ADMISSIONS – CERTIFICATION BY PSYCHIATRIC NURSE
 PRACTITIONERS

 Defining “psychiatric nurse practitioner” for purposes of specified
 provisions of law relating to the voluntary and involuntary
 admissions of individuals to specified facilities for the treatment of
 mental disorders; prohibiting a certificate signed by a psychiatric
 nurse practitioner for the involuntary admission of an individual to
 specified facilities for the treatment of a mental disorder from being
 used for an admission under specified circumstances; etc.
 EMERGENCY BILL

SB 1140 **Senators Mathias and Eckardt**

Chapter 242

WICOMICO COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – YOUTH AND CIVIC CENTER LICENSE

Establishing in Wicomico County a Class B Youth and Civic Center license; authorizing the Board of License Commissioners to issue the license to a designee of the County Executive for use by a specified youth and civic center; requiring a specified youth and civic center to maintain a kitchen, dining space, and meeting space during the term of the license; authorizing a holder of the license to sell beer, wine, and liquor for on-premises consumption to individuals attending a youth and civic center event; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

SB 1173 **Senator Pugh, et al**

Chapter 243

TASK FORCE TO STUDY THE ADULT HIGH SCHOOL CONCEPT

Establishing the Task Force to Study the Adult High School Concept; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Task Force; prohibiting a member of the Task Force from receiving specified compensation, but authorizing the reimbursement of specified expenses; requiring the Task Force to submit a final report of its findings and recommendations regarding the adult high school concept to the presiding officers and specified committees of the General Assembly on or before June 30, 2017; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

HB 1406 **Delegate Clippinger, et al**

Chapter 244

TASK FORCE TO STUDY THE ADULT HIGH SCHOOL CONCEPT

Establishing the Task Force to Study the Adult High School Concept; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Task Force; prohibiting a member of the Task Force from receiving specified compensation, but authorizing the reimbursement of specified expenses; requiring the Task Force to submit a final report of its findings and recommendations regarding the adult high school concept to the presiding officers and specified committees of the General Assembly on or before June 30, 2017; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

HB 9 **Baltimore County Delegation**

Chapter 245 BALTIMORE COUNTY – ORPHANS’ COURT JUDGES –
COMPENSATION

Repealing provisions of law that establish the annual compensation of the judges of the Orphans’ Court for Baltimore County; requiring the annual compensation of the judges of the Orphans’ Court for Baltimore County to be set by the County Executive and the County Council in accordance with specified provisions of the Baltimore County Code; applying the Act to the salary or compensation of the judges of the Orphans’ Court for Baltimore County at the beginning of the next following term of office with specified exceptions; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

HB 20 **Delegate O’Donnell**

Chapter 246 CALVERT COUNTY AND ST. MARY’S COUNTY – ARCHERY
HUNTING – SAFETY ZONE

Establishing for archery hunters in Calvert County and St. Mary’s County a specified safety zone extending for 50 yards from a dwelling house, residence, church, or any other building or camp occupied by human beings within which archery hunting may not take place except under specified circumstances.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

HB 39 **Delegate A. Miller**

Chapter 247 EDUCATION – ORANGE RIBBON FOR HEALTHY SCHOOL
HOURS – ESTABLISHMENT

Establishing the Orange Ribbon for Healthy School Hours certification within the State Department of Education beginning in the 2017–2018 school year; providing that the purpose of the Orange Ribbon for Healthy School Hours certification is to recognize local school systems with start times that are consistent with the school start times recommended by the Department and specified organizations; requiring the Department to grant certification to a local school system that qualifies by meeting specified requirements; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

HB 46 **Delegate Chang**

Chapter 248 ANIMAL CONTROL UNITS – IMPOUNDED ANIMALS – IDENTIFICATION

Prohibiting a specified animal control unit from selling, placing or destroying a specified impounded animal until the animal has been carefully inspected for a microchip; requiring a specified animal control unit to make a reasonable effort to notify the owner of the location of and procedure for retrieving an impounded animal; and providing specified penalties.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

HB 55 **Delegate Cluster**

Chapter 249 BALTIMORE COUNTY – EDUCATION – WHYTRY PROGRAM

Establishing the WhyTry Program in Baltimore County; specifying the purpose of the Program is to assist a student with an unweighted grade point average of less than 2.0 per quarter and an attendance rate of less than 94% of the required days of school attendance to become a more effective student; requiring the Baltimore County Board of Education to develop and implement the Program; requiring the Board of Education to select two specified middle schools to participate in the Program; requiring the Program to include specified teachers; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

HB 85 **Delegate Luedtke, et al**

Chapter 250 EDUCATION – CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES – SUPPORT SERVICES – PARENTAL NOTIFICATION

Requiring specified school personnel to provide the parents of a child with a disability written information that the parents may use to contact early intervention and special education family support services staff members and a brief description of the available services; requiring that, if a parent's native language is not English, the information is to be provided to the specified parent in the parent's native language; requiring a local school system to publish specified contact information on its Web site; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

HB 107 Delegate Rosenberg, et al

Chapter 251

HIGHER EDUCATION – WALTER SONDHEIM JR. PUBLIC
SERVICE INTERNSHIP SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM –
SCHOLARSHIP AMOUNT

Establishing scholarship award amounts for the Walter Sondheim Jr.
Public Service Internship Scholarship Program shall be at least
\$2,000 and no more than \$3,000.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

HB 112 Delegate Jackson, et al

Chapter 252

ELECTION LAW – CAMPAIGN FINANCE ENTITIES –
EXPENDITURES MADE AND THE ATTRIBUTION OF
CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED

Authorizing a campaign finance entity to make a disbursement to
compensate a responsible officer of the campaign finance entity only
by check; requiring the treasurer of an authorized candidate
campaign committee to provide specified individuals with a copy of
the most recent campaign account bank statement within 30 days of
filing a campaign finance report; altering reporting requirements for
specified contributions by specified business entities whose
subsidiaries do not have a contract doing public business; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

HB 147 Delegate Otto

Chapter 253

SOMERSET COUNTY CODE OF PUBLIC LOCAL LAWS – 2016
EDITION – LEGALIZATION

Legalizing the 2016 Edition of the Somerset 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, 2016

HB 205 **Carroll County Delegation**

Chapter 254 **CARROLL COUNTY – PUBLIC FACILITIES BONDS**

Authorizing and empowering the County Commissioners of Carroll County, from time to time, to borrow not more than \$31,000,000 in order to finance the construction, improvement, or development of specified public facilities in Carroll County, including water and sewer projects, to finance loans for fire or emergency-related equipment, buildings, and other facilities of volunteer fire departments in the 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, 2016

HB 217 **Delegate Krebs, et al**

Chapter 255 **OPEN MEETINGS ACT – REQUIREMENTS FOR AGENDAS**

Requiring a public body to make available an agenda containing specified information if the agenda has been determined at the time a public body gives notice of the meeting or, if an agenda has not been determined at the time of the meeting notice, the public body shall make available the agenda at least 24 hours before the meeting; and authorizing a public body to make available an agenda within a reasonable time after a meeting is held under specified circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

HB 229 **Chair, Environment and Transportation Committee (By**
Chapter 256 **Request – Departmental – Transportation)**

COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLES – OPERATION –
TRANSPORTATION EMERGENCIES

Authorizing the Secretary of Transportation to waive specified safety regulations for commercial motor vehicles in intrastate travel to facilitate specified emergency relief efforts; establishing 20 days as the maximum total period of time that a specified transportation emergency may extend; authorizing the Governor to take specified action to facilitate emergency relief efforts through a declaration of a state of emergency if the duration of the transportation emergency conditions extends for more than 20 days; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

HB 253 **Delegate Otto**

Chapter 257 **MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION – EXCEPTION FOR GOLF
CARTS – CITY OF CRISFIELD**

Creating an exception from motor vehicle registration requirements under specified circumstances for golf carts in the City of Crisfield; providing that a person who operates a golf cart on a highway in the City of Crisfield may operate the golf cart only on specified roads at specified times and only if the golf cart is equipped with specified lighting devices; requiring a person who operates a golf cart on a highway in the City of Crisfield to keep as far to the right of the roadway as feasible and possess a valid driver's license; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

HB 285 **Delegate McIntosh, et al**

Chapter 258 **STATE EDUCATION AID – REAL PROPERTY VALUATION – TAX
INCREMENT FINANCING**

Requiring the State Department of Assessments and Taxation to certify annually the amount of assessable base for real property located in a specified development district; applying the Act to the calculation of payment of State education aid to counties and Baltimore City for fiscal years beginning after June 30, 2017; declaring the intent of the General Assembly that specified recommendations regarding education funding shall consider the impact of economic development incentives in low wealth jurisdictions on State education aid; etc.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

HB 318 **Delegate Jacobs, et al**

Chapter 259 **KENT COUNTY – FISHERIES – USE OF HAUL SEINES**

Authorizing in Kent County a person to catch gizzard shad, also known as mud shad, carp, or catfish with a haul seine during the period from Friday midnight until sunrise on Monday under specified circumstances; and requiring the Department of Natural Resources to adopt specified regulations.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

HB 319 **Delegate Jacobs, et al**

Chapter 260 **OYSTERS AND CLAMS – DREDGING BY AUXILIARY YAWL –
AUTHORIZED BOATS**

Clarifying that specified provisions of law governing dredging by use of an auxiliary yawl apply only to specified boats; establishing specified standards for dredge boats that harvest oysters and clams by use of an auxiliary yawl; repealing the requirement that specified persons attach specified numbers to specified boats in a specified manner; and making specified conforming changes.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

HB 352 **Delegate Ghrist, et al**

Chapter 261 **OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE AUDITS – LOCAL SCHOOL SYSTEM
AUDITS**

Exempting a local school system from a specified audit requirement if the county governing body, the county board of education, and the county delegation to the Maryland General Assembly each submits a letter to the Joint Audit Committee requesting an exemption on or before November 1 of Fiscal Year 2017, or on or before November 1 of the last year of a specified 6-year audit cycle; and authorizing the Joint Audit Committee to direct the Office of Legislative Audits to conduct an audit of a local school system at any time.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

HB 365 **Delegate Jackson, et al**

Chapter 262 **PUBLIC SCHOOLS – BULLYING, HARASSMENT, AND
INTIMIDATION POLICIES – UPDATE**

Altering the definition of “electronic communication” to include social media communications; requiring the State Board of Education by September 1, 2016, and every 5 years thereafter, to update its model policy prohibiting bullying, harassment, or intimidation; requiring specified county boards of education to update specified policies based on the State Board’s update of the model policy and to submit the updated policies to the State Superintendent of Schools by January 1, 2017, and every 5 years thereafter; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

HB 400 **Delegate M. Washington**

Chapter 263

**HIGHER EDUCATION – TUITION WAIVERS FOR FOSTER CARE
RECIPIENTS AND UNACCOMPANIED HOMELESS YOUTH –
MODIFICATIONS**

Altering the definition of “foster care recipient” for the purpose of a specified tuition waiver; altering a specified requirement that specified foster care recipients and specified unaccompanied homeless youth apply for specified financial aid by a specified time; and requiring specified public institutions of higher education and the Maryland Higher Education Commission to make specified annual reports to the General Assembly on or before September 1 of each year.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

HB 412 **Delegate Kaiser, et al**

Chapter 264

**EDUCATION – ASSESSMENTS – ADMINISTRATION AND
PROVISION OF INFORMATION**

Extending to the 2018–2019 school year the period of time by which the State Department of Education is required to develop a specified assessment in the State’s adopted curricula for a core content area; requiring each county board of education to provide information relating to each assessment administered in a local school system that includes the title, purpose, grade level or subject area tested, testing window, and accommodations for students with special needs; requiring this information be updated annually; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

HB 413 **Delegate Carr, et al**

Chapter 265

**MARYLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY – PILOT PROGRAM ON
CLOSED CAPTIONING FOR VIDEO STREAMING**

Requiring the Office of Information Systems in the Department of Legislative Services to establish the Pilot Program on Closed Captioning for Video Streaming; establishing that the purpose of the Pilot Program is to determine an efficient and cost–effective process for providing the public with closed captioning for live and archived video streaming on the Maryland General Assembly Web site; requiring the Office of Information Systems to report the results to specified committees of the General Assembly on or before October 1, 2017; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

- HB 429** **Delegate Patterson, et al**
Chapter 266 **TASK FORCE TO COMBAT HABITUAL STUDENT TRUANCY**
- Establishing the Task Force to Combat Habitual Student Truancy; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Task Force; prohibiting a member of the Task Force from receiving specified compensation, but authorizing the reimbursement of specified expenses; requiring the Task Force to study and make recommendations regarding specified matters relating to habitual student truancy; requiring the Task Force to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before July 1, 2017; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016
- HB 494** **Delegate Miele, et al**
Chapter 267 **AGRICULTURE – ANIMAL SHELTERS – UNIFORM STANDARDS OF OPERATION AND CARE (ANIMAL SHELTERS STANDARDS ACT OF 2016)**
- Requiring an animal shelter to establish a written veterinary care protocol for dogs and cats, on or before January 1, 2017, that is consistent with the guidelines in the Association of Shelter Veterinarians' Guidelines for Standards of Care in Animal Shelters; authorizing an animal shelter to disregard its written veterinary care protocol for a dog or cat that is deemed to be too vicious or dangerous to permit safe handling; requiring an animal shelter to make its written veterinary care protocol available to the public; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016
- HB 503** **Chair, Environment and Transportation Committee (By Request – Departmental – Transportation)**
Chapter 268 **WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT AUTHORITY COMPACT – BOARD OF DIRECTORS – APPOINTING AUTHORITY FOR FEDERAL MEMBERS**
- Requiring the Secretary of the United States Department of Transportation, rather than the Administrator of General Services, to appoint the federal members and alternate federal members for the Board of Directors of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

HB 516 **Delegate Glass**

Chapter 269 **HARFORD COUNTY – ARCHERY HUNTING – SAFETY ZONE**

Establishing that the safety zone for archery hunters in Harford County extends for 50 yards from a dwelling house, residence, church, or any other building or camp occupied by human beings within which archery hunting may not take place except under specified circumstances; and requiring an archery hunter in Harford County to use a tree stand when hunting any wild bird or mammal within 50 to 100 yards of a dwelling house, residence, church, public or nonpublic school, or other building or camp occupied by human beings.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

HB 541 **Delegate Kelly**

Chapter 270 **MARYLAND TRUST ACT – REVOCABLE TRUST – PARTIAL
REVOCATION BY DIVORCE OR ANNULMENT**

Providing for the revocation of specified terms of a revocable trust on the absolute divorce of the settlor and the settlor's spouse or the annulment of the marriage occurring after the creation of the settlor's revocable trust, except under specified circumstances; applying the Act prospectively; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

HB 551 **Delegate Kaiser, et al**

Chapter 271 **EDUCATION – CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES –
INDIVIDUALIZED EDUCATION PROGRAM MEDIATION**

Requiring individualized education program teams to provide specified parents of a child with a disability with an oral and written explanation of the parent's right to request mediation, specified contact information, and specified information regarding pro bono representation and other legal and related services; authorizing specified parents to request translation of specified information; requiring individualized education program teams to provide parents with a translated document within 30 days of the request; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

HB 655 **Howard County Delegation**

Chapter 272 HOWARD COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – CLASS D
LICENSES HO. CO. 7–16

Making a Class D (on– and off–sale) beer, wine, and liquor license part of specified groups of alcoholic beverages licenses that the Board of License Commissioners for Howard County may issue to an individual or for the use of a person.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

HB 657 **Delegate Shoemaker, et al**

Chapter 273 EDUCATION – PREKINDERGARTEN AND KINDERGARTEN
ASSESSMENTS – ADMINISTRATION

Requiring a statewide kindergarten assessment to be limited to a representative sample of kindergarten students from within each local school system in the State, subject to a specified exception; authorizing a specified kindergarten assessment to evaluate specified skills; authorizing specified county boards of education and specified principals and teachers to administer a specified statewide kindergarten assessment if the assessment is completed by October 1 and the aggregate results are returned within 45 days; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

HB 670 **Delegate McCray, et al**

Chapter 274 BALTIMORE CITY – REMEDIATION OF ILLEGAL DUMPING –
REPORT

Requiring the Baltimore City Department of Public Works to report annually to the members of the Baltimore City delegation to the General Assembly on actions taken to remediate illegal dumping in each legislative district during the previous year; and requiring the report to be made available on the Department’s Web site.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

HB 737 **Carroll County Delegation**

Chapter 275 CARROLL COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES LICENSES –
BEGINNING HOUR OF SALE

Changing to 8 a.m. the beginning hour of sale for specified alcoholic beverages licenses issued in Carroll County.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

HB 747 Delegates Gilchrist and Vaughn

Chapter 276

**REAL ESTATE BROKERS – LICENSURE REQUIREMENT –
EXEMPTION FOR LAWYERS**

Altering an exemption from the real estate broker licensure requirement for specified lawyers under specified circumstances.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

HB 771 Delegate D. Barnes, et al

Chapter 277

**PUBLIC SCHOOLS – ADMINISTRATION OF DIABETES CARE
SERVICES – GUIDELINES**

Requiring the State Department of Education and the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to establish specified guidelines for the administration of specified health care services to specified students with diabetes; requiring the State Department of Education and the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to establish a specified plan and make a report, on or before December 1, 2016, to specified committees of the General Assembly on implementation of the plan to provide diabetes care services to specified students; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

HB 799 Delegate O'Donnell

Chapter 278

AQUACULTURE – LIABILITY FOR TRESPASS

Establishing that specified persons who enter in a specified manner an area leased to another person for aquaculture purposes and cause specified harm are liable to the leaseholder or any agent, employee, business partner, or contractor of the leaseholder for specified civil damages in the same manner that the persons would be liable to the leaseholder of the lease for specified civil damages.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

HB 831 **Washington County Delegation**

Chapter 279 **WASHINGTON COUNTY – COLLECTION OF FEES, CHARGES,
PENALTIES, AND ASSESSMENTS**

Authorizing Washington County to include, for the purpose of collection, unpaid allocation fees, water and sewerage charges, penalties, and assessments on annual tax bills; and requiring that the fees, charges, penalties, and assessments be collected in the same manner as ordinary taxes, subject to the same interest and penalty for nonpayment as provided by law for the nonpayment of county taxes.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

HB 852 **Delegate Lisanti, et al**

Chapter 280 **LOCAL GOVERNMENT – MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS – TIE VOTES**

Requiring a municipality to fill a vacancy that resulted from a tie vote in an election for a municipal office within 90 days after the date of the election.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

HB 854 **Delegate Lisanti, et al**

Chapter 281 **STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION – RELOCATION OF
WATER OR SEWER LINES – COST SHARING**

Requiring the State Highway Administration to notify the political subdivision or agency that owns a water or sewer line that must be relocated due to a federal project of the cost of the relocation; requiring the Administration to investigate funding sources to help the political subdivision or agency that owns the utility to meet its share of the cost of relocating the water or sewer line and, if needed, to develop a payment plan; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

HB 873 Delegate Smith, et al

Chapter 282

**ELECTION LAW – SPECIAL ELECTIONS – ABSENTEE BALLOTS
FOR ABSENT UNIFORMED SERVICES VOTERS AND
OVERSEAS VOTERS**

Requiring a county council to set the date for a special election to fill a vacancy in specified county offices so that the local board of elections may provide absentee ballots for that election to absent uniformed services voters and overseas voters at least 45 days before the special election; requiring the State Administrator of Elections to require local boards of elections to provide absentee ballots for a special election to fill a vacancy in Congress to absent uniformed services voters and overseas voters 45 days before the election; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

HB 884 St. Mary's County Delegation

Chapter 283

**ST. MARY'S COUNTY – TAXICABS – REPEAL OF LOCAL
PROVISIONS**

Repealing provisions of law that relate to the regulation of taxicabs in St. Mary's County.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

HB 889 St. Mary's County Delegation

Chapter 284

**ST. MARY'S COUNTY – METROPOLITAN COMMISSION BONDS
– EXTENSION OF MAXIMUM MATURITY DATE**

Altering the maximum period of time from 30 to 40 years after which specified bonds issued by the St. Mary's County Metropolitan Commission mature.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

HB 969 Harford County Delegation

Chapter 285

**HARFORD COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – BUSINESS
ESTABLISHMENTS NEAR SCHOOLS**

Authorizing the Harford County Board of License Commissioners to issue a license to a business establishment in Harford County if the business establishment is not located within 1,000 feet of a public or private school.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

HB 994 Allegany County Delegation

Chapter 286

**ALLEGANY COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – SUNDAY
SALES FOR CLASS A LICENSES**

Authorizing a holder of a Class A beer license, a Class A beer and light wine license, or a Class A beer, wine, and liquor license to sell specified alcoholic beverages during specified hours under specified circumstances in Allegany County; authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Allegany County to issue a 2–day Sunday sales permit to holders of specified licenses under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

HB 1007 Delegate Luedtke, et al

Chapter 287

FREEDOM TO VOTE ACT

Requiring State agencies that are deemed electronic voter registration agencies to implement electronic voter registration systems on or before July 1, 2017; requiring the State Board of Elections to register individuals whose voter registration information is transmitted to the Board through an electronic voter registration system; requiring a public institution of higher education to provide a link to the online voter registration system on the home page of the online portal used by students to register for course work; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

HB 1008 Delegate Turner, et al

Chapter 288

ELECTION LAW – EARLY VOTING CENTERS

Increasing the number of early voting centers that counties with more than 200,000 registered voters are required to establish; providing that counties with fewer than 200,000 registered voters may establish one additional early voting center under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2017

HB 1012 **Delegate McCray, et al**

Chapter 289

TAX CREDIT – COMMUTER BENEFITS – ELIGIBILITY AND CREDIT AMOUNT

Increasing the maximum allowable amount per employee of the income and insurance premium tax credit for a business's cost of providing commuter benefits for its employees from \$50 to \$100 per individual employee per month; and altering the minimum seating capacity of a vehicle that may be used to provide qualifying commuter benefits for purposes of the income and insurance premium tax credit from eight to six.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

HB 1015 **Delegate Kaiser, et al**

Chapter 290

STUDY OF STUDENT LOAN REFINANCING IN MARYLAND

Requiring the Maryland Higher Education Commission, and the Maryland Health and Higher Educational Facilities Authority, in consultation with the Department of Legislative Services and any other appropriate agencies, to study the expansion or creation of an appropriate bonding authority for the refinancing of student loans in Maryland; requiring the study to examine specified matters and to report the findings and recommendations on or before September 30, 2017; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

HB 1031 **Frederick County Delegation**

Chapter 291

FREDERICK COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – REFILLABLE CONTAINER PERMITS

Authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Frederick County to issue refillable container permits for draft beer and for wine to a holder of a Class A alcoholic beverages license or a Class B alcoholic beverages license; and providing for specified permit fees.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

HB 1064 **Montgomery County Delegation**

Chapter 292

**MONTGOMERY COUNTY – SALE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES
– DISTANCE FROM PLACES OF WORSHIP, SCHOOLS, AND
YOUTH CENTERS MC 18–16**

Repealing provisions of law prohibiting the Montgomery County Board of License Commissioners from approving an application for a license to sell alcoholic beverages within a specified distance of a place of worship, an elementary or secondary school, or a specified youth center; and repealing provisions of law that authorize the Board of License Commissioners to approve an application for a license to sell alcoholic beverages more than a specified distance away from specified locations under specified circumstances.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

HB 1069 **Prince George's County Delegation**

Chapter 293

**PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES –
ENTERTAINMENT CONCESSIONAIRE AND FACILITY
LICENSES PG 311–16**

Authorizing the Board of License Commissioners of Prince George's County to issue an entertainment concessionaire license to specified persons for specified purposes; providing for the scope of the entertainment concessionaire license; authorizing the Board to issue an entertainment facility license to specified persons for specified purposes; providing for the scope of the entertainment facility license; specifying that the licenses authorize the playing of music and dancing; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

HB 1074 **Montgomery County Delegation**

Chapter 294

**MONTGOMERY COUNTY – LAYTONSVILLE – ALCOHOLIC
BEVERAGES LICENSES MC 22–16**

Authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Montgomery County to issue, renew, and transfer and otherwise provide a maximum of two alcoholic beverages licenses for use in the town of Laytonsville under specified conditions; specifying that the licenses may be any combination of Class B (on-sale) beer, wine, and liquor licenses and Class H (on-sale) beer and light wine, hotel and restaurant licenses.

EMERGENCY BILL

HB 1077 **Montgomery County Delegation**

Chapter 295

**MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS – ELECTION
DIRECTOR – APPOINTMENT REQUIREMENT MC 26–16**

Requiring the Montgomery County Board of Elections to require an affirmative vote of not fewer than three duly confirmed regular members of the local board, at least one of whom shall be a member of the principal minority party, to appoint an election director.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

HB 1079 **Montgomery County Delegation**

Chapter 296

**MONTGOMERY COUNTY STUDENT LOAN REFINANCING
AUTHORITY MC 27–16**

Authorizing Montgomery County to create the Montgomery County Student Loan Refinancing Authority through an ordinance enacted by the Montgomery County governing body; establishing that the purpose of the Authority is to provide affordable financial assistance to enable County residents, graduates of county public schools, and other specified individuals to obtain a postsecondary education; requiring Montgomery County to take specified actions before establishing the Authority; etc.
CONTINGENT – EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

HB 1092 **St. Mary's County Delegation**

Chapter 297

ST. MARY'S COUNTY – KEEPER OF THE JAIL – REPEAL

Repealing provisions related to the position of Keeper of the Jail of St. Mary's County.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

HB 1127 **Prince George's County Delegation**

Chapter 298

**PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY – DISSEMINATION OF VOTER
INFORMATION MATERIAL – MULTIFAMILY RESIDENTIAL
STRUCTURES PG 408–16**

Applying to Prince George's County specified provisions of law regarding the dissemination of voter information material in multifamily residential structures; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

HB 1135 Prince George's County Delegation

Chapter 299

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY – BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS – BUDGET AND FUNDING PG 308–16

Requiring the County Executive and County Council of Prince George's County to recognize and categorize the Board of License Commissioners of Prince George's County as a public safety agency for budgetary purposes; authorizing the County Council to include in the budget a maximum of \$50,000 to maintain software and mobile devices used to modernize practices and increase the efficiency and transparency of the Board; requiring the County Executive and County Council to establish a specified fund for specified purposes; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

HB 1139 Delegate M. Washington, et al

Chapter 300

EDUCATION – COMMUNITY SCHOOL STRATEGY – REQUIRED NOTICE AND SUPPORT

Requiring the State Department of Education to notify each local school system and each community school in the State that federal Title I funds may be used for expenses associated with community school coordinators and for the coordination of school and community resources under specified circumstances; requiring the Department to encourage specified school systems and schools in the State to apply for specified federal funding; requiring the Department to provide technical assistance to schools in applying for federal funding; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

HB 1147 Carroll County Delegation

Chapter 301

CARROLL COUNTY – BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS – TERM LIMITATION AND REFERENDUM

Prohibiting a voting member of the Carroll County Board of Education from serving on the board for more than two consecutive terms; and submitting the Act to a referendum of the qualified voters of Carroll County.

CONTINGENT – EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

HB 1157 Calvert County Delegation

Chapter 302

CALVERT COUNTY – ASSISTANT SHERIFF – SALARY AND STATUS

Increasing the annual salary of the assistant sheriff in Calvert County if the assistant sheriff was an active deputy sheriff in the Calvert County Sheriff's Office immediately before appointment; clarifying that the assistant sheriff shall retain full merit status; and altering the placement and salary of the assistant sheriff at the end of an appointment.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

HB 1181 Delegate Morgan, et al

Chapter 303

MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM – DETERMINATIONS OF ELIGIBILITY FOR LONG-TERM CARE SERVICES – REPORTS AND MEETINGS

Requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, in consultation with the Department of Human Resources, to submit a report on the State's progress in determining the eligibility of applicants for long-term care services under the Maryland Medical Assistance Program to specified committees of the General Assembly on or before October 1, 2016, and quarterly thereafter; requiring that specified meetings be held to discuss the reports and to develop strategies to resolve ongoing issues with delays in eligibility determinations; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

HB 1198 Prince George's County Delegation and Montgomery County Delegation

Chapter 304

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY – MARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION – EXTRAORDINARY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT PG/MC 109-16

Authorizing the designation of an extraordinary development district which contains at least 50 acres, on all or part of which a federal law enforcement agency will be located; authorizing the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission to enter into an agreement to pay all or a portion of specified property taxes to Prince George's County for deposit into a special fund for an extraordinary development district; prohibiting the Commission from being an obligor for specified bonds; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

HB 1247 Delegate Hayes, et al

Chapter 305

INSURANCE – SELF–FUNDED STUDENT HEALTH PLANS

Exempting from specified State insurance laws a self–funded student health plan operated by an independent institution of higher education that provides health care services to its students and their dependents if the institution files on July 1 each year, for the student health plan that will be offered to students for the upcoming school year, a specified report with the Commissioner; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

HB 1288 Delegates P. Young and M. Washington

Chapter 306

HIGHER EDUCATION – TUITION WAIVERS FOR FOSTER CARE RECIPIENTS AND UNACCOMPANIED HOMELESS YOUTH

Defining the term vocational certificate to include completion of a course of study that prepares an individual to work in a career field by taking credit–bearing courses or noncredit courses for purposes of establishing eligibility of foster care recipients for specified tuition waivers; and altering a specified requirement that specified foster care recipients and specified unaccompanied homeless youth apply for specified financial aid by a specified time.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

HB 1311 Prince George’s County Delegation

Chapter 307

PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES LICENSES – DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT LICENSES AND SUNDAY OFF–SALE PERMITS PG 305–16

Authorizing the Prince George’s County Board of License Commissioners to issue up to five Class B–DD (Development District) licenses to restaurants located within the area of Riverdale Park Station; authorizing the Board to issue up to two Class B–DD (Development District) licenses to restaurants located within the area of Riverdale Park Town Center; providing that five Sunday off–sale permits may be issued only to holders of a Class B beer, wine, and liquor license who acquired the license on or after January 1, 2016; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

HB 1316 **Delegate Arentz**

Chapter 308

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – CLASS 9 LIMITED DISTILLERY LICENSES

Authorizing the Comptroller to issue a Class 9 limited distillery license to the holder of a specified Class B beer, wine, and liquor license under specified circumstances; and applying provisions relating to Class 9 limited distillery licenses to each county in the State and to the City of Annapolis and the City of Baltimore.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

HB 1318 **Delegate Kelly, et al**

Chapter 309

HEALTH BENEFIT PLANS – NETWORK ACCESS STANDARDS AND PROVIDER NETWORK DIRECTORIES

Requiring specified carriers to maintain or adhere to specified standards that assure that enrollees have access to specified health care providers and covered services; specifying the provisions of State insurance law relating to provider panels that apply to managed care organizations; authorizing the Commissioner to designate an insurer or nonprofit health service plan to offer a preferred provider insurance policy that conditions the payment of benefits on the use of preferred providers under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

HB 1337 **Delegate Barkley**

Chapter 310

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – LIQUOR – MANUFACTURER'S AND WHOLESALER'S LICENSES AND PERMITS

Establishing a nonresident distillery permit; authorizing the Comptroller to issue the permit to specified persons who produce not more than 100,000 gallons of liquor annually; authorizing a holder of a Class 1 distillery license to apply for and obtain a specified wholesaler's license; establishing the Class 8 liquor wholesaler's license; authorizing the issuance of the Class 8 wholesaler's license to specified persons; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

HB 1469 **Delegate Carey**

Chapter 311

**REAL ESTATE BROKERS – AGENCY RELATIONSHIPS IN
RESIDENTIAL REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS – DISCLOSURE
AND CONSENT REQUIREMENTS**

Altering the requirements for a specified disclosure that a licensee of the State Real Estate Commission must make under specified circumstances; establishing a specified exception to a specified disclosure requirement; establishing specified exceptions to the time when a specified disclosure must occur; requiring the Commission to prepare and provide a specified required notice; requiring a subagent to make a specified required disclosure under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

HB 1502 **Delegate Rosenberg**

Chapter 312

**CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT – NONCUSTODIAL PARENT
EMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE PILOT PROGRAM**

Requiring the Child Support Enforcement Administration, in cooperation with specified entities, to develop and implement a Noncustodial Parent Employment Assistance Pilot Program in Baltimore City; requiring the Program components to include each eligible noncustodial parent making a choice to participate in the Program, the provision of employment assistance services in accordance with court-issued consent orders, intensive case management, and strict enforcement procedures; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

HB 1537 **Delegate Hixson, et al**

Chapter 313

**PROCUREMENT – PRIORITY OF PURCHASING PREFERENCES
– INDIVIDUAL WITH DISABILITY OWNED BUSINESS**

Altering the purchasing preference priority required to be given to individual with disability owned businesses by State and State aided or controlled entities when buying supplies and services.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

HB 1636

Delegate Clippinger

Chapter 314

**BALTIMORE CITY – SOUTH BALTIMORE GATEWAY
COMMUNITY IMPACT DISTRICT AND DISTRIBUTION OF
LOCAL IMPACT GRANTS**

Authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City to establish the South Baltimore Gateway Community Impact District and South Baltimore Gateway Community Impact District Management Authority; requiring the ordinance establishing the South Baltimore Gateway Community Impact District Management Authority to address specified matters; requiring, starting in fiscal year 2018, at least 50% of local impact grants from video lottery proceeds to be distributed to the Authority; etc.

CONTINGENT – EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

HB 1644

Delegate West, et al

Chapter 315

**BALTIMORE COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES –
RACETRACK LICENSE**

Authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Baltimore County to transfer a Class B or Class D beer, wine, and liquor (on-sale) retail alcoholic beverages license in existence in Election District 15 to a specified location; requiring that the transferred license be converted into a Class B (MSF)(on-sale) beer, wine, and liquor license; prohibiting a Class B (MSF) license issued under the Act from being transferred to a location outside a specified area or converted into another class of license; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

Sincerely,

Warren G. Deschenaux
Executive Director