2016 Chapters – Effective July 1, 2016

HB 462  Chapter 10  The Speaker (By Request – Administration), et al
PROGRAM OPEN SPACE – TRANSFER TAX REPAYMENT – USE OF FUNDS
Increasing the statutory minimum grant to Baltimore City, payable from the State’s share of the proceeds of Program Open Space, for projects that meet park purposes and are related to Program Open Space; requiring the Governor to include in the budget bill for fiscal year 2018 a general fund appropriation in the amount of $5,000,000 to the Maryland Agricultural and Resource–Based Industry Development Corporation; reducing transfers from a specified special fund to the General Fund of the State for fiscal years 2017 and 2018; etc.

SB 370  Chapter 14  Senator Madaleno, et al
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS TRANSPARENCY ACT OF 2016
Requiring the Secretary of Budget and Management to provide specified notice at least 3 business days before the Board of Public Works may approve a reduction of appropriations; requiring the Secretary to publish on the Department’s Web site, in a machine-readable format, notice of the proposed reduction including specified items and to provide written notice that includes the specified items to the Legislative Policy Committee, the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee, and the House Appropriations Committee; etc.
HB 368
Chapter 15
Delegate Korman, et al
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS TRANSPARENCY ACT OF 2016
Requiring the Secretary of Budget and Management to provide specified notice at least 3 business days before the Board of Public Works may approve a reduction of appropriations; requiring the Secretary to publish on the Department's Web site, in a machine-readable format, notice of the proposed reduction, including specified items, and to provide written notice that includes the specified items to the Legislative Policy Committee, the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee, and the House Appropriations Committee; etc.

SB 110
Chapter 19
Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee (By Request – Departmental – Agriculture) and Senator Middleton
AGRICULTURE – YOUNG FARMERS ADVISORY BOARD – MEMBERSHIP
Increasing the membership of the Young Farmers Advisory Board from 12 to 20 individuals.

SB 112
Chapter 21
Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee (By Request – Departmental – Agriculture)
PEST CONTROL COMPACT – REPEAL
Repealing the Pest Control Compact; repealing provisions of law relating to the findings of the parties to the compact; repealing provisions of law relating to the Pest Control Insurance Fund; repealing provisions of law relating to the administration of the compact and Fund; repealing provisions of law relating to the establishment of advisory and technical committees under the compact; repealing provisions of law relating to the entry into force, withdrawal, and construction of the compact; etc.
HB 684  
Delegate Hammen, et al  
Baltimore Regional Neighborhood Initiative Program – Codified

Establishing the Baltimore Regional Neighborhood Initiative Program to provide investment in local housing and businesses focusing on areas where modest investment will have an appreciable impact; providing that community enhancement projects may be located in more than one political subdivision; requiring the Department of Housing and Community Development to issue a request for community enhancement project proposals; requiring the Governor to include a $12,000,000 appropriation to the fund for fiscal years 2018 through 2022; etc.

HB 686  
Delegate Hammen, et al  
Department of Housing and Community Development – Strategic Demolition and Smart Growth Impact Fund – Establishment

Establishing the Strategic Demolition and Smart Growth Impact Fund as a special, nonlasing fund; specifying that the purpose of the Fund is to provide grants and loans to assist in predevelopment activities, including demolition, land assembly, architecture and engineering, and site development for revitalization projects in an area designated as a sustainable community; requiring the Governor to include an appropriation to the Fund in fiscal year 2018 of $25,625,000 to be allocated to projects in Baltimore City and throughout the State; etc.

HB 1400  
Delegate Glenn, et al  
Seed Community Development Anchor Institution Fund

Establishing the Seed Community Development Anchor Institution Fund as a special, nonlasing fund; specifying that the purpose of the Fund is to provide grants and loans to anchor institutions for community development projects in blighted areas of the State; requiring the Department of Housing and Community Development to administer the Fund; requiring the Governor to include in the annual budget bill an appropriation of $5,000,000 to the Fund for fiscal years 2018 through 2022; etc.
HB 1402
Delegate McIntosh, et al
EDUCATION – PUBLIC SCHOOL OPPORTUNITIES ENHANCEMENT ACT
Establishing the Public School Opportunities Enhancement Program; providing that the purpose of the Program is to provide grants to local school systems, community schools, and nonprofit organizations in the State to assist in expanding or creating extended day and summer enhancement programs and to expand and support educational programs during the school day for specified organizations; requiring the Governor, for fiscal years 2018 through 2021, to include $7,500,000 annually in the State budget for the Program; etc.

HB 1403
Delegate McIntosh, et al
NEXT GENERATION SCHOLARS OF MARYLAND
Altering the criteria for the prequalification of a student for the Guaranteed Access Grant; changing the name of the College Readiness Outreach Program to be the Next Generation Scholars of Maryland Program; providing that the purpose of the Program is to provide guidance and services to specified students who qualify for a Guaranteed Access Grant; requiring the Governor to provide $5,000,000 in general funds in the State budget for fiscal years 2018 through 2023 for the Program; etc.

HB 431
Delegate Bromwell, et al
MARYLAND ACHIEVING A BETTER LIFE EXPERIENCE (ABLE) PROGRAM – ESTABLISHMENT
Requiring the College Savings Plans of Maryland Board to establish the Maryland ABLE Program to help promote financial savings to support individuals with disabilities in maintaining health, independence, and quality of life; renaming the College Savings Plans of Maryland Board to be the Maryland 529 Board; requiring the Board to work in consultation with the Department of Disabilities regarding the Maryland ABLE Program; applying the Act to all taxable years beginning after December 31, 2015; etc.
HB 596  
Chapter 40  
Delegate Flanagan, et al  
STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION – HEARING AID LOAN BANK PROGRAM – AGE OF ELIGIBILITY  
Altering the age of eligibility from under 3 years to under 18 years of age to participate in the Hearing Aid Loan Bank Program in the State Department of Education.

SB 724  
Chapter 41  
The President (By Request – Department of Legislative Services – Code Revision)  
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ARTICLE  
Adding a new article to the Annotated Code of Maryland, to be designated and known as the “Alcoholic Beverages Article”, to revise, restate, and recodify the laws of the State relating to the regulation and control of the manufacture, sale, distribution, transportation, and storage of alcoholic beverages by the State and specified jurisdictions in the State, the establishment of boards of license commissioners in specified jurisdictions, and the establishment of liquor control boards and departments of liquor control; etc.

SB 91  
Chapter 46  
Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Health and Mental Hygiene)  
PUBLIC HEALTH – STATE–IDENTIFIED HIV PRIORITIES  
Requiring rebates received by the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene from the Maryland AIDS Drug Assistance Program as a result of State General Fund expenditures to be distributed to a specified special nonlapsing fund and used only to fund State–identified priorities for HIV prevention, surveillance, and care; and requiring the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene to adopt regulations establishing, as appropriate, income and other eligibility criteria for the receipt of specified HIV prevention and care services.
SB 116  
Chapter 49  
The President (By Request – Department of Legislative Services)  

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

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

SB 130  
Chapter 50  
Senator Mathias  

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

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

SB 195  
Chapter 53  
Senators Ready and Bates  

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

Transferring the Child Support Unit of the Office of the State’s Attorney for Carroll County to the Child Support Enforcement Administration of the Department of Human Resources; requiring that the employees be transferred in accordance with specified provisions of law; requiring that specified transferred employees be given credit with the State for years of county employment for purposes of determining specified retirement eligibility and also be subject to specified benefit selections in the Employees’ Pension System; etc.
SB 240  
Chapter 56  
Senator Kelley  
MARYLAND INSURANCE COMMISSIONER – RESPONSIBILITY FOR HOLDING HEARINGS – DELEGATION

Altering the authority of the Maryland Insurance Commissioner to delegate to the Deputy Commissioner, an associate commissioner, or one other Administration employee who is designated by the Commissioner and admitted to the practice of law in the State the responsibility for holding a hearing under specified provisions of law.

SB 252  
Chapter 57  
Senator Pugh, et al  
MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM – FORMER FOSTER CARE ADOLESCENTS – DENTAL CARE

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

HB 511  
Chapter 58  
Delegate Cullison, et al  
MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM – FORMER FOSTER CARE ADOLESCENTS – DENTAL CARE

Authorizing the Maryland Medical Assistance Program, subject to the limitations of the State budget, and as permitted by federal law, to provide dental care for former foster care adolescents who, on their 18th birthday, were in foster care under the responsibility of the State; and requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to apply to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services for a specified waiver.
SB 277
Chapter 59  Senators Middleton and Mathias
MOTOR FUEL SUPPLIERS AND RETAIL SERVICE STATION DEALERS – PROMOTION – SALES

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

HB 342
Chapter 60  Delegates Carey and Davis
MOTOR FUEL SUPPLIERS AND RETAIL SERVICE STATION DEALERS – PROMOTION – SALES

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

SB 321
Chapter 64  Senator Peters (Chair, Joint Committee on Pensions)
STATE RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEM – BOARD OF TRUSTEES – DESIGNEE APPOINTMENTS AND FIDUCIARY DUTIES

Authorizing the Secretary of Budget and Management, the State Comptroller, and the State Treasurer to each appoint their respective deputies to serve as designees on the Board of Trustees for the State Retirement and Pension System; and altering a specified defined term to provide for specified fiduciary duties of members of specified committees established by the Board.
SB 369  
Chapter 67

Senator Ferguson, et al

EDUCATION – PREKINDERGARTEN PROGRAMS – NOTIFICATION OF ELIGIBILITY BY LOCAL DEPARTMENTS OF SOCIAL SERVICES

Requiring specified local departments of social services and specified local health departments, under specified circumstances, to provide specified parents or guardians with an oral and written notice that their child may be eligible for publicly funded prekindergarten programs; requiring specified local departments of social services and specified local health departments to report annually to the General Assembly on the number of parents who were given a notification and who subsequently enrolled their child in the specified program; etc.

SB 410  
Chapter 68

Senator Ferguson, et al

DISTILLERY LICENSE HOLDERS – SALE OF PRODUCT TO PARTICIPANTS IN GUIDED TOURS

Repealing a specified provision of law that limits a distillery license holder selling product and related merchandise to an individual on a guided tour only if the license holder manufactures not more than 27,500 gallons of products annually.

SB 483  
Chapter 69

Senator Edwards

ALLEGANY COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – MINIMUM AGE TO SERVE LIQUOR

Decreasing in Allegany County the minimum age for an individual to serve liquor from 21 years to 18 years.

SB 530  
Chapter 72

Senator Eckardt

DORCHESTER COUNTY – CLASS B BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR LICENSE – MINIMUM SEATING REQUIREMENT

Altering the minimum seating requirement from 50 to 25 individuals for facilities for which a specified Class B beer, wine, and liquor license may be issued in Dorchester County.
SB 549
Chapter 74
Senator Pugh, et al
VIRGINIA I. JONES ALZHEIMER’S DISEASE AND RELATED DISORDERS COUNCIL – MEMBERSHIP AND EXTENSION OF TERMINATION DATE

Altering the membership of the Virginia I. Jones Alzheimer’s Disease and Related Disorders Council; and extending the termination date of specified provisions of law that establish and govern the Council to September 30, 2019.

HB 730
Chapter 75
Delegate Sample–Hughes, et al
VIRGINIA I. JONES ALZHEIMER’S DISEASE AND RELATED DISORDERS COUNCIL – MEMBERSHIP AND EXTENSION OF TERMINATION DATE

Altering the membership of the Virginia I. Jones Alzheimer’s Disease and Related Disorders Council; and extending the termination date of specified provisions of law that establish and govern the Council to September 30, 2019.

SB 629
Chapter 76
Senator Hershey
KENT COUNTY – PROSPECTIVE EMPLOYEES AND VOLUNTEERS – CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORDS CHECK

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

HB 358
Chapter 77
Delegate Jacobs, et al
KENT COUNTY – PROSPECTIVE EMPLOYEES AND VOLUNTEERS – CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORDS CHECK

Authorizing the Director of Human Resources of Kent County to request from the Criminal Justice Information System Central Repository of the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services a State and national criminal history records check for a prospective county employee or volunteer; requiring that the Director submit sets of fingerprints and fees to the Central Repository as part of the application for a criminal history records check; etc.
HB 62  Chapter 85  Chair, Environment and Transportation Committee (By Request – Departmental – Natural Resources)

NATURAL RESOURCES – FISHING AND HUNTING LICENSES

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

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

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

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

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

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

Repealing the termination provision of specified provisions of law relating to the application for and renewal of a tree expert license; requiring a licensed tree expert to complete the professional development curriculum established by the Department of Natural Resources after September 1, 2017; etc.
Chair, Appropriations Committee (By Request – Departmental – Office for Children)

RESIDENTIAL CHILD CARE CAPITAL GRANT PROGRAM – REPEAL

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

The Speaker (By Request – Maryland Judiciary)

JUDGESHIPS – CIRCUIT COURTS AND DISTRICT COURT

Increasing the number of resident judges of the circuit court in Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Charles, Frederick, Harford, Montgomery, and Prince George’s counties and Baltimore City; and increasing the number of resident judges of the District Court in District 5 (Prince George’s County) and District 6 (Montgomery County).

Delegate Krimm, et al

STATE BUDGET – DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT – STATEMENT OF DEDICATED STATE FUNDS

Requiring the Secretary of Budget and Management to publish on the Department of Budget and Management’s Web site, in a machine-readable format, a specified itemized statement, linked to the proposed State budget, of revenues collected by the State that are dedicated by law to a special fund.
HB 164  Chair, Appropriations Committee (By Request – Departmental – Comptroller)
STATE PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT SYSTEM – BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION AND CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORDS CHECK – PROSPECTIVE AND CURRENT EMPLOYEES

Authorizing specified appointing authorities in the State Personnel Management System to require specified prospective or current employees to provide specified information, for at least the previous 5-year period, for a specified background investigation; authorizing specified appointing authorities to request from the Criminal Justice Information System Central Repository a State and national criminal history records check for specified prospective and current employees; etc.

HB 357  Delegate Afzali
FREDERICK COUNTY – LOCAL GOVERNMENT TORT CLAIMS ACT – NOTICE OF CLAIM

Requiring notice of a claim against Frederick County under the Local Government Tort Claims Act to be given to the county solicitor or county attorney.

HB 549  Caroline County Delegation
CAROLINE COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – REFILLABLE CONTAINER PERMIT

Authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Caroline County to issue a refillable container permit for draft beer to a holder of a Class B alcoholic beverages license or a Class H alcoholic beverages license; and requiring an annual permit fee of $500.
HB 642  
Chapter 110  
Anne Arundel County Delegation  
ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – LICENSES

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

HB 697  
Chapter 112  
Delegates Otto and Carozza  
WORCESTER COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – CLASS A BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR LICENSE

Establishing a Class A beer, wine, and liquor license in Worcester County; authorizing the Board of License Commissioners to issue the license to an individual for use at a store previously operated by the Department of Liquor Control or to specified establishments; providing for the expiration of a specified distance restriction; providing that the license authorizes the sale of beer, wine, and liquor at the place described in the license for off-premises consumption; specifying a $4,500 annual license fee and the hours and days of sale; etc.

SB 967  
Chapter 113  
Senator Mathias  
WORCESTER COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – CLASS A BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR LICENSE

Establishing a Class A beer, wine, and liquor license in Worcester County; authorizing the Board of License Commissioners to issue the license to an individual for use at a store previously operated by the Department of Liquor Control or specified establishments under specified conditions; providing for the expiration of a specified distance restriction; providing that the license authorizes the sale of beer, wine, and liquor at retail at the place described in the license; establishing an annual license fee of $4,500; etc.
HB 718
Chapter 114
Delegate Kramer, et al
CONSUMER PROTECTION – ASSET RECOVERY FOR EXPLOITED SENIORS ACT

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

HB 788
Chapter 119
Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee (By Request – Departmental – Office of Minority Affairs)
PROCUREMENT – SMALL BUSINESS RESERVE PROGRAM – PROGRAM OVERSIGHT AND CONTINUATION

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

HB 791
Chapter 120
Carroll County Delegation
CARROLL COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR TASTING LICENSE

Creating in Carroll County a beer, wine, and liquor (BWL) tasting license; specifying that the Carroll County Board of License Commissioners may issue the license to a holder of a beer, wine, and liquor (BWL) license; authorizing the license holder to allow the consumption of beer, wine, and liquor for tasting under specified circumstances; requiring the Board to regulate the quantity of beer and wine served to specified individuals; establishing an annual license fee of $150 in addition to the cost of a BWL license; etc.
HB 841  Chapter 126  Frederick County Delegation
FREDERICK COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – HOTEL LOBBY LICENSE

Establishing in Frederick County a hotel lobby license; authorizing the Board of License Commissioners to issue the license for use by a hotel that does not have a restaurant; establishing that the license authorizes the license holder to sell beer and wine by the bottle to patrons of the hotel for on-premises consumption; providing for the hours of sale; and specifying an annual license fee of $100.

HB 843  Chapter 127  Frederick County Delegation
FREDERICK COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – BEAUTY SALON LICENSE

Establishing in Frederick County a beauty salon beer and wine license; requiring that a recipient of the license be a holder of a beauty salon permit; authorizing a license holder to provide beer and wine by the glass for consumption by a customer receiving cosmetology services or when a fund-raising event is held; prohibiting the license from being transferred to another location; providing that the establishment for which the license is issued is subject to specified alcohol awareness training requirements; etc.

HB 844  Chapter 128  Frederick County Delegation
FREDERICK COUNTY – ALCOHOL AWARENESS PROGRAM – ABSENCE FROM LICENSED PREMISES

Authorizing in Frederick County an individual certified by an approved alcohol awareness program to be absent from a licensed premises for a personal or business reason under specified circumstances.
HB 1090  Chapter 130  Howard County Delegation
HOWARD COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – CONTINUING CARE RETIREMENT COMMUNITY LICENSE HO. CO. 15–16

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

HB 1105  Chapter 132  Howard County Delegation
HOWARD COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM – ACCESS TO PUBLIC INFORMATION HO. CO. 9–16

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

HB 1109  Chapter 133  Frederick County Delegation
FREDERICK COUNTY – DRY ELECTION DISTRICTS – REPEAL

Repealing specified provisions of law that prohibit the Board of License Commissioners for Frederick County from issuing specified alcoholic beverages licenses in specified election districts in the county; providing that the Board may issue anywhere in the county, regardless of election district, any license authorized under a specified provision of law; requiring that a specified public hearing be held for a license; etc.
SB 377
Chapter 145
The President (By Request – Administration)

ADMISSIONS AND AMUSEMENT TAX – REVENUE DISTRIBUTION – MARYLAND STATE ARTS COUNCIL

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

SB 381
Chapter 146
The President (By Request – Administration), et al

HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION – STUDENT AND RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE LOANS

Authorizing the Community Development Administration in the Department of Housing and Community Development to make, participate in making, and undertake a commitment for financial assistance to a homeowner for purchasing a homeowner’s primary residence and making payments on the homeowner’s student debt under specified circumstances; requiring the Secretary of Housing and Community Development to determine the terms and qualifications of specified financial assistance to homeowners; etc.

SB 16
Chapter 149
Senator Eckardt

TALBOT COUNTY – BOARD OF EDUCATION – STUDENT MEMBERS

Increasing the number of student members of the Talbot County Board of Education from one member to two members; requiring that one student member be a student from St. Michaels High School and one student member be a student from Easton High School in Talbot County; and making specified conforming changes.
HB 226
Chapter 150
Delegates Mautz and Adams
TALBOT COUNTY – BOARD OF EDUCATION – STUDENT MEMBERS
Increasing the number of student members of the Talbot County Board of Education from one member to two members; requiring that one student member be a student from St. Michaels High School and one student member be a student from Easton High School in Talbot County; and making specified conforming changes.

SB 28
Chapter 151
Senator Kagan, et al
STATE GOVERNMENT – WEB SITES – LANGUAGE ACCESS
Providing that, beginning on October 1, 2016, the reasonable steps specified departments, agencies, and programs are required to take under specified provisions of law include the operation and maintenance of equal access versions of specified Web sites in a language spoken by any limited English proficient population of at least 0.5% of the overall population within the State and that can be translated free–of–charge; requiring the Department of Information Technology to establish specified minimum standards; etc.

SB 128
Chapter 161
Senator Serafini
MARYLAND HIGHER EDUCATION COMMISSION – RELIGIOUS EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS – AUTHORITY TO OPERATE
Repealing a condition under which a religious educational institution may operate without a certificate of approval from the Maryland Higher Education Commission and may enroll specified students in a specified online distance education program without a registration from the Commission.

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

HB 163  
Chapter 164  
Delegate Anderson, et al  
BALTIMORE CITY BOARD OF SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS – SUBMISSION OF A COMPREHENSIVE MASTER PLAN – REPEAL OF DUPLICATIVE REQUIREMENT  
Repealing a duplicative requirement for the Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners to submit a comprehensive master plan to the State Board of Education.

SB 145  
Chapter 169  
Senators Mathias and Eckardt  
WICOMICO COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION – ELECTION AND APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS  
Providing for a referendum in November 2016 of the qualified voters of Wicomico County to decide the method for determining the membership of the County Board of Education; requiring the qualified voters of the county to choose to retain the current system of seven members appointed by the Governor, or choose a Board with five members elected by district and two elected at large, or choose a Board with five members elected by district and two appointed by the Wicomico County Council; establishing a School Board Nominating Commission; etc.  
Subject to Referendum at the next General Election on November 8, 2016.
SB 217  Senator Conway  
Chapter 178

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

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

SB 218  Senator Conway, et al  
Chapter 179

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

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

SB 272  Senator King, et al  
Chapter 181

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

Authorizing the use of an Educational Excellence Award at an institution of higher education that is not in the State if the applicant is a deaf or hearing impaired student attending an institution of higher education that makes specified provisions for deaf and hearing impaired students and comparable provisions are not available in the State; altering a provision of law that prohibits the Office of Student Financial Assistance from awarding more than a specified percent of funds for specified grants; etc.
SB 343
Chapter 188
Senator Peters (Chair, Joint Committee on Pensions)
EMPLOYEES’ AND TEACHERS’ PENSION SYSTEMS – ALTERNATE CONTRIBUTORY PENSION SELECTION AND REFORMED CONTRIBUTORY PENSION BENEFIT
Repealing the June 30, 2016, date by which individuals who were subject to the Alternate Contributory Pension Selection in the Employees’ Pension System or Teachers’ Pension System before separating from employment must resume employment in order to resume participation in the Alternate Contributory Pension Selection; requiring the Board of Trustees to submit a report by October 1 annually to the Joint Committee on Pensions providing the number of specified members in specified circumstances; etc.

SB 344
Chapter 189
Senator Peters (Chair, Joint Committee on Pensions)
STATE RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEM – LOCAL FIRE AND POLICE SYSTEM – COMMINGLING OF ASSETS
Repealing obsolete language authorizing the commingling of Local Fire and Police System assets with other State Retirement and Pension System assets; etc.

SB 345
Chapter 190
Senator Peters (Chair, Joint Committee on Pensions)
STATE RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEM – OPTIONAL RETIREMENT ALLOWANCES – DESIGNATED BENEFICIARIES
Repealing as redundant specified provisions relating to members of the Judges’ Retirement System designating multiple beneficiaries under a specified optional retirement allowance in the State Retirement and Pension System; and clarifying that specified members of the State Retirement and Pension System may designate multiple beneficiaries under specified optional retirement allowances.

SB 373
Chapter 196
Senator Peters (Chair, Joint Committee on Pensions)
TEACHERS’ RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEMS – REEMPLOYMENT OF RETIREES – CLARIFICATION
Clarifying the number of retirees of the Teachers’ Retirement System or the Teachers’ Pension System that are exempt from a specified offset of a retirement allowance if they are reemployed in specified positions in a local school system or the Maryland School for the Deaf.
SB 374  
**Senator Serafini, et al**  
**Chapter 197**  
**INCOME TAX SUBTRACTION MODIFICATION – COLLEGE SAVINGS PLANS – CONTRIBUTIONS**

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

SB 421  
**Senator Ramirez, et al**  
**Chapter 204**  
**SPECIAL EDUCATION – TRANSLATIONS OF INDIVIDUALIZED EDUCATION PROGRAMS OR INDIVIDUALIZED FAMILY SERVICE PLANS – NATIVE LANGUAGE**

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

HB 86  
**Delegate Luedtke, et al**  
**Chapter 205**  
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SB 473
Chapter 211

Senator Peters (Chair, Joint Committee on Pensions)

CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS’ RETIREMENT SYSTEM – CLIFTON T. PERKINS MAXIMUM SECURITY GUARDS – ALLOWANCES

Altering the age at which a normal service retirement allowance begins for a member of the Correctional Officers’ Retirement System who is a maximum security attendant at the Clifton T. Perkins Hospital Center; altering the age at which a vested allowance begins for specified members of the Correctional Officers’ Retirement System who serve as maximum security attendants at the Clifton T. Perkins Hospital Center; and providing for the prospective application of specified provisions of the Act.

SB 477
Chapter 212

Senator Peters (Chair, Joint Committee on Pensions)

STATE RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEM – REEMPLOYMENT OF ORDINARY DISABILITY RETIREES – EARNINGS LIMITATION

Exempting from a specified reemployment earnings limitation specified retirees whose average final compensation was less than $25,000 and who are reemployed while receiving an ordinary disability retirement allowance from the State Retirement and Pension System.

SB 494
Chapter 213

Senator Nathan–Pulliam, et al

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

Requiring the State Department of Education, in consultation with the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, county boards of education, and other stakeholders, to develop and implement a standardized reporting system to determine the effectiveness of community–partnered school behavioral health services programs, not including school–based health centers; requiring the Department to report to the Governor and General Assembly on the effectiveness of the specified health services programs by December 1, 2017, and every 2 years thereafter; etc.
HB 713  Delegate Luedtke, et al
Chapter 214

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SB 499  Senator Ferguson
Chapter 215

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

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

HB 1227  Delegate Clippinger, et al
Chapter 216

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SB 532  Chapter 218  Senator McFadden
CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS’ RETIREMENT SYSTEM – MEMBERSHIP – CORRECTIONAL CASE MANAGEMENT SPECIALIST

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

HB 1438  Chapter 219  Delegate Sophocleus, et al
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SB 597  Chapter 223  Senator Peters, et al
RECORDATION AND TRANSFER TAXES – TRANSFER OF CONTROLLING INTEREST – EXEMPTIONS

Altering a specified exemption from recordation and transfer taxes so as to provide that a transfer of a controlling interest in a real property entity is not subject to recordation and transfer taxes if the transfer of the real property owned by the real property entity between the same transferor and transferee of the controlling interest under the same circumstances would have been exempt under specified provisions of law; etc.
HB 1226
Chapter 224
Delegate A. Washington
RECORDATION AND TRANSFER TAXES – TRANSFER OF CONTROLLING INTEREST – EXEMPTIONS

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

SB 608
Chapter 225
Senator Guzzone
EMPLOYEES’ PENSION SYSTEM – REDEPOSIT OF CONTRIBUTIONS

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

SB 682
Chapter 226
Senator Edwards
GARRETT COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – SUNDAY SALES

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

Subject to Referendum at the next General Election on November 8, 2016.
Deputy Beitzel

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The President (By Request – Department of Legislative Services – Code Revision)

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – CROSS-REFERENCES AND CORRECTIONS

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

Senator Norman

MOTOR VEHICLES – AUTOCYCLES – STANDARDS AND REQUIREMENTS

Establishing that an autocycle is considered to be a motorcycle for the purposes of the Maryland Vehicle Law; defining the term “autocycle” to include a motor vehicle manufactured in compliance with federal motor vehicle safety standards; prohibiting an applicant for a specified driver skills examination from using an autocycle for the examination; requiring that the form for specified written accident reports distinguish autocycles from motorcycles; etc.
Senate Bill 781
Chapter 232
Senator Rosapepe, et al
EDUCATION – MARYLAND SEAL OF BILITERACY ACT – ESTABLISHMENT

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

Senate Bill 821
Chapter 233
Senator Peters (Chair, Joint Committee on Pensions)
PARTICIPATING GOVERNMENTAL UNITS – AMORTIZATION SCHEDULE

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

Senate Bill 1077
Chapter 238
Washington County Senators
WASHINGTON COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – LICENSE RENEWAL PROCEDURES

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

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

Increasing, from $300 to $600, the annual license fee for a Class A beer, wine, and liquor license in Washington County.
SB 1140  Chapter 242  Senators Mathias and Eckardt

WICOMICO COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – YOUTH AND CIVIC CENTER LICENSE

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

SB 1173  Chapter 243  Senator Pugh, et al

TASK FORCE TO STUDY THE ADULT HIGH SCHOOL CONCEPT

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

HB 1406  Chapter 244  Delegate Clippinger, et al

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HB 20
Chapter 246
Delegate O'Donnell
CALVERT COUNTY AND ST. MARY'S COUNTY – ARCHERY HUNTING – SAFETY ZONE

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

HB 39
Chapter 247
Delegate A. Miller
EDUCATION – ORANGE RIBBON FOR HEALTHY SCHOOL HOURS – ESTABLISHMENT

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

HB 55
Chapter 249
Delegate Cluster
BALTIMORE COUNTY – EDUCATION – WHYTRY PROGRAM

Establishing the WhyTry Program in Baltimore County; specifying the purpose of the Program is to assist a student with an unweighted grade point average of less than 2.0 per quarter and an attendance rate of less than 94% of the required days of school attendance to become a more effective student; requiring the Baltimore County Board of Education to develop and implement the Program; requiring the Board of Education to select two specified middle schools to participate in the Program; requiring the Program to include specified teachers; etc.
HB 85
Delegate Luedtke, et al
Chapter 250
EDUCATION – CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES – SUPPORT SERVICES – PARENTAL NOTIFICATION
Requiring specified school personnel to provide the parents of a child with a disability written information that the parents may use to contact early intervention and special education family support services staff members and a brief description of the available services; requiring that, if a parent’s native language is not English, the information is to be provided to the specified parent in the parent’s native language; requiring a local school system to publish specified contact information on its Web site; etc.

HB 107
Delegate Rosenberg, et al
Chapter 251
HIGHER EDUCATION – WALTER SONDHEIM JR. PUBLIC SERVICE INTERNSHIP SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM – SCHOLARSHIP AMOUNT
Establishing scholarship award amounts for the Walter Sondheim Jr. Public Service Internship Scholarship Program shall be at least $2,000 and no more than $3,000.

HB 147
Delegate Otto
Chapter 253
SOMERSET COUNTY CODE OF PUBLIC LOCAL LAWS – 2016 EDITION – LEGALIZATION
Legalizing the 2016 Edition of the Somerset County Code of Public Local Laws and any supplement to the extent to which that code or supplement contains laws enacted by the General Assembly.

HB 365
Delegate Jackson, et al
Chapter 262
PUBLIC SCHOOLS – BULLYING, HARASSMENT, AND INTIMIDATION POLICIES – UPDATE
Altering the definition of “electronic communication” to include social media communications; requiring the State Board of Education by September 1, 2016, and every 5 years thereafter, to update its model policy prohibiting bullying, harassment, or intimidation; requiring specified county boards of education to update specified policies based on the State Board’s update of the model policy and to submit the updated policies to the State Superintendent of Schools by January 1, 2017, and every 5 years thereafter; etc.
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Chapter 266
TASK FORCE TO COMBAT HABITUAL STUDENT TRUANCY
Establishing the Task Force to Combat Habitual Student Truancy; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Task Force; prohibiting a member of the Task Force from receiving specified compensation, but authorizing the reimbursement of specified expenses; requiring the Task Force to study and make recommendations regarding specified matters relating to habitual student truancy; requiring the Task Force to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before July 1, 2017; etc.

HB 516
Delegate Glass
Chapter 269
HARFORD COUNTY – ARCHERY HUNTING – SAFETY ZONE
Establishing that the safety zone for archery hunters in Harford County extends for 50 yards from a dwelling house, residence, church, or any other building or camp occupied by human beings within which archery hunting may not take place except under specified circumstances; and requiring an archery hunter in Harford County to use a tree stand when hunting any wild bird or mammal within 50 to 100 yards of a dwelling house, residence, church, public or nonpublic school, or other building or camp occupied by human beings.

HB 551
Delegate Kaiser, et al
Chapter 271
EDUCATION – CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES – INDIVIDUALIZED EDUCATION PROGRAM MEDIATION
Requiring individualized education program teams to provide specified parents of a child with a disability with an oral and written explanation of the parent’s right to request mediation, specified contact information, and specified information regarding pro bono representation and other legal and related services; authorizing specified parents to request translation of specified information; requiring individualized education program teams to provide parents with a translated document within 30 days of the request; etc.
Howard County Delegation

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

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

Delegate Shoemaker, et al

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.

Carroll County Delegation

CARROLL COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES LICENSES – BEGINNING HOUR OF SALE

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

Delegate D. Barnes, et al

PUBLIC SCHOOLS – ADMINISTRATION OF DIABETES CARE SERVICES – GUIDELINES

Requiring the State Department of Education and the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to establish specified guidelines for the administration of specified health care services to specified students with diabetes; requiring the State Department of Education and the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to establish a specified plan and make a report, on or before December 1, 2016, to specified committees of the General Assembly on implementation of the plan to provide diabetes care services to specified students; etc.
HB 854
Chapter 281
Delegate Lisanti, et al
STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION – RELOCATION OF WATER OR SEWER LINES – COST SHARING
Requiring the State Highway Administration to notify the political subdivision or agency that owns a water or sewer line that must be relocated due to a federal project of the cost of the relocation; requiring the Administration to investigate funding sources to help the political subdivision or agency that owns the utility to meet its share of the cost of relocating the water or sewer line and, if needed, to develop a payment plan; etc.

HB 969
Chapter 285
Harford County Delegation
HARFORD COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENTS NEAR SCHOOLS
Authorizing the Harford County Board of License Commissioners to issue a license to a business establishment in Harford County if the business establishment is not located within 1,000 feet of a public or private school.

HB 994
Chapter 286
Allegany County Delegation
ALLEGANY COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – SUNDAY SALES FOR CLASS A LICENSES
Authorizing a holder of a Class A beer license, a Class A beer and light wine license, or a Class A beer, wine, and liquor license to sell specified alcoholic beverages during specified hours under specified circumstances in Allegany County; authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Allegany County to issue a 2–day Sunday sales permit to holders of specified licenses under specified circumstances; etc.
HB 1007
Delegate Luedtke, et al
Chapter 287
FREEDOM TO VOTE ACT

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

Except Section 2 which is contingent on receipt of letter from U.S. Department of Labor to Maryland’s Attorney General Regarding use of Federal and State funds.

HB 1012
Delegate McCray, et al
Chapter 289
TAX CREDIT – COMMUTER BENEFITS – ELIGIBILITY AND CREDIT AMOUNT

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

HB 1031
Frederick County Delegation
Chapter 291
FREDERICK COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – REFILLABLE CONTAINER PERMITS

Authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Frederick County to issue refillable container permits for draft beer and for wine to a holder of a Class A alcoholic beverages license or a Class B alcoholic beverages license; and providing for specified permit fees.
HB 1064  
Chapter 292  
Montgomery County Delegation  
MONTGOMERY COUNTY – SALE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – DISTANCE FROM PLACES OF WORSHIP, SCHOOLS, AND YOUTH CENTERS MC 18–16  
Repealing provisions of law prohibiting the Montgomery County Board of License Commissioners from approving an application for a license to sell alcoholic beverages within a specified distance of a place of worship, an elementary or secondary school, or a specified youth center; and repealing provisions of law that authorize the Board of License Commissioners to approve an application for a license to sell alcoholic beverages more than a specified distance away from specified locations under specified circumstances.

HB 1069  
Chapter 293  
Prince George’s County Delegation  
PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – ENTERTAINMENT CONCESSIONAIRE AND FACILITY LICENSES PG 311–16  
Authorizing the Board of License Commissioners of Prince George’s County to issue an entertainment concessionaire license to specified persons for specified purposes; providing for the scope of the entertainment concessionaire license; authorizing the Board to issue an entertainment facility license to specified persons for specified purposes; providing for the scope of the entertainment facility license; specifying that the licenses authorize the playing of music and dancing; etc.

HB 1079  
Chapter 296  
Montgomery County Delegation  
MONTGOMERY COUNTY STUDENT LOAN REFINANCING AUTHORITY MC 27–16  
Authorizing Montgomery County to create the Montgomery County Student Loan Refinancing Authority through an ordinance enacted by the Montgomery County governing body; establishing that the purpose of the Authority is to provide affordable financial assistance to enable County residents, graduates of county public schools, and other specified individuals to obtain a postsecondary education; requiring Montgomery County to take specified actions before establishing the Authority; etc.  
Except Section 2 which is contingent on Creation of Montgomery County Student Loan Refinancing Authority by June 30, 2019.
HB 1135
Chapter 299
Prince George’s County Delegation

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

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

Section 2 Only

HB 1139
Chapter 300
Delegate M. Washington, et al

EDUCATION – COMMUNITY SCHOOL STRATEGY – REQUIRED NOTICE AND SUPPORT

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

HB 1147
Chapter 301
Carroll County Delegation

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

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

Subject to Referendum at the next General Election on November 8, 2016.
HB 1181  Delegate Morgan, et al  
MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM – DETERMINATIONS OF ELIGIBILITY FOR LONG–TERM CARE SERVICES – REPORTS AND MEETINGS  
Requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, in consultation with the Department of Human Resources, to submit a report on the State’s progress in determining the eligibility of applicants for long–term care services under the Maryland Medical Assistance Program to specified committees of the General Assembly on or before October 1, 2016, and quarterly thereafter; requiring that specified meetings be held to discuss the reports and to develop strategies to resolve ongoing issues with delays in eligibility determinations; etc.

HB 1288  Delegates P. Young and M. Washington  
HIGHER EDUCATION – TUITION WAIVERS FOR FOSTER CARE RECIPIENTS AND UNACCOMPANIED HOMELESS YOUTH  
Defining the term “vocational certificate” to include completion of a course of study that prepares an individual to work in a career field by taking credit–bearing courses or noncredit courses for purposes of establishing eligibility of foster care recipients for specified tuition waivers; and altering a specified requirement that specified foster care recipients and specified unaccompanied homeless youth apply for specified financial aid by a specified time.

HB 1311  Prince George’s County Delegation  
PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES LICENSES – DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT LICENSES AND SUNDAY OFF–SALE PERMITS PG 305–16  
Authorizing the Prince George’s County Board of License Commissioners to issue up to five Class B–DD (Development District) licenses to restaurants located within the area of Riverdale Park Station; authorizing the Board to issue up to two Class B–DD (Development District) licenses to restaurants located within the area of Riverdale Park Town Center; providing that five Sunday off–sale permits may be issued only to holders of a Class B beer, wine, and liquor license who acquired the license on or after January 1, 2016; etc.
HB 1316  Delegate Arentz
Chapter 308  
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – CLASS 9 LIMITED DISTILLERY LICENSES

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

HB 1644  Delegate West, et al
Chapter 315  
BALTIMORE COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – RACETRACK LICENSE

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

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.
HB 186  
Chapter 317  
Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee (By 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.

SB 1112  
Chapter 320  
The President (By Request – Departmental – Commerce)

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.

HB 489  
Chapter 321  
Delegate Hammen, et al

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.
HB 422  
Chapter 322  
Delegate Fraser–Hidalgo, et al  
INTEREST RATE ON TAX DEFICIENCIES AND REFUNDS  
Altering the calculation of the annual interest rate that the Comptroller sets for tax deficiencies and refunds.

SB 1007  
Chapter 323  
Senator Peters, et al  
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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.

HB 1378  
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SB 46
Chapter 333
Senator Reilly
ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – ARCHERY HUNTING – SAFETY ZONE
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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.

SB 84
Chapter 337
Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – 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.
SB 85  Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – 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.

SB 86  Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – 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.

SB 87  Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – 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.
SB 88 Chapter 341  
Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – 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.

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.

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.
SB 95  
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.

SB 137  
Senator Eckardt  
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.

HB 276  
Delegate Stein, et al  
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SB 141
Chapter 353
Anne Arundel County Senators
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.

HB 602
Chapter 354
Anne Arundel County Delegation
ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – SPECIAL TAXING DISTRICTS – WATER OR WASTEWATER SERVICES
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SB 162
Chapter 355
Senators Astle and Middleton
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.

HB 75
Chapter 356
Delegate Barkley
GAS COMPANIES – INFRASTRUCTURE REPLACEMENT PROJECTS – AMENDMENT TO A PLAN
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SB 200
Chapter 359
Senator Conway (Chair, Education, Health, and 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.

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

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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.
SB 401
Chapter 383
Senators Waugh and Middleton

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.

HB 1417
Chapter 384
Delegate Morgan, et al

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SB 411
Chapter 385
Senator Eckardt, et al

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.
HB 1494  Delegate Sample–Hughes, et al
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SB 471  Senator Pugh
Chapter 392
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.
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HB 1450  Delegate Vaughn
Chapter 393
COMMERCIAL LAW – DEBT SETTLEMENT SERVICES – FUND AND SUNSET REPEAL

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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.
SB 526
Chapter 400
Senator Bates  
AGRICULTURE – COMMERCIAL FEED – EXEMPTION  
Altering the defined term “commercial feed” as used in the Maryland Commercial Feed Law to exempt specified materials.

HB 1156
Chapter 416
Calvert County Delegation  
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.

SB 624
Chapter 417
Calvert County Senators  
CALVERT COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – BEER OR WINE FESTIVAL LICENSE  
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SB 630
Chapter 418
Senator Hershey  
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.
SB 649  Chapter 419  Senator Astle
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; and 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.

SB 707  Chapter 420  Senator Middleton, et al
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.

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.
SB 794
Chapter 427
Senator Jennings, et al
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.

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.

HB 892
Chapter 429
Harford County Delegation
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SB 859  Chapter 442  Senators Young and Hough

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.

HB 605  Chapter 443  Frederick County Delegation

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SB 882  Chapter 444  Senator Jennings, et al

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.
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.

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.

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.
HB 1051
Chapter 449
Harford County Delegation
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SB 958
Chapter 454
Cecil County Senators
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.

HB 1071
Chapter 455
Cecil County Delegation
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.
SB 979  
Chapter 458  
Senator Peters  
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.

SB 982  
Chapter 459  
Senators Kasemeyer and Miller  
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.

SB 1057  
Chapter 462  
Senator King  
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.
SB 1063  Chapter 463  Senator Madaleno
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.

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.

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.
SB 1109  
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.

SB 1126  
Senators Pugh and Young  
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.

HB 69  
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.
The Speaker (By Request – Department of Legislative 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.

Chair, Economic Matters Committee (By Request – 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.

Chair, Environment and Transportation Committee (By 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.
HB 385
Delegate Anderson (By Request – Baltimore City 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.

HB 488
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.

HB 1123
Prince George’s County Delegation and Montgomery County 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.

HB 1281
Delegates Jameson and Gaines

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.
HB 1344  
Delegate Arentz  
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.

Subject to Advisory Vote at the next General Election on November 8, 2016. Queen Anne’s County Only

HB 260  
Delegate Moon, et al  
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.

Subject to Referendum at the next General Election on November 8, 2016.

HB 1016  
The Speaker (By Request – Workgroup on Public Safety and Policing), et al  
PUBLIC SAFETY AND POLICING WORKGROUP – RECOMMENDATIONS

Prohibiting retaliatory personnel action against a law enforcement officer who discloses specified information; authorizing the appointment to an administrative hearing board a member of the public who has received specified training; establishing the Maryland Police Training and Standards Commission as an independent commission in the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services; establishing the Community Law Enforcement Program Fund; requiring the Governor to include an appropriation to the Fund of $500,000 annually; etc.

Except Section 1
SB 10  
Chapter 527  
Senator Simonaire  
BUSINESS REGULATION – CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS – AUDIT AND REVIEW  
Increasing from $500,000 to $750,000 the minimum gross income amount by which the registration statement of a charitable organization must include an audit by an independent certified public accountant; providing a range of $300,000 but less than $750,000 of gross income amounts by which the registration statement of a charitable organization must include a specified review; and increasing the gross income amount from $500,000 to $750,000 at which the Secretary of State may require an audit or review of a charitable organization.

SB 185  
Chapter 538  
Senator Kelley, et al  
INCOME TAX – FILING OF WITHHOLDING STATEMENTS  
Altering, from February 28 to January 31 of each year, the date by which specified payors of amounts subject to income tax withholding are required to provide the Comptroller a copy of a withholding statement.

HB 1333  
Chapter 539  
Delegate M. Washington  
INCOME TAX – FILING OF WITHHOLDING STATEMENTS  
Requiring specified employers or payors of amounts subject to income tax withholding to provide the Comptroller a copy of a specified statement on or before January 31 of each year.

SB 288  
Chapter 547  
Senator Kasemeyer  
INCOME TAX – CORPORATION RETURNS – FILING DATE  
Extending by 1 month the date by which specified corporations must complete and file with the Comptroller an income tax return; and applying the Act to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2015.

HB 484  
Chapter 548  
Delegate Walker  
INCOME TAX – CORPORATION RETURNS – FILING DATE  
Extending by 1 month the date by which specified corporations must complete and file with the Comptroller an income tax return; and applying the Act to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2015.
SB 337
Chapter 549
Senator King, et al
LIBRARIES – REGIONAL, STATE, AND COUNTY – FUNDING

Altering the calculation of specified funding for each participating regional resource center, the State Library Resource Center, and each county public library system for specified fiscal years.

SB 587
Chapter 564
Senator Madaleno, et al
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – SALE OF POWDERED ALCOHOL – PROHIBITION

Prohibiting a person from selling or offering to sell alcoholic beverages that are sold in a powder or crystalline form for direct use or use in combination with water or any other substance; and providing a penalty of a maximum fine of $1,000 for violation of the Act.

SB 591
Chapter 565
Senator King
TAX SALES – CONDOMINIUM ASSESSMENTS AND HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION FEES

Requiring a specified notice of an action to foreclose the right of redemption to be sent to a homeowners association or a condominium association; requiring a plaintiff in an action to foreclose the right of redemption on property to be liable for the payment of specified assessments or fees incurred after the date of judgment foreclosing the right of redemption; authorizing a specified action to be filed to collect specified assessments or fees; etc.

HB 970
Chapter 566
Delegate Reznik
TAX SALES – CONDOMINIUM ASSESSMENTS AND HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION FEES

Requiring a specified notice of an action to foreclose the right of redemption to be sent to a homeowners association or a condominium association; requiring a plaintiff in an action to foreclose the right of redemption on property to be liable for the payment of specified assessments or fees incurred after the date of judgment foreclosing the right of redemption; authorizing a specified action to be filed to collect specified assessments or fees; etc.
SB 826  Chapter 580  
Senator Conway  
CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS – CHANGE ORDERS (STATE PROCUREMENT CHANGE ORDER FAIRNESS ACT)  
Prohibiting a unit from requiring a prime contractor, and a prime contractor from requiring a subcontractor, to begin change order work under a contract until the procurement officer for the unit issues a specified written change order; providing that written acceptance letters for a State Highway Administration or Maryland Aviation Administration procurement contract for construction have the same force and effect as change orders until the specified units issue written change orders; etc.  
Section 1 Only

HB 403  Chapter 581  
Delegate Morhaim, et al  
CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS – CHANGE ORDERS (STATE PROCUREMENT CHANGE ORDER FAIRNESS ACT)  
Prohibiting a unit from requiring a prime contractor and a prime contractor from requiring a subcontractor to begin change order work under a contract until the procurement officer for the unit issues a written change order; providing that written acceptance letters for a State Highway Administration or Maryland Aviation Administration procurement contract for construction have the same force and effect as change orders until the specified units issue written change orders; etc.  
Section 1 Only

SB 852  Chapter 583  
Senator Astle  
ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – BEER AND WINE FESTIVALS  
Expanding the types of festivals that a holder of a beer and wine festival license may hold in Anne Arundel County; authorizing the Anne Arundel County Board of License Commissioners to issue a specified beer and wine festival license to specified nonprofit organizations under specified circumstances; and providing that, notwithstanding specified other provisions of law, a specified license holder may display and sell beer and wine at a specified beer and wine festival without holding specified permits.
SB 877  Washington County Senators
Chapter 586  WASHINGTON COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – CLASS CT (CINEMA/THEATER) LICENSE
Establishing a Class CT (cinema/theater) (on-sale) beer, wine, and liquor license in Washington County; authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Washington County to issue the license for use in a cinema or theater that meets specified requirements; authorizing the license holder to sell beer, wine, and liquor for on-premises consumption under specified circumstances; authorizing a license holder to serve beer, wine, and liquor without serving food; providing an annual license fee of $1,000; etc.

HB 1320  Delegate B. Wilson
Chapter 587  WASHINGTON COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – CLASS CT (CINEMA/THEATER) LICENSE
Establishing a Class CT (cinema/theater) (on-sale) beer, wine, and liquor license in Washington County; authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Washington County to issue the license for use in a cinema or theater that meets specified requirements; authorizing the license holder to sell beer, wine, and liquor for on-premises consumption under specified circumstances; authorizing a license holder to serve beer, wine, and liquor without serving food; providing an annual license fee of $1,000; etc.

SB 878  Senator Edwards
Chapter 588  ALLEGANY COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – SUNDAY SALES
Expanding the hours for sale of specified alcoholic beverages on Sundays by a holder of a Class D beer license, a Class D beer and light wine license, a Class B beer, wine, and liquor license, and a Class D beer, wine, and liquor license in Allegany County under specified circumstances.
HB 995  
Chapter 589  
Allegany County Delegation  
ALLEGAN COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – SUNDAY SALES  
Expanding the hours for sale of specified alcoholic beverages on Sundays by a holder of a Class D beer license, a Class D beer and light wine license, a Class B beer, wine, and liquor license, and a Class D beer, wine, and liquor license in Allegany County under specified circumstances.

SB 936  
Chapter 594  
Senator Manno  
MARYLAND CLEAN ENERGY INCENTIVE ACT OF 2016  
Extending a specified credit against the State income tax for electricity–producing facilities using specified qualified energy resources and placed in service on or after January 1, 2006, but before January 1, 2019; extending the period in which the Maryland Energy Administration may issue specified qualifying certifications to December 31, 2018; establishing the Maryland Clean Energy Incentive Tax Credit Reserve Fund; authorizing the Governor to include an appropriation to the Reserve Fund for fiscal years 2018–2019; etc.

SB 1015  
Chapter 600  
Senator Waugh  
ST. MARY’S COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – PERMITS, TRAINING, PROHIBITED ACTS, AND VIOLATIONS  
Altering the serving size of a sample serving of beer permitted to be served to an individual by a holder of a Class BWTS beer and wine tasting or sampling license in St. Mary’s County; establishing a BWTS beer and wine tasting permit in St. Mary’s County to allow the on–premises consumption of beer and wine for tasting purposes only; providing that a person who violates a specified law is subject to license revocation or suspension and a specified civil penalty; etc.
HB 1062  Chapter 601  
St. Mary’s County Delegation  
ST. MARY’S COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – PERMITS, TRAINING, PROHIBITED ACTS, AND VIOLATIONS  
Altering the serving size of a sample serving of beer permitted to be served to an individual by a holder of a Class BWTS beer and wine tasting or sampling license in St. Mary’s County; establishing a BWT beer and wine tasting permit in St. Mary’s County to allow the on–premises consumption of beer and wine for tasting purposes only; providing that a person who violates a specified law is subject to license revocation or suspension and a specified civil penalty; etc.

SB 1047  Chapter 602  
Senator Lee  
TASK FORCE TO STUDY RECORDING DEEDS FOR VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE  
Establishing the Task Force to Study Recording Deeds for Victims of Domestic Violence; requiring the Task Force to study and make recommendations regarding how to protect the identity and address of a participant in the Address Confidentiality Program for victims of domestic violence in the Office of the Secretary of State when recording a deed transferring real property to or from a Program participant; requiring the Task Force to report its findings to the Governor and General Assembly on or before December 1, 2017; etc.

SB 1062  Chapter 603  
Senators Guzzone and Salling  
BALTIMORE COUNTY – SALES AND USE TAX EXEMPTION – REDEVELOPMENT AREAS  
Providing an exemption from the sales and use tax for specified construction material or warehousing equipment purchased for use in a specified target redevelopment area in Baltimore County under specified circumstances; requiring a buyer claiming the exemption to provide to the vendor evidence of eligibility issued by the Comptroller; etc.
HB 1533  Delegate P. Young, et al
Chapter 604
BALTIMORE COUNTY – SALES AND USE TAX EXEMPTION – REDEVELOPMENT AREAS
Providing an exemption from the sales and use tax for specified construction material or warehousing equipment purchased for use in a specified target redevelopment area in Baltimore County under specified circumstances; requiring a buyer claiming the exemption to provide to the vendor evidence of eligibility issued by the Comptroller; etc.

SB 1079  Washington County Senators
Chapter 605
WASHINGTON COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – HOTEL AND MOTEL LICENSES
Altering specified conditions under which the Board of License Commissioners of Washington County may issue a specified alcoholic beverages license to the owner of a hotel or motel; requiring the hotel or motel to have specified lobby facilities, to have a ballroom, conference room, or banquet room instead of specified dining facilities; authorizing the license holder to sell beer, wine, and liquor at retail at the place described under the license for on–premises consumption; etc.

HB 72  Delegate Luedtke, et al
Chapter 609
EDUCATION – SEXUAL ABUSE AND ASSAULT AWARENESS AND PREVENTION PROGRAM – DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION
Requiring the State Board of Education and nonpublic schools, defined as noncollegiate educational institutions that hold certificates of approval from the State Board and participate in the Nonpublic Schools Textbook and Technology Grants Program, to develop and implement a program of age–appropriate education relating to the awareness and prevention of sexual abuse and assault; requiring the program to be taught by a teacher trained to provide instruction on the awareness and prevention of sexual abuse and assault; etc.
HB 132
Chapter 614
Delegate Lafferty, et al
STATE GOVERNMENT – POLLINATOR HABITAT PLANS
Requiring the Department of Natural Resources, the Maryland Environmental Service, and the State Highway Administration, in consultation with the Department of Agriculture, to each establish a specified pollinator habitat plan by July 1, 2017, and to make each plan available to the public on each State agency’s Web site by September 1, 2017; requiring specified State agencies to report to specified committees of the General Assembly by January 1, 2018, on the implementation of each pollinator habitat plan; etc.

HB 446
Chapter 620
Delegate West, et al
STATE GOVERNMENT – MARYLAND YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL – REVISIONS
Altering the membership of the Maryland Youth Advisory Council; specifying that the members must be residents of the State; altering the factors that specified persons are required to consider in deciding which youths to nominate as members of the Council; altering the duties of the Council; altering the duties that the Governor’s Office for Children has in relation to the Council; etc.

HB 447
Chapter 621
Charles County Delegation
CHARLES COUNTY – COUNTY TRANSFER TAX – REVENUE RECEIVED BY THE CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
Providing that the percentage of revenue from the Charles County transfer tax that the Clerk of the Circuit Court for the county is entitled to receive is 0.5%; providing that the Act applies retroactively to revenue received by the Clerk of the Circuit Court from the county transfer tax on or after August 8, 2015; and requiring the Comptroller to remit to the Treasury Division of Charles County a specified balance of county transfer taxes collected on or after August 8, 2015, but before July 1, 2016.
HB 632  
Howard County Delegation  
Chapter 622  
HOWARD COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – LUXURY RESTAURANTS AND FARM BREWERIES – LICENSES HO. CO. 14–16  
Altering the maximum number of specified beer, wine and liquor licenses the holder of a Class 8 farm brewery license may hold in Howard County; altering the number of Class BLX (luxury restaurant) (on-sale) beer, wine, and liquor licenses the Board of License Commissioners may issue for separate premises to an individual or for the use of a partnership, corporation, or unincorporated association in Howard County; etc.

HB 654  
Howard County Delegation  
Chapter 625  
HOWARD COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – CLASS D BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR LICENSES HO. CO. 10–16  
Requiring an applicant for a specified Class D beer, wine, and liquor license in Howard County to attest in a sworn statement that gross receipts from food sales will be at least equal to 20% of the gross receipts from the sale of food and alcoholic beverages before obtaining the license; requiring an applicant for renewal of a specified Class D beer, wine, and liquor license to attest to a specified proportion of food and alcoholic beverages sales based on gross receipts before renewing the license; etc.

HB 733  
Delegate Barkley  
Chapter 627  
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – MULTIPLE MANUFACTURER’S LICENSES – SAMPLING, SALE, AND CONSUMPTION OF PRODUCTS  
Authorizing the holder of multiple alcoholic beverage manufacturer’s licenses to allow the sampling, sale, and consumption of products produced under the licenses at each of the licensed premises, subject to a specified restriction; repealing specified provisions of law that prohibit holders of specified manufacturer’s licenses from selling or allowing to be consumed specified products; authorizing the holder of a farm brewery license to apply for and obtain, under a different name, additional licenses for specified premises; etc.
HB 739  
Delegate Barkley  
Chapter 628  
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – NONPROFIT BEER FESTIVAL PERMIT – REVISIONS

Increasing the number of ounces of beer, from a maximum of 1 fluid ounce to a maximum of 4 fluid ounces, that a nonprofit beer festival permit holder may provide to a consumer under specified circumstances; requiring a person to submit an application for a specified nonprofit beer festival permit to the Comptroller instead of a local licensing board; and requiring a person to provide the Comptroller instead of a local licensing board with a list of specified brewing company off–site permit holders that will attend a specified festival.

HB 797  
Chair, Environment and Transportation Committee (By Request – Departmental – Environment)  
Chapter 631  
NONTIDAL WETLANDS – NONTIDAL WETLAND MITIGATION BANKING

Altering a specified declaration so as to include on–site alternatives under specified circumstances; repealing a requirement that the Department of the Environment develop standards and adopt regulations to establish specified compensation ratios for mitigation through mitigation banks; requiring specified standards and regulations adopted by the Department to ensure that the potential for on–site mitigation is considered whenever it may be environmentally preferable; etc.

HB 840  
Frederick County Delegation  
Chapter 634  
FREDERICK COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – THEATER AND ENTERTAINMENT CENTER LICENSE

Altering the scope of a Class C (theater) beer and wine license in Frederick County so that it may be issued to all theaters with seating for 200 or fewer individuals per performance; providing a license fee of $100; altering the scope of a Class EC (entertainment center) license so that it may be issued to a holder of a Class B beer, wine, and liquor license; and providing an EC license fee of $1,500.
HB 842  
Chapter 635  
**Frederick County Delegation**

**FREDERICK COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – ART GALLERY BEER AND WINE LICENSE**

Authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Frederick County to issue an art gallery beer and wine license to nonprofit and for-profit retail businesses that display and sell original artwork, or copies of original artwork that are reproduced no more than 300 times, by an individual or a group of artists; specifying that a holder of the license may sell or serve beer and wine at retail for on-premises consumption when snacks are served during specified hours; specifying a $100 annual license fee; etc.

HB 983  
Chapter 637  
**Delegate D. Barnes, et al**

**PUBLIC SCHOOLS – FOOD RECOVERY PROGRAMS – AUTHORIZATION**

Authorizing a county board of education to develop and implement a specified food recovery program for schools under the jurisdiction of the county board; and authorizing a county board, if it exercises specified authority, to apply for recognition of its food recovery program under any food recovery certification program.

HB 1020  
Chapter 640  
**Prince George’s County Delegation**

**PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES LICENSES – CLASS B–WPL (WATERFRONT PAVILION) BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR LICENSE PG 314–16**

Establishing a Class B–WPL (waterfront pavilion) beer, wine, and liquor license that the Board of License Commissioners of Prince George’s County may issue to an establishment for pavilion locations in a waterfront entertainment retail complex; establishing specified privileges for the license; authorizing specified entertainment activities on the licensed premises; providing the Board may issue a maximum of three licenses; providing the term of the license may be at least 3 months and may not exceed 6 months; etc.
HB 1029
Chapter 641
Montgomery County Delegation
MONTGOMERY COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – CLASS BD–BWL LICENSE – HOURS OF SALE MC 17–16

Altering the hours of sale for consumption on the licensed premises of a holder of a Class BD–BWL license in Montgomery County; authorizing the Board of License Commissioners to issue a caterer’s license to a holder of a Class BD–BWL license; and specifying that a limit on the maximum number of specified licenses a person may hold includes no more than one Class BD–BWL license.

HB 1054
Chapter 642
Delegate Brooks, et al
INCOME TAX – PENALTIES – ASSESSMENT SCHEDULE

Altering the penalty the Comptroller is required to assess if a person fails to pay income tax when due; and applying the Act to all income tax penalties assessed on or after July 1, 2016.

HB 1068
Chapter 644
Delegate Hammen, et al
BALTIMORE CITY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – PUB CRAWL PROMOTER’S PERMITS

Creating a pub crawl promoter’s permit in Baltimore City; authorizing the Baltimore City Board of License Commissioners to issue a pub crawl promoter’s permit to an applicant who has submitted an application to the Board of License Commissioners no less than 42 days before the date of the pub crawl; requiring an applicant to obtain and provide a copy of a special event permit, provide a completed application signed and dated by each license holder, provide a list of each of the premises for the pub crawl, and other documents as required; etc.

HB 1073
Chapter 645
Montgomery County Delegation
MONTGOMERY COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – LICENSE APPLICATIONS – ONLINE NOTICE MC 5–16

Authorizing the Montgomery County Board of License Commissioners to fulfill a specified notice requirement by posting online a completed application for an alcoholic beverages license at least 14 days before the hearing date.
HB 1076  
Chapter 646  
Montgomery County Delegation  
MONTGOMERY COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – SPORTS STADIUM LICENSE MC 19–16

Creating in Montgomery County a sports stadium license; authorizing the Board of License Commissioners to issue the license to three individuals serving on the Board of Director for a corporation, partnership, or limited liability company that operates a stadium; requiring that there be a minimum capital investment of $2,000,000 in the stadium and that the stadium serves as a professional sports venue and has a seating capacity of 2,000 persons; authorizing the sale of beer and wine for on–premises consumption; etc.

HB 1148  
Chapter 648  
Delegate Gilchrist, et al  
INCOME TAX – RETIREMENT INCOME – COLLECTION OF INFORMATION

Requiring the Comptroller, on or before January 1, 2017, to collect information on State income tax forms on the amount of retirement income from specified sources reported by an individual taxpayer, and by each spouse in the case of a joint return; requiring the Comptroller to report, on or before January 1, 2018, to the General Assembly on the information collected under the Act; etc.

HB 1353  
Chapter 650  
Calvert County Delegation  
CALVERT COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – SPECIAL EVENT FESTIVAL PERMIT

Altering, from 750 to 250 customers, the attendance requirement that an applicant for a special event festival beer, wine, and liquor permit in Calvert County demonstrate having a reasonable expectation of reaching.
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; and 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.

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.

SB 422
Chapter 671
Senators Kasemeyer and McFadden
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.
HB 709
Delegate Jones
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 a specified amount paid in Baltimore County to specified personnel; 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.

SB 582
Senator King
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.

HB 115
Delegate Reznik, et al
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.

SB 584
Senator King, et al
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.
HB 668  
Chapter 684  
Delegates Rosenberg and Platt  
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.

SB 586  
Chapter 685  
Senator King, et al  
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.

SB 595  
Chapter 686  
Senator Rosapepe  
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.

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.
HB 1014  
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.

SB 687  
Senator Middleton

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.

HB 706  
Delegate Jameson, et al

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.
SB 750
Chapter 693
Senator Klausmeier
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.

HB 919
Chapter 694
Delegate Jameson
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.

SB 777
Chapter 697
Senators Astle and Hershey
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.
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| SB 1128     | 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. |
| SB 1158     | 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. |
| HB 87       | Montgomery County Delegation | 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. |
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. |
Delegate Pendergrass, et al
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.

Delegate Jalisi, et al
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.

Delegate Walker, et al
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.
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.

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; 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.

HB 1210  Delegate Clippinger, et al  
Chapter 736  
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.

Section 1 Only
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.

HB 1395
Chapter 738
Delegate Anderton, et al
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.

SB 493
Chapter 740
Senator Pinsky, et al
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.
2015 Chapters – Effective July 1, 2016

HB 707  Chapter 451  Prince George’s County Delegation
PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY – BOARD OF EDUCATION – ISSUANCE OF CREDIT CARDS – PROHIBITION PG 411–15
Prohibiting the Prince George’s County Board of Education from issuing a credit card to a member of the county board; and providing for a delayed effective date.

HB 72  Chapter 489  The Speaker (By Request – Administration)
BUDGET RECONCILIATION AND FINANCING ACT OF 2015
Authorizing or altering the distribution of specified revenue; increasing from 2 to 3 years the maximum number of years the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene may renew a registration of specified controlled dangerous substances; expanding the uses for which the Department of the Environment may use money in the Maryland Oil Disaster Containment, Clean–Up and Contingency Fund; requiring a local school system with a specified structural deficit to provide specified notifications under specified circumstances; etc.
Section 2 Only