

January 22, 2016

To the Members of the General Assembly

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Pursuant to the provisions of Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, the Senate of Maryland and the House of Delegates have overridden the gubernatorial vetoes of the following 2015 Regular Session bills:

HB 209

Chapter 1

Howard County Delegation

HOWARD COUNTY – ROOM RENTAL TAX – ROOM RENTAL FEE HO. CO. 12–15

Clarifying that the Howard County room rental tax applies to the total charge for the rental of a room, including any room rental fee charged by a room rental intermediary but not including any tax; and defining specified terms.

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HB 71

Chapter 2

Line Item

Veto

overridden¹

The Speaker (By Request – Administration)

CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – MARYLAND CONSOLIDATED CAPITAL BOND LOAN OF 2015, AND THE MARYLAND CONSOLIDATED CAPITAL BOND LOANS OF 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, AND 2014

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt in the amount of \$1,063,670,134, the proceeds to be used for specified necessary building, construction, demolition, planning, renovation, conversion, replacement, and capital equipment purchases of the State, for acquiring specified real estate in connection therewith, and for grants to specified subdivisions and other organizations for specified development and improvement purposes, subject to specified requirements; etc.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

SB 190

Chapter 3

Senator Madaleno, et al

SALES AND USE TAX – TAXABLE PRICE – ACCOMMODATIONS

Clarifying the definition of “taxable price” for the State sales and use tax as it applies to the sale or use of an accommodation facilitated by an accommodations intermediary; altering the definition of “vendor” under the State sales and use tax to include an accommodations intermediary; defining specified terms; and making a conforming change.

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¹ Under Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, this line item veto was taken up by both Houses of the General Assembly on January 21, 2016, and received the necessary votes in both houses to override the veto. Under the provisions of the Maryland Constitution, Item ZA00(I) – Maryland Hall for the Creative Arts – will take effect February 20, 2016, and House Bill 71 (Chapter 495 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2015) is Chapter 2 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2016.

SB 517

Chapter 4

Senator Zirkin

**CRIMINAL LAW – USE AND POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA AND
DRUG PARAPHERNALIA**

Establishing a civil penalty for the smoking of marijuana in a public place; establishing that a specified criminal prohibition on the use or possession of drug paraphernalia does not apply to the use or possession of drug paraphernalia involving the use or possession of marijuana; etc.

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SB 528

Chapter 5

Senator Raskin, et al

CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – SEIZURE AND FORFEITURE

Establishing a minimum amount of \$300 that is subject to forfeiture in connection with a controlled dangerous substance violation under specified circumstances; prohibiting a seizing authority or prosecuting authority from directly or indirectly transferring seized property to a federal law enforcement authority or agency, with a specified exception; requiring the seizing authority, within 30 days after the seizure of property, to send by first-class mail specified written information to the owner of the seized property; etc.

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Sincerely,

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