

May 10, 2016

To the Members of the General Assembly

Ladies and Gentlemen:

On May 10, 2016, the Honorable Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr., Governor; the Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr., President of the Senate; and the Honorable Michael E. Busch, Speaker of the House of Delegates, signed the following pieces of legislation, which you passed:

- HB 459** **The Speaker (By Request – Administration), et al**
Chapter 316 **BIRTH AND DEATH CERTIFICATES – FEE REDUCTION**
- Decreasing from \$24 to \$10 fees for certified copies of specified certificates; and decreasing from \$20 to \$10 the portion of each fee collected by local health departments required to be transferred to the General Fund.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016
- HB 186** **Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee (By**
Chapter 317 **Request – Departmental – Veterans Affairs), et al**
- DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS – CHARLOTTE HALL
VETERANS HOME FUND – ESTABLISHMENT**
- Establishing the Charlotte Hall Veterans Home Fund as a special, nonlapsing fund to maintain the operation of the Charlotte Hall Veterans Home; requiring the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to administer the Fund for staff salaries and benefits, physical improvements to the Home, and specified operating expenses; prohibiting, except under specified circumstances, any unspent portions of the Fund from being transferred to or reverting to the General Fund of the State; specifying the contents of the fund; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

SB 245 **Senator Manno, et al**

Chapter 318

**LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT – HIRING AND PROMOTION
PREFERENCES – VETERANS AND THEIR SPOUSES**

Authorizing employers to grant a preference in hiring and promotion to eligible veterans, spouses of eligible veterans who have service-connected disabilities, and surviving spouses of deceased eligible veterans; providing that granting a preference under the Act does not violate State or local equal employment opportunity laws; and defining the term “eligible veteran”.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

HB 306 **Delegate Smith, et al**

Chapter 319

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SB 1112 **The President (By Request – Departmental – Commerce)**

Chapter 320

**INCOME TAX – AEROSPACE, ELECTRONICS, OR DEFENSE
CONTRACT TAX CREDIT PROGRAM**

Allowing a qualified business entity operating a specified aerospace, electronics, or defense contract tax credit project to claim a credit against the State income tax; requiring the Department of Economic Competitiveness and Commerce to certify a business entity as a qualified business entity within a specified period of time; providing that a project is eligible for designation by the Department as an aerospace, electronics, or defense contract tax credit project under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

- HB 489** **Delegate Hammen, et al**
Chapter 321 **TERMINATION OF MARYLAND HEALTH INSURANCE PLAN, TRANSFER OF SENIOR PRESCRIPTION DRUG ASSISTANCE PROGRAM, AND FUNDING FOR STATE REINSURANCE PROGRAM**
- Repealing provisions of law establishing the Maryland Health Insurance Plan; repealing provisions of law establishing the Board of Directors for the Plan; repealing provisions of law establishing the Maryland Health Insurance Plan Fund; transferring the Senior Prescription Drug Assistance Program to the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene; repealing the ceiling on a specified hospital assessment; repealing the authorization for specified funds to be used for the State Reinsurance Program; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016
- HB 422** **Delegate Fraser-Hidalgo, et al**
Chapter 322 **INTEREST RATE ON TAX DEFICIENCIES AND REFUNDS**
- Altering the calculation of the annual interest rate that the Comptroller sets for tax deficiencies and refunds.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016
- SB 1007** **Senator Peters, et al**
Chapter 323 **MARYLAND SMALL BUSINESS RETIREMENT SAVINGS PROGRAM AND TRUST**
- Establishing the Maryland Small Business Retirement Savings Program and Trust for private sector employees; establishing the Maryland Small Business Retirement Savings Board to implement, maintain, and administer the Program and the Trust; requiring the Board to take any action to ensure that the Program is not preempted by federal law, to establish procedures and disclosures to protect the interests of participants and employers, and to disseminate to employers and employees information about the Program prior to enrollment; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

HB 1378

Delegate Frick, et al

Chapter 324

MARYLAND SMALL BUSINESS RETIREMENT SAVINGS PROGRAM AND TRUST

Establishing the Maryland Small Business Retirement Savings Program and Trust for private sector employees; establishing the Maryland Small Business Retirement Savings Board to implement, maintain, and administer the Program and the Trust; requiring the Board to take any action to ensure that the Program is not preempted by federal law, to establish procedures and disclosures to protect the interests of participants and employers, and to disseminate to employers and employees information about the Program prior to enrollment; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

SB 1

Senator Kagan

Chapter 325

HEALTH INSURANCE – IN VITRO FERTILIZATION – USE OF SPOUSE’S SPERM – EXCEPTION

Altering the circumstances under which insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations must provide benefits for expenses arising from in vitro fertilization procedures; providing an exception to the required use of a spouse’s sperm to fertilize the oocytes of a patient whose spouse is of the opposite sex; and providing the Act shall apply to all policies, contracts, and health benefit plans issued, delivered, renewed, or in force in the State on or after July 1, 2016.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

HB 11

Delegate Hill

Chapter 326

HEALTH INSURANCE – IN VITRO FERTILIZATION – USE OF SPOUSE’S SPERM – EXCEPTION

Altering the circumstances under which insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations must provide benefits for expenses arising from in vitro fertilization procedures; providing an exception to the required use of a spouse’s sperm to fertilize the oocytes of a patient whose spouse is of the opposite sex; and providing the Act shall apply to all policies, contracts, and health benefit plans issued, delivered, renewed, or in force in the State on or after July 1, 2016.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

SB 8

Senator Simonaire

Chapter 327

**ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – PROPERTY TAX DEFERRALS –
PAYMENT DUE DATE**

Altering the due date for specified payment of deferred county property taxes in Anne Arundel County if the owner no longer satisfies specified income eligibility requirements; and making clarifying changes to provisions of law that require payment of specified deferred county property taxes under specified circumstances.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

HB 37

Anne Arundel County Delegation

Chapter 328

**ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – PROPERTY TAX DEFERRALS –
PAYMENT DUE DATE**

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EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

SB 17

Senator Reilly

Chapter 329

**OPEN MEETINGS ACT – RETENTION OF MINUTES AND
RECORDINGS – REVISION**

Increasing, from 1 year to 5 years, the number of years after the date of an open session a public body is required to keep a copy of minutes of the open session and any recording made under specified provisions of law; requiring specified public bodies to post online minutes or recordings, to the extent practicable; providing that a public body need not prepare minutes of an open session if live and archived video or audio streaming is available, or the public body votes on legislation and the votes are posted promptly on the Internet; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

HB 984 **Delegate Saab, et al**

Chapter 330

OPEN MEETINGS ACT – RETENTION OF MINUTES AND RECORDINGS – REVISION

Increasing, from 1 year to 5 years, the number of years after the date of an open session a public body is required to keep a copy of specified minutes of the open session and any recording made under specified provisions of law; requiring specified public bodies to post online specified minutes or recordings to the extent practicable; altering a specified requirement relating to the preparation of minutes; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

SB 22

Senator Benson

Chapter 331

HUMAN SERVICES – INTERAGENCY COUNCIL ON HOMELESSNESS – MEMBERSHIP

Altering the composition of the Interagency Council on Homelessness; increasing, from six to nine, the number of representatives from diverse geographical regions of the State engaged in homeless advocacy; requiring the Governor to designate as chair of the Council a member who is a secretary or a secretary's designee with decision making authority on issues that relate to the work of the Council; stating the intent of the General Assembly regarding the decision making authority of a specified designee on the Council; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

HB 593

Delegate M. Washington, et al

Chapter 332

HUMAN SERVICES – INTERAGENCY COUNCIL ON HOMELESSNESS – MEMBERSHIP

Altering the composition of the Interagency Council on Homelessness; increasing, from six to nine, the number of representatives from diverse geographical regions of the State engaged in homeless advocacy; requiring the Governor to designate as chair of the Council a member who is a Secretary or a Secretary's designee with decision making authority on issues that relate to the work of the Council; and stating the intent of the General Assembly regarding the decision making authority of a specified designee on the Council.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

SB 46

Chapter 333

Senator Reilly

ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – ARCHERY HUNTING – SAFETY ZONE

Establishing for archery hunters in Anne Arundel County a safety zone of 100 yards from a dwelling house, residence, church, or any other building or camp within which archery hunting may not take place except under specified circumstances.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

HB 321

Chapter 334

Anne Arundel County Delegation

ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – ARCHERY HUNTING – SAFETY ZONE

Establishing for archery hunters in Anne Arundel County a safety zone of 100 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

SB 66

Chapter 335

Senator Waugh

PROFESSIONAL CORPORATIONS – APPROVAL OF CORPORATE NAME BY LICENSING UNIT AND PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATION – EXEMPTION

Exempting professional corporations in which a majority of the stockholders are individuals who are licensed, certified, or otherwise authorized to practice a health occupation under the Health Occupations Article from the requirement that the name of a professional corporation must be approved by the appropriate licensing unit and professional organization; providing that the exemption does not apply to a professional corporation that provides dental services; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

SB 74 **Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental –**
Chapter 336 **Labor, Licensing and Regulation)**

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE – EFFECT OF RETIREMENT
PAYMENTS ON ELIGIBILITY FOR BENEFITS – REVISION

Altering the circumstances used to determine the effect of a retirement payment on the eligibility of an individual for unemployment insurance benefits; and altering the definition of “retirement payment”.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

SB 84 **Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental –**
Chapter 337 **Labor, Licensing and Regulation)**

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE – CALCULATION AND
APPLICATION OF TABLE OF RATES – REVISION

Providing that, for any calendar year beginning on or after January 1, 2017, the Table of Rates in effect for the immediately preceding calendar year continues to apply under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

SB 85 **Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental –**
Chapter 338 **Commerce)**

DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC COMPETITIVENESS AND
COMMERCE – RENAMING AND REORGANIZATION

Renaming the Department of Economic Competitiveness and Commerce to be the Department of Commerce; repealing the Office of the Secretary of Commerce in the Office of the Governor; repealing the requirement that the Secretary of Commerce employ an Executive Director of the Department; repealing the qualifications and the duties of the Executive Director; providing that the Department of Commerce is the successor of the Department of Economic Competitiveness and Commerce; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

SB 86 **Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental –**
Chapter 339 **Labor, Licensing and Regulation)**

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE – EXEMPTION FROM
ACTIVELY SEEKING WORK REQUIREMENT – REPEAL

Repealing the prohibition on denying unemployment benefits to individuals who are at least 60 years old and who have been furloughed temporarily and are subject to recall for failing to actively seek work; and providing that the Act applies only to initial and reopened unemployment insurance claims filed on or after July 3, 2016.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

SB 87 **Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental –**
Chapter 340 **Labor, Licensing and Regulation)**

MORTGAGE LOAN ORIGINATORS – STATE CRIMINAL
HISTORY RECORDS CHECK REQUIREMENT – REPEAL

Repealing a requirement that, in connection with an initial application for a mortgage loan originator license, and at any other time the Commissioner of Financial Regulation requests, an applicant or a licensee provide fingerprints for use by the Criminal Justice Information System Central Repository of the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services for use in conducting a State criminal history records check; repealing specified related provisions of law; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

SB 88 **Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental –**
Chapter 341 **Labor, Licensing and Regulation)**

COMMISSIONER OF FINANCIAL REGULATION –
CONSOLIDATION OF NONDEPOSITORY SPECIAL FUNDS

Consolidating the Mortgage Lender–Originator Fund, the Money Transmission Fund, and the Debt Management Services Fund into a single fund known as the Nondepository Special Fund; providing the purpose of the Nondepository Special Fund is to cover the direct and indirect costs of fulfilling the statutory and regulatory duties of the Commissioner under specified circumstances; requiring specified revenues, fees, and examination assessments to be credited to the Nondepository Special Fund to be used for a specified purpose; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

SB 90
Chapter 342 **Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Labor, Licensing and Regulation)**

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE – RECOVERY OF BENEFITS AND PENALTIES FOR FRAUD

Altering the means by which the Secretary of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation is authorized to recover overpayments of benefits, monetary penalties, and interest; authorizing the Secretary to adjust, compromise, or settle specified interest due; providing that a person who violates a specified provision of law is disqualified from receiving benefits for specified periods of time under specified circumstances; applying the Act to fraud determinations made on or after October 3, 2016; making a conforming change; etc.

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SB 92
Chapter 343 **Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Labor, Licensing and Regulation)**

PLANNED APPRENTICESHIP STANDARDS AND ON-THE-JOB TRAINING ACTIVITIES – REVISIONS

Transferring the Apprenticeship and Training Council and the Youth Apprenticeship Advisory Committee to the Division of Workforce Development and Adult Learning; requiring the membership of the Council and its consultants to reflect the geographic, racial, ethnic, cultural, and gender diversity of the State; stating the intent of the General Assembly that regulations be developed giving adequate attention to training individuals involved in the transition to the Division of Workforce Development and Adult Learning; etc.

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SB 94
Chapter 344 **Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Labor, Licensing and Regulation)**

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT – REVISIONS

Repealing a specified provision of law requiring that specified displaced homemakers be exempt from payment of specified tuition and be counted in a specified computation of full-time equivalent enrollment; replacing obsolete references with references to the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act; stating the intent of the General Assembly that specified regulations be developed giving attention to training for individuals involved in the transition to the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

SB 93
Chapter 345 **Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Labor, Licensing and Regulation)**

MARYLAND WORKFORCE CORPORATION AND HEALTH CARE PERSONNEL TRAINING FUND – REPEAL

Repealing the Maryland Workforce Corporation and the Health Care Personnel Training Fund; repealing specified provisions of law related to the board of directors, officers, and employees of the Corporation; repealing specified provisions of law related to the authority and duties of the Corporation; requiring that all net assets of the Corporation revert to the State for a public purpose; requiring the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation to receive and dispose of the assets, if any, on behalf of the State; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

SB 95
Chapter 346 **Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Labor, Licensing and Regulation)**

DIVISION OF WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AND ADULT LEARNING – ADULT EDUCATION AND LITERACY SERVICES – REVISIONS

Repealing the Workforce Creation and Adult Education Transition Council; altering the responsibility of the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation as it relates to the development of a specified State plan; repealing a specified provision of law authorizing each county board of education to establish and maintain day and evening schools for adults; altering the circumstances under which an individual may obtain a high school diploma by examination under a specified provision of law; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

SB 96
Chapter 347 **Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Labor, Licensing and Regulation)**

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, LICENSING, AND REGULATION – STATE COLLECTION AGENCY LICENSING BOARD – AUTHORITY OF THE SECRETARY

Establishing that the State Collection Agency Licensing Board exercises its powers, duties, and functions subject to the authority of the Secretary of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

SB 97
Chapter 348 **Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Health and Mental Hygiene)**

PUBLIC HEALTH – OPIOID–ASSOCIATED DISEASE PREVENTION AND OUTREACH PROGRAMS

Repealing the Prince George’s County AIDS Prevention Sterile Needle and Syringe Exchange Program; authorizing the establishment of Opioid–Associated Disease Prevention and Outreach Programs; requiring a local health department or a specified community–based organization to apply to the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene and a local health officer for authorization to operate a Program; requiring the Department and a local health officer to approve or deny an application within 60 days of receiving a completed application; etc.

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SB 106
Chapter 349 **Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee (By Request – Departmental – Labor, Licensing and Regulation)**

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, LICENSING, AND REGULATION – STATE BOARD OF HEATING, VENTILATION, AIR–CONDITIONING, AND REFRIGERATION CONTRACTORS – AUTHORITY OF THE SECRETARY

Establishing that the State Board of Heating, Ventilation, Air–Conditioning, and Refrigeration Contractors exercises its powers, duties, and functions subject to the authority of the Secretary of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

SB 119
Chapter 350 **Senator Simonaire, et al**

BUSINESS REGULATION – BUSINESS DISCOUNTS AND PREFERENCES FOR VETERANS – IDENTIFICATION

Requiring businesses, registered with the State Department of Assessments and Taxation, that offer discounts or preferences on products or services to veterans to accept a valid driver’s license or identification card with a notation of veteran status as verification of veteran status for purposes of claiming the discount or preference.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

SB 137 **Senator Eckardt**

Chapter 351 **INCOME TAX CREDIT – PRESERVATION AND CONSERVATION
EASEMENTS**

Altering specified provisions of law concerning a credit against the State income tax for specified preservation and conservation easements to allow an individual or a member of a pass-through entity to claim the credit for an easement conveyed to the Department of Natural Resources or specified organizations; requiring the Board of Public Works to approve tax credits on a first-come, first served basis; providing that the total amount of tax credits claimed by members of pass-through entities cannot exceed \$200,000 per taxable year; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

HB 276 **Delegate Stein, et al**

Chapter 352 **INCOME TAX CREDIT – PRESERVATION AND CONSERVATION
EASEMENTS**

Altering specified provisions of law concerning a credit against the State income tax for preservation and conservation easements to allow an individual or a member of a pass-through entity to claim the credit for an easement conveyed to the Department of Natural Resources or specified organizations; requiring the Board of Public Works to approve tax credits on a first-come, first-served basis; providing that the total amount of tax credits claimed by members of pass-through entities cannot exceed \$200,000 per taxable year; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

SB 141 **Anne Arundel County Senators**

Chapter 353 **ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – SPECIAL TAXING DISTRICTS –
WATER OR WASTEWATER SERVICES**

Authorizing Anne Arundel County to establish, modify, or abolish special taxing districts for the purpose of providing or expanding water or wastewater services.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

- HB 602** **Anne Arundel County Delegation**
Chapter 354 ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – SPECIAL TAXING DISTRICTS –
 WATER OR WASTEWATER SERVICES
- Authorizing Anne Arundel County to establish, modify, or abolish special taxing districts for the purpose of providing or expanding water or wastewater services.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016
- SB 162** **Senators Astle and Middleton**
Chapter 355 GAS COMPANIES – INFRASTRUCTURE REPLACEMENT
 PROJECTS – AMENDMENT TO A PLAN
- Altering from 120 to 150 the number of days during which the Public Service Commission is required to take a final action after a gas company files an amendment to an approved plan to invest in eligible infrastructure replacement projects.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016
- HB 75** **Delegate Barkley**
Chapter 356 GAS COMPANIES – INFRASTRUCTURE REPLACEMENT
 PROJECTS – AMENDMENT TO A PLAN
- Altering from 120 to 150 the number of days during which the Public Service Commission is required to take a final action after a gas company files an amendment to an approved plan to invest in eligible infrastructure replacement projects.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016
- SB 169** **Senator Kagan**
Chapter 357 SPECIAL ELECTIONS – VOTING BY MAIL – CANVASS OF
 VOTES
- Authorizing a local board of elections to commence the canvass of vote-by-mail ballots cast in a special election conducted by mail at 2 p.m. on the day of the special election; authorizing the State Board of Elections to adopt regulations authorizing a local board to commence the canvass of vote-by-mail ballots before 2 p.m. on the day of the special election; requiring the State Board to adopt specified regulations; etc.
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HB 828 **Delegate Ebersole, et al**

Chapter 358

SPECIAL ELECTIONS – VOTING BY MAIL – CANVASS OF VOTES

Authorizing a local board of elections to commence the canvass of vote-by-mail ballots cast in a special election conducted by mail at 2 p.m. on the day of a special election; authorizing the State Board of Elections to adopt regulations authorizing a local board to commence the canvass of vote-by-mail ballots before 2 p.m. on the day of a special election; requiring the State Board to adopt regulations that provide for public observation of the canvass of vote-by-mail ballots; etc.

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SB 200 **Senator Conway (Chair, Education, Health, and**
Chapter 359 **Environmental Affairs Committee)**

HEALTH OCCUPATIONS – STATE BOARD OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SPECIALISTS – SUNSET EXTENSION AND REVISIONS

Continuing the State Board of Environmental Health Specialists in accordance with the provisions of the Maryland Program Evaluation Act by extending to July 1, 2027, the termination provisions related to the authority of the Board; requiring the Board, by January 1, 2017, to adopt specified regulations regarding continuing education; requiring the Board to monitor the Long Term Environmental Health Workforce Work Group's activities for improving the recruitment and retention of environmental health specialists; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

HB 497 **Delegate Hammen (Chair, Health and Government**
Chapter 360 **Operations Committee)**

HEALTH OCCUPATIONS – STATE BOARD OF
ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SPECIALISTS – SUNSET
EXTENSION AND REVISIONS

Continuing the State Board of Environmental Health Specialists in accordance with the provisions of the Maryland Program Evaluation Act by extending to July 1, 2027, the termination provisions related to the specified authority of the Board; requiring the Board, by January 1, 2017, to adopt specified regulations regarding continuing education; requiring the Board to monitor the Long Term Environmental Health Workforce Work Group's activities for improving the recruitment and retention of environmental health specialists; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

SB 226 **Senator Simonaire, et al**
Chapter 361

PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS – ENGINEERING DOCUMENTS
PREPARED AT THE REQUEST OF THE STATE OR POLITICAL
SUBDIVISION OF THE STATE – SIGNING AND SEALING

Requiring specified engineering documents prepared at the request of the State or a political subdivision of the State, where specified skills are required, to be signed, sealed, and dated by a certain professional engineer who prepared or approved the documents.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

SB 227 **Washington County Senators**
Chapter 362

WASHINGTON COUNTY – PROPERTY TAX CREDIT – DISABLED
VETERANS

Authorizing the governing body of Washington County to grant, by law, a property tax credit against the county property tax imposed on specified residential property owned by specified disabled veterans of active military, naval, or air service; providing for the amount of the property tax credit; requiring specified disabled veterans or surviving spouses to provide specified documents when applying for the property tax credit; applying the Act to all taxable years beginning after June 30, 2016; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

HB 790 **Delegate Wivell**

Chapter 363

WASHINGTON COUNTY – PROPERTY TAX CREDIT – DISABLED VETERANS

Authorizing the governing body of Washington County to grant, by law, a property tax credit against the county property tax imposed on specified residential property owned by specified disabled veterans of active military, naval, or air service; providing for the amount of the property tax credit; requiring specified disabled veterans or surviving spouses to provide specified documents when applying for the property tax credit; applying the Act to all taxable years beginning after June 30, 2016; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

SB 239 **Senator Kelley**

Chapter 364

MARYLAND FIDUCIARY ACCESS TO DIGITAL ASSETS ACT

Establishing the Maryland Fiduciary Access to Digital Assets Act; authorizing a user to direct a custodian of digital assets to disclose or not to disclose those assets under specified circumstances and in a specified manner; providing that the Act does not change, impair, or expand specified rights with respect to the digital assets of a user; authorizing a custodian to grant a specified fiduciary or designated recipient access to or a copy of specified records under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

HB 507 **Delegate Kramer, et al**

Chapter 365

MARYLAND FIDUCIARY ACCESS TO DIGITAL ASSETS ACT

Establishing the Maryland Fiduciary Access to Digital Assets Act; authorizing a user to direct a custodian of digital assets to disclose or not to disclose those assets under specified circumstances and in a specified manner; providing that the Act does not change, impair, or expand specified rights with respect to the digital assets of a user; authorizing a custodian to grant a specified fiduciary or designated recipient access to or a copy of specified records under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

SB 242 **Senator Kelley, et al**

Chapter 366 MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM –
TELEMEDICINE – MODIFICATIONS

Requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, under specified circumstances, to include primary care providers in the types of health care providers eligible to receive reimbursement for health care services that are delivered through telemedicine and provided to Maryland Medical Assistance Program recipients; authorizing the Department to require a health care provider to submit a registration form that includes information required for the processing of claims for the reimbursement of specified health care services; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

HB 886 **Delegate West**

Chapter 367 MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM –
TELEMEDICINE – MODIFICATIONS

Requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, under specified circumstances, to include primary care providers in the types of health care providers eligible to receive reimbursement for health care services that are delivered through telemedicine and provided to Maryland Medical Assistance Program recipients; authorizing the Department to require a health care provider to submit a registration form that includes information required for the processing of claims for reimbursement for specified health care services; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

SB 256 **Senator Currie, et al**

Chapter 368 PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY – PROPERTY TAX DEFERRALS –
ELDERLY AND DISABLED HOMEOWNERS

Requiring that, in Prince George's County, the interest payable on specified county property tax payment deferrals may not exceed 4%; requiring the governing body of Prince George's County to establish and promote a specified public awareness campaign related to specified property tax deferral programs; authorizing the governing body of Prince George's County to provide, by law, a specified payment deferral of the county property tax for specified residential real property; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

HB 1017

Chapter 369

Prince George's County Delegation

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY – PROPERTY TAX DEFERRALS – ELDERLY AND DISABLED HOMEOWNERS PG 412–16

Requiring that, in Prince George's County, the interest payable on specified county property tax payment deferrals may not exceed 4%; requiring the governing body of Prince George's County to establish and promote a specified public awareness campaign related to specified property tax deferral programs; authorizing the governing body of Prince George's County to provide, by law, a specified payment deferral of the county property tax for specified residential real property; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

SB 285

Chapter 370

Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee (By Request – Departmental – Labor, Licensing and Regulation)

MARYLAND HOME IMPROVEMENT COMMISSION – SUBCONTRACTOR LICENSING REQUIREMENT – REPEAL

Repealing the requirement that a person must have a subcontractor license or a contractor license issued by the Maryland Home Improvement Commission whenever the person acts as a home improvement subcontractor in the State; repealing specified fees and requirements related to a subcontractor license; requiring the Maryland Home Improvement Commission to identify subcontractors in the State that may be eligible for a contractor license and to encourage those subcontractors to apply for a contractor license; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

SB 297

Chapter 371

Senator Madaleno, et al

HEALTH INSURANCE – HABILITATIVE SERVICES – PERIOD OF TIME FOR COVERAGE

Extending until at least the end of the month in which the insured or enrollee turns 19 years old the period of time during which health insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations are required to provide coverage of habilitative services for its insureds and enrollees who are children; applying the Act to all policies, contracts, and health benefit plans issued, delivered, or renewed in the State on or after January 1, 2017; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

- SB 306** **Senators Madaleno and Middleton**
Chapter 372 **AGRICULTURAL LAND TRANSFER TAX – CALCULATION**

Altering the definition of “agricultural land transfer tax” and defining “total rate of tax” to provide that, for purposes of specified provisions of law concerning the calculation of the agricultural land transfer tax, the tax does not include a specified surcharge; etc.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016
- HB 833** **Delegate Ebersole, et al**
Chapter 373 **AGRICULTURAL LAND TRANSFER TAX – CALCULATION**

Altering the definition of “agricultural land transfer tax” and defining “total rate of tax” to provide that, for purposes of specified provisions of law concerning the calculation of the agricultural land transfer tax, the tax does not include a specified surcharge; etc.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016
- SB 310** **Senator Raskin, et al**
Chapter 374 **CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT – FAILURE TO REPORT**

Requiring an agency that is participating in a child abuse or neglect investigation and that has substantial grounds to believe that a person has knowingly failed to report child abuse as required under a specified provision of law to file a specified complaint with a specified board, agency, institution, or facility.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016
- HB 245** **Delegate Dumais, et al**
Chapter 375 **CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT – FAILURE TO REPORT**

Requiring an agency that is participating in a child abuse or neglect investigation and that has substantial grounds to believe that a person has knowingly failed to report child abuse as required under a specified provision of law to file a specified complaint with a specified board, agency, institution, or facility.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

SB 336

Senator Kelley, et al

Chapter 376

HOSPITALS – DESIGNATION OF LAY CAREGIVERS

Requiring a hospital to provide a patient or the legal guardian of a patient with an opportunity to designate a lay caregiver before the patient is discharged from the hospital; requiring a hospital to document the decision to not designate a lay caregiver by a patient or the legal guardian of a patient in the patient's medical record; authorizing the patient or the legal guardian of the patient to change the designation of a lay caregiver in the event the lay caregiver becomes incapacitated; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

HB 1277

Delegate Cullison, et al

Chapter 377

HOSPITALS – DESIGNATION OF LAY CAREGIVERS

Requiring a hospital to provide a patient or the legal guardian of a patient with an opportunity to designate a lay caregiver before the patient is discharged from the hospital; requiring a hospital to document the decision to not designate a lay caregiver by a patient or the legal guardian of a patient in the patient's medical record; requiring a hospital to request consent from a patient or the legal guardian of a patient to release medical information to a lay caregiver; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

SB 354

Senator Feldman, et al

Chapter 378

**PETITIONS FOR EMERGENCY EVALUATION – MINORS –
SEALING OF COURT RECORDS**

Authorizing a specified individual to file a motion requesting that court records relating to a specified petition for emergency evaluation be sealed; requiring the court to have a copy of the motion served on a specified petitioner at a specified address; clarifying that a specified provision of law allowing the review of specified court records by specified persons and entities does not apply to the review of specified court records that have been sealed under specified provisions of the Act; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

SB 359 **Senators Zirkin and Norman**

Chapter 379

FAMILY LAW – DIVORCE – CORROBORATION OF TESTIMONY

Repealing a provision prohibiting a court from entering a decree of divorce on the uncorroborated testimony of the party seeking the divorce; repealing a provision specifying that, in a suit for absolute divorce on the grounds of voluntary separation, a separation agreement is full corroboration of the plaintiff's testimony that the separation was voluntary under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

HB 274 **Delegate Dumais**

Chapter 380

FAMILY LAW – DIVORCE – CORROBORATION OF TESTIMONY

Repealing a provision prohibiting a court from entering a decree of divorce on the uncorroborated testimony of the party seeking the divorce; and repealing a provision specifying that in a suit for absolute divorce on the grounds of voluntary separation a separation agreement is corroborated by the plaintiff's testimony.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

SB 360 **Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request –**
Chapter 381 **Maryland Judicial Conference)**

**JUVENILE CAUSES – PERMANENCY PLANS – AGE
RESTRICTIONS ON USE OF ANOTHER PLANNED PERMANENT
LIVING ARRANGEMENT**

Providing that another planned permanent living arrangement may be a child's permanency plan only if the child is at least 16 years old.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

HB 192 **Chair, Judiciary Committee (By Request – Maryland Judicial**
Chapter 382 **Conference)**

**JUVENILE CAUSES – PERMANENCY PLANS – AGE
RESTRICTIONS ON USE OF ANOTHER PLANNED PERMANENT
LIVING ARRANGEMENT**

Providing that another planned permanent living arrangement may be a child's permanency plan only if the child is at least 16 years old.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

SB 401 **Senators Waugh and Middleton**

Chapter 383

**CHARLES COUNTY AND ST. MARY'S COUNTY – DEER
MANAGEMENT PERMIT – FIREARMS**

Authorizing an individual who holds a Deer Management Permit in Charles County and St. Mary's County to use a shotgun or breech loading center fired rifle approved by the Department of Natural Resources to hunt deer throughout the year, including all deer hunting seasons, in the locations and under the conditions set forth in the permit.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

HB 1417 **Delegate Morgan, et al**

Chapter 384

**CHARLES COUNTY AND ST. MARY'S COUNTY – DEER
MANAGEMENT PERMIT – FIREARMS**

Authorizing an individual who holds a Deer Management Permit in Charles County and St. Mary's County to use a shotgun or breech loading center fired rifle approved by the Department of Natural Resources to hunt deer throughout the year, including all deer hunting seasons, in the locations and under the conditions set forth in the permit.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

SB 411 **Senator Eckardt, et al**

Chapter 385

**INCOME TAX – CREDIT FOR PRECEPTORS IN AREAS WITH
HEALTH CARE WORKFORCE SHORTAGES**

Authorizing a credit against the State income tax for an individual who serves as a preceptor in specified preceptorship programs under specified circumstances and works in specified areas of the State with health care workforce shortages; establishing the Nurse Practitioner Preceptorship Tax Credit Fund as a special, nonlapsing fund; specifying the purpose of the Fund is to offset the costs of the specified tax credit; requiring the State Board of Nursing to assess a \$15 fee for the renewal of a specified certification; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

- HB 1494**
Chapter 386 **Delegate Sample–Hughes, et al**
INCOME TAX – CREDIT FOR PRECEPTORS IN AREAS WITH HEALTH CARE WORKFORCE SHORTAGES
Authorizing a credit against the State income tax for individuals who serve as preceptors in specified preceptorship programs under specified circumstances and work in specified areas of the State with health care workforce shortages; establishing the Nurse Practitioner Preceptorship Tax Credit Fund as a special, nonlapsing fund; specifying the purpose of the Fund is to offset the costs of the specified tax credit; requiring the State Board of Nursing to assess a \$15 fee for the renewal of a specified certification; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016
- SB 425**
Chapter 387 **Senator Reilly**
MARYLAND INCOME TAX REFUNDS – WARRANT INTERCEPT PROGRAM – STATEWIDE
Authorizing specified counties to participate, for a specified period of time, in a specified income tax refund withholding program related to individuals with outstanding warrants if the sheriff of the county notifies the Comptroller of the county’s intention to participate on or before December 31 of the first taxable year for which the county intends to participate; repealing a specified provision of law that prohibits the program from applying to specified members of the armed forces of the United States; etc.
VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES
- SB 442**
Chapter 388 **Senator Manno, et al**
GENERAL PROVISIONS – COMMEMORATIVE DAYS – NATIONAL HEALTHCARE DECISIONS DAY
Requiring the Governor annually to proclaim April 16 as National Healthcare Decisions Day.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016
- HB 91**
Chapter 389 **Delegate Morhaim, et al**
GENERAL PROVISIONS – COMMEMORATIVE DAYS – NATIONAL HEALTHCARE DECISIONS DAY
Requiring the Governor annually to proclaim April 16 as National Healthcare Decisions Day.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

- SB 449**
Chapter 390 **Senator Kelley, et al**
MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM –
GUARDIANSHIP FEES – PERSONAL NEEDS ALLOWANCE
- Requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to include as part of the personal needs allowance guardianship fees for guardianship services when determining the portion of income specified recipients of Maryland Medical Assistance Program benefits are required to contribute to the cost of their care under the Program; specifying the amount of the personal needs allowance for specified guardianship fees; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016
- HB 981**
Chapter 391 **Delegate Kelly, et al**
MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM –
GUARDIANSHIP FEES – PERSONAL NEEDS ALLOWANCE
- Requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to include as part of the personal needs allowance guardianship fees payable for guardianship services when determining the portion of income specified recipients of Maryland Medical Assistance Program benefits are required to contribute to the cost of their care under the Program; specifying the amount of the personal needs allowance for specified guardianship fees; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016
- SB 471**
Chapter 392 **Senator Pugh**
COMMERCIAL LAW – DEBT SETTLEMENT SERVICES – FUND
AND SUNSET REPEAL
- Altering specified provisions of law relating to the collection, deposit, and purpose of specified fees and revenues related to debt settlement services; repealing the termination date of the Maryland Debt Settlement Services Act; etc.
CONTINGENT – VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES
- HB 1450**
Chapter 393 **Delegate Vaughn**
COMMERCIAL LAW – DEBT SETTLEMENT SERVICES – FUND
AND SUNSET REPEAL
- Altering the collection and purpose of specified fees and revenues related to debt settlement services; repealing the termination date of the Maryland Debt Settlement Services Act; etc.
CONTINGENT – VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

SB 505

Senator Klausmeier, et al

Chapter 394

**WORKERS' COMPENSATION INSURANCE – PREMIUM
DISCOUNT – ALCOHOL– AND DRUG–FREE WORKPLACE
PROGRAM**

Authorizing a workers' compensation insurer to file a rating plan that provides for a premium discount of up to 4% for specified risks to an insured that has an alcohol– and drug–free workplace policy that may include one or more specified programs; and providing that an insurer is not required to provide a premium discount under the Act if the insured is required under federal or State law to test its employees for drugs or otherwise provide an alcohol– and drug–free workplace.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

SB 509

Senator Waugh

Chapter 395

REAL PROPERTY – ACTIONS TO QUIET TITLE

Authorizing a specified action to be brought to establish title against adverse claims to property; providing for venue and the application of the Maryland Rules in an action under the Act; establishing requirements for a complaint, an answer to a complaint, naming of defendants, joinder of parties, and service of process in an action under the Act; requiring the complaint and statement be sent by certified mail, return receipt requested, and by first class mail to the holder in a specified manner; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

HB 920

Delegates O'Donnell and Dumais

Chapter 396

REAL PROPERTY – ACTIONS TO QUIET TITLE

Authorizing a specified action to be brought to establish title against adverse claims to property; providing for venue and the application of the Maryland Rules in an action under the Act; establishing requirements for a complaint, an answer to a complaint, naming of defendants, joinder of parties, and service of process in an action under the Act; requiring the recording in the land records of the county in which any portion of the property is located of a judgement in an action under the Act; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

SB 520 **Washington County Senators**

Chapter 397

COUNTY BOARDS OF EDUCATION – SCHOOL BUSES – MOTOR FUEL TAX EXEMPTION AND REFUND

Providing an exemption from the motor fuel tax for motor fuel that is bought by a county board of education or a school bus operator under contract with a county board of education for use in a school bus; authorizing a county board of education to claim a refund of a motor fuel tax paid on motor fuel purchased for use in a school bus used to transport the county's public school students; authorizing a specified school bus operator to claim a refund of a motor fuel tax paid for specified purposes; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

HB 576 **Delegate Beitzel**

Chapter 398

MARYLAND DORMANT MINERALS INTERESTS ACT – USE OF MINERAL INTEREST – CLARIFICATION

Clarifying that when an owner of a mineral interest takes a specified action for a mineral that is part of a mineral interest, the action constitutes use of the entire mineral interest owned by that owner; establishing that payment of specified taxes by an owner of a mineral interest constitutes use of the entire mineral interest that is taxed and specified other mineral interests that are not taxed; and establishing that a specified judgment or decree constitutes use of the specified mineral interest.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

SB 525 **Senator Edwards**

Chapter 399

MARYLAND DORMANT MINERALS INTERESTS ACT – USE OF MINERAL INTEREST – CLARIFICATION

Clarifying that when an owner of a mineral interest takes a specified action for a mineral that is part of a mineral interest, the action constitutes use of the entire mineral interest owned by that owner; establishing that payment of specified taxes by an owner of a mineral interest constitutes use of the entire mineral interest that is taxed and specified other mineral interests that are not taxed; and establishing that a specified judgment or decree constitutes use of the specified mineral interest.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

SB 526

Senator Bates

Chapter 400

AGRICULTURE – COMMERCIAL FEED – EXEMPTION

Altering the defined term “commercial feed” as used in the Maryland Commercial Feed Law to exempt specified materials.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

SB 544

Senator Middleton, et al

Chapter 401

MOTOR VEHICLE INSURANCE – INSURANCE IDENTIFICATION CARD – CARRYING PROOF OF COVERAGE – UNINSURED MOTORIST EDUCATION AND ENFORCEMENT FUND

Requiring an insurer to provide a specified insurance identification card to specified insureds at specified times; providing that an insurance identification card may be produced in a specified electronic format; requiring a specified operator to be in possession of evidence of required security; requiring that a specified operator is subject to a fine of \$50 under specified circumstances; establishing the Uninsured Motorist Education and Enforcement Fund; exempting the fund from a specified provision of law; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

HB 720

Delegate Kramer

Chapter 402

MOTOR VEHICLE INSURANCE – INSURANCE IDENTIFICATION CARD – CARRYING PROOF OF COVERAGE – UNINSURED MOTORIST EDUCATION AND ENFORCEMENT FUND

Requiring an insurer to provide a specified insurance identification card to specified insureds at specified times; providing that an insurance identification card may be produced in a specified electronic format; requiring a specified operator to be in possession of evidence of required security; requiring that a specified operator is subject to a fine of \$50 under specified circumstances; establishing the Uninsured Motorist Education and Enforcement Fund; exempting the fund from a specified provision of law; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

SB 545

Senator Pugh, et al

Chapter 403

LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT – APPRENTICESHIP CAREER TRAINING IN OUR NEIGHBORHOODS (ACTION) PROGRAM – ESTABLISHMENT

Altering and renaming the Construction Apprenticeship Assistance Program to establish the Apprenticeship Career Training in Our Neighborhoods (ACTION) Program; altering the purpose and method for administering the Program; requiring the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation to administer the Program; establishing specified standards under which specified employers may be eligible to receive grants; establishing a maximum grant amount of \$1,000 for each apprentice employed that satisfies specified criteria; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

HB 290

Delegate McCray, et al

Chapter 404

LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT – APPRENTICESHIP CAREER TRAINING IN OUR NEIGHBORHOODS (ACTION) PROGRAM – ESTABLISHMENT

Replacing the Construction Apprenticeship Assistance program in the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation with the Apprenticeship Career Training in Our Neighborhoods (ACTION) program; providing the purpose of the program is to develop a well-trained construction workforce in the State, to encourage employers to hire specified apprentices, and to help employers offset costs associated with hiring apprentices through a grant program; stating the intent of the General Assembly to fund the program beginning in Fiscal Year 2017; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

SB 551 **Senator Pugh, et al**

Chapter 405

**BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADVISORY COUNCIL – CLINICAL
CRISIS WALK-IN SERVICES AND MOBILE CRISIS TEAMS –
STRATEGIC PLAN**

Requiring the Behavioral Health Advisory Council, in consultation with specified agencies, specified health providers, and specified stakeholders, to develop a strategic plan for ensuring that clinical crisis walk-in services and mobile crisis teams are available statewide, 7 days a week and 24 hours a day; requiring the Council to submit an annual report on or before December 31, 2016, and include an update on the development of the specified strategic plan; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

HB 682 **Delegate Rosenberg, et al**

Chapter 406

**BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADVISORY COUNCIL – CLINICAL
CRISIS WALK-IN SERVICES AND MOBILE CRISIS TEAMS –
STRATEGIC PLAN**

Requiring the Behavioral Health Advisory Council, in consultation with specified agencies, specified health providers, and specified stakeholders, to develop a strategic plan for ensuring that clinical crisis walk-in services and mobile crisis teams are available statewide, 7 days a week and 24 hours a day; requiring the Council to submit an annual report on or before December 31, 2016, and include an update on the development of the specified strategic plan; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

SB 579 **Senator Ramirez**

Chapter 407

**VEHICLE LAWS – APPLICATION – PARK MODEL
RECREATIONAL VEHICLES – DEFINITION**

Establishing that a park model recreational vehicle is considered to be a travel trailer for the purposes of the Maryland Vehicle Law; defining the term “park model recreational vehicle”; and making specified conforming changes.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

HB 922 **Delegate Beidle, et al**

Chapter 408

**VEHICLE LAWS – APPLICATION – PARK MODEL
RECREATIONAL VEHICLES – DEFINITION**

Establishing that a park model recreational vehicle is considered to be a travel trailer for the purposes of the Maryland Vehicle Law; defining the term “park model recreational vehicle”; and making specified conforming changes.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

SB 600

Chapter 409

Senator Reilly

**FREESTANDING BIRTHING CENTERS – USE OF ULTRASOUND
IMAGING**

Requiring the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene, after consultation with representatives of payors, health care practitioners, and freestanding ambulatory care facilities, to establish by regulation specified standards for the use of ultrasound imaging in a freestanding birthing center.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

HB 1303

Chapter 410

Delegate Angel, et al

**FREESTANDING BIRTHING CENTERS – USE OF ULTRASOUND
IMAGING**

Requiring the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene, after consultation with representatives of payors, health care practitioners, and freestanding ambulatory care facilities, to establish by regulation specified standards for the use of ultrasound imaging in a freestanding birthing center.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

SB 605

Chapter 411

Senators Bates and Kagan

**ATHLETIC TRAINERS – EVALUATION AND TREATMENT
PROTOCOLS – APPROVAL**

Altering a specified provision of law to require the Athletic Trainer Advisory Committee to recommend to the State Board of Physicians approval, modification, or disapproval of individual evaluation and treatment protocols; authorizing, under specified circumstances, an athletic trainer to assume duties under an evaluation and treatment protocol after receiving a specified recommendation from the Committee; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

HB 232 **Delegate Hayes, et al**

Chapter 412

**ATHLETIC TRAINERS – EVALUATION AND TREATMENT
PROTOCOLS – APPROVAL**

Altering a specified provision of law to require the Athletic Trainer Advisory Committee to recommend to the State Board of Physicians approval, modification, or disapproval of individual evaluation and treatment protocols; authorizing, under specified circumstances, an athletic trainer to assume duties under an evaluation and treatment protocol after receiving a specified recommendation from the Committee; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

SB 606 **Senator Waugh**

Chapter 413

**MARYLAND COLLEGE COLLABORATION FOR STUDENT
VETERANS COMMISSION**

Establishing the Maryland College Collaboration for Student Veterans Commission; providing that the purpose of the Commission is to work to ensure the educational success of returning veterans, facilitate the sharing of best practices among institutions of higher education, and work with institutions of higher education to provide specified services to veterans; requiring the Commission to meet at least four times each year; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

HB 1458 **Delegate P. Young, et al**

Chapter 414

**MARYLAND COLLEGE COLLABORATION FOR STUDENT
VETERANS COMMISSION**

Establishing the Maryland College Collaboration for Student Veterans Commission; providing that the purpose of the Commission is to work to ensure the educational success of returning veterans, facilitate the sharing of best practices among institutions of higher education, and work with institutions of higher education to provide specified services to veterans; requiring the Commission to meet at least four times each year; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

SB 620

Senator Middleton, et al

Chapter 415

COMMEMORATIVE WEEKS – CHESAPEAKE BAY AWARENESS WEEK

Requiring the Governor to proclaim annually the second week in June as Chesapeake Bay Awareness Week; and requiring the proclamation to urge educational and environmental organizations, including the Chesapeake Bay Foundation, the Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay, the Choose Clean Water Coalition, and the Chesapeake Bay Commercial Fishermen's Association, to properly observe Chesapeake Bay Awareness Week with specified events, activities, and programs.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

HB 1156

Calvert County Delegation

Chapter 416

CALVERT COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – BEER OR WINE FESTIVAL LICENSE

Altering the wine festival license in Calvert County to be the beer or wine festival license; establishing that beer festivals and beer and wine festivals are subject to specified authorizations and requirements applicable to wine festivals; authorizing the Calvert County Board of License Commissioners to issue the beer or wine festival license to specified persons; authorizing the Board to approve up to 4 weekends for beer or wine festivals per applicant; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

SB 624

Calvert County Senators

Chapter 417

CALVERT COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – BEER OR WINE FESTIVAL LICENSE

Altering the wine festival license in Calvert County to be the beer or wine festival license; establishing that beer festivals and beer and wine festivals are subject to specified authorizations and requirements applicable to wine festivals; authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Calvert County to issue the beer or wine festival license to specified alcoholic beverages license holders or a nonprofit organization; authorizing the Board to approve up to 4 weekends each year for beer or wine festivals per applicant; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

SB 630 **Senator Hershey**

Chapter 418

**COMPTROLLER – DISTILLERY OFF-SITE PERMIT AND
LIQUOR FESTIVAL PERMIT**

Authorizing the Comptroller to grant a distillery off-site permit to a holder of a Class 1 distillery license or a Class 9 limited distillery license for specified purposes under specified circumstances; establishing limitations on the times and locations that distillery off-site permits may be used in a year; requiring the distillery off-site permit holder to notify the Comptroller of the permit holder's intention to attend an event within a time period that the Comptroller determines; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

SB 649 **Senator Astle**

Chapter 419

**CITY OF ANNAPOLIS – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES –
REFILLABLE CONTAINER PERMIT FOR DRAFT BEER**

Authorizing the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board for the City of Annapolis to issue a refillable container permit for draft beer to a holder of a Class E license; providing an annual permit fee of \$50 for an applicant whose license has an off-sale privilege and \$500 for an applicant whose license does not have an off-sale privilege.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

SB 707 **Senator Middleton, et al**

Chapter 420

**FREESTANDING MEDICAL FACILITIES – CERTIFICATE OF
NEED, RATES, AND DEFINITION**

Exempting from the certificate of need requirements for change of scope or capital expenditures the conversion of a licensed general hospital to a freestanding medical facility, in accordance with specified requirements; increasing from 45 to 90 the number of days before the proposed closing of a health care facility for the filing of the notice of the proposed closing; establishing the workgroup on rural health care delivery to study health care needs in five specified counties; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

- SB 757**
Chapter 421 **Senator Madaleno**
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE TAXES – ELECTRONIC FILING OF RETURNS
Requiring the Comptroller to implement electronic filing of alcoholic beverage tax returns on or before January 1, 2018.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016
- HB 648**
Chapter 422 **Delegate Moon, et al**
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE TAXES – ELECTRONIC FILING OF RETURNS
Requiring the Comptroller to implement electronic filing of alcoholic beverage tax returns on or before January 1, 2018.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016
- SB 765**
Chapter 423 **Senator Raskin, et al**
CINA, GUARDIANSHIP, ADOPTION, CUSTODY, AND VISITATION – DISABILITY OF PARENT, GUARDIAN, CUSTODIAN, OR PARTY
Establishing that, in any custody or visitation proceeding, the disability of a party is relevant only to the extent that the court finds, based on evidence in the record, that the disability affects the best interest of the child; requiring in a specified custody or visitation proceeding, the party alleging that the disability of the other party affects the best interest of the child to bear a specified burden of proof; altering the definition of “disability” in specified provisions of law; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016
- SB 775**
Chapter 424 **Senator Simonaire, et al**
NATURAL RESOURCES – RECREATIONAL LICENSE DONATION PROGRAM – ESTABLISHMENT
Authorizing a person to purchase and donate recreational hunting or fishing licenses and any corresponding stamps for specified purposes; authorizing the Department of Natural Resources to issue a donated license or stamp only for use by a Gold Star recipient, a disabled veteran, a disabled member of the armed services, or a permanently disabled person who requires the use of a wheelchair; establishing a Recreational License Donation Fund to provide recreational hunting and fishing opportunities for specified persons; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

SB 784 **Senator Middleton, et al**

Chapter 425 **MOTOR VEHICLE INSURANCE – PERSONAL INJURY
PROTECTION – REJECTION OF COVERAGE**

Providing that, under specified circumstances, a first named insured under a specified policy of motor vehicle liability insurance is not required to obtain coverage for specified medical, hospital, and disability benefits that must be provided by specified insurers; requiring the Maryland Automobile Insurance Fund to offer a specified first named insured, at the time of application for a specified policy, the option to reject coverage for specified benefits under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

HB 900 **Delegate Frick**

Chapter 426 **MOTOR VEHICLE INSURANCE – PERSONAL INJURY
PROTECTION – REJECTION OF COVERAGE**

Providing that, under specified circumstances, a first named insured under a specified policy of motor vehicle liability insurance is not required to obtain coverage for specified medical, hospital, and disability benefits that must be provided by specified insurers; requiring the Maryland Automobile Insurance Fund to offer a specified first named insured, at the time of application for a specified policy, the option to reject coverage for specified benefits under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

SB 794 **Senator Jennings, et al**

Chapter 427 **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

SB 795

Chapter 428

Senator Jennings, et al

HARFORD COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – MOVIE THEATER LICENSE

Establishing a Class MT (movie theater) license in Harford County; authorizing the Harford County Board of License Commissioners to issue the license to an owner of a movie theater; requiring the owner of a movie theater to provide documentation to the Board that the owner has made an investment of at least \$250,000 in the movie theater to be eligible for the license; specifying that the license entitles the holder to sell beer, wine and liquor for on-premises consumption from 4 P.M. to midnight on the days the theater is open; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

HB 892

Chapter 429

Harford County Delegation

HARFORD COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – MOVIE THEATER LICENSE

Establishing a Class MT (movie theater) license in Harford County; authorizing the Harford County Board of License Commissioners to issue the license to an owner of a movie theater; requiring the owner of a movie theater, in order to be eligible for the license, to provide documentation to the Board that the owner has made an investment of at least \$250,000 in the movie theater; specifying that the license entitles the holder to sell beer, wine and liquor for on-premises consumption; specifying an annual license fee of \$500; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

SB 811

Chapter 430

Senator Benson

ELECTRIC COMPANIES – INSTALLATION OF SOLAR ELECTRIC GENERATING FACILITY – COMPLETION OF INTERCONNECTION

Requiring an electric company to issue acceptance and final approval to operate a customer-generator's solar electric generating facility on the electric company's distribution facilities within 20 days after the completion of the installation process and receipt of the specified paperwork and documentation; requiring an electric company to complete the specified interconnection requirements for at least 90% of installation processes completed during the year in the electric company's service territory; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

HB 440 **Delegates Kramer and Fraser-Hidalgo**

Chapter 431

**ELECTRIC COMPANIES – INSTALLATION OF SOLAR
ELECTRIC GENERATING FACILITY – COMPLETION OF
INTERCONNECTION**

Requiring an electric company, subject to a specified provision, to issue acceptance and final approval to operate a customer-generator's solar electric generating facility on the electric company's distribution facilities within 20 business days after the completion of the installation process and receipt of specified paperwork and documentation; requiring an electric company to complete specified interconnection requirements for at least 90% of installation processes completed during the year in a specified territory; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

SB 824 **Senator Conway**

Chapter 432

**REAL ESTATE LICENSEES – VERIFICATION OF SERVICE
PROVIDER LICENSING STATUS**

Providing that a licensee of the State Real Estate Commission need not verify that a specified service provider is currently licensed by the State to perform the services if the licensee offers the name of the service provider to a client in the provision of real estate brokerage services, notwithstanding any other provision of law and with a specified exception; requiring a licensee to verify annually that a home improvement contractor is licensed by the Maryland Home Improvement Commission under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

HB 1453 **Delegate Vaughn**

Chapter 433

**REAL ESTATE LICENSEES – VERIFICATION OF SERVICE
PROVIDER LICENSING STATUS**

Providing that a licensee of the State Real Estate Commission need not verify that a specified service provider is currently licensed by the State to perform the services if the licensee offers the name of the service provider to a client in the provision of real estate brokerage services, notwithstanding any other provision of law and with a specified exception; requiring a licensee to verify annually that a home improvement contractor is licensed by the Maryland Home Improvement Commission under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

SB 830 **Senator Conway**

Chapter 434

**STATE BOARD OF COSMETOLOGISTS – LIMITED LICENSE –
HAIR SERVICES – BLOW DRYING**

Establishing a limited license to provide hair services – blow drying; requiring the State Board of Cosmetologists to establish by regulation specified curriculum standards for providing hair services – blow drying for use by specified entities for a specified purpose; establishing qualifications for a limited license to provide hair services – blow drying; providing that a specified limited license authorizes the licensee to provide only specified services; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

HB 1291 **Delegate Kelly**

Chapter 435

**STATE BOARD OF COSMETOLOGISTS – LIMITED LICENSE –
HAIR SERVICES – BLOW DRYING**

Establishing a limited license to provide hair services – blow drying; requiring the State Board of Cosmetologists to establish by regulation specified curriculum standards for providing hair services – blow drying for use by specified entities for a specified purpose; establishing qualifications for a limited license to provide hair services – blow drying; providing that a specified limited license authorizes the licensee to provide only specified services; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

SB 848 **Senator Kelley, et al**

Chapter 436

HEALTH INSURANCE – CONTRACEPTIVE EQUITY ACT

Prohibiting health insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations from applying a copayment, coinsurance, or prior authorization requirement for specified contraceptive drugs and devices; providing that the prohibition does not apply with respect to a grandfathered health plan; establishing an exception to the prohibition against applying a copayment or coinsurance requirement for specified contraceptive drugs or devices; etc.
EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2018

HB 1005

Chapter 437

Delegate Kelly, et al

HEALTH INSURANCE – CONTRACEPTIVE EQUITY ACT

Prohibiting health insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations from applying a copayment, coinsurance, or prior authorization requirement for specified contraceptive drugs and devices; providing that the prohibition does not apply with respect to a specified grandfathered health plan; establishing an exception to the prohibition against applying a copayment or coinsurance requirement for specified contraceptive drugs or devices; etc.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2018

SB 853

Chapter 438

Senator Kelley, et al

GUARDIANS OF PROPERTY AND CUSTODIANS – AUTHORITY TO FUND CERTAIN TRUSTS AND ACCOUNTS

Authorizing a guardian of the property of a specified minor or disabled person to pay or apply income or principal from a specified estate to establish or fund a specified special needs trust, a pooled asset special needs trust account, or an Achieving a Better Life Experience account for the benefit of the minor or disabled person, without court authorization or confirmation; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

HB 960

Chapter 439

Delegate Kelly, et al

GUARDIANS OF PROPERTY AND CUSTODIANS – AUTHORITY TO FUND CERTAIN TRUSTS AND ACCOUNTS

Authorizing a guardian of the property of a specified minor or disabled person to pay or apply income or principal from a specified estate to establish or fund a specified special needs trust, a pooled asset special needs trust account, or an Achieving a Better Life Experience account for the benefit of the minor or disabled person, without court authorization or confirmation; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

SB 856

Senator Kelley, et al

Chapter 440

PUBLIC HEALTH – HIV TESTING DURING PREGNANCY

Requiring specified health care providers to obtain consent for HIV testing in accordance with specified provisions of law and to test pregnant patients, except under specified circumstances, during the first and third trimesters of pregnancy; repealing specified provisions of law made obsolete by the Act; and providing that specified health care providers may not be subject to specified disciplinary action under specified circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

HB 180

Delegate West, et al

Chapter 441

PUBLIC HEALTH – HIV TESTING DURING PREGNANCY

Requiring specified health care providers to obtain consent for HIV testing in accordance with specified provisions of law and to test pregnant patients, except under specified circumstances, during the first and third trimesters of pregnancy; repealing specified provisions of law made obsolete by the Act; and providing that specified health care providers may not be subject to specified disciplinary action under specified circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

SB 859

Senators Young and Hough

Chapter 442

FREDERICK COUNTY – DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES AGREEMENTS – ADMINISTRATIVE APPEALS

Authorizing, in Frederick County, a person aggrieved by a development rights and responsibilities agreement to file an administrative appeal; providing that if an agreement was entered into before July 1, 2016, a person aggrieved by an amendment to the agreement may not file an administrative appeal and may seek direct judicial review under specified circumstances; providing that a party may appeal to the Court of Special Appeals and thereafter may petition the Court of Appeals for a writ of certiorari under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

HB 605 **Frederick County Delegation**

Chapter 443

**FREDERICK COUNTY – DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS AND
RESPONSIBILITIES AGREEMENTS – ADMINISTRATIVE
APPEALS**

Authorizing, in Frederick County, a person aggrieved by a development rights and responsibilities agreement to file an administrative appeal; providing that if an agreement was entered into before July 1, 2016, a person aggrieved by an amendment to the agreement may not file an administrative appeal and may seek direct judicial review under specified circumstances; providing that a party may appeal to the Court of Special Appeals and thereafter may petition the Court of Appeals for a writ of certiorari under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

SB 882 **Senator Jennings, et al**

Chapter 444

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – NORTHEASTERN MARYLAND
ADDITIVE MANUFACTURING INNOVATION AUTHORITY**

Renaming the Northeastern Maryland Additive Manufacturing Innovation Authority to be the Regional Additive Manufacturing Partnership of Maryland; altering specified definitions in order to codify a specified alternate name for the Partnership; altering the number and composition of the voting members of the Executive Board; requiring the Department of Economic Competitiveness and Commerce to consider including specified requests for financial support in its annual budget recommendations; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

SB 887 **Senator Middleton, et al**

Chapter 445

**HEALTH INSURANCE – CONSUMER HEALTH CLAIM FILING
FAIRNESS ACT**

Requiring a specified health benefit plan to include provisions that permit enrollees a minimum period of time of 1 year to submit a claim for a service, provide for the suspension of the minimum period of time, and provide that failure to submit a claim within the minimum period of time does not invalidate or reduce the amount of the claim; creating an exception to a provision of law that requires proof of loss to be furnished to an insurer in case of claim for loss within a specified period of time; etc.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2017

SB 888

Chapter 446

Senator Middleton, et al

**MOTOR VEHICLE INSURANCE – PROGRAM TO INCENTIVIZE
AND ENABLE UNINSURED VEHICLE OWNERS TO BE
INSURED**

Establishing in the Motor Vehicle Administration the Program to Incentivize and Enable Uninsured Vehicle Owners to Be Insured; specifying the eligibility requirements; requiring the Administration to waive a portion of specified delinquent uninsured vehicle penalties; specifying the conditions under which a portion of specified delinquent uninsured vehicle penalties may be waived; requiring a specified vehicle owner to pay a specified amount owed; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

HB 912

Chapter 447

Delegate Frick

**MOTOR VEHICLE INSURANCE – PROGRAM TO INCENTIVIZE
AND ENABLE UNINSURED VEHICLE OWNERS TO BE
INSURED**

Establishing in the Motor Vehicle Administration the Program to Incentivize and Enable Uninsured Vehicle Owners to Be Insured; specifying the eligibility requirements; requiring the Administration to waive 80% of a vehicle owner's delinquent uninsured vehicle penalties that became delinquent before January 1, 2014; specifying the conditions under which a portion of specified delinquent uninsured vehicle penalties may be waived; requiring a specified vehicle owner to pay a specified amount owed; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

SB 916

Chapter 448

Harford County Senators

**HARFORD COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – COMMUNITY
COLLEGE LICENSE**

Establishing a Class CC (community college) beer and wine license in Harford County; authorizing the Board of License Commissioners to issue the license to officers of a community college for use on specified parts of the community college campus; providing that the license authorizes the sale of beer and wine for on-premises consumption to specified individuals; limiting the number of days the license holder may sell beer and wine at specified events to a maximum of 25 days per year; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

HB 1051 Harford County Delegation

Chapter 449

HARFORD COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – COMMUNITY COLLEGE LICENSE

Establishing a Class CC (community college) beer and wine license in Harford County; authorizing the Board of License Commissioners to issue the license to officers of a community college for use on specified parts of the community college campus; providing that the license authorizes the sale of beer and wine for on-premises consumption to specified individuals and groups; limiting to 25 the number of days per year that the license holder may sell beer and wine; providing an annual license fee of \$1,500; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

SB 926 Senator Young, et al

Chapter 450

LYME DISEASE – LABORATORY TEST – REQUIRED NOTICE

Requiring specified health care providers and specified medical laboratories to provide a specified written notice to a patient for whom the health care provider or medical laboratory performs a laboratory test for the presence of Lyme disease; requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to provide written notice to specified committees of the General Assembly before submitting any proposed regulations under the Act; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

HB 399 Delegate Afzali, et al

Chapter 451

LYME DISEASE – LABORATORY TEST – REQUIRED NOTICE

Requiring specified health care providers and specified medical laboratories to provide specified notice to a patient for whom the health care provider or medical laboratory performs a laboratory test for the presence of Lyme disease; requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to provide written notice to specified committees of the General Assembly before submitting any proposed regulations under the Act; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

SB 931 **Senator Zucker, et al**

Chapter 452

**BIRTH CERTIFICATES – HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS –
PROHIBITION ON COLLECTION OF FEE**

Prohibiting the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene from collecting a fee for issuing a certified or abridged copy of a birth certificate to a homeless individual; requiring the Department to accept as proof of homelessness a signed written statement from a homeless services provider located in the State; requiring that the homeless individual may receive one copy of a birth certificate without a fee in a single transaction; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

HB 280 **Delegate Moon, et al**

Chapter 453

**BIRTH CERTIFICATES – HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS –
PROHIBITION ON COLLECTION OF FEE**

Prohibiting the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene from collecting a fee for issuing a certified or abridged copy of a birth certificate to a homeless individual; requiring the Department to accept as proof of homelessness a signed written statement from a homeless services provider located in the State; requiring that the homeless individual may receive one copy of a birth certificate without a fee in a single transaction; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

SB 958 **Cecil County Senators**

Chapter 454

CECIL COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – LICENSES

Authorizing a Class 7 micro–brewery license to be issued in Cecil County; authorizing a Class 7 micro–brewery license to be issued to a holder of a Class B beer, wine, and liquor license or a Class D beer, wine, and liquor license under specified circumstances; authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Cecil County to determine a specified ratio of gross receipts; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

HB 1071 Cecil County Delegation

Chapter 455 CECIL COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – LICENSES

Authorizing a Class 7 micro–brewery license to be issued in Cecil County; authorizing a Class 7 micro–brewery license to be issued to a holder of a Class B beer, wine, and liquor license or a Class D beer, wine, and liquor license under specified circumstances; authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Cecil County to determine a specified ratio of gross receipts; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

SB 969 Senator Brochin

Chapter 456 VEHICLE EQUIPMENT – COUNTERFEIT AND
NONFUNCTIONAL AIRBAGS – PROHIBITIONS

Prohibiting a person from importing, manufacturing, distributing, selling, or offering for sale a counterfeit airbag or a nonfunctional airbag; prohibiting a person from installing a counterfeit airbag or a nonfunctional airbag in a motor vehicle; prohibiting a person from selling or installing a device that causes the vehicle diagnostic system to inaccurately indicate that the airbag is functional when a counterfeit airbag, a nonfunctional airbag, or no airbag is installed; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

HB 1236 Delegate Valentino–Smith, et al

Chapter 457 VEHICLE EQUIPMENT – COUNTERFEIT AND
NONFUNCTIONAL AIRBAGS – PROHIBITIONS

Prohibiting a person from knowingly importing, manufacturing, distributing, selling, or offering for sale a counterfeit airbag or a nonfunctional airbag; prohibiting a person from knowingly installing a counterfeit airbag or a nonfunctional airbag in a motor vehicle; prohibiting a person from knowingly selling or installing a device that causes the vehicle diagnostic system to inaccurately indicate that the airbag is functional when a counterfeit airbag, a nonfunctional airbag, or no airbag is installed; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

SB 979 **Senator Peters**

Chapter 458 **OPTIONAL RETIREMENT PROGRAM – ELIGIBILITY –
ALTERATIONS**

Altering the eligibility provisions of the Optional Retirement Program to include individuals in specified position categories designated by specified governing boards of institutions of higher education or the Secretary of Higher Education; requiring an individual who was a participant in the Optional Retirement Program as of a specified date to continue to participate in the Program under specified circumstances; and conforming specified terminology to current institutional policies regarding employment categories.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

SB 982 **Senators Kasemeyer and Miller**

Chapter 459 **STATE RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEM – PRIVATE
EQUITY AND VENTURE CAPITAL INVESTMENTS**

Authorizing the Board of Trustees for the State Retirement and Pension System to enter into an agreement with the Maryland Technology Development Corporation or another entity to make and manage investments in private equity and venture capital in the State with specified additional funds; providing that an entity that provides specified services to the Board of Trustees in accordance with the Act shall be subject to specified standards of care and prohibited from taking specified actions under specified provisions of law; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

SB 1020 **Senator Pugh**

Chapter 460 **STATE BOARD OF PHYSICIANS – PHYSICIAN LICENSING
RECIPROCITY**

Requiring the State Board of Physicians to license applicants to practice medicine who became licensed or certified as a physician in another jurisdiction under specified requirements, are in good standing in the other jurisdiction, submit the Board–required application, and pay the Board–imposed application fee; and requiring the Board to adopt regulations relating to reciprocal licensure for physicians.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

HB 998 Delegate Hill, et al

Chapter 461

**STATE BOARD OF PHYSICIANS – PHYSICIAN LICENSING
RECIPROCITY**

Requiring the State Board of Physicians to license specified applicants to practice medicine who became licensed or certified as a physician in another jurisdiction under specified requirements, are in good standing in the other jurisdiction, submit the Board–required application, and pay the Board–imposed application fee and whose jurisdiction offers a similar reciprocal licensure for physicians.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

SB 1057 Senator King

Chapter 462

**MARYLAND TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION –
MARYLAND INNOVATION INITIATIVE – FINANCING
AUTHORITY**

Authorizing the Maryland Innovation Initiative in the Maryland Technology Development Corporation to provide equity investment financing to specified universities or specified entities to promote the commercialization of specified intellectual property, assess specified issues, and pay specified costs; and expanding the authority of the Corporation to use money in the Maryland Innovation Initiative Fund to provide specified equity investment financing.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

SB 1063 Senator Madaleno

Chapter 463

**MARYLAND INSTITUTE FOR POLICY ANALYSIS AND
RESEARCH POSITIONS – TRANSFER TO STATE PERSONNEL
MANAGEMENT SYSTEM**

Requiring that, under specified circumstances, specified contractual employees of the Maryland Institute for Policy Analysis and Research be placed in specified positions in the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene; requiring that the employees be placed in the State Personnel Management System without further examination or qualification and with a specified salary level; requiring that specified transferred employees be appointed without prior service credit and serve a specified probationary period; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

SB 1069

Chapter 464

Senator Middleton, et al

**PUBLIC UTILITIES – APPLICATION FOR A CERTIFICATE OF
PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY – PUBLIC NOTICE**

Requiring the Public Service Commission to provide a weekly notice of a public hearing and an opportunity for public comment on two types of social media and on the Commission’s Web site with a specified frequency before the public hearing date; requiring the Commission, before a public hearing, to coordinate with a specified governing body or municipal corporation to identify additional options for providing, in an efficient and cost-effective manner, notice of the public hearing to the specified residents; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

SB 1076

Chapter 465

Washington County Senators

**WASHINGTON COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES –
POPULATION RATIO QUOTA – CLASSES OF LICENSES**

Prohibiting the Washington County Board of License Commissioners from issuing a Class A off-sale license, a Class B on- and off-sale license, or a Class D on- and off-sale license in an election district if the number of licenses exceeds the population ratio quota, one license for every 3,000 residents in the election district where the license is to be issued; authorizing the Board to issue specified licenses in an election district if the number of licenses exceeds the population ratio quota under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

SB 1097

Chapter 466

Senator Mathias, et al

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT TORT CLAIMS ACT – REGIONAL
DEVELOPMENT COUNCILS**

Repealing specified provisions of law granting the Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland and the Tri-County Council for Western Maryland immunity from suit; altering the definition of a “local government” under the Local Government Tort Claims Act to include specified regional development councils; and providing for the prospective application of the Act.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

SB 1106

Chapter 467

Senator Simonaire, et al

**ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY AND HARFORD COUNTY –
COURTHOUSE DOG AND CHILD WITNESS PILOT PROGRAM**

Establishing the Courthouse Dog and Child Witness Pilot Program in the circuit courts for Anne Arundel County and Harford County to determine whether to establish a structured, defined, and systematic approach for providing a courthouse dog to a child witness in any circuit court proceeding in the State; requiring the Administrative Office of the Courts to develop a plan to implement the pilot program; requiring the Administrative Office to establish procedures for requesting a specified dog and handler to assist a child witness; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

SB 1109

Chapter 468

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

**DIVISION OF WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AND ADULT
LEARNING – TRANSFER OF SENIOR COMMUNITY SERVICE
EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM**

Requiring the Division of Workforce Development and Adult Learning to administer any community service employment programs delegated to the State under Title V of the federal Older Americans Act of 1965; requiring the responsibility for carrying out the Senior Community Service Employment Program to be transferred to the Division on July 1, 2016; requiring that specified appropriations be transferred to the Division on July 1, 2016; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

SB 1119

Chapter 469

**Senator Rosapepe (By Request – Joint Committee on the
Management of Public Funds), et al**

STATE TREASURER – SUPRANATIONAL ISSUERS

Authorizing the Treasurer to invest or reinvest specified funds in a specified obligation issued and unconditionally guaranteed by a supranational issuer; defining a specified term; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

SB 1126

Senators Pugh and Young

Chapter 470

FREDERICK COUNTY – LINKING YOUTH TO NEW EXPERIENCES (LYNX) HIGH SCHOOL

Establishing the Linking Youth to New Experiences (LYNX) High School at Frederick High School in Frederick County; providing that the LYNX High School is a public school under the authority of the County Board of Education and the County Superintendent of Schools; providing that the purpose of the LYNX High School is to provide individualized, self-directed learning opportunities for every student in accordance with a personal plan for success; requiring the County Superintendent to develop a specified plan on or before September 30, 2016; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

SB 1135

Washington County Senators

Chapter 471

WASHINGTON COUNTY – BUSINESS LICENSES – REPEAL OF ZONING CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENT

Repealing the prohibition on the clerk of the Circuit Court for Washington County from issuing a specified business license under specified circumstances unless the applicant submits to the clerk a certification that the location of the business for which the license is sought has proper zoning; and repealing a specified prohibition on the clerk of the Circuit Court of Washington County endorsing a change in a place of business in Washington County until specified zoning requirements are met.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

SB 1136

Senator Eckardt

Chapter 472

REGULATION OF RADIATION SOURCES – FEE – EXEMPTION FOR PRO BONO TEMPORARY DENTAL CLINICS

Exempting specified temporary dental clinics that hold permits under specified provisions of law, provide all services on a pro bono basis, and operate fewer than 100 hours a year the fee for monitoring and regulating sources of radiation after June 30, 2016.

EMERGENCY BILL

On May 10, 2016, 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 joint resolution(s), which you passed:

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Res. No. 1 **Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs
Committee (By Request – Departmental – Planning)**

**PATUXENT RIVER WATERSHED – AMENDMENT OF
PATUXENT RIVER POLICY PLAN**

Approving the 2015 Patuxent River Policy Plan update as an amendment to the Patuxent River Policy Plan; providing, on approval, that the amended Plan will serve as a policy guide for the Patuxent River Commission, State agencies, and local governments in enhancing restoration and protection of the Patuxent River watershed; and resolving that a copy of the resolution be forwarded by the Department of Legislative Services to specified individuals.

On May 10, 2016, the Honorable Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr., Governor; the Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr., President of the Senate; and the Honorable Michael E. Busch, Speaker of the House of Delegates, signed the following pieces of legislation, which you passed:

HB 69
Chapter 473 **Delegate Luedtke, et al**

**PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX – CREDIT FOR NEW OR SMALL
BUSINESS**

Authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City or the governing body of a county or municipal corporation to provide a property tax credit for up to 50% of the county or municipal corporation property tax imposed on specified personal property that is owned or leased by specified new or small businesses; applying the Act to all taxable years beginning after December 31, 2016; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

- HB 104**
Chapter 474 **Delegate Morhaim, et al**
MEDICAL CANNABIS – WRITTEN CERTIFICATIONS – CERTIFYING PROVIDERS
Authorizing specified dentists, podiatrists, nurse midwives, and nurse practitioners, in addition to physicians, to issue written certifications to qualifying patients by substituting the defined term “certifying provider” for “certifying physician” as it relates to laws governing medical cannabis; establishing that specified providers must be in good standing with the regulatory board regulating the licensing and certification of specified providers; providing for a delayed effective date; etc.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2017
- HB 117**
Chapter 475 **Delegate Barron, et al**
STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY – LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS FOR PHARMACISTS – PROOF OF PROFICIENCY IN ENGLISH
Providing that, for applicants for a license to practice pharmacy, graduation from a recognized English–speaking professional school accredited by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education is acceptable proof of proficiency in the oral communication of the English language.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016
- SB 469**
Chapter 476 **Senator McFadden**
STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY – LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS FOR PHARMACISTS – PROOF OF PROFICIENCY IN ENGLISH
Providing that, for applicants for a license to practice pharmacy, graduation from a recognized English–speaking professional school accredited by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education is acceptable as proof of proficiency in the oral communication of the English language.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

**HB 140 The Speaker (By Request – Department of Legislative
Chapter 477 Services)**

**SECURITY SYSTEMS TECHNICIANS AND AGENCIES – FEES
AND SUNSET EXTENSION AND PROGRAM EVALUATION**

Reducing the application fee from \$150 to \$100 for a license to engage in the business of providing security systems services; requiring a specified applicant to pay specified fees relating to a criminal history records check; decreasing the amount of the processing fee from \$150 to \$100 for a specified applicant for a specified license; continuing the authority of the Secretary of State Police to license and regulate security systems agencies in the State and register security systems technicians; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

**HB 188 Chair, Economic Matters Committee (By Request –
Chapter 478 Departmental – Labor, Licensing and Regulation)**

**FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS – COMMISSIONER OF FINANCIAL
REGULATION – DISCLOSURE AND SHARING OF
INFORMATION**

Reorganizing and consolidating provisions of law relating to the disclosure of specified information by the Commissioner of Financial Regulation and specified other persons and the authority of the Commissioner to enter into information sharing agreements and exchange information; prohibiting specified persons from disclosing information obtained or generated in the course of exercising the Commissioner's authority to examine persons required to be licensed under specified provisions of law, banking institutions, and credit unions; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

HB 202 **Delegate Bromwell, et al**

Chapter 479

**PILOT PROGRAM – DONATION OF COINS FROM GAMING
PAYOUTS – MARYLAND VETERANS TRUST FUND**

Requiring the State Lottery and Gaming Control Commission to adopt regulations requiring one video lottery facility licensee to adopt procedures to offer players the opportunity to donate coins, when receiving cash on payout, to the Maryland Veterans Trust Fund and to require the licensee to attach donation boxes near exits in the video lottery facility, with the proceeds dedicated to the Maryland Veterans Trust Fund; and requiring the Commission to report to specified committees of the General Assembly on or before January 1, 2019.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

HB 264 **Delegate B. Robinson, et al**

Chapter 480

**TASK FORCE TO INVESTIGATE THE CHALLENGES OF AND
OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINORITIES IN BUSINESS**

Establishing the Task Force to Investigate the Challenges of and Opportunities for Minorities in Business; requiring the Task Force to study and make recommendations regarding issues related to small, minority–and women–owned businesses, and to review incentives for business entities that employ ex–felons; requiring the Task Force to report its findings and recommendations, including any recommended legislation to address its findings, to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before December 31, 2017; etc.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

HB 320 **Frederick County Delegation**

Chapter 481

**FREDERICK COUNTY – PROPERTY TAX – SMALL BUSINESS
TAX CREDIT**

Altering specified requirements for an existing business entity in Frederick County to qualify for a specified property tax credit imposed on real property owned or leased by the business entity; altering the definition of “full–time position” to increase the number of hours and period of time individuals must be employed and to require a payment of at least 150% of the federal minimum wage; altering the percentage of the property tax credit authorized in specified taxable years; etc.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

HB 326 **Chair, Environment and Transportation Committee (By**
Chapter 482 **Request – Departmental – Housing and Community**
 Development)

**HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – BUSINESS
LENDING AND NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION**

Expanding the areas in which the Neighborhood Business Development Program in the Department of Housing and Community Development is authorized to provide financial assistance; authorizing the Maryland Housing Fund and the Community Development Administration in the Department to provide financial assistance to specified business projects; requiring the Department to reserve a specified amount of money to make financial assistance available to specified projects located in sustainable communities; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

HB 340 **Delegate Tarlau, et al**
Chapter 483 **PROPERTY TAX – RENTERS’ PROPERTY TAX RELIEF**
 PROGRAM

Altering the calculation of the amount of property tax relief provided to specified renters by altering the calculation of combined income of a renter; increasing, from \$750 to \$1,000, the maximum amount of property tax relief that may be provided; and applying the Act to all calendar years beginning after December 31, 2015.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

HB 385 **Delegate Anderson (By Request – Baltimore City**
Chapter 484 **Administration)**

**BALTIMORE CITY – ABANDONED PROPERTY – TAX SALES –
GROUND RENT**

Repealing a limitation on selling the whole fee simple interest in abandoned property in Baltimore City consisting of either a vacant lot or improved property cited as vacant and unfit for habitation when the property is subject to a ground rent or specified lease.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

- HB 439**
Chapter 485 **Delegates Kramer and Fraser–Hidalgo**
COMMERCIAL LAW – CONSUMER PROTECTION – DOOR–TO–DOOR SALES
- Altering the circumstances under which it is an unfair or deceptive trade practice for a seller in a door–to–door sale to fail to furnish a specified statement that specifies the time period in which a buyer has the right to cancel a transaction; requiring the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation, in collaboration with the Consumer Protection Division of the Office of the Attorney General to convene a workgroup to review specified consumer complaints and laws governing home improvement contracts; etc.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016
- HB 472**
Chapter 486 **Delegate Miele, et al**
ESTATES AND TRUSTS – REGISTERS OF WILLS – RETENTION OF ESTATE FILES
- Repealing a requirement that a register of wills in a county return specified estate files to the personal representative of the estate under specified circumstances; authorizing a register to dispose of specified estate files no sooner than 180 days after the closing of an estate if copies of the files are retained in a specified manner; applying the Act retroactively to estates opened on or after October 1, 2014; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016
- HB 488**
Chapter 487 **Delegate Morgan, et al**
PROPERTY TAX – PROPERTY TRANSFERRED TO NEW OWNER – APPEALS
- Requiring a supervisor of assessments or the supervisor’s designee to hold a hearing on an appeal of a change in the value or classification of property that is transferred to a new owner by the later of 90 days after receiving the written appeal or 90 days after the deed evidencing the transfer is recorded.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

HB 501 **Delegate Chang**

Chapter 488

MOTOR VEHICLE INSURANCE – VOLUNTEER DRIVERS

Prohibiting insurers that issue, sell, or deliver policies of motor vehicle liability insurance in the State from canceling the policy of a named insured or refusing to issue a policy to an applicant solely because the named insured or applicant is a volunteer driver; prohibiting specified insurers from imposing a surcharge solely because a driver under the policy is a volunteer driver; applying the Act prospectively to specified insurance policies issued, sold, delivered, or renewed on or after January 1, 2017; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

HB 534 **Delegate Sanchez, et al**

Chapter 489

FAMILY LAW – PROTECTIVE ORDERS – NOTIFICATION OF SERVICE – SUNSET REPEAL

Repealing the termination date of provisions of law related to notice of the service on a respondent of specified protective orders; and repealing obsolete provisions relating to a specified contingency.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

HB 555 **Delegate Kipke**

Chapter 490

OFFICE OF CEMETERY OVERSIGHT – PERPETUAL CARE TRUST FUNDS – REPORT SUBMISSION REQUIREMENT

Increasing from 120 to 150 days the time period within which a sole proprietor registered cemeterian, specified permit holders, or specified other persons subject to specified perpetual care trust requirements are required to submit a specified report regarding a specified perpetual care trust fund to the Director of the Office of Cemetery Oversight.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

HB 557 **Delegate Jameson**

Chapter 491 HOMEOWNER'S INSURANCE – UNDERWRITING STANDARDS
– DEDUCTIBLES

Authorizing an insurer to issue a policy of homeowner's insurance that includes a specified deductible, subject to specified limitations; authorizing the insurer to require a specified deductible in a policy of homeowner's insurance or to offer a specified deductible as an option; requiring an insurer that has adopted a specified underwriting standard to apply a specified deductible only during a specified period time and regardless of where the insured's home is located in the State; etc.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2017

HB 567 **Delegate Kipke**

Chapter 492 BARBERS AND COSMETOLOGISTS – MOBILE BARBERSHOPS
AND BEAUTY SALONS – PERMIT REQUIREMENT

Altering the definition of "barbershop" to include a mobile barbershop; requiring an applicant for a mobile barbershop permit to hold a permit to operate a nonmobile barbershop and to lease or own a vehicle or trailer in which the mobile barbershop is located; altering the definition of "beauty salon" to include a mobile beauty salon; requiring an applicant for a mobile beauty salon permit to hold a nonmobile beauty salon permit and to lease or own the motor vehicle or trailer in which the mobile beauty salon is located; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

HB 631 **Howard County Delegation**

Chapter 493 WORKERS' COMPENSATION – PERMANENT PARTIAL
DISABILITY – HOWARD COUNTY DEPUTY SHERIFFS HO. CO.
11-16

Altering the circumstances under which Howard County deputy sheriffs are eligible for a compensable permanent partial disability of less than 75 weeks; and providing for the prospective application of the Act.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

HB 675 **Delegate Branch**

Chapter 494

VEHICLE LAWS – MECHANICAL REPAIR CONTRACTS

Altering the definition of “mechanical repair contract”; authorizing an agent and a registered obligor under a mechanical repair contract to offer, sell, or negotiate a mechanical repair contract; establishing that an obligor or a vehicle dealer is liable for the actions of its agent under specified circumstances; requiring an obligor or a licensed vehicle dealer that uses an agent to sell a mechanical repair contract to maintain a specified list and, on request, make the list available to the Insurance Commissioner; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

HB 676 **Delegate McCray, et al**

Chapter 495

**LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT – MARYLAND APPRENTICESHIP
AND TRAINING COUNCIL – ANNUAL REPORT**

Requiring the Maryland Apprenticeship and Training Council to report to the General Assembly, on or before June 30 of each year, specified information regarding each apprenticeship program registered in the State and the individuals enrolled in those programs; and requiring the Council to sort the information in a specified manner and publish the report on the Council’s Web site.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

HB 727 **Delegate West, et al**

Chapter 496

**HORSE RACING – SATELLITE SIMULCAST BETTING – PUBLIC
HEARING REQUIREMENTS**

Requiring the State Racing Commission, before granting a permit to a person for satellite simulcast betting, to hold public hearings within 10 miles of the proposed satellite simulcast facility; requiring the Commission to advertise specified information in a local publication at least 30 days before the hearing; requiring the Commission to provide written notice of specified information to the Senators, Delegates, and county–elected officials representing the jurisdiction within which the proposed satellite facility is to be located; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

- HB 815** **Cecil County Delegation and Delegate Metzgar**
Chapter 497 HORSE RACING – FAIR HILL – ARABIAN BREED RACING
AUTHORIZATION
- Authorizing a licensee at the Fair Hill Natural Resources Management Area to conduct live racing of Arabian breed horses under specified circumstances.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016
- HB 898** **Delegate Metzgar, et al**
Chapter 498 PROPERTY TAX CREDIT – ELDERLY INDIVIDUALS AND
VETERANS
- Authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City, a county, or a municipal corporation to provide a property tax credit against the county or municipal corporation property tax imposed on the dwelling of specified individuals who are elderly or veterans; providing a maximum tax credit of 20% of the county or municipal corporation property tax which may be granted for a period of up to 5 years; and applying the Act to all taxable years beginning after June 30, 2016; etc.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016
- HB 958** **Delegate Jameson**
Chapter 499 INSURANCE – RATE FILINGS – TRADE SECRETS
- Establishing the confidentiality, under specified circumstances, of information that an insurer files with the Maryland Insurance Commissioner as proprietary rate-related information; requiring the Commissioner, if the Commissioner makes a specified determination, to give an insurer specified notice of a determination and to make specified material open to specified public inspection; requiring the People's Insurance Counsel Division to maintain the confidentiality of specified proprietary rate-related information; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

HB 1123 **Prince George's County Delegation and Montgomery County**
Chapter 500 **Delegation**

MARYLAND–WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN DISTRICT –
BOUNDARIES – CITY OF GREENBELT PG/MC 117–16

Altering a specified provision of law to provide that the boundaries of the Maryland–Washington Metropolitan District do not include the City of Greenbelt as its boundaries are defined on July 1, 2016.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

HB 1128 **Prince George's County Delegation and Montgomery County**
Chapter 501 **Delegation**

WASHINGTON SUBURBAN SANITARY COMMISSION –
DRINKING WATER – TESTING PG/MC 113–16

Altering which cycle of specified regulations adopted by the United States Environmental Protection Agency is the basis for the requirement that the WSSC conduct quarterly testing of drinking water in the Commission system for unregulated contaminants.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

HB 1129 **Prince George's County Delegation and Montgomery County**
Chapter 502 **Delegation**

WASHINGTON SUBURBAN SANITARY COMMISSION –
COMMISSIONERS APPOINTED FROM MONTGOMERY COUNTY
– QUALIFICATIONS PG/MC 116–16

Repealing a requirement that members of the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission from Montgomery County reside in the Washington Suburban Sanitary District.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

HB 1167 **Delegate Buckel, et al**

Chapter 503 **BIOTECHNOLOGY INVESTMENT TAX CREDIT – INVESTMENT
IN QUALIFIED COMPANIES IN LOW-INCOME AREAS**

Providing that the amount of a credit allowed against the State income tax is 75%, not to exceed \$500,000, of the investment in qualified Maryland biotechnology companies located in Allegany, Dorchester, Garrett, or Somerset counties; applying the Act to initial tax credit certificates issued after June 30, 2016; etc.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

HB 1168

Chapter 504

Delegate Buckel, et al

**CYBERSECURITY INVESTMENT TAX CREDIT – INVESTMENT
IN QUALIFIED COMPANIES IN LOW-INCOME AREAS**

Providing that the amount of a credit against the State income tax is 50%, not to exceed \$500,000, of the investment in a qualified Maryland cybersecurity company located in Allegany County, Dorchester County, Garrett County, or Somerset County; applying the Act to initial tax credit certificates issued after June 30, 2016; etc.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

HB 1217

Chapter 505

Delegate Sample–Hughes, et al

**MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM – SPECIALTY
MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER
SERVICES – PARITY**

Requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to adopt regulations to ensure that the Maryland Medical Assistance Program is in compliance with specified federal laws; providing that the Department is not required to adopt specified regulations for any changes that may be made through a process other than the regulatory process; requiring the regulations to include standards regarding treatment limitations for specialty mental health and substance use disorder services that comply with the federal laws; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

HB 1268

Chapter 506

Calvert County Delegation

**CALVERT COUNTY – PRETRIAL RELEASE PROGRAM –
NONVIOLENT FELON**

Repealing a provision of law that prohibits an individual in detention for or previously convicted of a felony that is not a crime of violence from being eligible for a specified pretrial release program in Calvert County; and providing that an individual in detention for or previously convicted of a specified crime is not eligible for a specified program.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

HB 1281 **Delegates Jameson and Gaines**

Chapter 507 STRATEGIC ENERGY INVESTMENT PROGRAM AND
ADVISORY BOARD – ALTERATIONS

Requiring the Maryland Energy Administration to provide specified plans to the Strategic Energy Investment Advisory Board in specified years; requiring the Administration to provide reports on the implementation of the plans in specified years; requiring the Governor to appoint the chair of the Board from among the voting members; requiring that copies of a specified report be provided to the members of the Senate Finance Committee and the House Economic Matters Committee; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

HB 1299 **Delegate A. Washington**

Chapter 508 PROPERTY TAX – CRANE LOCATED ON STATE PROPERTY –
EXEMPTION

Providing an exemption from property tax for the interest of a person in property that is located on property owned by the State if the personal property is a crane used for cargo handling purposes; and applying the Act to taxable years beginning after June 30, 2016.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

HB 1344 **Delegate Arentz**

Chapter 509 QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY – COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ELECTION METHOD – STRAW BALLOT

Requiring that a specified question be placed on the ballot in Queen Anne's County at the November general election of 2016 to determine the sense of the voters of the County on the issue of the method of electing the members of the Board of County Commissioners; and providing for the carrying out of the straw ballot.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

HB 1385

Delegate Morhaim, et al

Chapter 510

PUBLIC HEALTH – ADVANCE DIRECTIVES – PROCEDURES, INFORMATION SHEET, AND USE OF ELECTRONIC ADVANCE DIRECTIVES

Providing that any authentic expression made by an individual while competent of the individual's wishes regarding health care for the individual be considered in the absence of a validly executed or witnessed advance directive; providing that a witness to an electronic advance directive is not required; establishing an Advance Directive Program in the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene; requiring the Department to encourage the use of electronic advance directives and provide outreach services to increase public awareness; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

Pursuant to Article XIV, Section 1 of the Maryland Constitution, the following constitutional amendment has been assigned a chapter number:

HB 260 **Delegate Moon, et al**

Chapter 511

**UNITED STATES SENATOR, ATTORNEY GENERAL, AND
COMPTROLLER – APPOINTMENTS AND SPECIAL ELECTIONS
TO FILL A VACANCY**

Requiring the Governor to appoint an individual to fill a vacancy in the office of United States Senator, Attorney General, or Comptroller from a list of names submitted by the State Central Committee of the political party of the vacating officeholder; requiring individuals whose names are submitted to the Governor to have been affiliated with the political party of the vacating officeholder; requiring an individual appointed by the Governor to fill a vacancy in one of the specified offices to serve the remainder of the specified term; etc.

CONTINGENT – EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

Sincerely,

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