

May 31, 2016

To the Members of the General Assembly

Ladies and Gentlemen:

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

Section 17.

(c) Any Bill presented to the Governor within six days (Sundays excepted), prior to adjournment of any session of the General Assembly, or after such adjournment, shall become law without the Governor's signature unless it is vetoed by the Governor within 30 days after presentment.

Having chosen not to sign the following bills after formal presentment and to let the provisions of Article II, Section 17(c) determine the effectiveness of the legislation, the bills will become law without the Governor's signature as of midnight, May 28, 2016, and are assigned the following Chapter numbers:

SB 58

Senator Astle

Chapter 656

**NATURAL RESOURCES – VESSEL EXCISE TAX CAP – AMOUNT
AND REPEAL OF TERMINATION**

Making permanent a \$15,000 limit on the amount of the vessel excise tax that may be imposed on any vessel; and requiring that the maximum amount of the excise tax imposed for any vessel be increased by \$100 on July 1, 2016 and July 1 of each subsequent year.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

- HB 14**
Chapter 657 **Delegate Kipke**
NATURAL RESOURCES – VESSEL EXCISE TAX CAP – AMOUNT
AND REPEAL OF TERMINATION
- Making permanent a \$15,000 limit on the amount of the vessel excise tax that may be imposed on any vessel; and requiring that the maximum amount of the excise tax imposed for any vessel be increased by \$100 on July 1, 2016 and July 1 of each subsequent year.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016
- SB 161**
Chapter 658 **Senator Hough, et al**
CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – SEIZURE AND FORFEITURE
- Authorizing the forfeiture of specified property under specified circumstances; repealing a specified provision authorizing the forfeiture of specified money or weapons relating to possession of a controlled dangerous substance; requiring that a specified seizing authority provide a receipt for property on seizure that includes specified information; requiring that a specified seizing authority mail notice with specified information to the owner of seized property within a specified period of time; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016
- SB 175**
Chapter 659 **Senator Astle**
ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES –
DISPOSITION OF FEES
- Requiring the Anne Arundel County Board of License Commissioners to remit a specified administrative fee to the Comptroller instead of using the fee to cover specified expenses; requiring the Board to remit to the Comptroller, rather than to Anne Arundel County, all fees that the Board collects; requiring the Comptroller, from specified fees, to approve and remit to the County amounts necessary to pay specified salaries, benefits and expenses and to remit the balance to the County for the general purposes of the County.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

HB 238

Chapter 660

Anne Arundel County Delegation

**ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES –
DISPOSITION OF FEES**

Requiring the Anne Arundel County Board of License Commissioners to remit a specified administrative fee to the Comptroller instead of using the fee to cover specified expenses; requiring the Board to remit to the Comptroller, rather than to Anne Arundel County, all fees that the Board collects; requiring the Comptroller, from fees received, to approve and remit to the county the amounts necessary to pay the salaries, benefits, and expenses of the Board; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

SB 198

Chapter 661

Senator Nathan–Pulliam, et al

**NEONICOTINOID PESTICIDES – RESTRICTIONS ON SALES
AND USE (POLLINATOR PROTECTION ACT OF 2016)**

Prohibiting a person from selling, on or after January 1, 2018, a neonicotinoid pesticide unless the person also sells a restricted use pesticide; prohibiting a person from using a neonicotinoid pesticide on or after January 1, 2018, unless the person is a certified applicator or a person working under specified circumstances; requiring the Department of Agriculture to incorporate pollinator habitat expansion and enhancement practices into the State's Managed Pollinator Protection Plan; requiring a specified report; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

HB 211

Chapter 662

Delegate Healey, et al

**NEONICOTINOID PESTICIDES – RESTRICTIONS ON SALES
AND USE (POLLINATOR PROTECTION ACT OF 2016)**

Prohibiting a person from selling, on or after January 1, 2018, a neonicotinoid pesticide unless the person also sells a restricted use pesticide; prohibiting a person from using a neonicotinoid pesticide on or after January 1, 2018, unless the person is a certified applicator or a person working under specified circumstances; requiring the Department of Agriculture to incorporate pollinator habitat expansion and enhancement practices into the State's Managed Pollinator Protection Plan; requiring a specified report; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

SB 266 **Senator Salling, et al**
Chapter 663 **NATURAL RESOURCES – POACHING RESTITUTION ACT OF 2016**

Requiring a court to order a person convicted of poaching deer on any land in the State to pay the State specified restitution and to perform 40 to 80 hours of community service under specified circumstances; requiring the restitution collected under the provisions of the Act to be credited to the State Wildlife Management and Protection Fund; encouraging the Department of Natural Resources in cooperation with local law enforcement agencies to develop time-sensitive approaches to investigating reports of deer poaching; etc.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

HB 410 **Delegate O'Donnell, et al**
Chapter 664 **NATURAL RESOURCES – POACHING RESTITUTION ACT OF 2016**

Requiring a court to order a person convicted of poaching deer on any land in the State to pay the State specified restitution and to perform 40 to 80 hours of community service under specified circumstances; requiring the restitution collected under the provisions of the Act to be credited to the State Wildlife Management and Protection Fund; encouraging the Department of Natural Resources in cooperation with local law enforcement agencies to develop time-sensitive approaches to deer poaching; etc.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

SB 271 **Senator King, et al**
Chapter 665 **CAPITAL GRANT PROGRAM FOR LOCAL SCHOOL SYSTEMS WITH SIGNIFICANT ENROLLMENT GROWTH OR RELOCATABLE CLASSROOMS – FUNDING**

Beginning in fiscal year 2017, increasing the amount of money from \$20,000,000 to \$40,000,000 the Governor is required to provide in the State budget for the Capital Grant Program for Local School Systems With Significant Enrollment Growth or Relocatable Classrooms each fiscal year; and altering a specified reporting date.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

HB 722 **Delegate Hixson, et al**

Chapter 666

CAPITAL GRANT PROGRAM FOR LOCAL SCHOOL SYSTEMS WITH SIGNIFICANT ENROLLMENT GROWTH OR RELOCATABLE CLASSROOMS – FUNDING

Beginning in fiscal year 2017, increasing the amount of money from \$20,000,000 to \$40,000,000 the Governor is required to provide in the State budget for the Capital Grant Program for Local School Systems With Significant Enrollment Growth or Relocatable Classrooms each fiscal year; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

SB 322 **Senator Pinsky, et al**

Chapter 667

HOMEOWNERS' PROPERTY TAX CREDIT PROGRAM – ELIGIBILITY AWARENESS CAMPAIGN

Requiring, on or before May 1 of each year, the State Department of Assessments and Taxation to provide the Comptroller information identifying residential property owners who failed to claim the homeowners' property tax credit; requiring the Comptroller to cooperate with the Department in auditing credit applications and to provide specified information to the Department; requiring the Department to contact each specified individual to inform them that they may be eligible for the property tax credit; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

HB 378 **Delegate Tarlau, et al**

Chapter 668

HOMEOWNERS' PROPERTY TAX CREDIT PROGRAM – ELIGIBILITY AWARENESS CAMPAIGN

Requiring, on or before May 1 of each year, the State Department of Assessments and Taxation to provide to the Comptroller information identifying specified residential property owners who failed to claim the homeowners' property tax credit; requiring the Comptroller to cooperate with and assist the Department in auditing credit applications and to provide specified information to the Department; requiring the Department to contact specified individuals to inform them they may be eligible for the property tax credit; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

SB 390 **Senator Middleton**

Chapter 669

CHARLES COUNTY SHERIFF – SALARIES AND COLLECTIVE BARGAINING

Requiring the salary schedule for deputy sheriffs of Charles County to correspond to the Department of State Police salary schedule; authorizing sworn law enforcement officers and correctional officers in Charles County to collectively bargain with the County Commissioners of Charles County, in addition to the Sheriff; requiring the Sheriff and the County Commissioners, to recognize the specified exclusive representatives as of September 30, 2016 as the exclusive representative of those specified employees; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

HB 505 **Charles County Delegation**

Chapter 670

CHARLES COUNTY SHERIFF – SALARIES AND COLLECTIVE BARGAINING

Requiring the salary schedule for deputy sheriffs of Charles County to correspond to the Department of State Police salary schedule; authorizing sworn law enforcement officers and correctional officers in Charles County to collectively bargain with the County Commissioners, in addition to the Sheriff, with respect to specified matters; requiring the Sheriff and the County Commissioners to recognize specified exclusive representatives as of September 30, 2016, as the exclusive representatives of specified employees; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

SB 422 **Senators Kasemeyer and McFadden**

Chapter 671

EDUCATION – MARYLAND SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND – FUNDING

Requiring teachers and professional personnel at the Maryland School for the Blind to be paid an annual salary at least equal to the salary received by public school teachers and professional personnel of similar training and experience in Baltimore County; requiring the Governor to appropriate \$1,000,000 for residential services; adding to a specified calculation one-half of the average number of children served by the School for the Blind for the Blind's Outreach Program; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

HB 696

Delegate Davis, et al

Chapter 676

**PUBLIC UTILITIES – MARYLAND UNDERGROUND FACILITIES
DAMAGE PREVENTION AUTHORITY – FUNDING**

Authorizing the Maryland Underground Facilities Damage Prevention Authority to collect an assessment or a charge not exceeding 5 cents per ticket under specified circumstances; specifying the circumstances under which the Authority may collect an assessment or a charge; and providing for an exception to a specified limitation regarding sources of operational funding for the Authority.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

SB 485

Senator Pugh, et al

Chapter 677

**TASK FORCE TO STUDY FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE
INSURANCE**

Establishing the Task Force to Study Family and Medical Leave Insurance; providing for the composition, chair and staffing of the Task Force; providing that the purpose of the Task Force is to make recommendations regarding the development of a State social insurance program that provides short-term benefits to eligible employees who lose wages due to specified circumstances; requiring the Task Force to report its findings to the General Assembly on or before December 1, 2017; etc.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

HB 740

Delegate Kelly, et al

Chapter 678

**TASK FORCE TO STUDY FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE
INSURANCE**

Establishing the Task Force to Study Family and Medical Leave Insurance; providing for the composition, chair and staffing of the Task Force; providing that the purpose of the Task Force is to make recommendations regarding the development of a State social insurance program that provides short-term benefits to eligible employees who lose wages due to specified circumstances; requiring the Task Force to report its findings to the General Assembly on or before December 1, 2017; etc.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

- SB 508** **Senator Ramirez, et al**
Chapter 679 **CIVIL REMEDIES FOR SHOPLIFTING AND EMPLOYEE THEFT**

Repealing a specified provision of law providing that a responsible person is civilly liable to a merchant for specified civil penalties for shoplifting and employee theft; altering requirements for specified demand letters relating to alleged acts of shoplifting or employee theft; providing that a responsible person who prevails in a specified civil action is entitled to an award of court costs and reasonable attorney's fees, under specified circumstances; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016
- SB 575** **Senator Ramirez**
Chapter 680 **COUNTY BOARDS OF EDUCATION – LIMIT ON LIABILITY**

Increasing to \$400,000 per claim the limit on liability of a county board of education; increasing to \$400,000 per occurrence the minimum amount of liability coverage that a county board must maintain and for which the State Board of Education must establish standards; applying the Act prospectively; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016
- SB 582** **Senator King**
Chapter 681 **EDUCATION – ROBOTICS GRANT PROGRAM – ESTABLISHMENT**

Establishing the Robotics Grant Program to provide grants to public schools in the State to support and expand existing robotics programs; establishing eligibility requirements for the Program; requiring the Governor to include in the State budget an appropriation of at least \$250,000 to the Program; requiring the State Department of Education to implement and administer the Program; and authorizing the Department to adopt specified regulations.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

HB 115 **Delegate Reznik, et al**

Chapter 682 EDUCATION – ROBOTICS GRANT PROGRAM –
ESTABLISHMENT

Establishing the Robotics Grant Program to provide grants to public schools and nonprofit robotics clubs in the State to support existing robotics programs and to increase the number of programs in the State; establishing eligibility requirements for the Program; requiring the Governor to include in the State budget an appropriation of at least \$250,000 to the Program; requiring the State Department of Education to implement and administer the Program; and authorizing the Department to adopt specified regulations.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

SB 584 **Senator King, et al**

Chapter 683 PRESCHOOL DEVELOPMENT GRANTS – EXPANSION GRANTS
– REQUIRED STATE FUNDING

Requiring the Governor to include in the State budget specified funding in a specified amount for each fiscal year in which the State Department of Education receives an Expansion Grant through the federal Preschool Development Grants Program.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

HB 668 **Delegates Rosenberg and Platt**

Chapter 684 PRESCHOOL DEVELOPMENT GRANTS – EXPANSION GRANTS
– REQUIRED STATE FUNDING

Requiring the Governor to include in the State budget specified funding in a specified amount for each fiscal year in which the State Department of Education receives an Expansion Grant through the federal Preschool Development Grants Program.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

SB 586 **Senator King, et al**

Chapter 685

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE –
REGIONAL INSTITUTES FOR CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENTS
– REPORT BEFORE CLOSURE

Requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to submit a report, justifying the closure, to the Governor and specified legislative committees before a regional institute for children and adolescents may be closed; requiring the report to address specified items; and requiring the committees to have 60 days to review and comment on the report.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

SB 595 **Senator Rosapepe**

Chapter 686

EDUCATION – MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS – AWARDING OF
CREDIT

Requiring a county board of education to award credit to a middle school student for any course for which a high school student would be awarded credit if the middle school student meets the same requirements as the high school student.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

SB 614 **Senator Conway**

Chapter 687

VETERINARIANS, PHARMACIES, AND PHARMACISTS –
DISPENSING COMPOUNDED PREPARATIONS FOR USE BY
NONFARM ANIMALS

Providing specified exceptions to a specified prohibition on the practice of veterinary medicine and dispensing specified medication that is not in a specified manufacturer's container for a person who sells or dispenses specified medication in a container with a label showing specified information for use by a specified nonfarm animal and for a licensed veterinarian who dispenses specified compounded preparations to be used for a specified nonfarm animal under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

HB 1462

Chapter 688

Delegate Bromwell, et al

VETERINARIANS, PHARMACIES, AND PHARMACISTS –
DISPENSING COMPOUNDED PREPARATIONS FOR USE BY
NONFARM ANIMALS

Providing specified exceptions to a specified prohibition on the practice of veterinary medicine and dispensing specified medication that is not in a specified manufacturer's container for a person who sells or dispenses specified medication in a container with a label showing specified information for use by a specified nonfarm animal and for a licensed veterinarian who dispenses specified compounded preparations to be used for a specified nonfarm animal under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

SB 676

Chapter 689

Senator Kasemeyer, et al

COLLEGE AFFORDABILITY ACT OF 2016

Prohibiting a public institution of higher education from referring a delinquent student account or debt to the Central Collection Unit under specified circumstances; requiring a public institution of higher education to allow a student with an unpaid balance of \$250 or less on a student account to register for specified courses under specified circumstances; authorizing a State income tax credit, not to exceed \$5,000, for specified individuals with specified student loan debt; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

HB 1014

Chapter 690

Delegate Jones, et al

COLLEGE AFFORDABILITY ACT OF 2016

Prohibiting a public institution of higher education from referring a delinquent student account or debt to the Central Collection Unit except under specified circumstances; requiring the College Savings Plans of Maryland Board to develop and implement a specified marketing plan regarding the availability of a State contribution; requiring the Maryland Higher Education Commission and the Department of Legislative Services to hire a consultant to evaluate the effectiveness of the Office of Student Financial Assistance; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

SB 687 **Senator Middleton**

Chapter 691

**CHARLES COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES –
ENTERTAINMENT CONCESSIONAIRE AND ENTERTAINMENT
FACILITY LICENSES**

Authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Charles County to issue an entertainment concessionaire license to specified persons in conjunction with an entertainment facility; authorizing the Board to issue an entertainment facility license to a person that owns an entertainment facility where video lottery terminals and table games are offered to the public; providing that beer, wine, and liquor sold under either license may be taken and consumed anywhere on the licensed premises; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

HB 706 **Delegate Jameson, et al**

Chapter 692

**CHARLES COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES –
ENTERTAINMENT CONCESSIONAIRE AND ENTERTAINMENT
FACILITY LICENSES**

Authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Charles County to issue an entertainment concessionaire license to specified persons in conjunction with an entertainment facility; authorizing the Board to issue an entertainment facility license to a person that owns an entertainment facility where video lottery terminals and table games are offered to the public; providing that beer, wine, and liquor sold under either license may be taken and consumed anywhere on the licensed premises; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

SB 750 **Senator Klausmeier**

Chapter 693

**PORTABLE ELECTRONICS INSURANCE – COMPENSATION OF
VENDOR EMPLOYEES – REPEAL OF SUNSET AND REPORTING
REQUIREMENT**

Repealing the termination of a provision of law authorizing the employees of a vendor or authorized representative of a vendor of portable electronics insurance to be compensated in a specified manner; and repealing a requirement that the Maryland Insurance Administration keep track of specified complaints, make a specified determination, and, on or before January 1, 2017, make a specified report to specified committees of the General Assembly.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

- HB 919** **Delegate Jameson**
Chapter 694 **PORTABLE ELECTRONICS INSURANCE – COMPENSATION OF
VENDOR EMPLOYEES – REPEAL OF SUNSET AND REPORTING
REQUIREMENT**
- Repealing the termination of a provision of law authorizing the employees of a vendor or authorized representative of a vendor of portable electronics insurance to be compensated in a specified manner; and repealing a requirement that the Maryland Insurance Administration keep track of specified complaints, make a specified determination, and, on or before January 1, 2017, make a specified report to specified committees of the General Assembly.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016
- SB 753** **Senator Klausmeier, et al**
Chapter 695 **HEALTH – SALE OF FOOD PRODUCTS CONTAINING ALCOHOL
– REQUIREMENTS AND RESTRICTIONS**
- Repealing a provision of law that provided that a confectionary food product is adulterated if it contains any alcohol in excess of a specified percent by volume or any alcohol derived from anything but flavoring extracts; prohibiting specified provisions of law from being construed to prohibit the addition of alcohol to a food product, including a confectionery and a frozen dessert; prohibiting the sale of a food product that contains more than one-half of one percent of alcohol per volume to an individual under 21 years of age; etc.
EMERGENCY BILL
- SB 758** **Senator Madaleno, et al**
Chapter 696 **FOOD STAMP PROGRAM – MINIMUM BENEFIT – STATE
SUPPLEMENT**
- Requiring the State to provide a supplement to increase the total benefit to \$30 per month to a household that includes an individual who is at least 62 years old and receives a federally funded benefit in an amount less than \$30 per month under the food stamp program.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

- SB 777** **Senators Astle and Hershey**
Chapter 697 UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE – EXEMPTION FROM COVERED EMPLOYMENT – MESSENGER SERVICE BUSINESS
- Altering the definition of “messenger service business” for purposes of a specified exemption from covered employment for specified unemployment benefits; specifying that commission includes specified payment arrangements for purposes of the exemption; and applying the Act retroactively.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016
- SB 797** **Senators Pugh and Muse**
Chapter 698 HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – SHELTER AND TRANSITIONAL HOUSING FACILITIES GRANT PROGRAM – MANDATED FUNDING
- Requiring, beginning in fiscal year 2018 and each fiscal year thereafter, the Governor to include at least \$3,000,000 in the annual budget bill for the Shelter and Transitional Housing Facilities Grant Program within the Department of Housing and Community Development.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016
- HB 1476** **Delegate Jalisi, et al**
Chapter 699 HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – SHELTER AND TRANSITIONAL HOUSING FACILITIES GRANT PROGRAM – MANDATED FUNDING
- Requiring, beginning in fiscal year 2018 and each fiscal year thereafter, the Governor to include \$3,000,000 in the annual budget bill for the Shelter and Transitional Housing Facilities Grant Program within the Department of Housing and Community Development.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

SB 806

Chapter 700

Senator Pugh

STATE BOARD OF PHYSICIANS – NATUROPATHIC DOCTORS –
ESTABLISHMENT OF NATUROPATHIC DOCTORS
FORMULARY COUNCIL AND NATUROPATHIC FORMULARY

Establishing a Naturopathic Doctors Formulary Council within the State Board of Physicians; requiring the Council to develop and recommend to the Board a specified formulary to include nonprescription drugs and devices, prescription oxygen and auto-injectable epinephrine and specified contraceptive devices; requiring the Council to provide specified reviews of the formulary, and make specified recommendations to the Board; requiring the Board to adopt a specified formulary; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

SB 905

Chapter 701

Senator King, et al

COMMISSION ON INNOVATION AND EXCELLENCE IN
EDUCATION

Establishing the Commission on Innovation and Excellence in Education; requiring specified appointments to be made to ensure diversity within the Commission; requiring the Commission to review the findings and recommendations of a specified study, review specified education finance formulas, and review specified accountability measures; requiring a specified master plan to include specified information for calendar years 2016 and 2017; requiring the State Department of Education to convene a specified stakeholders group; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

HB 999

Chapter 702

Delegate Kaiser, et al

COMMISSION ON INNOVATION AND EXCELLENCE IN
EDUCATION

Establishing the Commission on Innovation and Excellence in Education; requiring specified appointments to be made to ensure diversity within the Commission; requiring the Commission to review the findings and recommendations of a specified study, review specified education finance formulas, and review specified accountability measures; requiring a specified master plan to include specified information for calendar years 2016 and 2017; requiring the State Department of Education to convene a specified stakeholders group; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

- SB 937** **Senator Manno, et al**
Chapter 703 **SUSTAINABLE OYSTER POPULATION AND FISHERY ACT OF 2016**
- Requiring the Department of Natural Resources, in consultation with the University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science to conduct a specified study related to the public oyster fishery; requiring the Department to identify oyster management strategies to promote a sustainable oyster population and fishery; requiring the Department to submit specified reports on the study and specified oyster management strategies to the Governor, the Oyster Advisory Commission, and the General Assembly on or before specified dates; etc.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016
- SB 942** **Senator Ramirez, et al**
Chapter 704 **STATE GOVERNMENT – ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE ACT – CONTESTED CASES – JUDICIAL REVIEW**
- Altering the circumstances under which a court may reverse or modify the decision of an agency in specified contested cases on judicial review under the Administrative Procedure Act.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016
- SB 968** **Senator Astle**
Chapter 705 **BUSINESS REGULATION – HOME BUILDER REGISTRATION – FEES**
- Increasing specified fees for applicants for a home builder registration and a home builder sales representative registration; increasing the administrative fee for the Home Builder Guaranty Fund for specified home builders; increasing the fee for renewal of a specified registration or registration certificate; and adding a renewal of registration fee based on a specified number of specified building permits issued to a specified registrant.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

HB 1448 **Delegate Vaughn**

Chapter 706

BUSINESS REGULATION – HOME BUILDER REGISTRATION – FEES

Increasing specified fees for applicants for a home builder registration and a home builder sales representative registration; increasing the administrative fee for the Home Builder Guaranty Fund for specified home builders; increasing the fee for renewal of a specified registration or registration certificate; and adding a renewal of registration fee based on a specified number of specified building permits issued to a specified registrant.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

SB 1009 **Senator Benson, et al**

Chapter 707

PROCUREMENT – PREVAILING WAGE – LIQUIDATED DAMAGES

Making a contractor under a public work contract that knew or reasonably should have known of the contractor's obligation to pay the prevailing wage rate and that deliberately failed or refused to pay to the prevailing wage rate liable to the public body for liquidated damages of \$250 for each laborer or other employee under specified circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

SB 1054 **Senator Mathias**

Chapter 708

COMMERCIAL NORTHERN SNAKEHEAD BOWFISHING LICENSE – ESTABLISHMENT

Authorizing the Department of Natural Resources to adopt regulations governing the use of bowfishing gear; establishing a commercial northern snakehead bowfishing license; authorizing a licensee to catch for sale northern snakeheads in the tidal waters of the State using a bow and arrow attached to a retrieval line; prohibiting a licensee from fishing under the license under specified circumstances; establishing a specified application process for the license; establishing an annual fee of \$15 for the license; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

HB 1387

Chapter 709

Delegate Hornberger, et al

COMMERCIAL NORTHERN SNAKEHEAD BOWFISHING
LICENSE – ESTABLISHMENT

Authorizing the Department of Natural Resources to adopt regulations governing the use of bowfishing gear; establishing a commercial northern snakehead bowfishing license; authorizing a licensee to catch for sale northern snakeheads in the tidal waters of the State using a bow and arrow attached to a retrieval line; prohibiting a licensee from fishing under the license under specified circumstances; establishing a specified application process for the license; establishing an annual fee of \$15 for the license; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

SB 1094

Chapter 710

Senator Astle

HEALTH – RECOVERY RESIDENCES – CERTIFICATION

Requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to approve a credentialing entity to develop and administer a certification process for recovery residences; requiring the certification entity to establish requirements and processes, conduct inspections, and issue certificates of compliance; providing that a certificate of compliance is valid for 1 year; requiring, on or before November 1, 2017, a credentialing entity to publish on its Web site a list of recovery residences that hold valid certificates of compliance; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

HB 1411

Chapter 711

Delegate McMillan, et al

HEALTH – RECOVERY RESIDENCES – CERTIFICATION

Requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to approve a credentialing entity to develop and administer a certification process for recovery residences; requiring the certification entity to establish specified requirements and processes, conduct a specified inspection, and issue a specified certificate of compliance; providing that a certificate of compliance is valid for 1 year; requiring, on or before November 1, 2017, the Department to publish on its Web site a list of each credentialing entity and its contact information; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

SB 1128

Chapter 712

Senators Young and Hough

FREDERICK COUNTY SHERIFF – COLLECTIVE BARGAINING

Providing that the County Executive of Frederick County may not be a party to specified collective bargaining agreements but may attend and participate in all collective bargaining sessions of specified deputy sheriffs and correctional officers of the Frederick County Sheriff's Office.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

SB 1158

Chapter 713

Senators McFadden and Conway

HIGHER EDUCATION – MORGAN STATE UNIVERSITY – OFFICE OF TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER

Requiring the Board of Regents of Morgan State University to develop and implement a plan to enhance the Office of Technology Transfer at the University; requiring the Maryland Technology Development Corporation, at the request of the Board of Regents, to provide technical assistance to the Office of Technology Transfer; requiring the Governor to include in the annual budget bill an appropriation of \$1,000,000 to the University for each of fiscal years 2018 through 2020 for specified purposes; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

SB 1171

Chapter 714

Senator Pugh, et al

ENOCH PRATT FREE LIBRARY – HOURS OF OPERATION – FUNDING

Requiring a state grant be made available to fund the increased operating expenses for the branches of the Enoch Pratt Free Library that increase their operating hours above the hours in effect as of January 1, 2016; requiring the Governor to include in the State operating budget \$3,000,000 to support specified additional operating expenses of the Enoch Pratt Free Library branches in fiscal years 2018 through 2022; stating the intent of the General Assembly regarding increased hours in poor and underserved communities; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

- HB 1401** **Delegate B. Robinson, et al**
Chapter 715 ENOCH PRATT FREE LIBRARY – HOURS OF OPERATION –
FUNDING
- Requiring a State grant to be made available to fund the increased operating expenses for the branches of the Enoch Pratt Free Library that increase their operating hours above the hours in effect as of January 1, 2016; requiring the Governor to include in the State operating budget, in fiscal years 2018 through 2022, \$3,000,000 in general funds to support the increased Library operating expenses; requiring Baltimore City to provide a 25% match for each dollar of State funds granted to support increased Library expenses; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016
- HB 87** **Montgomery County Delegation**
Chapter 716 MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION – STUDENT
MEMBER – VOTING MC 11–16
- Authorizing the student member of the Montgomery County Board of Education to attend an executive session of the Board of Education that relates to a specified matter; and authorizing the student member of the Montgomery County Board of Education to vote on specified matters.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016
- HB 349** **Delegate Grammer, et al**
Chapter 717 BALTIMORE COUNTY – EDUCATION – CAREER EXPLORATION
AND DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES – COFFEE (JAVA ACT)
- Prohibiting an Executive Branch agency from banning or regulating the sale of coffee in conjunction with a career exploration and development activity in a public high school in Baltimore County; and providing for the termination of the Act.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

- HB 356** **Delegate Pendergrass, et al**
Chapter 718 SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
BENEFITS – GRANT APPLICATION
- Requiring the Department of Human Resources to submit a grant application to the United States Department of Agriculture to support a pilot project that provides incentives to directly and efficiently increase the purchase and consumption of eligible fruits and vegetables by specified program participants and in response to a specified opportunity for funding; requiring, on or before January 1, 2017, and January 1, 2018, the Department to report to the Governor and the General Assembly on the status of the grant application; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016
- HB 360** **Delegate Jalisi, et al**
Chapter 719 MARYLAND LOAN ASSISTANCE REPAYMENT PROGRAM FOR
FOSTER CARE RECIPIENTS
- Establishing the Maryland Loan Assistance Repayment Program for Foster Care Recipients; requiring an applicant to be employed for at least 20 hours per week by the State or a county or municipality of the State and have received an undergraduate or graduate degree from an institution of higher education in the State; requiring specified governmental agencies and entities to provide their employees with information about the Program; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016
- HB 525** **Delegate Beidle, et al**
Chapter 720 VEHICLE LAWS – MANUFACTURERS AND DEALERS
- Altering the conditions under which a motor vehicle dealer’s failure to comply with specified requirements constitutes grounds for denial of a specified claim or reduction of the amount of specified compensation; prohibiting a motor vehicle manufacturer, distributor, or factory branch from taking specified action against a dealer for the provision of specified information to specified persons; specifying that a dealer may provide specified information only to a specified customer; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

HB 535 **The Speaker (By Request – Office of the Attorney General), et al**
Chapter 721

COURTS AND JUDICIAL PROCEEDINGS – STRUCTURED SETTLEMENTS – TRANSFERS AND REGISTRATION OF STRUCTURED SETTLEMENT TRANSFEREES

Making legislative findings and declarations that it is necessary to regulate transfers of structured settlement payment rights to ensure that the transfers are effectuated on fair and reasonable terms and are in the best interest of payees, and to protect payees against deceptive practices; establishing specified requirements on a proposed transfer of structured settlement payment rights if the settlement was established in resolution of a tort claim seeking compensation for cognitive injuries arising from childhood exposure to lead paint; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

SB 734 **The President (By Request – Office of the Attorney General), et al**
Chapter 722

COURTS AND JUDICIAL PROCEEDINGS – STRUCTURED SETTLEMENTS – TRANSFERS AND REGISTRATION OF STRUCTURED SETTLEMENT TRANSFEREES

Making legislative findings and declarations that it is necessary to regulate transfers of structured settlement payment rights to ensure that the transfers are effectuated on fair and reasonable terms and are in the best interest of payees, and to protect payees against deceptive practices; establishing specified requirements on a proposed transfer of structured settlement payment rights if the settlement was established in resolution of a tort claim seeking compensation for cognitive injuries arising from childhood exposure to lead paint; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

HB 558 **Delegate Glenn, et al**

Chapter 723

BALTIMORE CITY – PARTIALLY ELECTED SCHOOL BOARD

Increasing the number of members of the Baltimore City School Commissioners; requiring the two elected board members to be elected at large by the voters of Baltimore City; providing for the terms of the appointed and elected members of the Board; requiring the elected members of the Board to be elected at the general election in November 2022 and every 4 years thereafter in accordance with specified provisions of law; providing for the removal of the elected members of the Board; applying the Act prospectively; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

HB 724 **Delegate Oaks, et al**

Chapter 724

PUBLIC HEALTH – COPIES OF MEDICAL RECORDS – FEES

Altering a specified provision of law to authorize health care providers to require specified persons to pay a cost-based fee for providing specified information; altering the fees health care providers and hospitals may charge for copying and mailing specified medical records and for retrieving and preparing specified medical records; authorizing specified hospitals and other health care providers to charge specified fees for electronic copies of specified medical records; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

HB 963 **Delegate Luedtke, et al**

Chapter 725

CAMPAIGN FINANCE – BALLOT ISSUE COMMITTEES – PROSPECTIVE QUESTIONS

Altering specified campaign finance law definitions to include campaign finance activity relating to prospective questions to be placed on the ballot; prohibiting a chief election official from certifying a petition if the petition sponsor fails to provide proof of filing a specified campaign finance report; repealing specified requirements that a statement of contributions and expenditures for a petition be filed at the time the petition is filed; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

SB 459 **Senator Conway**

Chapter 726

CAMPAIGN FINANCE – BALLOT ISSUE COMMITTEES – PROSPECTIVE QUESTIONS

Altering specified campaign finance law definitions to include campaign finance activity relating to prospective questions to be placed on the ballot; prohibiting a chief election official from certifying a petition if the petition sponsor fails to provide proof of filing a specified campaign finance report; repealing specified requirements that a statement of contributions and expenditures for a petition be filed at the time the petition is filed; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

HB 965 **Delegate Walker, et al**

Chapter 727

THE MARYLAND INTERNATIONAL AND PREAKNESS STAKES INCENTIVE ACT OF 2016

Establishing the Maryland International thoroughbred race; providing that the Maryland International is a Grade 1 stakes race run on a turf track; providing for the funding of the purse for the Maryland International beginning on July 1, 2017; providing that money from the State Lottery Fund be distributed as part of a bonus award program for Maryland-bred or-sired horses running in the Preakness Stakes in fiscal year 2017; providing that specified funds from the State Lottery Fund be distributed to pay for specified sporting events; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

HB 986 **Delegate Beidle**

Chapter 728

VEHICLE LAWS – TRADE-IN ALLOWANCE – LEASED VEHICLES

Altering the definition of “total purchase price” for the purposes of the vehicle excise tax to exclude from the computation of the tax an allowance for the trade-in of a leased vehicle under specified circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

HB 990 Delegate Morhaim

Chapter 729

CIVIL ACTIONS – LIABILITY OF DISABILITY INSURER – FAILURE TO ACT IN GOOD FAITH

Authorizing the recovery of actual damages, expenses, litigation costs, and interest in first-party claims against disability insurers in specified civil actions that allege that the insurer failed to act in good faith under specified circumstances; requiring the Maryland Insurance Administration to include in a specified annual report to the General Assembly specified information on specified complaints regarding first-party insurance claims under individual disability insurance policies; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

HB 1021 Prince George’s County Delegation

Chapter 730

PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – LICENSES, NOTICE REQUIREMENTS, AND LOITERING ENFORCEMENT PG 303–16

Requiring the Prince George’s County Board of License Commissioners to issue notice of the date, time, and location of a hearing, as soon as practicable after the hearing is scheduled, to all specified municipalities, civic associations, homeowners’ associations, and condominium associations under specified circumstances; authorizing specified entities that request to receive notice under the Act to elect to receive written or electronic notice; increasing specified annual license fees in Prince George’s County; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

HB 1024 Prince George’s County Delegation and Montgomery County Delegation

Chapter 731

MONTGOMERY COUNTY – MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY TO REGULATE STRUCTURES – CLARIFICATION PG/MC 112–16

Clarifying that a municipal corporation or governed special taxing district in Montgomery County may adopt an additional or stricter building requirement than is required by a State, regional, or county unit to regulate the construction, repair, or remodeling of specified structures on land zoned for single-family residential use.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

HB 1115 **Montgomery County Delegation**

Chapter 732

MONTGOMERY COUNTY – CIGARETTE RETAILERS – COUNTY LICENSE FEE MC 12–16

Increasing from \$25 to \$125 the license fee that an applicant for a county license to sell cigarettes at retail in Montgomery County must pay; requiring the Clerk of the Circuit Court for Montgomery County to distribute a specified amount of each license fee to the Comptroller and to Montgomery County; and prohibiting the use of specified funds to supplant existing funding for the enforcement of laws banning the sale or distribution of tobacco or tobacco products to minors.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

HB 1138 **Prince George’s County Delegation**

Chapter 733

PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY – SCHOOL FACILITIES SURCHARGE – STUDENT HOUSING EXEMPTIONS PG 439–16

Altering the areas within which multifamily housing designated as student housing is exempt from the Prince George’s County school facilities surcharge; and establishing an exemption from the school facilities surcharge for specified multifamily housing designated as graduate student housing by the City of College Park; and authorizing the Prince George’s County Council, by resolution, to reverse a designation by the City of College Park of multifamily housing as graduate student housing within 60 days of the designation.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

HB 1179 **Delegate McMillan, et al**

Chapter 734

VEHICLE LAWS – HOV LANES – PLUG-IN ELECTRIC DRIVE AND HYBRID VEHICLES

Authorizing specified hybrid vehicles to use a specified high occupancy vehicle (HOV) lane regardless of the number of passengers under specified circumstances; making specified requirements regarding the use of HOV lanes by plug-in electric drive vehicles applicable to qualified hybrid vehicles; extending the termination date for the exemption allowing the use of HOV lanes by plug-in electric drive vehicles; terminating specified provisions in the Act; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

HB 1192

Chapter 735

Delegate McMillan, et al

REAL PROPERTY – CONDOMINIUMS AND HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATIONS – REALES – DISCLOSURES AND FEES

Altering the contents of the certificate that a unit owner is required to furnish to a purchaser on resale of a unit; specifying a maximum fee of \$250 that a council of unit owners may charge for furnishing a certificate to a unit owner; requiring the Department of Housing and Community Development to adjust in a specified manner the maximum fee that a council of unit owners may charge for furnishing a certificate to a unit owner; requiring a homeowners association to provide specified information to a lot owner on resale of a lot; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

HB 1210

Chapter 736

Delegate Clippinger, et al

BALTIMORE CITY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – LICENSES

Establishing in Baltimore City a Class D beer license to be issued to a holder of a Class 5 brewery license; specifying that the Class D beer license authorizes the license holder to sell at retail beer brewed on the premises for on-premises consumption; reducing the minimum amount of average daily food sale receipts from 65% to 51% for a restaurant for which a Class B beer, wine, and liquor license is issued; authorizing the Board of License Commissioners to transfer a specified Class B-D-7 license to a specified location; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL – VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

HB 1363

Chapter 737

Delegate McMillan, et al

PROPERTY TAX – APPEALS – PROVISION OF INFORMATION TO TAXPAYERS

Requiring that a person making a specified appeal before a supervisor of assessments receive specified information from the Department of Assessments and Taxation regarding the property that is the subject of the appeal and a specified sales analysis at least 14 days before a hearing; requiring the Department to provide the information free of charge; repealing specified provisions of law relating to a request by a person making an appeal before a property tax assessment appeal board for specified information; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

HB 1395

Delegate Anderton, et al

Chapter 738

LOCAL GOVERNMENT – DISPARITY GRANTS – AMOUNTS

Altering the calculation of disparity grants to specified counties and Baltimore City under specified circumstances in fiscal years 2018 and 2019.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

HB 1420

Delegate Cullison

Chapter 739

**STATE BOARD OF MASSAGE THERAPY EXAMINERS –
LICENSURE, REGISTRATION, AND REGULATION**

Establishing the State Board of Massage Therapy Examiners in the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene; renaming the State Board of Chiropractic and Massage Therapy Examiners, altering the membership of the State Board of Chiropractic Examiners, and transferring specified authority to license massage therapists and register massage practitioners to the State Board of Massage Therapy Examiners; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

SB 493

Senator Pinsky, et al

Chapter 740

**TEACHER INDUCTION, RETENTION, AND ADVANCEMENT
ACT OF 2016**

Increasing to \$4,000 the maximum amount of a State matching stipend awarded to certificated public school employees who teach in public schools that have comprehensive needs; requiring specified teachers in Anne Arundel County to receive a stipend to a maximum of \$1,500 under specified circumstances; establishing the Teacher Induction, Retention, and Advancement Pilot Program; authorizing each county board of education to choose to participate in the Program; requiring a county board to select teachers to participate in the Program; etc.

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Sincerely,

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