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STATE OF MARYLAND, To Wit:

This being the day prescribed by Section 14 of Article III of the Constitution for the convening of the General Assembly of Maryland at 12:00 Noon.

Sylvia Siegert, Chief Clerk of the House of Delegates for the 2016 Session, called the House to order and led the pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Prayer by Delegate Samuel “Sandy” Rosenberg of Baltimore City.

QUORUM CALL

The presiding officer announced a quorum call, showing 141 Members present.

(See Roll Call No. 1)

Members having recorded their presence, the Chief Clerk announced that a majority of all members being present, the House was ready, under the provisions of the Constitution, to proceed with business.

The Chief Clerk called for nominations for the office of Speaker Pro Tem of the House of Delegates for the Regular Session of the Maryland General Assembly.

Delegate C. Howard of Prince George’s County nominated Delegate Adrienne A. Jones of Baltimore County for the office of Speaker Pro Tem.

Delegate Stein of Baltimore County seconded the nomination.

Delegate A. Miller of Montgomery County moved that the nominations be closed.

Delegate Anderson of Baltimore City seconded the motion.

The Chief Clerk put the question: All in favor of Delegate Adrienne A. Jones for the office of Speaker Pro Tem signify by saying Aye, opposed Nay, the Ayes have it.

The motion was adopted.

The Chief Clerk requested that Delegate Chang of Anne Arundel County and Delegate Fennell of Prince George’s County escort the Speaker Pro Tem–elect to the Rostrum.
The Chief Clerk administered the oath of office to Delegate Adrienne A. Jones of Baltimore County.

THE HONORABLE ADRIENNE A. JONES,
SPEAKER PRO TEM, NOW PRESIDING

The Speaker Pro Tem introduced the distinguished guests joining us today.

The Speaker Pro Tem called for nominations for the office of Speaker of the House of Delegates.

Delegate Frick of Montgomery County placed the name of Delegate Michael E. Busch of Anne Arundel County in nomination for the office of Speaker of the House.

Delegate Walker of Prince George’s County seconded the nomination.

Delegate Clippinger of Baltimore City moved the nominations be closed.

Delegate Beidle of Anne Arundel County seconded the motion.

The Speaker Pro Tem put the question: All in favor of Delegate Michael E. Busch for the Office of Speaker signify by saying Aye, opposed Nay, the Ayes have it.

The motion was adopted.

The Speaker Pro Tem requested that Delegate McCray of Baltimore City and Delegate Atterbeary of Howard County escort the Speaker–elect to the Rostrum.

The Speaker Pro Tem Jones administered the oath of office to Delegate Busch, Speaker–elect of the House.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE MICHAEL E. BUSCH, NOW PRESIDING

The Speaker addressed the House.

Remarks by Governor Lawrence “Larry” J. Hogan, Jr.

Remarks by Sen. Barbara Mikulski

Remarks by Sen. Ben Cardin

ORDER
JANUARY 13, 2016

ORDERED by the House of Delegates of Maryland, that the Rules of the House of Delegates in effect at the end of the Regular Session of 2015, with the exception of Rule 116, be adopted for the Regular Session of 2016.

BY ORDER, SYLVIA SIEGERT, CHIEF CLERK

Read and adopted.

House Rule 116


The motion was adopted.

ORDER

JANUARY 13, 2016

ORDERED By The House of Delegates of Maryland, that the Chief Clerk of the House is Sylvia Siegert, pursuant to House Rules 103 and 105 of the Maryland House of Delegates.

ORDERED By The House of Delegates of Maryland, that the Journal Clerk of the House is Colleen Cassidy, pursuant to House Rules 104 and 105 of the Maryland House of Delegates.

Read and adopted.

ORDER

JANUARY 13, 2016

ORDERED By the House of Delegates of Maryland, that the following Desk Officers are hereby appointed to serve the House of Delegates during this Regular Legislative Session of 2016:

Assistant Chief Clerk  Wendi W. Compton
Assistant Journal Clerk  Anita S. Bavis
Proceedings Clerk  Linda Drager
Reading Clerk  C. Rhoades Whitehill
ORDER

JANUARY 13, 2016

ORDERED By the House of Delegates of Maryland, that the monies appropriated for the expenses of this Regular Session of 2016 as set forth in the Appropriations Bill, be paid upon joint Order of the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House.

BY ORDER, SYLVIA SIEGERT, CHIEF CLERK

Read and adopted.

ORDER

JANUARY 13, 2016

ORDERED By the House of Delegates of Maryland, that the Speaker of the House shall appoint the employees necessary for the proper transaction of the business of the Regular Session of 2016, as provided for in the Budget. This order to remain in effect until changed or modified by the House of Delegates of Maryland.

BY ORDER, SYLVIA SIEGERT, CHIEF CLERK

Read and adopted.

ORDER

JANUARY 13, 2016

RESOLVED, that the Committees appointed by the Speaker during the Regular Session of 2015 are hereby continued to serve during the Regular Session of 2016, and be it further ordered that the Speaker is hereby authorized and empowered to fill any vacancies that may exist in said Committees by reason of death, resignation and any other manner.

BY ORDER, SYLVIA SIEGERT, CHIEF CLERK

Read and adopted.
APPOINTMENTS

JANUARY 13, 2016

RESOLVED, that the Speaker makes the following Committee Appointments:

Hon. Elizabeth G. Proctor to the Judiciary Committee
Hon. Carlo Sanchez to the Judiciary Committee
Hon. Tawanna P. Gaines to the House Rules and Executive Nominations Committee

BY ORDER, SYLVIA SIEGERT, CHIEF CLERK

Read and adopted.

APPOINTMENTS

JANUARY 13, 2016

RESOLVED, that the Chair and Vice–Chair of the Standing Committees within the House of Delegates be:

APPROPRIATIONS:
  Chair  Honorable Maggie McIntosh of Baltimore City
  Vice–Chair Honorable Tawanna P. Gaines of Prince George’s County

ECONOMIC MATTERS:
  Chair  Honorable Dereck E. Davis of Prince George’s County
  Vice–Chair Honorable Sally Jameson of Charles County

ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORTATION:
  Chair  Honorable Kumar P. Barve of Montgomery County
  Vice–Chair Honorable Dana M. Stein of Baltimore County

HEALTH AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS:
  Chair  Honorable Peter A. Hammen of Baltimore City
  Vice–Chair Honorable Shane E. Pendergrass of Howard County

JUDICIARY:
  Chair  Honorable Joseph F. Vallario, Jr. of Prince George’s County
  Vice–Chair Honorable Kathleen M. Dumais of Montgomery County

WAYS & MEANS:
  Chair  Honorable Sheila E. Hixson of Montgomery County
  Vice–Chair Honorable Frank S. Turner of Howard County

RULES & EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS:
APPOINTMENTS

JANUARY 13, 2016

BY THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE:

RESOLVED, that the Honorable Anne R. Kaiser of Montgomery County be appointed as Majority Leader;

That the Honorable Dan K. Morhaim of Baltimore County be appointed Deputy Majority Leader;

That the Honorable Keith E. Haynes of Baltimore City be appointed Assistant Majority Leader;

That the Honorable Talmadge Branch of Baltimore City be appointed as Majority Whip;

That the Honorable Carolyn J. B. Howard of Prince George’s County be appointed Deputy Speaker Pro Tem;

And, That the Honorable C. William Frick of Montgomery County be appointed Parliamentarian.

BY ORDER, SYLVIA SIEGERT, CHIEF CLERK

Read and adopted.

APPOINTMENTS

JANUARY 13, 2016

RESOLVED, that the following Member be appointed Chief Deputy Majority Whip:
The Hon. Benjamin Barnes

RESOLVED, that the following Members be appointed Deputy Majority Whips:

- The Hon. Curt Anderson
- The Hon. Bonnie Cullison
- The Hon. James W. Gilchrist
- The Hon. Keith Haynes
- The Hon. Steve Lafferty
- The Hon. Kirill Reznik
- The Hon. Barbara Robinson
- The Hon. Kris Valderrama
- The Hon. Geraldine Valentino-Smith
- The Hon. Michael Vaughn
- The Hon. Alonzo Washington
- The Hon. Mary Washington

BY ORDER, SYLVIA SIEGERT, CHIEF CLERK

Read and adopted.

MESSAGE TO THE SENATE

January 13, 2016

By The Majority Leader:

Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate:

The House of Delegates has organized by the election of the Honorable Michael E. Busch, Speaker of the House.

We respectfully propose, with your concurrence, the appointment of a Joint Committee of six members, four on the part of the House and two on the part of the Senate, to wait upon the Governor and inform him that the General Assembly is now organized and prepared to receive any communications he may desire to make.

We have appointed on the part of the House of Delegates, Delegates Frush, C. Wilson, M. Washington and Reznik.

BY ORDER,

Sylvia Siegert
Chief Clerk
Read and adopted.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

January 13, 2016

By the Majority Leader,

Ladies and Gentlemen of the House of Delegates:

We have received your message notifying the Senate of the organization of your Honorable Body, and requesting the appointment of a joint committee to wait upon the Governor to inform him that the General Assembly is now prepared to receive any communications which he may desire to make.

We have appointed on the part of the Senate, Senators Pugh and Jennings.

The Senate has organized by the election of the Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr., as President.

By Order,

William B.C. Addison, Jr.
Secretary

Read and ordered journalized.

VETOED HOUSE BILLS – 2015

The Messages from the Governor were journalized.

The Speaker put the question: Shall all of the following bills pass, notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?

HB 10 (2015) sustained (0–141)
HB 12 (2015) sustained (0–141)
HB 48 (2015) sustained (0–141)
HB 50 (2015) sustained (0–141)
HB 76 (2015) sustained (0–141)
HB 77 (2015) sustained (0–141)
HB 78 (2015) sustained (0–141)
HB 79 (2015) sustained (0–141)
HB 83 (2015) sustained (0–141)
HB 90 (2015) sustained (0–141)
HB 124 (2015) sustained (0–141)
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HB 1069 (2015) sustained (0–141)
HB 1105 (2015) sustained (0–141)
HB 1176 (2015) sustained (0–141)
HB 1233 (2015) sustained (0–141)

The vetoes were sustained by roll call vote as follows:

Affirmative – 0   Negative – 141 (See Roll Call No. 2)
The Messages from the Governor were journalized.

**House Bill 71 – The Speaker (By Request – Administration) (2015)**

AN ACT concerning


Delegate Kaiser moved to make the Bill’s Line Item ZA00 (I) a Special Order for January 20, 2016.

The motion was adopted.

**House Bill 209 – Delegate Turner Howard County Delegation (2015)**

AN ACT concerning

Howard County – Room Rental Tax – Room Rental Fee

Ho. Co. 12–15

Delegate Kaiser moved to make the Bill a Special Order for January 20, 2016.

The motion was adopted.


AN ACT concerning
Election Law – Voting Rights – Ex-Felons

Delegate Kaiser moved to make the Bill a Special Order for January 20, 2016.

The motion was adopted.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

House Bill 1 – Delegates Barve and Beidle

AN ACT concerning

Motor Vehicles – Special Registration Plates – Confederate Battle Flag

FOR the purpose of prohibiting the Motor Vehicle Administration from transferring to another vehicle a special registration plate that displays an emblem or a logo that depicts the Confederate battle flag; prohibiting the Administration from authorizing the display of an emblem or a logo that depicts the Confederate battle flag on special registration plates or a special registration plate; prohibiting the Administration from renewing the registration of a motor vehicle that displays an emblem or a logo that depicts the Confederate battle flag on its special registration plates or plate until the special registration plates or plate is returned to the Administration in exchange for substitute registration plates; and generally relating to the display on special registration plates of emblems or logos that depict the Confederate battle flag.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Transportation
Section 13–502.1 and 13–619
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 2 – Delegate O'Donnell

AN ACT concerning

Cedar Hope Chests – Prohibition on Manufacture, Import, and Sale
(McKenna’s Law)

FOR the purpose of prohibiting a person from manufacturing, importing, selling, or offering for sale a cedar hope chest; providing for certain penalties; exempting from certain penalties the sale or distribution of a cedar hope chest that is resold, offered for resale, or distributed by a consumer for consumer use; authorizing a court to enjoin certain actions; requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to develop
and implement a certain public awareness program and to adopt certain regulations; defining a certain term; and generally relating to the manufacture, import, and sale of cedar hope chests.

BY adding to
   Article – Health – General
   Section 24–307
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2015 Replacement Volume)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 3 – Delegate Davis

EMERGENCY BILL

AN ACT concerning

   Public Utilities – Transportation Network Services and For–Hire Transportation – Clarifications

FOR the purpose of clarifying certain provisions relating to transportation network services and for–hire transportation; expanding the types of insurers writing motor vehicle liability insurance that may exclude certain coverage under certain circumstances; altering the entities that may conduct a certain criminal history records check for sedan companies, limousine companies, taxicab companies, and transportation network companies; allowing the Public Service Commission to disclose certain records or information required by certain orders; allowing the Commission to disclose to the Comptroller certain records or information that relate to certain assessments or obligations; requiring the Commission to provide certain information to the Comptroller on request; clarifying that a certain license hearing officer may hold certain hearings involving certain violations by a transportation network operator, transportation network partner, or transportation network driver licensed or otherwise authorized to provide transportation network services; allowing a certain license hearing officer to hold certain hearings involving certain violations by a sedan company, limousine company, taxicab company, or transportation network company; clarifying that the For–Hire Driving Services Enforcement Fund may be used solely for certain activities related to for–hire driving services; prohibiting a transportation network company from operating in the State unless the transportation network company has been issued a certain permit; requiring the Commission to promptly notify a transportation network company of a certain order under certain circumstances; prohibiting an exempt jurisdiction from imposing more than one assessment or similar charge on a transportation network service; specifying that the sum of certain assessments may not exceed a certain amount; specifying whether a certain county or municipal corporation may impose an assessment; requiring a certain county to notify certain municipal corporations under certain circumstances; requiring a certain municipal corporation to notify a
certain county under certain circumstances; specifying when a municipal corporation has certain priority over a county to impose an assessment; specifying when a county has certain priority over a certain municipal corporation; requiring a county and a municipal corporation that enter into a certain agreement to provide a copy of the agreement to the Comptroller; providing the time period and notification requirement before a certain assessment or change in assessment is to take effect; requiring, at the Comptroller's discretion, the Comptroller to distribute assessments in a certain manner; prohibiting the Comptroller from disclosing certain records or information except under certain circumstances; authorizing the Comptroller to review or inspect certain information in a certain manner; requiring that certain provisions of law govern the administration, collection, enforcement, and appeals of certain revenues; clarifying that a person is prohibited from operating a vehicle that provides passenger–for–hire services in the State unless the person is licensed or otherwise authorized by the Commission as a transportation network operator, transportation network partner, or transportation network driver; prohibiting a person from operating a transportation network company unless the person has been issued a certain permit by the Commission; altering a certain intent of the General Assembly; making stylistic changes; making technical corrections; making this Act an emergency measure; and generally relating to transportation network services and for–hire transportation.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
   Article – Insurance
   Section 19–517(c)(1), (2), and (5) and (d)(2) and (3)
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2011 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
   Article – Public Utilities
   Section 10–101(a), (d), (g), and (m), 10–104.1(a), and 10–404(a)
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2010 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
   Article – Public Utilities
   Section 10–101(l), 10–104.1(b), (e), and (h), 10–110(b), 10–112(e), 10–404(b), (e), and (h), 10–406, and 10–502
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2010 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
   Article – Public Utilities
   Section 10–101(n)
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2010 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)
(As enacted by Chapter 204 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2015)
BY adding to
  Article – Public Utilities
  Section 10–403.1
  Annotated Code of Maryland
  (2010 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
  Chapter 204 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2015
  Section 2

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 4 – Delegate A. Miller

AN ACT concerning

Criminal Procedure – Domestic Violence – Active Electronic Monitoring
(Amber’s Law)

FOR the purpose of authorizing the court, as a condition of a defendant’s pretrial release
on a charge of violating a certain protective order, to order that the defendant be
supervised by means of active electronic monitoring under certain circumstances;
authorizing the court, if the court suspends the sentence of a certain defendant
convicted of failing to comply with certain relief granted in an interim protective
order, a temporary protective order, or a final protective order, to order that the
defendant be supervised by active electronic monitoring as a condition of probation
under certain circumstances; requiring a certain defendant to pay certain fees under
certain circumstances; authorizing the court to exempt the defendant from certain
fees under certain circumstances; and generally relating to active electronic
monitoring.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
  Article – Criminal Procedure
  Section 5–202(e) and 6–221
  Annotated Code of Maryland
  (2008 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
  Article – Family Law
  Section 4–509(a)
  Annotated Code of Maryland
  (2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 5 – Delegate Shoemaker
AN ACT concerning

Department of General Services – Declaration and Disposal of Excess and Surplus Property – Government House Furnishings

FOR the purpose of providing that furnishings used in the Government House may be deemed excess personal property or surplus personal property only on approval of the Government House Trust; prohibiting, except under certain circumstances, the Secretary of General Services and the Secretary’s designee from selling, giving, or otherwise transferring ownership of certain furnishings directly to the Governor or a former Governor; providing for the application of a certain provision of this Act; and generally relating to the declaration and disposal of excess and surplus personal property.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – State Finance and Procurement
Section 4–502 and 4–504
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 6 – Delegate K. Young

AN ACT concerning

Criminal Law – Improper Prescription of Controlled Dangerous Substance Resulting in Death

FOR the purpose of prohibiting a certain authorized provider from prescribing, administering, distributing, or dispensing a controlled dangerous substance if the authorized provider’s prescription, administration, distribution, or dispensing of the controlled dangerous substance is not in conformity with certain provisions of law and the standards of the authorized provider’s profession relating to controlled dangerous substances, and the use or ingestion of the controlled dangerous substance is a contributing cause of the death of the person; establishing penalties for a violation of this Act; and generally relating to prescription, administration, distribution, and dispensing of controlled dangerous substances.

BY adding to
Article – Criminal Law
Section 5–902.1
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.
House Bill 7 – Delegate Sophocleus

AN ACT concerning

Family Law – Child Abuse and Neglect – Expungement of Reports and Records – Time Period

FOR the purpose of requiring a local department of social services to maintain certain reports of suspected abuse or neglect and all assessments and investigative findings for certain periods of time; altering the time period after which a local department is required to expunge certain reports and records of suspected child abuse and neglect; and generally relating to reports of child abuse and neglect.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Family Law
Section 5–707
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 8 – Delegate Beidle

AN ACT concerning

Task Force to Study Issues Related to the Use of Self-Driving Vehicles

FOR the purpose of establishing the Task Force to Study Issues Related to the Use of Self-Driving Vehicles; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Task Force; prohibiting a member of the Task Force from receiving certain compensation, but authorizing the reimbursement of certain expenses; requiring the Task Force to make certain determinations, review certain information, consider certain issues, and make certain recommendations related to the use of self-driving vehicles; requiring the Task Force to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before a certain date; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to the Task Force to Study Issues Related to the Use of Self-Driving Vehicles.

BY adding to

Article – Transportation
Section 2–404
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 9 – Baltimore County Delegation
AN ACT concerning

**Baltimore County – Orphans’ Court Judges – Compensation**

FOR the purpose of repealing provisions of law that establish the annual compensation of the judges of the Orphans’ Court for Baltimore County; requiring the annual compensation of the judges of the Orphans’ Court for Baltimore County to be as set by the County Executive and the County Council in accordance with certain provisions of the Baltimore County Code; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to the compensation of the judges of the Orphans’ Court for Baltimore County.

BY repealing
   Article – Estates and Trusts
   Section 2–108(e)
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2011 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY adding to
   Article – Estates and Trusts
   Section 2–108(e)
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2011 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 10 – Delegate Gaines

AN ACT concerning

**Transfer Tax Repayment – Use of Funds**

FOR the purpose of requiring that a certain appropriation to Program Open Space representing certain reimbursements be used for certain purposes; and generally relating to appropriations to Program Open Space.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
   Article – Tax – Property
   Section 13–209(g)
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

House Bill 11 – Delegate Hill
AN ACT concerning

Health Insurance – In Vitro Fertilization – Use of Spouse’s Sperm – Exception

FOR the purpose of altering the circumstances under which certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations must provide benefits for certain expenses arising from in vitro fertilization procedures; providing a certain exception to the required use of a spouse’s sperm to fertilize the oocytes of a patient whose spouse is of the opposite sex; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to health insurance coverage for in vitro fertilization procedures.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
   Article – Insurance
   Section 15–810
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2011 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 12 – Delegate Wivell

AN ACT concerning

Criminal Law – Impersonating a Member of the Military – Penalties

FOR the purpose of prohibiting a person from knowingly misrepresenting the person as a certain member of the military or falsely holding the person out to be a recipient of a certain military award, in order to obtain a tangible benefit; establishing a certain penalty; and generally relating to impersonating a member of the military.

BY adding to
   Article – Criminal Law
   Section 8–906
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 13 – Delegate Buckel

AN ACT concerning

Workers’ Compensation – Heart Disease and Hypertension Presumption – State Correctional Officers

FOR the purpose of extending the presumption of compensability under the workers’ compensation law to include, subject to certain conditions, State correctional officers
who suffer from heart disease or hypertension resulting in partial or total disability or death; requiring State correctional officers to submit certain medical disclosures to a certain official; providing that, subject to a certain limitation, workers’ compensation benefits received under this Act are in addition to certain retirement benefits; altering the definition of “public safety employee” to include State correctional officers for the purposes of determining certain compensation; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to compensability of State correctional officers under the workers’ compensation law.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
   Article – Labor and Employment
   Section 9–503(b) and (e) and 9–628(a)
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2008 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
   Article – Labor and Employment
   Section 9–628(h)
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2008 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 14 – Delegate Kipke

AN ACT concerning

   Natural Resources – Vessel Excise Tax Cap – Repeal of Termination

FOR the purpose of making permanent a limitation on the amount of the vessel excise tax that may be imposed on any vessel; and generally relating to a certain limitation on the amount of vessel excise tax that may be imposed on any vessel.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
   Article – Natural Resources
   Section 8–716(c)
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
   Chapter 180 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2013
   Section 6

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 15 – Delegates Szeliga and Cassilly
AN ACT concerning

Harford County – Suspected Overdoses – Reporting Requirement

FOR the purpose of requiring certain individuals who treat or are in charge of a hospital that treats an individual in Harford County for a suspected overdose that was caused or shows evidence of having been caused by a Schedule I controlled dangerous substance to notify the county sheriff, county police, or the Department of State Police of the suspected overdose within a certain time period; requiring that a report of a suspected overdose include certain information; establishing a certain penalty; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to the reporting of suspected overdoses in Harford County.

BY adding to
   Article – Health – General
   Section 20–704 to be under the amended subtitle “Subtitle 7. Injury and Suspected Overdose Reports”
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2015 Replacement Volume)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 16 – Delegate Metzgar

AN ACT concerning

Marriage – Religious Organizations – Protections

FOR the purpose of codifying certain provisions of law establishing protections for certain individuals and entities that refuse to solemnize certain marriages or provide certain services, accommodations, or goods related to marriage if the individuals or entities have a certain relationship with certain religious organizations; prohibiting certain officials from being required to solemnize or officiate a particular marriage or religious rite of a marriage under certain circumstances; providing for the construction of this Act; and generally relating to marriage ceremonies and religious exemptions.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
   Article – Family Law
   Section 2–406(a)(2)(i) and (g)
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY adding to
   Article – Family Law
   Section 2–406(h) and (i)
   Annotated Code of Maryland
BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Section 2 and 3

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

**House Bill 17 – Delegate McConkey**

AN ACT concerning

**Firearms – Digital Fingerprint Record – Permit Renewal**

FOR the purpose of requiring the Secretary of State Police to take and maintain a set of digital fingerprints for each applicant for a permit to carry, wear, or transport a handgun; specifying that a person who applies for the renewal of a handgun permit is not required to provide a set of fingerprints unless the Secretary expressly determines that an applicant must provide a new set of fingerprints to resolve a question of that applicant’s identity; and generally relating to firearms.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Public Safety
Section 5–301(a) and (d)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2011 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Public Safety
Section 5–305(c) and 5–309
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2011 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

**House Bill 18 – Delegate Haynes**

AN ACT concerning

**Maryland Education Opportunity Act of 2016**

FOR the purpose of exempting certain individuals from payment of tuition to attend a community college in the State under certain circumstances; providing a certain discount on tuition to certain individuals attending a community college in the State under certain circumstances; requiring certain individuals to apply for certain financial aid; providing for the duration of the tuition waiver and the tuition discount; requiring certain individuals to be counted in a certain computation of
State and local aid to community colleges; specifying how financial aid shall be applied for individuals who receive a tuition waiver or a tuition discount; requiring the State to reimburse community colleges for certain foregone tuition revenue; requiring that funds used to reimburse community colleges shall be paid from the Education Trust Fund from funds allocated from a certain source; authorizing the Maryland Higher Education Commission to adopt certain regulations; defining a certain term; and generally relating to a tuition waiver and a tuition discount for certain individuals at community colleges in the State.

BY adding to

Article – Education
Section 16–106.1
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – State Government
Section 9–1A–30
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

House Bill 19 – Delegates Adams, Otto, Ghrist, Arentz, and Buckel

AN ACT concerning


FOR the purpose of repealing the prohibition on adoption by a local jurisdiction of certain local amendments to the Maryland Building Performance Standards regarding fire sprinkler systems in certain buildings; providing that if a local jurisdiction adopts a local amendment to the Maryland Building Performance Standards that weakens certain fire sprinkler systems provisions for certain dwellings, the local amendment shall require the builder of a new dwelling to provide certain information to a buyer at a certain time and to install a fire sprinkler system under certain circumstances; requiring the State Fire Marshal to prepare certain written materials; providing for the application of this Act; defining certain terms; making conforming changes; and generally relating to local amendments to the Maryland Building Performance Standards.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Public Safety
Section 12–504
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2011 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)
BY adding to
   Article – Public Safety
   Section 12–504.1
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2011 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

**House Bill 20 – Delegate O'Donnell**

AN ACT concerning

**Calvert County and St. Mary’s County – Archery Hunting – Safety Zone**

FOR the purpose of establishing for archery hunters in Calvert County and St. Mary’s County a safety zone of a certain size within which archery hunting may not take place except under certain circumstances; and generally relating to archery hunting in Calvert County and St. Mary’s County.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
   Article – Natural Resources
   Section 10–410(g)
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

**House Bill 21 – Delegate Haynes**

AN ACT concerning

**Sustainable Communities Tax Credit – Residential Units for Lower–Income Individuals**

FOR the purpose of making certain residential rehabilitations ineligible for the Maryland Sustainable Communities Tax Credit unless the entity seeking the credit agrees to set aside a certain number of residential rental units as housing for households whose median income is below a certain percentage of the area median income; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to a requirement that certain rehabilitations seeking the Maryland Sustainable Communities Tax Credit set aside a certain number of residential rental units for households with certain incomes.

BY adding to
   Article – State Finance and Procurement
   Section 5A–303(c)(6)
AN ACT concerning

Interagency Disabilities Board – Membership and Duties – Community Inclusion Training Oversight

FOR the purpose of altering the membership of the Interagency Disabilities Board; requiring the Board to review the content and monitor the implementation of the training objectives and curriculum adopted by the Police Training Commission for a community inclusion training program at least once in a certain time period or more frequently if requested by the Commission; and generally relating to the membership and duties of the Interagency Disabilities Board.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Human Services
Section 7–128 and 7–131
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2007 Volume and 2015 Supplement)

READ THE FIRST TIME AND REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS.

House Bill 23 – Delegate McConkey

AN ACT concerning


FOR the purpose of authorizing a public body to request a waiver from the provisions of the prevailing wage law for construction of an elementary or a secondary school under certain circumstances; authorizing the Commissioner of Labor and Industry to grant a certain waiver within a certain number days after certain conditions have been satisfied by a public body; requiring the Commissioner to adopt certain regulations; and generally relating to waivers from the prevailing wage law for the construction of an elementary or a secondary school.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – State Finance and Procurement
Section 17–202(b)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume)
BY adding to
   Article – State Finance and Procurement
   Section 17–206
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2015 Replacement Volume)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 24 – Delegates Szeliga and Cassily

AN ACT concerning

   Public Health – Overdose Response Program – Educational Training Program
   Requirement

FOR the purpose of requiring educational training for an Overdose Response Program
overseen by the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to include training in the
requirement to immediately contact medical services after the administration of
naloxone by a certificate holder instead of training in the importance of contacting
emergency medical services; and generally relating to educational training
requirements under the Overdose Response Program.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
   Article – Health – General
   Section 13–3102
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2015 Replacement Volume)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
   Article – Health – General
   Section 13–3104
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2015 Replacement Volume)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 25 – Delegate Wivell

AN ACT concerning

   Health Insurance – Group Health Benefit Plans – Renewal Premium Rate
   Calculation Statement

FOR the purpose of requiring certain health insurance carriers to provide to the
policyholder or plan sponsor of a group health benefit plan a renewal premium rate
calculation statement a certain number of days before the date of renewal of the
group health benefit plan; requiring the statement to include certain information;
providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to renewals of group health benefit plans and premium rates.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
  Article – Insurance
  Section 15–1408
  Annotated Code of Maryland
  (2011 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 26 – Delegate B. Wilson

AN ACT concerning

Criminal Law – Arson, Burning, Malicious Destruction, and Theft – Property of Another – Definition

FOR the purpose of defining the term “property of another” as used in certain provisions prohibiting arson, burning, and the malicious destruction of property to conform with the definition found in provisions relating to theft and related crimes; clarifying that the “property of another” includes a tenant by the entirety; and generally relating to arson, burning, the malicious destruction of property, and theft.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
  Article – Criminal Law
  Section 6–101(a) and 7–101(a)
  Annotated Code of Maryland
  (2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY adding to
  Article – Criminal Law
  Section 6–101(d)
  Annotated Code of Maryland
  (2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
  Article – Criminal Law
  Section 6–101(d) and (e), 6–301, and 7–101(j)
  Annotated Code of Maryland
  (2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 27 – Delegate Haynes

AN ACT concerning
Education – Community Colleges – Collective Bargaining

FOR the purpose of establishing collective bargaining rights for certain community college employees; requiring certain community colleges to determine whether certain employees are public employees for purposes of collective bargaining, subject to certain rights of appeal; establishing procedures for the election or recognition of an exclusive bargaining representative; providing procedures by which the State Higher Education Labor Relations Board may designate a bargaining unit; establishing the maximum number of bargaining units within each community college; providing for the composition of certain bargaining units; requiring certain collective bargaining agreements to include certain provisions; providing for a certain exemption from paying dues and fees under certain circumstances; establishing the matters subject to collective bargaining negotiations; providing for certain rights and responsibilities in connection with the collective bargaining process; authorizing certain parties to engage in mediation and fact-finding under certain circumstances and providing for fact-finding procedures; providing for the settlement of certain grievances; prohibiting certain public employees and exclusive bargaining representatives from engaging in a strike and providing sanctions for engaging in a strike; requiring the parties to collective bargaining negotiations to make certain efforts to conclude negotiations by a certain time; authorizing a collective bargaining agreement to include a provision for the arbitration of certain grievances; requiring that the terms of a collective bargaining agreement supersede certain regulations and policies; providing that a collective bargaining agreement may be reopened under certain circumstances; repealing certain provisions of law relating to collective bargaining rights that apply to individual community colleges; altering the scope of duty of the State Higher Education Labor Relations Board to include administering and enforcing provisions of this Act; providing for the disclosure of certain employee information; providing that certain community colleges may continue to operate under certain agreements and contracts under certain circumstances for a certain period of time; defining certain terms; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to collective bargaining rights for community college employees.

BY repealing
Article – Education
Section 16–403, 16–412, and 16–414.1
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Education
Section 16–701 through 16–710 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 7. Collective Bargaining”
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – State Personnel and Pensions
Section 3–2A–01
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – State Personnel and Pensions
Section 3–2A–05, 3–2A–07, and 3–2A–08(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

House Bill 28 – Delegate McConkey

AN ACT concerning

Commission on the Disposition of the Crownsville Hospital Center Property

FOR the purpose of establishing the Commission on the Disposition of the Crownsville Hospital Center Property as an independent unit in the Executive Branch of State government; placing the Commission under the Department of General Services for administrative and budgetary purposes; providing for the purpose, composition, chair, and staffing of the Commission; requiring the Commission to determine the times and places of its meetings; prohibiting a member of the Commission from receiving certain compensation, but authorizing the reimbursement of certain expenses; authorizing the Commission to sell, transfer, or otherwise dispose of certain property and enter into contracts and execute certain instruments to carry out its purpose; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to the Commission on the Disposition of the Crownsville Hospital Center Property.

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 29 – Delegate Chang

AN ACT concerning

Education – Participants in Youth Sports Programs – Concussions – Penalties for Coaches

FOR the purpose of requiring a local board of education, on the recommendation of the county superintendent, to suspend a coach who violates certain provisions of law relating to the removal from play of a student who is suspected of sustaining a concussion or other head injury in a practice or game and the return to play of the student; requiring a county board to send to a coach a copy of certain charges and give the coach an opportunity to request a hearing before suspending the coach; requiring a county board to hold a certain hearing under certain circumstances;
requiring the State Department of Education to establish certain penalties for a violation of provisions of law relating to concussions and head injuries; authorizing a coach to appeal a certain decision to the State Board of Education; requiring a youth sports program to establish certain penalties for a violation of provisions of law relating to concussions and head injuries; requiring a youth sports program to suspend a coach who violates certain provisions of law relating to the removal from play of a youth athlete who is suspected of sustaining a concussion or other head injury in a practice or game and the return to play of the youth athlete; authorizing a coach to appeal a certain decision of a youth sports program to a certain circuit court; providing that a certain individual who removes from play or returns to play a certain individual is not civilly liable under certain circumstances; providing that certain provisions of law may not be construed to limit the legal rights of a certain individual; and generally relating to penalties for coaches who violate provisions of law relating to concussions and head injuries sustained by participants in youth sports programs.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Education
Section 7–433
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Health – General
Section 14–501
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 30 – Delegate Wivell

AN ACT concerning

Criminal Law – Display of Material Harmful to Minors – Restrictions

FOR the purpose of prohibiting a person from offering for sale in a retail establishment open to the general public a book, magazine, or any other printed material, the cover or content of which is harmful to minors, if the material is on open display to, or within the convenient reach of, minors who may frequent the retail establishment, with a certain exception; providing penalties for a violation of this Act; providing for the issuance of citations for violations of this Act; defining a certain term; and generally relating to material harmful to minors.

BY adding to

Article – Criminal Law
Section 11–203.1
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

**House Bill 31 – Delegate Lierman**

AN ACT concerning

**Community Cleanup and Greening Act of 2016**

FOR the purpose of prohibiting a store from distributing plastic disposable carryout bags free of charge to a customer at the point of sale; requiring a store to charge and collect a certain fee for each paper disposable carryout bag the store provides to a customer; authorizing a store to retain a certain amount of a certain fee under certain circumstances; prohibiting a store from advertising or stating certain information under certain circumstances; requiring a store to include certain information on certain receipts; providing that the sales and use tax does not apply to a certain amount of money retained by a store under certain circumstances; requiring the operator of a store to remit a certain amount of money to the Comptroller; requiring the Comptroller to retain a certain amount of money for a certain purpose; requiring the Comptroller to distribute a certain amount of money to the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation for a certain purpose and to distribute a certain remaining amount of money to the counties proportional to each county’s population; requiring a county that receives a certain distribution of money to use the money only for certain purposes; establishing a certain maximum penalty for a violation of this Act; providing that a distribution of one or more plastic disposable carryout bags free of charge at a single point of sale is a single violation; requiring the Department to adopt certain regulations; defining certain terms; and generally relating to carryout bags and community cleanup and greening efforts.

BY adding to  
Article – Business Regulation  
Section 19–104  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation and the Committee on Economic Matters.

**House Bill 32 – Delegate Haynes**

AN ACT concerning

**Restoring and Sustaining Baltimore City Communities Act of 2016**
FOR the purpose of requiring the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City to grant, by law, a certain property tax credit against the property tax imposed on certain property located in certain communities in Baltimore City; establishing the amount and duration of the property tax credit; providing for the eligibility requirements of the property tax credit; requiring the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City to provide certain procedures for granting the property tax credit; defining certain terms; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to a property tax credit in Baltimore City.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
   Article – Tax – Property
   Section 9–304(c)(1) and (d)(1)(i) and (ii)
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY adding to
   Article – Tax – Property
   Section 9–304(i)
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 33 – Delegate Arentz

AN ACT concerning

Fairness in Taxation for Retirees Act

FOR the purpose of including income from certain retirement plans within a certain subtraction modification allowed under the Maryland income tax for certain individuals who are at least a certain age or who are disabled or whose spouse is disabled; altering the determination of the maximum annual benefit under the Social Security Act for purposes of determining a certain offset for a certain subtraction modification; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to a subtraction modification under the Maryland income tax for certain individuals for certain retirement income.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
   Article – Tax – General
   Section 10–209
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2010 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 34 – Delegates Cassilly and Szeliga
AN ACT concerning

Criminal Law – Illegal Distribution of Controlled Dangerous Substance Near Methadone Clinic – Penalties

FOR the purpose of prohibiting a person from illegally manufacturing, distributing, dispensing, or possessing with intent to distribute a controlled dangerous substance or conspiring to do so in, on, or within a certain distance of real property owned or leased by an entity licensed by the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to serve as a methadone clinic or to provide opioid maintenance therapy or treatment; providing for the applicability of this Act; providing penalties for a violation of this Act; prohibiting a court from suspending a certain minimum sentence; providing that a certain defendant is not eligible for parole during a certain period; providing that a sentence imposed under this Act shall be consecutive to any other sentence imposed; providing that a conviction under this Act may not be merged with certain other penalties; authorizing a certain map to be admissible as prima facie evidence in a prosecution under this Act; requiring that a certain map be filed with a certain county or municipal corporation; authorizing a certain governing body to revise a certain map; providing that this Act does not prohibit the introduction of certain other evidence to establish a certain crime; providing that this Act does not prohibit the use or admissibility of certain other maps or diagrams; and generally relating to controlled dangerous substances.

BY adding to
Article – Criminal Law
Section 5–627.1
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 35 – Delegate McConkey

AN ACT concerning

Maryland Transportation Authority – Chesapeake Bay Bridge – Toll Collection

FOR the purpose of requiring the Maryland Transportation Authority to implement a procedure at the William Preston Lane, Jr. Memorial Chesapeake Bay Bridge by a certain date that requires all tolls to be paid by a certain electronic means; and generally relating to the collection of tolls for the use of the William Preston Lane, Jr. Memorial Chesapeake Bay Bridge.

BY adding to
Article – Transportation
Section 4–406
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 36 – Delegate Haynes

AN ACT concerning

Rebuilding Baltimore City Communities Act of 2016

FOR the purpose of requiring the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City to grant, by law, a certain property tax credit against the property tax imposed on certain property located in certain communities in Baltimore City; establishing the amount and duration of the property tax credit; providing for the eligibility requirements of the property tax credit; requiring the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City to provide certain procedures for granting the property tax credit; defining certain terms; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to a property tax credit in Baltimore City.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Tax – Property
Section 9–304(c)(1) and (d)(1)(i) and (ii)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Tax – Property
Section 9–304(i)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 37 – Delegate Kipke

AN ACT concerning

Anne Arundel County – Property Tax Deferrals – Payment Due Date

FOR the purpose of altering the due date for certain payment of deferred county property taxes in Anne Arundel County under certain circumstances; making clarifying changes to provisions of law that require payment of certain deferred county property taxes under certain circumstances; and generally relating to the payment of deferred county property taxes in Anne Arundel County.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
House Bill 38 – Delegate McConkey

AN ACT concerning

State Retirement and Pension System – Disability Retirement – Alterations

FOR the purpose of authorizing the Board of Trustees for the State Retirement and Pension System to require certain retirees receiving a disability retirement allowance to undergo a medical examination under certain circumstances; authorizing the Board of Trustees to suspend a disability retirement allowance under certain circumstances and until a certain condition is met; authorizing the Board of Trustees to adopt certain regulations that include certain conditions; altering the amount used in a calculation to determine whether retirees receiving an ordinary disability retirement allowance are subject to a certain reemployment earnings limitation; and generally relating to alterations to the disability retirement process in the State Retirement and Pension System.

BY adding to

Article – State Personnel and Pensions
Section 29–115.1
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – State Personnel and Pensions
Section 29–116
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

House Bill 39 – Delegate A. Miller

AN ACT concerning

Education – Orange Ribbon for Healthy School Hours – Establishment

FOR the purpose of establishing the Orange Ribbon for Healthy School Hours certification within the State Department of Education beginning in a certain school year; providing for the purpose of the Orange Ribbon for Healthy School Hours
certification; establishing the requirements for a local school system to receive an Orange Ribbon for Healthy School Hours certification; requiring the State Board of Education to establish certain criteria on or before a certain date and provide certain information to certain local school systems on or before a certain date; requiring an Orange Ribbon for Healthy School Hours certification to be renewed each year under certain circumstances; requiring the Department to adopt certain regulations; defining a certain term; and generally relating to the Orange Ribbon for Healthy School Hours certification.

BY adding to
Article – Education
Section 7–121
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 40 – Delegate Morgan

AN ACT concerning

St. Mary’s County – Personal Property Tax – Exemption

FOR the purpose of exempting from the St. Mary’s County property tax certain personal property purchased by businesses for personal property tax returns filed during a certain period; exempting certain personal property from the St. Mary’s County property tax for personal property tax returns filed on or after a certain date; providing that certain personal property remains subject to the St. Mary’s County property tax; providing that a person is not required to submit a certain report to the State Department of Assessments and Taxation for personal property that is not subject to the St. Mary’s County property tax; and generally relating to an exemption from the St. Mary’s County personal property tax.

BY adding to
Article – Tax – Property
Section 7–402
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 41 – Delegate Arentz

AN ACT concerning

Public Schools – Boards of Education – Anonymous Two-Way Text Messaging Tip Programs
FOR the purpose of requiring each county board of education to establish an anonymous two-way text messaging tip program; establishing the purpose of the program; requiring each county board of education to publicize the program in certain locations and venues; requiring the completion of a victim of bullying, harassment, or intimidation report form and the provision of a certain transcript to a certain person on receipt of a report of any act of bullying, harassment, or intimidation from an anonymous two-way text messaging tip; establishing that information received from an anonymous two-way text messaging tip is confidential and may not be made a part of a student’s permanent educational record; requiring a certain model policy to include information regarding the availability and use of the program; and generally relating to the establishment of anonymous two-way text messaging tip programs.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
  Article – Education
  Section 7–424 and 7–424.1(b)
  Annotated Code of Maryland
  (2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 42 – Delegate Haynes

AN ACT concerning

Transfer of Structured Settlements – Childhood Lead Poisoning Claims – Requirements and Limitations

FOR the purpose of requiring an application for authorization of a transfer of certain structured settlement payment rights to be filed in a certain court; requiring a certain payee to appear in person at the hearing on an application for authorization of a transfer of certain structured settlement payment rights; prohibiting a certain payee from transferring more than a certain amount of the discounted present value of future payments under a structured settlement agreement; requiring the court to make a certain inquiry at the hearing on an application for authorization of a transfer of certain structured settlement payment rights; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to structured settlements.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
  Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings
  Section 5–1102
  Annotated Code of Maryland
  (2013 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
  Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings
AN ACT concerning

Duties of Guardian of the Person and Visitation Between Adult Child and Parent

FOR the purpose of altering the duties of a guardian of the person of a disabled person to include the duty to enforce the disabled person’s right to receive visitors and certain communications; requiring a guardian of the person of a disabled person to inform certain relatives of the disabled person if the disabled person dies or has been hospitalized for a certain period; requiring a guardian of the person of a deceased disabled person to inform certain relatives of the disabled person of any funeral arrangements and the location of the disabled person’s final resting place; authorizing a certain adult child to file a petition to compel visitation with a certain parent; requiring the petition to be filed in a certain circuit court and to include certain information; requiring the petitioner to personally serve on and mail to certain individuals a copy of the petition; requiring the court to determine whether the proposed visitee has retained or plans to retain an attorney; authorizing the court to appoint an attorney for an unrepresented proposed visitee; requiring the court to appoint an independent investigator to conduct an investigation and report written findings to the court; establishing the duties of the independent investigator; establishing that the report of the independent investigator is confidential and shall be made available only to certain individuals; authorizing the court to order that an investigation is not necessary or that a more limited investigation may be performed under certain circumstances; requiring the court to mail notice of the hearing on the petition to certain individuals; requiring the court to determine whether the proposed visitee has sufficient capacity to make a knowing and intelligent visitation decision; requiring the court to determine whether the proposed visitee would want visitation under certain circumstances; requiring the court to grant or deny visitation under certain circumstances; establishing that a certain determination regarding capacity is not admissible as evidence in any other legal proceeding; requiring the court to order each petitioner to pay the reasonable fees and expenses of the independent investigator and any attorney appointed for the proposed visitee; authorizing the court to order another individual to pay the reasonable fees and
expenses of the independent investigator and any attorney appointed for the proposed visitee under certain circumstances; establishing that the court has continuing jurisdiction to vacate or modify an order issued under this Act; defining certain terms; and generally relating to visitation and communications between certain family members.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
   Article – Estates and Trusts
   Section 13–708(a)
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2011 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
   Article – Estates and Trusts
   Section 13–708(b)
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2011 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY adding to
   Article – Estates and Trusts
   Section 13–708.1
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2011 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY adding to
   Article – Family Law
   Section 15–101 through 15–104 to be under the new title “Title 15. Visitation Between Adult Child and Parent”
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 44 – Delegate A. Miller

AN ACT concerning

Recordation and Transfer Taxes – Exemptions – Property Conveyed From Sole Proprietorship to Limited Liability Company

FOR the purpose of exempting a transfer of real property from a sole proprietorship to a limited liability company from recordation and transfer taxes if the sole member of the limited liability company is identical to the converting sole proprietor and certain other conditions are met; and generally relating to an exemption from recordation and transfer taxes for property conveyed from a sole proprietorship to a limited liability company.
BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Tax – Property
Section 12–108(y)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Tax – Property
Section 13–207(a)(18)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 45 – Delegates McIntosh and M. Washington

AN ACT concerning

State Education Aid – Real Property Valuation – Tax Increment Financing

FOR the purpose of requiring the assessed valuation of certain real property used in calculating the wealth of a jurisdiction for purposes of education aid to remain at a certain assessment for a certain period of time under certain circumstances; defining certain terms; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to the calculation of education aid for primary and secondary education.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Economic Development
Section 12–201(a), (c), (e), (h), and (k) and 12–203(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2008 Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Education
Section 5–202(a)(1), (4), (9) through (11), and (14) and (b) and 16–305(a) and (b)(1)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Education
Section 5–202(a)(3) and 16–305(b)(2)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

House Bill 46 – Delegate Chang
AN ACT concerning

Animal Control and Veterinary Facilities – Stray Dogs and Cats – Microchip Scans

FOR the purpose of requiring a certain animal control facility, veterinary office, or veterinary hospital, within a certain time period of admitting a dog or cat with an unknown owner, to scan the dog or cat for an implanted microchip, consult a certain registry or database to obtain the owner’s contact information, and make a reasonable effort to notify the owner of the location of and procedure for claiming the dog or cat; prohibiting a certain animal control unit from selling, placing, or destroying a certain dog or cat until the animal has been scanned for an implanted microchip; defining a certain term; and generally relating to identifying the owners of stray dogs and cats admitted to animal control and veterinary facilities.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
   Article – Agriculture
   Section 2–305(a)
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2007 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY adding to
   Article – Agriculture
   Section 2–1701 and 2–1702 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 17. Stray Dogs and Cats – Microchip Scans”
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2007 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
   Article – Criminal Law
   Section 10–601(d)
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
   Article – Criminal Law
   Section 10–617
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 47 – Delegate B. Wilson

AN ACT concerning
Operating a Vehicle or Vessel – Injury to Others While Under the Influence of or Impaired by Alcohol or Drugs

FOR the purpose of altering the prohibition against causing injury to another while operating a vehicle or vessel while under the influence of or impaired by alcohol or drugs to prohibit causing serious physical injury instead of life-threatening injury; making conforming changes; and generally relating to the prohibition against causing injury while operating a vehicle or vessel while under the influence of or impaired by alcohol or drugs.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Criminal Law
Section 3–211(c), (d), (e), and (f) and 3–212
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Natural Resources
Section 8–738.1(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Transportation
Section 16–205.1(c)(1) and 16–402(a)(36)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 48 – Delegates M. Washington, Anderson, and McIntosh

AN ACT concerning

Creation of a State Debt – Baltimore City – Scottish Rite Temple Preservation and Restoration

FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed $300,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Maryland Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation, Inc. for certain development or improvement purposes; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; establishing a deadline for the encumbrance or expenditure of the loan proceeds; and providing generally for the issuance and sale of bonds evidencing the loan.

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.
House Bill 49 – Delegate Holmes

AN ACT concerning

Criminal Law – Gaming – Home Games

FOR the purpose of allowing a person to conduct a home game that is a game of chance or skill involving wagering that is conducted in a person's home or a residential property that is restricted to housing for certain persons and allows a player to compete directly against one or more other players; prohibiting a person from conducting a home game involving a player's use of an electronic device that connects to the Internet; prohibiting a person from benefiting financially in any way, directly or indirectly, other than from the winnings accrued by participating as a player in a home game; and generally relating to gaming.

BY adding to
Article – Criminal Law
Section 12–115
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 50 – Delegate Arentz

AN ACT concerning

Hate Crimes – Prohibitions and Protected Classes – Expansion to Law Enforcement Officers and First Responders

FOR the purpose of including law enforcement officers and first responders within the scope of certain prohibitions against committing certain crimes against certain persons, damaging certain property of certain persons, burning certain objects, and damaging certain buildings with which certain persons or groups have contacts or associations or under circumstances exhibiting animosity against a certain person or group; defining certain terms; and generally relating to hate crimes against law enforcement officers and first responders.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Criminal Law
Section 10–301, 10–304, and 10–305
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 51 – Delegate O'Donnell
AN ACT concerning

Natural Resources – Aquaculture Coordinating Council – Membership

FOR the purpose of altering the membership of the Aquaculture Coordinating Council to include certain representatives of the nonprofit sector; making a stylistic change; and generally relating to the membership of the Aquaculture Coordinating Council.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
   Article – Natural Resources
   Section 4–11A–03.2(a)
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
   Article – Natural Resources
   Section 4–11A–03.2(b)
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 52 – Delegate Wivell

AN ACT concerning

Health Insurance – In Vitro Fertilization, Pregnancy, and Childbirth Services – Surrogate Benefits

FOR the purpose of prohibiting certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations from excluding benefits for certain expenses arising from in vitro fertilization procedures performed on a certain surrogate; establishing certain conditions that must be met for the required benefits for a certain surrogate to apply; requiring certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations that provide benefits for pregnancy and childbirth to provide the benefits to a certain surrogate; requiring benefits for pregnancy and childbirth for a certain surrogate to be provided under a certain essential health benefit; providing for the application of this Act; providing for a delayed effective date; and generally relating to health insurance benefits for surrogates.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
   Article – Insurance
   Section 15–810(a)
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2011 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)
BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Insurance
Section 15–810(c) and (d)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2011 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Insurance
Section 15–850
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2011 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 53 – Delegate O'Donnell

AN ACT concerning

Presidential Elections – Agreement Among the States to Elect the President by National Popular Vote – Repeal

FOR the purpose of rescinding the State’s consent to enter into the Agreement Among the States to Elect the President by National Popular Vote and repealing the statutory provisions reciting the Agreement; repealing certain provisions of law relating to the nomination of presidential electors; specifying that presidential electors in the State continue to be elected at large by the voters of the entire State and not in accordance with the procedure outlined in the Agreement; specifying that presidential electors cast their votes for the candidates for President and Vice President who received a plurality of the votes cast in the State and not as defined under the Agreement; repealing a certain contingency relating to the State’s entry into the Agreement; and generally relating to the repeal of the Agreement Among the States to Elect the President by National Popular Vote.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Election Law
Section 8–503 through 8–505
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2010 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)
(As enacted by Chapters 43 and 44 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2007)

BY repealing
Article – Election Law
Section 8–5A–01 and the subtitle “Subtitle 5A. Agreement Among the States to Elect the President by National Popular Vote”
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2010 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)
BY repealing
    Section 3

BY repealing
    Section 3

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 54 – Delegate Haynes

AN ACT concerning

Income Tax Credit – Student Employees

FOR the purpose of allowing certain business entities a credit against the State income tax for the cost of hiring certain student employees under certain circumstances; providing that the credit may not exceed a certain amount; requiring a business entity to submit certain documentation to qualify for the credit; providing that certain organizations exempt from taxation may receive the credit as a refund under certain circumstances; defining certain terms; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to an income tax credit for hiring certain student employees.

BY adding to
    Article – Tax – General
    Section 10–737
    Annotated Code of Maryland
    (2010 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 55 – Delegate Cluster

AN ACT concerning

Baltimore County – Education – WhyTry Program

FOR the purpose of establishing the WhyTry Program in Baltimore County; specifying the purpose of the Program; requiring the Baltimore County Board of Education to develop and implement the Program; requiring the Board of Education to select certain schools to participate in the Program; requiring the Program to include certain teachers who have received certain training; defining a certain term; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to establishing the WhyTry Program in Baltimore County.
BY adding to
   Article – Education
   Section 7–208
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

**House Bill 56 – Delegate K. Young**

AN ACT concerning

**Investigational Drugs, Biological Products, and Devices – Right to Try Act**

FOR the purpose of authorizing a manufacturer of an investigational drug, biological product, or device to provide the investigational drug, biological product, or device to certain patients; specifying the manner in which an investigational drug, biological product, or device may be provided to certain patients; establishing that the heirs of certain patients are not liable for certain debts under certain circumstances; prohibiting a health occupations board, under certain circumstances, from revoking, failing to renew, suspending, or taking certain action against a health care provider’s license based solely on a certain recommendation of the health care provider; prohibiting the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene from taking action against a health care provider’s Medicare certification based solely on a certain recommendation of the health care provider; prohibiting an official, employee, or agent of the State from blocking or attempting to block a certain patient’s access to an investigational drug, biological product, or device; establishing that this Act does not create a certain cause of action; providing for the effect of certain provisions of this Act; defining certain terms; and generally relating to the provision of investigational drugs, biological products, and devices in the State.

BY adding to
   Article – Health – General
   Section 21–2B–01 through 21–2B–07 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 2B. Right to Try Act”
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2015 Replacement Volume)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

**House Bill 57 – Delegate Cassilly**

AN ACT concerning

**Public Safety – Maryland Building Performance Standards – Adoption, Implementation, and Enforcement of Modifications**
FOR the purpose of altering the period of time in which the Department of Housing and Community Development is required to adopt each subsequent version of the Maryland Building Performance Standards; altering the period of time in which a local jurisdiction is required to implement and enforce a modification of the Maryland Building Performance Standards adopted by the State; and generally relating to the Maryland Building Performance Standards.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
   Article – Public Safety
   Section 12–503(a) and 12–505(a)(1)
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2011 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 58 – Delegate O’Donnell

AN ACT concerning

Vehicle Laws – Historic Motor Vehicles – Authorized Uses and Inspections

FOR the purpose of altering the uses and prohibited uses to which an owner of a historic motor vehicle is required to certify for the vehicle in a registration application; limiting the application of the exemption from certain motor vehicle inspection requirements and enforcement procedures for historic motor vehicles to certain model year vehicles; altering certain defined terms; and generally relating to authorized uses and inspections for historic motor vehicles.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
   Article – Transportation
   Section 13–936 and 23–101(g) and (i)
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
   Article – Transportation
   Section 23–101(a), 23–104, 23–105(a), and 23–107(a)(1)
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 59 – Chair, Economic Matters Committee (By Request – Departmental – Commerce)

AN ACT concerning
Department of Economic Competitiveness and Commerce – Renaming

FOR the purpose of renaming the Department of Economic Competitiveness and Commerce to be the Department of Commerce; providing that the Department of Commerce is the successor of the Department of Economic Competitiveness and Commerce; providing that certain names and titles of a certain unit and officials in laws and other documents mean the names and titles of the successor unit and officials; providing for the continuity of certain matters and persons; requiring the publisher of the Annotated Code of Maryland, in consultation with the Department of Legislative Services, to correct cross-references and terminology in the Code that are rendered incorrect by this Act; and generally relating to renaming the Department of Economic Competitiveness and Commerce.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
   Article – Economic Development
   Section 1–101(a), 2–101(a), and 9–101(a)
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2008 Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
   Article – Economic Development
   Section 1–101(c) to be under the amended division “Division I. Secretary of Commerce and Department of Commerce”; 2–101(c)(2); 2.5–101(a) to be under the amended title “Title 2.5. Department of Commerce”; and 9–101(c)
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2008 Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
   Article – State Government
   Section 8–201(a)
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
   Article – State Government
   Section 8–201(b)(4)
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 60 – Chair, Economic Matters Committee (By Request – Departmental – Maryland Insurance Administration)

AN ACT concerning
Insurance – Certificate of Qualification, Licensing, and Registration – Electronic Means

FOR the purpose of altering the renewal date and process for renewing certificates of qualification of surplus lines brokers; establishing the expiration date of a surplus lines broker’s certificate of qualification held by an individual; authorizing the Maryland Insurance Commissioner to send a certain notice relating to renewal of the certificate of qualification of a surplus lines broker, the license of a certain insurance producer, an insurance adviser, and a motor club, and the registration of a motor club representative at the electronic mail address of the holder of record; altering the contents of certain notices; authorizing the submission of certain renewal applications in a certain electronic format; establishing when certain renewal applications submitted electronically are considered made in a timely manner; authorizing the Commissioner to adopt certain regulations; requiring a certain insurance producer licensee to file with the Commissioner a change in the licensee’s electronic mail address; altering the expiration date of an insurance adviser’s license; making stylistic and conforming changes; providing for a delayed effective date; and generally relating to the renewal of certificates of qualification, licenses, and registrations under State insurance laws.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Insurance
Section 3–316, 10–115, 10–117, 10–211, 26–206, and 26–305
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2011 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 61 – Chair, Environment and Transportation Committee (By Request – Departmental – Environment)

AN ACT concerning

Environment – Solid Waste, Recycling, and Anaerobic Digestion

FOR the purpose of providing that a person may operate an anaerobic digestion facility only in accordance with certain requirements, regulations, orders, and permits; requiring the Department of the Environment to adopt regulations to implement certain provisions relating to anaerobic digestion, including establishing certain conditions on the operation and construction of anaerobic digestion facilities; establishing a permit system for anaerobic digestion facilities; requiring the Department to adopt regulations relating to recycling facilities, including conditions for permit exemptions; providing that certain penalty provisions apply to violations of certain provisions, regulations, orders, or permits; altering certain definitions, including the definition of “solid waste” to include and exclude certain materials; defining certain terms; and generally relating to solid waste, recycling, and anaerobic digestion.
BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
  Article – Environment
  Section 9–101(j), 9–1701, and 9–1725; the part immediately preceding Section
  9–1707 to be the amended part “Part II. Recyclable Materials and Recycling
  Facilities”; and the part immediately preceding Section 9–1721 to be the
  amended part “Part III. Composting and Anaerobic Digestion”
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
  Article – Environment
  Section 9–1707(a)(1) and 9–1721
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY adding to
  Article – Environment
  Section 9–1713
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 62 – Chair, Environment and Transportation Committee (By Request
  – Departmental – Natural Resources)

AN ACT concerning

   Natural Resources – Fishing and Hunting Licenses

FOR the purpose of altering the application and issuance requirements and procedures for
certain fishing and hunting licenses and registrations; repealing a requirement that
a complimentary angler’s license be issued on a certain form; repealing certain
provisions of law authorizing under certain circumstances the issuance of certain
duplicate angling licenses or stamps and hunting licenses; repealing the
reimbursement standards and procedures applicable to agents of the Department of
Natural Resources who have unsold angler’s or hunting licenses; altering certain
administrative penalties related to the unlawful use of an angler’s or hunting license;
repealing a provision of law that authorizes a person who is sport fishing in tidal
waters of the State to possess evidence of a sport fishing license or registration
instead of actual possession of the license or registration; repealing the requirement
that an agent who sells Chesapeake Bay and coastal sport fishing licenses provide
to the Department certain security; establishing a certain administrative penalty for
an agent convicted of violating certain provisions of law related to the issuance of a
Chesapeake Bay and coastal sport fishing license or registration; repealing the
prohibition against issuing a hunting license without certain written consent to an
applicant who is under a certain age; authorizing an agent who sells and issues nonresident senior hunting licenses to retain certain compensation; making certain stylistic changes and technical corrections; and generally relating to fishing and hunting licenses.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
    Article – Natural Resources
    Section 4–604(d), (e), (g), and (h), 4–607(c), 4–611, 4–613, 4–713(a), 4–731(a), 4–745(a)(1) and (4), (b), (d)(3), and (e)(3), 10–301(d), (e), (f), (h), and (j), 10–302, 10–303(a), 10–307, 10–308.1(c), and 10–312
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing
    Article – Natural Resources
    Section 4–609, 4–614(d), and 10–305
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
    Article – Natural Resources
    Section 10–308.1(a) and (b)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 63 – Chair, Environment and Transportation Committee (By Request – Departmental – Natural Resources)

AN ACT concerning

Natural Resources – Fishing – Regulation and Use of Commercial Finfish Trotlines

FOR the purpose of authorizing the Department of Natural Resources, in consultation with certain entities, to adopt regulations defining and governing the use of commercial finfish trotlines; establishing an exception to the prohibition against using more than a certain number of hooks or sets of hooks for each commercial rod or line by authorizing a tidal fish licensee to use a finfish trotline; and generally relating to the regulation and use of commercial finfish trotlines.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
    Article – Natural Resources
    Section 4–221 and 4–710(h)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)
Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 64 – Delegate Haynes

AN ACT concerning

Income Tax Credit – Payment of Tuition at a Community College

FOR the purpose of allowing an individual who pays tuition at a community college to claim a credit against the State income tax; prohibiting an individual from claiming the credit under certain circumstances; providing that an individual may not claim a credit greater than a certain amount for any taxable year; providing that any unused credit may not be carried over to any other taxable year; requiring the Comptroller to adopt certain regulations; defining a certain term; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to a credit against the State income tax for payment of tuition at a community college.

BY adding to

Article – Tax – General
Section 10–737
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2010 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 65 – Chair, Environment and Transportation Committee (By Request – Departmental – Natural Resources)

AN ACT concerning

Tree Expert License – Application and Renewal – Repeal of Sunset Provision

FOR the purpose of repealing the termination provision of certain provisions of law relating to the application for and renewal of a tree expert license; and generally relating to tree expert licenses.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Natural Resources
Section 5–419
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Chapter 20 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2011
Section 2
Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 66 – Chair, Appropriations Committee (By Request – Departmental – Office for Children)

AN ACT concerning

Residential Child Care Capital Grant Program – Repeal

FOR the purpose of 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 certain 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; repealing provisions of law relating to the authority of the Board of Public Works and the Governor’s Office for Children to adopt regulations to implement the Program; and generally relating to the Residential Child Care Capital Grant Program.

BY repealing

Article – Human Services
Section 8–901 through 8–911 and the subtitle “Subtitle 9. Residential Child Care Capital Grant Program”
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2007 Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

House Bill 67 – Chair, Ways and Means Committee (By Request – Departmental – Office for Children)

AN ACT concerning

Maryland Infants and Toddlers Program – Composition

FOR the purpose of repealing the requirement for the Maryland Infants and Toddlers Program to include certain early intervention services provided or supervised by the Governor’s Office for Children; and generally relating to the Maryland Infants and Toddlers Program.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Education
Section 8–416
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)
Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

GOVERNOR LAWRENCE J. HOGAN, JR. – 2015 RECESS APPOINTMENTS REQUIRING CONFIRMATION BY THE MARYLAND HOUSE OF DELEGATES

(See Exhibit B of Appendix II)

Read and referred to the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations.

QUORUM CALL

The presiding officer announced a quorum call, showing 141 Members present.

(See Roll Call No. 3)

ADJOURNMENT

At 1:04 P.M. on motion of Delegate Kaiser the House adjourned until 10:00 A.M. on Thursday, January 14, 2016.
The House met at 10:05 A.M. and pledged Allegiance to the Flag.

Prayer by Delegate Ric Metzgar of Baltimore County.

**QUORUM CALL**

The presiding officer announced a quorum call, showing 138 Members present.

(See Roll Call No. 4)

The Journal of January 13, 2016 was read and approved.

**EXCUSES:**
Del. Carter – family emergency

**APPOINTMENT**

January 14, 2016

**RESOLVED, THAT THE SPEAKER MAKES THE FOLLOWING APPOINTMENT:**

**JOINT STATUTORY COMMITTEE ON SPENDING AFFORDABILITY**

Hon. Benjamin S. Barnes, House Chair

**BY ORDER, SYLVIA SIEGERT, CHIEF CLERK**

Read and adopted.

**INTRODUCTION OF BILLS**

House Bill 68 – Delegates Simonaire, Aumann, Beidle, Beitzel, Buckel, Carey, Chang, Ciliberti, Hill, S. Howard, Kaiser, Kipke, Kittleman, Krebs, McConkey, O'Donnell, Patterson, Rose, Saab, and Shoemaker

AN ACT concerning
Criminal Law – Impersonating a Military Member – Penalties  
(Stolen Valor Act of 2016)

FOR the purpose of prohibiting a person from misrepresenting oneself as a certain military member or falsely holding oneself out to be a recipient of a certain military decoration or medal; establishing certain penalties; and generally relating to impersonating a military member.

BY adding to  
Article – Criminal Law  
Section 8–906  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 69 – Delegates Luedtke, Buckel, Hixson, Krebs, Shoemaker, and Tarlau

AN ACT concerning

Personal Property Tax – Credit for New or Small Business

FOR the purpose of 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 against the county or municipal corporation property tax imposed on certain personal property that is owned or leased by certain new or small businesses; authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City or the governing body of a county or municipal corporation to provide for certain matters relating to the tax credit; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to a property tax credit for personal property owned or leased by certain new or small businesses.

BY adding to  
Article – Tax – Property  
Section 9–257  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 70 – Delegate Luedtke

AN ACT concerning

Business Regulation – Billiard Table License – Repeal
FOR the purpose of repealing certain provisions of law relating to a license to keep a billiard table for commercial use in the State; and generally relating to a billiard table license.

BY repealing

Article – Business Regulation
Section 17–501 through 17–505 and the subtitle “Subtitle 5. Billiard Tables”
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 71 – Delegates Luedtke and Frush

AN ACT concerning

Tobacco Taxes – Healthy Maryland Initiative

FOR the purpose of requiring a certain level of funding for the Tobacco Use Prevention and Cessation Program; altering the tobacco tax rates on cigarettes and other tobacco products; establishing the tobacco tax rates on cigarillos; clarifying that all cigarettes and other tobacco products used, possessed, or held in the State on or after a certain date are subject to the full tax enacted under this Act; authorizing the Comptroller to determine the method of assessing and collecting certain additional taxes; requiring certain additional taxes to be remitted to the Comptroller by a certain date; defining certain terms; altering certain definitions; and generally relating to the taxation of cigarettes and other tobacco products.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Business Regulation
Section 16.5–101(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – Business Regulation
Section 16.5–101(a–1)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Business Regulation
Section 16.5–101(i)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Health – General  
Section 13–1015  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2015 Replacement Volume)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
Article – Tax – General  
Section 12–101(a) and (b)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2010 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY adding to  
Article – Tax – General  
Section 12–101(b–1)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2010 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
Article – Tax – General  
Section 12–101(d) and 12–105  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2010 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means and the Committee on Economic Matters.


AN ACT concerning

Education – Sexual Abuse and Assault Awareness and Prevention Program – Development and Implementation

FOR the purpose of requiring the State Board of Education and certain nonpublic schools to develop and implement a certain program relating to the awareness and prevention of sexual abuse and assault; requiring a certain program to be incorporated into the health curriculum of each county board of education and each nonpublic school; defining a certain term; and generally relating to sexual abuse and assault awareness and prevention programs in public and nonpublic schools in the State.

BY adding to  
Article – Education  
Section 7–438  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)
Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.


AN ACT concerning

**Intercounty Connector – Public School Bus – Exemption From Toll**

FOR the purpose of exempting a school bus used to transport public school students from any toll, fee, or other charge for the use of the Intercounty Connector; defining certain terms; and generally relating to an exemption from tolls for public school buses using the Intercounty Connector.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Education
Section 1–101(k)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Transportation
Section 4–312(a)(2) and 4–321(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Transportation
Section 4–312(c)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Transportation
Section 11–153, 11–154, and 11–173
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

**House Bill 74 – The Speaker (By Request – Maryland Judiciary)**

AN ACT concerning

**Judgeships – Circuit Courts and District Court**
FOR the purpose of altering the number of resident judges of the circuit court in certain counties and Baltimore City; altering the number of resident judges of the District Court in certain districts; and generally relating to judgeships in the circuit courts and the District Court.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
   Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings
   Section 1–503 and 1–603(b)
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2013 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

QUORUM CALL

The presiding officer announced a quorum call, showing 139 Members present.

(See Roll Call No. 5)

ADJOURNMENT

The House met at 11:18 A.M. and pledged Allegiance to the Flag.

Prayer by Delegate Joseline A. Pena–Melnyk of Prince George’s and Anne Arundel counties.

QUORUM CALL

The presiding officer announced a quorum call, showing 136 Members present.

(See Roll Call No. 6)

The Journal of January 14, 2016 was read and approved.

EXCUSES:
Del. Angel – left early – family death
Del. Beidle – funeral
Del. Folden – death in family
Del. W. Miller – doctor’s appointment

MINORITY LEADERSHIP APPOINTMENTS

January 15, 2016

RESOLVED, that the following members be appointed by the minority leadership:

Minority Leader, The Hon. Nicholaus R. Kipke
Assistant Minority Leader, The Hon. Sue Aumann
Minority Whip, The Hon. Kathy Szeliga
Assistant Minority Whip, The Hon. Neil Parrott
Chief Deputy Minority Whip, The Hon. Herb McMillan
Caucus Chairman, The Hon. Jay Jacobs
Minority Parliamentarian, The Hon. Robert Flanagan
RESOLVED, that the following members be appointed deputy minority whips:

The Hon. Wendell Beitzel
The Hon. Rick Impallaria
The Hon. Charles Otto
The Hon. Sid Saab
The Hon. Susan McComas
The Hon. Teresa Reilly

Read and ordered journalized.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

House Bill 75 – Delegate Barkley

AN ACT concerning

Gas Companies – Infrastructure Replacement Projects – Amendment to a Plan

FOR the purpose of altering the number of days during which the Public Service Commission is required to take a certain final action after a gas company files an amendment to an approved plan to invest in eligible infrastructure replacement projects; and generally relating to infrastructure replacement projects.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Public Utilities
Section 4–210(e)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2010 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 76 – Chair, Judiciary Committee (By Request – Departmental – State Police)

AN ACT concerning

Department of State Police – Investigation Authority

FOR the purpose of expanding the authority of members of the Department of State Police to investigate and enforce certain violations within a municipal corporation under certain circumstances; and generally relating to the authority of the Department of State Police.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Public Safety
Section 2–412
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2011 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 77 – Chair, Judiciary Committee (By Request – Departmental – State Police)

AN ACT concerning

Family Law – Missing Children – Reporting Requirements and Repeal of Advisory Council

FOR the purpose of requiring that certain data regarding a missing child be entered into a certain national database within a certain period of time after the receipt of certain information; repealing the requirement that a law enforcement agency enter certain data regarding a missing child into a certain State database; repealing the requirement that a certain law enforcement agency forward a certain copy of a missing persons report to the State Clearinghouse for Missing Children; repealing provisions providing for the appointment, responsibilities, and terms of a certain advisory council; and generally relating to missing children.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Family Law
Section 9–402 and 9–403
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 78 – Chair, Judiciary Committee (By Request – Departmental – State Police)

AN ACT concerning

State Fire Marshal – Reporting Requirements – Repeal

FOR the purpose of repealing a requirement that certain fire investigation reports about chimney fires be filed with the State Fire Marshal; repealing a requirement that the State Fire Marshal establish and maintain a repository of certain chimney fire reports; repealing a requirement that certain insurers report certain losses to the State Fire Marshal within a certain time period in a certain manner; and generally relating to the State Fire Marshal and fire investigation reporting.

BY repealing
Article – Public Safety
AN ACT concerning

Health – Milk Products – Raw Milk – Consumer–Owned Livestock

FOR the purpose of exempting from certain regulation the distribution of raw milk and raw milk products from certain producers directly to the final consumer if the consumer has a certain ownership interest in certain animals; requiring a certain consumer and a certain producer to enter into a written contract of agistment relating to a certain ownership interest; establishing that the exemption does not apply to certain sales of milk and milk products; providing that the prohibition on the sale of raw milk for human consumption is subject to the exemption; and generally relating to the regulation of the sale of milk and milk products for human consumption.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Health – General
Section 21–403 and 21–434
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

AN ACT concerning

Creation of a State Debt – Baltimore County – Jemicy School Lower and Middle School Campus Gymnasium

FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed $250,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Trustees of The Jemicy School, Inc. for certain development or improvement purposes; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; establishing a deadline for the encumbrance or expenditure of the loan proceeds; and providing generally for the issuance and sale of bonds evidencing the loan.

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.
AN ACT concerning

Criminal Procedure – Cameras in the Courtroom – Criminal Sentencing Hearings

FOR the purpose of creating a certain exception to the general prohibition against recording or broadcasting a criminal sentencing hearing; establishing certain requirements for a media organization’s request to provide media coverage of a criminal sentencing hearing; requiring the clerk of the court to provide notice to certain parties on receipt of a request to provide media coverage; providing certain factors that a presiding judge may consider in deciding to grant or deny the request to provide media coverage; authorizing the presiding judge to grant a certain request to provide media coverage; authorizing the presiding judge to make a certain order; authorizing the presiding judge to limit certain media coverage after making a certain finding of fact on the record; prohibiting a presiding judge from granting certain requests for media coverage; providing that a person who violates this Act may be held in contempt of court; defining certain terms; and generally relating to media coverage of criminal proceedings.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Criminal Procedure
Section 1–201
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2008 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 82 – Delegates Carr, Barve, and Stein

AN ACT concerning

Stormwater Management – Assessment of Local Fees, Charges, and Excise Taxes – Leasehold Interests

FOR the purpose of requiring a leasehold or other limited interest in property that is owned by the federal government, the State, a county, a municipality, or an agency or instrumentality of the federal government, the State, a county, or a municipality to be assessed a certain stormwater remediation fee, a certain stormwater management charge, or a certain stormwater management excise tax by a county or municipality under certain circumstances; and generally relating to the assessment of a stormwater remediation fee, a stormwater management charge, or a stormwater management excise tax by a county or municipality.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Environment
Section 4–202.1(e)(1)(i) and 4–204(d)(1)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2013 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Environment
Section 4–202.1(e)(5) and 4–204(d)(5)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2013 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 83 – Delegates Carr and Rosenberg

AN ACT concerning

Elections – Early Voting Centers – Sunday Voting

FOR the purpose of altering the days on which each early voting center is required to be open before a primary or general election; providing for a delayed effective date; and generally relating to the days of operation of early voting centers.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Election Law
Section 10–301.1
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2010 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 84 – The Speaker (By Request – Department of Legislative Services)

AN ACT concerning

State Government – Office of Legislative Audits – Alterations in Audit Requirements

FOR the purpose of altering the time period during which the Office of Legislative Audits and the Legislative Auditor are required to audit certain State funds, programs, authorities, units, and a certain local liquor board; altering the statutory authority under which the Office of Legislative Audits and the Legislative Auditor are required to audit certain funds, programs, and units; repealing the requirement that the Office of Legislative Audits and the Legislative Auditor perform certain audits of certain licensees, funds, and agencies; repealing the requirement for the Office of Legislative Audits to approve certain independent auditors selected by certain corporations and centers; repealing the requirement for the Legislative Auditor to concur on certain audits of community colleges performed by certain auditors in order for the audits to meet a certain requirement; repealing the requirement for the
Legislative Auditor to certify a certain form completed by a certain hospital; altering the time period during which a certain corporation is required to maintain possession and custody of certain documents related to a certain audit; authorizing, rather than requiring, the Legislative Auditor to conduct certain post audit examinations and fiscal/compliance audits of certain funds; repealing the requirement for the Office of Legislative Audits and the Legislative Auditor to evaluate, audit, and summarize certain information from certain offices and agencies; altering the time period during which the Office of Legislative Audits is required to conduct a fiscal/compliance audit of each unit of the State government, except for units in the Legislative Branch; repealing the requirement for the Legislative Auditor to evaluate the utilization of certain funds allocated to certain businesses; repealing the authorization for the Legislative Auditor to audit certain accounts of a certain system and certain administrations; making stylistic changes; and generally relating to alterations in audit requirements for the Office of Legislative Audits.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
Article – Agriculture  
Section 2–505(a)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2007 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
Article – Agriculture  
Section 2–505(h)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2007 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
Article – Business Regulation  
Section 4.5–203(a)(1), 4.5–703(a), and 11–101(i)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
Article – Business Regulation  
Section 4.5–203(c) and 4.5–703(e)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing  
Article – Business Regulation  
Section 11–313(d)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing  
Article – Correctional Services
Section 3–510
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2008 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Economic Development
Section 10–201(b), 10–401(c), 10–501(f), 10–806(a), and 10–901(c)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2008 Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Economic Development
Section 10–227, 10–414, 10–526, 10–825, and 10–911
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2008 Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Education
Section 16–315(b)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Education
Section 16–315(f)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Environment
Section 9–1605(a)(1) and 9–1605.1(a)(1)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Environment
Section 9–1605(a)(6) and 9–1605.1(a)(6)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Health – General
Section 13–1303(d)(2), 13–2206(c), and 19–216(b)(1)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Health – General
Section 19–201(b) and (c) and 19–216(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Health Occupations
Section 14–402(f)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Human Services
Section 11–101(c) and 11–408(a)(2) and (b)(2)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2007 Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Human Services
Section 11–408(b)(4)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2007 Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Local Government
Section 30–102(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2013 Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Local Government
Section 30–106(d)(1)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2013 Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Natural Resources
Section 3–302(a)(1)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Natural Resources
Section 3–302(e)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)
BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
   Article – Public Safety
   Section 1–309(f)(1) and 2–514
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2011 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
   Article – Public Utilities
   Section 7–512.1(a)(1)
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2010 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
   Article – Public Utilities
   Section 7–512.1(c)(4)
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2010 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
   Article – State Finance and Procurement
   Section 2–701
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2015 Replacement Volume)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
   Article – State Finance and Procurement
   Section 2–702(b) and 3A–506(g)(1)
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2015 Replacement Volume)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
   Article – State Government
   Section 2–1220, 9–1A–34, and 9–1A–35(f)
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
   Article – State Government
   Section 9–101(b) and (c) and 9–1A–35(a)
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing
   Article – State Government
   Section 9–121
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)
BY repealing
  Article – State Personnel and Pensions
  Section 21–127
  Annotated Code of Maryland
  (2015 Replacement Volume)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
  Article – Transportation
  Section 5–101(b), 6–101(b), and 7–101(b)
  Annotated Code of Maryland
  (2015 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing
  Article – Transportation
  Section 5–215.1, 6–212.1, and 7–211.1
  Annotated Code of Maryland
  (2015 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

MEMORIAL FOR FORMER DELEGATES:

James E. Proctor, Jr.
Walter R. Dean, Jr.
Robert “Bob” Baldwin
Joseph “Sonny” Minnick
Governor Marvin Mandel
Craig S. Knoll

QUORUM CALL

The presiding officer announced a quorum call, showing 134 Members present.

(See Roll Call No. 7)

ADJOURNMENT

At 12:31 P.M. on motion of Delegate Kaiser the House adjourned in memory of former Delegates Robert “Bob” Baldwin, Walter R. Dean, Jr., Craig S. Knoll, Marvin Mandel, Joseph “Sonny” Minnick, James E. Proctor, Jr. until 8:00 P.M. on Monday, January 18, 2016.
Annapolis, Maryland  
Monday, January 18, 2016

The House met at 8:03 P.M. and pledged Allegiance to the Flag.

Prayer by Delegate Benjamin Brooks of Baltimore County.

QUORUM CALL

The presiding officer announced a quorum call, showing 132 Members present.

(See Roll Call No. 8)

The Journal of January 15, 2016 was read and approved.

EXCUSES:
Del. Afzali – legislative business
Del. Angel – funeral
Del. B. Barnes – illness
Del. Clippinger – illness
Del. McConkey – illness
Del. McDonough – illness
Del. McMillan – business
Del. Parrott – business
Del. Rey – personal

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

House Bill 85 – Delegates Luedtke, Carr, Ebersole, Hixson, Tarlau, and Zucker

AN ACT concerning

Education – Children With Disabilities – Support Services – Parental Notification

FOR the purpose of requiring certain school personnel to provide the parents of a child with a disability certain 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 services provided by the staff members; requiring certain school personnel to provide a translator at a certain meeting for parents who require certain information to be translated into the parents’ native language; requiring a local school system to provide certain information at a certain time to the parents of a
child who has an individualized education program developed in another school system; requiring a local school system to publish on its Web site certain information a parent may use to contact certain staff members and a description of the services provided by the staff members; specifying that a failure to provide certain information does not constitute grounds for a certain due process complaint; and generally relating to children with disabilities.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Education
Section 8–405
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 86 – Delegates Luedtke, Carr, Cullison, Ebersole, Fraser-Hidalgo, Frick, Gutierrez, Moon, Morales, Patterson, Pena-Melnyk, Platt, Sanchez, and Zucker

AN ACT concerning

Special Education – Translations of Individualized Education Programs or Individualized Family Service Plans – Native Language

FOR the purpose of authorizing the parents of a child with a disability to request the translation into their native language of a completed individualized education program or a completed individualized family service plan under certain circumstances; requiring certain school personnel to provide the parents with a certain translation of a completed individualized education program or a completed individualized family service plan within a certain time frame; defining certain terms; and generally relating to individualized education programs and individualized family service plans.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Education
Section 8–405
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 87 – Montgomery County Delegation

AN ACT concerning

Montgomery County Board of Education – Student Member – Voting
MC 11–16
FOR the purpose of 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 certain matter; authorizing the student member of the Montgomery County Board of Education to vote on certain matters; and generally relating to the voting rights of the student member of the Montgomery County Board of Education.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Education
Section 3–901(e)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Education
Section 6–202(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 88 – Delegate Chang

AN ACT concerning

Automated Motor Vehicles – Titling, Registration, and Rules of the Road

FOR the purpose of prohibiting an individual from operating an automated motor vehicle in automated mode on a highway; establishing an exception to the prohibition by authorizing an individual to operate an automated motor vehicle in automated mode on a highway if the automated motor vehicle is properly titled and registered, the individual is in the driver’s seat, and the individual has the ability, if necessary, to take certain control of the automated motor vehicle; providing for the registration classification, the annual registration fee, and a special registration plate for an automated motor vehicle; defining “automated motor vehicle” as the term applies to the Maryland Vehicle Law; altering a certain defined term; and generally relating to automated motor vehicles.

BY adding to
Article – Transportation
Section 11–103.3, 13–939.3, and 21–1130
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Transportation
Section 11–135
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Transportation
Section 13–101.1 and 13–402(a)(1)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 89 – Delegates Lafferty, Aumann, and West

AN ACT concerning
Creation of a State Debt – Baltimore County – Limekilns and Log House Stabilization Project at Cromwell Valley Park

FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed $200,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Cromwell Valley Park Council, Inc. for certain development or improvement purposes; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; establishing a deadline for the encumbrance or expenditure of the loan proceeds; and providing generally for the issuance and sale of bonds evidencing the loan.

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

House Bill 90 – Delegate Lafferty

AN ACT concerning
On–Site Sewage Disposal Systems – Operation and Maintenance Costs – Low–Income Homeowners

FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of the Environment to assist, with money from the Bay Restoration Fund, low–income homeowners with the cost, up to a certain percent, of certain operation and maintenance contracts for on–site sewage disposal systems that utilize nitrogen removal technology; requiring the Department or a local government to determine applicant eligibility and the amount of assistance to be provided; defining certain terms; and generally relating to on–site sewage disposal systems.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Environment
Section 9–1108
Annotated Code of Maryland
Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 91 – Delegate Morhaim

AN ACT concerning

General Provisions – Commemorative Days – National Healthcare Decisions Day

FOR the purpose of requiring the Governor annually to proclaim a certain day as National Healthcare Decisions Day; and generally relating to National Healthcare Decisions Day.

BY renumbering
Article – General Provisions
Section 7–405 through 7–416, respectively
to be Section 7–406 through 7–417, respectively
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – General Provisions
Section 7–405
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 92 – Delegates McCray, Beidle, Fraser–Hidalgo, Frush, Lam, and Stein

AN ACT concerning

Railroad Company – Movement of Freight – Required Crew

FOR the purpose of prohibiting a train or light engine used in connection with the movement of freight from being operated in the State unless it has a certain number of crew members; providing for the application of this Act; establishing certain penalties; and generally relating to the crew for a train or light engine used in connection with the movement of freight.

BY adding to
Article – Public Utilities
Section 9–404
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2010 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)
Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

**House Bill 93 – Delegate B. Wilson**

AN ACT concerning

**Courts – Evidence – Membership in or Association With a Criminal Gang**

FOR the purpose of authorizing the admissibility of certain evidence in a criminal or civil proceeding to prove membership in or association with a criminal gang, with a certain exception; defining certain terms; and generally relating to the admissibility of evidence relating to criminal gang members and associates.

BY adding to
Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings
Section 10–923
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2013 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Criminal Law
Section 9–801(a) and (c)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

**House Bill 94 – Delegate B. Wilson**

AN ACT concerning

**Criminal Law – Child Abuse Resulting in Death – Life Imprisonment**

FOR the purpose of altering the maximum penalty for first-degree child abuse that results in the death of the victim to be life imprisonment; altering the maximum penalty for child abuse that results in the death of the victim after a previous conviction for child abuse to be life imprisonment; and generally relating to child abuse.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Criminal Law
Section 3–601
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.
House Bill 95 – Delegate B. Wilson

AN ACT concerning

Criminal Procedure – Life Without Parole – Repeal of Sentencing Proceeding

FOR the purpose of repealing certain provisions of law that provide a separate jury proceeding to determine whether a person convicted of first degree murder is sentenced to imprisonment for life without the possibility of parole or imprisonment for life; establishing that a court may sentence a person convicted of first degree murder to imprisonment for life without the possibility of parole without the requirement of a separate jury sentencing procedure under certain circumstances; making conforming changes; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to sentencing for first degree murder.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

   Article – Criminal Law
   Section 2–201(b) and 2–203
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing

   Article – Criminal Law
   Section 2–304 and 2–305
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 96 – Delegate B. Wilson

AN ACT concerning

Criminal Law – Second–Degree Murder – Penalty

FOR the purpose of altering the maximum term of imprisonment that may be imposed for the offense of second–degree murder; and generally relating to second–degree murder.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

   Article – Criminal Law
   Section 2–204
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.
House Bill 97 – Delegate B. Wilson

AN ACT concerning

Crimes – Solicitation to Commit Murder or Arson – Statute of Limitations

FOR the purpose of providing that the statute of limitations for the crime of solicitation to commit murder in the first degree, murder in the second degree, arson in the first degree, or arson in the second degree is the statute of limitations for the prosecution of the substantive crime that is the subject of the solicitation; and generally relating to the statute of limitations for the crime of solicitation.

BY adding to
Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings
Section 5–106(ff)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2013 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 98 – Delegate B. Wilson

AN ACT concerning

Criminal Law – Participation in Court Proceedings – Retaliation

FOR the purpose of prohibiting a person from retaliating against a juror or an officer of the court for the performance of official duties in a court of the State or the United States; prohibiting a person from soliciting another to retaliate against a juror or an officer of the court for the performance of official duties in a court of the State or the United States; applying certain penalties for an offense under this Act; and generally relating to retaliation for participation in court proceedings.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Criminal Law
Section 9–303
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 99 – Delegate B. Wilson

AN ACT concerning

Criminal Law – Synthetic Cannabinoids – Prohibition
FOR the purpose of prohibiting a person from deliberately using, ingesting, possessing, or inhaling a certain synthetic cannabinoid in an amount that causes a certain effect on the brain or nervous system; providing penalties for a violation of this Act; defining a certain term; and generally relating to synthetic cannabinoids.

BY adding to
Article – Criminal Law
Section 5–711
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 100 – Delegate B. Wilson

AN ACT concerning

Criminal Law – Crimes Against Property – Trespass to a Vehicle

FOR the purpose of prohibiting a person from knowingly entering a motor vehicle, or any part of a motor vehicle, of another without authorization from the owner or a rightful occupant of the motor vehicle; establishing certain penalties for a violation of this Act; and generally relating to trespass to a motor vehicle.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Criminal Law
Section 6–206
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 101 – Delegates C. Howard, Barron, Davis, Fennell, Jackson, Valentino-Smith, and Vaughn

AN ACT concerning

Criminal Law – Human Trafficking and Related Crimes – Penalties

FOR the purpose of altering certain penalties for certain prostitution, human trafficking, and related crimes; and generally relating to prostitution, human trafficking, and related crimes.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Criminal Law
Section 11–303 through 11–306
Annotated Code of Maryland
Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 102 – Delegates B. Barnes and Kipke

AN ACT concerning

Anne Arundel County – Solicitation of Money or Donations From Occupants of Vehicles – Prohibitions and Permit Program

FOR the purpose of altering a prohibition, in Anne Arundel County, on a person standing in a certain highway to solicit money or donations to prohibit a person from standing, or causing, encouraging, allowing, or petitioning another to stand, in a roadway, a median divider, or an intersection to solicit money or donations from the occupant of a vehicle, subject to a certain exception; authorizing the governing body of the county or of a municipal corporation in the county to enact a certain permit program to allow individuals who are at least a certain age and representatives of certain organizations who are at least a certain age to solicit money or donations from the occupant of a vehicle by standing in a roadway, a median divider, or an intersection in the county or municipal corporation; requiring an applicant for a certain permit to submit proof of a certain plan that includes a requirement that a certain individual has received traffic safety training; providing that a certain permit be effective only for a certain period of time; providing that an individual or a certain organization may obtain only a certain number of a certain permit per calendar year; and generally relating to the solicitation and collection of money or donations from occupants of vehicles in Anne Arundel County.

BY repealing
Article – Transportation
Section 21–507(e)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Transportation
Section 21–507(f)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY renumbering
Article – Transportation
Section 21–507(g) through (j), respectively
to be Section 21–507(f) through (i), respectively
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)
House Bill 103 – Delegates Tarlau, Angel, Barron, Ebersole, Fennell, Jalisi, McCray, Pena–Melnyk, Platt, Rosenberg, Sanchez, Valentino–Smith, and A. Washington

AN ACT concerning

Income Tax – Subtraction Modification – Interest Paid on Student Loans

FOR the purpose of allowing a subtraction modification under the State income tax for a certain amount of interest paid by a qualified taxpayer on certain student loans; requiring the Comptroller to adopt certain regulations; defining certain terms; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to a Maryland income tax subtraction modification for certain interest paid on certain student loans.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Tax – General
Section 10–208(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2010 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Tax – General
Section 10–208(v)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2010 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 104 – Delegates Morhaim, Glenn, Hammen, Hill, Lam, and West

AN ACT concerning

Medical Cannabis – Written Certifications – Certifying Providers

FOR the purpose of authorizing certain dentists, podiatrists, nurse midwives, and nurse practitioners, in addition to physicians, to issue written certifications to qualifying patients by substituting the defined term “certifying provider” for “certifying physician” as it relates to laws governing medical cannabis; making conforming changes; making a stylistic change; and generally relating to providers authorized to provide written certifications for medical cannabis.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Health – General
Section 13–3301(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
  Article – Health – General
  Section 13–3301(c), (m), and (n), 13–3304, 13–3305, 13–3313(a)(1)(ii) and (3), and
  13–3314(d)
  Annotated Code of Maryland
  (2015 Replacement Volume)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 105 – Delegate Clippinger

AN ACT concerning

Local Government – Clean Energy Loan Programs – Commercial Property
  Owners – Renewable Energy Projects

FOR the purpose of removing the limitation that renewable energy projects by commercial
  property owners financed through a certain clean energy loan program have an
electric generating capacity of not more than a certain number of kilowatts; and
generally relating to financing renewable energy projects on commercial property
through clean energy loan programs.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
  Article – Local Government
  Section 1–1101 and 1–1102
  Annotated Code of Maryland
  (2013 Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
  Article – Local Government
  Section 1–1103
  Annotated Code of Maryland
  (2013 Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 106 – Delegates Fennell, D. Barnes, Barron, C. Howard, Knotts,
  Patterson, Platt, Reznik, S. Robinson, Rosenberg, Sanchez, Smith, Tarlau,
  Valderrama, and Vaughn

AN ACT concerning

Human Relations – Discrimination in Housing – Reentry–Into–Society Status
FOR the purpose of expanding the housing policy of the State to include providing for fair housing to all citizens regardless of reentry–into–society status; prohibiting a person from refusing to sell or rent a dwelling to any person because of reentry–into–society status; prohibiting a person from discriminating against any person in the terms, conditions, or privileges of the sale or rental of a dwelling because of reentry–into–society status; prohibiting a person from making, printing, or publishing certain types of materials with respect to the sale or rental of a dwelling that indicate a preference, limitation, or discrimination on the basis of reentry–into–society status; prohibiting a person from falsely representing that a dwelling is not available for inspection, sale, or rental based on reentry–into–society status; prohibiting a person from inducing or attempting to induce, for profit, a person to sell or rent a dwelling by making certain representations relating to the entry or prospective entry into the neighborhood of a person having a particular reentry–into–society status; prohibiting a person whose business includes engaging in residential real estate–related transactions from discriminating against any person in making available a transaction or in the terms or conditions of a transaction because of reentry–into–society status; prohibiting a person from denying a person, based on reentry–into–society status, access to, or membership or participation in, a service, an organization, or a facility relating to the business of selling or renting dwellings, or discriminating against a person in the terms or conditions of membership or participation; prohibiting a person from, by force or threat of force, willfully injuring, intimidating, or interfering with any person because of reentry–into–society status because the person is negotiating for the sale or rental of any dwelling or participating in any service relating to the business of selling or renting dwellings; providing that this Act does not limit the rights or remedies that are otherwise available to a landlord or tenant under any other law; defining a certain term; and generally relating to prohibitions against discrimination in housing based on reentry–into–society status.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – State Government
Section 20–701, 20–702, 20–705, 20–707, and 20–1103
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – State Government
Section 20–703 and 20–704
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 107 – Delegates Rosenberg, Tarlau, and A. Washington

AN ACT concerning
Higher Education – Walter Sondheim Jr. Public Service Internship Scholarship Program – Scholarship Amount

FOR the purpose of establishing certain minimum and maximum scholarship award amounts for the Walter Sondheim Jr. Public Service Internship Scholarship Program; and generally relating to the Walter Sondheim Jr. Public Service Internship Scholarship Program.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
   Article – Education
   Section 18–1702
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 108 – Delegates McCray, Anderson, Chang, Conaway, Glenn, Hayes, Hettleman, Jackson, Kelly, Korman, Krimm, Lierman, Luedtke, McIntosh, A. Miller, Moon, Morales, Platt, S. Robinson, Sydnor, Tarlau, and P. Young

AN ACT concerning

Capital Budget – Construction Projects – Apprenticeship Requirements

FOR the purpose of requiring a contractor or subcontractor that performs work on a construction project that receives a certain amount of funding from the State capital budget to be affiliated with, and to use apprentices from, an apprenticeship program that is registered with and approved by the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation or the United States Department of Labor, or requiring the contractor or subcontractor to make certain payments to the State Apprenticeship Training Fund or to certain apprenticeship programs under certain circumstances; providing that, under certain circumstances, certain contractors and subcontractors are not subject to the requirement; requiring certain contractors and subcontractors to make certain payments in a certain manner under certain circumstances; authorizing a contractor or subcontractor to make a certain request; requiring the Secretary of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation to make a good–faith effort to accommodate a certain request; requiring registered apprenticeship programs that receive certain funds to certify to the Secretary that the funds are used solely for the purpose of improving or expanding apprenticeship training; authorizing the State Apprenticeship Training Fund to include certain payments made in accordance with this Act; requiring the Secretary to adopt certain regulations; defining certain terms; and generally relating to a requirement that certain contractors and subcontractors performing work on certain capital construction projects be affiliated with certain apprenticeship programs and use certain registered apprentices or make certain payments to the State Apprenticeship Training Fund or to certain apprenticeship programs.
BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
   Article – State Finance and Procurement
   Section 17–602
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2015 Replacement Volume)

BY adding to
   Article – State Finance and Procurement
   Section 17–6A–01 through 17–6A–05 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 6A. Apprenticeship Requirements for Capital Construction Projects”
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2015 Replacement Volume)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 109 – Delegates Fennell, Chang, C. Howard, Patterson, Platt, S. Robinson, Rosenberg, Smith, Tarlau, Valderrama, and Walker

AN ACT concerning

   Public Schools – Health and Safety – Food Transparency

FOR the purpose of requiring certain local school systems to include certain information relating to items sold a la carte on certain monthly menus; requiring a certain monthly menu to include certain information under certain circumstances; requiring certain local school systems to create a certain a la carte menu or include a certain disclaimer on certain monthly menus under certain circumstances; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to food transparency in public schools in the State.

BY adding to
   Article – Education
   Section 7–438
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 110 – Delegate Knotts

AN ACT concerning

   Law Enforcement Explorer Program – Funding

FOR the purpose of establishing the Law Enforcement Explorer Program Fund as a special, nonlapsing fund; specifying the purpose of the Fund; requiring the Executive Director of the Governor’s Office of Crime Control and Prevention to administer the
Fund; requiring the State Treasurer to hold the Fund and the Comptroller to account for the Fund; specifying the contents of the Fund; requiring the Governor, each fiscal year, to include in the annual budget bill an appropriation of a certain amount to the Fund; specifying the purpose for which the Fund may be used; providing for the investment of money in and expenditures from the Fund; requiring the Executive Director to establish a certain application procedure; requiring a local law enforcement agency that makes a certain application to provide the Executive Director with certain information; requiring the Executive Director to make certain grants to certain local law enforcement agencies in a certain manner; requiring local law enforcement agencies to submit certain proof to the Executive Director; providing that money distributed for a law enforcement explorer program is to supplement and not supplant any other funding; requiring the Executive Director to report to the General Assembly on or before a certain date; exempting the Fund from a certain provision of law requiring interest on State money in special funds to accrue to the General Fund of the State; defining certain terms; and generally relating to funding for law enforcement explorer programs.

BY adding to
Article – Public Safety
Section 4–601 through 4–604 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 6. Law Enforcement Explorer Program Fund”
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2011 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – State Finance and Procurement
Section 6–226(a)(2)(i)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – State Finance and Procurement
Section 6–226(a)(2)(ii)84. and 85.
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume)

BY adding to
Article – State Finance and Procurement
Section 6–226(a)(2)(ii)86.
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 111 – Delegates Luedtke, Barkley, Frick, Impallaria, Kramer, Valderrama, and Waldstreicher
AN ACT concerning

Business Regulation – Sales of Dogs and Cats – Required Health Certificate

FOR the purpose of requiring a certain person who sells a dog or cat to provide the purchaser with a health certificate issued by a certain veterinarian within a certain period of time; requiring a certain person who sells a dog or cat to disclose certain health information about the dog or cat to a purchaser at a certain time; establishing a certain penalty for a violation of this Act; providing that a person may bring an action for damages incurred as a result of a violation of this Act; authorizing a court to award attorney’s fees under certain circumstances; and generally relating to a required health certificate for the sale of dogs and cats.

BY adding to
Article – Business Regulation
Section 19–901 through 19–903 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 9. Health Certification of Dogs and Cats for Sale”
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2010 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

THE HONORABLE ADRIENNE A. JONES, SPEAKER PRO TEM, NOW PRESIDING

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY ADDRESS

Delegate Terri L. Hill
Baltimore and Howard Counties

Thank you Madam Speaker –

Mr. Speaker, fellow members, staff and honored guests, I stand before you today honored by privileged and intimidated by the challenge of speaking to the occasion of the day, to bring a word that will be meaningful, hopefully enlightening, and perhaps inspiring. The task would be less daunting if I were talking about someone less universally known, whose impact on our nation had been less frequently debated, and whose story was not so familiar.

With that in mind, I will try to speak tonight not so much about the Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr., leader of the 20th century African–American civil rights movement, modern–day prophet, Nobel Laureate and, in death, Black American martyr and American hero; but rather of “Mike” or later “ML” King, a man of great intellect and gifts who was propelled from life as a husband, father and pastor, onto a trajectory and path that he could not have imagined nor would have likely chosen, because of a profound commitment to service to others.
Most of us are familiar with the basic outline:

- Born Michael King, Jr. on January 15, 1929, in Atlanta, GA to Alberta Williams, the
dughter of Ebenezer Baptist Church pastor A.D. Williams and the church's future
pastor and former sharecropper Michael King, he adopted the name of the protestant
movement leader Martin Luther following his father's lead.¹

- Husband and father of four

- Pastor – Dexter Avenue Baptist Church, Montgomery Alabama

- Boycott, protest and march leader

- Author

- Orator – “I Have A Dream” address, August 23, 1963 March on Washington for Jobs
and Freedom, Washington, D.C.

- Nobel Laureate*

- Assassinated: April 4, 1968, Memphis, TN

- He entered Morehouse College at the age of 15 and graduated in 1948 with a degree
in sociology. In 1951 he was graduated valedictorian and class president from Crozer
Theological Seminary in Chester, Pennsylvania where he was mentored by an old
college friend of his father, and my family’s pastor, the Rev. J. Pius Barbour.

When I speak with my mother, a high school student at the time, and others who
knew him or of him then, they comment on how average he was, nice, supportive of the
youth and encouraging of higher education, who danced, shot pool and partied like others
of his age.

It was at Crozer that King began to study the work of Mahatma Gandhi in depth, as
well as of other great thinkers, humanitarians and theologians. According to Rev. Barbour
writing in, Mike argued “dearly all night about Gandhi” while attending Crozer, asserting
that “no minority can afford to adopt a policy of violence. Just a matter of arithmetic”.²

He attended Boston University for his doctoral studies where he met Coretta Scott,
a music student at the New England Conservatory, whom he married in 1953. In 1954,
while writing his dissertation (which he later completed, receiving his PhD in 1955 at age
25), he accepted the pastorship of Dexter Avenue Baptist Church and they moved to
Montgomery, AL and started their family.

Shortly thereafter, in 1955, the conflict of racism and justice in America was coming
to a head and any expectations he might have had of leading an ordinary life, a quiet life
with the usual ambitions for marriage, family and career got derailed. Instead,
circumstances led to his being elected, at 26 years old, the president of the Montgomery Improvement Association, an organization formed following the arrest of Rosa Parks to coordinate the Montgomery bus boycott. Founded by Edgar Daniel (E.D.) Nixon (president of the local NAACP) and Jo Ann Robinson (president of the Women’s Political Council). He was elected president largely because of his eloquence and his calm demeanor, but perhaps as importantly because the more established preachers would not accept and he, being new to town, was largely unknown, and would not alarm most whites in Montgomery.3

He said “yes” then and continued to do so, going whenever and wherever he could be of service, through word or presence, from that time forward, up onto his death 13 years later, at 39.

(Excerpt from letter to Mrs. Lillian Jackson, President – Baltimore Branch NAACP, received from Maryland Senator (Ret.) Michael Bowen Mitchell)

King’s “yes” was the 1st of many which came to define his public life. It was a “yes” that took him from Montgomery to Birmingham to Selma to Washington, New York, Chicago, to places around the world and ultimately to Memphis. He spoke on behalf of Black Americans, the poor, the oppressed throughout the world, and for justice, freedom and opportunity. He chose a life of service that would put his wife and children at risk of death within the home that should have been their refuge, cost him his freedom, his sense of security, his health and ultimately his life.

(Excerpt from “The American Dream” speech, Lincoln University commencement address, June 6, 1961, received from Maryland Senator (Ret.) Michael B. Mitchell)

Rev. Barbour in a 1956 article written for the National Baptist Convention’s newsletter called King “the greatest orator on the American platform,” He also warned King in an earlier personal correspondence – “Why God selected you I don’t know. All I know is that He has, and you are in a dangerous place” 2

He was not the only hero or martyr of the era, and in honoring him we honor them all. Perhaps 1 Corinthians 13: 1–3 best sheds light on what made the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. an American worthy of the honor with which we commemorate him:

13 1 If I speak in the tongues[a] of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. 2 If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. 3 If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, [b] but do not have love, I gain nothing. (NIV)*

So how do we honor his legacy in action – I suggest that it is through service, and most especially through service to those who are not and will never be in a position to repay us.
We also honor his memory by recognizing that the next Mike King is not likely sitting in this chamber, nor in similar chamber across our country. The next Martin Luther King, Jr. is out there on the Mall protesting, or in the streets of Baltimore or Ferguson or in any number of American towns and cities around the country, protesting, agitating, and organizing to make our American “dream” a reality.

*Written but not included in spoken address

3 http://www.encyclopediaofalabama.org/article/h–2567

Delegate Branch moved the Delegate’s remarks be journalized.

The motion was adopted.

QUORUM CALL

The presiding officer announced a quorum call, showing 132 Members present.

(See Roll Call No. 9)

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:45 P.M. on motion of Delegate Kaiser the House adjourned until 10:00 A.M. on Tuesday, January 19, 2016.
The House met at 10:21 A.M. and pledged Allegiance to the Flag.

Prayer by Delegate Sally Jameson of Charles County.

**QUORUM CALL**

The presiding officer announced a quorum call, showing 137 Members present.

(See Roll Call No. 10)

The Journal of January 18, 2016 was read and approved.

**EXCUSES:**
Del. Angel – funeral

**SPECIAL ORDERS**

The presiding officer submitted the Special Orders of the day, as follows:

**House Rule 116**

Delegate Kaiser moved to make the Bill a Special Order for January 22, 2016.

The motion was adopted.

**QUORUM CALL**

The presiding officer announced a quorum call, showing 139 Members present.

(See Roll Call No. 11)

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 10:35 A.M. on motion of Delegate Kaiser the House adjourned until 11:00 A.M. on Wednesday, January 20, 2016.
Annapolis, Maryland  
Wednesday, January 20, 2016

The House met at 11:07 A.M. and pledged Allegiance to the Flag.

Prayer by Delegate Anne Healey of Prince George’s County.

QUORUM CALL

The presiding officer announced a quorum call, showing 141 Members present.

(See Roll Call No. 12)

The Journal of January 19, 2016 was read and approved.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

House Bill 112 – Delegates Jackson, Barron, Haynes, Healey, C. Howard, Jameson, Morales, and Patterson

AN ACT concerning

Election Law – Campaign Finance Entities – Activity and Forfeiture of Salary

FOR the purpose of authorizing a campaign finance entity to make a disbursement to compensate a responsible officer of the campaign finance entity only by check; requiring the treasurer of an authorized candidate campaign committee to provide certain individuals with a copy of a certain bank statement within a certain time period; requiring, under certain circumstances, a campaign finance entity to submit certain documentation to the State Board of Elections before making a disbursement for certain compensation; expanding the application of certain provisions of law regarding the forfeiture of salary by an individual holding public office in the State; requiring the State Administrator of Elections or the State Administrator’s designee, rather than the State Board of Elections, to take certain action regarding the forfeiture of salary by certain individuals; making conforming changes; and generally relating to campaign finance entities.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Election Law
Section 13–220(d) and 13–334
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2010 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)
BY adding to
   Article – Election Law
   Section 13–220(e) and 13–248
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2010 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 113 – Delegates Carr, Angel, Frick, Gutierrez, Hill, Jalisi, A. Miller, Morales, S. Robinson, Sample–Hughes, Smith, Sophocleus, and K. Young

AN ACT concerning

        Health Insurance – Coverage for Lymphedema Diagnosis, Evaluation, and Treatment

FOR the purpose of requiring insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations that provide certain health insurance benefits under certain insurance policies or contracts to provide coverage for certain diagnosis, evaluation, and treatment of lymphedema; providing that the required coverage may be subject to certain deductibles, copayments, and coinsurance; providing for the application of this Act; defining a certain term; and generally relating to coverage for lymphedema diagnosis, evaluation, and treatment under health insurance.

BY adding to
   Article – Insurance
   Section 15–850
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2011 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 114 – Delegates Tarlau, Angel, Fennell, McCray, Pena–Melnyk, Platt, and Sanchez

AN ACT concerning

        Homeowners’ Property Tax Credit – Calculation and Eligibility

FOR the purpose of altering certain limitations on a homeowner’s combined net worth and gross income amount for purposes of determining eligibility for a certain homeowners’ property tax credit; altering the computation of the credit; providing for a delayed effective date for certain provisions of this Act; and generally relating to a certain homeowners’ property tax credit.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Tax – Property
Section 9–104(k)(1)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

(by Section 1 of this Act)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 115 – Delegates Reznik, Barkley, Barve, Brooks, Ebersole, Glenn, Jalisi, Kipke, Lam, McKay, Pena-Melnyk, and K. Young

AN ACT concerning

Education – Robotics Grant Program – Establishment

FOR the purpose of establishing the Robotics Grant Program; providing for the purpose of the Program; establishing eligibility requirements for the Program; requiring the State Department of Education to implement and administer the Program; requiring the Governor to include a certain appropriation to the Program in the State budget; authorizing the Department to adopt certain regulations; and generally relating to the Robotics Grant Program.

(by adding to
Article – Education
Section 7–121
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.


AN ACT concerning

Motor Fuel Tax Rates – Consumer Price Index Adjustment – Repeal
FOR the purpose of repealing a requirement that certain motor fuel tax rates be adjusted in future years based on growth in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers; and generally relating to motor fuel tax rates.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
  Article – Tax – General
  Section 9–305
  Annotated Code of Maryland
  (2010 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 117 – Delegate Barron

AN ACT concerning

State Board of Pharmacy – Licensure Requirements for Pharmacists – Proof of Proficiency in English

FOR the purpose of providing that, for applicants for a license to practice pharmacy, graduation from certain schools is acceptable proof of proficiency in the oral communication of the English language under a certain provision of law; and generally relating to licensure requirements for pharmacists.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
  Article – Health Occupations
  Section 12–302(g)
  Annotated Code of Maryland
  (2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 118 – Delegates Korman, Frick, and Kelly

AN ACT concerning

State Highway Administration – Highway Work Permittees – Notice of Sidewalk Closure

FOR the purpose of requiring a person that obtains a certain permit from the State Highway Administration that authorizes a sidewalk to be closed or that does the work under the permit to post a notice at the work site providing certain information under certain circumstances; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to the closure of sidewalks due to highway–related construction or maintenance.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Transportation
Section 8–646
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 119 – Delegate Reznik

AN ACT concerning

State Board of Physicians – Licensing Exemption – Physicians With Traveling Athletic and Sports Teams

FOR the purpose of authorizing certain physicians, under certain circumstances, to practice medicine in the State without a license issued by the State Board of Physicians and without submitting to a criminal history records check while providing medical care to an athletic team’s or a sports team’s members, band members, cheerleading squad, mascot, coaches, and other staff; and generally relating to a licensing exemption for physicians with traveling athletic and sports teams.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Health Occupations
Section 14–302
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 120 – Delegates Krimm, Brooks, Carr, Chang, Ciliberti, Gutierrez, Hill, Jalisi, Jameson, Kelly, Korman, Kramer, Lierman, McCray, Patterson, B. Robinson, Smith, Vogt, West, K. Young, and P. Young

AN ACT concerning

State Budget – Department of Budget and Management – Statement of Dedicated State Funds

FOR the purpose of requiring the Secretary of Budget and Management to publish on the Department of Budget and Management’s Web site a certain itemized statement, linked to the proposed State budget, of revenues collected by the State that are dedicated by law to a special fund; and generally relating to the Department of Budget and Management and the State budget.

BY adding to

Article – State Finance and Procurement
Section 7–107
AN ACT concerning

Criminal Law – False Statement Concerning Destructive Device or Toxic Material – Venue

FOR the purpose of adding an additional venue in which a person may be prosecuted for a false statement concerning a destructive device or toxic material; making certain stylistic changes; and generally relating to false statements concerning a destructive device or toxic material.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
   Article – Criminal Law
   Section 9–504(b)
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
   Article – Criminal Law
   Section 9–504(d)
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

AN ACT concerning

Critical Area Commission for the Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays
– Membership From Ocean City

FOR the purpose of authorizing the Mayor of Ocean City to appoint a designee of the Mayor as a member of the Critical Area Commission for the Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
   Article – Natural Resources
   Section 8–1803(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Natural Resources
Section 8–1804(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 123 – Delegate Lafferty

AN ACT concerning

Property Tax – Credits for Property in Neighborhood Conservation Area

FOR the purpose of establishing a property tax credit against the State property tax imposed on certain real property located in a neighborhood conservation area under certain circumstances; establishing the amount of the property tax credit subject to a certain limitation; authorizing the Department of Assessments and Taxation to establish certain procedures; altering the years in which certain properties must be purchased in order to qualify for a certain county or municipal corporation property tax credit for certain owner–occupied, residential real property in certain designated areas; altering the criteria used by the Department of Housing and Community Development to adopt regulations that establish application procedures for the designation of certain neighborhood conservation areas; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to property tax credits for property located in a neighborhood conservation area.

BY adding to
Article – Tax – Property
Section 9–110
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Tax – Property
Section 9–255
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 124 – Delegate Hammen

AN ACT concerning
Health Insurance – Large Employers – Disclosure of Aggregate Incurred Claims

FOR the purpose of requiring a health insurance carrier to disclose certain aggregate incurred claims to a large employer under certain circumstances; requiring the disclosure to be made at certain times and in a certain format; defining certain terms; and generally relating to disclosure of aggregate incurred claims to a large employer by a carrier.

BY adding to
   Article – Insurance
   Section 15–1411
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2011 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 125 – Charles County Delegation

AN ACT concerning

   Creation of a State Debt – Charles County – Indian Head Center for the Arts Renovation

FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed $130,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Indian Head Center for the Arts, Inc. for certain development or improvement purposes; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; establishing a deadline for the encumbrance or expenditure of the loan proceeds; and providing generally for the issuance and sale of bonds evidencing the loan.

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

House Bill 126 – Delegates Carozza and Otto

AN ACT concerning

   Worcester County – Recycling at Special Events – Exemptions

FOR the purpose of exempting Worcester County from a requirement to revise its recycling plan by a certain date to address recycling at special events; exempting Worcester County from certain requirements regarding recycling at special events; and generally relating to recycling at special events in Worcester County.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
   Article – Environment
Section 9–1703(a) and (b)(14)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
Article – Environment  
Section 9–1703(g) and 9–1712  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY adding to  
Article – Environment  
Section 9–1703(h)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 127 – Delegates Reznik, Buckel, Ebersole, Frush, Glass, Glenn, Grammer, Holmes, Hornberger, C. Howard, Kipke, Lam, Luedtke, Pendergrass, Valderrama, West, and K. Young

AN ACT concerning  
Criminal Law – Gaming – Home Games  

FOR the purpose of allowing an individual who is at least a certain age to conduct a home game involving wagering if the home game is conducted in certain manner; and generally relating to gaming.

BY adding to  
Article – Criminal Law  
Section 12–115  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 128 – Delegate Jackson

AN ACT concerning  
Public Utilities – Termination of Service to Multifamily Dwelling Unit – Notification to Property Manager
FOR the purpose of requiring a public service company that is going to terminate electric or gas service to a certain customer to notify a certain property manager before terminating service; and generally relating to termination of electric or gas service.

BY adding to
   Article – Public Utilities
   Section 7–307.3
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2010 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 129 – Delegates Carr, Hayes, and Moon

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

AN ACT concerning

Staggered Election Terms – Charter County Councils

FOR the purpose of proposing an amendment to the Maryland Constitution authorizing a charter county to enact legislation to stagger the terms of office for the members of the county council of the county; providing that some members of the county council of a charter county may be elected at the presidential general election and some members may be elected at the gubernatorial general election; generally relating to staggering the terms of members of the county council for a charter county; and submitting this amendment to the qualified voters of the State for their adoption or rejection.

BY proposing an amendment to the Maryland Constitution
   Article XVII – Quadrennial Elections
   Section 2

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 130 – Delegates Carr, Hill, Lam, and Moon

AN ACT concerning

Lobbying – Legislative Unit Meals and Receptions – Publication of Report
   (General Assembly Online Social Calendar)

FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of Legislative Services to post on the Web site of the General Assembly a certain legislative unit registration report that includes information on certain meals and receptions; and generally relating to public ethics, lobbying, and legislative unit meals and receptions.
BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
   Article – General Provisions
   Section 5–709
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2014 Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations.

House Bill 131 – Delegates Waldstreicher, Moon, Kramer, and C. Wilson

AN ACT concerning

Commercial Law – Nondisparagement Clauses in Consumer Contracts – Prohibition

FOR the purpose of prohibiting a contract or a proposed contract for the sale or lease of consumer goods or services from including a provision waiving the consumer’s right to make a certain statement; prohibiting a person from threatening or seeking enforcement of a certain contract provision; prohibiting a person from penalizing a consumer for making a certain statement; providing that a waiver of certain provisions of this Act is contrary to public policy and is void and unenforceable; providing for the construction and application of this Act; providing that a violation of this Act is an unfair or deceptive trade practice within the meaning of the Maryland Consumer Protection Act and subject to certain enforcement and penalty provisions; defining certain terms; and generally relating to nondisparagement clauses in consumer contracts.

BY adding to
   Article – Commercial Law
   Section 14–1325
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2013 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 132 – Delegates Lafferty, Healey, Lierman, and S. Robinson

AN ACT concerning

State Government – Pollinator Habitat Plans

FOR the purpose of requiring certain State agencies that own or manage property or land, in consultation with the Department of Agriculture, to establish certain pollinator habitat plans on or before a certain date; requiring certain State agencies to make certain pollinator habitat plans publicly available in a certain manner on or before a certain date; requiring certain State agencies to implement certain pollinator habitat
plans on or before a certain date; requiring certain State agencies to report to certain committees of the General Assembly on or before a certain date; and generally relating to pollinator habitat plans.

BY adding to
   Article – Agriculture
Section 2–1701 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 17. Pollinator Habitat Plans”
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2007 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 133 – Charles County Delegation

AN ACT concerning

Charles County – Annual Financial Report and Annual Audit Report – Filing Date

FOR the purpose of altering the date by which Charles County is required to file a certain financial report with the Department of Legislative Services and report the results of a certain audit with the Legislative Auditor; and generally relating to the date by which Charles County is required to file a financial report and the results of an audit.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
   Article – Local Government
Section 16–304
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2013 Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
   Article – Local Government
Section 16–306
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2013 Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 134 – Delegate Holmes

AN ACT concerning

Residential Property – Ground Leases – Notices of Default

FOR the purpose of requiring a ground lease holder to send a copy of a certain notice of ground lease payment default and a certain statement regarding the curing of the default to any holder of record of a secured interest in the property that is subject to
the ground lease under certain circumstances; and generally relating to notices of default on residential property subject to a ground lease.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
  Article – Real Property
  Section 8–807(a) through (d)
  Annotated Code of Maryland
  (2015 Replacement Volume)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
  Article – Real Property
  Section 8–807(e)
  Annotated Code of Maryland
  (2015 Replacement Volume)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 135 – Delegates Atterbeary and Turner

AN ACT concerning

Annual Reports and Personal Property Reports – Fees, Exemption, and Affidavit

FOR the purpose of altering the fee that certain business entities must pay for filing a required annual report with the State Department of Assessments and Taxation; exempting a person who did not own certain property during the preceding calendar year from submitting a report on personal property to the Department; requiring the person to submit a certain affidavit to the Department on or before a certain date; specifying the form and contents of the affidavit; providing that the affidavit may be submitted electronically to the Department; authorizing a person who has filed a certain affidavit with the Department to file an amended report within a certain time period under certain circumstances; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to certain reports filed with the State Department of Assessments and Taxation.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
  Article – Corporations and Associations
  Section 1–203(b)(3)(ii)
  Annotated Code of Maryland
  (2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY adding to
  Article – Corporations and Associations
  Section 1–203(b)(3)(iii) and (iv)
  Annotated Code of Maryland
  (2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)
BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
   Article – Tax – Property
   Section 11–101 and 11–103(a)
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 136 – Delegates Stein and A. Washington

AN ACT concerning

   State Government – Financial Education and Capability Commission – Composition

FOR the purpose of altering the composition of the Financial Education and Capability Commission; and generally relating to the Financial Education and Capability Commission.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
   Article – State Government
   Section 9–802
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
   Article – State Government
   Section 9–803
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 137 – Charles County Delegation

AN ACT concerning

   Charles County – Taxing Districts for Infrastructure Improvements – Repeal of Restriction

FOR the purpose of repealing a certain restriction on the exercise of authority granted to Charles County to establish certain taxing districts for certain infrastructure improvements; and generally relating to authority for Charles County to establish taxing districts for certain infrastructure improvements.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.


AN ACT concerning

Task Force to Study the Placement of Library Services Within the Education Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland

FOR the purpose of establishing the Task Force to Study the Placement of Library Services Within the Education Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Task Force; prohibiting a member of the Task Force from receiving certain compensation, but authorizing the reimbursement of certain expenses; requiring the Task Force to study and make recommendations regarding certain matters; requiring the Task Force to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before a certain date; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to the Task Force to Study the Placement of Library Services Within the Education Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland.

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 139 – Delegates Hixson, Branch, Bromwell, and Walker

AN ACT concerning

Tobacco Tax – Premium Cigars – Rate

FOR the purpose of altering the tobacco tax rate on premium cigars; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to the tobacco tax rate for premium cigars.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Business Regulation
Section 16.5–101(p)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Tax – General
Section 12–105(b)
AN ACT concerning

Security Systems Technicians and Agencies – Fees and Sunset Extension and Program Evaluation

FOR the purpose of altering the amount of the application fee for a license to engage in the business of providing security systems services; requiring a certain applicant to pay certain fees relating to a criminal history records check; altering the amount of a certain processing fee for a certain applicant for a certain license; altering the amount of a certain license renewal fee and a certain processing fee for a certain applicant for renewal; altering the amount of a certain registration application fee; altering the amount of a certain processing fee for a certain applicant for a certain registration; altering the amount of a certain registration renewal fee and a certain registration renewal processing fee; continuing the authority of the Secretary of State Police to license and regulate security systems agencies in the State and register security systems technicians and certain other individuals in accordance with the Maryland Program Evaluation Act (Sunset Law) by extending to a certain date the termination provisions relating to the statutory and regulation authority of the Secretary; requiring that a preliminary evaluation of the program to license and regulate security systems technicians and agencies and the statutes and regulations that relate to the program be conducted in a certain year; and generally relating to security systems technicians and agencies.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Business Occupations and Professions
Section 18–303, 18–307, 18–3A–03, 18–3A–07, and 18–701
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2010 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – State Government
Section 8–403(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – State Government
Section 8–403(b)(52)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 140 – The Speaker (By Request – Department of Legislative Services)
Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.


AN ACT concerning

Education – Education Accountability Program – Limits on Testing

FOR the purpose of requiring the State Board of Education to adopt certain regulations limiting the amount of time that may be spent on certain tests; prohibiting certain types of tests and activities from being counted toward certain testing time limits; providing for the construction of this Act; and generally relating to limits on testing in public schools.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Education
Section 7–203(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – Education
Section 7–203(h)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 142 – Delegates Hixson, Dumais, Ebersole, Gutierrez, Kramer, Moon, Patterson, Platt, Reznik, S. Robinson, and Walker

AN ACT concerning

Education – Health and Safety – Emotional Health Awareness Programs

FOR the purpose of requiring certain local school systems to implement a certain program of emotional health awareness for certain individuals and to implement a certain program to provide certain student athletes and coaches with certain tools; authorizing certain local school systems to use certain materials and collaborate with certain organizations under certain circumstances; requiring the State Department
of Education to adopt certain regulations; and generally relating to emotional health awareness programs in public schools in the State.

BY adding to
Article – Education
Section 7–438
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 143 – Delegates Hammen, Clippinger, and Lierman

AN ACT concerning

Creation of a State Debt – Baltimore City – Creative Alliance Project

FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed $600,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Trustees of the Fells Point Creative Alliance, Inc. for certain development or improvement purposes; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; establishing a deadline for the encumbrance or expenditure of the loan proceeds; and providing generally for the issuance and sale of bonds evidencing the loan.

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

House Bill 144 – Delegates Hixson, Barve, Carr, Chang, Dumais, Ebersole, Gutierrez, Jalisi, Kaiser, Knotts, Kramer, Lam, Moon, Patterson, Platt, S. Robinson, Sophocleus, and Turner

AN ACT concerning

Libraries – Regional, State, and County – Funding

FOR the purpose of altering the calculation of certain funding for each participating regional resource center, the State Library Resource Center, and each county public library system for certain fiscal years; and generally relating to funding for regional, State, and county libraries.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Education
Section 23–205 and 23–503
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.
House Bill 145 – Delegate Hixson

AN ACT concerning

Public School Labor Relations Board – Renegotiation Procedures and Administration

FOR the purpose of authorizing a public school employer and an employee organization to use a certain alternative procedure regarding the renegotiation of certain allocated funds under certain circumstances; requiring the Attorney General to assign an assistant Attorney General to provide legal services to the Public School Labor Relations Board, the Higher Education Labor Relations Board, and the State Labor Relations Board; providing that, in connection with the Public School Labor Relations Board’s administration and enforcement of certain provisions of law, certain references to written communications shall include electronic communications, certain time limits may be extended for good cause, and certain venues for judicial proceedings involving Board action shall be in a certain county; requiring a party subject to an order of the Board to comply with the order without need for judicial enforcement; authorizing a court to grant certain relief and remedies requested by the Board; requiring the chair of the Board to be a certain member of the Board; defining a certain term; and generally relating to the Public School Labor Relations Board.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Education
Section 6–401(a) and (b), 6–501(a) through (c), and 6–803(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – Education
Section 6–401(b–1) and 6–501(c–1)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Education
Section 6–408.1, 6–511, 6–803(c), 6–805, and 6–806
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 146 – Delegate M. Washington (By Request – Baltimore City Administration) and Delegates Anderson, Clippinger, Glenn, Haynes, McCray, McIntosh, Oaks, and B. Robinson
AN ACT concerning

Baltimore City – Property Tax Credit – Public Safety Officers

FOR the purpose of authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City to grant, by law, a certain property tax credit against the county property tax imposed on a certain dwelling in Baltimore City that is owned by a certain public safety officer under certain circumstances; providing that the credit may not exceed a certain amount and may not be granted to more than one public safety officer per dwelling; prohibiting a certain recipient of the property tax credit from receiving certain other property tax credits; authorizing the receipt of certain additional property tax credits subject to a certain limitation; authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City to provide, by law, for certain matters relating to the tax credit; defining certain terms; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to a property tax credit for certain public safety officers in Baltimore City.

BY adding to
   Article – Tax – Property
   Section 9–304(i)
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 147 – Delegate Otto

AN ACT concerning

Somerset County Code of Public Local Laws – 2016 Edition – Legalization

FOR the purpose of 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; and generally relating to the 2016 Edition of the Somerset County Code of Public Local Laws.

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 148 – Delegate Otto

AN ACT concerning

Somerset County – Sheriff – Salary

FOR the purpose of altering the salary of the Sheriff of Somerset County; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to the salary of the Sheriff of Somerset County.
BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
   Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings
   Section 2–309(u)(1)(i)
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2013 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 149 – Delegate Otto

AN ACT concerning

Somerset County – Commissioners – Salary and Expense Reimbursements

FOR the purpose of altering the salary of the County Commissioners of Somerset County;
altering the limit on reimbursements that each Commissioner may receive for
certain expenses; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to
the salary and expense reimbursement for the County Commissioners of Somerset
County.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
   The Public Local Laws of Somerset County
   Section 2–101
   Article 20 – Public Local Laws of Maryland
   (2015 Edition)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 150 – The President and the Speaker (By Request – Administration)

Budget Bill

(Fiscal Year 2017)

AN ACT for the purpose of making the proposed appropriations contained in the State
Budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017, in accordance with Article III,
Section 52 of the Maryland Constitution; and generally relating to appropriations
and budgetary provisions made pursuant to that section.

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

House Bill 151 – The Speaker (By Request – Administration)

AN ACT concerning

FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt in the amount of One Billion, Two Million, Three Hundred Eighty-Five Thousand Dollars ($1,002,385,000), the proceeds to be used for certain necessary building, construction, demolition, planning, renovation, conversion, replacement, and capital equipment purchases of the State, for acquiring certain real estate in connection therewith, and for grants to certain subdivisions and other organizations for certain development and improvement purposes, subject to certain requirements that certain matching funds be provided and expended by certain dates; providing generally for the issuance and sale of bonds evidencing the loan; authorizing the creation of State Debt in certain years to be used for certain purposes; imposing a certain tax on all assessable property in the State; requiring that certain grantees convey certain easements under certain circumstances to the Maryland Historical Trust; providing that the proceeds of certain loans must be expended or encumbered by a certain date; authorizing the Board of Public Works, under certain circumstances, to approve certain appropriations, notwithstanding certain technical differences; authorizing certain unexpended appropriations in certain prior capital budgets and bond loans to be expended for other public projects; altering certain requirements for certain programs in certain prior capital budgets and bond loans; providing that the authorizations of State Debt in certain prior capital budgets and bond loans be reduced by certain amounts; requiring that certain projects be constructed at certain locations; repealing certain requirements for certain appropriations; requiring the Comptroller to make certain transfers, adjustments, and reconciliations; repealing certain Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loan Preauthorization acts; making certain technical corrections; providing for a delayed effective date for certain provisions of this Act; and generally relating to the financing of certain capital projects.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Section 1(3) Item DB01(A)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Section 1(1)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Section 1(3) Item RM00(B)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Section 1(3) Item RM00(C), RQ00(C), ZA01(AH) and (BL), ZA02(AW), and ZA03(I)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Section 1(3) Item ZA01(BQ)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Section 1(3) Item ZA01(AF) and ZA02(AC)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Section 1(1)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Section 1(1)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Section 1(3) Item RC00(A) and 12(3) Item RM00(E)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Section 1(3) Item DE02.01(D)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Section 1(3) Item ML01(A)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Section 12(1)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Section 12(3) Item RB23(B)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Section 1(3) Item RB31(A)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Chapter 444 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2012
Section 1(3) Item DE02.01(B) and RB31(A)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Section 1(3) Item MM06(D)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Section 1(1) and (3) Item DE02.01(D)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Section 1(3) Item PA13.01(A)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Section 1(3) Item DE02.01(B)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Section 1(1)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Section 1(3) Item RM00(B)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Section 1(3) Item DE02.01(C) and ZA01(E)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Section 1(1) and (3) Item VE01(C)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Section 1(1) and (3) Item SA25(A) and (D) and ZA00(H) and (P)

BY repealing
Section 12, 13, and 14

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

**House Bill 152 – Delegate Otto**

AN ACT concerning
Somerset County – State’s Attorney – Salary

FOR the purpose of altering the salary of the State’s Attorney of Somerset County; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to the salary of the State’s Attorney of Somerset County.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
  Article – Criminal Procedure
  Section 15–420
  Annotated Code of Maryland
  (2008 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 153 – Delegate Cluster

AN ACT concerning

  Law Enforcement Officers’ Bill of Rights – Time Period for Filing
  Administrative Charges – Reduction

FOR the purpose of altering the period of time under the Law Enforcement Officers’ Bill of Rights during which a law enforcement agency may file administrative charges against a law enforcement officer under certain circumstances; and generally relating to the Law Enforcement Officers’ Bill of Rights.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
  Article – Public Safety
  Section 3–106
  Annotated Code of Maryland
  (2011 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 154 – Delegate Cluster

AN ACT concerning

  Law Enforcement Officers’ Bill of Rights – Administrative Hearing
  – Reimbursement of Costs and Fees

FOR the purpose of requiring under the Law Enforcement Officers’ Bill of Rights that a hearing board award certain costs and fees to a law enforcement officer under certain circumstances; and generally relating to administrative hearings under the Law Enforcement Officers’ Bill of Rights.
BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Public Safety
Section 3–108(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2011 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

QUORUM CALL

The presiding officer announced a quorum call, showing 140 Members present.

(See Roll Call No. 13)

SPECIAL ORDERS

The presiding officer submitted the Special Orders of the day, as follows:

VETOED HOUSE BILLS – 2015

VETOED HOUSE BILLS AND MESSAGES – 2015
(Policy)
(See Exhibit A of Appendix II)

The presiding officer submitted the Special Orders of the day, as follows:

House Bill 71 – The Speaker (By Request – Administration)
(2015)

AN ACT concerning


STATUS OF BILL: 2015 LINE ITEM VETO. CONSIDERATION TO OVERRIDE THE GOVERNOR'S VETO.

The Speaker put the question: “Shall the Bill pass, notwithstanding the objections of the Chief Executive?”

The veto was overridden by roll call vote as follows:

Affirmative – 92    Negative – 49 (See Roll Call No. 14)
Said bill was then sent to the Senate.

MESSAGE TO THE SENATE

January 20, 2016

Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate:

The House of Delegates has voted to override the Governor’s Line Item Veto ZA00 (l) of House Bill 71 (2015). Said Bill is sent to you for your consideration.

By Order,
Sylvia Siegert, Chief Clerk

Read and adopted.


AN ACT concerning

Howard County – Room Rental Tax – Room Rental Fee

Ho. Co. 12–15

STATUS OF BILL: 2015 VETOED BILL. CONSIDERATION TO OVERRIDE THE GOVERNOR’S VETO.

The Speaker put the question: “Shall the Bill pass, notwithstanding the objections of the Chief Executive?”

The veto was overridden by roll call vote as follows:

Affirmative – 90   Negative – 51  (See Roll Call No. 15)

Said bill was then sent to the Senate.

MESSAGE TO THE SENATE

January 20, 2016

Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate:
The House of Delegates has voted to override the Governor’s veto of House Bill 209 (2015). Said Bill is sent to you for your consideration.

By Order,
Sylvia Siegert, Chief Clerk

Read and adopted.


AN ACT concerning

Election Law – Voting Rights – Ex–Felons

STATUS OF BILL: 2015 VETOED BILL. CONSIDERATION TO OVERRIDE THE GOVERNOR’S VETO.

The Speaker put the question: “Shall the Bill pass, notwithstanding the objections of the Chief Executive?”

The veto was overridden by roll call vote as follows:

Affirmative – 85    Negative – 56 (See Roll Call No. 16)

Said bill was then sent to the Senate.

MESSAGE TO THE SENATE

January 20, 2016

Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate:

The House of Delegates has voted to override the Governor’s veto of House Bill 980 (2015). Said Bill is sent to you for your consideration.

By Order,
Sylvia Siegert, Chief Clerk
Read and adopted.

QUORUM CALL

The presiding officer announced a quorum call, showing 141 Members present.

(See Roll Call No. 17)

ADJOURNMENT

At 12:20 P.M. on motion of Delegate Kaiser the House adjourned until 11:00 A.M. on Thursday, January 21, 2016.
Annapolis, Maryland  
Thursday, January 21, 2016

The House met at 11:55 A.M. and pledged Allegiance to the Flag.

Prayer by Delegate Shane Robinson of Montgomery County.

QUORUM CALL

The presiding officer announced a quorum call, showing 141 Members present.

(See Roll Call No. 18)

The Journal of January 20, 2016 was read and approved.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS


AN ACT concerning

Criminal Law – Stalking and Harassment

FOR the purpose of repealing the requirement that certain conduct be malicious in order to be prohibited conduct applicable to crimes related to stalking, harassment, and misuse of electronic communications or interactive computer services; prohibiting a person from engaging in a course of conduct where the person intends to cause or knows or reasonably should have known that the conduct would cause serious emotional distress to another; and generally relating to stalking, harassment, and misuse of electronic communications or interactive computer services.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Criminal Law  
Section 3–802, 3–803, and 3–805  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.
House Bill 156 – Delegates West, Arentz, Aumann, Cluster, Hettleman, and Lierman

AN ACT concerning

Election Law – Campaign Material – Clarification of Definition

FOR the purpose of clarifying the definition of “campaign material” by providing that, to meet the definition of “campaign material”, the text, graphics, or other images of the material must primarily relate to campaign activity for an election; and generally relating to the definition of “campaign material”.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Election Law
Section 1–101(k)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2010 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Election Law
Section 13–401
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2010 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 157 – Delegates Valentino-Smith, Cluster, Folden, Fraser-Hidalgo, Jackson, Moon, Rey, Sanchez, Smith, Sydnor, Vallario, and B. Wilson

AN ACT concerning

Death or Life–Threatening Injury by Motor Vehicle or Vessel – Subsequent Offenders – Penalties

FOR the purpose of establishing subsequent offender penalties for certain offenses that result in the death of or life–threatening injury to another as the result of a certain person driving, operating, or controlling a vehicle or vessel; providing that certain offenses committed in another state or federal jurisdiction are to be considered for the application of certain subsequent offender penalties; and generally relating to death or life–threatening injuries by motor vehicles or vessels.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Criminal Law
Section 2–209, 2–210, 2–503 through 2–506, and 3–211
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)
Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.


AN ACT concerning

Income Tax Subtraction Modification – Retirement Income (Fairness in Taxation for Retirees Act)

FOR the purpose of including income from certain retirement plans within a certain subtraction modification allowed under the Maryland income tax for certain individuals who are at least a certain age or who are disabled or whose spouse is disabled; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to a subtraction modification under the Maryland income tax for certain individuals for certain retirement income.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Tax – General
Section 10–209
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2010 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.


AN ACT concerning

Taxpayer Protection Act – State Income Tax – Consumer Price Index Adjustments

FOR the purpose of altering certain State income tax rate bracket thresholds by a certain cost–of–living adjustment; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to a cost–of–living adjustment for certain income tax rate brackets.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Tax – General
Section 10–105(a)(1)(iii) and (2)(iii)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2010 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)
BY adding to
  Article – Tax – General
  Section 10–105(e)
  Annotated Code of Maryland
  (2010 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.


AN ACT concerning

**Income Tax – Personal Exemptions – Inflation Adjustment**

FOR the purpose of altering the amount of certain exemptions allowed under the State income tax for certain taxable years by a certain cost–of–living adjustment; and generally relating to a cost–of–living adjustment for certain exemptions allowed under the State income tax.

BY adding to
  Article – Tax – General
  Section 10–211(c)
  Annotated Code of Maryland
  (2010 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.


AN ACT concerning

**Income Tax – Standard Deduction – Inflation Adjustment**

FOR the purpose of altering the minimum and maximum limitation amounts of certain standard deductions allowed under the State income tax for certain taxable years by a certain cost–of–living adjustment; and generally relating to a cost–of–living adjustment for certain standard deductions allowed under the State income tax.

BY adding to
  Article – Tax – General
  Section 10–217(d)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2010 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 162 – Chair, Judiciary Committee (By Request – Departmental – Comptroller)

AN ACT concerning

Comptroller – Taxpayer Protection Act

FOR the purpose of altering the statute of limitations for certain offenses arising under the Tax – General Article; altering a certain definition of “public record” to exclude certain documents related to certain State employees; providing certain employees of the Field Enforcement Bureau of the Comptroller’s Office with certain police powers when enforcing laws pertaining to certain taxes; repealing the authority of certain employers or payors to submit certain information to the Comptroller in a certain format; requiring all employers or payors required to submit certain information to the Comptroller to submit the information in a certain format; providing that a certain definition of tax information includes certain information contained on certain types of returns filed with the Comptroller; requiring a tax collector to impose a certain penalty on certain paid tax preparers; requiring the Comptroller to assess a certain penalty on a person required to provide a certain annual report if the person fails to provide the report or provides a false report; authorizing a certain civil action to enjoin a person from acting as an income tax preparer under certain circumstances; providing when a court may enjoin a person from acting as an income tax preparer; requiring the Attorney General, if a certain request is made, to bring a civil action in certain counties; making stylistic changes; and generally relating to the collection and enforcement of taxes.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings
Section 5–106(l)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2013 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – General Provisions
Section 4–101(j)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Tax – General
Section 2–107(a), 10–911, 13–201, and 13–703
Annotated Code of Maryland
AN ACT concerning

Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners – Submission of a Comprehensive Master Plan – Repeal of Duplicative Requirement

FOR the purpose of repealing a certain requirement for the Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners to submit a certain master plan to the State Board of Education; and generally relating to the duplicative requirement for submission of a comprehensive master plan by the Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners.

BY repealing

Article – Education
Section 4–309
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 164 – Chair, Appropriations Committee (By Request – Departmental – Comptroller)

AN ACT concerning

State Personnel Management System – Background Investigation and Criminal History Records Check – Prospective and Current Employees

FOR the purpose of authorizing certain appointing authorities in the State Personnel Management System to require certain prospective or current employees to provide certain information for a certain background investigation; authorizing certain appointing authorities to request from the Criminal Justice Information System Central Repository a State and national criminal history records check for certain prospective and current employees; establishing certain procedures to apply for a criminal history records check; requiring the Central Repository to forward criminal history record information to certain prospective or current employees; providing that certain information is confidential and may be used only for certain purposes;
requiring the Central Repository to provide a revised printed statement of a certain State criminal history record under certain circumstances; authorizing an individual who is the subject of a criminal history records check under this Act to contest certain information in the record; authorizing the Secretary of Budget and Management to adopt certain regulations, guidelines, and policies; defining a certain term; and generally relating to background investigations and criminal history records checks for employees in the State Personnel Management System.

BY adding to
  Article – State Personnel and Pensions
  Section 7–104
  Annotated Code of Maryland
  (2015 Replacement Volume)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

House Bill 165 – Delegate Carr

AN ACT concerning

  Sales and Use Tax – Short–Term Vehicle Rentals – Rates

FOR the purpose of altering the sales and use tax rates for all short–term vehicle rentals to be a certain percentage of the taxable price; and generally relating to the sales and use tax for short–term vehicle rentals.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
  Article – Tax – General
  Section 11–104(c)
  Annotated Code of Maryland
  (2010 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 166 – Delegates Valentino–Smith, Cluster, Sanchez, Smith, and B. Wilson

AN ACT concerning

  Criminal Procedure – Pretrial Release – Nonresident Sex Offenders

FOR the purpose of prohibiting a District Court commissioner from authorizing the pretrial release of a defendant who is not a resident of the State and is a sex offender subject to certain registration requirements outside the State; and generally relating to pretrial release.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Criminal Procedure  
Section 5–202(g)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2008 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.


AN ACT concerning  
Domestic Violence – Person Eligible for Relief

FOR the purpose of altering the definition of “person eligible for relief” for purposes of certain provisions relating to domestic violence; and generally relating to domestic violence.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
Article – Family Law  
Section 4–501(m)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 168 – Delegates Valentino–Smith, Moon, Patterson, B. Robinson, Smith, Sydnor, A. Washington, and M. Washington

AN ACT concerning  
General Assembly – Fiscal Notes – Criminal Justice Policy Impact Statements

FOR the purpose of requiring a fiscal note for a bill to include a criminal justice policy impact statement under certain circumstances; requiring the criminal justice policy impact statement to contain certain information; requiring the Department of Legislative Services to prepare the criminal justice policy impact statement by requesting certain information from certain entities; prohibiting certain entities from being required to prepare information for inclusion in the criminal justice policy impact statement; prohibiting the Department from being required to make a certain determination beyond reporting data provided under a certain provision of this Act; and generally relating to criminal justice policy impact statements in fiscal notes.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
Article – State Government  
Section 2–1505(e)  
Annotated Code of Maryland
Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations.

House Bill 169 – Carroll County Delegation

EMERGENCY BILL

AN ACT concerning

Carroll County – Turkey Hunting on Private Property – Sundays

FOR the purpose of authorizing a person to hunt turkey on private property on certain Sundays in Carroll County; making this Act an emergency measure; and generally relating to turkey hunting on Sundays in Carroll County.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Natural Resources
Section 10–410(a)(1)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Natural Resources
Section 10–410(a)(2)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.


AN ACT concerning

State Property Tax – Homestead Property Tax Assessment Cap Reduction

FOR the purpose of altering the maximum homestead property tax credit percentage for the State property tax; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to the homestead property tax credit.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Tax – Property
Section 9–105(e)(2)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 171 – Delegate Dumais

AN ACT concerning

Judgments – Appeals – Supersedeas Bond

FOR the purpose of reducing the amount of a supersedeas bond required from certain appellants to stay the enforcement of a judgment in a civil action; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to supersedeas bonds.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings
Section 12–301.1
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2013 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 172 – Delegate Sophocleus (By Request – Anne Arundel County Administration)

AN ACT concerning

Anne Arundel County – School Board Nominating Commission – Membership

FOR the purpose of altering the membership of the School Board Nominating Commission of Anne Arundel County to provide that, beginning on a certain date and every certain number of years thereafter, one member shall be appointed by certain chambers of commerce on a rotating basis in a specified order; altering the term of the member appointed by a chamber of commerce; providing for the termination of the term of a certain member of the Commission; and generally relating to the membership of the School Board Nominating Commission of Anne Arundel County.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Education
Section 3–110(b)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

AN ACT concerning

Commission on the Solemn Remembrance of the Victims of Lynching

FOR the purpose of establishing the Commission on the Solemn Remembrance of the Victims of Lynching; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Commission; prohibiting a member of the Commission from receiving certain compensation, but authorizing the reimbursement of certain expenses; requiring the Commission to study and make recommendations regarding certain matters; requiring the Commission to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before a certain date; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to the Commission on the Solemn Remembrance of the Victims of Lynching.

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 174 – Delegate West

AN ACT concerning

Election Law – Campaign Finance Violations – Injunctive Relief

FOR the purpose of authorizing the chairman or vice chairman of the State Board of Elections to seek an injunction against a violation of the campaign finance laws; repealing the authority of the Secretary of State to seek an injunction against a violation of the campaign finance laws; authorizing a candidate to seek an injunction against certain violations of the campaign finance laws against certain persons; and generally relating to injunctive relief against violations of the campaign finance laws.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Election Law
Section 13–605
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2010 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 175 – Delegates Sophocleus, Beidle, and Chang

AN ACT concerning

Creation of a State Debt – Anne Arundel County – The Arc of the Central Chesapeake Region
FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed $300,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of The Arc of the Central Chesapeake Region, Inc. for certain development or improvement purposes; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; establishing a deadline for the encumbrance or expenditure of the loan proceeds; and providing generally for the issuance and sale of bonds evidencing the loan.

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

House Bill 176 – Carroll County Delegation

AN ACT concerning

Creation of a State Debt – Carroll County – The Arc of Carroll County Building Renovation

FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed $100,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of The Arc of Carroll County, Inc. for certain development or improvement purposes; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; establishing a deadline for the encumbrance or expenditure of the loan proceeds; and providing generally for the issuance and sale of bonds evidencing the loan.

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.


AN ACT concerning

Criminal Law – Prohibition on Marking Flags – Repeal

FOR the purpose of repealing a criminal prohibition on making certain markings on a certain flag for exhibition or display, publicly exhibiting a certain flag that has certain marks, or displaying merchandise with a certain flag to advertise, decorate, or mark the merchandise; and generally relating to marking flags.

BY repealing
Article – Criminal Law
Section 10–703
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.
AN ACT concerning

Natural Resources – Roadside Trees – Preservation and Protection

FOR the purpose of authorizing the Department of Natural Resources to issue a permit for roadside tree maintenance or removal only under certain circumstances; prohibiting the Department from issuing a permit for roadside tree maintenance or removal for a certain purpose; requiring an applicant for a permit to remove a roadside tree to make a certain showing to the Department; requiring a person who removes a roadside tree to replace the roadside tree within certain time periods; requiring the Department to ensure that all required replacement trees are planted; requiring a person who maintains or removes a roadside tree to eliminate a hazard or source of danger to, if necessary, remediate the hazard or source of danger within a certain time period; establishing certain fees for a roadside tree maintenance permit and removal permit; requiring the Department to refund a certain portion of a roadside tree removal permit fee when the required replacement tree is planted; authorizing a person to perform certain trimming of a roadside tree without a permit under certain circumstances; requiring the Department to submit a certain report on certain activity related to roadside trees to the General Assembly on or before a certain date annually; requiring the Department to adopt certain regulations governing the authorized trimming of roadside trees without a permit; stating the policy of the General Assembly with respect to roadside trees; making certain stylistic changes; clarifying certain language; and generally relating to the preservation and protection of roadside trees.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Natural Resources
Section 5–401
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – Natural Resources
Section 5–401.1
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Natural Resources
Section 5–402 and 5–406
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)
Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

**House Bill 179 – Delegate S. Robinson**

AN ACT concerning

**Vehicle Laws – Chesapeake Bay Commemorative Registration Plates – Truck Eligibility**

FOR the purpose of repealing a certain weight restriction on a Class E (truck) vehicle for eligibility for a Chesapeake Bay Commemorative Registration Plate; and generally relating to the eligibility of trucks for Chesapeake Bay Commemorative Registration Plates.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

- Article – Transportation
- Section 13–618(a)
- Annotated Code of Maryland
  (2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

- Article – Transportation
- Section 13–618(b)
- Annotated Code of Maryland
  (2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

**House Bill 180 – Delegates West, Pena–Melnyk, and Aumann**

AN ACT concerning

**Public Health – HIV Testing During Pregnancy**

FOR the purpose of requiring certain health care providers to obtain consent for HIV testing in accordance with certain provisions of law and to test pregnant patients, except under certain circumstances, during the first and third trimesters of pregnancy; repealing certain provisions of law made obsolete by this Act; and generally relating to HIV testing during pregnancy.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

- Article – Health – General
- Section 18–338.2
- Annotated Code of Maryland
  (2015 Replacement Volume)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

AN ACT concerning

Motor Vehicles – Registration Cards – Digital or Electronic Images

FOR the purpose of requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration, on request, to issue and deliver to the owner of a motor vehicle at the time of registration a digital or electronic image of the registration card for the motor vehicle that contains certain information; authorizing an individual who is driving or in control of a motor vehicle to carry or display on the demand of a police officer a digital or electronic image of the registration card for the motor vehicle instead of the registration card; making a certain stylistic change; and generally relating to the issuance and use of digital or electronic images of motor vehicle registration cards.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Transportation
Section 13–408 and 13–409
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 182 – Delegates Valentino–Smith, Cluster, and B. Wilson

AN ACT concerning

Vehicle Laws – Accidents Resulting in Injury – Mandatory Drug and Alcohol Testing

FOR the purpose of altering the circumstances under which a person who is involved in a motor vehicle accident is required to submit to certain drug or alcohol testing when the person is detained by a police officer who has reasonable grounds to believe that the person has been driving or attempting to drive in violation of certain drug– or alcohol–related driving restrictions; requiring a person involved in a motor vehicle accident that results in an injury to another person that requires the removal of the other person to a medical facility to submit to certain drug or alcohol testing under certain circumstances; and generally relating to motor vehicle accidents resulting in injury and mandatory drug and alcohol testing.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Transportation
Section 16–205.1(c)
AN ACT concerning

Criminal Law – Smoking Marijuana in Public and in Vehicles – Prohibition

FOR the purpose of prohibiting a person from smoking marijuana in a public place, with a certain exception; prohibiting a driver of a motor vehicle from smoking or consuming marijuana in the passenger area of the motor vehicle on a highway; prohibiting an occupant of a motor vehicle from smoking marijuana in the passenger area of the motor vehicle on a highway; establishing certain penalties; defining certain terms; and generally relating to smoking marijuana.

BY adding to
   Article – Criminal Law
   Section 5–601.2
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
   Article – Criminal Law
   Section 10–201(a)(3)
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
   Article – Transportation
   Section 21–903
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 184 – Delegate Dumais

AN ACT concerning

Public Safety – Firearm Application
FOR the purpose of repealing a requirement that a certain firearm application contain a copy of the applicant’s handgun qualification license; requiring that a firearm application contain the applicant’s handgun qualification license number, with a certain exception; and generally relating to firearm applications.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Public Safety
Section 5–118(b)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2011 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 185 – Delegates Morhaim, Beitzel, Cluster, Frush, Hill, Jalisi, Kelly, Kipke, Lam, Morgan, Rose, Stein, and West

AN ACT concerning
State Board of Physicians – Licensed Physicians – Continuing Education Requirements

FOR the purpose of prohibiting the State Board of Physicians from establishing a continuing education requirement that every licensed physician complete a specific course or program as a condition to the renewal of a license; and generally relating to continuing education requirements for licensed physicians in the State.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Health Occupations
Section 14–316(a), (b), (c), and (e)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Health Occupations
Section 14–316(d)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 186 – Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee (By Request – Departmental – Veterans Affairs)

AN ACT concerning
Department of Veterans Affairs – Charlotte Hall Veterans Home Fund – Establishment
FOR the purpose of establishing the Charlotte Hall Veterans Home Fund as a special, nonlapsing fund; specifying the purpose of the Fund; requiring the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to administer the Fund; prohibiting, except under certain circumstances, any unspent portions of the Fund from being transferred to or reverting to the General Fund of the State; requiring the State Treasurer to hold the Fund and the Comptroller to account for the Fund; specifying the contents of the Fund; specifying the purposes for which the Fund may be used; providing for the investment of money in and expenditures from the Fund; providing that money expended from the Fund for the Charlotte Hall Veterans Home is supplemental to, and is not intended to take the place of, funding that would otherwise be appropriated; requiring the Office of Legislative Audits to audit the accounts and transactions of the Fund as provided in a certain provision of law; defining certain terms; and generally relating to the Charlotte Hall Veterans Home Fund.

BY adding to
   Article – State Government
   Section 9–912.2
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 187 – Delegate Bromwell

AN ACT concerning

   Gaming – Video Lottery Operation License – Baltimore–Washington
   International Thurgood Marshall Airport

FOR the purpose of altering the number of video lottery operation licenses and video lottery terminals that may be awarded by the Video Lottery Facility Location Commission to provide for the award of a video lottery operation license at Baltimore–Washington International Thurgood Marshall Airport under certain circumstances; providing that a certain restriction on the number of video lottery operation licenses that may be awarded in a county or in Baltimore City is not applicable; requiring that certain proceeds be paid into the Transportation Trust Fund; providing that an application for a certain video lottery operation license be made by a certain date; providing for the reconstitution of the Video Lottery Facility Location Commission under certain circumstances; submitting this Act to a referendum of the qualified voters of the State; and generally relating to the operation of video lottery terminals at a certain location in the State.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
   Article – State Government
   Section 9–1A–05(a), 9–1A–27(a)(9), and 9–1A–36(f), (g), (h), (i), (j), (r)(1), and (t)
   Annotated Code of Maryland
Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 188 – Chair, Economic Matters Committee (By Request – Departmental – Labor, Licensing and Regulation)

AN ACT concerning

Financial Institutions – Commissioner of Financial Regulation – Disclosure and Sharing of Information

FOR the purpose of reorganizing and consolidating certain provisions of law relating to the disclosure of certain information by the Commissioner of Financial Regulation and certain other persons and the authority of the Commissioner to enter into certain information sharing agreements and exchange certain information; prohibiting a person, including the Commissioner and an employee of and the attorney for the Commissioner’s office, from disclosing certain information obtained by the Commissioner in the exercise of the Commissioner’s authority to examine banking institutions, credit unions, and other persons required to be licensed under certain provisions of law; establishing the circumstances under which the Commissioner may disclose certain information; altering the authority of the Commissioner to enter into certain information sharing agreements and exchange certain information; prohibiting certain information shared by the Commissioner from being disclosed by an agency under certain laws or admitted into evidence in certain civil litigation or administrative process without the prior written consent of the Commissioner; providing that certain information disclosed to any person under certain provisions of this Act remains the property of the Commissioner and may not be further disclosed by any person without the prior written consent of the Commissioner; providing that certain provisions of the Maryland Public Information Act shall be superseded by certain requirements of this Act; altering the circumstances under which a certain affiliate is subject to certain provisions of this Act; establishing certain penalties for a violation of certain provisions of this Act; repealing certain provisions of law that are duplicative of or superseded by certain provisions of this Act; providing for the application of certain provisions of this Act; repealing certain provisions of law authorizing the Commissioner to adopt certain rules and regulations; defining certain terms; making conforming and stylistic changes; and generally relating to the disclosure of information obtained by the Commissioner of Financial Regulation and the authority of the Commissioner to enter into information sharing agreements and exchange information.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Financial Institutions
Section 1–101 and 2–117
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2011 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)
BY repealing
   Article – Financial Institutions
   Section 5–209, 5–909, 6–909, and 12–903
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2011 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 189 – Delegates Rosenberg, Carter, and Oaks

AN ACT concerning

Environment – Liquid Waste Hauler – Vehicle License and Inspection

FOR the purpose of prohibiting a person from engaging in business as a liquid waste hauler in the State unless the vehicle used by the person to haul liquid waste is licensed annually by the Department of the Environment; establishing certain requirements for applying for a certain vehicle license; prohibiting the Department from issuing a certain vehicle license unless the vehicle is annually inspected and approved by the Department; requiring the Department to set certain fees for the licensing and inspection of certain vehicles in a certain manner; authorizing the Department to delegate to a local health department certain vehicle inspection authority; authorizing a local health department to set certain inspection fees under certain circumstances; requiring the Department to adopt certain regulations; providing for certain criminal penalties; defining certain terms; and generally relating to the licensing and inspection of vehicles used to haul liquid waste.

BY adding to
   Article – Environment
   Section 9–11A–01 through 9–11A–07 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 11A. Liquid Waste Haulers”
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.


AN ACT concerning

Civil Penalties for Shoplifting and Employee Theft – Repeal

FOR the purpose of repealing certain provisions establishing liability to a merchant for civil penalties for shoplifting and employee theft; and generally relating to civil penalties for shoplifting and employee theft.
BY repealing

Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings
Section 3–1301 through 3–1308 and the subtitle “Subtitle 13. Civil Penalties for Shoplifting and Employee Theft”
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2013 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 191 – Delegate Dumais

AN ACT concerning

Child Support – Adjusted Actual Income – Multifamily Adjustment

FOR the purpose of altering the definition of “adjusted actual income” under the State child support guidelines; providing for the calculation of a certain allowance required to be deducted from adjusted actual income under the child support guidelines; requiring that the amount of a certain allowance be subtracted from a parent’s actual income before the court determines the amount of a child support award; repealing a factor the court may consider in determining whether the application of the child support guidelines would be unjust or inappropriate in a particular case; and generally relating to child support.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Family Law
Section 12–201(a) and (b)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Family Law
Section 12–201(c), 12–202(a), and 12–204(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 192 – Chair, Judiciary Committee (By Request – Maryland Judicial Conference)

AN ACT concerning

Juvenile Causes – Permanency Plans – Age Restrictions on Use of Another Planned Permanent Living Arrangement
FOR the purpose of providing that another planned permanent living arrangement may be a child’s permanency plan only if the child is at least a certain age; and generally relating to permanency plans for the out-of-home placement of children.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
   Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings
   Section 3–823(e)
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2013 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
   Article – Family Law
   Section 5–326(a) and 5–525(f)
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 193 – Baltimore County Delegation

AN ACT concerning

Baltimore County – Elections for Judges of the Orphans’ Court – Procedures

FOR the purpose of providing that certain provisions of law govern the nomination and election of judges of the orphans’ court in Baltimore County; authorizing a candidate for judge of the orphans’ court in Baltimore County to file and appear on certain primary election ballots; requiring that certain candidates appear on the general election ballot; prohibiting the political affiliation of certain candidates from being included on the general election ballot; providing for the application of certain provisions of this Act; making a conforming change; and generally relating to the procedures for the election of judges of the orphans’ court in Baltimore County.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
   Article – Election Law
   Section 5–203
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2010 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
   Article – Election Law
   Section 5–301(a)
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2010 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY adding to
   Article – Election Law
Section 8–901 through 8–903 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 9. Election of Judges of the Orphans’ Court in Baltimore County”
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2010 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 194 – Carroll County Delegation

AN ACT concerning

Carroll County – State’s Attorney’s Office and Child Support Enforcement Administration – Transfer of Personnel

FOR the purpose of transferring the functions, powers, and duties of 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 certain employees be transferred in accordance with certain provisions of law that provide for inclusion in the State Personnel Management System, seniority, compensation, annual leave accrual, transfer of certain pension contributions, and other personnel matters for employees transferring to the Child Support Enforcement Administration; requiring Carroll County to pay certain personnel certain compensation as of a certain date; requiring the creation of certain Position Identification Numbers for certain transferred employees; providing for the determination of salary grade and seniority for transferred employees; prohibiting the assignment of a transferred employee to a certain office for a certain period of time unless the employee agrees to the assignment; and generally relating to the transfer of certain personnel to the Child Support Enforcement Administration of the Department of Human Resources.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
   Article – Family Law
   Section 10–117
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

House Bill 195 – Delegates Krebs, W. Miller, Rose, and West

AN ACT concerning

Procurement – Prohibition on Participation

FOR the purpose of altering to whom certain provisions of law apply that prohibit certain participation in procurement; providing that the prohibition against a certain person participating in a certain procurement applies only for a certain period of time
following the issuance of an invitation for bids or a request for proposals; and generally relating to the prohibition on participation in procurement.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
   Article – State Finance and Procurement  
   Section 13–212.1  
   Annotated Code of Maryland  
   (2015 Replacement Volume)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 196 – Delegates Haynes, Chang, Gutierrez, Jackson, and Sophocleus

AN ACT concerning

Juveniles – Pretrial Detention – Confinement in Juvenile Facilities

FOR the purpose of requiring a court exercising criminal jurisdiction in a case involving a certain child to order the child to be held in a secure juvenile facility pending a criminal trial except under certain circumstances; requiring the court to state the reasons for a certain finding on the record under certain circumstances; and generally relating to pretrial detention of juveniles.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
   Article – Criminal Procedure  
   Section 4–202  
   Annotated Code of Maryland  
   (2008 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 197 – Delegates Lierman, Barkley, Brooks, Clippinger, Glenn, Gutierrez, McCray, Valderrama, and Waldstreicher

AN ACT concerning

Maryland Pay Stub Transparency Act of 2016

FOR the purpose of requiring employers to keep certain wage records for each pay period for a certain period of time; expanding the types of wage records that employers are required to keep for each pay period; altering the circumstances under which an employee may bring a certain action against an employer; authorizing the Attorney General to bring an action under certain circumstances; authorizing certain employees to recover certain liquidated damages under certain circumstances; altering a certain provision of law to require that employers give employees a certain written notice within a certain period; expanding the information that employers are required to give to employees within a certain time of hiring and for each pay period;
requiring employers to provide employees with an explanation of how certain wages were calculated under certain circumstances; requiring a certain notice to be provided in English and, if different, in the employee’s primary language; requiring the Commissioner of Labor and Industry to create a certain model notice in English, Spanish, and any other language the Commissioner determines is needed for certain purposes; authorizing an employee or the Attorney General to bring an action against an employer for certain damages under certain circumstances; authorizing the Commissioner, on written request of an employee, to take assignment of certain claims, request that the Attorney General bring a certain action under certain circumstances, and consolidate certain claims; authorizing a court to award certain liquidated damages under certain circumstances; and generally relating to employer requirements concerning wage records, wages, and paydays.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
   Article – Labor and Employment
   Section 3–424, 3–427, 3–504, and 3–507.2
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2008 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.


AN ACT concerning

Primary and Secondary Education – Security – School Resource Officers

FOR the purpose of authorizing certain authorized persons of certain public schools in the State to deny access to certain school areas to certain persons; authorizing certain authorized persons to demand certain identification from any person who wants to use or enter certain school areas; authorizing the county board of certain public schools to enter into an agreement with an appropriate law enforcement agency to carry out certain activities under certain circumstances; providing penalties for a certain violation; requiring that a certain number of school resource officers be assigned to certain public schools in the State; requiring certain public schools to hire retired law enforcement officers to serve as school resource officers for the school; requiring certain school resource officers to obtain a special police officer commission issued by the Department of State Police; requiring the county superintendent to submit an application to the Secretary of State Police for a special police commission for each school resource officer hired; establishing that a school resource officer hired under this Act is a contractual employee of the State, is entitled to State workers’ compensation benefits, and is to receive at least a certain salary; requiring the State to reimburse certain local education agencies for certain expenditures relating to this Act; providing that funds used to reimburse local education agencies shall be paid from the Education Trust Fund from funds allocated from a certain source; making certain stylistic changes; defining certain terms;
repealing certain duplicative provisions; and generally relating to school resource officers.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
   Article – Education
   Section 1–101(a), (c), (d), (e), (f), and (k)
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY adding to
   Article – Education
   Section 7–438; and 7–1701 through 7–1705 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 17. School Resource Officers”
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
   Article – Education
   Section 26–102
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
   Article – State Government
   Section 9–1A–30
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 199 – Delegate Bromwell

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

AN ACT concerning

Orphans’ Court – Change of Name to Probate Court

FOR the purpose of proposing an amendment to the Maryland Constitution to change the name of each orphans’ court in this State to the probate court; submitting this amendment to the qualified voters of the State for their adoption or rejection; changing references to the orphans’ court in the Annotated Code of Maryland to the probate court on the passage and ratification of a certain constitutional amendment; requiring the publishers of the Annotated Code of Maryland, in consultation with and subject to the approval of the Department of Legislative Services, to correct any references throughout the Code that are rendered incorrect by this Act and to
describe any corrections in an editor’s note following the section affected; prohibiting
the use of certain office supplies until existing office supplies are depleted; and
generally relating to the orphans’ courts.

BY proposing an amendment to the Maryland Constitution
Article IV – Judiciary Department
Section 1, 3A(a), 4B(a)(1), 8(c), 18(b)(2), (3), and (4), and 20(b); and 40(a), (b), (c), (d),
(e), and (g) and 41 to be under the amended part “Part V — Probate Court”

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Business Occupations and Professions
Section 10–101(f)(2) and (h)(2)(i)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2010 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings
Section 1–101(c), 1–205(a)(2), 12–101(f), 12–201, 12–308, 12–501(a), 12–502(a)(1)(i)
and (iii) and (b)(2), and 12–701(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2013 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Election Law
Section 9–210(a)(7)(v)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2010 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Estates and Trusts
Section 1–103(a)(2), 2–101, 2–106(b)(2)(i), (c), (d), (e), (f)(2), and (i), 2–107(b),
2–108(y)(1), (3), (4), (5), (6), and (8), 2–109(b)(3) and (4)(i), 5–206, 5–403(b),
5–708(a)(4), 13–105(a) and (c), 13–106, 13–107, and 13–301(e)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2011 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – General Provisions
Section 5–103(d)(1)(i)2.
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Local Government
Section 25–509, 28–106(a)(5), and 28–207(a)(4)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2013 Volume and 2015 Supplement)
BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
   Article – Real Property
   Section 2–122(c)
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2015 Replacement Volume)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
   Article – State Government
   Section 7–216(c)(3) and 12–101(a)(12)
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
   Article – State Personnel and Pensions
   Section 21–307(n)(1)(v)
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2015 Replacement Volume)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
   Article – Tax – General
   Section 7–101(b), 13–302(c), 13–510(a)(3), and 13–511
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2010 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 200 – Delegate Krebs

AN ACT concerning

   Election Law – Legislative Newsletters – Distribution by Electronic Mail

FOR the purpose of altering the definition of “legislative newsletter” to exclude a document distributed only by electronic mail; and generally relating to election law and legislative newsletters.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
   Article – Election Law
   Section 13–406
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2010 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
   Article – Election Law
   Section 13–407 through 13–409
   Annotated Code of Maryland
AN ACT concerning Corporate and Associations – Limited Liability Companies – Resident Agent and Company Representative

FOR the purpose of requiring a limited liability company to have a company representative; requiring the articles of organization, articles of cancellation, and articles of reinstatement of a limited liability company to include the street address of its resident agent and the name and street address of its company representative; applying to a company representative certain provisions of law relating to a change of a resident agent, a change of address of a resident agent, or a resignation of a resident agent of a limited liability company; requiring a certain foreign limited liability company to include the street address of its resident agent and the name and street address of its company representative in an application for registration submitted to the State Department of Assessments and Taxation; defining certain terms; making a stylistic change; making conforming changes; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to limited liability company resident agents and company representatives.

BY adding to
   Article – Corporations and Associations
   Section 4A–101(f–1) and (r–1)
   Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
   Article – Corporations and Associations
   Section 4A–204(a), 4A–210, 4A–909, 4A–916, and 4A–1002
   Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 202 – Delegates Bromwell, Aumann, Brooks, Ciliberti, Cluster, Folden, Grammer, Jameson, Luedtke, Metzgar, Miele, Morgan, O’Donnell, Patterson, West, and C. Wilson

AN ACT concerning

Gaming Payouts – Donation of Coins – Maryland Veterans Trust Fund
FOR the purpose of requiring the State Lottery and Gaming Control Commission to adopt regulations requiring certain video lottery facility licensees to adopt certain procedures for certain players to donate coins to the Maryland Veterans Trust Fund under certain circumstances; requiring the Commission to adopt regulations requiring certain licensees to attach certain boxes near exits in certain video lottery facilities for certain purposes; specifying the source of certain revenues for the Fund; and generally relating to gaming payouts and revenues for the Maryland Veterans Trust Fund.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
   Article – State Government
   Section 9–1A–04(d) and 9–913(g)
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
   Article – State Government
   Section 9–913(e)(2)
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 203 – Caroline County Delegation

AN ACT concerning

Caroline County – Sunday Hunting

FOR the purpose of authorizing the Department of Natural Resources to allow a person in Caroline County to hunt any game bird or game mammal, except migratory game birds and wetland game birds, on a Sunday on certain land during the open season for that game bird or game mammal; making certain conforming changes; and generally relating to Sunday hunting in Caroline County.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
   Article – Natural Resources
   Section 10–410(a)
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 204 – Montgomery County Delegation

EMERGENCY BILL
AN ACT concerning

Montgomery County – Elections – Early Voting Centers
MC 14–16

FOR the purpose of requiring Montgomery County to have a certain number of early voting centers; making this Act an emergency measure; and generally relating to early voting centers in Montgomery County.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Election Law
Section 10–301.1
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2010 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

VETOED SENATE BILLS – 2015

VETOED SENATE BILLS AND MESSAGES – 2015
(POLICY)
(SEE EXHIBIT C OF APPENDIX II)

The Messages from the Governor were journalized.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

January 21, 2016

BY THE MAJORITY LEADER,

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN OF THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES:

The Senate today, notwithstanding the objections of the Governor, voted to override the Veto on Senate Bill 190. Said bill is sent to you for your consideration.

By Order,
William B.C. Addison, Jr.
Secretary of the Senate

Read and ordered journalized.

Senate Bill 190 – Senators Madaleno, Eckardt, Guzzone, King, and Manno Manno, and McFadden
AN ACT concerning

Sales and Use Tax – Taxable Price – Accommodations

The Speaker put the question: “Shall the Bill pass, notwithstanding the objections of the Chief Executive?”

The veto was overridden by roll call vote as follows:

Affirmative – 89    Negative – 52 (See Roll Call No. 19)

Said bill was then returned to the Senate.

MESSAGE TO THE SENATE

January 21, 2016

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN OF THE SENATE,

The House of Delegates has voted to override the Governor’s veto of Senate Bill 190 (2015). Said Bill is returned to the Senate herewith, having been enacted under Article II, Section 17, of the Maryland Constitution.

By Order,
Sylvia Siegert, Chief Clerk

Read and adopted.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

January 21, 2016

BY THE MAJORITY LEADER,

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN OF THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES:

The Senate today, notwithstanding the objections of the Governor, voted to override the Veto on Senate Bill SB 517. Said bill is sent to you for your consideration.

By Order,
William B.C. Addison, Jr.
Secretary of the Senate
Read and ordered journalized.

Senate Bill 517 – Senator Zirkin
(2015)

AN ACT concerning

Criminal Law – Use and Possession of Marijuana and Drug Paraphernalia

The Speaker put the question: “Shall the Bill pass, notwithstanding the objections of the Chief Executive?”

The veto was overridden by roll call vote as follows:

   Affirmative – 86    Negative – 55  (See Roll Call No. 20)

Said bill was then returned to the Senate.

MESSAGE TO THE SENATE

January 21, 2016

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN OF THE SENATE:

The House of Delegates has voted to override the Governor’s veto of Senate Bill 517 (2015). Said Bill is returned to the Senate herewith, having been enacted under Article II, Section 17, of the Maryland Constitution.

By Order,
Sylvia Siegert, Chief Clerk

Read and adopted.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

January 21, 2016

BY THE MAJORITY LEADER,

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN OF THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES:

The Senate today, notwithstanding the objections of the Governor, voted to override the Veto on Senate Bill SB 528. Said bill is sent to you for your consideration.
By Order,
William B.C. Addison, Jr.
Secretary of the Senate

Read and ordered journalized.

Senate Bill 528 – Senators Raskin, Brochin, Currie, Feldman, Lee, Madaleno, Manno, Muse, Pinsky, and Zirkin
(2015)

AN ACT concerning

    Criminal Procedure – Seizure and Forfeiture

The Speaker put the question: “Shall the Bill pass, notwithstanding the objections of the Chief Executive?”

The veto was overridden by roll call vote as follows:

    Affirmative – 89    Negative – 52  (See Roll Call No.  21)

Said bill was then returned to the Senate.

MESSAGE TO THE SENATE

January 21, 2016

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN OF THE SENATE:

The House of Delegates has voted to override the Governor’s veto of Senate Bill 528 (2015). Said Bill is returned to the Senate herewith, having been enacted under Article II, Section 17, of the Maryland Constitution.

By Order,
Sylvia Siegert, Chief Clerk

Read and adopted.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

FIRST READING OF SENATE BILLS

Senate Bill 75 – Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Maryland Insurance Administration)
AN ACT concerning

Insurance – Public Adjusters – Licensing

FOR the purpose of repealing certain employment requirements for certain public adjusters; providing for certain initial licensing fees for public adjusters; authorizing renewal notification by e-mail for certain public adjuster licenses; altering the renewal date of certain public adjuster licenses; establishing certain continuing education requirements for renewal of certain public adjuster licenses; authorizing the Maryland Insurance Commissioner to waive continuing education requirements under certain circumstances; providing for the satisfaction of certain continuing education requirements by nonresident license holders under certain circumstances; providing for submission by electronic application for renewal of certain public adjuster licenses; authorizing the Commissioner to adopt certain regulations; establishing reinstatement requirements for certain public adjusters; providing for a delayed effective date; and generally relating to licensing of public adjusters.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Insurance
Section 10–404, 10–408, and 10–408.1
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2011 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

Senate Bill 87 – Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Labor, Licensing and Regulation)

AN ACT concerning

Mortgage Loan Originators – State Criminal History Records Check Requirement – Repeal

FOR the purpose of 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 (Central Repository) for use in conducting a State criminal history records check; repealing related provisions of law requiring an applicant or a licensee to pay certain fees to the Central Repository, authorizing the Commissioner to request certain information from the Central Repository, and defining the term “Central Repository”; making conforming changes to repeal a requirement that the Commissioner waive the State criminal history records check under expedited mortgage loan originator licensing procedures for certain service members, veterans, and military spouses and certain applicants who were employed as registered mortgage loan originators; making conforming changes; and generally relating to licensing requirements for mortgage loan originators.
BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
   Article – Financial Institutions
   Section 11–604 and 11–612.2
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2011 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing
   Article – Financial Institutions
   Section 11–612.3
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2011 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

CLERK’S OFFICE RECEIPTS AND MESSAGES TO THE
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR 2015 OVERRIDDEN VETOED BILLS
(SEE EXHIBIT D OF APPENDIX II)

QUORUM CALL

The presiding officer announced a quorum call, showing 141 Members present.

(See Roll Call No. 22)

ADJOURNMENT

At 1:44 P.M. on motion of Delegate Kaiser the House adjourned until 10:00 A.M. on Friday, January 22, 2016.
The House met at 10:09 A.M. and pledged Allegiance to the Flag.

Prayer by Delegate Edith Patterson of Charles County.

**QUORUM CALL**

The presiding officer announced a quorum call, showing 132 Members present.

(See Roll Call No. 24)

EXCUSES:
Del. Carr – personal  
Del. Kaiser – illness  
Del. Kittleman – illness  
Del. Morgan – illness  
Del. Proctor – family emergency

The Journal of January 21, 2016 was read and approved.

**INTRODUCTION OF BILLS**

**House Bill 205 – Carroll County Delegation**

AN ACT concerning

**Carroll County – Public Facilities Bonds**

FOR the purpose of authorizing and empowering the County Commissioners of Carroll County, from time to time, to borrow not more than $31,000,000 in order to finance the construction, improvement, or development of certain public facilities in Carroll County, including water and sewer projects, to finance loans for fire or emergency–related equipment, buildings, and other facilities of volunteer fire departments in the County, and to effect such borrowing by the issuance and sale at public or private sale of its general obligation bonds in like par amount; empowering the County to fix and determine, by resolution, the form, tenor, interest rate or rates or method of determining the same, terms, conditions, maturities, and all other details incident to the issuance and sale of the bonds; empowering the County to issue refunding bonds for the purchase or redemption of bonds in advance of maturity; providing that such borrowing may be undertaken by the County in the
form of installment purchase obligations executed and delivered by the County for
the purpose of acquiring agricultural land and woodland preservation easements;
empowering and directing the County to levy, impose, and collect, annually, ad
valorem taxes in rate and amount sufficient to provide funds for the payment of the
maturing principal of and interest on the bonds; exempting the bonds and refunding
bonds and the interest thereon and any income derived therefrom from all State,
County, municipal, and other taxation in the State of Maryland; providing that
nothing in this Act shall prevent the County from authorizing the issuance and sale
of bonds the interest on which is not excludable from gross income for federal income
tax purposes; and generally relating to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

House Bill 206 – Delegates Mautz and Adams

AN ACT concerning

Creation of a State Debt – Talbot County – Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum

FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed $250,000, the
proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Governors of the Chesapeake Bay
Maritime Museum, Inc. for certain development or improvement purposes; providing
for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee
provide and expend a matching fund; establishing a deadline for the encumbrance
or expenditure of the loan proceeds; and providing generally for the issuance and
sale of bonds evidencing the loan.

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

House Bill 207 – Delegates Barron, C. Howard, and Vaughn

AN ACT concerning

Creation of a State Debt – Prince George’s County – The Arc of Prince George’s
County

FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed $300,000, the
proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of The Arc of Prince George’s
County, Inc. for certain development or improvement purposes; providing for
disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide
and expend a matching fund; establishing a deadline for the encumbrance or
expenditure of the loan proceeds; and providing generally for the issuance and sale
of bonds evidencing the loan.

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

House Bill 208 – Delegates Mautz and Adams
AN ACT concerning

Creation of a State Debt – Talbot County – Phillips Wharf Aquaculture Jobs Training Center

FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed $250,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Phillips Wharf Environmental Center, Inc. for certain development or improvement purposes; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; establishing a deadline for the encumbrance or expenditure of the loan proceeds; and providing generally for the issuance and sale of bonds evidencing the loan.

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

House Bill 209 – Delegates Krebs, Afzali, Ciliberti, Kittleman, Rose, and Shoemaker

AN ACT concerning

Education – State Grant to Counties With Declining Student Enrollment

FOR the purpose of establishing eligibility for a county board of education to receive a certain State grant; requiring a certain grant to be provided to eligible county boards in certain fiscal years; declaring the intent of the General Assembly; requiring the Governor to transfer certain funds for a certain fiscal year to eligible counties in a certain year under certain circumstances; requiring certain funds to be provided in a certain fiscal year if certain funds are not transferred; and generally relating to State education aid.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments, Article – Education
Section 5–202(i)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

House Bill 210 – Delegates Stein, Hettleman, and Morhaim

AN ACT concerning

Creation of a State Debt – Baltimore County – Jewish Community Center of Baltimore – Gordon Center
FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed $100,000, the
proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Jewish Community
Center of Baltimore, Inc. for certain development or improvement purposes;
providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the
grantee provide and expend a matching fund; prohibiting the use of the loan proceeds
or matching fund for sectarian religious purposes; establishing a deadline for the
encumbrance or expenditure of the loan proceeds; and providing generally for the
issuance and sale of bonds evidencing the loan.

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

House Bill 211 – Delegates Healey, Beidle, Beitzel, Carr, Fraser-Hidalgo, Frush,
Gilchrist, Gutierrez, Holmes, Jalisi, Kaiser, Lafferty, Lam, Lierman,
Luebdke, Moon, Morhaim, Pendergrass, B. Robinson, S. Robinson, Sydnor,
M. Washington, and Zucker

AN ACT concerning

Neonicotinoid Pesticides – Labeling, Signage, and Restrictions on Sales and Use
(Pollinator Protection Act of 2016)

FOR the purpose of prohibiting a person from selling at retail in the State certain seeds,
material, or plants that have been treated with a neonicotinoid pesticide unless the
seeds, material, or plants bear a label with, or are in close proximity to a sign that
displays in a certain manner, a certain statement; prohibiting a person from selling
at retail in the State, on or after a certain date, a neonicotinoid pesticide unless the
person also sells a restricted use pesticide; prohibiting a person from using a
neonicotinoid pesticide on or after a certain date unless the person is a certified
applicator, a farmer who uses the product for a certain purpose, or a veterinarian;
providing for the application of certain provisions of this Act; defining certain terms;
and generally relating to neonicotinoid pesticides.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Agriculture
Section 5–201(a), (c), and (r)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2007 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Agriculture
Section 5–2A–01 and 5–2A–02 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 2A.
Neonicotinoid Pesticides”
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2007 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

AN ACT concerning

Vehicle Laws – Use of Handheld Telephone While Driving – Increased Penalties

FOR the purpose of increasing the maximum fines for an initial violation and subsequent violations of certain prohibitions against using a handheld telephone while driving a motor vehicle; and generally relating to the prohibition against using a handheld telephone while driving a motor vehicle.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Transportation
Section 21–1124.2(c) and (d)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Transportation
Section 21–1124.2(e)(1)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 213 – Delegate C. Howard

AN ACT concerning

Motor Vehicles – Aggressive Driving

FOR the purpose of altering the number of certain offenses that a person must commit at the same time or during a single and continuous period of driving that constitutes aggressive driving; increasing the maximum criminal fine for aggressive driving; and generally relating to aggressive driving.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Transportation
Section 16–402(a)(25) and 21–905
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Transportation
Section 21–901.2 and 27–101(g)
Annotated Code of Maryland
House Bill 214 – Delegates Lafferty, Fraser–Hidalgo, Lam, Carr, Chang, Ebersole, Krimm, Lierman, Miele, and Moon

AN ACT concerning

Vehicle Laws – Passing Bicycles, Personal Mobility Devices, or Motor Scooters

FOR the purpose of repealing a certain exception to a certain requirement that a driver overtake and pass a bicycle, an electric personal assistive mobility device (EPAMD), or a motor scooter in a certain manner that applies when a highway lacks sufficient width; requiring a driver who passes a bicycle, an EPAMD, or a motor scooter in accordance with a certain provision of law to pass at a reasonable or prudent speed that is safe for existing weather, road, and vehicular or pedestrian traffic conditions; prohibiting a driver who passes a bicycle, an EPAMD, or a motor scooter in accordance with a certain provision of law from endangering, impeding, or interfering with the bicycle, EPAMD, or motor scooter, or any other traffic using the highway; making a technical correction; and generally relating to rules of the road for overtaking and passing bicycles, EPAMDS, and motor scooters.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Transportation
Section 21–1209
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.


AN ACT concerning

Maryland State Song – Revision

FOR the purpose of revising the State song; and generally relating to the State song.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – General Provisions
Section 7–318
Annotated Code of Maryland
House Bill 216 – Delegates Sample–Hughes, Barron, Carr, Fennell, Hill, C. Howard, Kelly, Lam, Patterson, and K. Young

AN ACT concerning

Public Health – Preventive Medical Care – Consent by Minors

FOR the purpose of altering a certain provision of law to provide that treatment to which a minor may consent includes medical care related to prevention of or advice about sexually transmitted infection and disease; and generally relating to consent to medical care by minors.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Health – General
Section 20–102
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume)

House Bill 217 – Delegates Krebs, Fisher, Kittleman, and W. Miller

AN ACT concerning

Open Meetings Act – Requirements for Providing Agendas

FOR the purpose of requiring a public body to provide an agenda containing certain information within a certain time before a certain meeting is held by a public body; providing that certain information does not need to be included in a certain agenda; authorizing methods by which a public body may provide a certain agenda; authorizing a public body to provide an agenda within a certain time after a meeting is held under certain circumstances; providing for the construction of this Act; and generally relating to requirements for agendas and the Open Meetings Act.

BY adding to

Article – General Provisions
Section 3–302.1
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Volume and 2015 Supplement)
AN ACT concerning

Courts – Evidence of Prior Sexual Offense – Admissibility

FOR the purpose of prohibiting, in a prosecution for certain sexual offenses, the court from barring the introduction of certain evidence that the defendant committed a certain prior sexual offense on the ground that the admission is unfairly prejudicial unless the court makes a certain finding; prohibiting a court from finding that certain evidence is unduly prejudicial solely because it involves a prior sexual offense; prohibiting a State’s Attorney from introducing certain evidence under certain circumstances; prohibiting certain evidence from being disclosed to a jury or introduced at trial unless the court has held a certain hearing and made certain determinations; requiring a court to state the reasons for a certain decision in a certain manner; providing that this Act does not limit the admission or consideration of certain evidence; defining a certain term; and generally relating to the admissibility of evidence.

BY adding to

Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings
Section 10–923
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2013 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.


AN ACT concerning

Criminal Law – Human Trafficking – Adult Victim – Penalty

FOR the purpose of making the crime of human trafficking in a case in which the victim of the crime is an adult a felony, rather than a misdemeanor; making a conforming change; and generally relating to human trafficking.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Criminal Law
Section 11–303
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.
House Bill 220 – Delegates Barron, Carter, and Anderson

AN ACT concerning

Criminal Procedure – Partial Expungement

FOR the purpose of authorizing a person to file a petition for a partial expungement of certain criminal records under certain circumstances; authorizing a court to authorize a certain person to maintain certain records and limit inspection of certain records under certain circumstances; requiring a court to order that certain records may not be included on a certain Web site or within certain records; repealing a provision of law establishing that if a person is not entitled to expungement of one charge or conviction in a certain unit the person is not entitled to expungement of any other charge or conviction in the unit; and generally relating to expungement of criminal records.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Criminal Procedure
Section 10–105
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2008 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing

Article – Criminal Procedure
Section 10–107
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2008 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 221 – Delegates Carter, Conaway, Glenn, B. Robinson, and C. Wilson

AN ACT concerning

Public Safety – Law Enforcement Officers – Whistleblower Protections

FOR the purpose of prohibiting a supervisor, an appointing authority, and the head of a certain law enforcement agency from threatening or taking certain retaliatory actions against a certain law enforcement officer who discloses certain information or seeks a certain remedy; providing that the protections afforded under this Act apply to certain disclosures only under certain circumstances; requiring a law enforcement agency to provide certain law enforcement officers a copy of this Act under certain circumstances; authorizing a certain law enforcement officer to file a civil action against a certain law enforcement agency for certain relief; authorizing the law enforcement officer to seek certain statutory damages instead of certain relief; providing that, under certain circumstances, the law enforcement agency has
the burden of proving by clear and convincing evidence that certain personnel actions would have occurred despite a certain disclosure; requiring the trier of fact to consider certain factors in awarding certain statutory damages; authorizing the court to award certain relief and damages to the law enforcement officer under certain circumstances; requiring the court to issue a certain injunction under certain circumstances; authorizing a court to award certain attorney’s fees and litigation expenses to a law enforcement agency under certain circumstances; providing that this Act may not be construed to diminish certain rights, privileges, or remedies; requiring the Attorney General to take certain actions for certain purposes; providing that this Act does not preclude certain actions or prohibit certain personnel actions; providing for the application of this Act; defining certain terms; and generally relating to protections for disclosures of information by law enforcement officers.

BY adding to
Article – Public Safety
Section 3–801 through 3–806 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 8. Whistleblower Protections”
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2011 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 222 – Delegates West, Ebersole, and Rose

AN ACT concerning

Criminal Law – Assault in the Second Degree – Educators

FOR the purpose of prohibiting a person from intentionally causing physical injury to another if the person knows or has reason to know that the other is a certain educator; applying certain penalties; and generally relating to assaults on educators.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Criminal Law
Section 3–203
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 223 – Delegates West and Barron

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

AN ACT concerning
Circuit Court Judges – Election

FOR the purpose of proposing amendments to the Maryland Constitution relating to the selection and tenure of circuit court judges; altering the method of filling vacancies in the office of a judge of a circuit court; requiring Senate confirmation of individuals appointed by the Governor to the office of a judge of a circuit court; providing for contested elections following an appointment to fill a vacancy in the office of a judge of a circuit court under certain circumstances; providing for a transitional period under which the terms of certain amendments are to become effective; making stylistic changes; generally relating to the selection, election, appointment, and tenure of judges of the circuit courts; and submitting this amendment to the qualified voters of the State for their adoption or rejection.

BY proposing a repeal of the Maryland Constitution
Article IV – Judiciary Department
Section 3 and 5

BY proposing an addition to the Maryland Constitution
Article IV – Judiciary Department
Section 3 and 5

BY proposing an addition to the Maryland Constitution
Article XVIII – Provisions of Limited Duration
Section 6

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 224 – Delegates Kramer and Hill

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

AN ACT concerning

Circuit Court Judges – Election

FOR the purpose of proposing an amendment to the Maryland Constitution relating to the selection and tenure of circuit court judges; altering the method of filling vacancies in the office of a judge of a circuit court; providing for retention elections following an appointment to fill a vacancy in the office of a judge of a circuit court; providing for a transitional period under which the terms of certain amendments are to become effective; making stylistic changes; generally relating to the selection, election, appointment, and tenure for judges of the circuit courts; and submitting this amendment to the qualified voters of the State for their adoption or rejection.

BY proposing an amendment to the Maryland Constitution
Article IV – Judiciary Department
Section 3, 5, 5A, and 11
BY proposing an addition to the Maryland Constitution
   Article XVIII – Provisions of Limited Duration
   Section 6

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 225 – Delegate C. Howard

AN ACT concerning

   Election Law – Write-In Candidates

FOR the purpose of providing that a candidate who is defeated for the nomination for a public office in a primary election is not eligible to file a certificate of candidacy as a write-in candidate for that office at the next succeeding general election; providing that a candidate who is defeated for the nomination for a public office at a primary election may not be a write-in candidate for that office at the next succeeding general election; and generally relating to write-in candidates.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
   Article – Election Law
   Section 5–704 and 5–706
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2010 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 226 – Delegates Mautz and Adams

AN ACT concerning

   Talbot County – Board of Education – Student Members

FOR the purpose of increasing the number of student members of the Talbot County Board of Education; requiring that each student member be a student from a certain public high school in Talbot County; making certain conforming changes; and generally relating to student members of the Talbot County Board of Education.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
   Article – Education
   Section 3–12A–01(a) and (h) and 3–12A–06
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.
House Bill 227 – Delegates Hixson, Beidle, Bromwell, Carey, Chang, Lisanti, Sample-Hughes, and Sophocleus

AN ACT concerning

Income Tax Subtraction Modification – Retirement Income of Law Enforcement, Fire, Rescue, and Emergency Services Personnel

FOR the purpose of providing a subtraction modification under the Maryland income tax under certain circumstances for certain retirement income attributable to a resident’s employment as a law enforcement officer or the individual’s service as fire, rescue, or emergency services personnel; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to a subtraction modification under the Maryland income tax for certain retirement income attributable to a resident’s employment as a law enforcement officer or the individual’s service as fire, rescue, or emergency services personnel.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Tax – General
Section 10–209
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2010 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

SPECIAL ORDERS

The presiding officer submitted the Special Orders of the day, as follows:

House Rule 116

Read and adopted.

QUORUM CALL

The presiding officer announced a quorum call, showing 132 Members present.

(See Roll Call No. 25)

ADJOURNMENT

At 10:14 A.M. on motion of Delegate Morhaim the House adjourned until 8:00 P.M. on Monday, January 25, 2016.
Annapolis, Maryland
Monday, January 25, 2016

The House met at 8:17 P.M. and pledged Allegiance to the Flag.

Prayer by Delegate Herb McMillan of Anne Arundel County.

**QUORUM CALL**

The presiding officer announced a quorum call, showing 125 Members present.

(See Roll Call No. 26)

**EXCUSES:**
Del. Atterbeary – inclement weather
Del. B. Barnes – inclement weather
Del. Carr – inclement weather
Del. Carter – inclement weather
Del. Conaway – inclement weather
Del. Cullison – inclement weather
Del. Fisher – inclement weather
Del. Fraser–Hidalgo – inclement weather
Del. Gutierrez – inclement weather
Del. Kaiser – inclement weather
Del. McConkey – inclement weather
Del. McDonough – inclement weather
Del. Parrott – inclement weather
Del. Sophocleus – inclement weather
Del. Turner – inclement weather
Del. West – inclement weather

The Journal of January 22, 2016 was read and approved.

**INTRODUCTION OF BILLS**

AN ACT concerning

Maryland Aviation Administration – Baltimore–Washington International Thurgood Marshall Airport – Management of Food Service and Retail Concessions

FOR the purpose of authorizing the Maryland Aviation Administration to enter into a certain type of lease with a concessions developer to provide certain food service and retail operations at the Baltimore–Washington International Thurgood Marshall Airport; requiring the Administration to enter into certain leases if the Administration terminates a lease with a concessions developer before the end of the lease; providing that a sublessee in a certain type of tenancy is entitled to a certain period of continued tenancy; providing that a landlord and sublessee may agree to certain lease periods that are longer than the minimum required; requiring that on or before a certain date the Administration issue a certain request for proposals with certain provisions; requiring that on or before a certain date the Administration exercise a certain option to terminate a certain lease; making the provisions of this Act severable; and generally relating to food service and retail concessions services at the Baltimore–Washington International Thurgood Marshall Airport.

BY adding to

Article – Transportation
Section 5–413(e)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 229 – Chair, Environment and Transportation Committee (By Request – Departmental – Transportation)

AN ACT concerning

Commercial Motor Vehicles – Operation – Transportation Emergencies

FOR the purpose of authorizing the Secretary of Transportation to waive certain safety regulations for commercial motor vehicles in intrastate travel under certain circumstances to facilitate emergency relief efforts; authorizing an empty motor carrier or the driver of an empty motor carrier to return to certain locations following the termination of a transportation emergency; establishing the authorized duration of a transportation emergency; authorizing the Secretary to renew a transportation emergency declaration beyond the authorized duration for certain periods of time; establishing the maximum total period of time that a transportation emergency may extend under certain circumstances; defining certain terms; altering a certain defined term; and generally relating to the operation of commercial motor vehicles during transportation emergencies.
BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
   Article – Transportation
   Section 25–111
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.


AN ACT concerning

   Institutions of Higher Education – Reduction in Financial Aid – Notification

FOR the purpose of requiring institutions of higher education that reduce certain financial aid awarded to certain students to notify certain financial aid providers of the reduction; and generally relating to financial aid awarded by institutions of higher education.

BY adding to
   Article – Education
   Section 18–113(c)
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.


AN ACT concerning

   Public Institutions of Higher Education – Financial Aid – Reduction Prohibited

FOR the purpose of prohibiting financial aid that is awarded to a student by a public institution of higher education from being reduced by any other form of financial aid awarded to the student beginning in a certain academic year; prohibiting a public institution of higher education from considering certain scholarships when assembling certain financial aid packages; authorizing financial aid awarded by a public institution of higher education to be reduced in a certain order under certain circumstances; defining certain terms; and generally relating to financial aid at public institutions of higher education.
BY adding to
   Article – Education
   Section 15–119
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

House Bill 232 – Delegates Hayes, Angel, Barron, Cullison, Krebs, Morgan, Pena–Melnyk, Reznik, and Saab

AN ACT concerning

Health Occupations – Athletic Trainers – Evaluation and Treatment Protocols – Approval

FOR the purpose of altering the definition of “practice athletic training” to include instruction to tactical athletes regarding the care and prevention of athletic injuries while engaging in tactical athletic activity; granting, except under certain circumstances, immunity from civil liability to a member of the State Board of Physicians for an act or omission relating to the approval of a certain evaluation and treatment protocol; authorizing an athletic trainer to assume certain duties under an evaluation and treatment protocol on the date of receipt by the Board of a written recommendation of approval from the Athletic Trainer Advisory Committee under certain circumstances; authorizing an athletic trainer, on receipt of a temporary practice letter, to practice a certain specialized task under certain circumstances if an evaluation and treatment protocol is pending approval by the Board; requiring the Board to send a certain notice to a certain primary supervising physician and certain athletic trainer if the Board disapproves a certain protocol or a certain specialized task under a certain protocol; requiring a certain athletic trainer to cease to practice under a certain protocol or to perform a certain specialized task after receiving a certain notice of disapproval; altering certain definitions; defining certain terms; and generally relating to the practice of athletic trainers.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
   Article – Health Occupations
   Section 14–5D–01 and 14–5D–11
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY adding to
   Article – Health Occupations
   Section 14–5D–11.3
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)
Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 233 – Delegate Carey

AN ACT concerning


BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Transportation
Section 5–414(a) and 5–806
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Transportation
Section 5–414(b)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 234 – Delegates Grammer and Metzgar

AN ACT concerning

State Highways – Electronic Map of State Roads by State Legislative District

FOR the purpose of requiring the State Highway Administration to develop and make available to the public on its Web site in an accessible and searchable electronic format a map of each State legislative district that includes all State roads; requiring each map to include certain information; requiring each map to be updated or audited in a certain manner and according to a certain schedule; and generally relating to electronic maps of State roads by State legislative district.

BY adding to
Article – Transportation
Section 8–657
Annotated Code of Maryland
Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 235 – Delegates Malone and Sophocleus

AN ACT concerning

Creation of a State Debt – Anne Arundel County – Historic Linthicum Walks

FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed $120,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Friends of Historic Linthicum Walks, Inc. for certain development or improvement purposes; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; establishing a deadline for the encumbrance or expenditure of the loan proceeds; and providing generally for the issuance and sale of bonds evidencing the loan.

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

House Bill 236 – Delegates B. Robinson, Glenn, C. Howard, Patterson, Proctor, and M. Washington

AN ACT concerning

Minority Business Enterprises – Transitioning From Subcontractors to Prime Contractors – Study and Report

FOR the purpose of requiring the Governor’s Office of Minority Affairs and the Office of Minority Business Enterprise in the Maryland Department of Transportation to conduct a certain study with certain parties on how the State can assist certain minority business enterprises in transitioning from subcontractors to prime contractors; requiring the Governor’s Office of Minority Affairs and the Office of Minority Business Enterprise to report to certain committees of the General Assembly on or before a certain date; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to a study of and report on transitioning minority business enterprises from subcontractors to prime contractors.

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.


AN ACT concerning

Courts – Prohibition Against Testimony by Convicted Perjurer – Repeal
FOR the purpose of repealing a certain prohibition on a person convicted of perjury from testifying in a proceeding; and generally relating to testimony by a convicted perjurer.

BY repealing
   Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings
   Section 9–104
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2013 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 238 – Delegate Sophocleus

AN ACT concerning

Anne Arundel County – Alcoholic Beverages – Disposition of Fees

FOR the purpose of requiring the Anne Arundel County Board of License Commissioners to remit a certain administrative fee to the Office of the Comptroller instead of using the fee to cover certain expenses; requiring the Board to remit to the Office of the Comptroller, rather than to Anne Arundel County, all fees that the Board collects; requiring the Office of the Comptroller, rather than the county, to pay from certain receipts certain salaries and expenses and to remit the balance to the county for certain purposes; and generally relating to the disposition of fees related to alcoholic beverages licenses in Anne Arundel County.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
   Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages
   Section 10–104(c)(1) and 10–204(c)
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2011 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
   Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages
   Section 10–204(a)
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2011 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 239 – Delegates Sydnor, Bromwell, Brooks, and Jalisi

AN ACT concerning

Baltimore County Police Officers – Body–Worn Cameras
FOR the purpose of requiring, on or before a certain date, the Baltimore County Police Department to adopt policies and procedures for the use of body–worn cameras consistent with certain policies developed by the Maryland Police Training Commission and to issue body–worn cameras to law enforcement officers to use while on duty; and generally relating to the Baltimore County Police Department.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
   Article – Public Safety
   Section 3–511
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2011 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY adding to
   Article – Public Safety
   Section 3–511.1
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2011 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 240 – Delegates Impallaria, Grammer, and McDonough

AN ACT concerning

Maryland Transportation Authority – Toll Rates

FOR the purpose of requiring that tolls paid with cash for the use of any transportation facilities project may not be more than comparable tolls paid using an E–ZPass; and generally relating to the payment of tolls.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
   Article – Transportation
   Section 4–312(a)(2)
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2015 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
   Article – Transportation
   Section 4–312(c)
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2015 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 241 – Delegates Rosenberg and A. Washington
AN ACT concerning

**Election Law – State Elected Officials – Campaign Fund–Raising During General Assembly Session – Civil Penalty**

FOR the purpose of authorizing the State Board of Elections to impose a civil penalty for a violation by a campaign finance entity of the prohibition on fund–raising during the General Assembly session; authorizing the State Board to impose a lesser civil penalty than prescribed by law for certain violations under certain circumstances; repealing provisions of law that authorized the State Board, represented by the State Prosecutor, to institute a civil action in a circuit court against a campaign finance entity for a violation of the prohibition on fund–raising during the General Assembly session; and generally relating to campaign fund–raising during the General Assembly session and civil penalties.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Election Law
Section 13–235 and 13–604.1
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2010 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

**House Bill 242** – Delegates Moon, Anderson, Atterbeary, Barron, Carter, Glass, Gutierrez, Luedtke, Morales, Sanchez, Smith, and Sydnor

AN ACT concerning

**Criminal Law – Betting, Wagering, and Gambling – Civil Offense**

FOR the purpose of altering the penalty for certain conduct relating to betting, wagering, or gambling; making certain conduct relating to betting, wagering, or gambling a civil offense; establishing that adjudication of a violation under this Act is not a criminal conviction for any purpose and does not impose any of the civil disabilities that may result from a criminal conviction; authorizing a certain police officer to issue a certain citation under certain circumstances; establishing certain requirements for a citation issued under this Act; requiring the form of a certain citation to be uniform throughout the State and to be prescribed by the District Court; requiring the Chief Judge of the District Court to establish a schedule for the prepayment of a certain fine; requiring a certain police officer to forward a copy of a certain citation to a certain court; requiring the court to promptly schedule a certain case for trial and summon the defendant to appear; and generally relating to betting, wagering, and gambling.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Criminal Law
Section 12–102 and 12–103
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means and the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 243 – Delegates Lafferty, B. Barnes, Beidle, Carr, Frush, Gilchrist, Korman, Lam, Lierman, Luedtke, and S. Robinson

AN ACT concerning

Land Use Actions – Legislative Bodies – Judicial Review

FOR the purpose of authorizing certain persons to file a request for judicial review of a land use action of a legislative body by a circuit court; specifying certain persons that have standing to bring and maintain a certain action in a circuit court to allow judicial review of a land use action of a legislative body; applying a certain provision of law to a charter county and to Baltimore City; and generally relating to judicial review of land use actions of legislative bodies.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Land Use
Section 1–401, 4–406, and 10–103
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 244 – Delegates Smith, Angel, Barron, Beidle, Cullison, Hayes, McDonough, Miele, Oaks, Pena–Melnyk, Reznik, Saab, and K. Young

AN ACT concerning

Assisted Living Programs – Closure or Change of Location or Ownership – Resident and Resident Representative Notification

FOR the purpose of requiring an assisted living program to provide written notification to residents and resident representatives of certain actions within a certain time period; and generally relating to notifying residents and resident representatives of actions of assisted living programs.

BY adding to

Article – Health – General
Section 19–1813
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume)
Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 245 – Delegates Dumais, Atterbeary, Glass, McComas, Moon, Rey, Smith, Sydnor, Valentino-Smith, and B. Wilson

AN ACT concerning

Child Abuse and Neglect – Failure to Report

FOR the purpose of requiring an agency that is participating in a child abuse or neglect investigation and that has substantial grounds to believe that a person has knowingly failed to report child abuse as required under a certain provision of law to file a certain complaint with a certain board, agency, institution, or facility; and generally relating to child abuse and neglect.

BY adding to

Article – Family Law
Section 5–705.3
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 246 – Cecil County Delegation

AN ACT concerning

Public Safety – Fire Police – Cecil County

FOR the purpose of authorizing a certain commanding officer to designate to the Sheriff of Cecil County a certain number of members of fire or ambulance companies to serve as fire police in Cecil County; requiring a certain designation to be read in a certain manner; authorizing the Sheriff of Cecil County to appoint certain individuals to serve as fire police in Cecil County; providing that certain powers are granted to individuals appointed to serve as fire police in Cecil County; authorizing certain powers to be exercised in a certain location; providing for the termination of a certain appointment; repealing the authority of the Sheriff of Cecil County and a certain commanding officer relating to designating and appointing certain individuals as deputy sheriffs for a certain purpose; and generally relating to fire police in Cecil County.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Public Safety
Section 7–302(a), 7–303(a) and (b), and 7–304
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2011 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)
BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
   Article – Public Safety
   Section 7–302(b)
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2011 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 247 – Cecil County Delegation

AN ACT concerning

Cecil County – Community Adult Rehabilitation Center – Appointment and
Removal of Assistant Director

FOR the purpose of authorizing the Cecil County Sheriff to appoint and remove an assistant
director of a community adult rehabilitation center operated by Cecil County; establishing that any assistant director of a community adult rehabilitation center
operated by Cecil County serves at the pleasure of the Sheriff; making technical
corrections; and generally relating to an assistant director of a community adult
rehabilitation center operated by Cecil County.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
   Article – Correctional Services
   Section 11–301(a) and (b)
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2008 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
   Article – Correctional Services
   Section 11–313
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2008 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 248 – Delegates B. Robinson, Glenn, C. Howard, Patterson, and Proctor

AN ACT concerning

Minority Business Enterprises – Community–Based Residential Programs or
Day Care Centers for Adults – Study and Report

FOR the purpose of requiring the Governor’s Office of Minority Affairs to conduct a study
of contracts awarded during a certain fiscal year to a minority business enterprise
that is a certain community–based residential program or certain day care center for
adults; requiring the Governor’s Office of Minority Affairs to report to certain
committees of the General Assembly on or before a certain date; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to a study of and report on contracts awarded to a minority business enterprise that is a community–based residential program or day care center for adults.

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 249 – Delegates Smith, Bromwell, Cluster, Folden, Hixson, Holmes, Jackson, Kipke, Knotts, Luedtke, Metzgar, Rey, Sanchez, Vogt, Waldstreicher, C. Wilson, and P. Young

AN ACT concerning Members of the National Guard and Maryland Defense Force – Employment and Reemployment Rights – Enforcement

FOR the purpose of authorizing members of the National Guard and Maryland Defense Force whose employment and reemployment rights under a certain provision of law have been violated to bring a civil action for certain economic damages; authorizing a court to award certain damages, fees, costs, and other relief to members of the National Guard and Maryland Defense Force under certain circumstances; and generally relating to the enforcement of the employment and reemployment rights of members of the National Guard and Maryland Defense Force.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Public Safety
Section 13–704
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2011 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 250 – Delegates W. Miller, Afzali, Arentz, Hill, Kramer, Krebs, McConkey, Reznik, Rose, Shoemaker, Turner, and Waldstreicher

AN ACT concerning General Provisions – Open Meetings Act – Required Training and Certificate of Compliance

FOR the purpose of expanding the scope of the training requirements under the Open Meetings Act to include all employees, officials, and members of a public body; requiring that certain individuals complete certain training within a certain time period; requiring each new and returning member of the General Assembly to take certain training; requiring the Office of the Attorney General to provide certain training on or before a certain day of a certain session; requiring certain persons to issue certain certificates of compliance within a certain period of time to certain
individuals who complete certain training; requiring certain individuals to submit certificates of compliance to a public body or the General Assembly within a certain period of time; requiring each public body and the General Assembly to maintain and make available to the public certain certificates of compliance, post on their Web sites a certain list, and update a certain list on their Web sites on or before a certain date; and generally relating to required training under the Open Meetings Act.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – General Provisions
Section 3–213
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 251 – Delegate West

AN ACT concerning

Education – Home Instruction Programs – Participation in Clubs and Activities

FOR the purpose of requiring certain local school systems to allow a certain student who is participating in a certain home instruction program to participate in certain clubs and activities beginning on a certain date; requiring a certain student to participate in certain clubs and activities in a certain manner; authorizing the State Department of Education to adopt certain regulations; defining a certain term; and generally relating to home instruction programs in the State.

BY adding to

Article – Education
Section 7–121
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.


AN ACT concerning

Protection of Persons and Property – Criminal Immunity

FOR the purpose of providing that a person is justified in using force, except deadly force, against another under certain circumstances; providing that a person is justified in
using deadly force under certain circumstances; providing that a certain person has no duty to retreat under certain circumstances; providing that a person is presumed to have reasonably believed that the use of deadly force was necessary under certain circumstances; providing that a certain person is presumed to be acting with a certain intent under certain circumstances; providing that a certain person is immune from criminal prosecution under certain circumstances; defining certain terms; creating certain exceptions; and generally relating to criminal immunity for those who act in protection of persons and property.

BY adding to
   Article – Criminal Law
   Section 2–211
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 253 – Delegate Otto

AN ACT concerning

Motor Vehicle Registration – Exception for Golf Carts – City of Crisfield

FOR the purpose of creating an exception from motor vehicle registration requirements under certain circumstances for golf carts in the City of Crisfield; providing that a person who operates a golf cart on a highway in the City of Crisfield may operate the golf cart only on certain roads at certain times and only if the golf cart is equipped with certain lighting devices; requiring a person who operates a golf cart on a highway in the City of Crisfield to keep as far to the right of the roadway as feasible; and generally relating to an exception to motor vehicle registration requirements for golf carts in the City of Crisfield.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
   Article – Transportation
   Section 13–402(a)(1)
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
   Article – Transportation
   Section 13–402(c)
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY adding to
   Article – Transportation
   Section 21–104.2
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 254 – Delegates Moon, Carr, Carter, Conaway, Gutierrez, Morales, Rosenberg, Sanchez, and Smith

AN ACT concerning

Division of Parole and Probation – Revocation Prohibited – Citation

FOR the purpose of prohibiting the Division of Parole and Probation from issuing a warrant for the retaking or arrest of a certain offender or probationer or sending a notice of violation to the court for the sole reason that the offender or probationer received a certain citation; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to the Division of Parole and Probation.

BY adding to
Article – Correctional Services
Section 6–119
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2008 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 255 – Delegates Moon, Carter, Gutierrez, Morales, Proctor, Rosenberg, Smith, and Sydnor

AN ACT concerning

Correctional Services – Medical Parole – Approval of Governor

FOR the purpose of repealing the requirement that the Governor approve medical parole for a person serving a life sentence; requiring the Maryland Parole Commission to provide, as a condition for medical parole, that a person agree to a certain placement suitable to the parolee’s medical condition, forward certain medical records, and enroll for certain medical insurance coverage before release; and generally relating to medical parole.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Correctional Services
Section 7–301(d) and 7–309(f) and (i)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2008 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Correctional Services
Section 7–309(a) through (c)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2008 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 256 – Delegates Sydnor, Barve, Jalisi, Lam, Luedtke, McCray, and Platt

AN ACT concerning

Maryland Fiduciary Access to Digital Assets Act

FOR the purpose of establishing the Maryland Fiduciary Access to Digital Assets Act; authorizing a certain user to direct a certain custodian of certain digital assets to disclose or not to disclose those assets under certain circumstances and in a certain manner; providing that this Act does not change, impair, or expand certain rights with respect to the digital assets of a user; authorizing a custodian to grant a certain fiduciary or designated recipient certain access to a user’s account or a copy of certain records under certain circumstances; authorizing a custodian to charge a reasonable administrative charge for the cost of disclosing digital assets under this Act; providing that a custodian need not disclose certain digital assets under certain circumstances; authorizing a custodian to seek a court order directing disclosure under certain circumstances; requiring a custodian to disclose the content of certain electronic communications under certain circumstances; requiring a custodian to disclose a catalogue of certain electronic communications and certain digital assets under certain circumstances; authorizing a custodian to disclose a catalogue of certain electronic communications and certain digital assets under certain circumstances; requiring a court to grant a certain guardian access to the digital assets of a certain protected person; authorizing a guardian to request the custodian to suspend or terminate a certain account under certain circumstances; providing that the legal duties imposed on a fiduciary charged with managing certain tangible property apply to the management of digital assets; establishing certain limitations with respect to a certain fiduciary’s authority; providing that, under certain circumstances, a certain fiduciary may access certain tangible personal property and is an authorized user for the purpose of certain computer–related laws; authorizing a custodian to disclose certain information to a certain fiduciary under certain circumstances; authorizing a fiduciary of a user to request a custodian to terminate the user’s account under certain circumstances; requiring a custodian to comply with certain requests by a fiduciary or designated recipient within a certain time period; authorizing a fiduciary or designated recipient to apply for a certain court order under certain circumstances; providing that this Act does not limit a custodian’s ability to obtain or require a fiduciary or designated recipient to obtain a certain court order; authorizing a custodian to notify the user of a certain request; authorizing a custodian to deny a certain request under certain circumstances; providing that a custodian and its agents are immune from liability for an act or omission done in good faith compliance with this Act; requiring consideration to be given to the need to promote certain uniformity of the law in applying and construing this Act; providing that this Act modifies, limits, or supersedes certain federal law.
in a certain manner; providing for the scope and application of this Act; making the provisions of this Act severable; altering certain provisions in certain statutory forms for a power of attorney relating to authority to access and take control of certain digital assets in accordance with this Act; defining certain terms; and generally relating to the Maryland Fiduciary Access to Digital Assets Act.

BY adding to
   Article – Estates and Trusts
Section 15–601 through 15–620 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 6. Maryland Fiduciary Access to Digital Assets Act”
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2011 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
   Article – Estates and Trusts
Section 17–202 and 17–203
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2011 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 257 – Delegates Moon, Anderson, Barron, Carr, Carter, Conaway, Kittleman, Miele, Morales, Rosenberg, Sanchez, Smith, and Sydnor

AN ACT concerning

Criminal Procedure – Providing Electronic Device Location Information – Historical Data

FOR the purpose of altering a certain definition of “location information” to include historical information concerning the geographic location of an electronic device that is or was generated by or derived from the operation of that device; providing that certain evidence is not admissible in a certain proceeding; and generally relating to providing electronic device location information.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
   Article – Criminal Procedure
Section 1–203.1(a)(1) and (b)(1)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2008 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
   Article – Criminal Procedure
Section 1–203.1(a)(5) and (e)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2008 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)
Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 258 – Delegates B. Robinson, Glenn, and Patterson

AN ACT concerning

Community Colleges – Minority Business Enterprise Programs – Establishment

FOR the purpose of requiring the board of trustees of certain community colleges to conduct certain studies on or before a certain date; requiring the board of trustees of certain community colleges to establish a minority business enterprise program if a certain study demonstrates a certain compelling interest; requiring the board of trustees of certain community colleges to comply with certain requirements in conducting a certain study and adopting a certain minority business enterprise program; providing that certain provisions of law do not apply to the board of trustees of certain community colleges; and generally relating to community colleges and the establishment of minority business enterprise programs.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Education
Section 16–311(f)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 259 – Delegates Carter, Anderson, B. Robinson, and C. Wilson

AN ACT concerning

Family Law – Child Support – Custody and Visitation Determinations

FOR the purpose of requiring the court, in any case in which the court determines child support, to also consider custody and visitation of the child; requiring the Child Support Enforcement Administration to refer certain parties to the court for purposes of considering custody and visitation of the child under certain circumstances; and generally relating to child support and custody and visitation determinations.

BY adding to
Article – Family Law
Section 9–109
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.
House Bill 260 – Delegates Moon, Gutierrez, Kelly, Platt, Smith, and Tarlau

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

AN ACT concerning

United States Senator, Attorney General, and Comptroller – Appointments to Fill a Vacancy

FOR the purpose of 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 before the vacancy occurred; providing for the appointment of an individual to fill a vacancy in the office of United States Senator, Attorney General, or Comptroller in circumstances where the political party of the vacating officeholder fails to submit names to the Governor within a certain period of time or the vacating officeholder was not affiliated with a political party; providing for the effective dates of this Act; submitting the constitutional amendment proposed by this Act to the qualified voters of the State of Maryland for their adoption or rejection; and generally relating to appointments to fill a vacancy in the office of United States Senator, Attorney General, or Comptroller.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
   Article – Election Law
   Section 8–602
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2010 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY proposing an amendment to the Maryland Constitution
   Article V – Attorney–General and State’s Attorneys
   Section 5

BY proposing an amendment to the Maryland Constitution
   Article VI – Treasury Department
   Section 1

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 261 – Delegates Sydnor, Angel, Jalisi, Lam, Moon, Pena–Melnyk, Platt, and P. Young

AN ACT concerning

Juvenile Causes – Disposition on Delinquency Petition – Required Considerations
FOR the purpose of requiring a juvenile court to consider certain factors in determining an appropriate disposition on a petition alleging that a child is a delinquent child; and generally relating to juvenile causes.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings
Section 3–8A–19(d)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2013 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 262 – Delegates M. Washington, Cullison, Hettleman, and C. Howard

AN ACT concerning

Senior Citizen Activities Center Operating Fund – Funding and Distribution

FOR the purpose of increasing the amount of funding required to be included in the annual State budget for the Senior Citizen Activities Center Operating Fund; altering the distribution of the Fund; requiring a certain percentage of the Fund to be distributed based on each county’s share of the senior citizen population; requiring a certain percentage of the Fund to be distributed based on each county’s share of the population of senior citizens with income below a certain percentage of the federal poverty level; and generally relating to the Senior Citizen Activities Center Operating Fund.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Human Services
Section 10–516
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2007 Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

House Bill 263 – Delegate Rosenberg

AN ACT concerning

Civil Actions – Strategic Lawsuits Against Public Participation

FOR the purpose of altering the conditions under which a lawsuit is deemed to be a strategic lawsuit against public participation (SLAPP suit); altering the conditions under which a defendant in a SLAPP suit is not civilly liable for certain communications; altering the remedies available to a defendant in an alleged SLAPP suit; requiring a court to hear and rule on a motion to dismiss an alleged SLAPP suit.
within certain time periods; providing that a motion to dismiss shall be deemed denied if the court fails to rule on the motion within a certain time period; requiring a court to dismiss a SLAPP suit under certain circumstances; providing for the admissibility and effect of a certain finding; requiring a court to stay discovery and other pending hearings or motions in an alleged SLAPP suit until a certain time; providing a certain exception; requiring a court to award costs and reasonable attorney’s fees under certain circumstances; providing that a ruling or failure to rule on a certain motion is immediately appealable; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to SLAPP suits.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments, 
Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings 
Section 5–807 and 12–303 
Annotated Code of Maryland 
(2013 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.


AN ACT concerning

Study Group to Investigate Discriminatory Practices Against Minority Franchisees

FOR the purpose of establishing the Study Group to Investigate Discriminatory Practices Against Minority Franchisees; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Study Group; prohibiting a member of the Study Group from receiving certain compensation, but authorizing the reimbursement of certain expenses; requiring the Study Group to study and make recommendations regarding certain matters; requiring the Study Group to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before a certain date; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to the Study Group to Investigate Discriminatory Practices Against Minority Franchisees.

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 265 – Delegates B. Robinson, Jalisi, Platt, and Shoemaker

AN ACT concerning
Department of Health and Mental Hygiene – Health Care Facilities – Abuser Registry

FOR the purpose of requiring the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene to establish a registry that includes certain information about any employee of a health care facility whose employment was terminated because the employee was convicted of a certain crime; requiring certain health care facilities to submit the names of former employees to the Secretary for inclusion in the registry; authorizing a health care facility to access the registry under certain circumstances; prohibiting a health care facility from accessing the registry except under certain circumstances; authorizing a person responsible for a certain individual to access the registry; prohibiting a health care facility from hiring certain individuals; defining a certain term; and generally relating to a registry of employees of health care facilities whose employment has been terminated.

BY adding to
Article – Health – General
Section 19–347.1 and 19–351(e)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Health – General
Section 19–351(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 266 – Delegates Carter, Anderson, Dumais, and Morales

AN ACT concerning

Juvenile Court – Jurisdiction

FOR the purpose of repealing the jurisdiction of the juvenile court over a child at least 14 years old alleged to have done certain acts and over a child at least 16 years old alleged to have committed certain crimes; and generally relating to the jurisdiction of the juvenile court.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings
Section 3–8A–03(d)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2013 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.
House Bill 267 – Delegates Grammer and Metzgar

AN ACT concerning

Sales and Use Tax – Exemption – Sales by Out–of–State Vendors

FOR the purpose of establishing a sales and use tax exemption for certain sales made by certain out–of–state vendors under certain circumstances; defining certain terms; and generally relating to a sales and use tax exemption for sales made by out–of–state vendors.

BY adding to
Article – Tax – General
Section 11–232
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2010 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 268 – Delegates Moon, Atterbeary, Barron, Carter, Gutierrez, Luedtke, Morales, Smith, and Sydnor

AN ACT concerning

Criminal Procedure – Expungement – Possession of Marijuana

FOR the purpose of authorizing a person to file a certain petition for expungement if the person was convicted of possession of marijuana before a certain time; and generally relating to expungement of records.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Criminal Procedure
Section 10–105
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2008 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 269 – Delegates Moon, Carr, Carter, Conaway, Morales, Rosenberg, and Smith

AN ACT concerning

Pretrial Release, Parole, and Probation – Marijuana – Urinalyses
FOR the purpose of prohibiting the Division of Pretrial Detention and Services and the Division of Parole and Probation from considering the submission of a urine sample that is positive for marijuana as a violation of pretrial release, parole, or probation in certain circumstances; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to the Division of Pretrial Detention and Services and the Division of Parole and Probation.

BY adding to
Article – Correctional Services
Section 6–119
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2008 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.


AN ACT concerning

General Provisions – Commemorative Months – Maryland Sportsmanship Month

FOR the purpose of requiring the Governor annually to proclaim a certain month as Maryland Sportsmanship Month; requiring the proclamation to urge the Department of Natural Resources and local recreation and parks departments to observe Maryland Sportsmanship Month with certain activities; and generally relating to Maryland Sportsmanship Month.

BY renumbering
Article – General Provisions
Section 7–502 through 7–506, respectively
to be Section 7–503 through 7–507, respectively
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – General Provisions
Section 7–502
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 271 – Delegate Dumais
AN ACT concerning

**Child Support – Extraordinary Medical Expenses**

FOR the purpose of altering the definition of “extraordinary medical expenses” under the child support guidelines; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to child support.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
   Article – Family Law
   Section 12–201(a) and 12–204(h), (l), and (m)
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
   Article – Family Law
   Section 12–201(g)
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

**House Bill 272 – Delegate Simonaire**

AN ACT concerning

**Anne Arundel County – Property Tax Credit – Benefit Corporations and Benefit Limited Liability Companies**

FOR the purpose of authorizing the governing body of Anne Arundel County or of a municipal corporation in Anne Arundel County to grant, by law, a tax credit against the county or municipal corporation property tax imposed on certain property owned or leased by a benefit corporation or benefit limited liability company; authorizing the governing body of Anne Arundel County or of a municipal corporation in Anne Arundel County to provide, by law, for the eligibility criteria, amount, duration, application process, and other aspects of the credit; defining certain terms; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to authorizing a property tax credit in Anne Arundel County for benefit corporations and benefit limited liability companies.

BY adding to
   Article – Tax – Property
   Section 9–303(b)(5)
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.
House Bill 273 – Delegates K. Young and Krimm

AN ACT concerning

Creation of a State Debt – Frederick County – Frederick Memorial Hospital Dental Clinic

FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed $100,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Frederick Memorial Hospital, Inc. for certain development or improvement purposes; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; establishing a deadline for the encumbrance or expenditure of the loan proceeds; and providing generally for the issuance and sale of bonds evidencing the loan.

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

House Bill 274 – Delegate Dumais

AN ACT concerning

Family Law – Divorce – Corroboration of Testimony

FOR the purpose of repealing a provision prohibiting a court from entering a decree of divorce on the uncorroborated testimony of the party seeking the divorce; repealing a provision specifying that, in a suit for absolute divorce on the grounds of voluntary separation, a separation agreement is full corroboration of the plaintiff’s testimony that the separation was voluntary under certain circumstances; and generally relating to divorce.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Family Law
Section 7–101
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing
Article – Family Law
Section 8–104
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 275 – Chair, Ways and Means Committee (By Request – Departmental – Housing and Community Development)
AN ACT concerning

Department of Housing and Community Development – Neighborhood and Community Assistance Program – Community Investment Tax Credit

FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of Housing and Community Development to provide certain notice and opportunity to comment to certain local governing bodies before the Department may approve projects under the Neighborhood and Community Assistance Program; repealing the requirement that certain local governing bodies or their authorized designees must approve certain proposals; increasing the maximum sum of contributions for certain projects under the Neighborhood and Community Assistance Program that are eligible for a certain tax credit; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to the Neighborhood and Community Assistance Program.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Housing and Community Development
Section 6–404
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2006 Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Housing and Community Development
Section 6–405(c)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2006 Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 276 – Delegates Stein, Aumann, Lafferty, Mautz, and West

AN ACT concerning

Income Tax Credit – Preservation and Conservation Easements

FOR the purpose of altering certain provisions of law concerning a credit against the State income tax for certain 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 Maryland Environmental Trust, the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation, or the Department of Natural Resources under certain circumstances; requiring the Comptroller to adopt certain regulations; defining certain terms; making certain stylistic changes; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to a State income tax credit for certain preservation and conservation easements.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Tax – General
Section 10–723
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2010 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

QUORUM CALL

The presiding officer announced a quorum call, showing 125 Members present.

(See Roll Call No. 27)

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:26 P.M. on motion of Delegate Morhaim the House adjourned until 10:00 A.M. on Tuesday, January 26, 2016.
The House met at 10:06 A.M. and pledged Allegiance to the Flag.

Prayer by Delegate Eric Luedtke of Montgomery County.

QUORUM CALL

The presiding officer announced a quorum call, showing 134 Members present.

(See Roll Call No. 28)

EXCUSES:
Del. Carr – inclement weather
Del. Conaway – inclement weather
Del. Fisher – inclement weather
Del. Folden – doctor’s appointment
Del. Gutierrez – inclement weather
Del. McDonough – inclement weather

The Journal of January 25, 2016 was read and approved.

APPOINTMENTS

JANUARY 26, 2016

RESOLVED, that the Speaker makes the following change in Committee Assignments:

Hon. Kirill Reznik to the Appropriations Committee
Hon. William Wivell to the Environment and Transportation Committee

BY ORDER, SYLVIA SIEGERT, CHIEF CLERK

Read and adopted.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

House Bill 277 – Delegates Tarlau, Fennell, Sanchez, and A. Washington

AN ACT concerning
Municipalities – Authority to Serve Citations for Violations of County Laws

FOR the purpose of authorizing a certain municipal enforcement officer to serve a citation on behalf of a certain county on a person who the enforcement officer believes is violating or has violated a certain county law, ordinance, or resolution within the municipality or up to a certain distance outside the municipal limits; providing for the manner of service and the contents of the citation; requiring the enforcement officer to retain a copy of the citation and immediately provide a copy of the citation to the governing body of the county; authorizing the county to prosecute the citation in a certain manner and to a certain extent; and generally relating to the service of citations by municipalities for violations of county laws.

BY adding to
Article – Local Government
Section 4–112
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2013 Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 278 – Delegate B. Wilson

AN ACT concerning

Economic Development – Municipal Corporations – Community Revitalization and Improvement Zones

FOR the purpose of authorizing the governing body of certain municipal corporations to establish, by local law, a certain contracting authority for the purpose of designating a community revitalization and improvement zone; establishing an application process within the Department of Economic Competitiveness and Commerce to designate a zone; requiring the application to contain certain information; requiring, within a certain period of time, the application to be approved by the Department and the municipal corporation in which the zone is located or disapproved by either; authorizing a certain contracting authority, on approval of an application, to designate a zone and apply to a certain municipal corporation to issue certain bonds for certain purposes; authorizing the governing body of certain municipal corporations to issue certain bonds under certain circumstances; requiring the governing body of certain municipal corporations to create a certain special fund; prohibiting a member of a certain contracting authority from receiving money from the special fund; requiring a certain contracting authority to file with the Department a certain list by a certain date each year; requiring certain qualified businesses within a zone to file a certain report with the Department each year; requiring the Department, each year, to verify a certain baseline tax amount; requiring the Department to make certain calculations and certify certain amounts to the Comptroller; requiring the Comptroller, within a certain number of days after
receiving a certification, to transfer a certain amount from the General Fund of the State to a certain special fund of a municipal corporation to be used for certain purposes; providing, under certain circumstances, for a recapture of the amount transferred; requiring that the money transferred and used for certain purposes be matched by a certain amount of private investment; requiring a certain contracting authority to file a certain report with the Department; authorizing the contracting authority, with the approval of the Department, to transfer a certain portion of a zone out of the zone and certain additional acreage into the zone; requiring a zone to be in existence for a certain period of time; requiring the Department to adopt certain regulations; defining certain terms; and generally relating to the establishment of community revitalization and improvement zones in municipal corporations.

BY adding to
Article – Economic Development
Section 12–601 through 12–612 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 6. Community Revitalization and Improvement Zones”
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2008 Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 279 – Delegates B. Robinson, Jalisi, and Platt

AN ACT concerning

Department of Health and Mental Hygiene – Abuser Registry Workgroup Recommendations – Report

FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to report on the status of the implementation of certain recommendations of the Abuser Registry Workgroup; specifying certain recommendations on which the Department must report; requiring the Department to submit a certain report to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before a certain date; and generally relating to the Abuser Registry Workgroup and the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene.

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 280 – Delegates Moon, Barron, Gutierrez, Hayes, Hill, Krimm, Luedtke, McCray, Reznik, West, and K. Young

AN ACT concerning

Birth Certificates – Homeless Individuals – Prohibition on Collection of Fee

FOR the purpose of prohibiting the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene from collecting a fee for a certain copy of a birth certificate issued to a homeless individual; requiring the Department to accept a signed written statement from a homeless
individual as proof of homelessness; and generally relating to prohibiting the collection of fees for copies of birth certificates issued to homeless individuals.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Health – General
Section 4–217
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 281 – Delegates Smith, Cluster, Holmes, Kipke, Metzgar, Rey, and Vogt

AN ACT concerning

Edward T. and Mary A. Conroy Memorial Scholarship Program – Eligibility

FOR the purpose of altering the eligibility requirements for the Edward T. and Mary A. Conroy Memorial Scholarship Program to include veterans and members of the armed forces who have served or are currently serving on active duty for a minimum period of time; altering the eligibility requirements for the Conroy Memorial Scholarship Program to include certain children and spouses of veterans and members of the armed forces who have served or are currently serving on active duty for a minimum period of time; repealing certain limitations on the eligibility of certain veterans and the number of veterans that are eligible to receive a Conroy Memorial Scholarship; limiting the amount of an award under the Conroy Memorial Scholarship Program for certain students under certain circumstances; defining a certain term; making certain stylistic and conforming changes; and generally relating to eligibility for the Edward T. and Mary A. Conroy Memorial Scholarship Program.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Education
Section 15–106.7(b) and 18–601
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 282 – Delegate B. Robinson

AN ACT concerning

Procurement Preferences – Small Businesses and Minority Business Enterprises – Workshop Requirement
FOR the purpose of requiring that certain regulations related to the Small Business Preference Program include a requirement that a business participate in a certain workshop or in a similar workshop or program to qualify as a small business; requiring that certain regulations related to the Minority Business Participation Program include a requirement that a minority business enterprise participate in a certain workshop or in a similar workshop or program in order to be certified; and generally relating to the small business and minority business enterprises procurement preference.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
    Article – State Finance and Procurement
    Section 14–203 and 14–303(b)(19) and (20)
    Annotated Code of Maryland
    (2015 Replacement Volume)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
    Article – State Finance and Procurement
    Section 14–303(a)(1)(i)
    Annotated Code of Maryland
    (2015 Replacement Volume)

BY adding to
    Article – State Finance and Procurement
    Section 14–303(b)(20)
    Annotated Code of Maryland
    (2015 Replacement Volume)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 283 – Delegates Ebersole, Atterbeary, Barve, Brooks, Buckel, Hill, S. Howard, Jalisi, Krimm, Lam, McComas, McCray, McDonough, Miele, A. Miller, Patterson, Pena–Melnyk, Pendergrass, Platt, Rey, B. Robinson, Sample–Hughes, Shoemaker, Sydnor, Tarlau, Turner, Valderrama, and West

AN ACT concerning

Institutions of Higher Education – Official Transcripts

FOR the purpose of requiring institutions of higher education that receive State funding to provide a free official transcript once per semester to certain students who meet certain criteria and once every certain number of years to certain graduates who meet certain criteria; and generally relating to official transcripts from institutions of higher education.

BY adding to
    Article – Education
AN ACT concerning

Senior Apartment Facilities – Limitation on Occupancy by Person Convicted of Crime of Violence

FOR the purpose of prohibiting under certain circumstances a landlord from renting a unit to a certain individual or allowing a certain individual to reside in a unit in a senior apartment facility that is located on the same floor on which a vulnerable adult resides; providing for enforcement by the Division of Consumer Protection of the Office of the Attorney General; establishing that a landlord of a senior apartment facility shall be liable for damages for any injury to or loss incurred by a vulnerable adult as a result of a violation of this Act; and generally relating to senior apartment facilities.

BY adding to
Article – Real Property
Section 8–217
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume)

AN ACT concerning

State Education Aid – Real Property Valuation – Tax Increment Financing

FOR the purpose of requiring the assessed valuation of certain real property used in calculating the wealth of a jurisdiction for purposes of education aid to remain at a certain assessment for a certain period of time under certain circumstances; defining certain terms; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to the calculation of education aid for primary and secondary education.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Education
Section 5–202(a)(1), (4), (9) through (11), and (14) and (b) and 16–305(a) and (b)(1)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Education
Section 5–202(a)(3) and 16–305(b)(2)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

House Bill 286 – Delegates B. Robinson and Jalisi

AN ACT concerning

Criminal Procedure – Expungement – Identity Theft

FOR the purpose of authorizing a person who was convicted of a crime to file a petition for expungement if the person has a certain identity theft passport; authorizing a court to grant a petition for expungement at any time if the person presents an identity theft passport under certain circumstances; and generally relating to expungement.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Criminal Procedure
Section 10–105
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2008 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 287 – Delegates Tarlau, Fennell, and Sanchez

AN ACT concerning

Creation of a State Debt – Prince George’s County – New Horizons Disability Job Training and Recycling Center Phase II

FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt in the amount of $250,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the New Horizons Supported Services, Inc. for certain development or improvement purposes; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; establishing a deadline for the encumbrance or expenditure of the loan proceeds; and providing generally for the issuance and sale of bonds evidencing the loan.

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

AN ACT concerning

Attorney General and Comptroller – Special Elections to Fill a Vacancy

FOR the purpose of proposing an amendment to the Maryland Constitution to require an individual appointed by the Governor to fill a vacancy in the offices of either the Attorney General or the Comptroller to serve until a successor is elected to fill the remainder of the term, except in certain circumstances; requiring an individual appointed by the Governor to fill a vacancy in the offices of either the Attorney General or the Comptroller to serve for the remainder of the term if the vacancy occurs after a certain date; requiring that a special election be held at the same time as a certain regular statewide election to fill a vacancy in the offices of either the Attorney General or the Comptroller if the vacancy occurs on or before a certain date; generally relating to filling vacancies in the offices of either the Attorney General or the Comptroller by special election; and submitting this amendment to the qualified voters of the State for their adoption or rejection.

BY proposing an amendment to the Maryland Constitution
Article V – Attorney–General and State’s Attorneys
Section 5

BY proposing an amendment to the Maryland Constitution
Article VI – Treasury Department
Section 1

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 289 – Delegates S. Robinson, Barkley, Bromwell, Carr, Cullison, Frush, Kelly, Korman, Kramer, Luedtke, A. Miller, Moon, Patterson, Platt, Smith, Tarlau, Waldstreicher, K. Young, and P. Young

AN ACT concerning

Medical Schools – Use of Animals in Medical Training – Prohibited

FOR the purpose of prohibiting a medical school from using a live or dead animal in the medical education or training of students if certain alternate methods are used by certain other medical schools in the State; establishing a certain penalty; and generally relating to prohibiting the use of animals in medical training by medical schools.

BY adding to
Article – Health – General
Section 24–401 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 4. Use of Animals in Medical School Training”
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.


AN ACT concerning

Labor and Employment – Apprenticeship Career Training in Our Neighborhoods (ACTION) Program – Establishment

FOR the purpose of altering and renaming the Construction Apprenticeship Assistance Program to establish the Apprenticeship Career Training in Our Neighborhoods (ACTION) Program; altering the purpose and method for administering the Program; requiring the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation to administer the Program; establishing certain standards under which certain employers may be eligible to receive certain grants; requiring the Department, rather than the Secretary, to adopt certain regulations; altering a specification regarding the method for awarding certain grants to certain eligible employers and determining the amount of the grant for each eligible employer; repealing specifications regarding a certain maximum grant amount and the process for distributing certain grants; declaring the intent of the General Assembly that the Program receive certain funding on an annual basis; defining a certain term; and generally relating to the Apprenticeship Career Training in Our Neighborhoods (ACTION) Program.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
   Article – Labor and Employment
   Section 11–601
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2008 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 291 – Delegates B. Robinson, Buckel, Chang, McMillan, Shoemaker, and Sophocleus

AN ACT concerning
Personal Property Tax – Exemption – Small Business

FOR the purpose of providing an exemption from personal property tax during a certain time period for property that is owned by certain businesses and purchased after a certain date; and generally relating to an exemption from the personal property tax for certain businesses in the State.

BY adding to
   Article – Tax – Property
   Section 7–245
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 292 – Delegates B. Robinson, Chang, Jalisi, Krebs, Krimm, Rose, and Shoemaker

AN ACT concerning

Police Training Commission – Training Requirements – Human Trafficking

FOR the purpose of requiring the Police Training Commission to require that certain entrance–level and in–service police training conducted by the State and each county and municipal police training school include certain training relating to the criminal laws concerning human trafficking and the appropriate treatment of victims of human trafficking; and generally relating to police training requirements.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
   Article – Public Safety
   Section 3–207(6)
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2011 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.


AN ACT concerning

Barbers and Cosmetologists – Criminal Penalties for Practicing Barbering or Cosmetology Without License – Repeal
FOR the purpose of repealing certain criminal penalties for violations of the barbering law and for violations of the cosmetology law; making stylistic changes; and generally relating to practicing barbering or cosmetology.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
  Article – Business Occupations and Professions
  Section 4–601 and 5–601
  Annotated Code of Maryland
  (2010 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
  Article – Business Occupations and Professions
  Section 4–607 and 5–609
  Annotated Code of Maryland
  (2010 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 294 – Delegates Stein, Beidle, Fraser–Hidalgo, Holmes, Jackson, Jacobs, Knotts, McCray, O’Donnell, Otto, and Szeliga

AN ACT concerning

Motor Vehicles – Lamps and Lights – Use When Windshield Wipers Operating

FOR the purpose of requiring that a driver of a vehicle on a highway use the vehicle’s tail lamps when the driver continuously operates the vehicle’s windshield wipers under certain circumstances; repealing the authority of a driver to use a vehicle’s fog lights instead of the vehicle’s headlamps during the continuous operation of the vehicle’s windshield wipers under certain circumstances; and generally relating to the use of vehicle lamps and lights when the windshield wipers are operating.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
  Article – Transportation
  Section 22–201.2
  Annotated Code of Maryland
  (2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 295 – Delegate Krimm

AN ACT concerning

Electricity – Explanation of Bill Charges
FOR the purpose of requiring an electric company to provide a certain explanation of certain charges on a customer’s electric bill; and generally relating to electric service.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
   Article – Public Utilities
   Section 7–305
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2010 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 296 – Delegates Grammer and Metzgar

AN ACT concerning

Maryland Transportation Authority – Vehicle Not Using Bridge – Toll Prohibited

FOR the purpose of prohibiting the Maryland Transportation Authority from charging a toll at a toll plaza adjacent to a bridge that is a transportation facilities project for a vehicle that does not traverse the bridge; and generally relating to prohibiting the Authority from charging a toll at a bridge for a vehicle not using the bridge.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
   Article – Transportation
   Section 4–101(h) and 4–312(a)(2)
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2015 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
   Article – Transportation
   Section 4–312(c)
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2015 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 297 – Delegates Moon, Smith, and Tarlau

AN ACT concerning

Election Law – Business Entity Campaign Contributions – Prohibition

FOR the purpose of prohibiting business entities from making, either directly or indirectly, contributions to campaign finance entities; making a conforming change; and generally relating to business entity campaign contributions.
BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Election Law
Section 13–226
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2010 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 298 – Delegate Otto

AN ACT concerning

Somerset County – Tax Exemption for Manufacturing Property – Duration

FOR the purpose of repealing the limitation on the maximum duration that certain tax exemptions for certain manufacturing property in Somerset County may be granted; and generally relating to a tax exemption for certain manufacturing property in Somerset County.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
The Public Local Laws of Somerset County
Section 11–101
Article 20 – Public Local Laws of Maryland
(2015 Edition)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 299 – Delegate Otto

AN ACT concerning

Worcester County – Alcoholic Beverages – Refillable Container Permit for Draft Beer

FOR the purpose of 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 certain holders of certain licenses under certain circumstances and conditions; specifying that a refillable container permit authorizes a holder to sell draft beer for off-premises consumption in a certain refillable container under certain circumstances and conditions; specifying the term, hours for sale, and advertising, posting of notice, and public hearing requirements associated with a refillable container permit; requiring an applicant for a refillable container permit to take certain actions before the Board may issue a refillable container permit to an applicant; requiring that certain receipts collected be included in certain calculations of average daily receipts; defining a certain term; and generally relating to refillable container permits for draft beer in Worcester County.
BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages
Section 8–103
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2011 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages
Section 8–224.1
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2011 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages
Section 21–107
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2011 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 300 – Delegates Fennell, Luedtke, Ebersole, Hixson, Patterson, Tarlau, and M. Washington

AN ACT concerning

Video Lottery Terminals – Disposition of Unclaimed Winnings

FOR the purpose of specifying that a jackpot won at a video lottery terminal that is not claimed by the winner within a certain number of days after the jackpot is won shall become the property of the State and be deposited into the Education Trust Fund; and generally relating to video lottery gaming in the State.

BY adding to
Article – State Government
Section 9–1A–22.1
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 301 – Delegates Malone, Cluster, Glass, Kittleman, McComas, Parrott, Rey, Vallario, and B. Wilson

AN ACT concerning

Public Safety – Handgun Qualification License – Application Fee
FOR the purpose of altering the maximum application fee that an applicant must pay to the Secretary of State Police for a handgun qualification license; and generally relating to the application fee for a handgun qualification license.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
  Article – Public Safety
  Section 5–117.1(b)
  Annotated Code of Maryland
  (2011 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
  Article – Public Safety
  Section 5–117.1(g)
  Annotated Code of Maryland
  (2011 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 302 – Delegates Malone and Sophocleus

AN ACT concerning

Creation of a State Debt – Anne Arundel County – Woods Community Center

FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed $325,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Woods Community Center, Inc. for certain development or improvement purposes; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; establishing a deadline for the encumbrance or expenditure of the loan proceeds; and providing generally for the issuance and sale of bonds evidencing the loan.

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

House Bill 303 – Delegates Malone, Beidle, Clippinger, Flanagan, S. Howard, Reilly, Simonaire, Smith, and Sophocleus

AN ACT concerning

State Designations – State Tartan

FOR the purpose of designating a State tartan made up of a certain design and a certain thread count; and generally relating to a State tartan.

BY adding to
  Article – General Provisions
  Section 7–318.1
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 304 – Delegates Sydnor, Angel, Jalisi, and Moon

AN ACT concerning

Juvenile Court – Jurisdiction

FOR the purpose of repealing certain provisions of law that exclude from the jurisdiction of the juvenile court a child of a certain age alleged to have committed any of certain offenses; repealing certain provisions of law governing the transfer of certain criminal cases to the juvenile court and governing certain criminal court procedures involving a child whose case is eligible for transfer to the juvenile court or whose charges were excluded from the jurisdiction of the juvenile court; altering certain requirements relating to events that must be reported to the Criminal Justice Information System Central Repository; altering certain requirements relating to the fingerprinting of a child adjudicated delinquent; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to juvenile law and the jurisdiction of the juvenile court.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings
Section 3–8A–03(d)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2013 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing
Article – Criminal Procedure
Section 4–202, 4–202.1, and 4–202.2
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2008 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Criminal Procedure
Section 10–215(a)(20) and 10–216(d)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2008 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

AN ACT concerning

Consumer Protection – Monitoring Consumer Behavior and Shopping Habits – Required Notice

FOR the purpose of prohibiting a merchant from using certain technology to monitor the behavior or shopping habits of a certain consumer unless the merchant provides a certain notice in a certain manner; providing that a violation of this Act is an unfair or deceptive trade practice under the Maryland Consumer Protection Act and is subject to certain enforcement and penalty provisions; defining certain terms; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to merchants and the use of technology to monitor consumer behavior or shopping habits.

BY adding to
Article – Commercial Law
Section 14–1325
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2013 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.


AN ACT concerning

Labor and Employment – Hiring and Promotion Preferences – Veterans and Their Spouses

FOR the purpose of authorizing employers to grant a preference in hiring and promotion to certain veterans, spouses of certain veterans, and surviving spouses of certain veterans; providing that granting a preference under this Act does not violate State or local equal employment opportunity laws; defining a certain term; and generally relating to hiring and promotion preferences for veterans and spouses.

BY adding to
Article – Labor and Employment
Section 3–714
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2008 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 307 – Delegates Moon, Carter, and Smith
AN ACT concerning

Criminal Law – Possession of Controlled Dangerous Substance – Penalties

FOR the purpose of altering the penalty for possessing or administering a certain controlled dangerous substance; making certain conforming changes; and generally relating to controlled dangerous substances.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
  Article – Criminal Law
  Section 5–601(c)(1) and (2)
  Annotated Code of Maryland
  (2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 308 – Delegates Grammer and Metzgar

AN ACT concerning

Department of Legislative Services – Office of Information Systems – Video and Audio Recordings

FOR the purpose of requiring the Office of Information Systems in the Department of Legislative Services to make video recordings of meetings of certain committees and audio recordings of floor sessions of the Senate and the House of Delegates; requiring the Office to make each recording available to the public on a certain Web site without charge and within a certain time period; requiring that a recording be in a certain format; and generally relating to video and audio recordings made by the Office of Information Systems.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
  Article – State Government
  Section 2–1232
  Annotated Code of Maryland
  (2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

FIRST READING OF SENATE BILLS

Senate Bill 88 – Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Labor, Licensing and Regulation)
AN ACT concerning

Commissioner of Financial Regulation – Consolidation of Nondepository Special Funds

FOR the purpose of consolidating the Mortgage Lender-Originator Fund, the Money Transmission Fund, and the Debt Management Services Fund into one fund; renaming the Mortgage Lender-Originator Fund to be the Nondepository Special Fund; establishing the purpose of the Nondepository Special Fund; requiring certain revenues, fees, and examination assessments to be credited to the Nondepository Special Fund to be used for a certain purpose; requiring that certain money be transferred to a certain fund as of a certain date; repealing certain definitions; altering a certain definition; making conforming and stylistic changes; and generally relating to financial regulation.

BY adding to
Article – Financial Institutions
Section 11–503.2
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2011 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Financial Institutions
Section 11–601(f), 11–610, 12–404, 12–901(i) 12–901(k) through (o), and 12–905
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2011 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing
Article – Financial Institutions
Section 12–901(i)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2011 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

QUORUM CALL

The presiding officer announced a quorum call, showing 134 Members present.

(See Roll Call No. 29)

ADJOURNMENT

At 10:38 A.M. on motion of Delegate Kaiser the House adjourned until 10:00 A.M. on Wednesday, January 27, 2016.
The House met at 10:04 A.M. and pledged Allegiance to the Flag.

Prayer by Delegate Haven Shoemaker of Carroll County.

**QUORUM CALL**

The presiding officer announced a quorum call, showing 136 Members present.

(See Roll Call No. 30)

**EXCUSES:**

Del. Grammer – left early – business  
Del. Long – left early – business  
Del. Metzgar – left early – business  
Del. Rosenberg – personal

The Journal of January 26, 2016 was read and approved.

**INTRODUCTION OF BILLS**


AN ACT concerning

**Prince George’s County Regional Medical Center Act of 2016**

FOR the purpose of requiring that in certain fiscal years certain amounts be provided in a certain manner as an operating grant to the Board of Directors of the University of Maryland Medical System for certain purposes; requiring the Governor to include certain appropriations in the budget bill for certain fiscal years for certain purposes; requiring Prince George’s County to provide certain funds and other financial assistance to the Board of Directors of the University of Maryland Medical System; requiring that certain State and Prince George’s County funds be used for certain purposes, including the construction of the Prince George’s County Regional Medical Center; requiring the Governor to include certain amounts in the capital or operating budget bill for certain fiscal years; declaring the intent of the General Assembly; making this Act subject to a certain contingency; providing for the termination of
this Act; and generally relating to funding for certain purposes in connection with the construction of the Prince George’s County Regional Medical Center.

BY adding to
Article – Health – General
Section 19–2401 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 24. Prince George’s County Regional Medical Center”
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

House Bill 310 – Delegate Dumais

AN ACT concerning

Divorce – Separation Agreement – Corroboration of Testimony

FOR the purpose of repealing provisions establishing that, in a suit for absolute divorce on the grounds of voluntary separation, a separation agreement is full corroboration of the plaintiff’s testimony that the separation was voluntary under certain circumstances; establishing that, in a suit for absolute divorce on the grounds of mutual consent, a separation agreement is full corroboration of the plaintiff’s testimony that the separation was mutual under certain circumstances; and generally relating to divorce.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Family Law
Section 8–104
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 311 – Delegates K. Young, Aumann, Jalisi, Kipke, Lisanti, Miele, Rey, Stein, and West

AN ACT concerning

Income Tax – Subtraction Modification – Retirement Income

FOR the purpose of altering the maximum amount of a subtraction modification allowed under the State income tax for certain retirement income of an individual of a certain age or who is totally disabled or whose spouse is totally disabled; altering the maximum amount of a certain subtraction modification allowed for certain taxable years; and generally relating to an income tax subtraction modification for certain retirement income.
BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
   Article – Tax – General
   Section 10–209
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2010 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.


AN ACT concerning

Public Safety – Renewal of Handgun Permits – Fingerprinting

FOR the purpose of specifying that a person who applies for the renewal of a handgun permit is not required to be fingerprinted except under certain circumstances; and generally relating to handgun permits.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
   Article – Public Safety
   Section 5–301(a) and (d)
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2011 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
   Article – Public Safety
   Section 5–309(b)
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2011 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY adding to
   Article – Public Safety
   Section 5–309(c)
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2011 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

AN ACT concerning

Sales and Use Tax – Aircraft Parts and Equipment – Exemption

FOR the purpose of providing an exemption from the sales and use tax for certain materials, parts, or equipment used to repair, maintain, or upgrade aircraft or certain aircraft systems; and generally relating to a sales and use tax exemption for certain aircraft equipment.

BY adding to
Article – Tax – General
Section 11–232
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2010 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.


AN ACT concerning

Peace Orders – Grounds for Relief

FOR the purpose of adding certain offenses to the list of offenses alleged to have been committed by a certain respondent against a certain victim for which a peace order request or a peace order petition may be filed under certain circumstances; and generally relating to peace orders.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings
Section 3–8A–19.1 and 3–1503(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2013 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 315 – Delegates Szeliga and Kelly

AN ACT concerning

Income Tax – Elimination of the Marriage Penalty

FOR the purpose of altering the State income tax rate brackets for certain income of certain married couples and individuals; altering the amount allowed as a deduction for
certain exemptions for certain married couples and individuals under the Maryland income tax under certain circumstances; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to altering the State income tax rates and amount allowed as a deduction for certain exemptions.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Tax – General
Section 10–105(a) and 10–211
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2010 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 316 – Delegates Szeliga and Moon

AN ACT concerning

General Assembly – Live and Archived Video Streaming of Meetings

FOR the purpose of requiring the General Assembly to make available to the public certain video streaming of certain meetings of the Senate of Maryland, the House of Delegates of Maryland, and certain standing committees of the Senate or House; and generally relating to the General Assembly and live and archived video streaming of meetings.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – State Government
Section 2–101(b), (d), and (f)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – State Government
Section 2–1805
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations.


AN ACT concerning

Public Safety – Assault Weapons – Replacements
FOR the purpose of authorizing a person to replace a lost or broken assault weapon that the person lawfully possessed in accordance with certain provisions of law if the replacement is registered with the Secretary of State Police; and generally relating to assault weapons.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
   Article – Criminal Law
   Section 4–303
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 318 – Delegates Jacobs, Arentz, and Ghrist

AN ACT concerning

Kent County – Fisheries – Use of Haul Seines

FOR the purpose of authorizing in Kent County a person to catch certain fish with a haul seine during the period from Friday midnight until sunrise on Monday under certain circumstances; requiring the Department of Natural Resources to adopt certain regulations; and generally relating to the use of haul seines in Kent County.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
   Article – Natural Resources
   Section 4–713
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 319 – Delegates Jacobs, Arentz, Cassilly, Ghrist, Hornberger, S. Howard, Metzgar, Otto, and Sample–Hughes

AN ACT concerning

Oysters and Clams – Dredging by Auxiliary Yawl – Authorized Boats

FOR the purpose of clarifying that certain provisions of law governing dredging by use of an auxiliary yawl apply only to certain boats; establishing certain standards for dredge boats that harvest oysters and clams by use of an auxiliary yawl; repealing the requirement that certain persons attach certain numbers to certain boats in a certain manner; making certain stylistic changes; making a certain technical correction; and generally relating to oyster and clam dredge boats propelled by use of an auxiliary yawl.
BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
   Article – Natural Resources
   Section 4–1013
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 320 – Frederick County Delegation

AN ACT concerning

Frederick County – Property Tax – Small Business Tax Credit

FOR the purpose of altering certain requirements for an existing business entity in Frederick County to qualify for a certain property tax credit imposed on real property owned or leased by the business entity; altering a certain definition to increase the hours and period of time a certain employee must work in a certain position and to require a certain rate of payment; altering the percentage of the property tax credit authorized in certain taxable years; clarifying that the governing body of Frederick County may not grant the property tax credit until a certain taxable year under certain circumstances; making it discretionary, rather than mandatory, that the governing body of Frederick County provide, by law, for certain eligibility requirements for the property tax credit, limitations on the credit, and any appropriate provisions to implement the credit; providing for the application of this Act; making clarifying and conforming changes; and generally relating to a county property tax credit for small businesses in Frederick County.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
   Article – Tax – Property
   Section 9–312(i)
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 321 – Delegates S. Howard, Carey, Chang, Hornberger, Kipke, Malone, Mautz, Saab, Simonaire, and Sophocleus

AN ACT concerning

Anne Arundel County – Archery Hunting – Safety Zone

FOR the purpose of establishing for archery hunters in Anne Arundel County a safety zone of a certain size within which archery hunting may not take place except under certain circumstances; and generally relating to archery hunting in Anne Arundel County.
BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
   Article – Natural Resources
   Section 10–410(g)
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 322 – Delegate Afzali

AN ACT concerning

Frederick County – Failure to Obey Traffic Control Device on Maryland Route 75 – Penalty

FOR the purpose of increasing the maximum penalty for failure to obey a traffic control device governing the height of vehicles traveling on a certain portion of Maryland Route 75 in Frederick County.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
   Article – Transportation
   Section 11–167 and 21–201
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY adding to
   Article – Transportation
   Section 27–105.1
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 323 – Delegates Krimm and K. Young

AN ACT concerning

Creation of a State Debt – Frederick County – Emergency Family Services Shelter

FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed $25,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Religious Coalition for Emergency Human Needs in Frederick County, Inc. for certain development or improvement purposes; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; prohibiting the use of the loan proceeds or matching fund for sectarian religious purposes;
establishing a deadline for the encumbrance or expenditure of the loan proceeds; and providing generally for the issuance and sale of bonds evidencing the loan.

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.


AN ACT concerning

Education – Maryland High School Diploma – Civics Test Requirement

FOR the purpose of requiring a student to take and achieve a passing score on a certain civics test in order to graduate from a public high school on or after a certain date; requiring the State Board of Education on or before the first day of a certain school year to determine the means of providing certain high school students an opportunity to take a certain civics test; requiring a student to correctly answer at least a certain percentage of the questions on a certain civics test to achieve a passing score; authorizing a student to repeat taking a certain civics test until the student achieves a passing score; requiring certain county boards of education to indicate on the official educational record of certain high school students whether the student has complied with certain requirements; requiring, on or after a certain date, certain alternative requirements provided by the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation for obtaining a Maryland high school diploma to include taking and achieving a certain passing score on a certain civics test; requiring, on or after a certain date, an individual to take and receive a passing score on a certain civics test to qualify for a Maryland high school diploma by examination; and generally relating to the implementation of a civics test requirement for a Maryland high school diploma.

BY adding to
Article – Education
Section 7–205.4
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Labor and Employment
Section 11–807(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2008 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Labor and Employment
Section 11–807(b) and 11–808
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2008 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)
Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 325 – Chair, Environment and Transportation Committee (By Request – Departmental – Environment)

AN ACT concerning

Environment – Bay Restoration Fund – Use of Funds – Nutrient Credit Purchases

FOR the purpose of authorizing funds in the Bay Restoration Fund to be used for the costs associated with the purchase of certain nutrient credits; requiring the Department of the Environment to consult with certain Secretaries when adopting certain regulations; and generally relating to the use of funds in the Bay Restoration Fund.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Environment
Section 9–1605.2(a)(1) and (i)(1)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Environment
Section 9–1605.2(i)(2) and (l)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 326 – Chair, Environment and Transportation Committee (By Request – Departmental – Housing and Community Development)

AN ACT concerning

Housing and Community Development – Business Lending and Neighborhood Revitalization

FOR the purpose of authorizing the Maryland Housing Fund in the Department of Housing and Community Development to provide certain insurance or credit enhancement on business projects under certain circumstances; altering certain findings related to the Maryland Housing Fund to include certain business projects; specifying certain criteria for a project to qualify as a business project; providing for certain types of financial assistance to business projects by the Community Development Administration under certain circumstances; authorizing the Administration to purchase or issue securities for certain business projects; altering certain definitions; defining certain terms; authorizing the Department to charge certain fees for certain
financial assistance provided under the Division of Neighborhood Revitalization; requiring the Department to provide certain notice of certain projects under the Division to certain local jurisdictions; altering the circumstances in which the Department may approve certain projects; altering the standards for receipt of certain financial assistance to certain businesses under the Division; altering the type of financial assistance that the Department may provide through certain entities under certain circumstances; expanding the areas in which the Neighborhood Business Development Program is authorized to provide financial assistance; repealing certain requirements for applicants for financial assistance for projects in certain areas; repealing a requirement for the Department to establish certain minimum percentages for certain types of funding; altering certain limits on the amount of certain loans that the Department may sell; authorizing the Department to purchase certain financial assistance from certain entities for certain business purposes; authorizing the Department to pledge certain loans for certain purposes; altering where certain unencumbered funds in the Neighborhood Business Development Fund may be transferred for certain uses under certain circumstances; and generally relating to business lending and neighborhood revitalization in the Department of Housing and Community Development.

BY renumbering
Article – Housing and Community Development
Section 3–201(b) through (j), respectively, and 4–201(b) through (u), respectively to be Section 3–201(c) through (k), respectively, and 4–201(c) through (v), respectively Annotated Code of Maryland
(2006 Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Housing and Community Development
Section 3–201(a) and 4–201(a) Annotated Code of Maryland
(2006 Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Housing and Community Development
Section 3–201(b), 4–201(b), and 4–223 Annotated Code of Maryland
(2006 Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Housing and Community Development
Section 3–202, 3–206(a), 4–201(e), 4–211(a)(12), 4–225(a), 4–234, 6–102, 6–206(b), 6–301, 6–302, 6–303, 6–304(b), 6–305, 6–308, 6–308.1, 6–310, and 6–405(c) Annotated Code of Maryland
(2006 Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.
House Bill 327 – Delegate Korman

AN ACT concerning

Public Service Commission Reform Act

FOR the purpose of providing that not more than a certain number of commissioners of the Public Service Commission may be of the same political party; providing that not more than a certain number of commissioners may be from a single county; providing that the appointment of a commissioner is subject to certain restrictions on representing a certain company or appearing before the Commission, or receiving certain benefits, for a certain period before the appointment; requiring the Commission to conduct at least a certain number of customer service meetings each year in different regions of the State; requiring that each commissioner be assigned at least a certain number of personal staff members for certain purposes; providing that certain staff members may be pooled; establishing a Division of Customer Complaints and Affairs in the staff of the Commission for certain purposes; authorizing the Division to participate in certain proceedings in certain manners; altering the total amount that a public service company may be charged for a State fiscal year for certain purposes; providing that the Commission and its personnel and contractors have access to certain premises for certain purposes, subject to a certain limitation; requiring that a representative of the Commission actively participate in performing a certain meter test under certain circumstances; including the Commission in the State Customer Service and Business Development Efforts Training Program of the Office of the Business Ombudsman; providing for the continuity of a certain unit of the Commission; stating the intent of the General Assembly concerning certain positions in a certain unit of the Commission; requiring the Department of Legislative Services to conduct a certain review of the Commission for certain purposes; authorizing the Department to consult with certain persons for certain purposes; requiring certain units to cooperate with the Department for certain purposes; requiring the Department to report to the General Assembly on or before a certain date; providing for the application of this Act; providing that existing obligations or contract rights may not be impaired by this Act; and generally relating to the Public Service Commission.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

   Article – Public Utilities
   Section 1–101(a) and (g)
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2010 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

   Article – Public Utilities
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2010 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)
BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
   Article – Economic Development
   Section 14–204
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2008 Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 328 – Delegates Hill, Ebersole, and Lam

AN ACT concerning

Creation of a State Debt – Baltimore County – Good Shepherd School

FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed $100,000, the
proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of Good Shepherd Services
for certain development or improvement purposes; providing for disbursement of the
loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a
matching fund; prohibiting the use of the loan proceeds or matching fund for
sectarian religious purposes; establishing a deadline for the encumbrance or
expenditure of the loan proceeds; and providing generally for the issuance and sale
of bonds evidencing the loan.

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

House Bill 329 – Delegate Dumais

AN ACT concerning

Children – Family Child Care Homes and Child Care Centers – Advertising and
Penalties

FOR the purpose of requiring advertisements for certain child care services to include
certain information; authorizing certain employees of the State Department of
Education or a law enforcement officer to visit and serve a certain civil citation to
certain child care homes and child care centers if the child care home or child care
center is advertised and is not registered or licensed with the Department;
authorizing certain law enforcement officers to serve a certain civil citation to certain
child care homes and child care centers in certain circumstances; authorizing the
State Fire Marshal, a deputy State fire marshal, or a special assistant State fire
marshal to inspect certain child care homes or child care centers under certain
circumstances; altering the penalties for providing certain child care services
without being registered or licensed; stating the intent of the General Assembly that
the Department expand its efforts to educate certain parents and certain child care
providers about certain issues relating to child care services; requiring the
Department to make a certain report on or before a certain date; defining a certain term; and generally relating to child care services in the State.

BY renumbering
Article – Family Law
Section 5–501(c) through (r), respectively
to be Section 5–501(d) through (s), respectively
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Family Law
Section 5–501(a), 5–550(a) and (b), 5–551(a), 5–570(a), (c), (d), and (f), and 5–574(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Family Law
Section 5–501(c) and 5–574(e) through (g)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing
Article – Family Law
Section 5–551(c)(10)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Family Law
Section 5–551(c)(11) and (12), 5–552, 5–557, 5–557.1, 5–582, 5–583, and 5–583.1
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 330 – Delegates Jones, Gaines, Haynes, Hettleman, A. Miller, Morhaim, Stein, and Zucker

AN ACT concerning

County Boards of Education – Procurements for Construction or Repair of School Projects

FOR the purpose of making certain provisions of law concerning the advertising for bids for procurements costing more than a certain amount applicable to construction or repair for certain school projects in the State; including construction and repair
services under certain provisions of law concerning the award of certain procurement contracts to certain bidders; defining certain terms; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to procurement for construction and repair services for schools.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
   Article – Education
   Section 1–101 and 5–112
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

House Bill 331 – Delegate Stein

EMERGENCY BILL

AN ACT concerning

Program Open Space – Funding for Capital Improvements

FOR the purpose of altering the funds under Program Open Space that are authorized to be used for certain capital improvements under certain circumstances; making this Act an emergency measure; and generally relating to funding for capital improvements under Program Open Space.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
   Article – Natural Resources
   Section 5–903(g)(1)
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
   Article – Tax – Property
   Section 13–209(d)
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

House Bill 332 – Delegates Lafferty, Frush, Lam, and S. Robinson

AN ACT concerning

Environment – Paint Stewardship Program
FOR the purpose of requiring certain producers of architectural paint sold at retail in the State or a certain representative organization to submit a plan for the establishment of a Paint Stewardship Program to the Department of the Environment for approval, on or before a certain date, and in accordance with certain requirements; requiring a certain plan to establish a certain assessment; prohibiting a certain assessment from exceeding certain costs; requiring certain assessments to be used for a certain purpose; requiring the Office of Recycling within the Department to review and approve certain plans, including a certain assessment, submitted in accordance with the Paint Stewardship Program; requiring a producer or representative organization to pay a plan review fee, as determined by the Department; requiring certain fees to be deposited in the State Recycling Trust Fund; authorizing the State Recycling Trust Fund to be used to cover certain costs; requiring the Department to approve a certain plan under certain circumstances; requiring the Department to list certain producers and brands on its Web site under certain circumstances; requiring certain producers and retailers or distributors to add a certain assessment to the cost of all architectural paint sold in the State beginning on a certain date; requiring a certain producer or representative organization to implement a certain program on or before a certain date; prohibiting a producer or retailer from selling or offering for sale certain architectural paint under certain circumstances beginning on a certain date; requiring a certain producer or representative organization to provide consumers with certain educational materials in accordance with certain requirements; providing that certain retailers are in compliance with certain requirements under certain circumstances; providing that a certain producer or representative organization is immune from certain liability under certain circumstances; requiring a certain producer or representative organization to submit a certain report to the Department in accordance with certain requirements, on or before a certain date, and with a certain frequency thereafter; requiring the Department to keep certain data confidential; authorizing the Department to release certain summary data under certain circumstances; defining certain terms; and generally relating to the Paint Stewardship Program.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Environment
Section 9–1701, 9–1702, and 9–1707(f)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Environment
Section 9–1733 to be under the new part “Part V. Paint Stewardship Program”
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation and the Committee on Economic Matters.

AN ACT concerning


FOR the purpose of establishing the Commission to Study the Employment of Ethnic Minorities and Women Under Procurement Contracts at Baltimore–Washington International Thurgood Marshall Airport; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Commission; prohibiting a member of the Commission from receiving certain compensation, but authorizing the reimbursement of certain expenses; requiring the Commission to review, assess, and examine certain matters and make certain recommendations related to the employment of ethnic minorities and women under procurement contracts at the Baltimore–Washington International Thurgood Marshall Airport; requiring the Commission to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before a certain date; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to the Commission to Study the Employment of Ethnic Minorities and Women Under Procurement Contracts at Baltimore–Washington International Thurgood Marshall Airport.

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 334 – Delegates Valentino–Smith and B. Wilson

AN ACT concerning

Criminal Law – Marijuana Consumption in Public Place – Prohibition

FOR the purpose of prohibiting a person from smoking or consuming marijuana in a public place or in a vehicle located on a highway, in a parking lot, or in an area accessible to the public; prohibiting a person from being impaired by marijuana and endangering the safety of the person, another person, or property; establishing certain penalties; and generally relating to marijuana.

BY adding to
Article – Criminal Law
Section 5–601.2
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)
Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 335 – Delegate Lierman

AN ACT concerning

Income Tax Subtraction Modification – College Savings Plans – Contributions

FOR the purpose of providing a subtraction modification under the Maryland income tax for contributions made by certain individuals to certain college savings accounts subject to certain limitations; defining certain terms; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to a subtraction modification under the Maryland income tax for contributions made to certain college savings accounts.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Tax – General
Section 10–208(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2010 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Tax – General
Section 10–208(n) and (o)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2010 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.


AN ACT concerning

Criminal Procedure – Seizure and Forfeiture

FOR the purpose of altering the types of crimes for which certain property is subject to forfeiture; authorizing the forfeiture of certain property under certain circumstances; prohibiting a certain law enforcement agency or prosecuting authority from directly or indirectly transferring or referring seized property to a federal government agency or law enforcement authority for forfeiture under federal law unless certain conditions are met; authorizing a certain defendant or third party to file a motion for replevin in a certain criminal case at a certain time if the defendant or third party claims that he or she has the right to possession of certain property; requiring a motion for replevin under this Act to be in writing and state in detail the grounds on which it is based; requiring a claimant to notify the State’s Attorney in writing of the
filing of a motion for replevin under this Act; authorizing the State's Attorney to file a response to a motion for replevin at a certain time; requiring the court to hold a hearing on a motion for replevin at a certain time under certain circumstances; authorizing the court to dismiss a motion for replevin without a hearing under certain circumstances; requiring the court to grant a motion for replevin under certain circumstances; authorizing the court to order the return of funds or property sufficient to obtain legal counsel but less than the total amount seized; authorizing the court to take certain actions in lieu of ordering issuance of the writ of replevin; requiring a certain law enforcement agency to report, on an annual basis, certain information about each individual seizure and forfeiture completed by the agency under State or federal forfeiture law; authorizing the Maryland Statistical Analysis Center (MSAC) to require a law enforcement agency to provide relevant information not specified in this Act; requiring a certain law enforcement agency to file a certain report for the agency and the corresponding prosecutor's office with MSAC; requiring MSAC to develop a certain form, a process, and deadlines for certain data entry; requiring MSAC to compile certain submissions and issue a certain report; requiring MSAC to make certain reports available in a certain manner; requiring the Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention (GOCCP) to submit a certain report to the Governor, the General Assembly, and each law enforcement agency before a certain date each year; authorizing GOCCP to include in a certain report certain recommendations; requiring GOCCP to report information on law enforcement agencies not in compliance with this Act to the Police Training Commission; requiring the Police Training Commission to contact a certain law enforcement agency and request compliance; requiring GOCCP and the Police Training Commission to report certain noncompliance to the Governor and the Legislative Policy Committee of the General Assembly under certain circumstances; authorizing MSAC to recoup certain costs in a certain manner; authorizing a certain law enforcement agency to use forfeiture proceeds to pay the cost of compiling and reporting information required under this Act; making a conforming change; defining certain terms; and generally relating to seizure and forfeiture.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Criminal Procedure
Section 12–102(a), 12–103, and 12–203
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2008 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Criminal Procedure
Section 12–203.1; and 13–601 and 13–602 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 6. Reporting”
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2008 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 337 – Delegate Long
AN ACT concerning

Baltimore County – Property Tax Credit – Revitalization Districts

FOR the purpose of authorizing the governing body of Baltimore County to grant, by law, a property tax credit against the county property tax imposed on a dwelling that is located in a revitalization district and is owned by a homeowner who made substantial improvements to the dwelling that cause the dwelling to be reassessed at a higher value; requiring the credit to equal the amount of the county property tax attributable to the improvements made to the property multiplied by a certain percentage; providing that if ownership of a dwelling is transferred the grantee is eligible to claim the property tax credit in the same manner as the grantor; requiring the governing body of Baltimore County to define revitalization districts for purposes of the tax credit; authorizing the governing body of Baltimore County to provide for certain matters relating to the tax credit; providing for the application of this Act; defining certain terms; and generally relating to a property tax credit in Baltimore County for dwellings located in revitalization districts that have undergone substantial improvements.

BY adding to

Article – Tax – Property
Section 9–305(f)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 338 – Delegate Carey

AN ACT concerning

Creation of a State Debt – Anne Arundel County – Broadneck High School Field House

FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt in the amount of $250,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Bruin Athletic Boosters Club, Inc. for certain development or improvement purposes; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds; establishing a deadline for the encumbrance or expenditure of the loan proceeds; and providing generally for the issuance and sale of bonds evidencing the loan.

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

House Bill 339 – Charles County Delegation

AN ACT concerning
Charles County – Property Tax Refunds – Accrual of Interest

FOR the purpose of providing that, for Charles County, the interest on property tax refunds paid after a final determination of an appeal shall begin to accrue when the county receives notification of the final determination; and generally relating to the accrual of interest on certain property tax refunds in Charles County.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
   Article – Tax – Property
   Section 14–611
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY adding to
   Article – Tax – Property
   Section 14–612
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 340 – Delegates Tarlau, Angel, Carr, Fennell, McCray, Platt, and Sanchez

AN ACT concerning

Property Tax – Renters’ Property Tax Relief Program

FOR the purpose of excluding certain items from the definition of “assets” for purposes of certain property tax relief provided to certain renters; altering the calculation of the relief provided by altering the calculation of the combined income of a renter; increasing the maximum amount of property tax relief that may be provided; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to the renters’ property tax relief program.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
   Article – Tax – Property
   Section 9–102(a)(1)
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
   Article – Tax – Property
   Section 9–102(a)(2), (h), and (i)
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)
Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.


AN ACT concerning

**Commission to Study the Disproportionate Justice Impact on Minorities**

FOR the purpose of establishing the Commission to Study the Disproportionate Justice Impact on Minorities; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Commission; prohibiting a member of the Commission from receiving certain compensation, but authorizing the reimbursement of certain expenses; requiring the Commission to identify, study, report on, and make recommendations regarding certain matters; requiring the Commission to hold a certain number of public hearings within a certain period of time; requiring the Commission to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before a certain date; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to the Commission to Study the Disproportionate Justice Impact on Minorities.

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

**House Bill 342** – Delegates Carey and Davis

AN ACT concerning

**Motor Fuel Suppliers and Retail Service Station Dealers – Promotion – Sales**

FOR the purpose of authorizing a certain 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 if the retail service station agrees to participate; 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; repealing the prohibition on a supplier of motor fuel requiring a retail service station dealer to pay certain costs related to a game of chance; and generally relating to participation in games of chance by motor fuel suppliers and retail service station dealers.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Business Regulation
Section 10–502
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.
AN ACT concerning

Procurement – Equal Pay Certificates – Requirement

FOR the purpose of prohibiting a unit from awarding a procurement contract to a certain contractor unless the contractor has a certain equal pay certificate or a certain written exemption; requiring a certain contractor to apply for an equal pay certificate by submitting to the Commissioner of Labor and Industry a certain application fee and a certain statement; requiring the Commissioner to issue a certain written exemption under certain circumstances; requiring that a certain statement be signed by a certain individual and state certain information; requiring the Commissioner to take certain action regarding an application for an equal pay certificate within a certain time period; authorizing the Commissioner to reject an application only under certain circumstances; specifying that an equal pay certificate is valid for a certain time period; authorizing the Commissioner to revoke or suspend an equal pay certificate under certain circumstances; requiring the Commissioner to take certain action before revoking or suspending an equal pay certificate; authorizing a contractor to request an administrative hearing under certain provisions of law by filing a certain request within a certain time period; authorizing a unit to abridge or terminate a procurement contract under certain circumstances; authorizing the Commissioner to take certain action if a procurement contract is awarded to a contractor that does not have an equal pay certificate; requiring the Commissioner to provide certain technical assistance and submit a certain report in certain years to the Governor and certain committees of the General Assembly; authorizing the Commissioner to audit certain contractors to determine whether the contractor is in compliance with certain provisions of law; requiring a certain contractor to provide certain information to the Commissioner under certain circumstances; requiring the Commissioner to establish a certain anonymous tip line; providing that certain data submitted to the Commissioner is not subject to disclosure under the Public Information Act; requiring certain revenues to be distributed to a special fund to be used only for a certain purpose; requiring a custodian of public records to deny the inspection of the part of a public record that contains certain data related to equal pay certificates; applying certain provisions of this Act to certain procurements and units of State government that are generally excluded from State procurement law; defining certain terms; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to equal pay certificates.

BY adding to

Article – General Provisions
Section 4–356
Annotated Code of Maryland
BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
   Article – State Finance and Procurement
   Section 11–203
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2015 Replacement Volume)

BY adding to
   Article – State Finance and Procurement
   Section 17–801 through 17–809 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 8. Equal Pay Certificate Requirements”
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2015 Replacement Volume)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 344 – Delegates Afzali and C. Howard

AN ACT concerning

Voter Registration – Affiliation With Political Party and Participation in Primary Election, Caucus, or Convention

FOR the purpose of requiring certain voter registration applications used in the State to include a certain statement concerning registration with a political party and the effect of the failure of the voter to affiliate with a political party on the voter’s right to participate in primary elections, caucuses, or conventions for a political party; providing that certain voter registration applications may continue to be used after the effective date of this Act; and generally relating to voter registration applications.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
   Article – Election Law
   Section 3–202
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2010 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
   Article – Election Law
   Section 3–203 and 3–303
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2010 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

AN ACT concerning

Civil Action – Wrongfully Selling or Furnishing Alcoholic Beverages

FOR the purpose of providing that a civil action for certain damages may be brought against an alcoholic beverages licensee or the licensee’s employee who sold or furnished, under certain circumstances, alcoholic beverages to an individual who was under the influence of alcoholic beverages and who negligently drove or attempted to drive a motor vehicle after consuming the alcoholic beverages; requiring a trier of fact to determine whether a wrongful sale or furnishing of alcoholic beverages was a proximate cause of certain damages; providing for a certain standard of proof; establishing that an action may not be brought under this Act by certain individuals; providing for the admissibility of certain evidence; providing for a certain period of limitations for bringing an action under this Act; defining certain terms; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to certain civil liability for wrongfully selling or furnishing alcoholic beverages under certain circumstances.

BY adding to

Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings
Section 3–2101 through 3–2105 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 21. Wrongful Sale or Furnishing of Alcoholic Beverages”
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2013 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings
Section 5–105
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2013 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.


AN ACT concerning

Criminal Law – Synthetic Cannabinoids – Prohibition

FOR the purpose of authorizing a certain authorized provider to conduct research in the State with certain controlled dangerous substances not scheduled under federal law under certain circumstances; listing synthetic cannabinoids on Schedule I to designate controlled dangerous substances that may not be legally used, possessed, or distributed; defining a certain term; requiring the Department of State Police to
report to the General Assembly on or before a certain date; providing for the termination of certain provisions of this Act; and generally relating to controlled dangerous substances.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
   Article – Criminal Law
   Section 5–101(a) and (e)
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
   Article – Criminal Law
   Section 5–101(ff), 5–304, and 5–402(d)
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY adding to
   Article – Criminal Law
   Section 5–101(ff)
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 347 – Delegates Carter, Dumais, Glass, Moon, Sanchez, and Smith

AN ACT concerning

Vehicle Laws – Driving Without a License or While License is Suspended – Penalties

FOR the purpose of altering the maximum penalty for driving a motor vehicle while a person’s license or privilege to drive is suspended under certain provisions of State law relating to the lapse of required security, noncompliance with traffic citations, and nonpayment of fines; altering the maximum penalty for driving a motor vehicle while a person’s license or privilege to drive is suspended by another state for failure to comply with a certain notice to appear in court or to pay a certain fine; altering the maximum penalty for driving on a highway without a license; and generally relating to penalties for driving without a license or while a person’s license or privilege to drive is suspended.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
   Article – Transportation
   Section 27–101(b)
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)
BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
   Article – Transportation
   Section 27–101(c) and (y)
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY adding to
   Article – Transportation
   Section 27–101(gg)
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 348 – Delegates Carter, Glass, Moon, Sanchez, and Smith

AN ACT concerning

Vehicle Laws – Driving While License is Suspended – Prison Sentence Repeal

FOR the purpose of repealing the prison sentence for driving a motor vehicle while a person’s license or privilege to drive is suspended under certain provisions of State law relating to the lapse of required security, noncompliance with traffic citations, and nonpayment of fines; repealing the prison sentence for driving a motor vehicle while a person’s license or privilege to drive is suspended by another state for failure to comply with a certain notice to appear in court or to pay a certain fine; and generally relating to penalties for driving while a person’s license or privilege to drive is suspended.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
   Article – Transportation
   Section 27–101(b)
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
   Article – Transportation
   Section 27–101(c)
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

AN ACT concerning

Education – Career Exploration and Development Activities – Caffeinated Beverages
(Java Act)

FOR the purpose of prohibiting an Executive Branch agency from banning or regulating the sale of caffeinated beverages in conjunction with a career exploration and development activity in a public high school in the State; and generally relating to the sale of caffeinated beverages in conjunction with a career exploration and development activity in a public high school.

BY adding to
Article – Education
Section 7-423.1
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.


AN ACT concerning

Courts – Civil Action for Law Enforcement Officer Conduct – Nondisclosure Agreements

FOR the purpose of providing that a plaintiff in a civil action against a law enforcement officer or law enforcement agency for injuries resulting from law enforcement officer misconduct may not be required, as a part of a settlement of the civil action, to agree not to disclose to a third party information about the action; providing a certain immunity for a violation of a certain settlement agreement; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to certain settlement agreements.
BY adding to
   Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings
   Section 5–427
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2013 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 351 – Delegates Grammer, Moon, Adams, Ghrist, McComas, Metzgar, Miele, Saab, and Smith

AN ACT concerning

   Criminal Procedure – Government Drone Use – Limitations

FOR the purpose of requiring the use of a drone by an agent of the State or a political subdivision of the State to fully comply with certain requirements and guidelines; prohibiting an agent of the State or a political subdivision of the State from operating a drone for the purpose of receiving or disclosing information acquired through the operation of the drone except under certain circumstances; authorizing the use of a certain drone in a certain manner in accordance with a certain warrant or court order; providing for extensions of a certain warrant or court order; providing that certain data collection by drones is prohibited; prohibiting a certain drone from being equipped with a weapon; prohibiting the use of and requiring the deletion of certain information within a certain time period; authorizing the use of a drone without a court order or warrant under certain circumstances; requiring the termination of the operation of a certain drone under certain circumstances; providing for the delay of a notification of a certain warrant or court order; requiring a certain agent to provide a certain notice; prohibiting the receipt into evidence of certain information; requiring a certain agency or department to initiate a certain proceeding under certain circumstances; providing that a certain disclosure constitutes a violation of this Act; requiring a certain agent to make a certain annual report; defining certain terms; and generally relating to drones.

BY adding to
   Article – Criminal Procedure
   Section 1–203.2
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2008 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 352 – Delegates Ghrist, Arentz, Hornberger, S. Howard, and Jacobs

AN ACT concerning
Office of Legislative Audits – Local School System Audits – Repeal

FOR the purpose of repealing the requirement that the Office of Legislative Audits conduct audits of certain local school systems within certain periods of time; repealing the requirement for the Legislative Auditor to appoint professional staff to conduct audits of local school systems; repealing the authorization for the Office of Legislative Audits to have access to certain information to perform audits of local school systems; repealing the requirement for the Office of Legislative Audits to provide certain information to a local school system and the Joint Audit Committee following a certain review; repealing the authorization for the Joint Audit Committee to take certain actions relating to a certain review; making conforming changes; and generally relating to the repeal of audits of local school systems by the Office of Legislative Audits.

BY repealing

Article – State Government
Section 2–1219(c), 2–1220(e), and 2–1224(g)(7) through (9)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – State Government
Section 2–1223(a)(3)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY renumbering

Article – State Government
Section 2–1220(f)
to be Section 2–1220(e)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

House Bill 353 – Delegates Reznik, Angel, Bromwell, Hammen, Korman, Morhaim, Pena–Melnyk, and Proctor

AN ACT concerning

Reorganization of State Procurement

FOR the purpose of reorganizing State procurement by establishing a Chief Procurement Officer to control and oversee all State procurement activity for which certain provisions of law apply; repealing the definition and role of primary procurement units; requiring a procurement by a unit to replace or supplement certain energy–consuming equipment to be under the oversight of the Chief Procurement
Officer; requiring the Board of Public Works to ensure that regulations for State procurement provide for procedures that are consistent with certain provisions of law; authorizing the Board to require Board approval for procurement actions of more than a certain dollar amount; requiring the Chief Procurement Officer to retain oversight of certain procurements that are conducted under certain authority or do not require certain Board approval; requiring certain actions of the Board to prevail if the action conflicts with the action of certain units; repealing the position of Procurement Advisor, transferring the duties of the Procurement Advisor to the Chief Procurement Officer, and clarifying certain duties; requiring the Chief Procurement Officer to develop regulations to implement certain provisions of law, delegate control of certain procurement activities to certain units, develop certain metrics and implement strategic sourcing under certain circumstances, advise the General Assembly on certain legislation, manage eMaryland Marketplace, coordinate with certain governmental entities and certain local entities to maximize use of certain intergovernmental cooperative purchasing agreements, and employ certain staff in accordance with the State budget; requiring a certain reporting requirement to include a summary of certain procurement activity; requiring the Chief Procurement Officer to consult with the Maryland Energy Administration before issuing a request for proposals for an energy performance contract; authorizing the Chief Procurement Officer to establish certain fees for eMaryland Marketplace as approved by the Board; requiring a unit to make small procurements in accordance with regulations developed by the Chief Procurement Officer and adopted by the Board; authorizing a unit to become a party or participate in an intergovernmental cooperative purchasing agreement if a certain determination is made under the oversight of the Chief Procurement Officer; authorizing a unit to seek bids for certain procurements by issuing an invitation for auction bids under the oversight of the Chief Procurement Officer; authorizing a procurement officer to award a procurement based on revised bids under certain circumstances and the oversight of the Chief Procurement Officer; authorizing a unit under the oversight of the Chief Procurement Officer to provide for prequalification of certain persons for procurement other than leases of real property; authorizing a unit to enter into multi–year contracts subject to certain regulations developed by the Chief Procurement Officer and approved by the Board; requiring that multi–year contracts be subject to review and approval by the Chief Procurement Officer; requiring procurement contracts to include clauses covering certain termination by the State if the head of a unit, under the oversight of the Chief Procurement Officer, determines that termination is appropriate; authorizing a unit under the oversight of the Chief Procurement Officer to withhold certain payment under certain circumstances; authorizing a unit, under the oversight of the Chief Procurement Officer, to conduct procurement by electronic means as provided under certain provisions of law; requiring a unit to submit a certain report to the Governor and General Assembly within a certain period of time each fiscal year; requiring certain protests or contract claims to be submitted within a certain time required under certain regulations developed by the Chief Procurement Officer and adopted by the Board; repealing provisions of law requiring certain jurisdiction and control by certain units over certain types of procurement; repealing provisions of law requiring the adoption of certain regulations by certain units; repealing obsolete provisions of
BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – State Finance and Procurement
Section 4–801(g), 4–804, 11–101, 12–101, 12–102, 12–105, 12–110, 12–301, 13–101,
15–111, 15–216, and 15–217
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume)

BY repealing
Article – State Finance and Procurement
Section 12–107 and 12–108
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 354 – Delegate Kramer

AN ACT concerning

Corporations and Real Estate Investment Trusts – Directors and Trustees –
Duties and Immunity From Liability

FOR the purpose of clarifying the duties of a director of a corporation and the manner in
which a director must act; clarifying that a director who acts in accordance with a
certain provision of law shall have certain immunity from liability; clarifying that a
director of a corporation is not required to act solely because of the effect the act may
have on, or the amount or type of consideration offered or paid to stockholders in,
certain transactions involving the corporation; clarifying that an act of a director of
a corporation relating to or affecting certain transactions involving the corporation may not be subject to a certain duty or scrutiny; repealing a limitation on the enforcement of a duty of a director; clarifying that certain provisions of law are the sole source of duties of a director of a corporation to the corporation or its stockholders, and apply to any act of a director; clarifying the circumstances under which a director of a corporation is immune from certain liability; making certain provisions of law relating to certain duties and immunity from liability of a director of a corporation applicable to a trustee of a real estate investment trust; defining a certain term; providing for the application of certain provisions of this Act; making certain conforming and stylistic changes; and generally relating to directors of a corporation.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Corporations and Associations
Section 2–401(a), 2–405.1, and 8–601.1
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings
Section 5–417
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2013 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 355 – Delegates Jones, Stein, and Long

AN ACT concerning

Higher Education – Community Colleges – Workforce Development Sequence Grants and Scholarships

FOR the purpose of establishing Workforce Development Sequence grants and scholarships; requiring the Office of Student Financial Assistance in the Maryland Higher Education Commission to make certain determinations and certain disbursements to certain institutions of higher education under certain circumstances; requiring certain institutions to provide Workforce Development Sequence scholarships to certain students with certain funds; requiring the Commission, in consultation with the Maryland Association of Community Colleges, to develop certain guidelines; requiring certain institutions to consider certain factors in making certain awards; requiring the Governor annually to include a certain appropriation in the State budget for the Workforce Development Sequence grants; authorizing certain students to use certain scholarships for certain purposes; requiring certain institutions to provide the Commission with certain information on or before a certain date each year; requiring the Commission to compile certain information and submit certain information to the Governor and the General
Assembly on or before a certain date each year; defining certain terms; and generally relating to Workforce Development Sequence grants and scholarships for community college students.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
   Article – Education
   Section 18–101(a) through (c)
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY adding to
   Article – Education
   Section 18–3101 through 18–3107 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 31.
   Workforce Development Sequence Grants and Scholarships”
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.


AN ACT concerning

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Benefits – Exclusion of Sugar–Sweetened Beverages and Other Nonnutritious Foods

FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of Human Resources to request permission from the U.S. Department of Agriculture to exclude sugar–sweetened beverages and, at the Department’s discretion, certain other foods from the food items that may be purchased with Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits; requiring the Department to report to the Governor and the General Assembly, beginning on a certain date and at certain intervals, on the status of the request; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to the use of Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits.

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 357 – Delegate Afzali

AN ACT concerning

Frederick County – Local Government Tort Claims Act – Notice of Claim

FOR the purpose of 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;
and generally relating to notice of a claim under the Local Government Tort Claims Act.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments, 
   Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings 
   Section 5–304 
   Annotated Code of Maryland 
   (2013 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 358 – Delegates Jacobs, Arentz, and Ghrist

AN ACT concerning

Kent County – Prospective Employees and Volunteers – Criminal History Records Check

FOR the purpose of authorizing a certain officer in 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 a certain officer submit certain sets of fingerprints and fees to the Central Repository as part of the application for a criminal history records check; requiring the Central Repository to forward to the prospective employee or volunteer and a certain officer the prospective employee’s or volunteer’s criminal history record information under certain circumstances; establishing that information obtained from the Central Repository under this Act is confidential, may not be redisseminated, and may be used only for certain purposes; authorizing the subjects of a criminal history records check under this Act to contest the contents of a certain printed statement issued by the Central Repository; requiring the governing body of Kent County to adopt guidelines to carry out this Act; defining a certain term; and generally relating to criminal history records checks.

BY adding to 
   Article – Criminal Procedure 
   Section 10–233.2 
   Annotated Code of Maryland 
   (2008 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 359 – Delegates Dumais and B. Wilson

AN ACT concerning
Criminal Procedure – Charges Against Correctional Officer – Review by State’s Attorney

FOR the purpose of altering a certain definition to make certain provisions of law requiring State’s Attorney review of an application for a statement of charges against a law enforcement officer applicable to an application for a statement of charges against a correctional officer; and generally relating to charging documents against law enforcement officers.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
   Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings
   Section 2–608
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2013 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.


AN ACT concerning

Maryland Loan Assistance Repayment Program for Orphans and Foster Care Recipients

FOR the purpose of establishing the Maryland Loan Assistance Repayment Program for Orphans and Foster Care Recipients; establishing eligibility requirements for participation in the Program; providing for the amount, duration, renewal, and uses of certain awards; requiring the Office of Student Financial Assistance to adopt certain regulations; defining certain terms; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to the Maryland Loan Assistance Repayment Program for Orphans and Foster Care Recipients.

BY adding to
   Article – Education
   Section 18–3101 through 18–3106 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 31. Maryland Loan Assistance Repayment Program for Orphans and Foster Care Recipients”
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 361 – Delegates Jones, Haynes, Hettleman, Korman, and P. Young
AN ACT concerning

Higher Education – Community Colleges – Funding

FOR the purpose of altering the calculation of the required funding amount for community colleges including the Baltimore City Community College in certain fiscal years; and generally relating to the funding of community colleges.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
   Article – Education
   Section 16–305(a)
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
   Article – Education
   Section 16–305(c)(1)(i) and 16–512(a)(1)
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 362 – Delegate Holmes

AN ACT concerning

Department of Veterans Affairs – Study of Solar Photovoltaic System – Charlotte Hall Veterans Home

FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of Veterans Affairs, in consultation with the Maryland Energy Administration, the Public Service Commission, and specified other entities to study the benefits, costs, and feasibility of installing a solar photovoltaic system at Charlotte Hall Veterans Home; requiring the Department to submit a report of its findings and recommendations to the Governor and certain committees of the General Assembly on or before a certain date; defining certain terms; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to the study of the benefits, costs, and feasibility of installing a solar photovoltaic system at the Charlotte Hall Veterans Home.

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 363 – Delegates Knotts and Glass

AN ACT concerning

FOR the purpose of requiring the Public Service Commission and the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene jointly to report to certain committees of the General Assembly on or before a certain date on the public health impact of smart meter deployment in the State; requiring that a certain report include certain information; requiring the Commission, in consultation with the Department, to select and retain a certain independent expert to prepare a certain report; and generally relating to a report on the public health impact of smart meters used for gas and electricity services.

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 364 – Delegates Dumais, Fraser–Hidalgo, and A. Miller

AN ACT concerning

Petitions for Emergency Evaluation – Minors – Sealing of Court Records

FOR the purpose of authorizing a certain individual to file a motion with the court requesting that any court records relating to a certain petition for emergency evaluation be sealed; requiring the court to have a copy of the motion served on a certain petitioner at a certain address; authorizing the court to order that certain court records be sealed under certain circumstances; authorizing a certain petitioner to file an objection to the motion; authorizing the court to grant the motion without a hearing under certain circumstances; requiring the court to hold a hearing if the petitioner files an objection to the motion within a certain time period after a copy of the motion is served on the petitioner; authorizing the court to hold a hearing on its own initiative; prohibiting certain court records, if sealed, from being opened for any purpose except by order of the court under certain circumstances; and generally relating to petitions for emergency evaluation and court records.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

   Article – Health – General
   Section 10–630
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2015 Replacement Volume)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

LETTERS OF REASSIGNMENT

MEMORANDUM

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QUORUM CALL

The presiding officer announced a quorum call, showing 137 Members present.

(See Roll Call No. 31)

ADJOURNMENT

At 10:20 A.M. on motion of Delegate Kaiser the House adjourned until 10:00 A.M. on Thursday, January 28, 2016.
The House met at 10:04 A.M. and pledged Allegiance to the Flag.

Prayer by Delegate Angela Angel of Prince George’s County.

QUORUM CALL

The presiding officer announced a quorum call, showing 140 Members present.

(See Roll Call No. 32)

EXCUSES:
Del. Rosenberg – personal

The Journal of January 27, 2016 was read and approved.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

House Bill 365 – Delegates Jackson, Angel, Chang, Hettleman, C. Howard, Knotts, Korman, Lierman, McConkey, McKay, Morales, Patterson, Sanchez, Smith, Tarlau, and Zucker

AN ACT concerning

Public Schools – Bullying, Harassment, and Intimidation Policies – Update

FOR the purpose of requiring the State Board of Education by a certain date to update a certain model policy to include provisions that relate to prohibiting an electronic communication of a photograph, an audio recording, or a video recording of certain acts of bullying, harassment, or intimidation or of certain other conduct that is transmitted for a certain purpose; requiring certain county boards of education by a certain date to update certain policies based on the State Board’s update of the model policy and to submit the updated policies to the State Superintendent of Schools; providing that a school employee who reports a certain act is not civilly liable under certain circumstances; and generally relating to bullying, harassment, and intimidation in public schools.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Education
Section 7–424.1
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

**House Bill 366 – Delegates Malone, Beidle, Carey, Chang, McConkey, Pena–Melnyk, Saab, Simonaire, and Sophocleus**

AN ACT concerning

Anne Arundel County – Property Tax Credit – Blind Individuals and Surviving Spouses

FOR the purpose of authorizing the governing body of Anne Arundel County and of a municipal corporation in Anne Arundel County to grant, by law, a property tax credit against the county and municipal corporation property tax imposed on certain residential property owned by certain blind individuals or surviving spouses of blind individuals; requiring that a property tax credit authorized by this Act shall be granted in addition to any property tax exemption authorized by law, except under certain circumstances; authorizing the governing body of Anne Arundel County and of a municipal corporation in the county to provide, by law, for regulations, procedures, and any other provisions necessary to administer the tax credit; defining certain terms; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to a property tax credit for certain residential property in Anne Arundel County.

BY adding to  
Article – Tax – Property  
Section 9–303(b)(5)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

**House Bill 367 – Delegates Rey, Adams, Arentz, Aumann, Carey, Cluster, Ghrist, Grammer, Jackson, Jacobs, Kittleman, Krebs, Long, Malone, Mautz, McComas, McConkey, McKay, Metzgar, Morgan, Otto, Patterson, Rose, Saab, Shoemaker, Vogt, B. Wilson, and Wivell**

AN ACT concerning

Public Safety – Regulated Firearms – Disqualifying Crime

FOR the purpose of clarifying that the term “disqualifying crime” includes a violation classified as a misdemeanor in the State that carried a statutory penalty of incarceration of more than a certain number of years at the time of the commission of the crime; and generally relating to regulated firearms.
BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
   Article – Public Safety
   Section 5–101(a)
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2011 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
   Article – Public Safety
   Section 5–101(g)
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2011 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 368 – Delegates Korman, B. Barnes, Barron, Chang, Gutierrez, Haynes, Hettleman, Jackson, Jones, Krimm, Lierman, A. Miller, Reznik, B. Robinson, Sophocleus, P. Young, and Zucker

AN ACT concerning
   Board of Public Works Transparency Act of 2016

FOR the purpose of requiring the Secretary of Budget and Management to provide certain public notice within a certain period of time before the Board of Public Works may approve a reduction of appropriations; requiring the Secretary to provide certain notice within a certain period of time to the Board of Public Works and certain committees of the General Assembly; and generally relating to the State budget and the Department of Budget and Management.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
   Article – State Finance and Procurement
   Section 7–213
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2015 Replacement Volume)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.


AN ACT concerning
   Handgun Permits – Universal Recognition
FOR the purpose of specifying that a permit issued in certain other jurisdictions to an individual to carry a handgun is valid in Maryland; and generally relating to handgun permits.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Public Safety
Section 5–303
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2011 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – Public Safety
Section 5–303.1
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2011 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 370 – Delegate Barkley

AN ACT concerning

Alcoholic Beverages – On–Premises Promotions and Product Sampling
– Holders of Manufacturer’s Licenses

FOR the purpose of altering a certain exception to allow a holder of any Maryland manufacturer’s license to bring certain products onto a retail licensed premises for on–premises promotions and product sampling under certain circumstances; making a certain exception to a provision of law that prohibits an individual from consuming on the licensed premises of a license holder a certain alcoholic beverage; and generally relating to on–premises promotions and product sampling of alcoholic beverages.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Alcoholic Beverages
Section 1–101(a) and (r)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(As enacted by Chapter ___ (S.B. ___)(6lr1406) of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2016)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Alcoholic Beverages
Section 6–319
Annotated Code of Maryland
(As enacted by Chapter ___ (S.B. ___)(6lr1406) of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2016)
Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.


AN ACT concerning

Independent Living Tax Credit Act

FOR the purpose of allowing an individual or a corporation a credit against the State income tax for certain renovation or construction costs incurred during the taxable year; requiring the Department of Housing and Community Development to administer the tax credit; providing that the credit may not exceed a certain amount; providing that the credit may not be carried forward to another taxable year; requiring an individual or a corporation to file a certain application before a certain date and to file an amended return; providing for the maximum amount of tax credits that may be issued by the Department each year; requiring the Department to certify certain credits in a certain manner by a certain date; requiring the Department to adopt certain regulations; defining certain terms; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to an income tax credit for certain expenditures that provide accessibility and visibility features to or within a home.

BY adding to
Article – Tax – General
Section 10–737
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2010 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 372 – Charles County Delegation

AN ACT concerning

Criminal Law – Synthetic Drugs – Penalties

FOR the purpose of prohibiting a person from purchasing, using, or possessing certain synthetic drugs; prohibiting a person from distributing certain synthetic drugs under certain circumstances; providing certain factors to be considered when determining whether a product is being distributed as a certain synthetic drug; establishing penalties for a violation of this Act; providing that a person who violates this Act shall be ordered to pay certain administrative fees and costs; providing that property seized in connection with enforcement of this Act is subject to forfeiture in accordance with certain provisions of law; providing for the application of this Act; defining certain terms; and generally relating to synthetic drugs.
BY adding to
   Article – Criminal Law
   Section 5–711
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 373 – Delegates Stein, Beidle, Fraser–Hidalgo, and Frush

AN ACT concerning

   Motor Vehicles – Passenger Seat Belt Requirement – Primary Offense

FOR the purpose of making the failure to wear a seat belt in a rear passenger seat of a motor vehicle a primary offense rather than a secondary offense; requiring a certain motor vehicle passenger in a front seat position that is not adjacent to a door of the motor vehicle to be restrained by a seat belt; making conforming changes; and generally relating to seat belt requirements for passengers in motor vehicles.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
   Article – Transportation
   Section 22–412.3(a) and (c)
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 374 – Delegate Anderson (By Request – Baltimore City Administration)

AN ACT concerning

   Criminal Law – Pretrial Release – Prior Crime of Violence

FOR the purpose of prohibiting a District Court commissioner from authorizing the pretrial release of a defendant charged with a certain crime if the defendant has previously been convicted of a crime of violence; and generally relating to pretrial release.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
   Article – Criminal Law
   Section 14–101(a)
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
   Article – Criminal Procedure
Section 1–101(a) and (e)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2008 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
  Article – Criminal Procedure
  Section 5–202(f)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2008 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.


AN ACT concerning

Public Safety – Permit to Carry, Wear, or Transport a Handgun – Qualifications

FOR the purpose of clarifying that personal protection can qualify as a good and substantial reason to wear, carry, or transport a handgun for purposes of the issuance by the Secretary of State Police of a permit to carry, wear, or transport a handgun; and generally relating to a permit to carry, wear, or transport a handgun.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
  Article – Public Safety
  Section 5–301(a) and (d)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2011 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
  Article – Public Safety
  Section 5–306(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2011 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 376 – Delegate Anderson (By Request – Baltimore City Administration)
  and Delegates Branch, Carter, Clippinger, Glenn, Hammen, Hayes, Haynes, Lierman, McCray, McIntosh, Oaks, B. Robinson, Rosenberg, and M. Washington

AN ACT concerning
Program Open Space – Baltimore City Grants – Increase

FOR the purpose of increasing a certain statutory minimum grant to Baltimore City, payable from the State’s share of the proceeds of Program Open Space, for certain purposes related to Program Open Space; and generally relating to certain grants to Baltimore City under Program Open Space.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
  Article – Natural Resources
  Section 5–903(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
  Article – Natural Resources
  Section 5–903(b)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.


AN ACT concerning

Maryland No-Fault Birth Injury Fund

FOR the purpose of declaring certain findings and the intent of the General Assembly; establishing a system for adjudication of a claim involving a birth–related neurological injury; excluding certain rights and remedies of a claimant and certain other persons; providing for certain procedures; providing for certain benefits and compensation of a claimant under this Act; requiring the Maryland Patient Safety Center to convene a certain Perinatal Clinical Advisory Committee; establishing the Maryland No–Fault Birth Injury Fund; providing for the governance, administration, and purposes of the Fund; providing for certain premiums to be used to finance and administer the Fund; providing for certain credits for certain medical liability coverage for the obstetrical practice or services of certain health care practitioners and hospitals; providing for certain patient safety initiatives; defining certain terms; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to establishment of a system of adjudication and compensation of a claimant for a birth–related neurological injury through the Maryland No–Fault Birth Injury Fund.
BY adding to
Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings
Section 3–2D–01 through 3–2D–08 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 2D. Maryland No-Fault Birth Injury Fund Claims”
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2013 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Health – General
Section 20–1701 and 20–1702 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 17. Birth Injury Prevention”
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume)

BY adding to
Article – Insurance
Section 32–101 through 32–304 to be under the new title “Title 32. Maryland No-Fault Birth Injury Fund”
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2011 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations and the Committee on Judiciary.


AN ACT concerning

Homeowners’ Property Tax Credit Program – Eligibility Awareness Campaign

FOR the purpose of requiring, on or before a certain date, the State Department of Assessments and Taxation to provide the Comptroller information identifying certain residential property owners who failed to claim a certain homeowners’ property tax credit; requiring the Comptroller to review certain information, identify certain individuals who may be eligible for but failed to claim the credit, and provide the Department the contact information of those individuals; requiring, on or before a certain date, the Department to contact certain individuals identified under this Act by mail for certain purposes; and generally relating to the homeowners’ property tax credit program.

BY adding to
Article – Tax – Property
Section 9–104(w)
Annotated Code of Maryland
Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 379 – Delegate B. Barnes (Chair, Joint Committee on Pensions)

AN ACT concerning

Employees’ and Teachers’ Pension Systems – Reformed Contributory Pension Benefit – Eligibility Service Clarifications

FOR the purpose of clarifying that a member of the Employees’ Pension System or the Teachers’ Pension System is eligible to receive certain prorated eligibility service credit if the member is subject to the Reformed Contributory Pension Benefit and works less than a certain number of hours in a fiscal year; clarifying that certain eligibility service rules relating to a member’s break in service do not apply to a member who is subject to the Reformed Contributory Pension Benefit; clarifying that eligibility service for a member who is subject to the Reformed Contributory Pension Benefit and has transferred between the Employees’ Pension System and the Teachers’ Pension System includes certain eligibility service under the previous system; and generally relating to the Reformed Contributory Pension Benefit of the Employees’ Pension System and the Teachers’ Pension System.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – State Personnel and Pensions
Section 23–302(d), 23–303(b), and 23–304
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

House Bill 380 – Delegate B. Barnes (Chair, Joint Committee on Pensions)

AN ACT concerning

State Retirement and Pension System – Local Fire and Police System – Commingling of Assets

FOR the purpose of repealing obsolete language authorizing the commingling of Local Fire and Police System assets with other State Retirement and Pension System assets; making conforming changes; and generally relating to the Local Fire and Police System in the State Retirement and Pension System.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – State Personnel and Pensions
Section 21–123(e)
Annotated Code of Maryland
Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

House Bill 381 – Delegate B. Barnes (Chair, Joint Committee on Pensions)

AN ACT concerning

State Retirement and Pension System – Board of Trustees – Designee Appointments and Fiduciary Duties

FOR the purpose of authorizing the Secretary of Budget and Management, the State Comptroller, and the State Treasurer to appoint certain individuals to serve as designees on the Board of Trustees for the State Retirement and Pension System; altering a certain defined term to provide for certain fiduciary duties of members of certain committees established by the Board; and generally relating to the Board of Trustees for the State Retirement and Pension System.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – State Personnel and Pensions
Section 21–104(a) and 21–201(b)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

House Bill 382 – Delegate B. Barnes (Chair, Joint Committee on Pensions)

AN ACT concerning

State Retirement and Pension System – Optional Retirement Allowances – Designated Beneficiaries

FOR the purpose of repealing as redundant certain language relating to members of the Judges’ Retirement System designating multiple beneficiaries under a certain optional retirement allowance in the State Retirement and Pension System; clarifying that certain members of the State Retirement and Pension System may designate multiple beneficiaries under certain optional retirement allowances; and generally relating to optional retirement allowances for members of the State Retirement and Pension System.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – State Personnel and Pensions
Section 21–403(a) and (d)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume)
Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

House Bill 383 – Delegates Busch and McMillan

AN ACT concerning

Maryland Emergency Management Assistance Compact – City of Annapolis

FOR the purpose of authorizing the City of Annapolis to participate in the Maryland Emergency Management Assistance Compact; and generally relating to the Maryland Emergency Management Assistance Compact.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
   Article – Public Safety
   Section 14–801(a) and 14–803(1) and (2)
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2011 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
   Article – Public Safety
   Section 14–801(e)
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2011 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.


AN ACT concerning

Baltimore City – Police Commissioner – Length of Term

FOR the purpose of repealing a provision requiring that the Police Commissioner of Baltimore City be appointed for a term of a certain number of years; providing that the Police Commissioner shall serve at the pleasure of the Mayor of Baltimore City; and generally relating to the appointment and term of office for the Police Commissioner of Baltimore City.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
   The Public Local Laws of Baltimore City
   Section 16–5(a)
   Article 4 – Public Local Laws of Maryland

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.
House Bill 385 – Delegate Anderson (By Request – Baltimore City Administration)

AN ACT concerning

**Baltimore City – Abandoned Property – Tax Sales – Ground Rent**

FOR the purpose of repealing a limitation on selling the whole fee simple interest in certain property in Baltimore City when the property is subject to a ground rent or certain lease; and generally relating to the tax sales of property.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

  Article – Tax – Property
  Section 14–816(b)
  Annotated Code of Maryland
  (2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 386 – Delegates Reznik, Fraser–Hidalgo, Barve, Kramer, and Luedtke

AN ACT concerning

**Income Tax Credit – Energy Storage Systems**

FOR the purpose of allowing a credit against the State income tax for certain costs of certain energy storage systems; providing that the credit may not exceed a certain amount; providing that the credit may not be carried forward to another taxable year; requiring a taxpayer claiming the credit to attach certain proof to the taxpayer's return; defining a certain term; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to an income tax credit for certain energy storage systems.

BY adding to

  Article – Tax – General
  Section 10–719
  Annotated Code of Maryland
  (2010 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 387 – Delegate Barkley

AN ACT concerning

**Clean Energy Loan Program – Residential Property – Repayment of Loans Through Surcharge**
FOR the purpose of authorizing a county or municipality to collect certain loan payments for a loan to certain owners of residential property under the Clean Energy Loan Program, and certain costs, through a surcharge on the property owner’s property tax bill; authorizing a private lender to provide capital for a loan provided to a residential property owner under the program; requiring that certain unpaid surcharges be a lien on the real property on which they are imposed; requiring that certain provisions relating to liens apply to the liens created under this Act; defining a certain term; and generally relating to the collection of loan payments for residential property improved through loans under the Clean Energy Loan Program.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Local Government
Section 1–1101, 1–1103, and 1–1105
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2013 Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Local Government
Section 1–1102 and 1–1104
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2013 Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 388 – Delegates Hill, Dumais, Kramer, and Sydnor

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

AN ACT concerning
Circuit Court Judges – Election, Qualifications, and Term of Office

FOR the purpose of proposing an amendment to the Maryland Constitution relating to the selection and tenure of circuit court judges; altering the method of filling vacancies in the office of a judge of a circuit court; providing for retention elections following an appointment to fill a vacancy in the office of a judge of a circuit court; altering the term of office of circuit court judges; altering certain qualifications for appointment of circuit court judges; providing for a transitional period during which the terms of certain amendments are effective; repealing certain obsolete provisions; making stylistic changes; generally relating to the selection, election, appointment, qualification, tenure, and term of office for judges of the circuit courts; and submitting this amendment to the qualified voters of the State for their adoption or rejection.

BY proposing an amendment to the Maryland Constitution
Article IV – Judiciary Department
Section 2, 3, 5A, 11, and 21(a)
BY proposing a repeal of the Maryland Constitution
   Article IV – Judiciary Department
   Section 5; 18B and the part “Part IIA – Interim Provisions”; and 21A

BY proposing an addition to the Maryland Constitution
   Article XVIII – Provisions of Limited Duration
   Section 6

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary and the Committee on Ways and Means.


EMERGENCY BILL

AN ACT concerning

Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays Critical Area Protection Program – Intrafamily Transfers

FOR the purpose of altering the definition of “immediate family” as it relates to intrafamily transfers of certain property authorized in a local jurisdiction’s Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays Critical Area protection program; making this Act an emergency measure; and generally relating to the Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays Critical Area protection program.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
   Article – Natural Resources
   Section 8–1808.2
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.


AN ACT concerning
Maryland Income Tax Refunds – Warrant Intercept Program – Statewide

FOR the purpose of authorizing certain counties to participate in a certain income tax refund withholding program related to individuals with outstanding warrants if the sheriff of the county notifies the Comptroller of the county’s intention to participate on or before a certain date; making nonsubstantive changes to certain termination provisions; making conforming changes; providing for the effective dates of this Act; and generally relating to withholding income tax refunds of individuals with outstanding warrants.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Tax – General
Section 13–935 and 13–937 through 13–940
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2010 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Tax – General
Section 13–936
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2010 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
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BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Tax – General
Section 13–936(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2010 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)
(As enacted by Section 1 of this Act)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.


AN ACT concerning
State Government – Display of the POW/MIA Flag on State Building Grounds

FOR the purpose of requiring the Secretary of General Services and the Secretary of Transportation to cause the POW/MIA flag to be flown on the grounds of certain State buildings whenever the flag of the United States is flown; providing for the application of a certain provision of this Act; defining a certain term; and generally relating to the display of the POW/MIA flag on the grounds of State buildings.

BY adding to
   Article – State Finance and Procurement
   Section 4–210
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2015 Replacement Volume)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 392 – Delegates Fraser–Hidalgo, Barkley, Branch, Brooks, Folden, and Kramer

AN ACT concerning

Vehicle Laws – Special Registration Plates – Retired Law Enforcement Officers

FOR the purpose of requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration to develop and make available for certain vehicles a special registration plate honoring retired law enforcement officers; specifying who may apply for and the classes of vehicles eligible for the special registration plate; specifying eligibility requirements for an applicant for a special registration plate issued under this Act; requiring certain owners of vehicles assigned a special registration plate under this Act to pay certain fees; requiring a special registration plate issued under this Act to contain certain words or graphics; requiring the Administration to adopt regulations to carry out the provisions of this Act; and generally relating to a special registration plate honoring retired law enforcement officers.

BY adding to
   Article – Transportation
   Section 13–619.4
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 393 – Delegates Carter, Anderson, B. Barnes, Dumais, Lierman, Moon, Morales, Rosenberg, and Smith

AN ACT concerning
Award of Attorney’s Fees and Expenses – Violation of Maryland Constitutional Right

FOR the purpose of authorizing a court to award to a prevailing plaintiff reasonable attorney’s fees and expenses in certain actions seeking to remedy a violation of a Maryland constitutional right; authorizing a court to award reasonable attorney’s fees and expenses to a prevailing defendant under certain circumstances; establishing that certain limits on attorney’s fees under the Maryland Tort Claims Act do not apply to a certain award of attorney’s fees and expenses; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to awarding attorney’s fees and expenses in certain actions seeking to remedy a violation of a Maryland constitutional right.

BY adding to
Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings
Section 3–2101 and 3–2102 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 21. Award of Attorney’s Fees and Expenses – Violation of Maryland Constitutional Right”
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2013 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – State Government
Section 12–109
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 394 – Delegates Morhaim, Lam, Carr, Frush, Luedtke, A. Miller, and West

AN ACT concerning

Public Health – Hydraulic Fracturing Chemicals – Information and Fund

FOR the purpose of requiring an applicant for a certain permit for the hydraulic fracturing of a well for the exploration or production of natural gas to submit certain information to the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene in a certain manner; requiring the Department to provide access to certain information to the Maryland Poison Control Center and certain health care providers; authorizing a certain health care provider to provide certain information in a certain manner; requiring a certain health care provider, health professional, or government agency to maintain information and medical records in a certain manner; requiring the Department to establish a certain educational program for certain purposes; establishing the Hydraulic Fracturing Chemical Education and Impact Fund as a special, nonlapsing fund; specifying the purpose of the Fund; requiring the Department to administer the Fund; requiring the State Treasurer to hold the Fund and the Comptroller to
account for the Fund; specifying the contents of the Fund; specifying the purpose for which the Fund may be used; providing for the investment of money in and expenditures from the Fund; requiring the Department to establish a certain fee by regulation; establishing a certain civil penalty for certain violations; requiring the civil penalty to be deposited in the Fund; requiring the Department to adopt certain regulations; exempting the Fund from a certain provision of law that requires interest on State money in special funds to accrue to the General Fund; defining certain terms; and generally relating to chemicals used in hydraulic fracturing.

BY adding to
Article – Health – General
Section 22–701 through 22–707 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 7. Hydraulic Fracturing Chemicals”
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – State Finance and Procurement
Section 6–226(a)(2)(i)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – State Finance and Procurement
Section 6–226(a)(2)(ii)84, and 85.
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume)

BY adding to
Article – State Finance and Procurement
Section 6–226(a)(2)(ii)86.
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 395 – Delegates Lafferty, Brooks, Carey, and Glenn

AN ACT concerning

Joint Insurance Association – Insurers – Notice

FOR the purpose of requiring certain insurers that deny certain coverage or that cancel or nonrenew certain policies or contracts for essential property insurance or homeowner’s insurance to provide notice to applicants or insureds of the possible availability of certain insurance coverage through the Joint Insurance Association under a certain provision of law or through a certain plan; providing for the content
and manner of providing the notice; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to essential property insurance and homeowner’s insurance.

BY adding to
Article – Insurance
Section 19–117
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2011 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Insurance
Section 25–406, 27–602(a) and (b), and 27–603(a) and (b)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2011 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 396 – Delegates Stein, Holmes, Jalisi, and McCray

AN ACT concerning

Lead Risk Reduction Standards – Maintenance of Exemptions

FOR the purpose of altering the time period when an owner of certain residential rental property is required to submit a certain certification to the Department of the Environment in order to maintain a certain exemption from certain lead–based paint risk reduction standards; requiring an owner of certain residential rental property to submit a certain certification to the Department within a certain time period after receiving a written notice of chipping, peeling, or flaking paint on the exterior of the property in order to maintain a certain exemption; requiring an owner of a certain residential rental property to submit a certain affidavit on or before a certain date and annually thereafter in order to maintain a certain exemption; requiring an owner of a certain residential rental property to maintain a copy of each affidavit for a certain time period and, on request, to submit a copy of an affidavit to the Department; requiring that a certain written notice of chipping, peeling, or flaking paint be sent in a certain manner; providing that a certain exemption for a multifamily rental dwelling expires on a certain date unless a certain inspection for the presence of lead–based paint was conducted in accordance with certain regulations adopted by the Department; and generally relating to exempting lead–free residential rental property from certain lead–based paint risk reduction standards.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Environment
Section 6–804
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2013 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)
Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 397 – Delegates M. Washington and Ebersole

AN ACT concerning

Education – Assessments – Best Practices in the Administration of Assessments

FOR the purpose of requiring the State Department of Education to develop a certain set of best practices that the Department and certain local school systems must consider under certain circumstances; requiring the Department to ensure that certain best practices include certain principles; requiring the Department and each local school system to conduct a certain audit of certain assessments; encouraging the Department and certain local school systems to apply for certain federal funds to conduct certain audits; and generally relating to best practices for the administration of assessments in public schools.

BY adding to

Article – Education
Section 7–208
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.


AN ACT concerning

Public Safety – Honorably Discharged Veterans – Handgun License

FOR the purpose of providing that an honorably discharged member of the armed forces of the United States or the National Guard is not required to possess a certain handgun qualification license in order to purchase, rent, or receive a certain handgun under certain circumstances; and generally relating to firearms.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Public Safety
Section 5–117.1(c)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2011 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)
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Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 399 – Delegates Afzali and K. Young

AN ACT concerning

Lyme Disease – Laboratory Test – Required Notice

FOR the purpose of requiring certain health care providers to provide a certain notice to a patient for whom the health care provider orders a laboratory test for the presence of Lyme disease; providing immunity from liability, under certain circumstances, for certain health care providers for providing the notice; and generally relating to laboratory tests for Lyme disease.

BY adding to
Article – Health – General
Section 20–1701 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 17. Lyme Disease Information”
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 400 – Delegate M. Washington

AN ACT concerning

Higher Education – Tuition Waivers for Foster Care Recipients and Unaccompanied Homeless Youth – Modifications

FOR the purpose of altering the definition of “foster care recipient” in relation to when certain individuals have to reside in a certain out–of–home placement to be eligible for a certain tuition waiver; altering a certain requirement that certain foster care recipients and certain unaccompanied homeless youth apply for certain financial aid by a certain time; requiring certain public institutions of higher education and the Maryland Higher Education Commission to make certain annual reports on or before certain dates; and generally relating to tuition waivers for foster care recipients and unaccompanied homeless youth.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Education
Section 15–106.1
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.
House Bill 401 – Delegates K. Young, Lam, Morales, Barve, Carr, Cullison, Ebersole, Gilchrist, Hixson, Jalisi, Kelly, Krimm, Lierman, Lisanti, Luedtke, McIntosh, A. Miller, Moon, Pena–Melnyk, Pendergrass, Platt, Reznik, S. Robinson, Smith, and Tarlau

AN ACT concerning

Labor and Employment – Equal Pay for Equal Work – Revisions

FOR the purpose of authorizing the Commissioner of Labor and Industry to enter the place of employment of an employer for certain purposes, examine a witness under oath, and subpoena the attendance and testimony of certain witnesses and the production of certain documents; requiring the Commissioner to maintain a certain hotline number; establishing the Equal Pay Commission; providing for the composition, terms, chair, and staffing of the Commission; prohibiting a member of the Commission from receiving certain compensation, but authorizing the reimbursement of certain expenses; requiring the Commission to study and promote certain research, sponsor and coordinate certain information and education programs, and recommend certain legislation; requiring the Commission to submit a certain report to the Governor, President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Delegates on or before a certain date each year; requiring an employer to include certain information in a job advertisement to recruit an employee or individual contractor to fill a position within the employer’s organization; prohibiting an employer from paying less than the minimum rate of pay included in a certain job advertisement to a certain employee; prohibiting an employer from seeking salary history information by certain methods and providing salary history information to a prospective employer without a certain written authorization; authorizing, under certain circumstances, an employee to bring an action against an employer to recover certain punitive damages; altering a certain statute of limitations; providing that an officer or agent of an employer is deemed to be the employer for certain purposes under certain circumstances; establishing certain civil penalties; requiring the Commissioner to consider certain factors in determining the amount of certain civil penalties; requiring the Commissioner to assess a certain civil penalty for each employee with respect to whom the employer violated this Act; altering a certain penalty; defining a certain term; specifying the terms of the initial members of the Commission; and generally relating to equal pay for equal work.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

   Article – Labor and Employment
   Section 3–303, 3–307, and 3–308
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2008 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY adding to

   Article – Labor and Employment
   Section 3–303.1, 3–304.1, and 3–307.1
   Annotated Code of Maryland
Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 402 – Delegates Barron, Smith, Sydnor, Angel, Moon, and Pena–Melnyk

AN ACT concerning

Public Information Act – Personnel and Investigatory Records – Formal Complaints Against Public Employees

FOR the purpose of establishing that a certain person is a person in interest under the Public Information Act; establishing that certain records do not constitute personnel records under the Public Information Act; authorizing a custodian to deny inspection of certain records; and generally relating to personnel records and investigatory records under the Public Information Act.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – General Provisions
Section 4–101(g), 4–311, and 4–351
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

THE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC MATTERS REPORT #1

Delegate Davis, Chair, for the Committee on Economic Matters reported favorably with amendments:

House Bill 3 – Delegate Davis

EMERGENCY BILL

AN ACT concerning

Public Utilities – Transportation Network Services and For–Hire Transportation – Clarifications

HB0003/993391/1
BY: Economic Matters Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 3
(First Reading File Bill)
AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 9, after “companies;” insert “delaying the date by which the Public Service Commission may not require a certain applicant for a for–hire driver’s license or transportation network operator’s license to comply with a certain criminal history records check; authorizing certain taxicabs to be equipped with a certain device approved by the Commission;”; and in the same line, strike “Public Service”.

On page 2, in line 11, after “revenues;” insert “requiring the Comptroller to enforce certain provisions of law;”; in line 16, after “Commission;” insert “altering a certain definition;”; in line 22, after “(3)” insert “and 19–517.1”; in line 27, after “10–104.1(a),” insert “10–210(a),”; in line 32, after “10–104.1(b),” insert “(d),”; in the same line, after “10–112(e),” insert “10–210(b),”; and in the same line, after “10–404(b),” insert “(d).”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 3, in line 12, strike the brackets; and in line 13, after “State” insert “AND THE MARYLAND AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE FUND”.

On page 4, after line 5, insert:

“19–517.1.

(a) Beginning July 1, 2017, and annually thereafter through July 1, 2021, the Commissioner shall make a determination whether, with regard to the required coverages under § 10–405(a) of the Public Utilities Article, there is a viable, affordable, and adequate market of [admitted carriers] AUTHORIZED INSURERS in the State, INCLUDING THE MARYLAND AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE FUND, available to provide the required coverages to the transportation network services industry.

(b) To the extent that the Commissioner makes an affirmative finding of availability, and in accordance with the provisions of Title 3, Subtitle 3 of this article, it is the intent of the General Assembly that required coverages be obtained from [admitted] AUTHORIZED insurers AND THE MARYLAND AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE FUND.”.

On page 17, in line 22, strike “insurance carriers admitted in the State” and substitute “AUTHORIZED INSURERS AND THE MARYLAND AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE FUND”; in line 24, strike the brackets; and in the same line, after “insurers” insert “AND THE MARYLAND AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE FUND”..
AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 5, in line 13, after “include” insert “;

(I)”; and in line 14, after the third “services” insert “; OR

(II) ANY SHARED EXPENSE CARPOOL ARRANGEMENT OR SERVICE OR OTHER TYPE OF ARRANGEMENT OR SERVICE IN WHICH A DRIVER RECEIVES A FEE THAT DOES NOT EXCEED THE DRIVER’S COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH PROVIDING A RIDE”.

On page 6, after line 6, insert:

“(d) Before [April 1, 2016] DECEMBER 15, 2016, the Commission may not require an applicant for a for–hire driver’s license to comply with subsection (c) of this section if a sedan company or limousine company for which the applicant will provide services, at the time it applies for a permit, provides to the Commission details of the process the sedan company or limousine company uses to collect, review, and submit the information specified in subsection (b)(2) of this section.”;

in line 22, strike the brackets; strike beginning with “EXCEPT” in line 22 down through “RECORDS” in line 23; in line 28, strike “subpoena”; in the same line, strike the first comma; in the same line, strike the second comma; and strike beginning with “If” in line 29 down through “section” in line 31 and substitute “ON NOTICE THAT A PERSON IS SEEKING RECORDS OR INFORMATION UNDER PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION”.

On page 8, after line 13, insert:

“(d) Before [April 1, 2016] DECEMBER 15, 2016, the Commission may not require an applicant for a permanent transportation network operator’s license to comply with subsection (c) of this section if a transportation network company for which the applicant will provide services, at the time it applies for a permit, provides to the Commission details of the process the transportation network company uses to collect, review, and submit the information specified in subsection (b)(2) of this section.”;

in line 29, strike the brackets; and strike beginning with “EXCEPT” in line 29 down through “RECORDS” in line 30.
On page 9, in line 3, strike “subpoena”; in the same line, strike the first comma; in the same line, strike the second comma; strike beginning with “If” in line 7 down through “section” in line 9 and substitute “ON NOTICE THAT A PERSON IS SEEKING RECORDS OR INFORMATION UNDER PARAGRAPH (2)(I) OF THIS SUBSECTION”; and in line 27, strike “municipality” and substitute “MUNICIPAL CORPORATION”.

On page 10, in line 23, strike “IMPOSED” and substitute “AUTHORIZED”.

On page 11, in line 7, strike “imposed” and substitute “AUTHORIZED”; in line 23, strike “IMPOSED” and substitute “AUTHORIZED”.

On page 12, in line 3, strike “IMPOSED” and substitute “AUTHORIZED”.

On page 14, in line 12, strike “(2)” and substitute “(3)”.

On page 15, in line 1, strike “A SUBPOENA, A”; in line 2, strike the comma; in the same line, strike “AN”; in line 11, strike the brackets; strike beginning with “EXCEPT” in line 11 down through “RECORDS” in line 12; in line 15, strike “Subject to subparagraph (iv) of this paragraph, the” and substitute “THE”; in line 17, strike “subpoena”; in the same line, strike the first comma; in the same line, strike the second comma; and strike beginning with “1.” in line 19 down through “company” in line 21 and substitute “ON NOTICE THAT A PERSON IS SEEKING RECORDS OR INFORMATION UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (III) OF THIS PARAGRAPH”.

On page 16, in lines 3, 13, and 16, in each instance, strike “AND” and substitute “OR”; strike beginning with “EXCEPT” in line 11 down through “RECORDS” in line 12 and substitute “RECORDS”; after line 18, insert:

“3. ON NOTICE THAT A THIRD PARTY IS SEEKING RECORDS OR INFORMATION UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (IV)2 OF THIS PARAGRAPH, THE PERSON THAT RECEIVES RECORDS OR INFORMATION UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (V)2 OR 3 OF THIS PARAGRAPH SHALL PROMPTLY NOTIFY THE TRANSPORTATION NETWORK COMPANY BEFORE DISCLOSING THE INFORMATION.”;

in line 18, strike “SUBPOENA,”; in the same line, strike the second comma; in line 20, strike “SUBSECTION” and substitute “SECTION”; in the same line, strike “TITLES 11 AND” and substitute “TITLE”; and after line 29, insert:
“(H) THE COMPTROLLER SHALL ENFORCE THIS SECTION AND § 10–407 OF THIS SUBTITLE.”.

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 7, after line 14, insert:


(a) (1) A taxicab permit holder shall post in each of its taxicabs a schedule of its fares on a rate card.

(2) The rate card shall be printed and arranged in a way that allows a passenger to determine readily the exact fare payable by the passenger.

(3) A person may not collect a fare other than a fare appearing on or determinable from the rate card posted in the taxicab.

(b) (1) This subsection does not apply to a taxicab operating in the City of Hagerstown.

(2) [(i)] Except as provided in subsection (c) of this section, while in service, each taxicab for which a permit is required shall be equipped with:

(I) an accurate taximeter that is properly installed and connected[.]; OR

(ii) [The taximeter shall be the exclusive means of] ANOTHER DEVICE THE COMMISSION APPROVES FOR measuring the charges for service [and is subject to inspection and testing by the Commission].”.

The preceding 4 amendments were read and adopted.

Favorable report, as amended, adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

Delegate Davis, Chair, for the Committee on Economic Matters reported favorably:

House Bill 75 – Delegate Barkley
AN ACT concerning

Gas Companies – Infrastructure Replacement Projects – Amendment to a Plan

Favorable report adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

QUORUM CALL

The presiding officer announced a quorum call, showing 140 Members present.

(See Roll Call No. 33)

ADJOURNMENT

At 10:27 A.M. on motion of Delegate Kaiser the House adjourned until 11:00 A.M. on Friday, January 29, 2016.
The House met at 11:15 A.M. and pledged Allegiance to the Flag.

Prayer by Delegate Susan McComas of Harford County.

QUORUM CALL

The presiding officer announced a quorum call, showing 129 Members present.

(See Roll Call No. 34)

EXCUSES:
Del. Angel – funeral
Del. Jones – legislative business
Del. Kelly – business
Del. Rosenberg – personal
Del. C. Wilson – illness

The Journal of January 28, 2016 was read and approved.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

House Bill 403 – Delegates Morhaim, Branch, Bromwell, Fennell, Glenn, Kipke, Krebs, Lam, McCray, Miele, W. Miller, Oaks, B. Robinson, Szela, Vaughn, Walker, and West

AN ACT concerning

Construction Contracts – Change Orders
(State Procurement Change Order Fairness Act)

FOR the purpose of prohibiting a unit from requiring a prime contractor, and a prime contractor from requiring a subcontractor, to begin work under a contract until the procurement officer for the unit issues a certain change order; providing, under certain circumstances, that nothing in a certain provision of this Act prohibits a procurement officer from issuing a certain order, authorizes a prime contractor to refuse to perform certain work or furnish certain labor and materials, or prejudices or impairs the right of a prime contractor to submit a certain claim or dispute to a procurement officer; requiring, under certain circumstances, a unit to pay an invoice for work performed and accepted under a change order within a certain time period
and in accordance with a certain provision of law; requiring a prime contractor to provide, within a certain time period, a subcontractor with a copy of a certain change order and a certain amount to be paid to the subcontractor; requiring the Board of Public Works to propose certain regulations before a certain date; requiring each unit to issue certain guidelines on or before a certain date; requiring that certain guidelines be updated and reissued under certain circumstances; providing that certain provisions of this Act have effect only to the extent that the provisions do not conflict with federal law; applying certain provisions of this Act to certain procurements and units of State government that are generally excluded from State procurement law; providing for the application of certain provisions of this Act; requiring the Secretary of General Services to convene a certain workgroup to develop recommendations that address certain issues; requiring the workgroup to include representatives from certain entities and to coordinate its activities with a certain commission for a certain purpose; requiring the workgroup to report its recommendations to certain committees of the General Assembly on or before a certain date; providing that a certain catchline is not law and may not be considered to have been enacted as part of this Act; providing for the effective dates of this Act; and generally relating to change orders for State procurement contracts for construction.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – State Finance and Procurement
Section 11–203(a) and (e)(1), (2), and (5)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – State Finance and Procurement
Section 11–203(b)(1) and (c)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume)

BY adding to
Article – State Finance and Procurement
Section 15–112
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

AN ACT concerning

Richard E. Israel and Roger “Pip” Moyer End–of–Life Option Act

FOR the purpose of authorizing an individual to request aid in dying by making certain requests; prohibiting another individual from requesting aid in dying on behalf of an individual; requiring a written request for aid in dying to meet certain requirements; establishing certain requirements for witnesses to a written request for aid in dying; requiring a written request for aid in dying to be in a certain form; requiring an attending physician who receives a written request for aid in dying to make a certain determination and to accept certain documents or certain knowledge as proof of certain residency; requiring an attending physician to provide certain information to an individual for a certain purpose and to refer an individual to a consulting physician, under certain circumstances; requiring a consulting physician to fulfill certain duties; requiring an attending physician or a consulting physician to refer an individual to a certain individual for a mental health professional assessment, under certain circumstances; prohibiting an attending physician from providing an individual with medication for aid in dying until a certain individual providing the mental health professional assessment makes a certain determination and communicates the determination to certain individuals in a certain manner; requiring an attending physician to take certain actions, under certain circumstances; authorizing a pharmacist to dispense medication for aid in dying only to certain individuals, under certain circumstances; authorizing an attending physician to sign a qualified individual’s death certificate, under certain circumstances; requiring an attending physician to submit certain information to the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene; requiring the Department to adopt regulations to facilitate the collection of certain information and to produce and make available to the public a certain report of the information collected; providing that certain records or information are not subject to subpoena or discovery and may not be introduced into evidence in certain proceedings, except for a certain purpose; requiring a certain individual to dispose of certain medication in a lawful manner; providing that the death of a qualified individual by reason of self–administration of certain medication shall be deemed to be a death from certain natural causes, for certain purposes; making void a certain provision of certain legal instruments; prohibiting a certain provision of law enacted by this Act from being construed to prohibit a certain cause of action; providing that this Act does not authorize certain individuals to end another individual’s life by certain means; providing that actions taken in accordance with this Act do not constitute certain actions; making certain provisions in an insurance policy or certain other agreements issued on or after a certain date invalid; prohibiting certain obligations existing on a certain date from being conditioned on or affected by the making or rescinding of a request for aid in dying; prohibiting a qualified individual’s act of self–administering medication for aid in dying from having certain effects under certain insurance policies; prohibiting a person from being subject to certain liability or certain action for participating in good faith compliance with this Act; prohibiting certain persons or entities from subjecting a
person to certain actions for participating or refusing to participate in good faith compliance with this Act; providing that an individual’s request for aid in dying or an attending physician’s prescription of medication in good faith compliance with this Act does not constitute neglect or provide the sole basis for an appointment of a guardian or conservator; authorizing a health care provider to prohibit another health care provider from participating in aid in dying on certain premises, under certain circumstances; authorizing a health care provider to subject another health care provider to certain sanctions, under certain circumstances; providing that certain authorization does not prohibit a health care provider from participating in aid in dying, under certain circumstances, or prohibit an individual from contracting with a certain physician for a certain purpose; providing that participation by a health care provider in aid in dying is voluntary; prohibiting a health care facility from requiring certain physicians to participate in aid in dying; requiring an attending physician to provide certain information to an individual and transfer a copy of certain medical records, under certain circumstances; authorizing a health care facility to adopt certain policies; establishing certain penalties for certain violations; providing that certain provisions of this Act do not limit certain liability; providing that certain penalties do not preclude certain penalties applicable under other law for certain conduct; authorizing the Maryland Insurance Commissioner to enforce certain provisions of this Act; establishing that a licensed health care professional does not violate the statutory prohibition on assisted suicide by taking certain actions in accordance with this Act; defining certain terms; and generally relating to aid in dying.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Criminal Law
Section 3–103
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Health – General
Section 5–6A–01 through 5–6A–16 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 6A. The Richard E. Israel and Roger “Pip” Moyer End–of–Life Option Act”
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume)

BY adding to
Article – Insurance
Section 27–208.1
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2011 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations and the Committee on Judiciary.
House Bill 405 – Delegates Turner, Barve, Brooks, Ebersole, Hill, Hixson, Jalisi, Lam, Pena–Melnyk, Pendergrass, and Sophocleus

AN ACT concerning

Sales and Use Tax – Exemption – Energy for Homeowners Association

FOR the purpose of exempting from the sales and use tax sales of certain energy to a homeowners association for use in property owned or maintained by the homeowners association; requiring the Comptroller to provide certain information on the Comptroller’s Web site; and generally relating to the sales and use taxation of certain sales of energy.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Tax – General
Section 11–207(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2010 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 406 – Delegates Jameson and Folden

AN ACT concerning

Motor Fuel Tax – Aviation Gasoline – Definition

FOR the purpose of altering the definition of aviation gasoline for purposes of the motor fuel tax; and generally relating to the definition of aviation gasoline for purposes of the motor fuel tax.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Tax – General
Section 9–101(a) and (g)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2010 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Tax – General
Section 9–101(c)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2010 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 407 – Delegates Lierman, Clippinger, and Hammen
AN ACT concerning

Creation of a State Debt – Baltimore City – Health Care for the Homeless Dental Clinic

FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt in the amount of $17,500, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of Health Care for the Homeless, Inc. for certain development or improvement purposes; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; establishing a deadline for the encumbrance or expenditure of the loan proceeds; and providing generally for the issuance and sale of bonds evidencing the loan.

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

House Bill 408 – Delegates Hill, Krimm, Ebersole, Lam, Sample–Hughes, and Valentino–Smith

AN ACT concerning

Commission to Study Legislative and Congressional Districting

FOR the purpose of establishing the Commission to Study Legislative and Congressional Districting; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Commission; prohibiting a member of the Commission from receiving certain compensation, but authorizing the reimbursement of certain expenses; requiring the Commission to study and make recommendations regarding legislative and congressional districting; requiring the Commission to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor, the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Delegates, and the chairs of certain committees of the General Assembly on or before a certain date; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to the Commission to Study Legislative and Congressional Districting.

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations.


AN ACT concerning

Criminal Law – Providing Alcohol to Underage Drinkers – Penalties
(Alex and Calvin’s Law)
FOR the purpose of increasing penalties for certain violations of prohibitions relating to obtaining or furnishing alcoholic beverages for individuals under a certain age or allowing an individual under a certain age to possess or consume alcoholic beverages under certain circumstances; and generally relating to underage consumption of alcohol.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

   Article – Criminal Law
   Section 10–116 and 10–117
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

   Article – Criminal Law
   Section 10–121
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 410 – Delegates O’Donnell, Aumann, Beitzel, and Holmes

AN ACT concerning

   Natural Resources – Poaching Restitution Act of 2016

FOR the purpose of requiring a person convicted of poaching deer on privately owned land to pay the State restitution in accordance with certain requirements; authorizing a person convicted of poaching deer on privately owned land to pay a certain amount of restitution instead of performing community service under certain circumstances; requiring certain restitution collected to be credited to the State Wildlife Management and Protection Fund; requiring the Department of Natural Resources to adopt certain regulations; encouraging the Department and the Office of Administrative Hearings to develop a certain database; requiring the Department and the Office of Administrative Hearings to report to certain committees of the General Assembly on or before a certain date; encouraging the Department to work with local law enforcement agencies in developing certain protocols and strategies; defining a certain term; providing for the application of certain provisions of this Act; and generally relating to penalties for poaching deer on privately owned land.

BY renumbering

   Article – Natural Resources
   Section 10–101(q) through (cc), respectively
to be Section 10–101(r) through (dd), respectively
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)
BY adding to
Article – Natural Resources
Section 10–101(q) and 10–1101.1
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Natural Resources
Section 10–212(a) and 10–1102
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 411 – Delegates M. Washington, McKay, Hettleman, Krimm, and Lierman

AN ACT concerning

General Assembly – Joint Committee on Ending Homelessness – Membership

FOR the purpose of altering the membership of the Joint Committee on Ending Homelessness; requiring that members of the Joint Committee appointed as a result of this Act reflect the geographic diversity of the State; and generally relating to the membership of the Joint Committee on Ending Homelessness.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – State Government
Section 2–10A–15
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.


AN ACT concerning

Education – Administration of Assessments – Provision of Information

FOR the purpose of requiring certain county boards of education to provide certain information relating to certain assessments administered in a local school system; requiring certain information relating to certain assessments to be updated, posted online, and included in a certain master plan on or before a certain date each year;
and generally relating to the provision of information regarding the administration of assessments.

BY adding to
   Article – Education
   Section 7–203.3
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 413 – Delegates Carr and Cullison

AN ACT concerning

Open Meetings Act – Minutes – Video and Audio Streaming

FOR the purpose of altering the circumstances under which a public body need not prepare written minutes of an open session under the Open Meetings Act; and generally relating to minutes under the Open Meetings Act.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
   Article – General Provisions
   Section 3–306
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2014 Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 414 – Charles County Delegation

AN ACT concerning

Maryland Income Tax Refunds – Charles County – Warrant Intercept Program

FOR the purpose of altering the requirement for the Comptroller to withhold Maryland income tax refunds of certain individuals with outstanding warrants to include residents of Charles County or individuals who have outstanding warrants from Charles County; making nonsubstantive changes to certain termination provisions; making conforming changes; providing for a delayed effective date for certain provisions of this Act; and generally relating to withholding income tax refunds of individuals with outstanding warrants.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
   Article – Tax – General
   Section 13–935 and 13–937 through 13–940
   Annotated Code of Maryland
BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Tax – General
Section 13–936
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2010 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Chapter 451 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2012, as amended by Chapter
Section 3

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Section 3

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Tax – General
Section 13–936(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2010 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)
(As enacted by Section 1 of this Act)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 415 – Delegates Kipke and Simonaire

AN ACT concerning

Creation of a State Debt – Anne Arundel County – Downs Park Amphitheater

FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed $100,000, the
proceeds to be used as a grant to the County Executive and County Council of Anne
Arundel County for certain development or improvement purposes; providing for
disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide
and expend a matching fund; establishing a deadline for the encumbrance or
expenditure of the loan proceeds; and providing generally for the issuance and sale
of bonds evidencing the loan.

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

House Bill 416 – Delegates Hill, Atterbeary, Barron, Carr, Ebersole, Hayes, Kelly,
Krimm, Lam, Morales, Morhaim, Turner, and West

AN ACT concerning
Health Care Decisions Act – End-of-Life Decision-Making Informational Booklet

FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, in consultation with a certain council, to develop an end-of-life decision-making informational booklet; requiring the booklet to contain certain information; requiring the Department to distribute the booklet to certain health care providers, make the booklet available to the public on the Department’s Web site, and annually review and update the booklet as necessary; requiring health care providers to provide the booklet to certain patients under certain circumstances; requiring the Department to distribute and make the booklet available on or before a certain date; defining a certain term; and generally relating to an end-of-life decision-making informational booklet.

BY adding to
Article – Health – General
Section 5–629 to be under the new part “Part III. End-of-Life Decision-Making Informational Booklet”
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 417 – Delegates West and Hill

AN ACT concerning

State Song – Replacement – State Song Selection Panel and Competition

FOR the purpose of establishing the State Song Selection Panel; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Panel; prohibiting a member of the Panel from receiving certain compensation, but authorizing the reimbursement of certain expenses; requiring the Panel to develop a plan for and conduct a certain State song competition and to carry out certain tasks relating to the competition; authorizing the Panel to solicit certain private contributions for a certain prize fund; requiring the Panel to report the finalists of the State song competition to the Governor and the General Assembly and to recommend certain legislation on or before a certain date; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to the State song.

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 418 – Delegates M. Washington, Anderson, and McIntosh

AN ACT concerning
Creation of a State Debt – Baltimore City – Maryland State Boychoir ADA Improvements

FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed $325,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of The Maryland State Boychoir, Inc. for certain development or improvement purposes; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; establishing a deadline for the encumbrance or expenditure of the loan proceeds; and providing generally for the issuance and sale of bonds evidencing the loan.

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

House Bill 419 – Delegates Fraser–Hidalgo, Dumais, Beidle, Folden, Lam, and Morhaim

AN ACT concerning

Privileged Communications – Critical Incident Stress Management Services

FOR the purpose of prohibiting a critical incident stress management team member from disclosing certain communications or information acquired from a law enforcement officer, a correctional officer, or an emergency responder in the course of providing critical incident stress management services; prohibiting a critical incident stress management team member from being compelled to testify in certain proceedings or investigations; prohibiting an individual who participates in or is present during the provision of critical incident stress management services from disclosing certain communications; prohibiting an individual who participates in or is present during the provision of critical incident stress management services or peer support services from being compelled to testify in certain proceedings or investigations; establishing certain exceptions; defining certain terms; and generally relating to privileged communications acquired during the course of providing critical incident stress management services.

BY adding to

Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings
Section 9–125
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2013 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 420 – Delegates Waldstreicher, Aumann, D. Barnes, Barve, Beidle, Bromwell, Brooks, Carey, Carr, Clippinger, Cullison, Davis, Ebersole, Fraser–Hidalgo, Frick, Frush, Gilchrist, Hammen, Hixson, Holmes, Impallaria, Lierman, Luedtke, McKay, A. Miller, Morales, Patterson,
Pendergrass, Platt, Sanchez, Simonaire, Smith, Vaughn, M. Washington, West, C. Wilson, Wivell, and Zucker

AN ACT concerning

Labor and Employment – Minimum Wage – Individuals With Disabilities
(Ken Capone Equal Employment Act)

FOR the purpose of prohibiting the Commissioner of Labor and Industry, except under certain circumstances, from authorizing certain work activities centers and certain sheltered workshops to pay employees with disabilities less than a certain minimum wage; requiring that a certain State certificate issued by the Commissioner under a certain provision of law expires no later than a certain date; requiring the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation, in partnership with certain State agencies, to develop and implement a certain plan to phase out certain authorizations under a certain provision of law; providing for the scope of the plan; requiring the Department to engage with certain organizations representing those impacted by the phase-out to implement a certain plan; requiring the Department to report certain benchmarks, outcomes, and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before a certain date each year; prohibiting a certain work activities center or other sheltered workshop from receiving State funds on or after a certain date under certain circumstances; repealing certain provisions of law relating to the authorization of certain work activities centers and certain sheltered workshops to pay certain employees with disabilities less than a certain minimum wage; repealing certain provisions of law requiring the Department to develop and implement a certain plan and make certain reports; altering certain terminology; providing for a delayed effective date for certain provisions of this Act; and generally relating to the payment of wages under the Maryland Wage and Hour Law and individuals with disabilities.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
   Article – Labor and Employment
   Section 3–414
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2008 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY adding to
   Article – Labor and Employment
   Section 3–414.1
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2008 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY adding to
   Article – State Finance and Procurement
   Section 2–801 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 8. Miscellaneous”
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2015 Replacement Volume)
BY repealing
   Article – Labor and Employment
   Section 3–414 and 3–414.1
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2008 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)
(As enacted by Section 1 of this Act)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 421 – Delegates Jalisi, Conaway, Glass, Hornberger, Kittleman, Lisanti, McComas, Rosenberg, Shoemaker, Sophocleus, West, B. Wilson, and K. Young

AN ACT concerning
   Family Law – Grandparent Visitation

FOR the purpose of altering the circumstances under which an equity court may grant visitation rights to a grandparent of a child; and generally relating to visitation.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
   Article – Family Law
   Section 9–102
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 422 – Delegates Fraser–Hidalgo, Brooks, Barve, Beidle, Kelly, Kramer, Luedtke, Reznik, S. Robinson, Turner, and Walker

AN ACT concerning
   Interest Rate on Tax Deficiencies and Refunds

FOR the purpose of repealing the calculation of the interest rate on tax deficiencies and refunds; providing that the interest rate on tax deficiencies and refunds is a certain rate; repealing a requirement that the Comptroller annually set the interest rate on tax deficiencies and refunds; providing for a delayed effective date; and generally relating to the annual interest rate on tax deficiencies and refunds.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
   Article – Tax – General
   Section 13–604
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2010 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)
Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 423 – Delegate Morhaim

AN ACT concerning

Maryland Commission on Health in All Policies

FOR the purpose of establishing the Maryland Commission on Health in All Policies; providing for the purpose, composition, chair, and staffing of the Commission; requiring, to the extent practicable, the Commission to reflect a certain diversity; providing for the terms of certain members of the Commission; prohibiting a member of the Commission from receiving certain compensation, but authorizing the reimbursement of certain expenses; specifying the duties of the Commission; requiring certain health impact assessments to be performed in a certain manner; requiring the Commission to study a certain matter and make certain findings and recommendations on or before a certain date; requiring the Commission to submit a certain report to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before a certain date each year; defining certain terms; and generally relating to the Maryland Commission on Health in All Policies.

BY adding to

Article – Health – General
Section 13–3401 through 13–3406 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 34. Maryland Commission on Health in All Policies”
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.


AN ACT concerning

Income Tax – Expensing of Business Property and Bonus Depreciation

FOR the purpose of limiting the applicability of certain Maryland income tax modifications for certain deductions for the cost of business property placed in service that is treated as an expense for federal income tax purposes; limiting the applicability of certain Maryland income tax modifications for a certain additional depreciation allowance under the federal income tax for business property placed in service; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to certain Maryland income tax modifications with respect to the federal income tax treatment of business property.
BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
   Article – Tax – General
   Section 10–210.1(b)(1) and (3)
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2010 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
   Article – Tax – General
   Section 10–310
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2010 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 425 – Delegates Morgan, Adams, Fisher, McComas, Rey, Saab, Shoemaker, and West

AN ACT concerning

   Vehicle Laws – Registration Plates – Vehicle Manufactured Without Means to Display Front Plate

FOR the purpose of providing, for a vehicle required to display two registration plates, that the front registration plate may be stored in a certain manner inside the vehicle if the vehicle was manufactured without a means to secure and display a front plate; making stylistic changes; and generally relating to vehicle registration plates.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
   Article – Transportation
   Section 13–411(a) and (i)
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 426 – Delegates Carr, Kaiser, Lam, Luedtke, Moon, and Zucker

AN ACT concerning

   Vehicle Laws – Bicycles and Motor Scooters – Use of Bike Lanes

FOR the purpose of repealing the requirement that a person operating a bicycle or motor scooter use a bike lane paved to a smooth surface under certain circumstances; authorizing a person to operate a bicycle or motor scooter on a roadway, shoulder, or bike lane, regardless of whether there is a bike lane available; making clarifying and
conforming changes; and generally relating to the operation of bicycles and motor scooters.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
   Article – Transportation
   Section 21–1205.1(b) and 21–1209(a)
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 427 – Delegate Sophocleus (By Request – Anne Arundel County Administration)

AN ACT concerning

   Income Tax – Oyster Shell Recycling – Credit Amount

FOR the purpose of altering the maximum amount of the credit that an individual or corporation may claim against the State income tax for the recycling of oyster shells; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to an income tax credit for the recycling of oyster shells.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
   Article – Tax – General
   Section 10–724.1(a)
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2010 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
   Article – Tax – General
   Section 10–724.1(b)
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2010 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 428 – Delegate Sophocleus (By Request – Anne Arundel County Administration)

AN ACT concerning

   Property Tax – Interest on Refunds

FOR the purpose of altering the rate of interest at which certain money is required to be refunded to a certain taxpayer on a final determination of a certain appeal; and generally relating to the rate of interest for certain property tax refunds.
BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
   Article – Tax – Property
   Section 14–611
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.


AN ACT concerning

Task Force to Combat Habitual Student Truancy

FOR the purpose of 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 certain compensation, but authorizing the reimbursement of certain expenses; requiring the Task Force to study and make recommendations regarding certain 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 a certain date; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to the Task Force to Combat Habitual Student Truancy.

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 430 – Delegates Kaiser, Afzali, Buckel, Carey, Chang, Ebersole, Fennell, Haynes, Jalisi, Kramer, Lam, McComas, McCray, McIntosh, Morales, Morhaim, Smith, Turner, West, and Zucker

AN ACT concerning

Education – Student Data Privacy Council

FOR the purpose of establishing the Student Data Privacy Council; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Council; prohibiting a member of the Council from receiving certain compensation, but authorizing the reimbursement of certain expenses; requiring the Council to study and make recommendations regarding certain matters; requiring the Council to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before a certain date; defining a
certain term; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to the Student Data Privacy Council.

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.


AN ACT concerning

Maryland Achieving a Better Life Experience (ABLE) Program – Establishment

FOR the purpose of requiring the College Savings Plans of Maryland Board to establish the Maryland Achieving a Better Life Experience (ABLE) Program for certain purposes subject to certain provisions; renaming the College Savings Plans of Maryland Board to be the Maryland 529 Board; requiring the Board to oversee the establishment and administration of the Maryland ABLE Program; altering the membership of the Board; requiring the Board to maintain the Maryland ABLE Program in compliance with certain standards; declaring that the goal of the State is that the Maryland ABLE Program be fully operational by a certain date; requiring the Board to work in consultation with the Department of Disabilities regarding the Maryland ABLE Program; authorizing the Board to collaborate and participate with other states or entities regarding the Maryland ABLE Program; requiring the Board to adopt certain procedures; requiring the Board to issue certain statements to account holders at least once each year; authorizing the Board to issue certain requests for proposals; requiring the Board to consider proposals that meet certain criteria; authorizing the Board to require certain fees; establishing certain limitations and requirements for contributions to and administration of the Maryland ABLE Program; establishing participation and distribution requirements; prohibiting money and assets in an ABLE account in any state from being considered for a certain determination of eligibility for, or the amount of, certain assistance or benefits from certain local or State means–tested programs; authorizing the Maryland ABLE Program to receive money from certain sources; providing that neither the faith and credit nor the taxing power of the State is pledged to the payment of debts, contracts, and obligations of the Maryland ABLE Program; providing that certain entities are not liable for certain losses; prohibiting certain money from being considered or commingled with certain money or deposited in the State Treasury; exempting certain entities and accounts from the Insurance Article; providing that the assets and the income of the Maryland ABLE Program are exempt from State and local taxation; prohibiting a person from seizing a certain benefit or asset; requiring certain audits; requiring the Board to issue certain refunds under
certain circumstances; authorizing any state to file a certain claim on the death of a
designated beneficiary of an ABLE account; altering a certain power of attorney
form; allowing a subtraction modification under the State income tax for certain
c contributions to an account under the Maryland ABLE Program; allowing certain
amounts disallowed under the subtraction modification as a result of a certain
limitation to be carried over and subtracted for succeeding taxable years; requiring
an addition modification for certain distributions made under certain accounts;
making conforming changes; defining certain terms; requiring the publisher of the
Annotated Code of Maryland, in consultation with the Department of Legislative
Services, to correct cross-references and terminology in the Code that are rendered
incorrect by this Act; providing for the application of certain provisions of this Act;
and generally relating to the College Savings Plans of Maryland and the Maryland
ABLE Program.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Education
Section 18–1901, 18–1902.1, 18–1904(a) through (d), 18–1905(d)(3), (e), and (f),
18–19A–05, and 18–19B–05
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Education
Section 18–1905(d)(1)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Education
Section 18–19C–01 through 18–19C–10 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 19C.
Maryland ABLE Program”
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Estates and Trusts
Section 17–203
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2011 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – State Finance and Procurement
Section 11–203(f)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – State Government
Section 9–803(a)(11)(ii)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Tax – General
Section 10–205(a), 10–207(a), and 10–208(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2010 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Tax – General
Section 10–205(l), 10–207(cc), and 10–208(v)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2010 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 432 – Delegates Clippinger, Hammen, and Lierman

AN ACT concerning

Creation of a State Debt – Baltimore City – Baltimore Museum of Industry

FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed $500,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Trustees of the Baltimore Museum of Industry, Inc. for certain development or improvement purposes; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; establishing a deadline for the encumbrance or expenditure of the loan proceeds; and providing generally for the issuance and sale of bonds evidencing the loan.

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

House Bill 433 – Delegates Lierman, Clippinger, and Hammen

AN ACT concerning

Creation of a State Debt – Baltimore City – Baltimore Regional Education and Training Center

FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed $500,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Southeast Community Development Corporation for certain development or improvement purposes; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; establishing a deadline for the
encumbrance or expenditure of the loan proceeds; and providing generally for the issuance and sale of bonds evidencing the loan.

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

House Bill 434 – Delegates Fisher, Jackson, and O’Donnell

AN ACT concerning

Calvert County – Personal Property Tax – Exemption

FOR the purpose of exempting certain personal property from the Calvert County property tax beginning on a certain date; providing that certain personal property remains subject to the Calvert County property tax; providing that certain personal property that is subject to a payment in lieu of taxes agreement shall be subject to the Calvert County property tax on the termination of the agreement; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to an exemption from the Calvert County personal property tax.

BY adding to
Article – Tax – Property
Section 7–402
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.


AN ACT concerning

Electric Companies – Vegetation Management – Local Law, Rule, Regulation, or Other Action

FOR the purpose of repealing a prohibition against a county or municipal corporation taking certain actions that interfere with, or materially increase costs of, compliance with certain vegetation management standards under certain circumstances; requiring an electric company to attempt to work out a certain agreement with a county or municipal corporation to mitigate the impact of a local law, rule, regulation, or other action on efforts to comply with certain other vegetation management standards; authorizing an electric company to perform the proposed vegetation management after a certain period of time under certain circumstances; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to vegetation management.
BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
   Article – Public Utilities
   Section 7–213(a), (c), and (d)
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2010 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
   Article – Public Utilities
   Section 7–213(e)
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2010 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.


AN ACT concerning


FOR the purpose of repealing the authority of counties and municipalities in the State to use speed monitoring systems to enforce certain highway speed laws; repealing the authority to use work zone speed control systems to enforce certain highway speed laws within work zones; repealing the authority to use traffic control signal monitoring systems to enforce certain traffic control signal laws; requiring the publishers of the Annotated Code of Maryland, in consultation with and subject to the approval of the Department of Legislative Services, to correct any references throughout the Annotated Code that are rendered incorrect by this Act and to describe any corrections in an editor’s note following the section affected; and generally relating to the repeal of provisions of law authorizing the use of speed monitoring and work zone speed control systems.

BY repealing
   Article – Transportation
   Section 21–202.1, 21–809, and 21–810
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 437 – Delegates Barron, Hammen, Jackson, Lisanti, Sample–Hughes, and K. Young
AN ACT concerning

Department of Health and Mental Hygiene – Prescription Drug Monitoring Program – Modifications

FOR the purpose of requiring that certain authorized providers and prescribers be registered with the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program before obtaining a certain new or renewal registration or by a certain date, whichever is sooner; requiring that certain pharmacists be registered with the Program by a certain date; requiring a prescriber and a pharmacist to complete a certain course of instruction before registering with the Program; altering the mission of the Program; authorizing the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene to identify and publish a list of certain monitored prescription drugs; requiring the Secretary, in consultation with the Maryland Health Care Commission and the Advisory Board on Prescription Drug Monitoring, to educate pharmacists, prescriber delegates, and pharmacist delegates about the purpose and operation of the Program; altering a requirement that certain regulations adopted by the Secretary specify that a prescriber or dispenser is not required or obligated to access or use certain prescription monitoring data to instead require the regulations to specify the circumstances under which a prescriber or a pharmacist is required to request prescription monitoring data from the Program; requiring that certain regulations adopted by the Secretary specify a process for the Program’s review of prescription monitoring data and reporting of a possible violation of law or breach of professional standards; requiring certain prescribers and pharmacists to request and assess certain prescription monitoring data under certain circumstances; requiring a certain prescriber to document certain information in a patient’s medical records under certain circumstances; authorizing a certain prescriber or pharmacist to authorize a prescriber delegate or pharmacist delegate to request prescription monitoring data on behalf of the prescriber or pharmacist under certain circumstances; specifying the circumstances under which certain prescribers and pharmacists are not required to request prescription monitoring data from the Program or to comply with certain provisions of this Act; requiring certain prescribers and pharmacists who do not access prescription monitoring data to take certain actions; requiring, instead of authorizing, the Program to review prescription monitoring data for signs of certain misuse or abuse and requiring, instead of authorizing, the Program to report the possible misuse or abuse to a certain prescriber or pharmacist; requiring the Program to review prescription monitoring data for indications of a possible violation of law or a breach of professional standards by a prescriber or a pharmacist; requiring the Program to provide certain notification and information under certain circumstances; altering the information that the Advisory Board on Prescription Drug Monitoring must report annually to the Governor and the General Assembly; altering a certain immunity from liability or disciplinary action arising solely from certain actions; providing that prescribers, prescriber delegates, pharmacists, and pharmacist delegates shall be subject to disciplinary action by the appropriate licensing entity for certain violations; providing that a release of prescription monitoring data by a prescriber delegate, pharmacist, or pharmacist delegate under certain circumstances
is not a violation of certain provisions of law; altering certain definitions; defining certain terms; making certain technical corrections; and generally relating to the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Criminal Law
Section 5–304
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Health – General
Section 21–2A–01(a), (e), and (f), 21–2A–02(c), and 21–2A–03(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Health – General
Section 21–2A–01(d), (g), (h), (i), (j), and (k), 21–2A–02(b), 21–2A–03(b) and (e), 21–2A–04, 21–2A–05(f)(3)(i) and (ii), 21–2A–06, 21–2A–07(b), 21–2A–08(b), and 21–2A–09
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume)

BY adding to
Article – Health – General
Section 21–2A–01(h), (i), (k), (o), and (p), 21–2A–04.1, and 21–2A–04.2
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 438 – Delegates Kramer and Fraser–Hidalgo

AN ACT concerning

Public Safety – Law Enforcement – Veterinary Care of Retired Law Enforcement K–9s Act

FOR the purpose of requiring certain State and local law enforcement agencies to reimburse individuals who take possession of dogs formerly used in law enforcement work under certain circumstances for certain veterinary treatment; specifying that the reimbursement may not exceed a certain amount of money; authorizing certain State law enforcement agencies to accept public donations for the payment of certain veterinary expenses; requiring certain State law enforcement agencies to hold certain donations in a separate account not subject to appropriation by the Governor; authorizing certain local law enforcement agencies to establish a separate fund to
accept public donations for the payment of certain veterinary expenses; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to dogs formerly used for law enforcement work.

BY adding to
Article – Public Safety
Section 3–514
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2011 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 439 – Delegates Kramer and Fraser–Hidalgo

AN ACT concerning

Commercial Law – Consumer Protection – Door–to–Door Sales

FOR the purpose of altering the circumstances under which it is an unfair or deceptive trade practice under the Maryland Consumer Protection Act for a seller in a door–to–door sale transaction to fail to furnish a certain statement that specifies the time period in which a buyer has the right to cancel the transaction; clarifying when it is an unfair or deceptive trade practice for a seller in a door–to–door sale transaction to fail to furnish a buyer with a certain “Notice of Cancellation” form; altering the time period for cancellation of a door–to–door sale specified in a “Notice of Cancellation” form; specifying that it is an unfair or deceptive trade practice for a seller in a door–to–door sale transaction to fail to obtain the signature of a buyer on a certain acknowledgment of the buyer's right to cancel or furnish to the buyer a copy of the written acknowledgment with the completed receipt or copy of the contract; making stylistic changes; and generally relating to consumer protection and door–to–door sales.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Commercial Law
Section 14–301 and 14–302
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2013 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 440 – Delegates Kramer and Fraser–Hidalgo

AN ACT concerning

Electric Companies – Installation of Solar Electric Generating Facility – Completion of Interconnection
FOR the purpose of requiring an electric company to complete interconnection of a customer–generator’s solar electric generating facility with the electric company’s distribution facilities by providing acceptance and final approval to operate within a certain period after completion of a certain installation process; specifying that the installation process includes an approved interconnection application, completion of the installation of the solar electric generating facility, and completion of all necessary paperwork and documentation; and generally relating to interconnection of a customer–generator’s solar electric generating facility.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Public Utilities
Section 7–306.1
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2010 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 441 – Delegate W. Miller

AN ACT concerning

Public Health – Assisted Outpatient Treatment and Mobile Crisis Teams

FOR the purpose of providing that an application for assisted outpatient treatment may be submitted to a court by certain individuals; requiring that the application include certain information; requiring an applicant to provide to the court and a certain individual a certain treatment plan before a certain hearing is held; providing that a certain treating physician does not have to be the physician who supported a certain application; requiring, under certain circumstances, a certain treatment plan to include certain information regarding medication; requiring a treating physician to take certain actions when a treatment plan is being developed; requiring, except under certain circumstances, a court to hold a hearing on a certain application within a certain time period; requiring that a certain individual be represented by counsel at certain proceedings and be given the opportunity to take certain actions; authorizing, under certain circumstances, the court to hold the hearing in the absence of a certain individual; authorizing, under certain circumstances, the court to request a certain individual to consent to an examination by a certain physician; authorizing, under certain circumstances, the court to order a certain individual to be taken into custody and transported to a hospital for a certain examination; prohibiting a certain individual from being held for more than a certain number of hours; requiring certain physicians to testify at a certain hearing and to make certain statements; prohibiting the court from prohibiting an applicant from presenting certain evidence; authorizing, under certain circumstances, a court to order assisted outpatient treatment for a certain individual; requiring a certain order to include a certain treatment plan; prohibiting a certain order from being effective for more than a certain period of time; requiring, under certain circumstances, a court to deny a certain application; authorizing a certain individual to submit certain motions to the
court during a certain time period; requiring a treating physician to apply to the court for approval before making certain changes to a certain treatment plan; requiring, except under certain circumstances, a court to hold a hearing on certain changes to a certain treatment plan; authorizing the treating physician to make certain changes to a certain treatment plan without applying to the court for approval; authorizing an applicant to apply to the court for an extension of a certain order within a certain time period before the order expires; requiring the court to hold a hearing in accordance with a certain provision of law on an application for an extension; authorizing a court to extend a certain order for a certain period of time; requiring a court to deny an application for an extension under certain circumstances; providing that an individual's substantial failure to comply with a certain order may constitute presumptive reasons for a certain physician to petition for a certain evaluation; prohibiting an individual's failure to comply with a certain order from being grounds for a certain finding or involuntary admission to a State facility under certain provisions of law; requiring the Maryland Behavioral Health Crisis Response System to include a crisis communication center in each jurisdiction or region to provide mobile crisis teams operating in a certain manner to provide certain services; defining certain terms; and generally relating to assisted outpatient treatment and mobile crisis teams.

BY adding to

Article – Health – General
Section 10–929 through 10–937 to be under the new part “Part V. Assisted Outpatient Treatment”
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Health – General
Section 10–1401 and 10–1402
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Health – General
Section 10–1403
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 442 – Delegates Bromwell, Aumann, Cluster, Miele, and West

AN ACT concerning

Counties – Transportation Adequate Public Facility Law – State Highway Intersection
FOR the purpose of prohibiting a county from amending or repealing a transportation adequate public facility law in effect on a certain date; requiring that the level of traffic congestion at a State highway intersection be determined by the State Highway Administration for the purpose of determining whether development is allowed under a county transportation adequate public facility law; defining certain terms; and generally relating to determining the level of traffic congestion at State highway intersections under county transportation adequate public facility laws.

BY adding to

Article – Land Use
Section 7–105
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 443 – Delegates Fraser–Hidalgo, Beidle, Lam, and Morhaim

AN ACT concerning

Agriculture – Industrial Hemp – Agricultural or Academic Research

FOR the purpose of authorizing the Department of Agriculture or an institution of higher education to grow or cultivate industrial hemp if the industrial hemp is grown or cultivated for agricultural or academic research purposes; requiring certain sites used to grow or cultivate industrial hemp to be certified by and registered with the Department; authorizing the Department to adopt certain regulations; defining a certain term; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to growing or cultivating industrial hemp for agricultural or academic research purposes.

BY adding to

Article – Agriculture
Section 14–101 and 14–102 to be under the new title “Title 14. Industrial Hemp”
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2007 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 444 – Delegate C. Howard

AN ACT concerning

Election Law – General Assembly Candidate Residency Form – Requirement
FOR the purpose of requiring an individual seeking to become a candidate for the General Assembly of Maryland to file a candidate residency form with the individual's certificate of candidacy; requiring the individual to state certain information on the form and explain certain discrepancies; altering the circumstances under which an individual may become a candidate for public or party office; making a conforming change; and generally relating to the General Assembly candidate residency form.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Election Law
Section 5–202, 5–301(a), and 5–304
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2010 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 445 – Delegates Lierman, Chang, Hettleman, Jackson, Korman, Krimm, and P. Young

AN ACT concerning

Food Stamp Program – Minimum Benefit – State Supplement

FOR the purpose of requiring the State to provide a certain supplement to a household that receives a federally funded benefit of less than a certain amount per month under the food stamp program; and generally relating to the food stamp program.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Human Services
Section 5–501
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2007 Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

House Bill 446 – Delegates West, Bromwell, Cullison, and Sample–Hughes

AN ACT concerning

State Government – Maryland Youth Advisory Council – Revisions

FOR the purpose of altering the membership of the Maryland Youth Advisory Council; specifying that the members must be residents of the State; altering the factors that certain persons are required to consider in deciding which youths to nominate as members of the Council; altering the term and term limit of a member; requiring that a certain member represent the views of a certain public or private youth council or youth empowerment organization before the Council; requiring the members to elect a chair at a certain meeting; requiring the members of the Council to select a
certain executive board at a certain meeting; repealing the requirement that certain
individuals serve as cochairs; altering the duties that the Governor's Office for
Children has in relation to the Council; altering the duties of the Council; requiring
the Council to meet at certain times and hold a certain number of public hearings
each Council year, rather than each year; specifying that the Council is required to
conduct one educational meeting each Council year; requiring the Council to report
its activities on or before the last day of the Council year, rather than the last day of
the youth members’ terms; specifying the terms of the members of the Council
appointed in a certain year; defining a certain term; making conforming changes;
and generally relating to the Maryland Youth Advisory Council.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
   Article – State Government
   Section 9–2701
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 447 – Charles County Delegation

AN ACT concerning

   Charles County – County Transfer Tax – Revenue Received by the Clerk of the
   Circuit Court

FOR the purpose of altering the percentage of revenue from the Charles County transfer
tax that the Clerk of the Circuit Court for the county is entitled to receive; providing
that this Act applies retroactively to revenue received by the Clerk of the Circuit
Court from the county transfer tax on or after a certain date; and generally relating
to revenue received by the Clerk of the Circuit Court for Charles County from the
county transfer tax.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
   Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings
   Section 2–213(a)
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2013 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
   Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings
   Section 2–213(e)
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2013 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.
AN ACT concerning

Circuit Court Judges – Selection, Qualifications, and Term of Office

FOR the purpose of proposing an amendment to the Maryland Constitution relating to the selection and tenure of circuit court judges; repealing provisions relating to election of circuit court judges; requiring the Governor, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, to appoint a qualified person to fill a vacancy in the office of a judge of the circuit court; requiring certain hearings, deliberation, and debate on the confirmation of certain appointees to be public; providing that a judge of the circuit court shall cease to hold office if not confirmed by a certain time; altering the term of office of circuit court judges; requiring the Governor to reappoint a circuit court judge, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, upon the expiration of the judge’s term; requiring a certain judicial nominating commission or body to reflect a certain demographic diversity; providing for a transitional period during which the terms of certain amendments are effective; repealing certain obsolete provisions; making stylistic changes; generally relating to the selection, election, appointment, qualification, tenure, and term of office for judges of the circuit courts; and submitting this amendment to the qualified voters of the State for their adoption or rejection.

BY proposing an amendment to the Maryland Constitution
Article IV – Judiciary Department
Section 2 and 3

BY proposing a repeal of the Maryland Constitution
Article IV – Judiciary Department
Section 5; 18B and the part “Part IIA – Interim Provisions”; and 21A

BY proposing an addition to the Maryland Constitution
Article IV – Judiciary Department
Section 5 and 5B

BY proposing an addition to the Maryland Constitution
Article XVIII – Provisions of Limited Duration
Section 6

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.
House Bill 449 – The Speaker (By Request – Administration) and Delegates

AN ACT concerning

Relief From Budget Mandates

FOR the purpose of providing that, beginning with a certain fiscal year, the Governor, under certain circumstances, is not required to include an appropriation in the budget for any program or item in an amount that exceeds the appropriation for the program or item in a certain fiscal year; providing for certain exceptions; providing that the General Assembly may not enact certain legislation that creates a certain mandated level of funding except under certain circumstances; and generally relating to mandated funding for certain programs or items in the State budget.

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

House Bill 450 – The Speaker (By Request – Administration) and Delegates

AN ACT concerning

Tax Credits – Manufacturing Empowerment Zones

FOR the purpose of establishing the Manufacturing Empowerment Zone Program to encourage business entities engaged in manufacturing outside the State to invest in manufacturing facilities in certain areas of the State; authorizing the Secretary of Commerce to designate certain areas of the State as manufacturing empowerment zones; providing that a designation is effective for a certain number of years; providing that the Secretary may not designate and a county may not receive more than a certain number of zones during a calendar year; authorizing the Secretary to expand an existing zone; authorizing the Secretary to grant a certain number of extraordinary expansions of zones in the State each year; providing that certain business entities that meet certain conditions are entitled to certain tax incentives and financial assistance; providing that certain business entities are not eligible for certain incentives; providing for the length of availability of certain incentives; requiring the Department of Economic Competitiveness and Commerce and the
Comptroller to jointly assess the effectiveness of certain tax credits; requiring the Department and Comptroller to submit a certain report; authorizing the governing body of a county or municipal corporation to grant a property tax credit on a certain assessment of qualified properties located in the zone; providing for the amount of the credit; providing that the credit may not be claimed for more than a certain number of years; requiring the Secretary to make certain certifications; requiring the State Department of Assessments and Taxation to submit a certain list to the Secretary; authorizing the governing body of a county or municipal corporation to grant a property tax credit for certain personal property; providing a subtraction modification under the Maryland income tax for certain income earned as an employee of certain business entities; authorizing certain business entities to claim a credit against the State income tax equal to the amount of State income tax imposed on certain qualified income; defining certain terms; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to the creation of the Manufacturing Empowerment Zone Program.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
Article – Economic Development  
Section 5–102(10) and (11)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2008 Volume and 2015 Supplement)  

BY adding to  
Article – Economic Development  
Section 5–102(11); and 5–1501 through 5–1506 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 15. Manufacturing Empowerment Zone Program”  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2008 Volume and 2015 Supplement)  

BY adding to  
Article – Tax – Property  
Section 9–257 and 9–258  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)  

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
Article – Tax – General  
Section 10–207(a)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2010 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)  

BY adding to  
Article – Tax – General  
Section 10–207(cc) and 10–737  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2010 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)
Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 451 – The Speaker (By Request – Administration)

AN ACT concerning

Admissions and Amusement Tax – Revenue Distribution – Maryland State Arts Council

FOR the purpose of altering a certain distribution of revenue from the State admissions and amusement tax on electronic bingo and electronic tip jars; repealing a certain special fund; providing that the Maryland State Arts Council is entitled to certain revenue distributed from the State admissions and amusement tax on electronic bingo and electronic tip jars; and generally relating to the distribution of revenue from the State admissions and amusement tax on electronic bingo and electronic tip jars.

BY repealing

Article – Economic Development
Section 4–801 and the subtitle “Subtitle 8. Special Fund for Preservation of Cultural Arts in Maryland”
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2008 Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Economic Development
Section 4–501(a) and (c)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2008 Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Economic Development
Section 4–512(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2008 Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Tax – General
Section 2–202(a)(1)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2010 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 452 – The Speaker (By Request – Administration) and Delegates Adams, Anderton, Arentz, Aumann, Bromwell, Carozza, Cassilly, Ciliberti, Cluster, Folden, Ghrist, Glass, Grammer, Hornberger, S. Howard,
AN ACT concerning

Income Tax – Earned Income Credit – Refundability

FOR the purpose of altering the percentage of the federal earned income credit used for determining the amount that certain individuals may claim as a refund under the Maryland earned income credit under certain circumstances; and generally relating to the earned income credit allowed under the State income tax.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Tax – General
Section 10–704(a) and (b)(1)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2010 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Tax – General
Section 10–704(b)(2)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2010 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 453 – The Speaker (By Request – Administration) and Delegates

AN ACT concerning

Maryland Education Credit

FOR the purpose of allowing a credit against the State income tax for contributions made to certain student assistance organizations; requiring the Department of Economic Competitiveness and Commerce to administer the tax credit; requiring an entity to submit an application to be a student assistance organization by a certain date each year; requiring a student assistance organization to meet certain qualifications; requiring a business entity to submit a certain application within a certain time period and to make a contribution to a student assistance organization and to provide
certain notice within a certain time period; requiring the Department to adopt certain regulations; requiring the Department to approve certain applications within a certain time period and in a certain manner; requiring the Department to rescind certain tax credit certificates if certain notice is not provided within a certain time period; providing limits on the amount of certain tax credits and the aggregate amount of tax credits that may be approved by the Department in a calendar year; establishing the Maryland Education Tax Credit Reserve Fund; authorizing the Governor to include an appropriation to the Fund in the annual budget bill and providing the intent of the General Assembly that the appropriation may not exceed a certain amount each year; requiring the Comptroller to transfer certain amounts from the Fund to the General Fund under certain circumstances; providing that certain unused tax credits may not be carried forward; requiring the Department to publish and update a certain list in a certain manner each year and report certain information on the credit each year; requiring a certain addition modification under the Maryland income tax if a certain tax credit is claimed; defining certain terms; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to a State income tax credit for contributions made to certain student assistance organizations.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
   Article – Economic Development
   Section 2.5–109(a)(4)
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2008 Volume and 2015 Supplement)
   (As enacted by Chapter 58 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2015)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
   Article – Tax – General
   Section 10–205(a) and 10–306(a)
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2010 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY adding to
   Article – Tax – General
   Section 10–205(l), 10–306(g), and 10–737
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2010 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 454 – The Speaker (By Request – Administration)

AN ACT concerning

State Employees – Merit Increases in Salary
FOR the purpose of excluding certain State employees from a certain prohibition against certain merit increases in salary; and generally relating to merit increases in salary for certain State employees.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Section 7(a)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.


AN ACT concerning

Income Tax Exemption Amount – Elderly Individuals

FOR the purpose of altering the amount of a certain exemption allowed under the State income tax for certain individuals for certain taxable years; and generally relating to a certain exception under the State income tax.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Tax – General
Section 10–211(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2010 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.


AN ACT concerning

Prescription Drug Monitoring Program – Revisions
FOR the purpose of requiring that certain authorized providers and prescribers be registered with the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program before obtaining a certain new or renewal registration or by a certain date, whichever is sooner; requiring that certain pharmacists be registered with the Program by a certain date; altering the mission of the Program; authorizing the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene to identify and publish a list of certain monitored prescription drugs; requiring the Secretary, in consultation with the Maryland Health Care Commission and the Advisory Board on Prescription Drug Monitoring, to educate pharmacists, prescriber delegates, and pharmacist delegates about the purpose and operation of the Program; repealing a requirement that certain regulations adopted by the Secretary specify that a prescriber or dispenser is not required or obligated to access or use certain prescription monitoring data; authorizing certain licensing entities to adopt regulations that establish standards of practice for the review of prescription monitoring data; requiring certain prescribers and pharmacists to request and assess certain prescription monitoring data under certain circumstances; requiring a certain prescriber to document certain information in a patient’s medical records under certain circumstances; authorizing a certain prescriber or pharmacist to authorize a prescriber delegate or pharmacist delegate to request prescription monitoring data on behalf of the prescriber or pharmacist under certain circumstances; specifying the circumstances under which certain prescribers and pharmacists are not required to request prescription monitoring data from the Program or comply with certain provisions of this Act; requiring certain prescribers and pharmacists who do not access prescription monitoring data to take certain actions; altering the information that the Advisory Board on Prescription Drug Monitoring must report annually to the Governor and the General Assembly; repealing a provision of law stating that prescription monitoring data may not be used as the basis for imposing clinical practice standards; altering a certain immunity from liability or disciplinary action arising solely from certain actions; providing that prescribers, prescriber delegates, pharmacists, and pharmacist delegates shall be subject to disciplinary action by the appropriate licensing entity for certain violations; providing that a release of prescription monitoring data by a prescriber delegate, pharmacist, or pharmacist delegate under certain circumstances is not a violation of certain provisions of law; altering certain definitions; defining certain terms; making certain technical corrections; and generally relating to the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Criminal Law
Section 5–304
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Health – General
Section 21–2A–01(a), (e), and (f), 21–2A–02(c), and 21–2A–03(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume)
BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
   Article – Health – General
   Section 21–2A–01(d), (g), (h), (i), (j), and (k), 21–2A–02(b), 21–2A–03(b) and (e),  
   21–2A–04, 21–2A–05(f)(3)(i) and (ii), 21–2A–06(d), 21–2A–07(b), 21–2A–08(b), and  
   21–2A–09
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2015 Replacement Volume)

BY adding to
   Article – Health – General
   Section 21–2A–01(h), (i), (k), (o), and (p), 21–2A–04.1, and 21–2A–04.2
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2015 Replacement Volume)

BY repealing
   Article – Health – General
   Section 21–2A–06(k)
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2015 Replacement Volume)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 457 – The Speaker (By Request – Administration) and Delegates

AN ACT concerning

Corporations and Associations – Filing Fees – Reductions

FOR the purpose of reducing on a certain timetable certain filing fees paid by corporations and other business entities to the State Department of Assessments and Taxation; and generally relating to business entity filing fees.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
   Article – Corporations and Associations
   Section 1–203(b)(3)
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

AN ACT concerning

General Assembly and Congressional Legislative Redistricting and Apportionment Commission

FOR the purpose of creating the General Assembly and Congressional Legislative Redistricting and Apportionment Commission; requiring the Commission to divide the State to create certain General Assembly legislative districts and congressional districts; providing for the membership, qualifications, and duties of the Commission; specifying certain requirements for the adoption of redistricting plans by the Commission; specifying that the redistricting plans meet certain standards and requirements; prohibiting the Commission from considering certain factors in adopting redistricting plans; requiring the Secretary of State to submit the Commission’s final certified map and plan for General Assembly legislative districts and congressional districts to the presiding officers of the General Assembly; requiring the presiding officers to introduce separate bills for the General Assembly legislative districts and congressional districts; specifying that the maps and plans become law only on adoption by two-thirds of the members of each house of the General Assembly; providing that the Commission shall submit an alternative map and plan if the General Assembly fails to adopt a previously submitted map and plan; requiring the Legislative Auditor to establish and administer an application process for individuals seeking appointment to the Commission; prohibiting certain individuals from serving as a member of the Commission; authorizing the Legislative Auditor to disqualify certain applicants seeking membership on the Commission; requiring the Legislative Auditor to establish an Applicant Review Panel to identify and establish certain applicant pools from which certain members of the Commission are to be selected; requiring the Legislative Auditor to select at random a certain number of names from the applicant pools for membership on the Commission; requiring the Commission to elect a chair and establish certain rules and procedures; making Commission meetings and records subject to State laws governing open meetings and public records; providing that the maps and plans drawn by the Commission are final and subject to review by the Court of Appeals; authorizing certain persons to petition the Court of Appeals to challenge or to establish General Assembly legislative districts or congressional districts under certain circumstances; requiring the Court of Appeals to establish the boundaries of General Assembly legislative districts or congressional districts or grant other relief under certain circumstances; specifying that the Commission shall have certain staff and other resources; requiring the Governor to include certain funds for the Commission in the
State budget; defining certain terms; providing for the effective date of this Act; providing for the termination of certain provisions of this Act under certain circumstances; submitting this amendment to the qualified voters of the State for their adoption or rejection; and generally relating to the General Assembly and Congressional Legislative Redistricting and Apportionment Commission.

BY proposing a repeal of the Maryland Constitution
Article III – Legislative Department
Section 5

BY proposing an addition to the Maryland Constitution
Article III – Legislative Department
Section 5

BY adding to
Article – Election Law
Section 8–7A–01 through 8–7A–14 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 7A. General Assembly and Congressional Legislative Redistricting and Apportionment Commission”
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2010 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations.


AN ACT concerning

Fee, Surcharge, and Tax Reduction Act of 2016

FOR the purpose of repealing a requirement that the Public Service Commission impose a certain environmental surcharge; altering certain application and renewal fees for certain licenses issued by the Maryland Home Improvement Commission; altering the fee that the State Court Administrator is required to charge for the special admission of an out-of-state attorney; repealing a requirement that the State Court Administrator pay a certain portion of a certain fee to a certain program; altering certain fees for certified copies of certain certificates; altering the portion of certain fees collected by local health departments required to be transferred to the General Fund; altering the distribution of certain proceeds from the sale of certain allowances; repealing the requirement that the Public Service Commission establish
the amount of a certain surcharge; repealing a requirement that the Secretary of Natural Resources take certain actions in consultation with the Director of the Maryland Energy Administration; repealing a requirement that the Maryland Energy Administration receive certain administrative and fiscal support from a certain fund; providing the sales and use tax does not apply to certain sales in the form of a certain demurrage charge; altering a certain fee that certain vehicle owners are required to pay for the original and renewal application of certain special registrations; repealing the application and renewal fee for a certain handgun qualification license; altering certain fees for registering certain weight and measures used for certain commercial purposes; altering a certain fee related to certain wetlands and waterways authorizations; altering the annual license fees for certain fishing licenses; making conforming changes; providing for the delayed effective date for certain provisions of this Act; and generally relating to altering certain fees, surcharges, and taxes and distribution of certain revenue.

BY repealing
  Article – Public Utilities
  Section 7–203
  Annotated Code of Maryland
  (2010 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
  Article – Business Regulation
  Section 8–303(a) and 8–308(d)(2)
  Annotated Code of Maryland
  (2015 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
  Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings
  Section 7–202(f)
  Annotated Code of Maryland
  (2013 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
  Article – Education
  Section 18–1504(a) and (b)
  Annotated Code of Maryland
  (2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
  Article – Health – General
  Section 4–217(c)(1)(ii) and (3)
  Annotated Code of Maryland
  (2015 Replacement Volume)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
  Article – Environment
Section 2–1002(g) and 5–203.1(b)(1)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2013 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
   Article – Natural Resources
   Section 3–302, 4–604(f)(1) and (2), and 4–745(a) and (d)
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
   Article – Natural Resources
   Section 4–604(a)
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
   Article – State Government
   Section 9–20B–05(a) through (d)
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
   Article – State Government
   Section 9–20B–05(e)
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY adding to
   Article – Tax – General
   Section 11–202
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2010 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
   Article – Transportation
   Section 13–613
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
   Article – Public Safety
   Section 5–117.1(g) and (j)
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2011 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
AN ACT concerning

Housing and Community Development – Community Development Administration – Student and Residential Mortgage Loans

FOR the purpose of authorizing the Community Development Administration in the Department of Housing and Community Development to provide financial assistance to homeowners under certain circumstances; authorizing the Administration to provide financial assistance to purchase a home and pay off student loan debts under certain circumstances; requiring the Secretary of Housing and Community Development to determine the terms and qualifications of certain financial assistance to homeowners; authorizing the Administration to purchase from a mortgage lender a note or mortgage that evidences a residential mortgage loan for the purchase of a homeowner's primary residence and pay off student loan debt of the homeowner under certain circumstances; authorizing the Secretary to waive the requirements for a certain mortgage lender's certificate under certain circumstances; and generally relating to the Community Development Administration and residential mortgage loans.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Housing and Community Development
Section 4–235(b), 4–237(a), 4–238(a)(1), and 4–240
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2006 Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation and the Committee on Ways and Means.
AN ACT concerning

Crimes – Criminal Gangs – Prohibitions and Funding

FOR the purpose of altering the penalties for certain offenses relating to criminal gangs; prohibiting a criminal gang or an individual belonging to a criminal gang from receiving or investing certain proceeds in a certain manner; prohibiting criminal gangs and persons involved with criminal gangs from obtaining certain property under certain circumstances; prohibiting a person from conspiring to commit certain violations relating to criminal gangs; allowing a court to order a divestiture of certain property and to take certain other actions relating to criminal gangs and persons involved with criminal gangs; altering certain penalties; authorizing the Governor to request the Attorney General to aid in certain investigations or prosecutions; prohibiting a person from promoting or sponsoring a criminal gang; establishing certain venue provisions for certain offenses; establishing the Addiction Treatment Divestiture Fund as a special, nonlapsing fund in the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene; specifying the purposes of the Fund; requiring the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene to administer the Fund; requiring the State Treasurer to hold the Fund and the Comptroller to account for the Fund; specifying the contents of the Fund; specifying the purposes for which the Fund may be used; providing for the investment of the Fund; exempting the Fund from a certain provision of law that requires interest on State money in special funds to accrue to the General Fund; defining a certain term; altering a certain definition; and generally relating to criminal gangs.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Criminal Law
Section 9–801 through 9–805
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – Criminal Law
Section 9–807
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – Health – General
Section 8–6D–01 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 6D. Addiction Treatment Divestiture Fund”
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume)
BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
   Article – State Finance and Procurement
   Section 6–226(a)(2)(i)
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2015 Replacement Volume)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
   Article – State Finance and Procurement
   Section 6–226(a)(2)(ii) 84. and 85.
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2015 Replacement Volume)

BY adding to
   Article – State Finance and Procurement
   Section 6–226(a)(2)(ii) 86.
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2015 Replacement Volume)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 462 – The Speaker (By Request – Administration) and Delegates
   Adams, Afzali, Anderton, Arentz, Aumann, Beitzel, Bromwell, Buckel,
   Carozza, Cassilly, Caliberti, Cluster, Fisher, Flanagan, Folden, Ghrist,
   Glass, Hornberger, S. Howard, Jacobs, Kipke, Kittleman, Krebs, Long,
   Malone, Mautz, McComas, McDonough, McKay, Metzgar, Miele, W. Miller,
   Morgan, Otto, Reilly, Rose, Saab, Shoemaker, Simonaire, Szelliga, Vogt,
   West, B. Wilson, and Wivell

AN ACT concerning

State Transfer Tax – Distribution of Revenue

FOR the purpose of reducing certain transfers from a certain special fund to the General
Fund of the State for certain fiscal years; requiring in certain fiscal years the
distribution of certain amounts from a certain special fund for certain purposes;
providing that certain distributions may not be utilized or considered for certain
purposes; and generally relating to the distribution of State transfer tax revenue.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
   Article – Tax – Property
   Section 13–209(f) and (g)
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
   Article – Tax – Property
Section 13–209(h)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

House Bill 463 – The Speaker (By Request – Administration)

AN ACT concerning

Creation of a State Debt – Qualified Zone Academy Bonds

FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt in the amount of $4,680,000, the proceeds to be used as grants to the Interagency Committee on School Construction and the Maryland State Department of Education for certain development or improvement purposes; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds and the further grant of funds to eligible school systems for certain purposes, subject to a requirement that the grantees document the provision of a required matching fund; providing that, after a certain date, any bonds authorized under this Act shall be canceled and be of no further effect; providing that the proceeds of the loan under this Act shall be expended not later than a certain number of years after the issuance of the bonds authorized under this Act; authorizing the Board of Public Works to sell certain bonds at certain sales in proportion to the documented matching fund; and providing generally for the issuance and sale of bonds evidencing the loan.

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.


AN ACT concerning


FOR the purpose of establishing a certain number of State–funded Pathways in Technology Early College High (P–TECH) schools in the State; requiring the State to provide a certain grant to P–TECH schools beginning in a certain fiscal year for certain costs; providing that the grant may not exceed a certain amount in certain fiscal years; requiring a county board to pay for dual enrollment costs for certain P–TECH students; prohibiting a county board from charging certain P–TECH students for
certain costs; prohibiting a community college from charging certain P–TECH students dual enrollment costs; requiring the State Department of Education to reimburse the county board for a certain amount of dual enrollment costs; requiring the Department to adopt certain regulations; authorizing a county board to enter into or amend certain agreements with a community college; defining certain terms; requiring a certain report by a certain date; subjecting certain schools to a certain certification process under certain circumstances; providing for the construction of this Act; and generally relating to P–TECH schools.

BY adding to

Article – Education
Section 8–801 and 18–14A–07
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Education
Section 18–14A–04
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means and the Committee on Appropriations.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

FIRST READING OF SENATE BILLS

Senate Bill 4 – Senator Conway

AN ACT concerning

Natural Resources – Maryland Environmental Trust – Trustees

FOR the purpose of repealing the requirement that certain trustees of the Maryland Environmental Trust be elected in a certain manner; requiring the Governor to appoint certain trustees with the advice and consent of the Senate; specifying the terms of the appointed trustees; prohibiting a trustee from receiving certain compensation, but authorizing the reimbursement of certain expenses; declaring the intent of the General Assembly; specifying the expiration of a term for an appointed trustee; making conforming changes; and generally relating to the Maryland Environmental Trust.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Natural Resources
Section 3–202
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

Senate Bill 16 – Senator Eckardt

AN ACT concerning

Talbot County – Board of Education – Student Members

FOR the purpose of increasing the number of student members of the Talbot County Board of Education; requiring that each student member be a student from a certain public high school in Talbot County; making certain conforming changes; and generally relating to student members of the Talbot County Board of Education.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Education  
Section 3–12A–01(a) and (h) and 3–12A–06  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senate Bill 53 – Senator Ramirez

AN ACT concerning

Vehicle Laws – Obstruction Hanging From Rearview Mirror – Enforcement

FOR the purpose of providing for enforcement only as a secondary offense for a violation of the prohibition under certain circumstances against a person driving a vehicle on a highway with any object, material, or obstruction hanging from the rearview mirror under certain circumstances.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Transportation  
Section 21–1104  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

Senate Bill 72 – Senator DeGrange

AN ACT concerning


BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Transportation
Section 5–414(a) and 5–806
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Transportation
Section 5–414(b)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

Senate Bill 73 – Senator Young Senators Young, Benson, Kelley, Lee, Muse, Madaleno, Nathan–Pulliam, Conway, Rosapepe, and Peters

AN ACT concerning

Maryland Loan Assistance Repayment Program for Orphans and Foster Care Recipients

FOR the purpose of establishing the Maryland Loan Assistance Repayment Program for Orphans and Foster Care Recipients; establishing eligibility requirements for participation in the Program; providing for the funding, amount, duration, renewal, and uses of certain awards; requiring the Office of Student Financial Assistance to adopt certain regulations; requiring the Maryland Higher Education Commission to submit a certain report on or before a certain date; defining certain terms; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to the Maryland Loan Assistance Repayment Program for Orphans and Foster Care Recipients.

BY adding to
Article – Education
Section 18–3101 through 18–3106 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 31. Maryland Loan Assistance Repayment Program for Orphans and Foster Care Recipients”
Annotated Code of Maryland
Senate Bill 80 – Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request – Departmental – Transportation)

AN ACT concerning

Commercial Drivers’ Licenses – Cancellations and Downgrades
(Driving Privilege Preservation Act of 2016)

FOR the purpose of requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration to cancel the commercial driver’s license of a person who fails to submit to the Administration a certain certificate of physical examination; authorizing the Administration to issue a noncommercial driver’s license of an appropriate class to an individual whose commercial driver’s license is canceled, under certain circumstances; authorizing the Administration to immediately reinstate and, subject to certain conditions, issue a noncommercial driver’s license of an appropriate class to an individual whose commercial driver’s license is canceled as a result of the failure to submit a certain certificate of physical examination, under certain circumstances; and generally relating to commercial driver’s license cancellations and downgrades.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Transportation
Section 16–812(k) and (o)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

Senate Bill 85 – Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Commerce)

AN ACT concerning

Department of Economic Competitiveness and Commerce – Renaming

FOR the purpose of renaming the Department of Economic Competitiveness and Commerce to be the Department of Commerce; providing that the Department of Commerce is the successor of the Department of Economic Competitiveness and Commerce; providing that certain names and titles of a certain unit and officials in laws and other documents mean the names and titles of the successor unit and officials; providing for the continuity of certain matters and persons; requiring the publisher of the Annotated Code of Maryland, in consultation with the Department of Legislative Services, to correct cross-references and terminology in the Code that
are rendered incorrect by this Act; and generally relating to renaming the Department of Economic Competitiveness and Commerce.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Economic Development
Section 1–101(a), 2–101(a), and 9–101(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2008 Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Economic Development
Section 1–101(c) to be under the amended division “Division I. Secretary of Commerce and Department of Commerce”; 2–101(c)(2); 2.5–101(a) to be under the amended title “Title 2.5. Department of Commerce”; and 9–101(c)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2008 Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – State Government
Section 8–201(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – State Government
Section 8–201(b)(4)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

Senate Bill 91 – Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Health and Mental Hygiene)

AN ACT concerning

Public Health – State–Identified HIV Priorities

FOR the purpose of requiring certain rebates received by the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene from the Maryland AIDS Drug Assistance Program to be distributed to a certain fund and used only to fund certain HIV prevention, surveillance, and care services; requiring the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene to adopt certain regulations; and generally relating to State–identified priorities for HIV prevention, surveillance, and care services.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Health – General
Section 2–104(j)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

Senate Bill 92 – Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Labor, Licensing and Regulation)

AN ACT concerning

Planned Apprenticeship Standards and On-the-Job Training Activities – Revisions

FOR the purpose of transferring the Apprenticeship and Training Council and the Youth Apprenticeship Advisory Committee to the Division of Workforce Development and Adult Learning; requiring the membership of the Council to include race and gender diversity and consultants to the Council to reflect the geographic, racial, ethnic, cultural, and gender diversity of the State, rather than representation by black and female persons; altering the duties of the Council; repealing the prohibition on persons offering, establishing, maintaining, or operating certain on-the-job training programs unless the programs were approved by certain persons; altering the duties of the Director of Apprenticeship and Training; adding members to the Youth Apprenticeship Advisory Committee; stating the intent of the General Assembly that certain regulations and guidelines promulgated by the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation give adequate attention to certain training for certain individuals under a certain circumstance; making conforming changes; and generally relating to planned apprenticeship standards and on-the-job training activities.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Labor and Employment
Section 11–403, 11–405, 11–406, and 11–409 to be under the amended subtitle “Subtitle 4. Planned Apprenticeship Standards and Activities”
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2008 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

Senate Bill 93 – Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Labor, Licensing and Regulation)

AN ACT concerning

Maryland Workforce Corporation and Health Care Personnel Training Fund – Repeal
FOR the purpose of repealing the Maryland Workforce Corporation and the Health Care Personnel Training Fund; repealing certain provisions of law related to the board of directors, officers, and employees of the Corporation; repealing certain 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 on behalf of the State; and generally relating to the Maryland Workforce Corporation and the Health Care Personnel Training Fund.

BY repealing
Article – Labor and Employment
Section 11–1001 through 11–1015 and the subtitle “Subtitle 10. Maryland Workforce Corporation”
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2008 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing
Article – State Government
Section 12–101(a)(2)(xii)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – State Government
Section 12–101(a)(2)(xiii) and (xiv)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

Senate Bill 94 – Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Labor, Licensing and Regulation)

AN ACT concerning

Workforce Development – Revisions

FOR the purpose of repealing a certain provision of law requiring that certain displaced homemakers be exempt from payment of certain tuition and be counted in a certain computation of full–time equivalent enrollment; replacing obsolete references to the federal Workforce Investment Act with references to the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act; renaming the Maryland Workforce Investment Act to be the Maryland Workforce Development Act; altering the individuals to whom the workforce development program is required to provide employment, training, supportive, and related services; renaming the Governor’s Workforce Investment Board to be the Governor’s Workforce Development Board; repealing the requirement that the Governor’s Workforce Investment Board establish a certain
advisory committee; repealing the requirement that the Governor’s Workforce Investment Board submit a certain report to the Governor and certain committees of the General Assembly; altering the period of time for which a certain strategy outlined in a certain State plan is to cover; replacing obsolete references to certain provisions of federal law; stating the intent of the General Assembly that certain regulations and guidelines promulgated by the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation give adequate attention to certain training for certain individuals under a certain circumstance; altering certain defined terms and certain definitions; repealing a certain definition; making conforming changes; making stylistic changes; requiring the publishers of the Annotated Code of Maryland, in consultation with and subject to the approval of the Department of Legislative Services, to correct any references throughout the Annotated Code that are rendered incorrect by this Act and to describe any corrections in an editor’s note following the section affected; and generally relating to workforce development.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
   Article – Economic Development
   Section 3–404(e)(2)(i), 3–409(a)(3), 3–410(a)(4) and (5), 10–104(c)(3), and
   13–1203(b)(2)(v)
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2008 Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing
   Article – Education
   Section 16–106(d)
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
   Article – Education
   Section 18–708(e)(4)(iii), 18–1808(b)(9), and 24–801(c)(8)
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
   Article – Health – General
   Section 19–2109(c)
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2015 Replacement Volume)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
   Article – Human Services
   Section 5–318(h)
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2007 Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
An Act concerning Division of Workforce Development and Adult Learning – Adult Education and Literacy Services – Revisions

For the purpose of repealing the Workforce Creation and Adult Education Transition Council; repealing an obsolete reporting requirement; altering the responsibility of the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation as it relates to the development
of a certain State plan; repealing a certain provision of law authorizing each county board of education to establish and maintain day and evening schools for adults; specifying the purpose of adult education and literacy services; altering the list of examples of adult education and literacy services for which certain grants may be used; altering the information required to be included on a certain list compiled by the Department; requiring the Department and the State Board of Education, rather than the State Board alone, to award diplomas to certain individuals; altering the circumstances under which an individual may obtain a high school diploma by examination under a certain provision of law; exempting a current member of the armed forces from a certain residency requirement; altering the method by which a member of the armed forces may earn a Maryland high school diploma; defining a certain term; altering a certain definition; making conforming changes; making a stylistic change; and generally relating to adult education and literacy services.

BY adding to
Article – Labor and Employment
Section 11–801 and 11–805
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2008 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Labor and Employment
Section 11–801, 11–802, 11–804, 11–806, 11–807, and 11–808
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2008 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing
Article – Labor and Employment
Section 11–803 and 11–805
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2008 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters and the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senate Joint Resolution 1 – Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee (By Request – Departmental – Planning)

A Senate Joint Resolution concerning

Patuxent River Watershed – Amendment of Patuxent River Policy Plan

FOR the purpose of approving a certain amendment to the Patuxent River Policy Plan; resolving that a copy of this resolution be forwarded by the Department of Legislative Services to certain individuals; and generally relating to the amendment of the Patuxent River Policy Plan.
Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations.

QUORUM CALL

The presiding officer announced a quorum call, showing 135 Members present.

(See Roll Call No. 35)

ADJOURNMENT

At 11:36 A.M. on motion of Delegate Kaiser the House adjourned until 8:00 P.M. on Monday, February 1, 2016.
The House met at 8:04 P.M. and pledged Allegiance to the Flag.

Prayer by Delegate Keith E. Haynes of Baltimore City.

**QUORUM CALL**

The presiding officer announced a quorum call, showing 134 Members present.

(See Roll Call No. 36)

EXCUSES:
Del. Carter – illness
Del. Glass – traffic
Del. Hornberger – traffic
Del. McDonough – personal
Del. McKay – business

The Journal of January 29, 2016 was read and approved.

**INTRODUCTION OF BILLS**


AN ACT concerning

Public Safety – Retired Law Enforcement Officer Identification Card – Failure to Issue

FOR the purpose of establishing that, to qualify for a certain retired officer identification card, a retired law enforcement officer be entitled to receive a pension or other retirement allowance; authorizing a retired law enforcement officer to file a civil action against a certain law enforcement agency for failure to issue a certain retired law enforcement officer identification card; authorizing the retired law enforcement officer to seek certain statutory damages in addition to certain relief; providing that, under certain circumstances, the law enforcement agency has the burden of proving by clear and convincing evidence that a retired law enforcement officer is not entitled to a certain retired law enforcement officer identification card; authorizing the court
to award certain relief and damages to the retired law enforcement officer under certain circumstances; requiring the court to issue a certain injunction under certain circumstances; authorizing a court to award certain attorney’s fees and litigation expenses to a law enforcement agency under certain circumstances; providing that this Act may not be construed to diminish certain rights, privileges, or remedies; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to retired law enforcement officers.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Public Safety
Section 3–513
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2011 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 466 – Delegates Cluster, Arentz, Aumann, Buckel, Folden, S. Howard, Kipke, Kittleman, Malone, McConkey, McKay, Morgan, Parrott, Reilly, and Rose

AN ACT concerning

Handgun Permits – Qualifications – Former and Retired Law Enforcement Officers

FOR the purpose of establishing a presumption that an applicant for a permit to wear, carry, or transport a handgun has a good and substantial reason to wear, carry, or transport a handgun if the applicant is a former or retired law enforcement officer under certain circumstances; and generally relating to handgun permits.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Public Safety
Section 5–306(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2011 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Public Safety
Section 5–306(e)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2011 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 467 – Delegates Reznik, Barkley, Barve, Korman, Krimm, Moon, Platt, and K. Young
CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

AN ACT concerning

Legislative and Congressional Districting – Standards and Processes

FOR the purpose of proposing an amendment to the Maryland Constitution to establish the Legislative Districting Commission and the Congressional Districting Commission and establish standards for congressional districting; requiring the Executive Director of the Department of Legislative Services to determine the size and composition of each commission and, on or before a certain date in certain years, select the members of each commission; requiring that the members of each commission include certain professionals; requiring the Executive Director, subject to a certain limitation, to determine the education and experience that an individual is required to have for a certain purpose; requiring that the members of each commission be full-time employees of the Department or, under certain circumstances, certain contractual employees; providing for the terms of the members of each commission; prohibiting members of each commission from being certain officials or a candidate for elected office while serving on the commission; providing that a member of one commission may be a member of the other commission; providing that the members of each commission may be removed only by impeachment under a certain provision of law for certain reasons; prohibiting the Department from terminating the employment of certain members of either commission except under certain circumstances; requiring the Legislative Districting Commission to prepare a certain legislative districting plan and the Congressional Districting Commission to prepare a certain congressional districting plan following a certain census and after public hearings; requiring each commission to present each plan to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Delegates; requiring the President and the Speaker to introduce each plan as a joint resolution by a certain day of a certain General Assembly session; authorizing the Governor to call a special session for certain purposes; prohibiting the plans from being amended; prohibiting a member of the General Assembly from introducing a certain joint resolution; providing that each plan becomes law on adoption by the General Assembly by a certain vote; requiring that an alternate legislative districting plan and an alternate congressional districting plan be prepared and submitted under certain circumstances; requiring the Court of Appeals to prepare a legislative districting plan and congressional districting plan under certain circumstances; providing that the Court of Appeals has original jurisdiction to review certain districting of the State under certain circumstances; authorizing the Court of Appeals to grant certain relief under certain circumstances; requiring congressional districts to conform to certain standards and that due regard be given to certain boundaries; providing for the application of certain provisions of law and of this Act; defining certain terms; and submitting this amendment to the qualified voters of the State for their adoption or rejection.

BY proposing an amendment to the Maryland Constitution

Article III – Legislative Department
Section 5

BY proposing an addition to the Maryland Constitution
Article III – Legislative Department
Section 5A

BY proposing an addition to the Maryland Constitution
New Article XX – Congressional Districting
Section 1 through 5

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations.


AN ACT concerning

Public Health – Opioid–Associated Disease Prevention and Outreach Programs

FOR the purpose of repealing the Prince George’s County AIDS Prevention Sterile Needle and Syringe Exchange Program; authorizing the establishment of Opioid–Associated Disease Prevention and Outreach Programs by certain entities; requiring a Program to provide for the exchange by participants of used hypodermic needles and syringes; requiring a Program to operate in accordance with procedures approved by certain local health officers and the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, on the recommendation of a certain committee; requiring a Program to be designed and maintained to provide security of exchange locations and equipment, in accordance with certain regulations; requiring a Program to be operated to allow participants to exchange used hypodermic needles at any exchange location; requiring a Program to include appropriate levels of staff expertise and training; requiring a Program to provide for the dissemination of other preventive means of curtailing the spread of certain diseases; requiring a Program to provide linkage to drug counseling and treatment services; requiring a Program to educate individuals who inject drugs on the dangers of contracting certain diseases through needle–sharing practices and unsafe sexual behaviors; requiring a Program to establish procedures for identifying Program participants that are consistent with certain confidentiality provisions; requiring a Program to develop a plan for data collection and Program evaluation in accordance with certain regulations; requiring a Program to develop certain operating procedures, a certain outreach plan, and a certain protocol with the advice of a certain committee; requiring a Program, on the recommendation by a certain committee, to submit certain operating procedures, a certain outreach plan, and a certain protocol to certain local health officers and the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene for approval or disapproval; establishing a certain committee; requiring a certain committee to provide certain advice and recommendations; requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to adopt certain regulations and ensure the provision of certain technical assistance;
requiring that a Program participant be issued a certain identification card; 
providing that certain information about a Program participant is confidential; 
providing that a Program staff member or Program participant may not be found 
guilty of violating certain laws under certain circumstances; defining certain terms; 
and generally relating to Opioid–Associated Disease Prevention and Outreach Programs.

BY repealing 
Article – Health – General 
Section 24–901 through 24–909 and the subtitle “Subtitle 9. Prince George’s County 
AIDS Prevention Sterile Needle and Syringe Exchange Program”
Annotated Code of Maryland 
(2015 Replacement Volume)

BY adding to 
Article – Health – General 
Section 24–901 through 24–908 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 9. 
Opioid–Associated Disease Prevention and Outreach Programs”
Annotated Code of Maryland 
(2015 Replacement Volume)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

**House Bill 469 – Delegates Barve, Gilchrist, and Platt**

AN ACT concerning

**Creation of a State Debt – Montgomery County – Olde Towne Park Plaza**

FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed $300,000, the 
proceeds to be used as a grant to the Mayor and City Council of the City of 
Gaithersburg for certain development or improvement purposes; providing for 
disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide 
and expend a matching fund; establishing a deadline for the encumbrance or 
expenditure of the loan proceeds; and providing generally for the issuance and sale 
of bonds evidencing the loan.

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

**House Bill 470 – Delegates Krebs and Kipke**

AN ACT concerning

**Health Occupations – Dental Hygienists – Administration of Nitrous Oxide**

FOR the purpose of authorizing, subject to certain requirements, dental hygienists to 
administer nitrous oxide to certain patients; altering a certain definition; making
certain conforming changes; and generally relating to the administration of nitrous oxide by dental hygienists.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Health Occupations
Section 4–101(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Health Occupations
Section 4–101(k)(9), 4–205(a)(1)(ix), and 4–206.2
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 471 – Delegates Lierman, Anderton, Aumann, Buckel, Ebersole, Hayes, Hornberger, Morgan, Platt, Rose, Shoemaker, and West

AN ACT concerning
Income Tax – Angel Investor Tax Credit Program

FOR the purpose of allowing a credit against the State income tax for a certain percentage of an investment, not to exceed a certain amount, made in certain qualified innovation businesses; requiring qualified innovation businesses to meet certain certification requirements; requiring a qualified investor to meet certain requirements in order to be eligible for the credit; requiring the qualified investor to make a certain application, at least a certain number of days before making an investment, to the Department of Economic Competitiveness and Commerce; requiring the Department to certify, within a certain number of days of the application, the amount of the credit; requiring, under certain circumstances, the Secretary to issue initial and final tax credit certificates; requiring a qualified investor to make a certain investment and provide certain proof within a certain period of time; authorizing, under certain circumstances, the Department to rescind a tax credit; providing that the Secretary may not certify eligibility for tax credits for investments in a single qualified innovation business that in the aggregate exceed a certain percentage of the total appropriations to a certain Reserve Fund for that fiscal year; requiring the Secretary to certify a certain percentage of tax credits for investments in certain qualified innovation businesses; providing for the carryforward of the credit; establishing the Maryland Angel Investor Tax Credit Reserve Fund as a special continuing, nonlapsing fund; requiring the Department to administer the Reserve Fund; requiring the State Treasurer to hold the Reserve Fund; specifying the contents of the Reserve Fund; requiring the Governor to make an appropriation to the Reserve Fund each fiscal year; requiring, each quarter, that the Department notify the Comptroller of a certain amount and the Comptroller to
transfer a certain amount from the Reserve Fund to the General Fund; providing for
the recapture of the credit under certain circumstances; authorizing the Department,
after a certain notification and opportunity for appeal, to revoke a credit; requiring
a qualified innovation business that receives an investment to report certain
information each year to the Department; requiring the Department to report certain
information in a certain manner on or before a certain date each year; requiring the
Department, in consultation with the Comptroller, to adopt certain regulations;
defining certain terms; providing for the application of this Act; providing for the
termination of this Act; and generally relating to a State income tax credit for certain
qualified business investments.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Economic Development
Section 2.5–109(a)(4)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2008 Volume and 2015 Supplement)
(As enacted by Chapter 58 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2015)

BY adding to
Article – Tax – General
Section 10–737
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2010 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 472 – Delegates Miele, Arentz, Aumann, Carozza, Jacobs, Morgan, and Otto

AN ACT concerning

Estates and Trusts – Registers of Wills – Retention of Estate Files

FOR the purpose of repealing a requirement that a register of wills in a county return
certain estate files to the personal representative of the estate under certain
circumstances; authorizing a register to dispose of certain estate files after a certain
period of time if copies of the files are retained in a certain manner; making a stylistic
change; and generally relating to the retention of estate files by a register of wills in
a county.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Estates and Trusts
Section 2–209
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2011 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.
House Bill 473 – Delegate Beidle

AN ACT concerning

Creation of a State Debt – Anne Arundel County – Samaritan House

FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed $200,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Trustees of the Samaritan Houses, Inc. for certain development or improvement purposes; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; establishing a deadline for the encumbrance or expenditure of the loan proceeds; and providing generally for the issuance and sale of bonds evidencing the loan.

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

House Bill 474 – Delegate Walker

AN ACT concerning

Elementary School Students – Daily Physical Activity
(Student Health and Fitness Act)

FOR the purpose of requiring a public school student in elementary school to be provided a certain minimum level of a program of physical activity each week; requiring that the program of physical activity for a certain category of student be consistent with a certain plan for the student; requiring public elementary schools to designate a certain group to plan and coordinate certain activities; requiring the State Board of Education to adopt certain regulations; providing for certain extensions; requiring a county school system that receives a certain extension to have a plan to ensure the county school system’s compliance with this Act by a certain date; and generally relating to student health and fitness.

BY renumbering

Article – Education
Section 7–409(b), (c), (d), (e), and (f), respectively
to be Section 7–409(c), (d), (e), (f), and (g), respectively
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Education
Section 7–205(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)
BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
   Article – Education
   Section 7–409(a)
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY adding to
   Article – Education
   Section 7–409(b)
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 475 – Delegates Sydnor, Conaway, Gutierrez, Jackson, Jalisi, Morales, Platt, and Smith

AN ACT concerning

Courts – Grand Juries – Prohibited Action

FOR the purpose of prohibiting a grand jury from inquiring into an offense that involves a shooting or the alleged use of excessive force by certain law enforcement officers that leads to the death of a person in law enforcement custody; and generally relating to grand juries.

BY adding to
   Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings
   Section 8–418
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2013 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 476 – Delegate Walker

AN ACT concerning

State Board of Education – Financial Literacy Curriculum – Graduation Requirement

FOR the purpose of requiring the State Board of Education to develop curriculum content for a certain course in financial literacy; requiring each county board of education to implement the financial literacy curriculum content developed by the State Board in certain high schools; requiring students to complete a certain course in order to graduate from high school; and generally relating to the development and
implementation of a course in financial literacy that is required for graduation from a public high school in the State.

BY adding to
Article – Education
Section 7–205.4
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 477 – Delegate Walker

AN ACT concerning

Income Tax Credit – Qualified Research and Development Expenses – Credit Amounts

FOR the purpose of altering the total amount of research and development tax credits that the Department of Economic Competitiveness and Commerce may approve in a calendar year; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to certain credits against the State income tax based on certain expenses paid or incurred for certain research and development conducted in the State.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Tax – General
Section 10–721(b)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2010 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Tax – General
Section 10–721(c)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2010 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 478 – Delegates McCray, Branch, and Glenn

AN ACT concerning

Creation of a State Debt – Baltimore City – Ulman Cancer Fund Home for Young Adult Cancer Patients and Caregivers

FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed $200,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of The Ulman Cancer Fund
for Young Adults, Inc. for certain development or improvement purposes; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; establishing a deadline for the encumbrance or expenditure of the loan proceeds; and providing generally for the issuance and sale of bonds evidencing the loan.

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.


AN ACT concerning

**Vehicle Laws – Law Enforcement Transport Vehicles – Seat Belts**

FOR the purpose of requiring that a certain vehicle used by a law enforcement agency to transport persons be equipped with seat belts for each position on the vehicle that may lawfully be occupied by a passenger; defining certain terms; and generally relating to law enforcement transport vehicles.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

*Article – Transportation*

*Section 22–101(a)*

*Annotated Code of Maryland*

*(2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)*

BY adding to

*Article – Transportation*

*Section 22–412.5*

*Annotated Code of Maryland*

*(2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)*

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

**House Bill 480 – Delegates Saab, Carey, Chang, S. Howard, Malone, McConkey, Simonaire, and Sophocleus**

AN ACT concerning

**Creation of a State Debt – Anne Arundel County – Arundel Volunteer Fire Department Community Center**

FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed $400,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Arundel Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. for certain development or improvement purposes; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee
provide and expend a matching fund; establishing a deadline for the encumbrance or expenditure of the loan proceeds; and providing generally for the issuance and sale of bonds evidencing the loan.

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

House Bill 481 – Delegates Vallario, Anderson, Conaway, Dumais, Frush, Glass, Morhaim, Proctor, Sanchez, Smith, and Valentino-Smith

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

AN ACT concerning

Judges – Mandatory Retirement Age

FOR the purpose of proposing amendments to the Maryland Constitution altering the mandatory retirement age for certain judges under certain circumstances; repealing certain obsolete provisions; making certain technical corrections; making certain stylistic changes; proposing an addition to the Maryland Constitution to provide for the application of certain amendments to the Maryland Constitution; and submitting this amendment to the qualified voters of the State for their adoption or rejection.

BY proposing an amendment to the Maryland Constitution
   Article IV – Judiciary Department
   Section 3, 3A, 5A(c) through (g), and 41D

BY proposing a repeal of the Maryland Constitution
   Article IV – Judiciary Department
   Section 18B

BY proposing an addition to the Maryland Constitution
   Article IV – Judiciary Department
   Section 18B

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 482 – Delegates Haynes, Brooks, Chang, Conaway, Frush, Glenn, Gutierrez, Hayes, Lam, Oaks, Patterson, B. Robinson, Sydnor, and P. Young

AN ACT concerning

Vehicle Laws – Law Enforcement Transport Vehicles – Recording Equipment

FOR the purpose of requiring that certain vehicles used by a law enforcement agency to transport arrestees or other passengers be equipped with audio and video recording devices in certain passenger areas of the vehicles; requiring that the audio and video recording devices be calibrated and tested before the use of certain vehicles;
prohibiting the use of certain vehicles for transport if the audio and video recording devices are not properly functioning; and generally relating to law enforcement transport vehicles.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Transportation
Section 22–101(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Transportation
Section 22–414.2
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.


AN ACT concerning

Property Tax – Homeowner’s Tax Credit – Computation and Eligibility

FOR the purpose of altering the computation of a certain homeowner’s property tax credit; altering a certain limitation on a homeowner’s combined gross income amount for eligibility for the credit; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to a certain homeowner’s property tax credit.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Tax – Property
Section 9–104(g) and (i)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Tax – Property
Section 9–104(h) and (k)(1)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 484 – Delegate Walker
AN ACT concerning

Income Tax – Corporation Returns – Filing Date

FOR the purpose of altering the date by which certain corporations must complete and file with the Comptroller an income tax return; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to certain income tax returns filed by certain corporations.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
  Article – Tax – General
  Section 10–821(a)(1)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2010 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 485 – Delegates Miele, Arentz, Carozza, Jacobs, Morgan, and Otto

AN ACT concerning

Estates and Trusts – Register of Wills – Admission of Copy of Executed Will

FOR the purpose of authorizing an interested person to file with the register of wills in a county, rather than the orphans’ court, a petition for admission of a copy of an executed will in a probate proceeding; authorizing a register to accept a copy of an executed will for administrative probate without an order from the orphans’ court; authorizing a register to require the filing of judicial probate; repealing certain provisions, rendered obsolete by this Act, that authorized an orphans’ court to order administrative or judicial probate of a copy of a will; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to the admission of a copy of an executed will in a probate proceeding.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
  Article – Estates and Trusts
  Section 5–802 and 5–804
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2011 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 486 – Delegates Reilly, Anderton, Arentz, Carozza, Cassilly, Ghrist, Jacobs, Kittleman, Mautz, McDonough, Otto, and Parrott

AN ACT concerning

Motor Vehicles – Gross Vehicle Weight – Agricultural Products
FOR the purpose of establishing a certain tolerance from the gross vehicle weight limits for certain vehicles used in certain agricultural activities during harvest time under certain circumstances.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
   Article – Transportation
   Section 24–109
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 487 – Delegates Reilly and Cassilly

AN ACT concerning

Maryland Income Tax Refunds – Harford County – Warrant Intercept Program

FOR the purpose of altering the requirement for the Comptroller to withhold Maryland income tax refunds of certain individuals with outstanding warrants to include residents of Harford County or individuals who have outstanding warrants from Harford County; making nonsubstantive changes to certain termination provisions; making conforming changes; providing for a delayed effective date for certain provisions of this Act; and generally relating to withholding income tax refunds of individuals with outstanding warrants.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
   Article – Tax – General
   Section 13–935 and 13–937 through 13–940
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2010 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
   Article – Tax – General
   Section 13–936
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2010 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
   Section 3

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BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
   Article – Tax – General
   Section 13–936(a)
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2010 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)
   (As enacted by Section 1 of this Act)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.


AN ACT concerning

   Property Tax – Property Transferred to New Owner – Appeals

FOR the purpose of requiring a supervisor of assessments or the supervisor’s designee to hold a hearing within a certain period of time on an appeal of a change in the value or classification of property that is transferred to a new owner; providing for the value and classification of the property if the supervisor or the supervisor’s designee does not hold a hearing on the appeal within a certain period of time; and generally relating to the time for holding hearings on appeals on the value or classification of property that is transferred to new ownership.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
   Article – Tax – Property
   Section 8–404
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
   Article – Tax – Property
   Section 14–502
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 489 – Delegate Hammen

AN ACT concerning

   Termination of Maryland Health Insurance Plan, Transfer of Senior Prescription Drug Assistance Program, and Funding for State Reinsurance Program
FOR the purpose of repealing provisions of law establishing the Maryland Health Insurance Plan (MHIP); repealing provisions of law establishing the Board of Directors for MHIP; repealing provisions of law establishing the Maryland Health Insurance Plan Fund (MHIP Fund); repealing provisions of law governing the standard benefit package to be offered by MHIP and requiring MHIP to be the alternative mechanism for certain individuals under a certain federal law; repealing the duties of the Maryland Insurance Commissioner relating to MHIP; altering the contents of the Health Care Coverage Fund by removing money transferred to the Fund from the MHIP Fund; repealing a requirement for the Health Services Cost Review Commission to assess a certain amount in hospital rates to operate and administer MHIP; repealing the exemption from taxation for MHIP and the Senior Prescription Drug Assistance Program (Program); transferring the Program from the Board of Directors for MHIP to the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene on a certain date; repealing the requirement for the Board of Directors for MHIP to contract with a third party to administer the Program; requiring the Department to administer the Program; establishing the Senior Prescription Drug Assistance Program Fund (Fund) as a special, nonlapsing fund; specifying the purpose of the Fund; requiring the Department to administer the Fund; requiring the State Treasurer to hold the Fund separately and the Comptroller to account for the Fund; specifying the contents of the Fund; specifying the purposes for which the Fund may be used; establishing certain conditions on the use of the Fund for a certain purpose; providing for the investment of money in and expenditures from the Fund; requiring the Program to have a certain budget code; repealing the segregated account for the Program in the MHIP Fund; repealing a requirement for the Board of Directors for MHIP to report on certain information about the Program; altering the period of time during which the subsidy from a certain nonprofit health service plan for the Program may not exceed a certain amount; requiring the nonprofit health service plan to transfer certain funds for the Program to the Fund, instead of the separate account within the MHIP Fund; requiring certain premium tax revenue collected by the Maryland Insurance Administration to be deposited into the Fund, instead of the MHIP Fund; deleting the MHIP Fund from, and adding the Fund to, the list of funds for which interest earnings do not accrue to the General Fund of the State; altering the contents of the Maryland Health Benefit Exchange Fund to include revenues transferred from the MHIP Fund before a certain date, instead of revenues from the separate account of the MHIP Fund; requiring funds transferred to the Maryland Health Benefit Exchange Fund from the MHIP Fund before a certain date to be placed in the account for the State Reinsurance Program and used only for a specified purpose; repealing a requirement that the Maryland Health Benefit Exchange obtain approval of the Board of Directors for MHIP to use certain revenue to fund the State Reinsurance Program; requiring the Maryland Health Benefit Exchange to use certain funds to fund the State Reinsurance Program; repealing obsolete provisions of law establishing a Maryland Pharmacy Assistance Program; defining a certain term; repealing certain definitions; making certain conforming changes; extending the termination date of the Program; repealing obsolete provisions of law relating to a carrier required to offer a certain drug subsidy plan; authorizing a certain amount of a certain fund balance to be used in certain fiscal years to support certain expenses
of MHIP; requiring the Department to provide funds to the Administrator of the Program, in accordance with a certain contract, for certain costs; providing for the transfer of certain employees, books and records, property, equipment, fixtures, assets, liabilities, obligations, and credits; requiring the contract for the Administrator of the Program to remain in force until a certain date; providing that certain employees transferred to the Maryland Health Benefit Exchange and the Department as a result of this Act shall be transferred without diminution of certain rights, benefits, employment, or retirement status; and generally relating to the termination of the Maryland Health Insurance Plan, the transfer of the Senior Prescription Drug Assistance Program, and funding for the State Reinsurance Program.

BY repealing
   Article – Insurance
   Section 14–501 through 14–509, the subtitle “Subtitle 5. Programs for Medically Uninsurable and Underinsured Individuals”, and the part “Part I. Maryland Health Insurance Plan”
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2011 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY transferring
   Article – Insurance
   Section 14–510 through 14–515, respectively, and the part “Part II. Senior Prescription Drug Assistance Program”
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2011 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)
   to be
   Article – Health – General
   Section 15–1001 through 15–1006, respectively, and the subtitle “Subtitle 10. Senior Prescription Drug Assistance Program”
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2015 Replacement Volume)

BY repealing
   Article – Health – General
   Section 15–124
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2015 Replacement Volume)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
   Article – Health – General
   Section 15–701(a) and (b)
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2015 Replacement Volume)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
   Article – Health – General
Section 15–701(f) and (i)(4) and 19–214(d)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Health – General
Section 15–1001 through 15–1006
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume)
(As enacted by Section 2 of this Act)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Insurance
Section 6–101(b), 14–106, 14–106.2, 14–107, 31–107, and 31–117(c)(3)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2011 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – State Finance and Procurement
Section 6–226(a)(2)(i)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – State Finance and Procurement
Section 6–226(a)(2)(ii)24.
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Section 13

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Section 9

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 490 – Delegate Cullison
AN ACT concerning

Maryland Nurse Practice Act – Peer Review and Advisory Committees and Penalties

FOR the purpose of repealing the requirement that the State Board of Nursing appoint certain peer review committees to oversee the use of certain insurance and certain benefits; authorizing the Board to appoint peer advisory committees to provide the Board with certain advice; altering the maximum amount of a certain civil fine the Board may impose for certain violations; altering the application of certain criminal penalties; altering the maximum amount of a certain fine and the maximum term of imprisonment to which a certain person is subject for certain violations; repealing the exemption from certain penalties for certain persons who are licensed, certified, or otherwise authorized to provide health care services under certain provisions of law; repealing certain definitions; and generally relating to the Maryland Nurse Practice Act.

BY repealing

Article – Health Occupations
Section 8–503
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – Health Occupations
Section 8–503
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Health Occupations
Section 8–707 and 8–710
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 491 – Delegates Anderson, D. Barnes, Branch, Carter, Conaway, Glass, Glenn, Hayes, Haynes, Lam, McCray, McIntosh, Moon, Morales, Oaks, B. Robinson, Smith, Sydnor, and Valentino–Smith

AN ACT concerning

Criminal Procedure – Execution of a Search Warrant – Reimbursement

FOR the purpose of requiring the law enforcement agency of the affiant to a search warrant to pay certain expenses to a property owner whose property was damaged as the
result of a search that did not recover evidence relevant to the search warrant or a search executed on the wrong property; requiring the Maryland Police Training Commission to establish a procedure to implement the requirements of this Act; and generally relating to search warrants.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Criminal Procedure
Section 1–203(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2008 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Criminal Procedure
Section 1–203(f)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2008 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 492 – Delegates Saab, Arentz, Grammer, Miele, W. Miller, Morgan, and West

AN ACT concerning

Public Bodies – Use and Retention of E-Mail – Requirements

FOR the purpose of prohibiting an employee of a public body from creating or maintaining government e-mail by using a personal e-mail account; requiring an employee of a public body, under certain circumstances, to forward government e-mail to the official e-mail account of the employee within a certain time period; requiring each public body to retain government e-mail for a certain minimum number of years or, under certain circumstances, permanently; requiring the State Archivist to adopt certain regulations; providing for the construction of a certain provision of this Act; defining certain terms; and generally relating to the use and retention of e-mail by public bodies.

BY adding to
Article – General Provisions
Section 4.5–101 through 4.5–103 to be under the new title “Title 4.5. E-Mail Use and Retention”
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 493 – Delegates Morales, Smith, Anderson, Atterbeary, Carr, Carter, Conaway, Cullison, Dumais, Fennell, Fraser–Hidalgo, Gutierrez, Healey,

AN ACT concerning

Criminal Law – Extortion – Immigration Status

FOR the purpose of prohibiting a person from committing a certain act of extortion by wrongful use of actual or threatened notification of law enforcement officials about another person’s undocumented or illegal immigration status; and generally relating to extortion.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Criminal Law
Section 3–701
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

AN ACT concerning

Agriculture – Animal Shelters – Uniform Standards of Operation and Care
(Animal Shelters Standards Act of 2016)

FOR the purpose of requiring an animal shelter to develop and make reasonable efforts to adhere to a certain written veterinary care protocol; establishing certain requirements for the written veterinary protocol; requiring an animal shelter to meet certain veterinary care requirements; requiring an animal shelter to maintain certain holding periods for certain stray animals; requiring an animal shelter to take certain steps to determine the identity of an animal in its custody; requiring an animal shelter to make certain efforts to accommodate a person intending to adopt, foster, reclaim, or transfer sheltered animals; specifying certain euthanasia requirements and protocol for an animal shelter; prohibiting an animal shelter from knowingly loaning a humane animal–capture trap to the public for a lethal purpose; requiring an animal shelter to obtain certain information from an individual borrowing a humane animal–capture trap; requiring an animal shelter to take certain actions for animals reported as lost; requiring an animal shelter to establish and make available to the public in a certain manner a certain list of certain
organizations that accept animals for adoption or foster care; requiring an animal shelter to maintain and submit to the Department certain records in a certain manner; requiring an animal shelter to make the records maintained under this Act available to the public in a certain manner; requiring the Department to annually report to the Governor and the General Assembly; making a person who violates certain provisions of this Act guilty of a misdemeanor and subject to a certain fine; authorizing a person to bring a certain civil action; requiring the court to issue a permanent injunction if the court makes a certain finding; providing immunity for an animal shelter under certain circumstances; awarding court costs and attorney’s fees to a person who brings a successful action; stating that the circuit court of the county where the violation occurred has jurisdiction to enforce the provisions of this Act; stating that, notwithstanding certain provisions of law, the Department is not required to enforce the requirements of this Act; defining certain terms; stating the intent and findings of the General Assembly; and generally relating to animal shelters.

BY adding to

Article – Agriculture
Section 2–1701 through 2–1712 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 17. Animal Shelters”
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2007 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.


AN ACT concerning

Civil Action – Offense Against Vulnerable or Elderly Adult

FOR the purpose of authorizing a victim of a certain offense to bring a civil action for treble damages against a certain person; establishing that a certain criminal conviction is not a prerequisite for maintenance of an action under this Act; providing for the recovery of certain attorney’s fees and court costs in an action brought under this Act; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to establishing a civil action brought by a victim of a certain offense.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Criminal Law
Section 8–801
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings
Section 3–2101 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 21. Civil Action – Offense Against Vulnerable or Elderly Adult”
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2013 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

**House Bill 496 – Delegate Krebs**

AN ACT concerning

**Ethics Commission, Commission on Judicial Disabilities, Judicial Ethics Committee, and Joint Ethics Committee – Duties**

FOR the purpose of providing that the Judicial Ethics Committee as an alternative to the Commission on Judicial Disabilities or another body designated by a certain court, shall administer and implement certain provisions of law that apply to State officials of the Judicial Branch; making stylistic changes; and generally relating to duties of the Ethics Commission, the Commission on Judicial Disabilities, the Judicial Ethics Committee, and the Joint Ethics Committee.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
   Article – General Provisions
   Section 5–104 and 5–819
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2014 Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

**House Bill 497 – Delegate Hammen (Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee)**

AN ACT concerning

**Health Occupations – Environmental Health Specialists – Regulation**

FOR the purpose of repealing provisions of law that establish the State Board of Environmental Health Specialists, specify the membership, powers, and duties of the Board, and provide for the officers, meetings, compensation, and staff for the Board; repealing the State Board of Environmental Health Specialists Fund; repealing the requirement that an individual be licensed by the Board to practice as an environmental health specialist in the State; repealing provisions of law relating to the licensure of environmental health specialists; repealing certain prohibited acts and penalties; repealing a certain short title; repealing a certain termination provision; requiring an individual to obtain and maintain a certain credential and submit certain documentation to the individual’s employer to practice as an
environmental health specialist in the State; requiring the employer of an individual practicing as an environmental health specialist to verify the individual’s compliance with certain provisions of this Act on a certain basis; providing exemptions from the application of certain provisions of this Act; authorizing certain individuals to practice as an environmental health specialist in the State under certain circumstances and for a certain period of time; repealing the requirement that the Department of Legislative Services conduct a certain evaluation of the Board; providing that an individual who is licensed by the Board on a certain date is considered to be licensed and deemed eligible to practice as an environmental health specialist for the duration of the term of the license; requiring that any balance in the Fund on a certain date be transferred to the General Fund; requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, on or before a certain date, to work with the National Environmental Health Association to secure a certain agreement; requiring the agreement to specify certain matters; requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to notify certain legislative committees and the Department of Legislative Services about the details of the agreement at a certain time; requiring the publishers of the Annotated Code of Maryland, in consultation with the Department of Legislative Services, to make certain corrections in a certain manner; repealing certain definitions; defining certain terms; altering a certain definition; providing for the application of certain provisions of this Act; and generally relating to the regulation of environmental health specialists.

BY repealing
Article – Health Occupations
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Health Occupations
Section 21–101
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Health Occupations
Section 21–102 through 21–104
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing
Article – State Government
Section 8–403(b)(20)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY renumbering
   Article – State Government
   Section 8–403(b)(21) through (57), respectively
to be Section 8–403(b)(20) through (56), respectively
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 498 – Delegate B. Robinson

AN ACT concerning

   Correctional Services – Senior Reentry Coordinating Council

FOR the purpose of establishing the Senior Reentry Coordinating Council in the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services; providing for the membership of the Council; providing that appointed members serve at the pleasure of the Governor; providing for the term of an appointed member; providing for the staggering of the terms of appointed members of the Council; providing that, at the end of a term, an appointed member continues to serve until a successor is appointed and qualifies; designating the chair of the Council; providing for the staff for the Council; prohibiting a member of the Council from receiving compensation; authorizing a member of the Council to receive reimbursement for certain expenses; providing for the duties of the Council; providing for the expiration of the terms of certain members of the Council; defining a certain term; and generally relating to the Senior Reentry Coordinating Council.

BY adding to
   Article – Correctional Services
   Section 2–301 through 2–304 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 3. Senior Reentry Coordinating Council”
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2008 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 499 – Delegates Sydnor, Branch, and B. Robinson

AN ACT concerning

   Procurement – Accelerated Payments to Subcontractors
FOR the purpose of providing that a representative of a unit may request that the procurement officer for the unit direct the unit to make a certain payment to a subcontractor and to withhold or recover a payment from a contractor under certain circumstances; and generally relating to accelerated payments to subcontractors.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – State Finance and Procurement
Section 15–103 and 15–226
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 500 – Delegates Sydnor, Morales, Hayes, B. Robinson, and Smith

AN ACT concerning

Task Force to Study the Capital Needs of Disadvantaged, Minority, and Small Businesses in Maryland

FOR the purpose of establishing the Task Force to Study the Capital Needs of Disadvantaged, Minority, and Small Businesses in Maryland; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Task Force; prohibiting a member of the Task Force from receiving certain compensation, but authorizing the reimbursement of certain expenses; requiring the Task Force to review, assess, and examine certain matters and make certain recommendations related to the capital needs of disadvantaged, minority, and small businesses in Maryland; requiring the Task Force to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before a certain date; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to the Task Force to Study the Capital Needs of Disadvantaged, Minority, and Small Businesses in Maryland.

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 501 – Delegate Chang

AN ACT concerning

Motor Vehicle Insurance – Volunteer Drivers

FOR the purpose of prohibiting certain insurers that issue, sell, or deliver policies of motor vehicle liability insurance in the State from canceling or refusing to issue a policy to a certain applicant solely because the applicant is a volunteer driver; prohibiting certain insurers from imposing a certain charge or rate increase solely because a certain driver under the policy is a volunteer driver; providing that this Act does not prohibit certain insurers from canceling, refusing to renew, or imposing certain charges or rate increases on a policy under certain circumstances; defining
“volunteer driver”; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to motor vehicle liability insurance.

BY adding to
Article – Insurance
Section 19–518
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2011 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 502 – Delegates Cluster, Arentz, Malone, and McConkey

AN ACT concerning

Cable Television – Equipment Rentals

FOR the purpose of limiting certain equipment rental charges that may be included in rates of certain cable television system franchises under certain circumstances; limiting the amount of a certain charge; providing that this Act does not limit the rates charged for certain program content; providing for the application of this Act; providing that existing obligations or contract rights may not be impaired by this Act; and generally relating to cable television service and franchises.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Local Government
Section 1–708
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2013 Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 503 – Chair, Environment and Transportation Committee (By Request – Departmental – Transportation)

AN ACT concerning

Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority Compact – Board of Directors – Appointing Authority for Federal Members

FOR the purpose of requiring the U.S. Secretary of Transportation, rather than the Administrator of General Services, to appoint the federal members and alternate federal members for the Board of Directors of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority; and generally relating to the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority compact.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 504 – Delegate Clippinger

AN ACT concerning

Workers’ Compensation – Permanent Partial Disability Compensation – Reversal or Modification of Award

FOR the purpose of applying certain provisions of law relating to the reversal or modification of an award of permanent partial disability compensation to a reversal or modification by the Workers’ Compensation Commission; clarifying that, for purposes of a certain provision of law relating to the reversal or modification of an award of permanent partial disability compensation, the payment of certain new compensation awarded is subject to a certain monetary credit for compensation previously awarded and paid; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to the reversal or modification of an award of permanent partial disability compensation.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Labor and Employment
Section 9–633
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2008 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 505 – Charles County Delegation

AN ACT concerning

Charles County Sheriff – Salaries and Collective Bargaining

FOR the purpose of requiring that the salary schedule for deputy sheriffs of Charles County correspond to the Department of State Police salary schedule; requiring that the salary schedule for the deputy sheriffs of Charles County be revised to reflect any revision made to the Department of State Police salary schedule; requiring the County Commissioners of Charles County to appropriate certain funds to provide certain salaries of the deputy sheriffs except under certain circumstances; providing that the County Commissioners are not required to grant certain step increases to the deputy sheriffs; providing that certain step increases are subject to appropriations by the Board; authorizing certain sworn law enforcement officers and
correctional officers in Charles County to collectively bargain with the County Commissioners of Charles County, in addition to the Sheriff, with respect to certain matters; prohibiting the resolution or adjustment of a certain dispute from being inconsistent with the terms of a certain collective bargaining agreement; prohibiting the County Commissioners from recognizing an exclusive representative except under certain circumstances; providing for the decertification of a certain exclusive representative under certain circumstances; altering the maximum number of individuals that the Sheriff and the exclusive representative may designate to represent the Sheriff or the exclusive representative in collective bargaining; authorizing the County Commissioners to designate a certain number of individuals to represent the County Commissioners in collective bargaining under certain circumstances; altering the date by which negotiations for the collective bargaining agreement shall begin; altering the time period during which an exclusive bargaining agreement may be valid; requiring an agreement involving the County Commissioners as a party, or a modification to that agreement, to be signed and ratified by the County Commissioners in order to be effective or valid; requiring that the terms of a collective bargaining agreement prevail in a certain conflict except under certain circumstances; authorizing any party to collective bargaining to seek mediation under certain circumstances; requiring the party seeking mediation to provide certain notice to certain persons; authorizing any party to a certain collective bargaining agreement to declare a bargaining impasse under certain circumstances; establishing procedures and timelines for the mediation and arbitration of collective bargaining disputes involving the exclusive representative of certain sworn law enforcement officers or correctional officers in the Charles County Sheriff’s Office; providing that certain recommendations of the arbitrator are not binding; authorizing the Sheriff or the County Commissioners to adopt or reject certain recommendations under certain circumstances; requiring the parties to accept or reject the recommendations within a certain period of time; establishing a certain method of distributing the costs of the mediation and arbitration; authorizing the parties to reach a voluntary settlement on unresolved issues at any time; providing that the terms and conditions of a certain collective bargaining agreement shall remain in effect under certain circumstances until a certain time; making a conforming change; and generally relating to the salaries and collective bargaining rights of sworn law enforcement officers and correctional officers of the Charles County Sheriff’s Office.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings
Section 2–309(a) and (a–1)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2013 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings
Section 2–309(j)(3) and (5)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2013 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)
Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation and the Committee on Appropriations.

House Bill 506 – Delegates Ghrist, Arentz, Hornberger, and Jacobs

AN ACT concerning

Juvenile Court Jurisdiction – Excluded Offenses – Natural Resources Violations

FOR the purpose of excluding from the jurisdiction of the juvenile court a certain child alleged to have violated any provision of the Natural Resources Article, except under certain circumstances; granting the juvenile court exclusive jurisdiction over a child charged with two or more violations of a provision of the Natural Resources Article under certain circumstances; and generally relating to juvenile court jurisdiction.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings
Section 3–8A–03
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2013 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.


AN ACT concerning

Maryland Fiduciary Access to Digital Assets Act

FOR the purpose of establishing the Maryland Fiduciary Access to Digital Assets Act; authorizing a certain user to direct a certain custodian of certain digital assets to disclose or not to disclose those assets under certain circumstances and in a certain manner; providing that this Act does not change, impair, or expand certain rights with respect to the digital assets of a user; authorizing a custodian to grant a certain fiduciary or designated recipient certain access to a user’s account or a copy of certain records under certain circumstances; authorizing a custodian to charge a reasonable administrative charge for the cost of disclosing digital assets under this Act; providing that a custodian need not disclose certain digital assets under certain circumstances; authorizing a custodian to seek a court order directing disclosure under certain circumstances; requiring a custodian to disclose the content of certain electronic communications under certain circumstances; requiring a custodian to disclose a catalogue of certain electronic communications and certain digital assets under certain circumstances; authorizing a court to grant a certain guardian access to the digital assets of a certain protected person; authorizing a guardian to request the custodian to suspend or terminate a certain account under certain circumstances;
providing that the legal duties imposed on a fiduciary charged with managing certain tangible property apply to the management of digital assets; establishing certain limitations with respect to a certain fiduciary’s authority; providing that, under certain circumstances, a certain fiduciary may access certain tangible personal property and is an authorized user for the purpose of certain computer–related laws; authorizing a custodian to disclose certain information to a certain fiduciary under certain circumstances; authorizing a fiduciary of a user to request a custodian to terminate the user’s account under certain circumstances; requiring a custodian to comply with certain requests by a fiduciary or designated recipient within a certain time period; authorizing a fiduciary or designated recipient to apply for a certain court order under certain circumstances; providing that this Act does not limit a custodian’s ability to obtain or require a fiduciary or designated recipient to obtain a certain court order; authorizing a custodian to notify the user of a certain request; authorizing a custodian to deny a certain request under certain circumstances; providing that a custodian and its agents are immune from liability for an act or omission done in good faith compliance with this Act; requiring consideration to be given to the need to promote certain uniformity of the law in applying and construing this Act; providing that this Act modifies, limits, or supersedes certain federal law in a certain manner; providing for the scope and application of this Act; making the provisions of this Act severable; altering certain provisions in certain statutory forms for a power of attorney relating to authority to access and take control of certain digital assets in accordance with this Act; defining certain terms; making conforming changes; and generally relating to the Maryland Fiduciary Access to Digital Assets Act.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Estates and Trusts
Section 13–213, 14.5–815(a), 17–202, and 17–203
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2011 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – Estates and Trusts
Section 15–601 through 15–620 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 6. Maryland Fiduciary Access to Digital Assets Act”
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2011 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 508 – Delegate Lafferty

AN ACT concerning

Residential Property – Foreclosure Sale – Recordation of Instrument of Writing
FOR the purpose of requiring a secured party to record an instrument of writing transferring residential property within a certain period of time after the entry of a court order ratifying a foreclosure sale of the residential property under certain circumstances; providing that no transfer tax may be assessed on a secured party that records an instrument of writing transferring residential property within a certain period of time after the entry of the court order ratifying the foreclosure sale of the residential property; requiring the court to send to certain persons notice of the failure to timely record an instrument of writing transferring residential property under certain circumstances; authorizing certain persons to enforce this Act; authorizing a mortgagor or grantor to bring an action for certain damages incurred as a result of a violation of this Act; altering the time period within which a purchaser of residential property must provide a copy of a court order ratifying a foreclosure sale of residential property to a local supervisor of assessments under certain circumstances; and generally relating to the recordation of an instrument of writing after a foreclosure sale of residential property.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Real Property
Section 7–105.12
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 509 – Delegate B. Robinson

AN ACT concerning

Green Career Gender Empowerment and Training Pilot Program

FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation to establish, under certain circumstances, the Green Career Gender Empowerment and Training Pilot Program by a certain date to encourage young women and minorities to pursue green careers; requiring the Department to take certain actions under the Program; authorizing the Department to coordinate with certain entities; requiring funding for the Program to be provided in certain amounts in certain fiscal years through the Maryland Strategic Energy Investment Fund; altering the authorized uses of the Maryland Strategic Energy Investment Fund to include the Program; requiring the Department to develop a certain evaluation process for the Program; requiring the Department to report to the General Assembly on or before a certain date; defining certain terms; providing for the termination of the Program; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to the Green Career Gender Empowerment and Training Pilot Program.

BY adding to

Article – Labor and Employment
Section 11–604
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2008 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – State Government
Section 9–20B–05(a) and (k)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – State Government
Section 9–20B–05(f)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.


AN ACT concerning

Program for the Long–Term Employment of Qualified Ex–Felons

FOR the purpose of creating a Program for the Long–Term Employment of Qualified Ex–Felons; requiring the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation to establish the Program in consultation with the Governor's Workforce Investment Board; requiring the Department to purchase certain bonds for a certain number of qualified ex–felons each year and to provide certain bonds to certain one–stop career centers; requiring that the Program be implemented in a certain number of workforce investment areas; requiring a one–stop center that participates in the Program to work with certain entities to encourage referral and participation of qualified ex–felons, to provide certain outreach and education, and to develop a certain evaluation process; requiring a one–stop center to apply to the Department for designation as a Program location; requiring the Department in consultation with the Governor’s Workforce Investment Board to designate certain one–stop centers as Program locations and to consider certain information; allowing a credit against the State income tax for certain wages paid by certain business entities with respect to certain ex–felon employees; providing for the calculation and use of the credit; requiring a certain addition modification if a certain credit is claimed; requiring a certain certification prior to claiming the credit; prohibiting an employer from claiming the credit under certain circumstances; providing for the administration of the tax credits; requiring the Department to adopt certain regulations; defining certain terms; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to the creation of a Program for the Long–Term Employment of Qualified Ex–Felons.

BY repealing
Article – Tax – General  
Section 10–205(b) and 10–306(b)(1)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2010 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY adding to  
Article – Labor and Employment  
Section 11–1301 through 11–1305 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 13. Program for the Long–Term Employment of Qualified Ex–Felons”  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2008 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY adding to  
Article – Tax – General  
Section 10–205(b), 10–306(b)(1), and 10–704.10  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2010 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters and the Committee on Ways and Means.


AN ACT concerning

Maryland Medical Assistance Program – Former Foster Care Adolescents – Dental Care

FOR the purpose of requiring the Maryland Medical Assistance Program, subject to the limitations of the State budget, and as permitted by federal law, to provide dental care for certain former foster care adolescents; and generally relating to dental care services provided by the Maryland Medical Assistance Program to former foster care adolescents.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
Article – Health – General  
Section 15–103(a)(1)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2015 Replacement Volume)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
Article – Health – General  
Section 15–103(a)(2)(x)  
Annotated Code of Maryland
Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 512 – Delegate Kittleman

AN ACT concerning

Guardianship of a Disabled Person – Communication and Notification Rights

FOR the purpose of prohibiting a guardian of the person of a disabled person from prohibiting or restricting communication between the disabled person and a member of the disabled person’s family, except as authorized by a certain court order; authorizing a guardian to petition a certain court for an order authorizing the guardian to prohibit or restrict communication between a disabled person and a certain member of the disabled person’s family; authorizing an individual other than a member of a disabled person’s family to file a petition for an order to compel visitation with the disabled person, under certain circumstances; specifying the contents of the petition; requiring a copy of the petition to be served on certain individuals; requiring the court to hold a hearing on the petition; authorizing a disabled person to express certain preferences regarding communication with a certain member of the disabled person’s family to the court in a certain manner; authorizing the court to issue a certain order only if the court makes a certain determination by a certain standard of evidence; specifying the factors the court may consider in making a certain determination; providing that a certain order may authorize a guardian to take certain actions the court considers necessary to protect the physical and emotional health of a disabled person; requiring the court to require a guardian and a certain member of the disabled person’s family to negotiate in good faith on the development of a certain visitation schedule, under certain circumstances; authorizing a certain member of the disabled person’s family to bring an action to compel a guardian to allow communication between a disabled person and the member of the disabled person’s family or to terminate the guardian’s appointment, under certain circumstances; requiring the court, in ruling on a certain petition, to consider certain evidence and to issue a certain order only under certain circumstances; requiring the court to order a certain guardian to pay certain court costs and attorney’s fees, under certain circumstances; providing that this Act may not be construed to prohibit a guardian from placing certain reasonable restrictions on the hours when a disabled person may receive telephone calls or visitors; requiring a guardian to notify certain individuals within a certain time period after certain events; specifying how certain notifications should be completed; defining certain terms; and generally relating to guardianships of disabled persons.

BY adding to

Article – Estates and Trusts
Section 13–708.1 through 13–708.3
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2011 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)
Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 513 – Delegate Glass

AN ACT concerning

**Harford County – Sunday Hunting – Deer Bow Hunting Season**

FOR the purpose of authorizing a person to hunt deer on private property in Harford County with a bow and arrow or crossbow during open season on a certain Sunday in January, subject to certain provisions of law; and generally relating to hunting in Harford County.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Natural Resources
Section 10–410(a)(1)
Annotated Code of Maryland (2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Natural Resources
Section 10–410(a)(2)
Annotated Code of Maryland (2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 514 – Delegate Glass

AN ACT concerning

**Sunday Hunting – Deer Bow Hunting Season**

FOR the purpose of authorizing the Department of Natural Resources to allow a person to hunt deer on private property on certain Sundays during the deer bow hunting season, subject to certain provisions of law; making certain conforming changes; and generally relating to the regulation of deer hunting by the Department of Natural Resources.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Natural Resources
Section 10–410(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland (2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.
House Bill 515 – Delegate Glass

AN ACT concerning

Deer Bow Hunting Season – Private Property – Additional Sunday in January

FOR the purpose of authorizing a person to hunt deer on private property with a bow and arrow or crossbow during open season on a certain Sunday, subject to certain provisions of law; and generally relating to Sunday hunting.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
   Article – Natural Resources
   Section 10–410(a)(1)
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
   Article – Natural Resources
   Section 10–410(a)(2)
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 516 – Delegate Glass

AN ACT concerning

Harford County – Archery Hunting – Safety Zone

FOR the purpose of altering the size of the safety zone for archery hunters in Harford County within which archery hunting may not take place except under certain circumstances; and generally relating to archery hunting in Harford County.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
   Article – Natural Resources
   Section 10–410(g)
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 517 – Delegate Glass

AN ACT concerning
Natural Resources – Deer Bow Hunting Season – End Date

FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of Natural Resources to include a certain day in the deer bow hunting season in certain years; and generally relating to the deer bow hunting season.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

   Article – Natural Resources
   Section 10–405(a)
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.


AN ACT concerning

   Criminal Procedure – Life Without Parole – Imposition

FOR the purpose of prohibiting a court from imposing a sentence of life imprisonment without the possibility of parole on an individual who was under a certain age at the time the offense was committed; and generally relating to the imposition of a sentence of life imprisonment without the possibility of parole.

BY adding to

   Article – Criminal Law
   Section 1–402
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 519 – Delegates Smith and Morales

AN ACT concerning

   Courts – Statute of Limitations – Civil Actions Arising Out of Human Rights Abuses

FOR the purpose of extending the statute of limitations for a certain civil action under certain circumstances; establishing a certain statute of limitations for certain civil actions under certain circumstances; defining certain terms; providing for the application of this Act; making the provisions of this Act severable; and generally relating to statutes of limitations for civil actions arising out of human rights violations.
BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
  Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings
  Section 5–105
  Annotated Code of Maryland
  (2013 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY adding to
  Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings
  Section 5–120
  Annotated Code of Maryland
  (2013 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 520 – Delegate Mautz

AN ACT concerning

   Alcoholic Beverages – Auxiliary Winery Permit

FOR the purpose of establishing an auxiliary wine permit; authorizing the Comptroller to
issue the permit to a Class 4 limited winery for use at a location off the licensed
premises anywhere in the State; providing that there is no limit as to the number of
permits that may be issued to a single applicant; authorizing the holder of the permit
to exercise the privileges with certain exceptions that are allowed at the premises for
which the holder’s Class 4 license is issued; requiring that an agent who is certified
by an approved alcohol awareness program be present while a permit holder sells or
provides samples of wine; specifying that a holder of a Class 4 license may be issued
a certain number of permits; requiring an applicant for a permit to submit a certain
application to the Comptroller; providing for an annual permit fee; and generally
relating to alcoholic beverages permits issued by the Comptroller.

BY adding to
  Article – Alcoholic Beverages
  Section 2–132.1
  Annotated Code of Maryland
  (As enacted by Chapter ___ (S.B.__)(6LR1406) of the Acts of the General Assembly
  of 2016)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 521 – Delegates Smith, Carter, Anderson, Atterbeary, Conaway,
  Dumais, Moon, Morales, Proctor, Sanchez, and Sydnor

AN ACT concerning
Public Safety – SWAT Teams – Reporting and Limitations

FOR the purpose of requiring the Police Training Commission to adopt a certain set of standards for the training and deployment of SWAT teams in the State; requiring each law enforcement agency to follow a certain set of standards; requiring, at certain intervals, a law enforcement agency that maintains a SWAT team to report certain information to the Governor’s Office of Crime Control and Prevention using a certain format; requiring the Police Training Commission, in consultation with the Governor’s Office of Crime Control and Prevention, to develop a standardized format that certain law enforcement agencies shall use in reporting to the Governor’s Office of Crime Control and Prevention certain data relating to the deployment of SWAT teams; requiring the Governor’s Office of Crime Control and Prevention to analyze and summarize certain reports of law enforcement agencies and to submit a certain report of the analyses and summaries to the Governor, the General Assembly, and each law enforcement agency before a certain date each year; providing that, if a law enforcement agency fails to comply with the reporting provisions of this Act, the Governor’s Office of Crime Control and Prevention shall report the noncompliance to the Commission; requiring the Commission to contact a certain law enforcement agency and request that the agency comply with this Act under certain circumstances; providing that, if a certain law enforcement agency fails to comply with certain reporting provisions within a certain period after being contacted by the Commission, the Governor’s Office of Crime Control and Prevention and the Commission jointly shall make a certain report to the Governor and the Legislative Policy Committee of the General Assembly; defining certain terms; and generally relating to the deployment of SWAT teams.

BY adding to
Article – Public Safety
Section 3–801 through 3–803 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 8. SWAT Teams”
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2011 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.


AN ACT concerning

Maryland Estate Tax – Unified Credit

FOR the purpose of altering a certain limit on the unified credit used for determining the Maryland estate tax for decedents dying on or after a certain date; altering a certain limitation on the amount of the Maryland estate tax for decedents dying on or after a certain date; making a conforming change; and generally relating to the Maryland estate tax.
BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Tax – General
Section 7–309(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2010 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Tax – General
Section 7–309(b)(1), (2), and (3)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2010 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 523 – Delegate Stein

AN ACT concerning

E–ZPass Accounts – Transponder Theft – Notice and Unauthorized Charges

FOR the purpose of requiring the holder of an E–ZPass account to report the theft of a certain transponder to the Maryland Transportation Authority and a local law enforcement agency and to report certain charges assessed to the Authority; requiring the Authority to review certain records following the reported theft of a transponder and provide copies of certain records to the account holder under certain circumstances; providing that an account holder is not responsible for certain tolls under certain circumstances; requiring the Authority to provide certain notice to an account holder under certain circumstances; defining certain terms; and generally relating to the theft of transponders associated with E–ZPass accounts.

BY adding to
Article – Transportation
Section 21–1416
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 524 – Delegates Cluster and Parrott

AN ACT concerning

Foreclosure – Responsibility for Maintenance of Residential Property and Registration Requirement

FOR the purpose of establishing that, on and after the filing of an action to foreclose a mortgage or deed of trust on residential property, the secured party shall be
responsible for maintenance of the property until the foreclosure sale occurs; requiring the secured party to submit a registration to the Foreclosed Property Registry within a certain period of time after the filing of an action to foreclose a mortgage or deed of trust on residential property; requiring the registration to be in a certain form and contain certain information; establishing certain fees; making a certain conforming change; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to foreclosure of residential property.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

   Article – Real Property
   Section 14–126.1
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2015 Replacement Volume)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 525 – Delegates Beidle, Flanagan, Fraser–Hidalgo, Frush, Lam, McCray, Stein, and Szeliga

AN ACT concerning

Vehicle Laws – Manufacturers and Dealers

FOR the purpose of prohibiting a motor vehicle manufacturer, distributor, or factory branch from prohibiting or taking certain punitive action against a motor vehicle dealer for providing certain notice to a customer or performing certain repairs on a motor vehicle under certain circumstances; requiring a dealer that sells at retail a used motor vehicle that is subject to a recall under federal law to provide to the buyer under certain circumstances a certain disclosure in a certain manner; and generally relating to motor vehicle manufacturers and dealers.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

   Article – Transportation
   Section 15–212(c)(1) and (11)
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY adding to

   Article – Transportation
   Section 15–212(c)(12)
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

   Article – Transportation
   Section 15–311
   Annotated Code of Maryland
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(2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 526 – Delegates Krebs, Adams, Arentz, Carozza, Ghrist, Hornberger, Jacobs, Mautz, Otto, Rose, and Shoemaker

AN ACT concerning

Community Colleges – Small Community Colleges – Funding

FOR the purpose of altering the amount of the unrestricted grant provided to small community colleges; and generally relating to funding for community colleges.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
  Article – Education
  Section 16–305(f)
  Annotated Code of Maryland
  (2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

House Bill 527 – Delegate Glass

AN ACT concerning

Harford County – Department of Public Works – Smart Water Meters

FOR the purpose of requiring the Harford County Department of Public Works to provide certain customers with notice of the intention of the Department to install smart water meters under certain circumstances; establishing a process by which a certain customer will be deemed to have given permission to the Department to install a smart water meter on the customer’s premises; requiring the Department to pay to a customer a certain amount if the Department installs a smart water meter on the customer’s premises without permission; requiring the Department to replace a smart water meter with a standard water meter on a customer’s premises under certain circumstances; authorizing the Department to impose a certain additional charge for the use of a standard water meter under certain circumstances; prohibiting the Department from imposing a certain additional charge for the use of a standard water meter under certain circumstances; providing for the application of this Act; defining certain terms; and generally relating to the installation and use of smart water meters in Harford County.

BY adding to
  Article – Environment
  Section 9–1112
  Annotated Code of Maryland
Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 528 – Delegates Ebersole, D. Barnes, Fennell, Hornberger, C. Howard, Luedtke, Moon, Patterson, Platt, B. Robinson, Tarlau, and Walker

AN ACT concerning

**Primary and Secondary Education – Sensible Sugar in Schools Act**

FOR the purpose of requiring certain county boards to add to a certain wellness policy on or before a certain date a certain plan for reducing students’ added sugar intake per school meal based on certain recommendations; requiring certain county boards to convene a certain workgroup to assist with the development of a certain plan; providing for the membership of a certain workgroup; requiring the workgroup to make certain recommendations; requiring a certain workgroup to hold a certain number of public hearings and provide a certain opportunity for public testimony; and generally relating to the Sensible Sugar in Schools Act.

BY adding to

Article – Education
Section 7–438
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 529 – Delegate Glass

AN ACT concerning

**Consumer Protection – Required Disclosure of Social Security Number – Prohibition**

FOR the purpose of prohibiting a person from requiring a consumer to disclose the consumer’s Social Security number to the person as a condition for the purchase or lease of consumer goods or consumer services; providing that this Act does not prohibit a person from requesting or requiring a consumer to disclose the consumer’s Social Security number to apply for or obtain an extension of consumer credit; making a violation of this Act an unfair or deceptive trade practice under the Maryland Consumer Protection Act and subject to certain enforcement and penalty provisions; defining certain terms; and generally relating to Social Security numbers and consumer protection.

BY adding to

Article – Commercial Law
Section 14–3403
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2013 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 530 – Delegate Stein

AN ACT concerning

Credit Regulation – Motor Vehicle Sales – Assignment of Financing Agreements

FOR the purpose of requiring an assignee of certain documents relating to financing a sale of a motor vehicle to provide payment to the seller of the motor vehicle within a certain period of time; and generally relating to financing sales of motor vehicles.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
   Article – Commercial Law
   Section 12–609(g)
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2013 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY adding to
   Article – Commercial Law
   Section 12–1023.2
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2013 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 531 – Delegates Beidle, Anderton, Bromwell, Carey, Chang, Clippinger, Hammen, Krimm, Lafferty, Lierman, Lisanti, Mautz, McCray, Sample–Hughes, Sophocleus, Sydnor, K. Young, and P. Young

AN ACT concerning

Maryland Strong Manufacturing Development Act

FOR the purpose of establishing the Manufacturing Development Zone Program to encourage business entities engaged in manufacturing outside the State to invest in manufacturing facilities in certain areas of the State; authorizing certain political subdivisions to apply to the Secretary of Economic Competitiveness and Commerce to have certain areas of the State designated as a manufacturing development zone; requiring the application to contain certain information; requiring the Secretary to submit each application to the Maryland Advisory Commission on Manufacturing Competitiveness for approval or rejection within a certain time period; authorizing the Secretary to approve or reject a zone application within a certain number of days
on or after a certain date after the application is approved by the Commission; providing that a designation is effective for a certain number of years; providing that the Secretary may not designate and a county may not receive more than a certain number of zones during a calendar year; authorizing a political subdivision to apply to the Secretary to expand an existing zone; authorizing the Secretary to grant a certain number of extraordinary expansions of zones in the State each year; providing that certain business entities that meet certain conditions are entitled to certain incentives; providing that certain business entities are not eligible for certain incentives; providing for the length of availability of certain incentives; requiring the Department of Economic Competitiveness and Commerce and the Comptroller to jointly assess the effectiveness of certain tax credits; requiring the Department and Comptroller to submit a certain report; authorizing a business entity that locates in a zone and its employees to receive certain tax incentives and financial assistance; requiring the governing body of a county or municipal corporation to grant a property tax credit on a certain assessment of qualified properties located in the zone; providing for the amount of the credit; providing that the credit may not be claimed for more than a certain number of years; requiring the Secretary to make certain certifications; requiring the State Department of Assessments and Taxation to submit a certain list to the Secretary; requiring the governing body of a county or municipal corporation to grant a property tax credit on certain personal property; providing a subtraction modification under the Maryland income tax for certain income earned as an employee of certain business entities; authorizing certain business entities to claim a credit against the State income tax equal to the amount of State income tax imposed on certain qualified income; defining certain terms; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to the creation of the Manufacturing Development Zone Program.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Economic Development
Section 5–102(10) and (11)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2008 Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – Economic Development
Section 5–102(11); and 5–1501 through 5–1507 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 15. Manufacturing Development Zone Program”
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2008 Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – Tax – Property
Section 9–103.2 and 9–110
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Tax – General
Section 10–207(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2010 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Tax – General
Section 10–207(cc) and 10–737
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2010 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.


AN ACT concerning

State Government – Roger Brooke Taney Statue – Removal and Destruction

FOR the purpose of requiring the Commission on Artistic Property, on or before a certain date, to remove the Roger Brooke Taney statue from the grounds of the State House and destroy the statue; and generally relating to the Roger Brooke Taney statue.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – State Government
Section 9–1016 and 9–1021(a)(1)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

LEGISLATIVE EVALUATION COMMITTEE REPORT

HOUSE HEALTH AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT ON THE STATE BOARD OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SPECIALISTS

(SEE EXHIBIT E OF APPENDIX II)

Journalized.

QUORUM CALL
The presiding officer announced a quorum call, showing 133 Members present.

(See Roll Call No. 37)

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:29 P.M. on motion of Delegate Kaiser the House adjourned until 10:00 A.M. on Tuesday, February 2, 2016.
Annapolis, Maryland
Tuesday, February 2, 2016

The House met at 10:05 A.M. and pledged Allegiance to the Flag.

Prayer by Delegate Carl Anderton, Jr. of Wicomico County.

QUORUM CALL

The presiding officer announced a quorum call, showing 139 Members present.

(See Roll Call No. 38)

The Journal of February 1, 2016 was read and approved.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

FIRST READING OF SENATE BILLS

Senate Bill 1 – Senator Kagan

AN ACT concerning

Health Insurance – In Vitro Fertilization – Use of Spouse’s Sperm – Exception

FOR the purpose of altering the circumstances under which certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations must provide benefits for certain expenses arising from in vitro fertilization procedures; providing a certain exception to the required use of a spouse’s sperm to fertilize the oocytes of a patient whose spouse is of the opposite sex; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to health insurance coverage for in vitro fertilization procedures.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
   Article – Insurance
   Section 15–810
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2011 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.
Senate Bill 99 – Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Disabilities)

AN ACT concerning

Department of Disabilities – Assistive Technology Loan Program – Board of Directors

FOR the purpose of repealing the requirement that a certain member of the Assistive Technology Loan Program Board of Directors be a member of the Maryland Commission on Disabilities; increasing the maximum number of terms that a Board member may serve; providing for the staggering of terms of Board members; and generally relating to the Board of Directors of the Assistive Technology Loan Program.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Human Services
Section 7–601
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2007 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Human Services
Section 7–605
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2007 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

Senate Bill 162 – Senator Astle Senators Astle and Middleton

AN ACT concerning

Gas Companies – Infrastructure Replacement Projects – Amendment to a Plan

FOR the purpose of altering the number of days during which the Public Service Commission is required to take a certain final action after a gas company files an amendment to an approved plan to invest in eligible infrastructure replacement projects; and generally relating to infrastructure replacement projects.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Public Utilities
Section 4–210(e)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2010 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.
Delegate Hixson, Chair, for the Committee on Ways and Means reported favorably with amendments:

House Bill 204 – Montgomery County Delegation

EMERGENCY BILL

AN ACT concerning

Montgomery County – Elections – Early Voting Centers
MC 14–16

HB0204/275960/1
BY: Committee on Ways and Means

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 204
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1
On page 1, in line 5, after “centers;” insert “providing for the application and interpretation of this Act; providing for the termination of this Act;”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2
On page 3, after line 6, insert:

“SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, notwithstanding the deadline established in § 10–301.1(c) of the Election Law Article, this Act shall be applied to and interpreted to require that Montgomery County have 10 early voting centers for the 2016 election cycle and that the tenth early voting center be located at the Potomac Community Recreation Center, if available, or, if not, at another facility that serves the Potomac area community.”; in line 7, strike “2.” and substitute “3.”; and in line 11, after “enacted.” insert “It shall remain effective through December 31, 2016, and, at the end of December 31, 2016, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.”.

The preceding 2 amendments were read and adopted.

Favorable report, as amended, adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.
QUORUM CALL

The presiding officer announced a quorum call, showing 141 Members present.

(See Roll Call No. 39)

THIRD READING FILE

The presiding officer submitted the following Bills for Third Reading:

THIRD READING CALENDAR (HOUSE BILLS) #1

House Bill 3 – Delegate Davis

EMERGENCY BILL

AN ACT concerning

Public Utilities – Transportation Network Services and For–Hire Transportation – Clarifications

Read the third time and passed by yeas and nays as follows:

Affirmative – 141 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 40)

The Bill was then sent to the Senate.

House Bill 75 – Delegate Barkley

AN ACT concerning

Gas Companies – Infrastructure Replacement Projects – Amendment to a Plan

Read the third time and passed by yeas and nays as follows:

Affirmative – 139 Negative – 0 (See Roll Call No. 41)

The Bill was then sent to the Senate.

MESSAGE TO THE SENATE

February 2, 2016
BY THE MAJORITY LEADER:

Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate:

The Governor of Maryland has signified his intention of addressing the General Assembly of Maryland on Wednesday, February 3, 2016 at 12 Noon in the House Chamber.

We propose with your concurrence, a joint meeting of the two Houses for this occasion and have appointed Delegates D. Barnes and B. Wilson to escort your Honorable Body to the House Chamber.

We further propose the appointment of a joint committee of four, two on the part of the Senate and two on the part of the House, to escort the Governor to the House Chamber. We have appointed Delegates Kipke and Kaiser.

We further propose the appointment of a joint committee of four, two on the part of the Senate and two on the part of the House to escort the Lieutenant Governor to the House Chamber. We have appointed Delegates Branch and Szeliga.

By Order,
Sylvia Siegert, Chief Clerk

Read and adopted.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

February 2, 2016

BY THE MAJORITY LEADER:

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN OF THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES:

We have received your message that the Governor has signified his intention to address the General Assembly of Maryland on Wednesday, February 3, 2016 at 12:00 Noon, and your proposal of a joint meeting of the General Assembly in the Chamber of the House of Delegates.

We respectfully concur in your message and have appointed on behalf of the Senate, Senators Pugh and Jennings as members of the joint committee to escort the Governor to the Chamber of the House of Delegates.

We have also appointed as members of a joint committee, Senators Klausmeier and Hershey to escort the Lt. Governor to the House Chamber.

By Order,
William B.C. Addison, Jr.
Secretary of the Senate

Read and ordered journalized.

PETITIONS, MEMORIALS AND OTHER PAPERS

BALTIMORE CITY BOND RESOLUTIONS

Pursuant to Article XI, Section 7 of the Maryland Constitution the following resolutions were presented to and approved by a majority of the members of the General Assembly representing Baltimore City.

(See Exhibit F of Appendix II)

Read and ordered journalized.

QUORUM CALL

The presiding officer announced a quorum call, showing 141 Members present.

(See Roll Call No. 42)

ADJOURNMENT

The House met at 11:40 A.M. and pledged Allegiance to the Flag.

Prayer by Delegate Kathy Afzali of Frederick and Carroll counties.

QUORUM CALL

The presiding officer announced a quorum call, showing 134 Members present.

(See Roll Call No. 43)

EXCUSES:
Del. McDonough – business
Del. Sydnor – business
Del. P. Young – business

The Journal of February 2, 2016 was read and approved.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

House Bill 533 – Delegates Jones, Chang, Gaines, Glenn, Gutierrez, Haynes, Hixson, Korman, Krimm, and P. Young

AN ACT concerning

State Department of Education – Employment Categories and Practices

FOR the purpose of altering the employment categories of certain employees of the State Department of Education; requiring that all positions in the Department be appointed positions in the professional service and skilled service as well as the executive service and management service, subject to a certain exception; repealing the authority for certain special appointment positions in the Department; altering the procedures for the appointment, setting of qualifications, and transfer of employees of the Department; specifying that certain employees serve at the pleasure of the State Board of Education and State Superintendent of Schools; specifying that certain removal procedures apply to certain other employees; altering the removal procedures for certain employees; requiring that the Department assign certain employees to certain employment categories on or before a certain date; and generally relating to the employment categories and practices of the State Department of Education.
BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
   Article – Education
   Section 2–104 and 2–105
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
   Article – State Personnel and Pensions
   Section 6–405(a)(3)
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2015 Replacement Volume)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

House Bill 534 – Delegates Sanchez, Dumais, Barron, and Fennell

AN ACT concerning

Family Law – Protective Orders – Notification of Service – Sunset Repeal

FOR the purpose of repealing the termination date of certain provisions of law relating to
notice of the service on a respondent of certain protective orders; repealing certain
obsolete provisions relating to a certain contingency; and generally relating to
notification of the service of a protective order.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
   Article – Family Law
   Section 4–504(d), 4–504.1(g), and 4–505(b)(1)
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
   Chapter 711 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2009, as amended by Chapter
   103 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2011 and Chapter 79 of the Acts of
   the General Assembly of 2013
   Section 2

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 535 – The Speaker (By Request – Office of the Attorney General) and
Delegate Rosenberg

AN ACT concerning

Courts and Judicial Proceedings – Structured Settlements – Transfers
FOR the purpose of making certain legislative findings and declarations; altering the findings that an order of a court authorizing a transfer of certain structured settlement rights is required to be based on; requiring an application for a transfer of structured settlement payment rights to be filed in a certain court; authorizing the Attorney General to adopt and enforce certain regulations; altering a certain definition; and generally relating to structured settlements.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
  Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings
  Section 5–1101(c), 5–1102, and 5–1103(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2013 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY adding to
  Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings
  Section 5–1101.1 and 5–1106
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2013 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 536 – Delegates Busch, McMillan, and Beidle

AN ACT concerning

  Creation of a State Debt – Anne Arundel County – 206 West Social Enterprise Project

FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed $250,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of The Light House, Inc. for certain development or improvement purposes; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; establishing a deadline for the encumbrance or expenditure of the loan proceeds; and providing generally for the issuance and sale of bonds evidencing the loan.

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

House Bill 537 – Delegate B. Barnes (Chair, Joint Committee on Pensions)

AN ACT concerning

  Teachers’ Retirement and Pension Systems – Reemployment of Retirees – Clarification

FOR the purpose of clarifying the number of retirees of the Teachers’ Retirement System or the Teachers’ Pension System that are exempt from a certain offset of a retirement
allowance if they are reemployed in certain positions in a local school system or the Maryland School for the Deaf; and generally relating to the reemployment of retirees of the teachers’ retirement and pension systems.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
  Article – State Personnel and Pensions
  Section 22–406(c)(4)(iv), (v), (vi), and (xi), (5), and (6) and 23–407(c)(4)(iv), (v), and (ix), (5), and (6)
  Annotated Code of Maryland
  (2015 Replacement Volume)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
  Article – State Personnel and Pensions
  Section 22–406(c)(8) and 23–407(c)(8)
  Annotated Code of Maryland
  (2015 Replacement Volume)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

House Bill 538 – Delegate Holmes

AN ACT concerning

Real Property – Notice of Postponement or Cancellation of Foreclosure Sale

FOR the purpose of requiring the trustee, within a certain time after the postponement or cancellation of a foreclosure sale, to send a notice that the sale was postponed or canceled to the record owner of the property in a certain manner; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to notice of a foreclosure sale.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
  Article – Real Property
  Section 7–105.2
  Annotated Code of Maryland
  (2015 Replacement Volume)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 539 – Delegate Kelly

AN ACT concerning

Health Insurance – Habilitative Services – Period of Time for Coverage

FOR the purpose of extending until the end of a certain month the period of time during which certain health insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations are required to provide coverage of certain habilitative
services for insureds and enrollees who are children; repealing a provision of law stating that a certain determination by a certain entity is considered an adverse decision for certain purposes; altering a certain definition; repealing a certain definition; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to health insurance coverage for habilitative services.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
   Article – Insurance
   Section 15–835
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2011 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 540 – Delegates Lam, Ebersole, and Hill

AN ACT concerning

   Sales and Use Tax – Exemption – Trade–Ins and Core Charges

FOR the purpose of altering the definition of taxable price for purposes of the sales and use tax to exclude the value of certain used components, parts, or batteries received from the purchaser of certain parts for an automobile, a truck, or a marine engine; and generally relating to the definition of taxable price under the sales and use tax.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
   Article – Tax – General
   Section 11–101(l)(3)(ii)
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2010 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 541 – Delegate Kelly

AN ACT concerning

   Maryland Trust Act – Revocable Trust – Partial Revocation by Divorce or Annulment

FOR the purpose of providing for the revocation of certain terms of a revocable trust on the absolute divorce of the settlor and the settlor’s spouse or the annulment of their marriage occurring after the creation of the settlor’s revocable trust, except under certain circumstances; requiring removal of the spouse as a trustee or an advisor on the date of the divorce or annulment; prohibiting the spouse from serving as a trustee or an advisor or exercising certain powers after the divorce or annulment; providing
for the application of this Act; and generally relating to the effects of divorce or
annulment on a revocable trust.

BY adding to
Article – Estates and Trusts
Section 14.5–604
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2011 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 542 – Delegates Luedtke, Atterbeary, Barkley, Carr, Frush, Healey,
Hettleman, Holmes, Jalisi, Knotts, Lam, Moon, Morhaim, Platt, S. Robinson,
Smith, Stein, and Turner

AN ACT concerning

Natural Resources – Wildlife Trafficking Prevention

FOR the purpose of prohibiting a person from purchasing, selling, offering for sale, or
possessing with the intent to sell certain parts or products of certain animal species
under certain circumstances, subject to certain exceptions; establishing, under
certain circumstances, a rebuttable presumption that a person possesses certain
parts or products of certain animal species with the intent to sell; establishing
certain penalties for a violation of this Act; authorizing a court to order that a person
who violates this Act pay certain restitution; requiring that fines and restitution
imposed under this Act be credited and used for certain purposes, subject to a certain
exception; establishing a certain additional source of revenue for the Birdwatcher's
Fund; authorizing a judge to award a reward to a person providing information
leading to a conviction for a violation of this Act; requiring that the reward be paid
from a percentage of certain fine proceeds but not exceed a certain amount;
prohibiting a reward from being awarded to a law enforcement officer or an employee
of the Department of Natural Resources; providing for the disposal of certain seized
parts or products of certain animal species; providing for the calculation of the value
of certain parts or products of certain animal species for certain purposes;
authorizing the Department to adopt certain regulations; defining certain terms; and
generally relating to the prevention of wildlife trafficking in the parts or products of
certain animal species in the State.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Natural Resources
Section 10–2A–06.1
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Natural Resources
Section 10–2B–01 through 10–2B–10 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 2B. Wildlife Trafficking Prevention”
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 543 – Allegany County Delegation

AN ACT concerning

Allegany County – Alcoholic Beverages – Minimum Age to Serve Liquor

FOR the purpose of altering in Allegany County the minimum age for an individual to serve liquor; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages in Allegany County.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
   Article – Alcoholic Beverages
   Section 9–1902
Annotated Code of Maryland
(As enacted by Chapter ____ (S.B. ____)(6lr1406) of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2016)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.


AN ACT concerning

Sales and Use Tax – Tax–Free Periods – University and College Textbooks

FOR the purpose of designating certain periods each year to be tax–free periods during which an exemption from the sales and use tax is provided for the sale of certain textbooks purchased by certain individuals; defining a certain term; and generally relating to sales and use tax–free periods for the sale of university and college textbooks.

BY adding to
   Article – Tax – General
   Section 11–232
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2010 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.
House Bill 545 – Delegate Lafferty

AN ACT concerning

Landlord and Tenant – Water and Wastewater Charges – Prohibition on Ratio Utility Billing Systems

FOR the purpose of prohibiting a landlord on or after a certain date from using a ratio utility billing system to charge a tenant for the cost of certain water and wastewater utilities under certain circumstances; imposing certain limits on charges for certain water and wastewater utilities if a landlord charges a tenant separately for utilities; providing that a landlord that violates this Act is liable for certain damages and attorney’s fees; providing for the application of this Act; defining certain terms; and generally relating to charging tenants for water and wastewater.

BY adding to
Article – Real Property
Section 8–212.4
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 546 – Delegates Barkley, Adams, Arentz, Aumann, Brooks, Carey, Clippinger, Davis, Frick, Impallaria, Jameson, Lisanti, Mautz, W. Miller, Valderrama, and Vaughn

AN ACT concerning

Electric and Gas Companies – Rate Regulation – Infrastructure Investments

FOR the purpose of altering the maximum amount of a certain monthly natural gas surcharge for certain retail natural gas customers; authorizing an electric company to recover certain costs associated with certain electric system infrastructure investments through a certain electric system infrastructure investment surcharge on customer bills; requiring electric system infrastructure investment cost calculations to include certain elements; specifying when costs shall be collectible; specifying how the pretax rate of return shall be calculated and adjusted and what it shall include; prohibiting a certain monthly surcharge from exceeding a certain amount for certain customers; providing for the allocation of certain costs among customer classes; requiring the Public Service Commission to consider certain factors when establishing revenue requirements; providing that certain adjustments for return on equity shall only be considered and determined in a certain base rate case; authorizing the Commission to hold a public hearing on a plan within a certain period of time; requiring the Commission to take final action on a plan within a certain period of time; requiring the Commission to take final action on an
amendment to an approved plan within a certain period of time; authorizing the Commission to approve a plan under certain circumstances; requiring the Commission to approve a cost–recovery schedule under certain circumstances; authorizing an electric company to implement a plan under certain circumstances; requiring an electric company implementing a plan to make certain refunds under certain circumstances; authorizing the Commission to review certain plans and take certain actions based on the review; prohibiting the Commission from considering certain factors when reviewing a plan except under certain circumstances; requiring that a surcharge be in effect for a certain period of time; requiring an electric company to file base rate case applications within a certain period of time; specifying costs to be included in a surcharge when base rate applications are filed; requiring the Commission to authorize the electric company to increase a surcharge under certain circumstances; requiring an electric company to file certain plan amendments each year with the Commission; requiring an electric company to file a revised base rate schedule with the Commission to subtract certain costs from a surcharge under certain circumstances; authorizing the Commission to take certain actions if it determines that an electric system infrastructure investment no longer meets certain requirements; stating the intent of the General Assembly with regard to the investment; defining certain terms; and generally relating to rate regulation and infrastructure investments.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
  Article – Public Utilities
  Section 4–210(d)(1)
  Annotated Code of Maryland
  (2010 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
  Article – Public Utilities
  Section 4–210(d)(4)
  Annotated Code of Maryland
  (2010 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY adding to
  Article – Public Utilities
  Section 4–211
  Annotated Code of Maryland
  (2010 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.


AN ACT concerning
Motor Vehicles – Tires, Exterior Lights, and Windshield Wipers – Biennial Inspection

FOR the purpose of requiring the vehicle emissions control program, at the time of a vehicle’s biennial emissions test and inspection, to provide for certain additional inspections of the vehicle’s tires, exterior lights, and windshield wipers; requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration and the Department of the Environment to adopt regulations that define the inspection parameters and establish a schedule for the additional inspection of vehicle tires, exterior lights, and windshield wipers; requiring certain facilities to conduct the additional inspections of vehicle tires, exterior lights, and windshield wipers; making certain conforming changes; making certain stylistic changes; and generally relating to biennial inspections of vehicle tires, exterior lights, and windshield wipers.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments, Article – Transportation
Section 23–202(b) and (c), 23–203(a)(1) and (e), 23–204, and 23–207
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 548 – Delegates Glenn, Brooks, Gilchrist, W. Miller, Pena–Melnyk, B. Robinson, Vaughn, and Waldstreicher

AN ACT concerning

Economic Competitiveness and Commerce – Maryland Design Excellence Commission

FOR the purpose of establishing the Maryland Design Excellence Commission for certain purposes; establishing that the Commission is in the Maryland Technology Development Corporation; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Commission; prohibiting a member of the Commission from receiving certain compensation, but authorizing the reimbursement of certain expenses; requiring the Commission to study, develop certain plans and programs, and establish certain events regarding design excellence initiatives; requiring the Commission to report its findings, recommendations, and actions taken to the General Assembly on or before a certain date; authorizing the Secretary of Commerce to make a certain recommendation; defining certain terms; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to the Maryland Design Excellence Commission.

BY adding to Article – Economic Development
Section 10–4A–01 through 10–4A–03 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 4A. Maryland Design Excellence Commission”
Annotated Code of Maryland
House Bill 549 – Caroline County Delegation

AN ACT concerning

Caroline County – Alcoholic Beverages – Refillable Container Permit

FOR the purpose of 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 generally relating to alcoholic beverages in Caroline County.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Alcoholic Beverages
Section 15–1101
Annotated Code of Maryland
(As enacted by Chapter ____ (S.B. _____)(6lr1406) of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2016)

BY adding to

Article – Alcoholic Beverages
Section 15–1102
Annotated Code of Maryland
(As enacted by Chapter ____ (S.B. _____)(6lr1406) of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2016)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 550 – Delegates Clippinger, Hammen, and Lierman

AN ACT concerning

Distillery License Holders – Sale of Product to Participants in Guided Tours

FOR the purpose of repealing a certain provision of law that limits a distillery license holder to selling product and related merchandise to an individual on a guided tour of the distillery only if the license holder manufactures not more than a certain gallonage annually; and generally relating to sales of alcoholic beverages by holders of distillery licenses.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Alcoholic Beverages
Section 2–202
Annotated Code of Maryland
Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.


AN ACT concerning

Education – Children With Disabilities – Individualized Education Program Mediation

FOR the purpose of requiring certain individualized education program teams to provide certain parents of a child with a disability with a certain oral and written explanation of the parent’s right to request mediation, certain contact information under certain circumstances, and certain information regarding certain pro bono representation; authorizing certain parents to request certain information at certain times; requiring the State Department of Education to make a certain staff member available to assist certain parents in understanding certain mediation processes; and generally relating to children with disabilities.

BY adding to
   Article – Education
   Section 8–405(b)(3) and 8–413(b)(7)
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 552 – Delegate Lafferty

AN ACT concerning

Creation of a State Debt – Baltimore County – Desert Storm, Operation Enduring Freedom, and Operation Iraqi Freedom Memorial

FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed $75,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Baltimore County Monument Commission, Inc. and the County Executive and County Council of Baltimore County for certain development or improvement purposes; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; establishing a deadline for the encumbrance or
expenditure of the loan proceeds; and providing generally for the issuance and sale of bonds evidencing the loan.

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

House Bill 553 – Delegate Kipke

AN ACT concerning

Office of Cemetery Oversight – Cemetery Financial Statement – Requirements

FOR the purpose of requiring a certain financial statement required to be submitted by a certain cemetery that sells burial goods to the Director of the Office of Cemetery Oversight to contain a certain balance sheet; repealing the requirement that a certain financial statement contain a certain statement by a certified public accountant and a review of the financial stability of the cemetery by a certified public accountant; and generally relating to requirements for a cemetery financial statement and the Office of Cemetery Oversight.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Business Regulation
Section 5–304
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 554 – Delegates Bromwell and Kipke

AN ACT concerning

Insurance – Surplus Lines – Short–Term Medical Insurance

FOR the purpose of altering the scope of certain provisions of law governing surplus lines insurance to authorize the use of surplus lines insurance for certain short–term medical insurance coverage; authorizing the procurement of short–term medical insurance from a nonadmitted insurer under certain circumstances; specifying the conditions under which short–term medical insurance may be procured from a nonadmitted insurer; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to surplus lines insurance and short–term medical insurance.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Insurance
Section 3–301(a), (c), and (g)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2011 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)
BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Insurance
Section 3–302 and 3–306.2
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2011 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 555 – Delegate Kipke

AN ACT concerning
Office of Cemetery Oversight – Perpetual Care Trust Funds – Report Submission Requirement

FOR the purpose of altering the time period within which a sole proprietor registered cemeterian, certain permit holders, or certain other persons subject to certain perpetual care trust requirements are required to submit a certain report regarding a certain perpetual care trust fund to the Director of the Office of Cemetery Oversight; and generally relating to perpetual care trust funds and the Office of Cemetery Oversight.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Business Regulation
Section 5–603(b)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Business Regulation
Section 5–606
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 556 – Delegates Sydnor, Barron, and Moon

AN ACT concerning
Criminal Law – Threatening Juror, Witness, or Officer of Court for Performance of Duty – Penalties

FOR the purpose of establishing that a person may not threaten, intimidate, impede, or injure a juror, a witness, or an officer of a court of the State or of the United States for any reason related to the performance by the juror, witness, or officer of that person’s official duties; prohibiting a person from soliciting another to violate this
Act; providing penalties for a violation of this Act; and generally relating to the protection of jurors, witnesses, and officers of the court.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
   Article – Criminal Law
   Section 9–305
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 557 – Delegate Jameson

AN ACT concerning

Homeowner's Insurance – Underwriting Standards – Deductibles

FOR the purpose of repealing the requirement that an insurer that issues a policy of homeowner’s insurance file with the Maryland Insurance Commissioner for approval a certain underwriting standard that requires a certain deductible under certain circumstances before the insurer may implement the underwriting standard; requiring an insurer that issues a policy of homeowner’s insurance to file for information with the Commissioner a certain underwriting standard that requires a certain deductible under certain circumstances at least a certain period of time before the insurer proposes to implement the underwriting standard; altering the contents of a certain filing; repealing a provision of law that prohibits a certain underwriting standard from taking effect until a certain period of time has passed; repealing the authority of the Commissioner to take certain actions with regard to a certain underwriting standard during certain periods of time; repealing a provision of law that a certain filing is deemed approved unless disapproved by the Commissioner during certain periods of time; authorizing an insurer to adopt a certain underwriting standard that requires a certain deductible under certain circumstances if the deductible applies only during a certain period of time and regardless of where the insured’s home is located in the State; requiring an insurer to send a copy of a certain form to the Commissioner for information under certain circumstances; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to underwriting standards and deductibles under homeowner’s insurance.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
   Article – Insurance
   Section 19–209
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2011 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

AN ACT concerning

Baltimore City – Partially Elected School Board

FOR the purpose of increasing the number of members of the Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners; requiring a certain number of members of the board to be elected by the voters of certain districts in Baltimore City; requiring the Department of Legislative Services to establish the districts in collaboration with the Baltimore City Board of Elections; requiring certain members of the board to be elected at a certain election and in accordance with certain provisions of law; providing for the staggering of the terms of certain members and for the termination of the terms of certain members of the board; providing for the removal of, and hearings and appeal procedures for, the elected members of the board; providing for the application of this Act; making conforming changes; requiring that the Act be submitted to a referendum of the legally qualified voters of Baltimore City; and generally relating to the Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners and the selection of members.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Education
Section 3–108.1 and 3–114
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.


AN ACT concerning

Vehicle Laws – Protective Headgear Requirement for Motorcycle Riders – Exception

FOR the purpose of providing that a certain prohibition against operating or riding on a motorcycle without certain protective headgear does not apply to an individual at least a certain age who has been licensed to operate a motorcycle for a certain period of time, has completed a certain motorcycle safety course, or is a passenger on a motorcycle operated by a driver who has been licensed for a certain period or completed a certain safety course; making stylistic changes; and generally relating
to the requirement that protective headgear be worn by operators or riders of motorcycles.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Transportation
Section 21–1306
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 560 – Allegany County Delegation and Garrett County Delegation

AN ACT concerning

Maryland Income Tax Refunds – Allegany and Garrett Counties – Warrant Intercept Program

FOR the purpose of altering the requirement for the Comptroller to withhold Maryland income tax refunds of certain individuals with outstanding warrants to include residents of Allegany and Garrett counties or individuals who have outstanding warrants from Allegany and Garrett counties; making nonsubstantive changes to certain termination provisions; making conforming changes; providing for a delayed effective date for certain provisions of this Act; and generally relating to withholding income tax refunds of individuals with outstanding warrants.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Tax – General
Section 13–935 and 13–937 through 13–940
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2010 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Tax – General
Section 13–936
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2010 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
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BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Tax – General
Section 13–936(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2010 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)
(As enacted by Section 1 of this Act)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 561 – Delegates Flanagan, Adams, Anderton, Bromwell, Carozza, Ciliberti, Kittleman, Mautz, Otto, and West

AN ACT concerning

Small Business Personal Property Tax Relief Act of 2016

FOR the purpose of exempting from the personal property tax persons with certain personal property with less than a certain amount of total assessed value; requiring the State in certain taxable years to remit to each county and municipal corporation a certain amount of the tax the county or municipal corporation would have collected if the exemption under this Act had not been granted; requiring a person to apply annually to the State Department of Assessments and Taxation for the exemption under this Act; exempting a person that certifies eligibility for the exemption under this Act from submitting personal property information in a certain annual report; defining a certain term; and generally relating to the personal property tax.

BY adding to
Article – Tax – Property
Section 7–245
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Tax – Property
Section 11–101
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 562 – Delegates Carr, Fraser–Hidalgo, Frush, Lam, and Moon

AN ACT concerning

Speed Monitoring Systems – Exclusion of Vehicle Rental Companies – Repeal
FOR the purpose of altering a certain definition to repeal the exclusion of motor vehicle rental companies as owners of motor vehicles for purposes of the enforcement of violations recorded by speed monitoring systems; and generally relating to vehicle rental companies and speed monitoring systems.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
   Article – Transportation
   Section 21–809(a)(4)
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
   Article – Transportation
   Section 21–809(c) and (f)(4)
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.


AN ACT concerning

   Vehicle Laws – Obstruction Hanging From Rearview Mirror – Enforcement

FOR the purpose of providing for enforcement only as a secondary offense for a violation of the prohibition under certain circumstances against a person driving a vehicle on a highway with any object, material, or obstruction hanging from the rearview mirror under certain circumstances.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
   Article – Transportation
   Section 21–1104
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 564 – Delegates Glenn and B. Robinson

AN ACT concerning

   Public Health – Restaurants – Meals for Children
FOR the purpose of limiting the types of beverages that a restaurant may include in the price of certain menu options or meals; authorizing a restaurant to offer certain beverages to minors for a charge; and generally relating to restaurants and meals for children.

BY adding to
Article – Health – General
Section 21–304.3
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 565 – Delegates Dumais and Vallario

AN ACT concerning

Criminal Law – Possession of Less Than 10 Grams of Marijuana – Code Violation

FOR the purpose of specifying that a person who violates a certain provision of law involving the use or possession of marijuana in the amount of 10 grams or more is guilty of the misdemeanor of possession of marijuana; altering a certain provision of law so as to provide that a finding of guilt, rather than a violation, of a certain provision of law is a civil offense punishable by a certain fine; requiring that a certain citation contain the date of birth of the person charged; providing that prepayment of a certain fine shall be considered a plea of guilty to a Code violation; prohibiting a certain person from prepaying a certain fine; authorizing a certain person to request a certain trial in a certain manner at a certain time; authorizing the court to impose a certain fine and costs against a certain person and find the person is guilty of a Code violation for a certain purpose under certain circumstances; establishing certain procedures for a certain Code violation proceeding; providing that a certain defendant is liable for certain costs; authorizing the State’s Attorney to prosecute a certain violation in a certain manner; establishing that a certain provision of law providing that a certain citation and a certain record of a court are not subject to public inspection and may not be included on a certain Web site only applies under certain circumstances; and generally relating to possession of marijuana.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Criminal Law
Section 5–601(a) and (c)(1)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)
(As enacted by Chapter 4 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2016)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Criminal Law
Section 5–601(c)(2) and 5–601.1
Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 566 – Delegate Sophocleus (By Request – Anne Arundel County Administration)

AN ACT concerning

Anne Arundel County – Tax Sale Advertising

FOR the purpose of repealing a requirement that a certain notice of tax sale of property in Anne Arundel County be published in two newspapers published in the county; requiring a certain notice of tax sale of property in Anne Arundel County to be published on the county’s Web site; and generally relating to notices of tax sale of property in Anne Arundel County.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Tax – Property
Section 14–813(a)(1)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Tax – Property
Section 14–813(c)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 567 – Delegate Kipke

AN ACT concerning

State Board of Cosmetologists – Mobile Beauty Salons – Permit Requirement

FOR the purpose of altering the definition of “beauty salon” to include a certain mobile beauty salon; requiring an applicant for a beauty salon permit for a mobile beauty salon to hold a certain permit to operate a certain beauty salon and to lease or own the motor vehicle or trailer in which a certain mobile beauty salon is located for which a certain application is made; altering a certain definition; defining a certain term; making certain conforming and stylistic changes; and generally relating to beauty salons and the State Board of Cosmetologists.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Business Occupations and Professions  
Section 5–101 and 5–502  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2010 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 568 – Delegates Aumann, Folden, Grammer, S. Howard, Krebs, Malone, McComas, McConkey, Rose, and West

AN ACT concerning  
Health Occupations – Health Care Practitioners – Exemption From Participation in Aid in Dying

FOR the purpose of prohibiting a health care practitioner from being required to participate in aid in dying; prohibiting a health care practitioner who refuses to participate in aid in dying from being held criminally or civilly liable for refusing to participate; prohibiting certain persons from subjecting a health care practitioner who refuses to participate in aid in dying to discipline for refusing to participate; authorizing certain persons to prohibit a health care practitioner from participating in aid in dying on certain premises under certain circumstances; authorizing certain persons to subject a health care practitioner who violates a certain prohibition to discipline; providing for the application of this Act; defining certain terms; and generally relating to an exemption from participation in aid in dying by health care practitioners.

BY adding to  
Article – Health Occupations  
Section 1–223  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 569 – Delegates Jones, Brooks, Ebersole, Hettleman, Jalisi, Lafferty, Morhaim, Stein, Sydnor, and P. Young

AN ACT concerning  
Baltimore County Board of Education – Appointments by Governor – Advice and Consent of the Senate

FOR the purpose of providing that the members of the Baltimore County Board of Education appointed by the Governor are subject to the advice and consent of the Senate of Maryland; and generally relating to the appointment of members of the Baltimore County Board of Education by the Governor and the advice and consent of the Senate.
BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
   Article – Education
   Section 3–2A–01
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.


EMERGENCY BILL

AN ACT concerning

State Board of Education – State Superintendent of Schools – Appointment

FOR the purpose of requiring the State Board of Education to appoint or reappoint the State Superintendent of Schools with the advice and consent of the Senate on or before a certain date; requiring the State Superintendent to notify the State Board whether the State Superintendent is a candidate for reappointment on or before a certain date; requiring the State Board to appoint an interim State Superintendent under certain circumstances; authorizing a State Superintendent to serve for a certain period of time; making this Act an emergency measure; making certain stylistic changes; and generally relating to the appointment of the State Superintendent of Schools.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
   Article – Education
   Section 2–302
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 571 – Delegates Barkley and W. Miller

AN ACT concerning

Gas Companies – Rate Regulation – Environmental Remediation Costs

FOR the purpose of requiring the Public Service Commission, when determining certain expenses while setting a just and reasonable rate for a gas company, to include
certain costs incurred by the gas company for performing certain environmental remediation of real property; requiring that certain environmental remediation costs be included in a gas company’s certain expenses regardless of certain circumstances; prohibiting certain environmental remediation costs from being included in a gas company’s certain expenses if a court of competent jurisdiction makes a certain determination; requiring the Commission to balance certain interests when setting a certain recovery schedule; and generally relating to natural gas rate regulations and environmental remediation.

BY adding to
   Article – Public Utilities
   Section 4–211
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2010 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.


AN ACT concerning

Personal Property Tax – Investments in Maryland

FOR the purpose of providing an exemption from personal property tax for property that is owned by certain businesses organizing or moving into the State; exempting certain personal property from the property tax imposed by a county or municipal corporation as of a certain date; providing that certain personal property remains subject to a county or municipal corporation property tax; requiring the Department of Assessments and Taxation to identify certain provisions of law and submit a certain report to the General Assembly; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to a personal property tax for certain businesses.

BY adding to
   Article – Tax – Property
   Section 7–245 and 7–402
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 573 – Delegates Clippinger, Anderson, Dumais, Glenn, Hammen, Hayes, Lierman, McCray, and C. Wilson

AN ACT concerning
Possession of Loaded Handgun or Regulated Firearm – Enhanced Penalties

FOR the purpose of prohibiting a person from wearing, carrying, or transporting a handgun loaded with ammunition on or about the person or in a vehicle under certain circumstances; prohibiting a person from possessing a regulated firearm loaded with ammunition under certain circumstances or if the person is under a certain age; establishing certain penalties, including mandatory minimum terms of imprisonment, for violations of this Act; requiring the State to comply with certain procedures in certain circumstances; requiring the State’s Attorney to make a certain notification under certain circumstances; prohibiting a court from suspending any part of a sentence or ordering probation before judgment for certain crimes; providing that certain persons are not eligible for parole during certain mandatory minimum sentences, with a certain exception; providing that each violation of certain prohibitions is a separate offense; and generally relating to enhanced penalties for possession of a loaded handgun or regulated firearm.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
   Article – Criminal Law
   Section 4–203(a)(1) and (c)
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
   Article – Public Safety
   Section 5–133
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2011 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 574 – Charles County Delegation

AN ACT concerning

Ji’Aire Lee Workgroup on the Protection of Adults With Mental Illness and Their Children

FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of Human Resources, in collaboration with the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, to convene the Ji’Aire Lee Workgroup on the Protection of Adults With Mental Illness and Their Children; requiring the Workgroup to evaluate and determine whether modifications are needed to certain laws, systems, and services that are in place to help and protect certain individuals; requiring a certain evaluation to include certain areas of inquiry; requiring the Workgroup to include certain representatives and interested stakeholders; requiring the Department of Human Resources to report the findings and any recommendations of the Workgroup to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before a certain date; providing for the termination of this Act; and
generally relating to the Ji’Aire Lee Workgroup on the Protection of Adults With Mental Illness and Their Children.

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

**House Bill 575 – Delegate Jameson**

AN ACT concerning

**Portable Electronics Insurance – Required Notices – Method of Mailing**

FOR the purpose of altering the method of mailing that an insurer or vendor is required to use when the insurer or vendor sends to a policyholder or covered customer certain notices about a termination or any other change in the terms and conditions of a policy of portable electronics insurance; and generally relating to required notices about portable electronics insurance.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
   Article – Insurance  
   Section 19–903(a) and (h)(1)  
   Annotated Code of Maryland  
   (2011 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
   Article – Insurance  
   Section 19–903(h)(2)  
   Annotated Code of Maryland  
   (2011 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

**House Bill 576 – Delegate Beitzel**

AN ACT concerning

**Maryland Dormant Minerals Interests Act – Use of Mineral Interest – Clarification**

FOR the purpose of clarifying that when an owner of a mineral interest takes a certain action for a mineral that is part of a mineral interest, the action constitutes use of the entire mineral interest owned by that owner; and generally relating to the use of a mineral interest under the Maryland Dormant Mineral Interests Act.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
   Article – Environment  
   Section 15–1203  
   Annotated Code of Maryland
House Bill 577 – Allegany County Delegation and Garrett County Delegation

AN ACT concerning

Allegany County and Garrett County – Annual Financial Reports – Filing Date

FOR the purpose of altering the date by which Allegany County and Garrett County are required to file certain financial reports with the Department of Legislative Services; and generally relating to the date by which Allegany County and Garrett County are required to file financial reports.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Local Government
Section 16–304
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2013 Volume and 2015 Supplement)

House Bill 578 – Delegates Carr, Hixson, Korman, Luedtke, Moon, Platt, S. Robinson, Tarlau, and Turner

AN ACT concerning

Real–Time Transparency Act of 2016

FOR the purpose of requiring a political committee to file a contribution report within a certain period of time after receiving a single contribution, transfer, or loan of a certain amount during the year of an election in which the political committee is participating; requiring contribution reports to include certain information; providing that contribution reports filed by a political committee are in addition to certain other reports filed by a political committee; requiring a political committee to include information reported in its contribution reports in certain other reports filed by the political committee; requiring the State Board of Elections to assess a late filing fee for failure to file a contribution report; providing for the amount, payment, use, and other matters concerning late filing fees; and generally relating to requiring rapid reporting of certain contributions, transfers, and loans to political committees.

BY adding to

Article – Election Law
Section 13–309.3
Annotated Code of Maryland
Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 579 – Delegates Rosenberg, Angel, Bromwell, Cullison, Hill, Kelly, Morhaim, Oaks, Pena–Melnyk, Pendergrass, Sample–Hughes, West, and K. Young

AN ACT concerning

Mental Health – Wraparound Services for Children and Youth

FOR the purpose of requiring the Governor, for a certain fiscal year and for each fiscal year thereafter, to include in the budget bill an appropriation to provide certain wraparound services for a certain number of children or youth who meet certain eligibility criteria; defining certain terms; and generally relating to mental health and wraparound services for children and youth.

BY adding to
Article – Health – General
Section 10–1501 and 10–1502 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 15. Wraparound Services for Children and Youth”
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.


AN ACT concerning

Labor and Employment – Maryland Healthy Working Families Act

FOR the purpose of requiring certain employers to provide employees with certain earned sick and safe leave; providing for the method of determining whether an employer is required to provide paid or unpaid earned sick and safe leave; providing for the
manner in which earned sick and safe leave is accrued by the employee and treated by the employer; authorizing an employer, under certain circumstances, to deduct the amount paid for earned sick and safe leave from the wages paid to an employee on the termination of employment under a certain provision of law; prohibiting an employer from being required to pay out on the termination of employment certain earned sick and safe leave; requiring an employer to allow an employee to use earned sick and safe leave for certain purposes; requiring an employee, under certain circumstances, to provide certain notice to the employer; prohibiting an employer from requiring that a certain employee search for or find an individual to work in the employee’s stead during a certain period of time; authorizing an employer, under certain circumstances, to require an employee to provide certain documentation; requiring an employer to notify the employees that the employees are entitled to certain earned sick and safe leave; specifying the information that must be included in the notice; requiring the Commissioner of Labor and Industry to create and make available a certain poster and notice; requiring an employer to keep certain records for a certain time period; authorizing the Commissioner to inspect certain records; establishing a presumption that an employer has violated certain provisions of this Act under certain circumstances; authorizing the Commissioner to take certain acts when the Commissioner determines certain provisions of this Act have been violated; authorizing an employee to bring a civil action in a certain court against an employer for a violation of certain provisions of this Act; authorizing a court to award certain damages, fees, and injunctive relief under certain circumstances; establishing certain prohibited acts; providing for certain criminal penalties; providing that certain protections apply to certain employees; authorizing the Commissioner to adopt regulations to carry out certain provisions of this Act; authorizing the Commissioner to conduct an investigation, under certain circumstances, to determine whether certain provisions of this Act have been violated; requiring the Commissioner, except under certain circumstances, to keep certain information confidential; providing for the construction of certain provisions of this Act; providing for the application of this Act; defining certain terms; and generally relating to earned sick and safe leave.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Labor and Employment
Section 2–106(b)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2008 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – Labor and Employment
Section 3–103(k); and 3–1301 through 3–1311 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 13. Healthy Working Families Act”
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2008 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.
House Bill 581 – Delegate B. Barnes (Chair, Joint Committee on Pensions)

AN ACT concerning

State Retirement and Pension System – Reemployment of Ordinary Disability Retirees – Earnings Limitation

FOR the purpose of exempting from a certain reemployment earnings limitation certain retirees whose average final compensation was less than a certain amount and who are reemployed while receiving an ordinary disability retirement allowance from the State Retirement and Pension System; making stylistic changes; and generally relating to the reemployment earnings limitation for ordinary disability retirees in the State Retirement and Pension System.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – State Personnel and Pensions
Section 29–116
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

House Bill 582 – Delegate B. Barnes (Chair, Joint Committee on Pensions)

AN ACT concerning

Correctional Officers’ Retirement System – Clifton T. Perkins Maximum Security Guards – Vested Allowances

FOR the purpose of 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 and begins membership after a certain date; altering the age at which a vested allowance begins for a member of the Correctional Officers’ Retirement System who is a maximum security attendant at the Clifton T. Perkins Hospital Center and begins membership after a certain date; and generally relating to allowances for members of the Correctional Officers’ Retirement System.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – State Personnel and Pensions
Section 25–401(a) and 29–302(c)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

AN ACT concerning

Criminal Law – Cruelty to Animals – Implement of Dogfighting

FOR the purpose of prohibiting a person from possessing, with the intent to unlawfully use, a certain implement of dogfighting; establishing certain factors that a court may consider to determine whether an object is an implement of dogfighting; establishing penalties for a violation of this Act; authorizing a court to order a certain defendant to participate in and pay for psychological counseling as a condition of sentencing; providing that each implement of dogfighting possessed in violation of this Act is a separate offense; defining a certain term; and generally relating to cruelty to animals.

BY adding to

Article – Criminal Law
Section 10–607.1
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 584 – Delegate Lafferty

AN ACT concerning

Economic Development – One Maryland Tax Credit – Expansion

FOR the purpose of expanding the eligibility requirements for the One Maryland Economic Development Tax Credit to include certain qualified businesses that establish or expand a certain business facility that is located in a certain qualified distressed political subdivision; expanding the eligibility requirements for the credit by altering, under certain circumstances, the number of qualified positions that must be created and the eligible activities in which a person may engage at a new or expanded business facility; altering the minimum eligible project cost for a qualified economic development project for which a qualified business entity may claim a certain project tax credit under certain circumstances; authorizing, under certain circumstances, qualified businesses located in certain qualified distressed political subdivisions to claim certain credits on a prorated basis; defining a certain term; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to the One Maryland Economic Development Tax Credit.
BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Economic Development
Section 6–401, 6–402(b), 6–403(a), (e), and (f), 6–404, and 6–405
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2008 Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 585 – Delegates Sydnor, Barron, and Moon

AN ACT concerning

Public Safety – Police Training Commission – Policies and Reporting Requirements

FOR the purpose of requiring the Police Training Commission, in cooperation with the Office of the Attorney General and the Governor’s Office of Crime Control and Prevention, to develop certain statewide standards; requiring the Commission, in cooperation with the Office of the Attorney General, to review annually certain standards adopted by certain law enforcement agencies for constitutional sufficiency; requiring the Commission to develop a certain form and system by which certain law enforcement agencies shall report annually certain incidents to the Commission; requiring the Commission to summarize annually the information submitted by the law enforcement agencies and publish the summary in a certain manner; requiring a certain law enforcement agency to adopt certain standards and publish certain policies in a certain manner under certain circumstances; requiring a certain law enforcement agency to adopt a certain form and report annually certain incidents to the Commission in accordance with this Act; and generally relating to the Police Training Commission.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Public Safety
Section 3–207
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2011 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – Public Safety
Section 3–514 and 3–515
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2011 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 586 – Delegates Fisher, Arentz, Aumann, Buckel, Carozza, Cluster, Folden, Glass, Grammer, Hornberger, S. Howard, Kipke, Kittleman, Mautz,
McComas, McConkey, McDonough, McKay, Morgan, O'Donnell, Parrott, Reilly, Rey, Rose, Saab, and B. Wilson

AN ACT concerning

Retire in Maryland Act of 2016

FOR the purpose of including income from certain retirement plans and certain unearned income sources within a certain subtraction modification allowed under the Maryland income tax for certain individuals who are at least a certain age or who are disabled or whose spouse is disabled; repealing a limitation on the maximum amount of a subtraction modification allowed under the State income tax for certain retirement income of certain individuals; providing that income included in certain subtraction modifications may not be taken into account for purposes of a certain subtraction modification allowed under the Maryland income tax for certain individuals who are at least a certain age or who are disabled or whose spouse is disabled; altering a certain definition; defining a certain term; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to a subtraction modification under the Maryland income tax for retirement income and income from certain unearned income sources.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Tax – General
Section 10–209
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2010 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 587 – Delegates K. Young, Luedtke, and A. Miller

AN ACT concerning

Hospitals – Patient’s Bill of Rights

FOR the purpose of requiring each administrator of a hospital to provide patients with a certain patient’s bill of rights; requiring each administrator of a hospital to provide certain patients with a translator or an interpreter to provide certain assistance to the patients; requiring each administrator of a hospital to conspicuously post copies of the patient’s bill of rights in certain areas of the hospital; requiring each administrator of a hospital to provide annual training to certain staff to ensure the staff’s knowledge and understanding of the patient’s bill of rights; altering the rights that must be included in the patient’s bill of rights; declaring the intent of the General Assembly; defining a certain term; and generally relating to hospitals and patient’s bill of rights.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 588 – Delegates Bromwell, Afzali, Barve, Brooks, Clippinger, Cluster, Cullison, C. Howard, Jalisi, Jones, Kelly, McDonough, Miele, Oaks, Pena–Melnyk, Sample–Hughes, Stein, West, and K. Young

AN ACT concerning

Continuing Care Retirement Communities – Continuing Care Agreements – Actuarial Studies

FOR the purpose of altering the contents of a renewal application for a continuing care retirement community by requiring that actuarial studies reviewed by qualified actuaries be submitted on a certain basis for certain continuing care agreements; defining certain terms; and generally relating to continuing care retirement community continuing care agreements and actuarial studies.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Human Services
Section 10–401 and 10–413(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2007 Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 589 – Delegates Vallario, Anderson, Cluster, Conaway, Kittleman, Rey, Sanchez, and B. Wilson

AN ACT concerning

Office of the Public Defender – Representation at Bail Hearing – Provisional

FOR the purpose of establishing that the representation provided by the Office of the Public Defender to an indigent individual at a bail hearing before a District Court or circuit court judge shall be limited solely to the bail hearing and shall terminate automatically at the conclusion of the hearing; establishing a certain exception; and generally relating to representation by the Office of the Public Defender.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Criminal Procedure
Section 16–204
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2008 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 590 – Delegates Vallario, Anderson, Atterbeary, Carter, Conaway, Dumais, Moon, Proctor, Rosenberg, Sanchez, Smith, Sydnor, and Valentino-Smith

AN ACT concerning

Criminal Procedure – Expungement – Probation Before Judgment

FOR the purpose of repealing a provision of law denying a person entitlement to expungement if the petition for expungement is based on the entry of probation before judgment for a certain crime and the person, within a certain period of time of the entry of the probation before judgment, has been convicted of a certain crime; and generally relating to expungement.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Criminal Procedure
Section 10–105(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2008 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Criminal Procedure
Section 10–105(e)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2008 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.


AN ACT concerning

Office of the Public Defender – Eligibility for Services

FOR the purpose of prohibiting the Office of the Public Defender or a certain panel attorney from continuing a certain representation after a certain bail hearing unless a certain eligibility is determined; requiring the Office of the Public Defender to investigate the financial status of an applicant under all circumstances; altering certain provisions of law so as to require, rather than authorize, the Office of the Public Defender to require an applicant to execute and deliver certain requests or authorizations, to obtain certain information, and to submit certain requests for information to the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation, with a certain
exception; and generally relating to eligibility for the services of the Office of the Public Defender.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
   Article – Criminal Procedure
   Section 16–210
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2008 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.


AN ACT concerning

   Blue Ribbon Commission on Voting, Openness, Transparency, and Equality (VOTE) in Elections

   FOR the purpose of establishing the Blue Ribbon Commission on Voting, Openness, Transparency, and Equality (VOTE) in Elections; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Commission; prohibiting a member of the Commission from receiving certain compensation, but authorizing the reimbursement of certain expenses; requiring the Commission to study and make recommendations regarding certain matters; requiring the Commission to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before a certain date; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to the Blue Ribbon Commission on Voting, Openness, Transparency, and Equality (VOTE) in Elections.

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 593 – Delegates M. Washington, Hettleman, Krimm, Lierman, and McKay

AN ACT concerning

   Human Services – Interagency Council on Homelessness – Membership

   FOR the purpose of altering the composition of the Interagency Council on Homelessness; increasing the number of representatives from diverse geographical regions of the State engaged in homeless advocacy; making a stylistic change; and generally relating to the Interagency Council on Homelessness.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Human Services  
Section 6–418  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2007 Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
Article – Human Services  
Section 6–419  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2007 Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

House Bill 594 – Delegates Kramer, Barkley, B. Barnes, Brooks, Cullison,  
Fraser–Hidalgo, Frush, Krimm, Luedtke, McComas, and Waldstreicher

AN ACT concerning

Humane Adoption of Companion Animals Used in Research Act of 2016

FOR the purpose of limiting the period of time for which dogs or cats may be used in certain research facilities for certain scientific research purposes; requiring certain research facilities using dogs or cats for certain scientific research purposes to take certain steps to provide for the adoption of a dog or cat under certain circumstances; authorizing certain research facilities to enter into certain agreements with certain animal rescue organizations for certain purposes; defining certain terms; and generally relating to regulation of research facilities that use dogs or cats.

BY adding to  
Article – Agriculture  
Section 15–101 to be under the new title “Title 15. Regulation of Research Facilities That Use Dogs or Cats”  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2007 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 595 – Delegates Hayes, Zucker, and Sample–Hughes

AN ACT concerning

Behavioral Health Community Providers – Keep the Door Open Act

FOR the purpose of requiring, except under certain circumstances, the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to adjust the rate of reimbursement for certain community providers each fiscal year by the rate adjustment included in a certain State budget; requiring that the Governor’s proposed budget for a certain fiscal year,
and for each fiscal year thereafter, include rate adjustments for certain community providers based on the funding provided in certain legislative appropriations; requiring that a certain rate of adjustment equal the average annual percentage change in a certain Consumer Price Index for a certain period; requiring, under certain circumstances, managed care organizations to pay a certain rate for a certain time period for services provided by community providers and to adjust the rate of reimbursement for community providers each fiscal year by a certain amount; defining certain terms; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to the rate of reimbursement for behavioral health community providers.

BY adding to
Article – Health – General
Section 16–201.3
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 596 – Delegates Flanagan, Adams, Cullison, Gutierrez, Kelly, Kittleman, Mautz, Metzgar, Miele, Morhaim, Pena-Melnyk, Szeliga, and West

AN ACT concerning

State Department of Education – Hearing Aid Loan Bank Program – Age of Eligibility

FOR the purpose of altering the age of eligibility to participate in the Hearing Aid Loan Bank Program in the State Department of Education; and generally relating to the Hearing Aid Loan Bank Program for eligible children.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Education
Section 8–601 and 8–602
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Education
Section 8–603 and 8–604
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 597 – Delegates K. Young and Krimm
AN ACT concerning

State Personnel – Professional Service – Maryland School for the Deaf – Teachers

FOR the purpose of requiring that teachers employed by the Maryland School for the Deaf are in the professional service in the State Personnel Management System; and generally relating to the State Personnel Management System and teachers employed by the Maryland School for the Deaf.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
   Article – Education
   Section 8–304
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

House Bill 598 – Delegate Frick

AN ACT concerning

Alcoholic Beverages – Distribution and Sales Tax Revenues

FOR the purpose of authorizing the Montgomery County Department of Liquor Control to authorize the wholesale distribution of beer in the county to a person who purchases a certain interest from the county; requiring the purchase to be made at a public auction; establishing that the county’s monopoly on the wholesale distribution of beer under a franchise is extinguished when the sale of the interest in the franchise is made; authorizing the Department to sell its interest in a dispensary to a person who holds or is eligible to hold a certain license; requiring the purchase to be by public auction; requiring the Board of License Commissioners for Montgomery County to issue a certain license within a certain number of days to a certain person; prohibiting the Department from selling its interest in more than a certain number of dispensaries; requiring the Comptroller to distribute to counties in a certain manner the sales and use tax revenue from the sale of alcoholic beverages; requiring the sales and use tax revenue from the sale of alcoholic beverages not distributed to the counties to be paid into the General Fund of the State; defining a certain term; making this Act subject to a certain contingency; and generally relating to the sale and taxation of alcoholic beverages.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
   Article – Alcoholic Beverages
   Section 25–307(b)
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (As enacted by Chapter ___ (S.B.____)(6lr1406) of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2016)
BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
  Article – Tax – General
  Section 2–1301, 2–1302, and 11–104(g)
  Annotated Code of Maryland
  (2010 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY adding to
  Article – Tax – General
  Section 2–1304
  Annotated Code of Maryland
  (2010 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters and the Committee on Ways and Means.


AN ACT concerning

Poultry Litter Management Act

FOR the purpose of requiring an integrator to place poultry only at a contract operation that maintains a certain nutrient management plan; requiring an integrator to be responsible for confirming that a contract grower is in possession of a certain nutrient management plan before placing poultry at any contract operation; requiring an integrator to be responsible for the removal and delivery of all excess manure in accordance with certain requirements; requiring an integrator to remove excess manure in a certain manner and in accordance with a certain schedule; requiring a contract grower to store excess manure in accordance with certain regulations; authorizing a contract grower to voluntarily elect to retain all or part of the manure produced by an integrator’s poultry; prohibiting an integrator from charging a fee under certain circumstances; providing that the amount of manure retained by a contract grower may not exceed the amount of manure that may be annually land applied at the contract operation under a nutrient management plan except under certain circumstances; requiring certain integrators and manure brokers or manure transporters to maintain certain records in accordance with certain requirements; requiring certain records to be submitted to the Department of Agriculture and made publicly available in a certain manner; prohibiting public funds from being used to pay for the transportation of manure under this Act; requiring integrators, or certain manure brokers or manure transporters, to deliver
excess manure only to certain facilities; requiring certain integrators to comply with certain regulations and requirements; establishing certain penalties for certain violations; prohibiting the Secretary from settling a certain claim without the concurrence of the Attorney General; requiring a certain settlement to include a certain agreement; authorizing a contract grower to bring a certain action under certain circumstances; prohibiting a contract grower from having to post a bond, prove the absence of an adequate remedy at law, or show the existence of special circumstances in order to obtain injunctive relief; requiring a court to award reasonable attorney’s fees and other expenses to a contract grower under certain circumstances; defining certain terms; and generally relating to poultry litter management.

BY adding to
Article – Agriculture
Section 8–1101 through 8–1104 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 11. Poultry Litter Management”
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2007 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 600 – Delegates Sanchez, Vallario, Glass, Kittleman, Moon, Morales, Parrott, Proctor, Sydnor, and Valentino-Smith

AN ACT concerning

Criminal Procedure – Expungement – Denial of Petition Without Hearing

FOR the purpose of altering a certain provision of law to authorize, rather than require, a court to hold a hearing on a certain petition for expungement if the State’s Attorney files a timely objection to the petition; authorizing a court to deny a certain petition for expungement without a hearing if the court finds that the petition is barred as a matter of law; authorizing a certain petitioner to request a hearing within a certain amount of time under certain circumstances; requiring the court to hold a hearing under certain circumstances; making conforming changes; and generally relating to expungement of court and police records.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Criminal Procedure
Section 10–105(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2008 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Criminal Procedure
Section 10–105(e)
Annotated Code of Maryland
Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 601 – Frederick County Delegation

AN ACT concerning

Frederick County – Hotel Rental Tax – Rate

FOR the purpose of altering the hotel rental tax rate in Frederick County; and generally relating to the Frederick County hotel rental tax.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Local Government
Section 20–405
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2013 Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 602 – Delegate Sophocleus (By Request – Anne Arundel County Administration)

AN ACT concerning

Anne Arundel County – Special Taxing Districts – Water or Wastewater Services

FOR the purpose of authorizing Anne Arundel County to establish, modify, or abolish special taxing districts for the purpose of providing or expanding water or wastewater services; and generally relating to special taxing districts in Anne Arundel County.

BY adding to

Article – Local Government
Section 21–803.1
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2013 Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

AN ACT concerning

Pain–Capable Unborn Child Protection Act

FORE the purpose of prohibiting, except under certain circumstances, the performance or inducement or attempted performance or inducement of an abortion of a pregnant woman unless a certain determination as to the probable age of the unborn child is made by a certain physician; providing that the failure of a physician to perform certain actions is deemed “unprofessional conduct”; prohibiting the performance or inducement or attempted performance or inducement of an abortion of a pregnant woman if the probable age of an unborn child is a certain number of weeks, except under certain circumstances; requiring an abortion to be performed in a certain manner under certain circumstances; requiring certain physicians to submit a certain report to the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene that includes certain information; requiring the Department to issue a certain public report by a certain date each year that includes certain information; requiring the Department to adopt certain regulations on or before a certain date; establishing certain civil and criminal penalties; authorizing certain persons to bring a civil action under certain circumstances; requiring a court to issue certain orders under certain circumstances; requiring certain persons to use a pseudonym to bring a certain action in court under certain circumstances; providing for the award of certain attorney’s fees under certain circumstances; requiring a court to make a certain determination in a certain proceeding; requiring a court to issue certain orders under certain circumstances; requiring certain persons to use a pseudonym to bring a certain action in court under certain circumstances; providing for the construction of various provisions of this Act; stating certain findings of the General Assembly; defining certain terms; and generally relating to the Pain–Capable Unborn Child Protection Act.

BY adding to

Article – Health – General
Section 20–217 through 20–225 to be under the new part “Part V. Pain–Capable Unborn Child Protection Act”
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.


AN ACT concerning

Public Health – Mobile Food Service Facilities – Licensing and Inspection by Counties
FOR the purpose of prohibiting, under certain circumstances, a county from requiring a mobile food service facility to obtain a license from the county in order to operate in the county; authorizing a county to inspect a mobile food service facility that is operating in the county; requiring, under certain circumstances, a county to forward the result of a certain inspection to the county that licenses a certain mobile food service facility; providing for the application of this Act; defining certain terms; and generally relating to the licensing and inspection of mobile food service facilities by counties.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
   Article – Health – General
   Section 21–304
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2015 Replacement Volume)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 605 – Frederick County Delegation

AN ACT concerning

   Frederick County – Development Rights and Responsibilities Agreements – Administrative Appeals

FOR the purpose of authorizing, in Frederick County, a person aggrieved by a development rights and responsibilities agreement to file an administrative appeal; authorizing, in Frederick County, certain persons to file a request for judicial review of a decision of the county board of zoning appeals by the circuit court of the county; authorizing, in Frederick County, a certain party to a proceeding in the circuit court of the county to appeal to the Court of Special Appeals; providing that if an agreement was entered into before a certain date, a person aggrieved by an amendment to the agreement may not file an administrative appeal and may seek direct judicial review under certain circumstances; providing that a certain party may appeal to the Court of Special Appeals and thereafter may petition the Court of Appeals for a writ of certiorari under certain circumstances; and generally relating to development rights and responsibilities agreements in Frederick County.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
   Article – Land Use
   Section 7–307
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2012 Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 606 – Delegate Dumais
AN ACT concerning

Patient Safety Early Intervention Programs

FOR the purpose of providing that a statement made by a party during a discussion held in accordance with a certain patient safety early intervention program is inadmissible as certain evidence in a certain proceeding or civil action; authorizing a hospital, a related institution, or an insurer that provides professional liability insurance to a certain health care provider to establish a patient safety early intervention program; establishing certain requirements for a patient safety early intervention program; providing that services or support provided to a patient or the patient’s family does not affect the right of the patient or the patient’s family to certain compensation; defining certain terms; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to patient safety early intervention programs and the admissibility of evidence in proceedings or actions relating to health care malpractice.

BY adding to
Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings
Section 10–920.1
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2013 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Health – General
Section 19–304.1
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 607 – Delegates Adams, Afzali, Arentz, Buckel, Glass, Kittleman, Mautz, McConkey, Reilly, Saab, Shoemaker, West, and B. Wilson

AN ACT concerning

Courts – Jurors – State Per Diem Amount

FOR the purpose of increasing the State per diem amounts required to be paid for jury service; and generally relating to jury service.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings
Section 8–426
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2013 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)
Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

**House Bill 608 – Delegates Adams, Afzali, Impallaria, Kittleman, Metzgar, West, and Wivell**

AN ACT concerning

**Landlord and Tenant – Installation of Satellite Dish on Residential Rental Property**

FOR the purpose of prohibiting a satellite dish from being installed on the roof or exterior walls of residential rental property at the request of a tenant unless the landlord has given permission in writing before the installation; requiring the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation to develop a certain form and make the form available on the Department’s Web site; establishing that a person installing a satellite dish on the roof or exterior walls of residential rental property shall be liable to the landlord for any damage to the property caused by the installation; and generally relating to residential rental property.

BY adding to
  Article – Real Property
  Section 8–119
  Annotated Code of Maryland
  (2015 Replacement Volume)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

**House Bill 609 – Delegates Adams, Afzali, Arentz, Beitzel, Ghrist, Impallaria, Kittleman, Krebs, Mautz, McConkey, Metzgar, Otto, Rose, West, and Wivell**

AN ACT concerning

**Prevailing Wage – Basis for Rate Determination – Survey Data**

FOR the purpose of prohibiting the Commissioner of Labor and Industry from considering certain wage information from certain projects when making certain annual prevailing wage rate determinations; and generally relating to prevailing wage rates.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
  Article – State Finance and Procurement
  Section 17–201(a), (c), and (h)
  Annotated Code of Maryland
  (2015 Replacement Volume)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
  Article – State Finance and Procurement
JOINT SESSION

Delegates D. Barnes and B. Wilson escorted the Senate into the House Chamber.

President Miller called for the Senate roll.

QUORUM CALL

The presiding officer announced a quorum call, showing 45 Members present.

(See Senate Roll Call No. 123a)

Speaker Busch called for the House roll.

QUORUM CALL

The presiding officer announced a quorum call, showing 137 Members present.

(See Roll Call No. 44)

A majority of both the House and the Senate being present, Speaker Busch declared both bodies in Joint Session.

Senators Klausmeier and Hershey and Delegates Branch and Szeliga escorted the Lieutenant Governor to the Rostrum.

Senators Pugh and Jennings and Delegates Kipke and Kaiser escorted the Chief Executive to the Speaker’s Rostrum.

Speaker Busch presented the Chief Executive of Maryland, Governor Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr.

The Chief Executive addressed the General Assembly.

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REMARKS OF GOVERNOR LAWRENCE J. HOGAN, JR.

(See Exhibit G of Appendix II)

Senators Pugh and Jennings and Delegates Kipke and Kaiser escorted the Chief Executive from the Chamber.

Senators Klausmeier and Hershey and Delegates Branch and Szeliaga escorted the Lieutenant Governor from the Chamber.

Senator Nathaniel J. McFadden moved the Senate be adjourned.

The motion was adopted.

QUORUM CALL

The presiding officer announced a quorum call, showing 137 Members present.

(See Roll Call No. 45)

ADJOURNMENT

Annapolis, Maryland  
Thursday, February 4, 2016

The House met at 10:19 A.M. and pledged Allegiance to the Flag.

Prayer by Delegate Mike McKay of Allegany and Washington counties.

**QUORUM CALL**

The presiding officer announced a quorum call, showing 133 Members present.

(See Roll Call No. 47)

**EXCUSES:**
Del. Cullison – personal
Del. Holmes – business
Del. W. Miller – late – doctor’s appointment

The Journal of February 3, 2016 was read and approved.

**INTRODUCTION OF BILLS**


AN ACT concerning

**Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction Act – Reauthorization**

FOR the purpose of repealing the termination date for a certain provision of law requiring the State to reduce statewide greenhouse gas emissions by a certain amount by a certain date; requiring the State to reduce statewide greenhouse gas emissions by a certain amount by a certain date; requiring the Department of the Environment to submit a proposed plan in accordance with certain requirements to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before a certain date; requiring the Department to adopt a final plan in accordance with certain requirements on or before a certain date; requiring an institution of higher education in the State to conduct a certain study in accordance with certain requirements and submit the study to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before a certain date; authorizing the General Assembly to maintain, revise, or eliminate certain statewide greenhouse gas emissions
reduction requirements under certain circumstances; requiring the General Assembly to consider whether to continue certain manufacturing provisions under certain circumstances; altering the date by which the Department must monitor the implementation of certain plans and submit certain reports to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before certain dates; requiring the Department to include certain agencies and entities in certain discussions regarding certain matters; making the provisions of this Act severable; providing for the termination of a certain provision of this Act; and generally relating to the reduction of statewide greenhouse gas emissions.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Section 7

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Section 7

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Environment
Section 2–1204
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2013 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Environment
Section 2–1204.1
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2013 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Environment
Section 2–1205, 2–1206, 2–1207, 2–1210, and 2–1211
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2013 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters and the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 611 – Delegate Carr

AN ACT concerning

Vehicle Laws – Civil Penalty for Failure to Pay Video Toll – Limitation

FOR the purpose of establishing a certain civil penalty for a video toll violation; repealing the authority of the Maryland Transportation Authority to establish a civil penalty
through regulation; making a stylistic change; and generally relating to civil penalties for toll violations.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Transportation
Section 21–1414(c)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.


AN ACT concerning

Manslaughter by Motor Vehicle or Vessel – Penalty

FOR the purpose of altering the penalty for manslaughter by vehicle or vessel; and generally relating to manslaughter by vehicle or vessel.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Criminal Law
Section 2–209
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 613 – Delegates Fisher, Angel, Arentz, Aumann, Barkley, Carey, Fennell, Glenn, S. Howard, Impallaria, Jackson, Kramer, Lisanti, Mautz, McCray, W. Miller, Morgan, Patterson, Rey, S. Robinson, Sanchez, Tarlau, Vaughn, and C. Wilson

AN ACT concerning

Public Utilities – Telephone Companies – Wired Broadband
(Wired Broadband Act of 2016)

FOR the purpose of requiring a certain telephone company to provide and maintain wired broadband service in a certain manner or pay the cost of providing wired broadband service to the Rural Broadband Assistance Fund; requiring the Public Service Commission, to the extent authorized under federal law, to cooperate with the Federal Communications Commission for a certain purpose; requiring the Commission to make a certain annual report and recommendations to the General Assembly on or before a certain date; defining a certain term; providing for the
application of this Act; and generally relating to providing wired broadband in the State.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
   Article – Economic Development
   Section 5–1102
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2008 Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY adding to
   Article – Public Utilities
   Section 8–701 through 8–704 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 7. Wired Broadband”
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2010 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.


AN ACT concerning

   General Provisions – Commemorative Days – Watermen’s Day

FOR the purpose of requiring the Governor annually to proclaim a certain day as Watermen’s Day; defining a certain term; and generally relating to Watermen’s Day.

BY renumbering
   Article – General Provisions
   Section 7–402 through 7–416, respectively
   to be Section 7–403 through 7–417, respectively
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2014 Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY adding to
   Article – General Provisions
   Section 7–402
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2014 Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 615 – Delegates Anderson, Cluster, Conaway, Moon, and Vallario

AN ACT concerning
Criminal Procedure – Evidence – Exclusionary Rule

FOR the purpose of prohibiting a court from receiving into evidence in a criminal proceeding any evidence obtained in a certain manner; prohibiting a court from recognizing certain exceptions to the exclusionary rule; prohibiting a court from reviewing probable cause for the issuance of a search warrant by a certain standard; providing that each criminal defendant has standing to pursue a certain motion or exclude certain evidence; prohibiting a court from admitting evidence in violation of a certain right; prohibiting a court from limiting the scope of the exclusionary rule to certain evidence; defining certain terms; and generally relating to evidence.

BY adding to
Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings
Section 10–923
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2013 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 616 – Delegate Barkley

AN ACT concerning

Alcoholic Beverages – Class 1 Distillery Licenses

FOR the purpose of altering the activities allowed to be conducted at a plant established and operated by a holder of a Class 1 distillery license; allowing the license holder to acquire alcoholic beverages from a holder of any manufacturer’s license or wholesaler’s license or a holder of a nonresident dealer’s permit for use in manufacturing; repealing a provision of law requiring that the license holder acquire certain alcoholic beverages in bulk; authorizing the license holder to serve at no cost or for a fee certain product samples to certain participants in a guided tour of the licensed premises; altering the amount and contents of product samples that may be served; altering the amount of products that the license holder may sell to certain participants in a guided tour of the licensed premises; repealing a certain restriction on license holders who sell products to certain participants in a guided tour; altering a certain annual license fee; and generally relating to Class 1 distillery licenses.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Alcoholic Beverages
Section 2–202
Annotated Code of Maryland
(As enacted by Chapter __(S.B. ___)(6lr1406) of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2016)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.
**House Bill 617** – Delegates Beidle, B. Barnes, Carey, Chang, Frush, S. Howard, Malone, McConkey, Saab, Simonaire, and Sophocleus

AN ACT concerning

**Anne Arundel County Public Schools – Adjunct Instructor Program**

FOR the purpose of authorizing the Anne Arundel County Board of Education to establish and implement an adjunct instructor program to meet the demand for qualified individuals to provide instruction in certain grades and certain subject areas; requiring the Board, if it exercises certain authority, to make certain determinations, employ certain individuals as adjunct instructors on a part–time basis under certain contracts, and issue certain certificates; establishing the qualifications for certification as an adjunct instructor; authorizing an adjunct instructor to provide instruction in a certain subject area; establishing the authority of an adjunct instructor to supervise and manage a classroom, maintain and handle student records, and evaluate student performance and assign course grades; requiring an adjunct instructor certificate to specify the authorized subject area of instruction, be valid for a certain time period, and be renewable; prohibiting the transfer of an adjunct instructor certificate; defining certain terms; and generally relating to an adjunct instructor program in the Anne Arundel County Public Schools.

BY adding to

Article – Education
Section 6–122
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

**House Bill 618** – Delegates Beidle, B. Barnes, Carey, Chang, Frush, S. Howard, Malone, and Sophocleus

AN ACT concerning

**Creation of a State Debt – Anne Arundel County – William Brown House at Historic London Town**

FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed $125,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Trustees of the London Town Foundation, Inc. for certain development or improvement purposes; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; establishing a deadline for the encumbrance or expenditure of the loan proceeds; and providing generally for the issuance and sale of bonds evidencing the loan.
Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

House Bill 619 – Delegate Anderson (By Request – Baltimore City Administration)

AN ACT concerning

Law Enforcement Officer – Misdemeanor – Hearing and Emergency Suspension

FOR the purpose of providing that a law enforcement officer who has been convicted of a certain misdemeanor is not entitled to a certain hearing on certain issues by a hearing board; providing that, if a law enforcement officer is charged with a certain misdemeanor, the chief may impose an emergency suspension of police powers without pay; and generally relating to law enforcement.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Public Safety
Section 3–107(a) and 3–112(c)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2011 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 620 – Delegates Adams, Arentz, Beitzel, McKay, Morgan, Otto, and Rey

AN ACT concerning

Elementary and Secondary Education – Required Number of School Days – Repeal

FOR the purpose of repealing the requirement that certain public schools be open for at least a certain number of days during a certain period of time; providing that certain funding for schools may not be reduced if there is less than a certain number of school hours rather than school days under certain circumstances; requiring the State Board of Education to grant a waiver from compliance with a certain school hours requirement for a county board of education that submits to the State Board certain evidence of a certain collective bargaining agreement; providing that a certain waiver is effective for a certain period of time; authorizing the public school employer of a certain county and a certain employee organization to mutually agree to negotiate amendments to a certain collective bargaining agreement under certain circumstances; making conforming changes; and generally relating to the required number of school days for elementary and secondary public schools.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Education
Section 7–103
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)
Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 621 – Howard County Delegation

AN ACT concerning

Creation of a State Debt – Howard County – Environmental Education Center Renovation and Expansion

Ho. Co. 2–16

FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed $250,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Howard County Conservancy, Inc. for certain development or improvement purposes; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; establishing a deadline for the encumbrance or expenditure of the loan proceeds; and providing generally for the issuance and sale of bonds evidencing the loan.

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

House Bill 622 – Delegate Krimm

AN ACT concerning

Department of Economic Competitiveness and Commerce – Expansion of International Market Presence – Feasibility Study

FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of Economic Competitiveness and Commerce to conduct or hire a consultant to conduct a certain feasibility study relating to the expansion of the international market presence of businesses in the State; requiring the Department to report the findings of the feasibility study to the Governor and the General Assembly within a certain time period under certain circumstances; making this Act subject to a certain contingency; providing for the termination of this Act under certain circumstances; and generally relating to the Department of Economic Competitiveness and Commerce.

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 623 – Delegates Dumais and Morales

AN ACT concerning

Criminal Procedure – Postconviction Review – Conviction of Human Trafficking Victim
FOR the purpose of authorizing a person to file a motion to vacate a judgment for certain convictions if the person’s participation in the underlying offense was a result of the person having been a victim of human trafficking under certain circumstances; repealing a requirement that the State’s Attorney sign a certain motion to vacate a judgment; requiring a person to provide a copy of a certain motion to the State’s Attorney; authorizing the State’s Attorney to respond to a certain motion within a certain time period; requiring the court to take certain action if it grants a certain motion; and generally relating to postconviction review.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Criminal Procedure
Section 8–302
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2008 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 624 – Charles County Delegation

AN ACT concerning

Creation of a State Debt – Charles County – Hospice House of Charles County

FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed $305,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Hospice of Charles County, Incorporated for certain development or improvement purposes; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; establishing a deadline for the encumbrance or expenditure of the loan proceeds; and providing generally for the issuance and sale of bonds evidencing the loan.

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

House Bill 625 – Delegate Lafferty

AN ACT concerning

Creation of a State Debt – Baltimore County – Radebaugh Park

FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed $200,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the County Executive and County Council of Baltimore County for certain development or improvement purposes; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; establishing a deadline for the encumbrance or expenditure of the loan proceeds; and providing generally for the issuance and sale of bonds evidencing the loan.
Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.


AN ACT concerning

Education – Public School Holidays – Veterans’ Day

FOR the purpose of requiring Veterans’ Day to be a public school holiday; and generally relating to Veterans’ Day as a public school holiday.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Education
Section 7–103
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 627 – Delegate Gilchrist

AN ACT concerning

Vehicle Laws – Drivers’ Education Schools and Instructors

FOR the purpose of authorizing a drivers’ school to have multiple driver education instructor trainers; requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration to establish an annual training schedule for driver education instructor trainers; authorizing the Administration to establish an appropriate fee for the training; requiring the Administration to provide written notice to a drivers’ school or driving instructor license holder or applicant before imposing certain administrative penalties; authorizing the Administration to allow a license holder or an applicant to remedy the violation before imposing certain administrative penalties; authorizing a licensee to provide required documents electronically in certain circumstances in a searchable format determined by the Administration; requiring the Administration to provide to all drivers’ schools a compilation of all changes to certain policies on or before a certain date each year; establishing that the Administration, with respect to inspection of drivers’ school classroom facilities, may require only certain fire safety inspections; authorizing the Administration to require a drivers’ school to provide an appropriate zoning certification; authorizing the Administration to allow certain persons to conduct certain driving tests and evaluations; authorizing the
Administration to adopt certain regulations; and generally relating to drivers’ education schools and instructors.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
   Article – Transportation
   Section 15–709, 15–710, and 15–807
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY adding to
   Article – Transportation
   Section 15–711 and 15–808
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 628 – Delegates Moon, Carter, Cullison, Morales, Platt, and Smith

AN ACT concerning

Criminal Procedure – Traffic Stops – Officer Disclosures

FOR the purpose of requiring that, at the time that a law enforcement officer makes a traffic stop, the law enforcement officer disclose to the driver of the vehicle the law enforcement officer’s name, badge number, and the reason for the stop, except under certain circumstances; defining certain terms; and generally relating to traffic stops.

BY adding to
   Article – Criminal Procedure
   Section 2–109
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2008 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 629 – Delegates Moon, Anderson, Atterbeary, Carter, Cullison, Hayes, McCray, Platt, Sanchez, and Smith

AN ACT concerning

Criminal Law – Law Enforcement Officers – Misconduct

FOR the purpose of prohibiting a law enforcement officer from intentionally disabling video or audio recording devices in violation of certain policies; prohibiting a law enforcement officer from causing injury to a person in the law enforcement officer’s custody by intentionally failing to request medical assistance for the person;
prohibiting a law enforcement officer from causing injury to a person by discharging a firearm in violation of certain policies; establishing certain penalties for certain violations of this Act; defining certain terms; and generally relating to law enforcement officers.

BY adding to
Article – Public Safety
Section 3–514
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2011 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.


AN ACT concerning

Drunk and Drugged Driving – Reinstatement of Revoked License

FOR the purpose of providing that the Administration may reinstate the driver’s license or privilege to drive of an individual who is involved in certain number of alcohol–related or drug–related driving incidents during a certain period of time only if the Administration conducts a certain investigation and makes a certain determination; altering a certain definition; providing that the Administration may require evidence of the satisfactory completion of a certain substance abuse treatment program by an applicant for reinstatement of a driver’s license or privilege to drive under certain circumstances; authorizing the Administration to require an applicant for reinstatement of a driver’s license or privilege to drive to undergo review by or appear for an interview with the Medical Advisory Board; authorizing the Administration to impose certain restrictions, limitations, or other requirements as a condition of reinstatement of the driver’s license or privilege to drive; authorizing the Administration to refuse to reinstate the driver’s license or privilege to drive if a certain applicant for reinstatement does not successfully complete the Ignition Interlock System Program; making a technical correction; and generally relating to establishing certain requirements for certain applicants for reinstatement of a driver’s license or privilege to drive.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Criminal Law
Section 2–503(b), 2–504(b), 2–505(b), 2–506(b), and 3–211(c)(2), (d)(2), (e)(2), and (f)(3)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Transportation
Section 16–208(b)(1) and 16–404.1(a)(1) and (4)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Transportation
Section 16–208(b)(6)(ii)1. and 3. and 16–404.1(d)(1)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Transportation
Section 16–208(c), (d), and (e)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 631 – Howard County Delegation

AN ACT concerning

Workers’ Compensation – Permanent Partial Disability – Howard County Deputy Sheriffs
Ho. Co. 11–16

FOR the purpose of altering the circumstances under which Howard County deputy sheriffs are eligible for enhanced workers’ compensation benefits for certain permanent partial disability claims; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to workers’ compensation benefits for Howard County deputy sheriffs.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Labor and Employment
Section 9–628
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2008 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Labor and Employment
Section 9–629
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2008 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 632 – Howard County Delegation
AN ACT concerning

Howard County – Alcoholic Beverages – Luxury Restaurants and Farm
Breweries – Licenses
Ho. Co. 14–16

FOR the purpose of altering the maximum number of certain 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; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages licenses in Howard
County.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Alcoholic Beverages
Section 23–902(a), (c), and (f)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(As enacted by Chapter ____ (S.B. _____)(6lr1406) of the Acts of the General
Assembly of 2016)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Alcoholic Beverages
Section 23–902(e) and 23–1606
Annotated Code of Maryland
(As enacted by Chapter ____ (S.B. _____)(6lr1406) of the Acts of the General
Assembly of 2016)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 633 – Delegates Ebersole, Aumann, Barkley, Brooks, Cassily, Chang,
Frick, Hettleman, Lafferty, Lam, Lierman, Luedtke, Pena–Melnyk, Stein,
Turner, Valderrama, and West

AN ACT concerning

Education – Teacher and Principal Evaluations – Revisions to Requirements

FOR the purpose of altering the requirements for the regulations adopted by the State
Board of Education that establish the general standards for performance evaluations
for certain teachers and principals; repealing the requirement that certain
regulations regarding teacher and principal performance evaluations include default
model performance evaluation criteria; repealing the requirement for the State
Board to solicit certain information and recommendations from certain local school
systems; requiring a certain mutual agreement between certain entities to be
governed by certain provisions of law relating to collective bargaining; altering the
requirements of certain performance evaluation criteria; repealing the requirement
for certain performance evaluation criteria to include student growth data as a certain component of the evaluations; repealing the authorization for certain examinations or assessments to be used to measure student growth for certain evaluations; making conforming changes; and generally relating to requirements for teacher and principal evaluations.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Education
Section 6–202(c)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 634 – Delegates Dumais and Proctor

AN ACT concerning

Juvenile Law – Adjudication of Delinquency – Collateral Consequences

FOR the purpose of requiring that, before a child admits to the commission of a delinquent act, the child’s counsel inform the child in a certain manner of certain collateral consequences that may result from an adjudication of delinquency; and generally relating to juvenile law.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings
Section 3–8A–18
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2013 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 635 – Delegates Lam, Ebersole, Fraser–Hidalgo, C. Howard, Jalisi, Luedtke, Morhaim, Patterson, and Turner

AN ACT concerning

Vehicle Emissions Inspection Program – Recall or Remediation – Documentation of Repairs

FOR the purpose of requiring the vehicle emissions inspection program to require that, for a motor vehicle that at a certain time becomes subject to a certain vehicle emissions equipment recall or remediation, the owner of the motor vehicle provide documentation at the time of testing and inspection that the emissions repairs have been completed; authorizing an owner of a motor vehicle that becomes subject to a certain vehicle emissions equipment recall or remediation within a certain time
period to provide the repair documentation at the next subsequent scheduled test and inspection; and generally relating to the documentation of repairs for motor vehicles subject to an emissions equipment recall or remediation.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Transportation
Section 23–202(a)(1)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Transportation
Section 23–202(b)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 636 – Delegates Smith, Conaway, Dumais, Moon, Morales, Proctor, Rosenberg, Sanchez, and Sydnor

AN ACT concerning

Maryland Tort Claims Act – Certain Claim Requirement – Exception

FOR the purpose of providing a certain exception to a requirement that a claimant submit a claim within a certain time to the State Treasurer or a designee of the State Treasurer under the Maryland Tort Claims Act; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to repealing a certain requirement under the Maryland Tort Claims Act.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – State Government
Section 12–106
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – State Government
Section 20–1004
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 637 – Delegates Smith, Conaway, Dumais, Moon, Morales, Proctor, Rosenberg, Sanchez, and Sydnor
AN ACT concerning

**Local Government Tort Claims Act – Notice Requirement – Exception**

FOR the purpose of providing a certain exception to a certain notice requirement for a claim under the Local Government Tort Claims Act; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to a certain notice requirement for a claim under the Local Government Tort Claims Act.

BY repealing

Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings
Section 5–304
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2013 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – State Government
Section 20–1004
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 638 – Delegates S. Howard, Aumann, Chang, Fisher, Folden, Hornberger, Jameson, McKay, Morgan, Patterson, Rose, and Sophocleus

AN ACT concerning

**General Provisions – Commemorative Days – Farmers’ Day**

FOR the purpose of requiring the Governor annually to proclaim a certain day as Farmers’ Day; defining a certain term; and generally relating to Farmers’ Day.

BY renumbering

Article – General Provisions
Section 7–412 through 7–416, respectively
to be Section 7–413 through 7–417, respectively
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – General Provisions
Section 7–412
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Volume and 2015 Supplement)
Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 639 – Delegates Kelly, Frick, Jalisi, Korman, Lam, Reznik, and Waldstreicher

AN ACT concerning

Health Insurance – Provider Claims – Payment by Credit Card – Prohibited

FOR the purpose of prohibiting an insurer, nonprofit health service plan, or health maintenance organization from paying certain claims for reimbursement submitted by certain providers of health care services using a credit card; defining a certain term; and generally relating to the payment by insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations of claims for reimbursement submitted by health care providers.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
   Article – Insurance
   Section 15–1005
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2011 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 640 – Delegate Sophocleus

AN ACT concerning

Anne Arundel County – Alcoholic Beverages – Board of License Commissioners – Attorneys

FOR the purpose of increasing by a certain amount the salary of an attorney employed by the Board of License Commissioners for Anne Arundel County; authorizing the Board to hire an attorney on a contractual basis to perform certain work under certain conditions; prohibiting the Board from spending more than a certain amount each year to hire a certain attorney; and generally relating to the Board of License Commissioners for Anne Arundel County.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
   Article – Alcoholic Beverages
   Section 11–101(a) and (b) and 11–102
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (As enacted by Chapter _____ (S.B. ____)(6lr1406) of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2016)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
   Article – Alcoholic Beverages
Section 11–204(b)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(As enacted by Chapter _____ (S.B. ____)(6lr1406) of the Acts of the General
Assembly of 2016)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 641 – Delegates Sophocleus, Carey, Chang, Dumais, and S. Howard

AN ACT concerning

Evidence – Admissibility of DNA Profile – Definition and Validation of DNA Profile

FOR the purpose of altering the definition of “DNA profile” for purposes of certain
provisions of law concerning the admissibility of a DNA profile in a criminal
proceeding; providing that a certain statement that the analysis of genetic loci has
been validated according to certain quality assurance standards of the Federal
Bureau of Investigation, rather than the standards established by the Technical
Working Group on DNA Analysis Methods or the DNA Advisory Board of the Federal
Bureau of Investigation, is sufficient to admit a DNA profile into evidence under
certain provisions of law; providing for the application of this Act; and generally
relating to criminal procedure and DNA profiles.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings
Section 10–915
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2013 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 642 – Delegates Sophocleus, Carey, and Chang

AN ACT concerning

Anne Arundel County – Alcoholic Beverages – Licenses

FOR the purpose of authorizing in Anne Arundel County a holder of a certain license to be
issued a music permit, an entertainment permit, an outdoor permit, or an outdoor
entertainment permit; authorizing a holder of a certain license to be issued a dancing
permit, except under certain circumstances; exempting certain alcoholic beverages/licenses in the county from a prohibition against issuing multiple licenses to any one
person; exempting a certain class of license from a prohibition against issuing an
alcoholic beverages license for a location within a certain distance from a place of
worship or school; allowing a license holder to be issued a second or third alcoholic
beverages license of a certain type for a restaurant if the restaurant is located in a
shopping center that has a certain zoning classification; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages licenses in Anne Arundel County.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Alcoholic Beverages
Section 11–102
Annotated Code of Maryland
(As enacted by Chapter ___ (S.B. _____)(6lr1406) of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2016)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Alcoholic Beverages
Section 11–1102, 11–1507, 11–1603, and 11–1607
Annotated Code of Maryland
(As enacted by Chapter ___ (S.B. _____)(6lr1406) of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2016)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 643 – Delegates Ebersole, Hill, and Lam

AN ACT concerning

Baltimore County – Alcoholic Beverages – Issuance of Licenses Near Places of Worship

FOR the purpose of authorizing the Baltimore County Board of License Commissioners to issue or transfer a certain license for an establishment that is at least a certain number of feet away from a place of worship under certain circumstances; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages in Baltimore County.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Alcoholic Beverages
Section 13–102
Annotated Code of Maryland
(As enacted by Chapter ___ (S.B. _____)(6lr1406) of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2016)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Alcoholic Beverages
Section 13–1601
Annotated Code of Maryland
(As enacted by Chapter ___ (S.B. _____)(6lr1406) of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2016)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

AN ACT concerning

Public Health – Provision of Life–Preserving Health Care Services
(Vulnerable Protection Act)

FOR the purpose of prohibiting health care practitioners and health care facilities, under certain circumstances, from denying a life–preserving health care service to a patient on the basis of a certain view or disagreement; requiring, under certain circumstances, a health care practitioner who is in charge of the medical care of a certain patient to notify a certain person of certain rights and to document in the patient’s medical records that the health care practitioner has provided the notice; establishing a certain penalty; authorizing certain persons to file an action for an injunction in a certain court under certain circumstances; authorizing a health care practitioner, under certain circumstances, to claim certain reasons for the denial of a life–preserving health care service as a defense in an action filed under a certain provision of this Act; requiring a court, under certain circumstances, to provide an opportunity to certain persons to argue that certain reasons are discriminatory in their application; providing that a violation of this Act does not constitute negligence per se for purposes of a civil action for damages; defining certain terms; and generally relating to the provision of life–preserving health care services.

BY adding to
Article – Health – General
Section 5–629 to be under the new part “Part III. Miscellaneous”
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 645 – Delegates Rosenberg and Luedtke

AN ACT concerning

Election Law – Change in Administrative Policy Affecting Voting Rights – Notice and Judicial Review

FOR the purpose of requiring the State Board of Elections or a local board of elections that adopts a change in an administrative policy affecting voting rights to provide certain public notice of the change; providing for the form, content, and timing of the public notice; providing that an individual’s right to vote may not be denied or abridged because the individual failed to comply with a change in an administrative policy affecting voting rights if the State Board or local board did not provide public notice
of the change; authorizing a registered voter to seek judicial relief from an administrative change affecting voting rights adopted by the State Board that results or has the intent to result in the denial or abridgement of the right to vote on account of race, color, or disability; authorizing the Attorney General to seek judicial relief from an administrative change affecting voting rights adopted by a local board that results or has the intent to result in the denial or abridgement of the right to vote on account of race, color, or disability; providing for the procedures to be followed by the courts in reviewing requests for judicial relief under this Act; providing for the application of this Act; defining a certain term; and generally relating to notice and judicial review of changes in administrative policies affecting voting rights.

BY adding to
Article – Election Law
Section 1–101(b–1) and 1–305; and 12–301 and 12–302 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 3. Judicial Review of Change in Administrative Policy Affecting Voting Rights”
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2010 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Election Law
Section 16–201
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2010 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.


AN ACT concerning

**Family Law – Child Conceived Without Consent – Termination of Parental Rights**
*(Rape Survivor Family Protection Act)*

FOR the purpose of requiring a court, under certain circumstances, to terminate the parental rights of an individual found to have committed an act of nonconsensual
sexual conduct against the other parent that resulted in the conception of a child; specifying that a termination of parental rights under this Act terminates completely certain rights of a parent; authorizing the court to approve a certain supervised visitation arrangement under certain circumstances; specifying certain procedures for an action for termination of parental rights under this Act; authorizing the court to order certain means of service under certain circumstances; prohibiting the court from requiring publication of the name or personally identifying information of a party or the child; defining certain terms; and generally relating to children conceived without consent and termination of parental rights.

BY adding to
Article – Family Law
Section 5–1401 through 5–1404 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 14. Child Conceived Without Consent”
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 647 – Delegates Jameson, Patterson, and C. Wilson

AN ACT concerning
Video Lottery Facilities – Charles County – Expansion and Use of Proceeds

FOR the purpose of authorizing the awarding of an additional video lottery operation license and a certain number of additional video lottery terminals for a video lottery facility in Charles County in a vessel moored to a pier on the Potomac River; specifying that certain proceeds from the video lottery terminals and table games be paid to the Governor Harry W. Nice Memorial Bridge Fund; exempting the Fund from a certain provision of law requiring interest earnings on State money in special funds to accrue to the General Fund of the State; repealing certain prohibitions against a video lottery operation licensee providing food or alcoholic beverages to individuals at no cost; altering the amount the Comptroller pays to certain video lottery operation licensees from the proceeds of video lottery terminals; providing for the reconstitution of the Video Lottery Facility Location Commission under certain circumstances; establishing the Governor Harry W. Nice Memorial Bridge Fund as a special, nonlapsing fund; specifying that the purpose of the Fund is to help defray the costs of replacing the Governor Harry W. Nice Memorial Bridge; requiring the Department of Transportation to administer the Fund; requiring the State Treasurer to hold the Fund and the Comptroller to account for the Fund; specifying the contents of the Fund; specifying the purpose for which the Fund may be used; providing for the investment of money in and expenditures from the Fund; defining a certain term; submitting this Act to a referendum of the qualified voters of the State; providing for the effective date of certain provisions of this Act; making certain provisions of this Act subject to a certain contingency; and generally relating to gaming in the State.
BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – State Finance and Procurement
Section 6–226(a)(1) and (2)(i)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – State Finance and Procurement
Section 6–226(a)(2)(ii)84. and 85.
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – State Finance and Procurement
Section 6–226(a)(2)(ii)86.
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – State Government
Section 9–1A–05(a), 9–1A–24, and 9–1A–36(f), (h)(1), (i)(1), (r)(1), and (t)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – State Government
Section 9–1A–27
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)
(As enacted by Chapter 1 of the Acts of the General Assembly of the 2012 2nd Special Session)

BY adding to
Article – State Government
Section 9–1A–30.1
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.


AN ACT concerning
Alcoholic Beverage Taxes – Electronic Filing of Returns

FOR the purpose of requiring the Comptroller to develop and implement procedures for electronic filing of alcoholic beverage tax returns by a certain date; and generally relating to the filing of alcoholic beverage tax returns.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
   Article – Tax – General
   Section 5–201
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2010 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 649 – Delegate Anderson (By Request – Baltimore City Administration)

AN ACT concerning

Law Enforcement Officers' Bill of Rights – Extension of Time for Review and Final Order by Chief

FOR the purpose of altering the period of time that a chief of a law enforcement agency has to review the findings, conclusions, and recommendations of a hearing board and issue a final order under the Law Enforcement Officers' Bill of Rights; and generally relating to the Law Enforcement Officers' Bill of Rights.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
   Article – Public Safety
   Section 3–108(d)
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2011 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 650 – Howard County Delegation

AN ACT concerning

Creation of a State Debt – Howard County – Vantage House Retirement Community Renovations

Ho. Co. 1–16

FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed $250,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Columbia Vantage House Corporation for certain development or improvement purposes; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide
and expend a matching fund; establishing a deadline for the encumbrance or expenditure of the loan proceeds; and providing generally for the issuance and sale of bonds evidencing the loan.

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

House Bill 651 – Howard County Delegation

AN ACT concerning

Creation of a State Debt – Howard County – South Branch Park
Ho. Co. 3–16

FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed $100,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Howard County Department of Recreation and Parks for certain development or improvement purposes; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; establishing a deadline for the encumbrance or expenditure of the loan proceeds; and providing generally for the issuance and sale of bonds evidencing the loan.

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

House Bill 652 – Howard County Delegation

AN ACT concerning

Creation of a State Debt – Howard County – Huntington Park
Ho. Co. 4–16

FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed $150,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Howard County Department of Recreation and Parks for certain development or improvement purposes; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; establishing a deadline for the encumbrance or expenditure of the loan proceeds; and providing generally for the issuance and sale of bonds evidencing the loan.

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

House Bill 653 – Howard County Delegation

AN ACT concerning

Creation of a State Debt – Howard County – Community Action Council Food Bank Facility
Ho. Co. 6–16

FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed $300,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Community Action Council of Howard County, Maryland, Inc. for certain development or improvement purposes; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; establishing a deadline for the encumbrance or expenditure of the loan proceeds; and providing generally for the issuance and sale of bonds evidencing the loan.

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

House Bill 654 – Howard County Delegation

AN ACT concerning

Howard County – Alcoholic Beverages – Class D Beer, Wine, and Liquor Licenses
Ho. Co. 10–16

FOR the purpose of requiring an applicant for a certain Class D beer, wine, and liquor license in Howard County to attest to a certain proportion of future food and alcoholic beverages sales based on gross receipts before obtaining the license; requiring an applicant for renewal of a certain Class D beer, wine, and liquor license to attest to a certain proportion of food and alcoholic beverages sales based on gross receipts before renewing the license; authorizing the holder of a Class D license to employ an individual at least a certain age to sell or serve beer and wine; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages in Howard County.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Alcoholic Beverages
Section 23–905 and 23–1902
Annotated Code of Maryland
(As enacted by Chapter ____ (S.B. ____)(6lr1406) of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2016)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 655 – Howard County Delegation

AN ACT concerning

Howard County – Alcoholic Beverages – Class D Licenses
Ho. Co. 7–16
FOR the purpose of making a Class D (on- and off-sale) beer, wine, and liquor license part of certain 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 partnership, a corporation, or an unincorporated association; making certain technical changes; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages licenses in Howard County.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages
Section 9–102(o)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2011 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 656 – Howard County Delegation

AN ACT concerning

Creation of a State Debt – Howard County – Solomon’s Lodge #121

Ho. Co. 5–16

FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed $19,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Solomon’s Lodge #121 A.F. & A.M. for certain development or improvement purposes; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; establishing a deadline for the encumbrance or expenditure of the loan proceeds; and providing generally for the issuance and sale of bonds evidencing the loan.

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.


AN ACT concerning

Education – Prekindergarten and Kindergarten Assessments – Administration

FOR the purpose of requiring a certain statewide kindergarten assessment to be limited to a random sample of certain kindergarten students from within certain local school systems in the State; authorizing a certain kindergarten assessment to evaluate certain skills; prohibiting certain standardized tests from being administered to certain prekindergarten students; requiring the State Department of Education to adopt certain regulations; and generally relating to the administration of prekindergarten and kindergarten assessments.
BY adding to
  Article – Education
  Section 7–208
  Annotated Code of Maryland
  (2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 658 – Delegates Shoemaker, Krebs, and Rose

AN ACT concerning

  Carroll County – Property Tax Credit – The Bucs Club

FOR the purpose of authorizing the governing body of Carroll County to grant a property tax credit for certain real property owned by The Bucs Club, Incorporated; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to authorizing Carroll County to provide a property tax credit for certain real property.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
  Article – Tax – Property
  Section 9–308(b)
  Annotated Code of Maryland
  (2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 659 – Delegates Proctor, Angel, Atterbeary, D. Barnes, Conaway, Fennell, Knotts, McComas, Moon, Morales, Rosenberg, Sanchez, Smith, Sydnor, Valentino–Smith, and Vallario

AN ACT concerning

  Criminal Procedure – Victim’s Right to Restitution – Appeal

FOR the purpose of authorizing a certain victim to file an application for leave to appeal to the Court of Special Appeals from an interlocutory order or appeal to the Court of Special Appeals from a final order that denies or fails to consider the victim’s right to restitution after the filing of a certain motion requesting relief under a certain provision of law; and generally relating to victims’ rights.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
  Article – Criminal Procedure
  Section 11–103
  Annotated Code of Maryland
  (2008 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)
Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 660 – Delegates S. Howard, Aumann, Chang, Fisher, Folden, Glass, Hornberger, Jameson, Morgan, Patterson, Rose, and Sophocleus

AN ACT concerning

General Provisions – Commemorative Days – Equestrian Day

FOR the purpose of requiring the Governor annually to proclaim a certain day as Equestrian Day; and generally relating to Equestrian Day.

BY renumbering
Article – General Provisions
Section 7–409 through 7–416, respectively
to be Section 7–410 through 7–417, respectively
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – General Provisions
Section 7–409
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 661 – Delegate Conaway

AN ACT concerning

Public Safety – Law Enforcement Officers – Firearm Cameras

FOR the purpose of authorizing a law enforcement officer to use a certain firearm camera to intercept a certain oral communication under certain circumstances; and generally relating to law enforcement.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings
Section 10–402(c)(11)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2013 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 662 – Delegate Beidle
AN ACT concerning

Emergency Vehicles – Blood, Organ, or Tissue Delivery Vehicles

FOR the purpose of altering the defined term “emergency vehicle” to include a blood, organ, or tissue delivery vehicle; defining the term “blood, organ, or tissue delivery vehicle”; authorizing the driver of an emergency vehicle to exercise certain privileges while transporting under certain circumstances human blood, organs, or tissue or medical personnel; authorizing blood, organ, or tissue delivery vehicles to be equipped with certain light or signal devices; making certain conforming changes; making a certain stylistic change; and generally relating to emergency blood, organ, or tissue delivery vehicles.

BY renumbering

Article – Transportation
Section 11–104.1
to be Section 11–104.2
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – Transportation
Section 11–104.1 and 22–218(c)(13)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Transportation
Section 11–118, 16–104.1(e), 21–106, and 22–218(c)(1) and (4)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 663 – Delegate S. Robinson

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

AN ACT concerning

Constitution – Local Government – Legal Notices

FOR the purpose of proposing an amendment to the Maryland Constitution allowing a charter county to publish certain notices of county legislation in a manner specified by the General Assembly; submitting this amendment to the qualified voters of the
State for their adoption or rejection; and generally relating to publication of legal notices by counties and municipalities.

BY proposing an amendment to the Maryland Constitution
Article XI–A – Local Legislation
Section 3

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 664 – Delegate Krimm

AN ACT concerning

Foreclosures – Responsibility for Maintenance of Residential Property and Registration Requirement

FOR the purpose of establishing that, on and after the filing of an action to foreclose a mortgage or deed of trust on residential property, the secured party shall be responsible for maintenance of the property until the foreclosure sale occurs; requiring the secured party to submit a registration to the Foreclosed Property Registry within a certain period of time after the filing of an action to foreclose a mortgage or deed of trust on residential property; requiring the registration to be in a certain form and contain certain information; establishing certain fees; making a certain conforming change; requiring a secured party that has a certain pending action to foreclose a mortgage or a deed of trust on the effective date of this Act to submit a certain registration to the Foreclosed Property Registry within a certain period of time; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to foreclosure of residential property.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Real Property
Section 14–126.1
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 665 – Delegate Moon

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

AN ACT concerning

Constitutional Amendment – Marijuana – Right to Use, Possess, and Cultivate

FOR the purpose of amending the Maryland Constitution to establish that, subject to certain exceptions, an individual in the State who is at least a certain age has the
right under State law to use, possess, and cultivate marijuana; providing that the right enumerated in this amendment may not be infringed except that the transfer of marijuana by purchase or sale may be regulated as necessary to insure health and safety and taxed to the extent that the revenues are used for certain purposes; providing that the right enumerated in this amendment does not require an employer to allow or accommodate the use, possession, or cultivation of marijuana by an employee or in the workplace; providing that the right enumerated in this amendment does not apply to laws related to driving under the influence of marijuana; providing that the right enumerated in this amendment does not prohibit a person who owns, occupies, or controls a property from prohibiting or regulating the use, possession, or cultivation of marijuana on or in that property; and submitting this amendment to the qualified voters of the State for their adoption or rejection.

BY proposing an addition to the Maryland Constitution
Declaration of Rights
Article 48

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 666 – Delegate S. Robinson

AN ACT concerning

Local Governments – Legal Notice Requirements

FOR the purpose of authorizing a county or municipality to satisfy a requirement to publish legal notices in a newspaper of general circulation by posting the notices on its Web site; requiring notices posted on a county or municipality Web site to be displayed conspicuously and be easily accessible; requiring a county or municipality that chooses to post notices on the Internet to publish certain advance notice in a newspaper of general circulation in the county or municipality; requiring a county or municipality to maintain paper copies of notices posted on its Web site and to make the copies available to the public; requiring a county or municipality to maintain an affidavit stating certain information about the posting of a notice on its Web site; providing that the affidavit is not required to be notarized; and generally relating to publication of legal notices by counties and municipalities.

BY adding to
Article – Local Government
Section 1–1312
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2013 Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.
House Bill 667 – Delegates Barkley, Aumann, Brooks, Buckel, Clippinger, Davis, Impallaria, Lisanti, Luedtke, McCray, S. Robinson, Waldstreicher, and West

AN ACT concerning

Private Passenger Motor Vehicle Liability Insurance – Enhanced Underinsured Motorist Coverage

FOR the purpose of authorizing a certain insured to elect to obtain certain enhanced underinsured motorist coverage, instead of certain uninsured motorist coverage, under a private passenger motor vehicle liability insurance policy under certain circumstances; requiring certain insurers to offer certain enhanced underinsured motorist coverage under certain circumstances; providing for the characteristics of the enhanced underinsured motorist coverage, including the amounts of the coverage, what an insurer may exclude from the coverage, and the limits of liability under the coverage; providing for waivers of certain coverage in certain manners under certain circumstances; requiring an injured person and a certain insurer to take certain actions regarding a certain settlement offer under certain circumstances; establishing a certain exception to a certain limitation on duplicate or supplemental recovery of certain benefits; defining a certain term; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to private passenger motor vehicle liability insurance and enhanced underinsured motorist coverage.

BY renumbering
Article – Insurance
Section 19–509.1
to be Section 19–509.2
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2011 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Insurance
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2011 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Insurance
Section 19–509.1, 19–510.1, and 19–511.1
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2011 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Insurance
Section 19–509.2
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2011 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)
(As enacted by Section 1 of this Act)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
  Article – Transportation
  Section 17–103(b)
  Annotated Code of Maryland
  (2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 668 – Delegates Rosenberg and Platt

AN ACT concerning

Preschool Development Grants – Expansion Grants – Required State Funding

FOR the purpose of requiring the Governor to include in the State budget certain funding in a certain amount for each fiscal year in which the State Department of Education receives a certain expansion grant through the federal Preschool Development Grants Program; and generally relating to required State funding for certain expansion grants through the federal Preschool Development Grants Program.

BY adding to
  Article – Education
  Section 7–101.3
  Annotated Code of Maryland
  (2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

House Bill 669 – Delegate Conaway

AN ACT concerning

Law Enforcement – Body–Worn Cameras – Release of Information to Public

FOR the purpose of providing that, unless otherwise ordered by a court, a law enforcement agency that establishes a certain program to use body–worn cameras may keep any data recorded by the camera that is related to an ongoing investigation from being released to the public until after the investigation is closed; providing that, unless otherwise ordered by a court, a law enforcement agency, for a public safety purpose, may keep certain investigative data from being released to the public after an investigation is closed, under certain circumstances; and generally relating to law enforcement.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
  Article – Public Safety
BY adding to
Article – Public Safety
Section 3–511.1
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2011 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.


AN ACT concerning

Baltimore City – Remediation of Illegal Dumping – Report

FOR the purpose of requiring the Baltimore City Department of Public Works to report annually to the members of the Baltimore City delegation to the General Assembly on actions taken to remediate illegal dumping in each legislative district during the previous year; requiring the report to be made available on the Department’s Web site; and generally relating to the remediation of illegal dumping in Baltimore City.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
The Charter of Baltimore City
Article II – General Powers
Section (11)
(2007 Replacement Volume, as amended December 31, 2006)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 671 – Howard County Delegation

AN ACT concerning

Howard County – Practice of Massage – Regulation
Ho. Co. 13–16

FOR the purpose of authorizing the governing body of Howard County to adopt ordinances or regulations relating to massage establishments and the practices of certain individuals; requiring the governing body of Howard County to provide that the Howard County Health Officer and the Howard County Police Department have certain authority to carry out certain provisions of ordinances or regulations; and generally relating to the practice of massage in Howard County.
BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
   Article – Health Occupations
   Section 3–5A–15
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 672 – Delegates Jameson, Patterson, and C. Wilson

AN ACT concerning

Transportation – Harry W. Nice Memorial Potomac River Bridge – Replacement

FOR the purpose of requiring the State and the Maryland Transportation Authority to finance a multilane replacement bridge for the Harry W. Nice Memorial Potomac River Bridge; specifying certain requirements for the replacement bridge; stating the intent of the General Assembly; establishing the Harry W. Nice Memorial Potomac River Bridge Replacement Fund; requiring the Authority to make a deposit of a certain amount to the Fund, in certain fiscal years, to finance the design and construction of the replacement bridge; prohibiting the Authority from depositing certain proceeds into the fund; requiring the Authority to submit an annual report to certain committees of the General Assembly; and generally relating to the replacement bridge for the Harry W. Nice Memorial Potomac River Bridge.

BY adding to
   Article – Transportation
   Section 4–322
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2015 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations and the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 673 – Delegates S. Howard, Buckel, Chang, Folden, Hornberger, Malone, Rose, Saab, Simonaire, and Sophocleus

AN ACT concerning

Senatorial and Delegate Scholarships – Use of Funds at Out–of–State Institutions of Higher Education

FOR the purpose of authorizing certain senatorial and delegate scholarships to be used at certain out–of–state institutions of higher education if a certain scholarship applicant is a certain veteran who is domiciled in the State; authorizing a certain veteran to be domiciled in the State in order to retain a certain senatorial
scholarship; making certain stylistic changes; and generally relating to qualifications for senatorial and delegate scholarships.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
   Article – Education
   Section 18–402(a), 18–406(a) and (b), and 18–501(a)
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
   Article – Education
   Section 18–402(b), 18–405(d), and 18–501(b)
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY adding to
   Article – Education
   Section 18–406(f)
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 674 – Delegates Cluster, Arentz, Aumann, Folden, S. Howard, Malone, McConkey, and McKay

AN ACT concerning

Law Enforcement Officers’ Bill of Rights – Hearing Board – Final Order

FOR the purpose of altering the Law Enforcement Officers’ Bill of Rights to require that a hearing board issue a final order following a finding of guilt in an administrative hearing rather than provide findings and make recommendations; repealing certain exceptions authorizing a hearing board to issue a final order only under certain circumstances; repealing the requirement that a chief law enforcement officer issue a final order consistent with certain procedural requirements and within a certain time; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to administrative hearings and penalties under the Law Enforcement Officers’ Bill of Rights.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
   Article – Public Safety
   Section 3–108
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2011 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.
House Bill 675 – Delegate Branch

AN ACT concerning

Vehicle Laws – Mechanical Repair Contracts

FOR the purpose of altering the definition of “mechanical repair contract”; authorizing a designated agent of an obligor under a mechanical repair contract to offer, sell, or negotiate a mechanical repair contract; and generally relating to mechanical repair contracts.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
   Article – Transportation
   Section 15–311.2(a) and (c)
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.


AN ACT concerning

Labor and Employment – Maryland Apprenticeship and Training Council – Annual Report

FOR the purpose of requiring the Maryland Apprenticeship and Training Council to report to the General Assembly annually, on or before a certain date, certain information regarding apprenticeship programs registered in the State and the individuals enrolled in those programs; requiring the Council to sort the information in a certain manner and to publish the report on the Council’s Web site; and generally relating to the Maryland Apprenticeship and Training Council.

BY adding to
   Article – Labor and Employment
   Section 11–405(e)
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2008 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 677 – Delegates Hill, Angel, Atterbeary, Barkley, Cullison, Dumais, Ebersole, Kaiser, Kelly, Morales, Morhaim, Sample–Hughes, Turner, and Valderrama
AN ACT concerning

Family Law – Child Support – Age of Majority – Postsecondary Education

FOR the purpose of altering certain provisions of law defining the age of majority to provide that an individual who has attained the age of 18 years and who is enrolled for a certain number of credits in an institution of postsecondary education has a right to support and maintenance until the first of certain events occurs; defining a certain term; establishing that this Act shall be considered a material change in circumstances for purposes of modifying a child support order issued before the effective date of this Act; and generally relating to child support.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – General Provisions
Section 1–401
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 678 – Delegate Branch

AN ACT concerning

Surety Insurance – Application for Bonds

FOR the purpose of altering the prohibition against a surety insurer inquiring about certain information in connection with an application for certain types of bond; and generally relating to surety insurance and bonds.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Insurance
Section 27–502(a) and (b)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2011 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Insurance
Section 27–502(c)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2011 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 679 – Delegates Cluster, Kittleman, Malone, and Rose
AN ACT concerning

Vehicle Laws – Cats and Dogs Left Unattended – Authorized Removal

FOR the purpose of authorizing a person to use reasonable force to remove an unattended cat or dog from a motor vehicle under certain circumstances and provided that certain conditions are met; and generally relating to the authorized removal of cats and dogs left unattended in motor vehicles.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
  Article – Transportation
  Section 21–1004.1
  Annotated Code of Maryland
  (2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 680 – Delegate Kipke

AN ACT concerning

Health Occupations – Dental Hygienists – Local Anesthesia

FOR the purpose of altering the circumstances under which a dental hygienist may administer local anesthesia by infiltration or inferior nerve block; and generally relating to the administration of local anesthesia by dental hygienists.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
  Article – Health Occupations
  Section 4–101(a), (k), and (l)
  Annotated Code of Maryland
  (2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
  Article – Health Occupations
  Section 4–206.1 and 4–206.3
  Annotated Code of Maryland
  (2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.


AN ACT concerning
Vehicle Laws – School Vehicles – Definition

FOR the purpose of altering the definition of “school vehicle” to include certain vehicles that meet certain standards and requirements, were originally titled in another state and used to transport children, students, and teachers in that state, and are used only for transporting children to and from a certain program; and generally relating to school vehicles.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
  Article – Transportation
  Section 11–154
  Annotated Code of Maryland
  (2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
  Article – Transportation
  Section 11–173 and 11–174
  Annotated Code of Maryland
  (2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 682 – Delegates Rosenberg, Angel, Bromwell, Cullison, Hill, Kelly, Kipke, Miele, Oaks, Reznik, Sample–Hughes, West, and K. Young

AN ACT concerning

Department of Health and Mental Hygiene – Clinical Crisis Walk–In Services and Mobile Crisis Teams – Strategic Plan

FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, in consultation with certain agencies and certain health providers, to develop a strategic plan for ensuring that certain crisis services and certain teams are available statewide and operating in a certain manner; requiring the strategic plan to include certain elements; requiring the Department to submit the plan to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before a certain date; and generally relating to the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene and a strategic plan for clinical crisis walk–in services and mobile crisis teams.

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 683 – Delegates Moon, Anderson, Atterbeary, Bromwell, Carter, Conaway, Gutierrez, Hettleman, Jalisi, Lierman, Luedtke, Morales, Sanchez, Smith, and P. Young

AN ACT concerning
Guardianship and Child in Need of Assistance Proceedings – Jurisdiction and Authority of Juvenile Court

FOR the purpose of authorizing the juvenile court to direct the provision of certain services or the taking of certain actions with respect to a certain child’s education, health, and welfare during a certain disposition hearing; requiring the juvenile court to direct the provision of certain services or the taking of certain actions with respect to a certain child’s education, health, and welfare during a certain permanency planning hearing or guardianship hearing; providing that, if the juvenile court enters an order directing the provision of certain services to a certain child, the juvenile court shall retain jurisdiction over the child for a certain time period and for a certain purpose, notwithstanding certain provisions of law; providing that a certain order shall remain effective for a certain period of time; and generally relating to the jurisdiction and authority of the juvenile court.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings
Section 3–801(a) and (l)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2013 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings
Section 3–804, 3–819(c), and 3–823(h)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2013 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings
Section 3–819(m) and 3–823(k)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2013 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Family Law
Section 5–324(b) and 5–328
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Family Law
Section 5–324(d)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

AN ACT concerning

Baltimore Regional Neighborhood Initiative Program – Codified

FOR the purpose of establishing the Baltimore Regional Neighborhood Initiative Program; providing for the administration and purpose of the Program; establishing the type of community enhancement projects eligible to receive Program funds; authorizing certain community development organizations to apply to receive Program funds; requiring a community development organization’s application to contain certain information; requiring the Department of Housing and Community Development to establish a certain quantitative system to evaluate each application; providing for the review of each application; requiring certain approval from certain political subdivisions before an application may be approved; requiring the Department and the recipient of Program funds to enter into a certain agreement; authorizing the Department to exercise certain powers necessary to implement the Program and determine certain terms and conditions of the financial assistance; requiring the recipient of financial assistance from the Program to submit a certain quarterly progress report; establishing the Baltimore Regional Neighborhood Initiative Program Fund as a special, nonlapsing fund; specifying the purpose of the Fund; requiring the Secretary of Housing and Community Development to administer the Fund; requiring the State Treasurer to hold the Fund and the Comptroller to account for the Fund; specifying the contents of the Fund; specifying the purpose for which the Fund may be used; providing for the investment of money in and expenditures from the Fund; requiring the Governor to include a certain appropriation in the annual budget bill to the Fund; defining certain terms; and generally relating to establishing the Baltimore Regional Neighborhood Initiative Program.

BY adding to

Article – Housing and Community Development
Section 6–501 through 6–510 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 5. Baltimore Regional Neighborhood Initiative Program”
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2006 Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – State Finance and Procurement
Section 6–226(a)(2)(i)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume)
BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments, 
Article – State Finance and Procurement 
Section 6-226(a)(2)(ii)84. and 85. 
Annotated Code of Maryland 
(2015 Replacement Volume)

BY adding to 
Article – State Finance and Procurement 
Section 6-226(a)(2)(ii)86. 
Annotated Code of Maryland 
(2015 Replacement Volume)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

House Bill 685 – Delegate Krimm

AN ACT concerning

Department of Aging – Comprehensive Plan for the Aging Population

FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of Aging, in consultation with certain other units, to develop a comprehensive long-term plan to address the impacts and needs of the State’s aging population; requiring the Department, in developing the plan, to examine certain impacts, identify certain resource or service gaps, consider provision of some services on a regional basis, evaluate certain measures, develop certain recommendations, and identify certain benchmarks; requiring the plan to include a summary of certain impacts and needs, a description of certain resource or service gaps, certain recommendations, and certain benchmarks; requiring the Department, on or before a certain date and annually thereafter until completion of the plan, to submit a progress report to the General Assembly; requiring the Department to submit the completed plan to the Governor and the General Assembly, continue to consult with certain units, evaluate implementation of the plan, and annually update the plan; and generally relating to planning for the impacts and needs of the aging population.

BY adding to 
Article – Human Services 
Section 10–215 
Annotated Code of Maryland 
(2007 Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

S. Robinson, Rosenberg, Smith, Sophocleus, Walker, M. Washington, West, and P. Young

AN ACT concerning

Department of Housing and Community Development – Strategic Demolition and Smart Growth Impact Fund – Establishment

FOR the purpose of establishing the Strategic Demolition and Smart Growth Impact Fund as a special, nonlapsing fund; specifying the purpose of the Fund; requiring the Department of Housing and Community Development to administer the Fund; requiring the State Treasurer to hold the Fund and the Comptroller to account for the Fund; specifying the contents of the Fund; specifying the purposes for which the Fund may be used; providing for the investment of money in and expenditures from the Fund; requiring interest earnings of the Fund to be credited to the Fund; beginning in a certain fiscal year, requiring the Governor to include in the annual budget bill an appropriation of a certain amount to the Fund; exempting the Fund from a certain provision of law requiring interest on State money in special funds to accrue to the General Fund of the State; defining a certain term; and generally relating to the Strategic Demolition and Smart Growth Impact Fund in the Department of Housing and Community Development.

BY adding to
Article – Housing and Community Development
Section 4–508
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2006 Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – State Finance and Procurement
Section 6–226(a)(2)(i)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – State Finance and Procurement
Section 6–226(a)(2)(ii)84. and 85.
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume)

BY adding to
Article – State Finance and Procurement
Section 6–226(a)(2)(ii)86.
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.
MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

FIRST READING OF SENATE BILLS

Senate Bill 108 – Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee (By Request – Departmental – Higher Education Commission)

AN ACT concerning

Nurse Support Program Assistance Fund – Revisions

FOR the purpose of altering the types of nursing positions that are eligible to receive grants from the Nurse Support Program Assistance Fund; and generally relating to the Nurse Support Program Assistance Fund.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Education
Section 11–405
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations and the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

Senate Bill 129 – Senator Conway

AN ACT concerning

Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners – Submission of a Comprehensive Master Plan – Repeal of Duplicative Requirement

FOR the purpose of repealing a certain requirement for the Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners to submit a certain master plan to the State Board of Education; and generally relating to the duplicative requirement for submission of a comprehensive master plan by the Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners.

BY repealing
Article – Education
Section 4–309
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.
QUORUM CALL

The presiding officer announced a quorum call, showing 137 Members present.

(See Roll Call No. 48)

THIRD READING FILE

The presiding officer submitted the following Bills for Third Reading:

THIRD READING CALENDAR (HOUSE BILLS) #2

House Bill 204 – Montgomery County Delegation

EMERGENCY BILL

AN ACT concerning

Montgomery County – Elections – Early Voting Centers
MC 14–16

Read the third time and passed by yeas and nays as follows:

Affirmative – 137     Negative – 0     (See Roll Call No. 49)

The Bill was then sent to the Senate.

LETTERS OF REASSIGNMENT

MEMORANDUM

To:    Hon. Peter A. Hammen, Chairman, HGO
From:  Michael E. Busch, Speaker
Re:    Reassignment of Bill(s)

In accordance with Rule 33, you are hereby requested to return to the Office of the Chief Clerk, the following legislation for reassignment as indicated below:

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Read and ordered journalized.
QUORUM CALL

The presiding officer announced a quorum call, showing 135 Members present.

(See Roll Call No. 50)

ADJOURNMENT

At 10:39 A.M. on motion of Delegate Kaiser the House adjourned until 11:00 A.M. on Friday, February 5, 2016.
Annapolis, Maryland  
Friday, February 5, 2016

The House met at 11:10 A.M. and pledged Allegiance to the Flag.

Prayer by Delegate Shelly Hettleman of Baltimore County.

**QUORUM CALL**

The presiding officer announced a quorum call, showing 135 Members present.

(See Roll Call No. 51)

**EXCUSES:**
Del. Beidle – personal – wedding (out of town)  
Del. Jameson – illness  
Del. Vallario – personal

The Journal of February 4, 2016 was read and approved.

**INTRODUCTION OF BILLS**

House Bill 687 – Delegates Adams, Krebs, Mautz, and W. Miller

AN ACT concerning

Prevailing Wage – Payroll Records – Submission by Contractors

FOR the purpose of requiring certain contractors on a public work contract to submit certain payroll records within a certain period of time; and generally relating to prevailing wage and payroll records submitted by contractors on a public work contract.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
   Article – State Finance and Procurement  
   Section 17–220  
   Annotated Code of Maryland  
   (2015 Replacement Volume)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.
House Bill 688 – Delegate Lam

AN ACT concerning

Vehicle Laws – Electric Personal Assistive Mobility Device – Definition

FOR the purpose of altering the definition of “electric personal assistive mobility device” to require that the device have a certain steering mechanism and a certain platform on which the rider stands; and generally relating to electric personal assistive mobility devices.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Transportation
Section 21–101(a), 21–501.1(a), and 21–1201(c)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Transportation
Section 21–101(j)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 689 – Delegate Frick

AN ACT concerning

Procurement – Prevailing Wage – Liquidated Damages

FOR the purpose of altering the circumstances under which a certain contractor is liable for certain damages and the amount of certain damages for which a certain contractor is liable when certain laborers or certain other employees are paid less than certain prevailing wage rates; and generally relating to the enforcement of the prevailing wage law.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – State Finance and Procurement
Section 17–222
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 690 – Delegate Haynes
AN ACT concerning

Creation of a State Debt – Baltimore City – Community Empowerment and Wellness Center

FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt in the amount of $500,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Bethel Outreach Center, Inc. for certain development or improvement purposes; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; prohibiting the use of the loan proceeds or matching fund for sectarian religious purposes; establishing a deadline for the encumbrance or expenditure of the loan proceeds; and providing generally for the issuance and sale of bonds evidencing the loan.

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

House Bill 691 – Delegates C. Wilson and Buckel

AN ACT concerning

Income Tax – Subtraction Modification – Military Compensation

FOR the purpose of altering a subtraction modification under the Maryland income tax for certain military compensation to repeal a requirement that the compensation be attributable to military service of the individual outside the United States; repealing a certain limitation on the amount of the subtraction modification; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to the taxation of certain military compensation.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
   Article – Tax – General
   Section 10–207(a)
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2010 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
   Article – Tax – General
   Section 10–207(p)
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2010 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 692 – Delegate Davis

AN ACT concerning
Public Safety – Rifles and Shotguns – Transactions

FOR the purpose of providing that a person who is not a certain licensee may not complete the transfer of a certain rifle or shotgun in a certain role, except under certain circumstances; requiring, before a certain transfer is conducted, the transferor and transferee to meet jointly with a certain licensee and request that the licensee facilitate the transfer; requiring a certain licensee to take certain actions when facilitating a certain transfer; authorizing a certain transferor to remove a certain rifle or shotgun from certain premises under certain circumstances; prohibiting a certain licensee and transferor from completing a certain transfer if a certain background check has a certain result; authorizing a certain transferor to remove a certain rifle or shotgun from certain premises if a certain background check has a certain result; authorizing a certain licensee to charge a reasonable fee for facilitating a certain transfer; establishing certain penalties for violating this Act and for providing false information while conducting a transfer under this Act; excluding certain transfers from the scope of this Act; defining certain terms; and generally relating to rifles and shotguns.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Public Safety
Section 5–201
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2011 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – Public Safety
Section 5–204.1
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2011 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 693 – Delegate Kramer

AN ACT concerning

Workers’ Compensation – Permanent Partial Disability – Compensation

FOR the purpose of altering the amount of the maximum weekly benefit for a permanent partial disability claim arising from events occurring on or after a certain date that is awarded to a covered employee for less than a certain number of weeks; making conforming changes; and generally relating to compensation for a permanent partial disability under the workers’ compensation law.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Labor and Employment
Section 9–628
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2008 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 694 – Delegates A. Miller, Brooks, Jalisi, and Lam

AN ACT concerning

Sales and Use Tax – Tax-Free Period – Emergency Preparedness Equipment

FOR the purpose of establishing a tax–free period each year during which a certain sales and use tax exemption for the sale of certain emergency preparedness items is provided; requiring the Executive Director of the Maryland Emergency Management Agency to publish a certain list on or before a certain date; authorizing the Executive Director to amend a certain list under certain circumstances; defining certain terms; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to sales and use tax exemptions.

BY adding to
Article – Tax – General
Section 11–228.1
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2010 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 695 – Delegates A. Miller, Barkley, Dumais, Fraser–Hidalgo, Reznik, and S. Robinson

AN ACT concerning

Creation of a State Debt – Montgomery County – Maryland SoccerPlex Fields

FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed $750,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Maryland Soccer Foundation, Inc. for certain development or improvement purposes; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; establishing a deadline for the encumbrance or expenditure of the loan proceeds; and providing generally for the issuance and sale of bonds evidencing the loan.

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

House Bill 696 – Delegates Davis, Barkley, Impallaria, Jameson, W. Miller, and C. Wilson
AN ACT concerning

Public Utilities – Maryland Underground Facilities Damage Prevention
Authority – Funding

FOR the purpose of authorizing the Maryland Underground Facilities Damage Prevention
Authority to collect an assessment or a charge not exceeding a certain amount per
ticket under certain circumstances; specifying the circumstances under which the
Authority may collect an assessment or a charge; providing for an exception to a
certain limitation regarding sources of operational funding for the Authority; and
generally relating to the Maryland Underground Facilities Damage Prevention
Authority.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Public Utilities
Section 12–101(a), (b), (i), (j), (k), and (m)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2010 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Public Utilities
Section 12–111
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2010 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 697 – Delegates Otto and Carozza

AN ACT concerning

Worcester County – Alcoholic Beverages – Class A Beer, Wine, and Liquor
License

FOR the purpose of repealing a certain provision of law that prohibits the issuance of a
Class A beer, wine, and liquor license in Worcester County; establishing a Class A
beer, wine, and liquor license in Worcester County; specifying the scope of
authorization of the license; authorizing the Worcester County Board of License
Commissioners to issue the license for an establishment that is outside a certain
distance of a Worcester County owned or operated retail dispensary; authorizing the
Worcester County Board of License Commissioners to issue the license for an
establishment that is within a certain distance of a Worcester County owned or
operated dispensary, with the consent of the Worcester County Commissioners;
specifying a certain annual fee for a Class A beer, wine, and liquor license; and
generally relating to the sale of alcoholic beverages in Worcester County.

BY repealing
Article – Alcoholic Beverages
Section 33–901
Annotated Code of Maryland
(As enacted by Chapter ____ (S.B. _____)(6lr1406) of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2016)

BY adding to

Article – Alcoholic Beverages
Section 33–901
Annotated Code of Maryland
(As enacted by Chapter ____ (S.B. _____)(6lr1406) of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2016)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 698 – Delegates Otto, Carozza, Jacobs, and Mautz

AN ACT concerning

Motor Vehicles – Gross Weight and Axle Load – Poultry

FOR the purpose of exempting a certain combination of vehicles with a trailer or semitrailer from certain gross weight limits under certain circumstances; establishing the gross weight limit for a certain combination of vehicles with a trailer or semitrailer that are carrying poultry under certain circumstances; authorizing a certain combination of vehicles with a trailer or semitrailer to have a certain axle load limit tolerance and gross weight limit tolerance under certain circumstances; making stylistic changes; and generally relating to gross weight and axle load for certain poultry carriers.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Transportation
Section 24–109
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 699 – Delegates K. Young and Krimm

AN ACT concerning

Department of Health and Mental Hygiene – Biosafety Level 3 Laboratories

FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to identify certain biosafety level 3 (BSL–3) laboratories and, with certain assistance, the location of these laboratories; requiring the Department to collect certain information from the laboratories relevant to public health and safety; requiring
certain BSL–3 laboratories to report certain information to the Department; requiring the Department to report annually, on or before a certain date, the number and location of the laboratories, in total and by local jurisdiction, to certain officials in each local jurisdiction in the State, and the total number of the laboratories to the Governor and the General Assembly; providing that certain information is confidential and not subject to inspection under certain provisions of law; establishing certain penalties; defining a certain term; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to biosafety level 3 (BSL–3) laboratories.

BY adding to
Article – Health – General
Section 17–701 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 7. Biosafety Level 3 (BSL–3) Laboratories That Do Not Work With Federally Regulated Biological Select Agents and Toxins or Their Products”
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 700 – Delegates Davis, Adams, Aumann, Brooks, Impallaria, Jameson, W. Miller, and Valderrama

AN ACT concerning

Unemployment Insurance – Exemption From Covered Employment – Nail Technicians

FOR the purpose of providing that, under certain circumstances, work is not covered employment under the unemployment insurance law when performed by certain individuals who hold a limited license to provide nail technician services; and generally relating to an exemption from covered employment under the unemployment insurance law.

BY adding to
Article – Labor and Employment
Section 8–206(a–1)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2008 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 701 – Delegate Walker

AN ACT concerning

Task Force to Study the Warrant Intercept Program for Maryland Income Tax Refunds
FOR the purpose of establishing the Task Force to Study the Warrant Intercept Program for Maryland Income Tax Refunds; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Task Force; prohibiting a member of the Task Force from receiving certain compensation, but authorizing the reimbursement of certain expenses; requiring the Task Force to study and make recommendations regarding certain matters; requiring the Task Force to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before a certain date; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to the Task Force to Study the Warrant Intercept Program for Maryland Income Tax Refunds.

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.


AN ACT concerning

Creation of a State Debt – Montgomery County – Jewish Community Center of Greater Washington Children’s Playground

FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed $150,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Jewish Community Center of Greater Washington, Inc. for certain development or improvement purposes; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; prohibiting the use of the loan proceeds or matching fund for sectarian religious purposes; establishing a deadline for the encumbrance or expenditure of the loan proceeds; and providing generally for the issuance and sale of bonds evidencing the loan.

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

House Bill 703 – Delegates A. Miller, Dumais, and M. Washington

AN ACT concerning

Public Safety – Firearms Disqualifications – Antique Firearm

FOR the purpose of applying certain provisions disqualifying a person from possessing a rifle or shotgun to an antique firearm; altering the definition of “firearm” to clarify that the term includes an antique firearm; making conforming changes; and generally relating to firearms disqualifications.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Criminal Law
Section 4–201(a) and (b)
BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Public Safety
Section 5–101(a) and (b)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2011 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Public Safety
Section 5–101(h), 5–133.3(b) and (d), and 5–205
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2011 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 704 – Delegates West, Aumann, Hettleman, Morhaim, and Stein

EMERGENCY BILL

AN ACT concerning

Off–Track Betting – Maryland State Fairgrounds – Prohibition

FOR the purpose of repealing a provision of law that requires the State Fair Society to obtain certain concurrence from a certain thoroughbred track before a certain track is a receiving track during a certain period of time under certain circumstances; prohibiting a track where racing is conducted by the State Fair Society from being a certain receiving track during a certain period of time; prohibiting the State Racing Commission from granting a certain permit to hold satellite simulcast betting at the Maryland State Fairgrounds; providing for the application of this Act; making this Act an emergency measure; and generally relating to off–track betting and the Maryland State Fairgrounds.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Business Regulation
Section 11–811(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Business Regulation
Section 11–811(h) and 11–817
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)
Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 705 – Delegates Davis, Gaines, Jameson, Barve, Stein, Kramer, Clippinger, Krimm, Gutierrez, and Vaughn

EMERGENCY BILL

AN ACT concerning

Maryland Clean Energy Center – Clean Energy Technology Funding

FOR the purpose of expanding certain findings of the General Assembly concerning the Maryland Clean Energy Center; expanding the purposes of the Center; altering the membership of the Board of Directors of the Center; requiring the Center to establish a Credit Investment Advisory Committee for certain purposes; providing that Committee members are subject to the Public Ethics Law for certain purposes; altering the authority of the Center to provide certain financing for clean energy technology–based businesses; establishing a Clean Energy Technology Financing Fund in the Center for certain purposes; providing for the sources and administration of the Fund; providing for the purposes of the Fund; clarifying the application of certain provisions under the Maryland Clean Energy Technology Incubator Program; defining a certain term; altering certain definitions; providing for the application of this Act; providing for the transfer of certain funds from the Maryland Strategic Energy Investment Fund to the Center in certain fiscal years for certain purposes; providing for the transfer of certain funds from the Maryland Strategic Energy Investment Fund to the Clean Energy Technology Financing Fund by a certain date for certain purposes; stating the intent of the General Assembly concerning certain funding; making this Act an emergency measure; and generally relating to the Maryland Clean Energy Center and project funding.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Economic Development
Section 10–801, 10–802, 10–806, 10–807, 10–810, 10–814, 10–820, 10–833, 10–834(a), 10–835, and 10–837
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2008 Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Economic Development
Section 10–816, 10–817, 10–821, 10–822, 10–825, and 10–826
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2008 Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Economic Development
Section 10–817.1
Annotated Code of Maryland
Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 706 – Delegates Jameson, Patterson, and C. Wilson

AN ACT concerning

Charles County – Alcoholic Beverages – Entertainment Concessionaire and Entertainment Facility Licenses

FOR the purpose of authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Charles County to issue a certain entertainment concessionaire license to certain persons for certain purposes in conjunction with an entertainment facility; authorizing the Board to issue a certain entertainment facility license to a person that owns an entertainment facility in which video lottery terminals and table games are offered to the public; providing that an applicant for an entertainment facility license need not meet certain requirements; specifying the scope of the licenses; providing that beer, wine, and liquor sold under either license may be taken and consumed anywhere in the licensed premises; specifying that the licenses authorize the playing of music and dancing; specifying for the licenses the annual fee and payment date; providing for the application to certain persons of certain penalties and sanctions for violations occurring on certain premises; defining certain terms; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages and entertainment facilities in Charles County.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
   Article – Alcoholic Beverages
   Section 18–102
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (As enacted by Chapter ____ (S.B. ____)(6lr1406) of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2016)

BY adding to
   Article – Alcoholic Beverages
   Section 18–1002.1 and 18–1002.2
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (As enacted by Chapter ____ (S.B. ____)(6lr1406) of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2016)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.
House Bill 707 – Delegates Valentino-Smith, Tarlau, Walker, and A. Washington

AN ACT concerning

Horse Racing – Track Winnings – Intercepts for Restitution and Child Support Payments

FOR the purpose of authorizing the Central Collection Unit and Child Support Enforcement Administration to certify to the State Racing Commission or a licensee of the Commission that an obligor is in arrears on certain restitution or child support payments; requiring the certification to contain certain information; requiring a licensee to provide an obligor who wins a certain prize with a certain notice; requiring the Commission or a licensee to withhold and make certain transfers of a certain amount of the prize of an obligor; authorizing an obligor to appeal a transfer; requiring the Commission or a licensee to honor interception requests in a certain order; authorizing the Secretary of Budget and Management, the Secretary of Human Resources, and the Commission to adopt certain regulations; providing that a licensee may not be held liable for certain acts; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to the interception of certain prizes at horse racing tracks.

BY adding to
   Article – Business Regulation
   Section 11–215
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2015 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
   Article – Criminal Procedure
   Section 11–616(b)
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2008 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.


AN ACT concerning

Education – Maryland Seal of Biliteracy Act – Establishment
FOR the purpose of 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 a certain graduating class, certain students shall receive a certain seal under certain circumstances; requiring the State Board of Education to establish certain criteria and requirements by a certain date; requiring the State Board to provide certain information regarding the Program to certain local school systems by a certain date; requiring certain local school systems to maintain certain records; requiring certain local school systems to affix a certain seal to certain academic documents under certain circumstances; requiring the State Board to adopt certain regulations; defining certain terms; and generally relating to the Maryland Seal of Biliteracy Program.

BY adding to
Article – Education
Section 7–208
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 709 – Delegate Jones

AN ACT concerning

Education – Maryland School for the Blind – Funding

FOR the purpose of requiring teachers and professional personnel at the Maryland School for the Blind to be paid an annual salary at least equal to a certain amount paid in Baltimore County to certain personnel; requiring the Governor to appropriate a certain amount for certain services; adding to a certain calculation one–half of the average number of children served by the School for the Blind for a certain program; requiring the School for the Blind to submit certain information in a certain form; reorganizing and recodifying without substantive change provisions of law relating to the Maryland School for the Deaf; making stylistic changes; repealing obsolete provisions of law; making conforming changes; and generally relating to funding for the Maryland School for the Blind and reorganizing and recodifying provisions of law for the Maryland School for the Deaf.

BY repealing
Article – Education
Section 8–304, 8–305, 8–310.1 through 8–310.3, 8–312, and 8–313
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Education
Section 7–101(b)(4); and 8–301 through 8–303, 8–306, 8–307, 8–307.1, and 8–308 through 8–310, 8–311, and 8–314 through 8–319 to be under the amended subtitle “Subtitle 3. Education of Blind Children”

Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Education
Section 8–3A–01 through 8–3A–11 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 3A. Education of Deaf Children”

Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 710 – Delegates Glenn and W. Miller

AN ACT concerning

Workers’ Compensation – Medical Benefits – Payment of Medical Services and Treatment

FOR the purpose of requiring a provider to submit to an employer or an employer’s insurer, within a certain period of time, a certain bill and documentation for certain medical services or treatment provided to a covered employee under a certain provision of law; prohibiting the employer or the employer’s insurer from being required to pay a certain bill except under certain circumstances; and generally relating to the payment for medical services and treatment provided under the workers’ compensation law.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Labor and Employment
Section 9–660
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2008 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 711 – Delegate Barkley

AN ACT concerning

State Board of Plumbing – State Plumbing Code – Adoption of the International Plumbing and Fuel Gas Codes

FOR the purpose of requiring the State Board of Plumbing to adopt by regulation a certain version of the International Plumbing Code and the International Fuel Gas Code as
the State Plumbing Code on or before a certain date; requiring the Board to adopt a
certain version of certain codes within a certain period of time after a certain date;
authorizing the Board to adopt regulations to amend the State Plumbing Code under
certain circumstances; defining certain terms; making stylistic changes; and
generally relating to the State Plumbing Code and the State Board of Plumbing.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Business Occupations and Professions
Section 12–101 and 12–205
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2010 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 712 – Delegates Grammer, Aumann, Bromwell, Brooks, Cluster,
Impallaria, Jalisi, Lam, McDonough, Metzgar, Miele, Stein, Szeliga, West,
and P. Young

AN ACT concerning

Foreclosures – Baltimore County – Certificate of Vacancy or Certificate of
Property Unfit for Human Habitation

FOR the purpose of requiring Baltimore County to issue a certificate of vacancy or a
certificate of property unfit for human habitation under certain circumstances;
requiring a certificate of vacancy or a certificate of property unfit for human
habitation to be issued or denied in Baltimore County within a certain period of time;
and generally relating to the issuance of a certificate of vacancy or a certificate of
property unfit for human habitation in Baltimore County.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Real Property
Section 7–105.11
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 713 – Delegates Luedtke, Cullison, Ebersole, Hixson, Kelly, Platt,
S. Robinson, and M. Washington

AN ACT concerning

State Department of Education – Community–Partnered School Behavioral
Health Services Programs – Reporting System and Report
(School Behavioral Health Accountability Act)
FOR the purpose of requiring the State Department of Education, in consultation with the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, county boards of education, and certain other stakeholders, to develop and implement a certain reporting system to determine the effectiveness of community–partnered school behavioral health services programs; requiring a certain reporting system to use certain measures designed for a certain purpose; requiring the Department to submit certain reports to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before certain dates; defining certain terms; and generally relating to community–partnered school behavioral health services programs.

BY adding to

Article – Education
Section 7–438
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 714 – Delegates Pena–Melnyk, Barron, Bromwell, Cullison, Hammen, Hayes, Hill, Kelly, Miele, Morgan, Oaks, Rose, Sample–Hughes, Tarlau, West, and K. Young

AN ACT concerning

Nursing Homes – Health Care Quality Account – Adoption and Use of Electronic Health Records

FOR the purpose of altering the purposes for which the Health Care Quality Account must be used to require that the Account be used for the adoption and use, including for data mining, of certain electronic health records by nursing homes; and generally relating to the Health Care Quality Account.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Health – General
Section 19–142(c)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Health – General
Section 19–1407
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

AN ACT concerning

Early Identification of Autism Act

FOR the purpose of requiring the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene to require health care practitioners, when providing a well–child examination at certain ages, to administer a certain screening tool for autism; requiring the Secretary to require a child to be referred for certain services under certain circumstances; providing that a certain diagnosis is not required for a referral; requiring certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations to provide coverage for the administration of the screening tool; providing for the application of certain provisions of this Act; and generally relating to screening for autism.

BY adding to
Article – Health – General
Section 13–2801 and 13–2802 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 28. Early Identification of Autism”
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume)

BY adding to
Article – Insurance
Section 15–817.1
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2011 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 716 – Delegate Impallaria

AN ACT concerning

Election Law – Voting by Felons at Polling Places – Prohibition

FOR the purpose of requiring an applicant for voter registration to specify whether the applicant is a felon; requiring that certain information concerning voting by felons be provided to an applicant for voter registration; requiring an individual who is a felon to vote only by absentee ballot; prohibiting a felon from voting at a polling place; limiting a provision of law allowing certain registered criminal offenders to enter onto school property for the purpose of voting only to registered offenders who are not felons; and generally relating to prohibiting felons from voting at polling places.
BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
  Article – Election Law
  Section 3–202
  Annotated Code of Maryland
  (2010 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY adding to
  Article – Election Law
  Section 9–304.1
  Annotated Code of Maryland
  (2010 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
  Article – Election Law
  Section 9–312
  Annotated Code of Maryland
  (2010 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
  Article – Criminal Procedure
  Section 11–704(a) and 11–722(b)
  Annotated Code of Maryland
  (2008 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
  Article – Criminal Procedure
  Section 11–722(a)
  Annotated Code of Maryland
  (2008 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 717 – Dorchester County Delegation

AN ACT concerning

Dorchester County – Class B Beer, Wine, and Liquor License – Minimum Seating Requirement

FOR the purpose of altering the minimum seating requirement for facilities for which a certain Class B beer, wine, and liquor license may be issued in Dorchester County; and generally relating to Class B beer, wine, and liquor licenses in Dorchester County.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
  Article – Alcoholic Beverages
  Section 19–902
Annotated Code of Maryland
(As enacted by Chapter ____ (S.B. _____)(6lr1406) of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2016)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.


AN ACT concerning

Consumer Protection – Asset Recovery for Exploited Seniors Act

FOR the purpose of authorizing the Division of Consumer Protection of the Office of the Attorney General to bring a civil action for damages against a certain person who violates certain provisions of law on behalf of a certain person; authorizing the Division to recover certain damages; authorizing the Division to recover certain costs under certain circumstances; providing that a certain criminal conviction is not a prerequisite for maintenance of an action under this Act; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to the authority of the Division of Consumer Protection of the Office of the Attorney General to bring civil actions.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Criminal Law
Section 8–801
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Commercial Law
Section 13–204
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2013 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

AN ACT concerning

Sales and Use Tax – Exemptions – Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts

FOR the purpose of exempting from the sales and use tax a sale by a chartered organization or a scout unit chartered by a local council of the Boy Scouts of America established in the State; exempting from the sales and use tax a sale by a troop of the Girl Scouts of the USA established in the State; and generally relating to the sales and use tax.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Tax – General
Section 11–204(b)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2010 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 720 – Delegate Kramer

AN ACT concerning


FOR the purpose of requiring a certain insurer to provide a certain insurance identification card to certain insureds at certain times; providing that an insurance identification card may be produced in a certain electronic format; providing that the insurance identification card shall be valid for only a certain period except under certain circumstances; requiring a certain operator to be in possession of or carry in the motor vehicle at certain times certain evidence of required security; providing that a certain identification insurance card is a form of evidence of a certain required security; allowing a certain evidence of required security to be produced in a certain electronic format; providing for a certain fine; establishing the Uninsured Motorist Education and Enforcement Fund as a special, nonlapsing fund; providing that a certain fine may not be waived and shall be deposited into the Fund; specifying the purpose of the Fund; requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration to administer the Fund; providing that the Fund consists of certain revenues, interest, and other money; specifying the uses of the Fund; authorizing the Administration to delay the imposition of a certain fine for a certain period of time for a certain purpose; authorizing the Administration to adopt regulations; authorizing the Administration to accept funding or another form of support from the Uninsured Claim and Judgment Fund of the Maryland Automobile Insurance Fund for a certain purpose; defining certain terms; and generally relating to carrying proof of coverage, educating operators of motor vehicles about and enforcing the Maryland Vehicle Law, and motor vehicle insurance.

BY adding to
AN ACT concerning

Prevailing Wage Rates Reform Act of 2016

FOR the purpose of expanding the applicability of the prevailing wage rate law to political subdivisions, agencies, and public works on property where the State, a political subdivision, or an agency is the owner or lessee by altering certain definitions; altering the dollar amount for certain public work contracts at which the prevailing wage rate law applies; requiring that prevailing wage rates be calculated using certain wage rates established by certain collective bargaining agreements in certain workers’ classifications in certain localities; authorizing the Commissioner of Labor and Industry to establish certain prevailing wage rates using certain wage rates established by certain collective bargaining agreements under certain circumstances; requiring, for multiyear public works, the Commissioner annually to redetermine certain prevailing wage rates for each classification of workers engaged in certain works; requiring the Commissioner annually to determine prevailing wage rates for classifications of workers using only certain collective bargaining agreements; altering the hours worked in any single calendar day that certain employees work for the purpose of paying the prevailing wage rate of overtime; increasing certain penalties for certain violations; increasing the amount of certain liquidated damages; requiring that certain liquidated damages be paid to certain laborers or certain other employees who were paid less than certain prevailing wage rates; specifying contractor or subcontractor obligations to make certain restitution for paying employees less than certain amounts; clarifying the circumstances under which the Commissioner informally resolves certain violations; requiring the Commissioner to issue an order for a certain hearing for certain employer violations; providing that certain employees are entitled to certain liquidated damages under
certain circumstances; requiring a court to award certain liquidated damages to certain employees; requiring a court to order payment of double or treble damages under a finding of willful and knowing deliberate ignorance or reckless disregard of certain employers’ obligations; prohibiting an employer from retaliating or discriminating against an employee if an employee files a certain action; authorizing certain employees to sue certain employers under certain circumstances; requiring a court to provide certain remedies under certain circumstances; requiring a court to report certain decisions or orders to the Commissioner; altering the circumstances under which the Commissioner files certain lists with the Secretary of State; altering a certain definition; and generally relating to the applicability, administration, and enforcement of prevailing wage rates.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – State Finance and Procurement
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume)

BY adding to
Article – State Finance and Procurement
Section 17–224.1
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.


AN ACT concerning

Capital Grant Program for Local School Systems With Significant Enrollment Growth or Relocatable Classrooms – Funding

FOR the purpose of altering the amount of money, beginning in a certain fiscal year, the Governor is required to provide in the State budget for the Capital Grant Program for Local School Systems With Significant Enrollment Growth or Relocatable Classrooms each fiscal year; and generally relating to funding for the Capital Grant Program for Local School Systems With Significant Enrollment Growth or Relocatable Classrooms.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Education
Section 5–313
An Act concerning

Transportation – Highway User Revenues – Distribution to Municipalities

For the purpose of altering the authorized uses of highway user revenues; repealing certain obsolete distributions and transfers of highway user revenues for certain fiscal years; repealing certain obsolete distributions of highway user revenues to Baltimore City, counties, and municipalities for certain fiscal years; requiring that certain additional distributions of highway user revenues be made under certain circumstances to municipalities in certain fiscal years for certain purposes; requiring that certain additional distributions of highway user revenues be allocated among municipalities in a certain manner; and generally relating to the distribution of highway user revenues.

By repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Transportation
Section 8–402 and 8–403
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

By repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Transportation
Section 8–405
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 724 – Delegates West, Reznik, Oaks, Pena–Melnyk, and Rose

An Act concerning

Public Health – Copies of Medical Records – Fees
FOR the purpose of authorizing certain hospitals and other health care providers to charge a certain fee and certain costs for electronic copies of medical records that are in an electronic format requested by certain persons; repealing a certain provision of law that allowed for fees charged for copies of medical records to be adjusted annually for inflation in accordance with the Consumer Price Index; making conforming changes; and generally relating to fees for copies of medical records.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
Article – Health – General  
Section 4–304(c)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2015 Replacement Volume)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 725 – Delegate Impallaria

AN ACT concerning

Handguns – School Employees – Handgun Permits and Carrying Weapons on School Property

FOR the purpose of authorizing a county board to authorize school employees in the county board’s school system to carry a handgun on school property under certain circumstances; requiring the Secretary of State Police to issue a handgun permit to a person who is otherwise qualified and who is a school employee in a certain school system; creating an exception to the prohibition against carrying a deadly weapon on public school property for a school employee authorized to carry a handgun by the county board and who has been issued a handgun permit under certain circumstances; and generally relating to school employees, handgun permits, and carrying weapons on school property.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
Article – Criminal Law  
Section 4–102  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – Education  
Section 3–104(c)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
Article – Public Safety  
Section 5–306(a)
House Bill 726 – Delegate Carr

An ACT concerning

Ethics – Reports of Regulated Lobbyists – Open Data Format

FOR the purpose of requiring the State Ethics Commission to make certain reports filed on or after a certain date available electronically for public review in a machine-readable, searchable, and analyzable format; and generally relating to ethics, reports of regulated lobbyists, and open data.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – General Provisions
Section 5–710
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Volume and 2015 Supplement)

House Bill 727 – Delegates West, Aumann, Hettleman, Morhaim, and Stein

AN ACT concerning

Horse Racing – Intertrack Betting – Public Hearing Requirements

FOR the purpose of requiring the State Racing Commission to hold certain public hearings at certain track locations; requiring the Commission to give notice of certain public hearings to certain individuals and businesses within a certain area; and generally relating to public hearings on intertrack betting on horse racing.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Business Regulation
Section 11–811(a), (b), and (c)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Business Regulation
Section 11–811(d)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)
Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 728 – Delegate Bromwell

AN ACT concerning

State Lottery – Licensed Agents – Commissions

FOR the purpose of altering certain commissions that certain licensed agents receive from certain lottery ticket sales; and generally relating to licensed agent commissions from lottery ticket sales.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – State Government
Section 9–117(a)(1)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.


AN ACT concerning

Taxation – Prohibition on Exemptions and Credits for Organizations Having Known Ties to Terrorism
(Homegrown Terrorism Prevention Act)

FOR the purpose of prohibiting a church, a religious organization, or certain other organizations from claiming certain exemptions from taxation or tax credits under certain circumstances; requiring the Comptroller and the State Department of Assessments and Taxation to consult with the United States Department of Homeland Security for certain purposes; requiring the Comptroller and the Department to adopt certain regulations; making the provisions of this Act severable; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to the prohibition of certain exemptions from taxation and tax credits for certain organizations.

BY adding to

Article – Tax – General
Section 1–401 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 4. Miscellaneous”
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2010 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)
BY adding to
   Article – Tax – Property
   Section 1–501 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 5. Miscellaneous”
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.


AN ACT concerning

   Virginia I. Jones Alzheimer’s Disease and Related Disorders Council – Membership and Extension of Termination Date

FOR the purpose of altering the membership of the Virginia I. Jones Alzheimer’s Disease and Related Disorders Council; extending the termination date of certain provisions of law that establish and govern the Council; and generally relating to the Virginia I. Jones Alzheimer’s Disease and Related Disorders Council.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
   Article – Health – General
   Section 13–3201
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
   Article – Health – General
   Section 13–3203
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
   Chapter 305 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2013
   Section 2

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
   Section 2

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 731 – Delegate Rosenberg
AN ACT concerning

Child Support Guidelines – Revision

FOR the purpose of revising the schedule of basic child support guidelines used to calculate the amount of a child support award under the child support guidelines by extending the schedule to combined monthly adjusted gross incomes below a certain amount; and generally relating to the child support guidelines.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Family Law
Section 12–204(e)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 732 – Delegate Malone

AN ACT concerning

Drivers’ Licenses, Identification Cards, and Moped Operators’ Permits – Enhanced Identification Documents

FOR the purpose of requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration to make available to an applicant for a driver’s license, an identification card, or a moped operator’s permit the opportunity to upgrade the document to be an enhanced identification document; establishing that the Administration may issue an enhanced identification document only to certain individuals who provide certain documentation; requiring an individual who applies for an enhanced identification document to provide to the Administration a certain biometric identifier at a certain time and in a certain manner; requiring the Administration to select for use for an enhanced identification document only a biometric identifier that meets certain federal standards and requirements; authorizing the Administration to establish a certain fee for the issuance and renewal of an enhanced identification document; defining certain terms; and generally relating to the upgrade of drivers’ licenses, identification cards, and moped operators’ permits to be enhanced identification documents.

BY adding to

Article – Transportation
Section 12–305
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.
House Bill 733 – Delegate Barkley

AN ACT concerning

Alcoholic Beverages – Multiple Manufacturer’s Licenses – Sampling, Sale, and Consumption of Products

FOR the purpose of repealing certain provisions of law that prohibit certain holders of certain alcoholic beverage manufacturer’s licenses from selling or allowing to be consumed at certain locations certain products; authorizing the holder of a farm brewery license to apply for and obtain, under a different name, additional licenses for the same or different premises; authorizing the holder of multiple manufacturer’s licenses to allow the sampling, sale, and consumption of certain products at certain locations, subject to a certain restriction; and generally relating to authority for holders of certain alcoholic beverage manufacturer’s licenses to allow the sampling, sale, and consumption of certain products.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Alcoholic Beverages
Section 2–202(i), 2–204(g), 2–206(b)(10), 2–210(i), (j), (k), and (l), and 2–212(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(As enacted by Chapter ___ (S.B.___)(6lr1406) of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2016)

BY repealing

Article – Alcoholic Beverages
Section 2–206(b)(9) and 2–210(h)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(As enacted by Chapter ___ (S.B.___)(6lr1406) of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2016)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.


AN ACT concerning

State Procurement – Preference for Resident Bidders or Offerors

FOR the purpose of requiring a unit of State government to give a resident bidder or offeror a certain preference on the procurement of certain goods and services under certain circumstances; defining certain terms; and generally relating to a preference for resident bidders or offerors on certain State procurement contracts.

BY adding to

Article – State Finance and Procurement
Section 14–401.1
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.


AN ACT concerning

Manslaughter and Homicide by Vehicle or Vessel

FOR the purpose of altering certain penalties for the crimes of manslaughter by vehicle or vessel, homicide by vehicle or vessel while under the influence of alcohol or under the influence of alcohol per se, homicide by vehicle or vessel while impaired by alcohol, homicide by vehicle or vessel while impaired by drugs, and homicide by vehicle or vessel while impaired by a controlled dangerous substance; and generally relating to altering certain penalties for manslaughter by vehicle or vessel and certain crimes concerning homicide by vehicle or vessel.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Criminal Law
Section 2–209, 2–503, 2–504, 2–505, and 2–506
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.


AN ACT concerning

Labor and Employment – Employment Rights for Local Government Employees
– Establishment

FOR the purpose of requiring certain counties and municipal corporations to enact a local law, on or before a certain date, to authorize collective bargaining between the county
or municipal corporation and a certain employee organization; authorizing certain counties and municipal corporations to enact a local law to authorize collective bargaining between the county or municipal corporation and a certain employee organization; requiring that a local law enacted under a certain provision of this Act include certain provisions; requiring, under certain circumstances, that a memorandum of understanding between a charter county and an exclusive representative binds the charter county for a certain period of time subject to certain charter provisions; defining certain terms; providing for the construction of this Act; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to employment rights for local government employees.

BY adding to
Article – Labor and Employment
Section 4–701 through 4–704 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 7. Employment Rights for Local Government Employees”
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2008 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

House Bill 737 – Carroll County Delegation

AN ACT concerning

Carroll County – Alcoholic Beverages Licenses – Beginning Hour of Sale

FOR the purpose of altering the beginning hour of sale for certain alcoholic beverages licenses issued in Carroll County; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages in Carroll County.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Alcoholic Beverages
Section 16–102
Annotated Code of Maryland
(As enacted by Chapter ____ (S.B. _____)(6lr1406) of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2016)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Alcoholic Beverages
Section 16–2004 and 16–2005
Annotated Code of Maryland
(As enacted by Chapter ____ (S.B. _____)(6lr1406) of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2016)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 738 – Delegate C. Wilson
AN ACT concerning

Income Tax – Subtraction Modification – Military Retirement Income – Individuals at Least 65 Years Old

FOR the purpose of altering a subtraction modification under the State income tax for certain military retirement income for individuals who are at least a certain age; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to the State income taxation of certain retirement income.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

   Article – Tax – General
   Section 10–207(a)
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2010 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

   Article – Tax – General
   Section 10–207(q)
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2010 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 739 – Delegate Barkley

AN ACT concerning

Alcoholic Beverages – Nonprofit Beer Festival Permit – Revisions

FOR the purpose of increasing the amount of beer that a nonprofit beer festival permit holder may provide to a consumer under certain circumstances; requiring a person to submit an application for a nonprofit beer festival permit to the Comptroller instead of a local licensing board; requiring a person to provide the Comptroller instead of a local licensing board with a list of certain brewing company off–site permit holders that will attend a certain festival; making a technical correction; and generally relating to nonprofit beer festival permits.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

   Article – Alcoholic Beverages
   Section 2–131
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (As enacted by Chapter ____ (S.B. ____)(6lr1406) of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2016)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

AN ACT concerning

Labor and Employment – Family and Medical Leave Insurance Program – Establishment

FOR the purpose of establishing the Family and Medical Leave Insurance Program; prohibiting an employee from disclosing certain information; authorizing a self–employed individual to elect to participate in the Program by filing a certain notice with the Secretary of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation; providing that a certain election becomes effective on the date a certain notice is filed; requiring a certain individual to participate in the Program for a certain initial period; authorizing a certain individual to renew participation in the Program for a certain period; requiring a certain individual to notify the Secretary in writing of the individual’s withdrawal from the Program within a certain time period; requiring a certain individual to pay a certain contribution rate during a certain period; providing that an employee’s right to benefits under this Act may not be diminished by a collective bargaining agreement entered into or renewed or an employer policy adopted or retained after a certain date; providing that a certain agreement is void as against public policy; stating the purpose of the Program; providing for the manner in which the Program is to be administered; providing for the powers and duties of the Secretary under the Program; establishing the Family and Medical Leave Insurance Fund as a special fund; providing for the administration of the Fund; specifying the contents of the Fund; specifying the purposes for which the Fund may be used; requiring, beginning on a certain date, certain employees to pay the Secretary certain contributions; requiring the Secretary to establish in regulation the rate of contribution; requiring the rate of contribution to be sufficient to fund the benefits payable under this Act; requiring, beginning on a certain date, an individual to meet certain conditions to be eligible for benefits; authorizing a covered employee to take certain leave on an intermittent leave schedule; requiring a covered employee who is taking certain leave on an intermittent leave schedule to take certain action; prohibiting an employer from taking certain action if leave is taken on an intermittent leave schedule; providing for the manner in which benefits are to be calculated and paid; requiring the Division of Unemployment Insurance, under certain circumstances, to notify certain individuals of certain information
regarding the federal income tax; requiring the Division, under certain
circumstances, to deduct and withhold a certain amount from benefits paid;
providing for the manner in which certain employees who receive benefits are to be
treated by employers; establishing certain prohibited acts; authorizing the Division
to seek repayment of benefits under certain circumstances; authorizing the Secretary
to waive the repayment of benefits under certain circumstances; exempting the Fund
from a certain provision of law; providing for the construction and application of this
Act; providing that this Act preempts the authority of a local jurisdiction to adopt
certain laws, ordinances, rules, and regulations; requiring the Secretary to adopt
certain regulations on or before a certain date; defining certain terms; stating the
intent of the General Assembly; and generally relating to the Family and Medical
Leave Insurance Program.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
  Article – Labor and Employment
  Section 8–302
  Annotated Code of Maryland
  (2008 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY adding to
  Article – Labor and Employment
  Section 8.3–101 through 8.3–901 to be under the new title “Title 8.3. Family and
  Medical Leave Insurance Program”
  Annotated Code of Maryland
  (2008 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
  Article – State Finance and Procurement
  Section 6–226(a)(1) and (2)(i)
  Annotated Code of Maryland
  (2015 Replacement Volume)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
  Article – State Finance and Procurement
  Section 6–226(a)(2)(ii)84. and 85.
  Annotated Code of Maryland
  (2015 Replacement Volume)

BY adding to
  Article – State Finance and Procurement
  Section 6–226(a)(2)(ii)86.
  Annotated Code of Maryland
  (2015 Replacement Volume)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 741 – Delegates Stein and Kaiser
AN ACT concerning


FOR the purpose of prohibiting certain private career schools from enrolling certain students in certain programs under certain circumstances; requiring the Maryland Higher Education Commission to create certain guaranty funds; specifying the uses of certain guaranty funds; including a certain occurrence as grounds for reimbursement of certain students from certain guaranty funds; requiring certain students to follow certain complaint procedures of certain institutions before making a claim to certain guaranty funds; authorizing certain students to make a certain claim to certain guaranty funds under certain circumstances; requiring a certain report to include certain information; requiring certain institutions of postsecondary education to ensure that a net price calculator is posted on its Web site in a certain location; requiring certain institutions to provide certain information to certain students under certain circumstances; and generally relating to consumer protection provisions that impact institutions of postsecondary education.

BY adding to
   Article – Commercial Law
   Section 13–320
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2013 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
   Article – Education
   Section 10–101(i) and (j)
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
   Article – Education
   Section 11–203(d) and (e) and 15–118
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.


AN ACT concerning

Environment – Water Service Shut Off Protection Act
FOR the purpose of authorizing a provider of water or sewerage system service to temporarily shut off service for certain reasons; requiring a provider to mail a certain notice when temporarily shutting off service; prohibiting a provider from shutting off service unless the provider posts certain notices at the premises within certain time periods; requiring a provider to keep records of certain notices; requiring the notices to contain certain information; requiring a provider to leave a certain notice at a premises when service is shut off; requiring the notice to contain certain information; prohibiting a provider from shutting off service for certain reasons; allowing a provider to shut off service if a customer provides certain information; allowing a provider to shut off service for nonpayment of undisputed charges; prohibiting a provider from shutting off service upon receipt of certain information; requiring a provider to restore service when the cause of the shut off has been cured or payment arrangements have been made; requiring restoration of service to be conducted in a certain manner; defining certain terms; and generally relating to providing water service shut off protections.

BY adding to
Article – Environment
Section 9–2A–01 through 9–2A–04 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 2A. Water Shut Off Protection”
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Environment
Section 9–658(g)(2), 9–662, 9–724, 9–939, and 9–951
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Environment
Section 9–658(g)(1) and 9–663
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 743 – Delegates S. Robinson and Cassily

AN ACT concerning

Yard Waste and Food Residuals Diversion and Infrastructure Task Force

FOR the purpose of establishing the Yard Waste and Food Residuals Diversion and Infrastructure Task Force; providing for the composition, cochairs, and staffing of the Task Force; prohibiting a member of the Task Force from receiving certain
compensation, but authorizing the reimbursement of certain expenses; requiring the Task Force to identify, evaluate, study, and make recommendations regarding certain matters; requiring the Task Force to report its interim and final findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before certain dates; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to the Yard Waste and Food Residuals Diversion and Infrastructure Task Force.

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.


AN ACT concerning

Senior Call–Check Service Program – Establishment

FOR the purpose of altering the purpose of and programs to be funded by the Universal Service Trust Fund; altering the amount of a certain monthly surcharge that the Public Service Commission may authorize under certain circumstances; requiring the Secretary of Information Technology to certify certain information; requiring the Commission to determine the amount of a certain monthly surcharge; requiring the Legislative Auditor to conduct certain postaudits for a certain additional purpose; establishing the Senior Call–Check Service Program; providing a mechanism for the funding of the Program; specifying that an individual who meets a certain requirement is eligible for the Program; requiring the Department of Information Technology, in consultation with the Department of Aging, to establish and maintain the Program and to adopt certain regulations; specifying a sequence of telephone calls that satisfy Program requirements; authorizing the Department to contract with a certain private vendor or nonprofit organization to provide a certain service; providing for immunity from civil liability and criminal penalty for entities and individuals participating in the Program; defining certain terms; and generally relating to telephone service and the Senior Call–Check Service Program.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – State Finance and Procurement
Section 3A–101 and 3A–501
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – State Finance and Procurement
Section 3A–506
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume)
BY adding to
Article – State Finance and Procurement
Section 3A–701 and 3A–702 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 7. Senior Call–Check Service Program”
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.


AN ACT concerning

Business Regulation – State and Harford County Juke Box Licenses – Repeal

FOR the purpose of repealing certain provisions of law relating to licenses for keeping juke boxes for public entertainment in the State and in Harford County; and generally relating to licenses for keeping juke boxes.

BY repealing
Article – Business Regulation
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 746 – Delegate Rosenberg

AN ACT concerning

Human Services – No Wrong Door Pilot Program

FOR the purpose of establishing the No Wrong Door Pilot Program in the Department of Human Resources; specifying the purpose, goals, and duties of the Program; requiring the Department to administer the Program, to develop requirements for grant applications, and, in consultation with stakeholders, to develop certain criteria for the evaluation of grant applications; requiring the Department to review grant applications and award grants based on certain evaluation criteria and to track and assess Program outcomes; authorizing the Department, beginning on a certain date, to award grants to private or public entities under the Program; requiring each grantee under the Program annually to report certain information to the Department; requiring certain units of the State annually to provide the Department with information regarding the number of individuals and families connected to services through each grantee; requiring the Department annually to convene the grantees under the Program for a certain symposium; requiring the Department
annually to report certain information and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly; authorizing the Department to adopt regulations to carry out certain provisions of law; requiring the Governor to include in the annual budget for certain fiscal years a certain appropriation for the Program; providing for the termination of this Act; defining a certain term; and generally relating to the No Wrong Door Pilot Program.

BY adding to
Article – Human Services
Section 6–801 through 6–809 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 8. No Wrong Door Pilot Program”
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2007 Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

House Bill 747 – Delegates Gilchrist and Vaughn

AN ACT concerning

Real Estate Brokers – Licensure Requirement – Exemption for Lawyers

FOR the purpose of altering an exemption from the real estate broker licensure requirement for certain lawyers under certain circumstances; and generally relating to real estate brokerage services.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Business Occupations and Professions
Section 17–301
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2010 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 748 – Delegates Rosenberg and Kramer

AN ACT concerning

Division of Workforce Development and Adult Learning – Job Training Grant Program – Establishment

FOR the purpose of establishing the Job Training Grant Program in the Division of Workforce Development and Adult Learning; stating the purpose of the Program; requiring a nonprofit organization to meet certain requirements in order to be eligible for a grant under the Program; requiring the Division to take certain actions regarding the Program; requiring a grantee to submit certain annual reports to the Division for the life of the grant; providing that a grantee who fails to meet certain
performance goals is barred from applying to renew the grant for a certain time period; requiring a certain grantee, under certain circumstances, to submit a full application and a certain action plan; requiring the Governor, beginning in a certain fiscal year, and for each fiscal year thereafter, to include a certain amount in the budget bill to fund the Program; defining certain terms; and generally relating to the Job Training Grant Program.

BY adding to
Article – Labor and Employment
Section 11–604
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2008 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 749 – Delegates Lam, Morhaim, Barkley, Barve, Chang, Ebersole, Fraser–Hidalgo, Frick, Jalisi, Patterson, Pena–Melnyk, Sample–Hughes, Sophocleus, and K. Young

AN ACT concerning

Alcoholic Beverages – Sale of Powdered Alcohol – Prohibition

FOR the purpose of 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; providing a certain penalty; and generally relating to a prohibition on the sale of powdered alcohol.

BY renumbering
Article – Alcoholic Beverages
Section 6–326, 6–327, 6–328, and 6–329, respectively
to be Section 6–327, 6–328, 6–329, and 6–330, respectively
Annotated Code of Maryland
(As enacted by Chapter ___ (S.B. ___)(6LR1406) of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2016)

BY adding to
Article – Alcoholic Beverages
Section 6–326
Annotated Code of Maryland
(As enacted by Chapter ___ (S.B. ___)(6LR1406) of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2016)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.
INTRODUCTION OF JOINT RESOLUTIONS


A House Joint Resolution concerning

National Goal of Debt–Free Higher Education

FOR the purpose of supporting statewide and nationwide policy and legislative efforts to ensure that students have access to debt–free higher education at public colleges and universities.

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

FIRST READING OF SENATE BILLS

Senate Bill 10 – Senator Simonaire

AN ACT concerning

Business Regulation – Charitable Organizations – Audit and Review

FOR the purpose of increasing the minimum gross income amount at which the registration statement of a charitable organization must include a certain audit; altering the range of gross income amounts for which the registration statement of a charitable organization must include a certain review; making a conforming change; and generally relating to the auditing and review requirements for charitable organizations.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
   Article – Business Regulation
   Section 6–402(a) and (c)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Business Regulation
Section 6–402(b)(7) and (d)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

Senate Bill 35 – Senator Conway

AN ACT concerning

**Secondhand Precious Metal Object Dealers and Pawnbrokers – Required Records – Photograph of Precious Metal Object**

FOR the purpose of requiring certain records that a secondhand precious metal object dealer or pawnbroker is required to keep for certain purposes to include a photograph of each precious metal object acquired or pawned; providing that a secondhand precious metal object dealer or pawnbroker is not required to submit to certain law enforcement units a copy of a certain photograph except under certain circumstances; and generally relating to required records of secondhand precious metal object dealers and pawnbrokers.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Business Regulation
Section 12–101(a), (b)(1), and (g) and 12–301(a), (b), and (c)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Business Regulation
Section 12–302 and 12–304
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

Senate Bill 42 – Senator Conway

AN ACT concerning

**State Board of Dental Examiners – Appointment of Dentist and Dental Hygienist Members – Advice and Consent of the Senate**

FOR the purpose of requiring the dentist and dental hygienist members of the State Board of Dental Examiners to be appointed with the advice and consent of the Senate, subject to a certain condition; requiring a certain balloting process to be verified by the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene; and generally relating to the
appointment of the dentist and dental hygienist members of the State Board of Dental Examiners.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
  - Article – Health Occupations
    - Section 4–201 and 4–202(b)
    - Annotated Code of Maryland
      (2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
  - Article – Health Occupations
    - Section 4–202(a)
    - Annotated Code of Maryland
      (2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

**Senate Bill 61 – Senator Simonaire**

AN ACT concerning

Natural Resources – Forest Lands and the Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays 2010 Trust Fund – Miscellaneous Corrections and Clarifications

FOR the purpose of repealing references to the “Chesapeake 2000 Agreement” in certain provisions of law relating to forest lands and the Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays 2010 Trust Fund and substituting references to the “2014 Chesapeake Bay Watershed Agreement”; repealing references to the term “tributary strategies” in certain provisions of law relating to the Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays 2010 Trust Fund and substituting references to the term “watershed implementation plan”; defining a certain term; making conforming and clarifying changes; and generally relating to forest lands and the Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays 2010 Trust Fund.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
  - Article – Natural Resources
    - Section 5–102(a)(10) and (b)(2), 8–2A–01(e), 8–2A–02(b) and (f)(1), and 8–2A–04(b)(1)
    - Annotated Code of Maryland
      (2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
  - Article – Natural Resources
    - Section 8–2A–01(a), 8–2A–02(a), and 8–2A–04(a)
    - Annotated Code of Maryland
      (2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)
BY repealing
  Article – Natural Resources
  Section 8–2A–01(d)
  Annotated Code of Maryland
  (2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY adding to
  Article – Natural Resources
  Section 8–2A–01(e)
  Annotated Code of Maryland
  (2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

Senate Bill 67 – Senator Young Senators Young, Mathias, and Ferguson

AN ACT concerning

  State Government – Administrative Procedure Act – Effective Date of Adopted Regulations

FOR the purpose of altering the effective date of certain regulations adopted under the Administrative Procedure Act; and generally relating to regulations adopted under the Administrative Procedure Act.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
  Article – State Government
  Section 10–117
  Annotated Code of Maryland
  (2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

Senate Bill 77 – Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request – Departmental – Human Resources)

AN ACT concerning

  Human Resources – Transition Planning for Foster Youth

FOR the purpose of lowering the age at which the juvenile court must determine, during a permanency planning hearing, the services needed to assist a child in transitioning from foster care to successful adulthood; requiring the juvenile court to determine, during a guardianship review hearing, the services needed to assist certain children in transitioning from foster care to successful adulthood; correcting certain obsolete references; and generally relating to children in out–of–home placement.
BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
   Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings
   Section 3–823(e)
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2013 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
   Article – Family Law
   Section 5–326(a)(8) and 5–545(c)(7)
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
   Article – Family Law
   Section 5–545(a) and (b)
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill 79 – Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request –
   Departmental – Office for Children)

AN ACT concerning

   State Citizens Review Board for Children – Penalties for Unauthorized
   Disclosure of Child Protection Case Information

FOR the purpose of repealing the authority of the Special Secretary for Children, Youth,
and Families to impose a civil penalty on members of the State Citizens Review
Board for Children and the Board’s designees and staff for unauthorized disclosure
of certain child protection case information; authorizing the Secretary of Human
Resources to impose a civil penalty on members of the Board and the Board’s
designees and staff for unauthorized disclosure of certain child protection case
information; and generally relating to the State Citizens Review Board for Children.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
   Article – Family Law
   Section 5–535, 5–539, and 5–539.1(a) through (d)
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
   Article – Family Law
   Section 5–539.3
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)
Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill 96 – Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Labor, Licensing and Regulation)

AN ACT concerning

Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation – State Collection Agency Licensing Board – Authority of the Secretary

FOR the purpose of establishing that the State Collection Agency Licensing Board exercises its powers, duties, and functions subject to the authority of the Secretary of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation; and generally relating to the State Collection Agency Licensing Board.

BY adding to
Article – Business Regulation
Section 7–207
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

Senate Bill 98 – Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Aging)

AN ACT concerning

Senior Citizen Activities Center Operating Fund – Distributions – Alteration

FOR the purpose of altering the qualification criteria for certain need–based distributions from the Senior Citizen Activities Center Operating Fund to certain counties; and generally relating to the administration of the Senior Citizen Activities Center Operating Fund.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Human Services
Section 10–513 and 10–514
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2007 Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Human Services
Section 10–516
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2007 Volume and 2015 Supplement)
Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

Senate Bill 110 – Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee (By Request – Departmental – Agriculture) and Senator Middleton

AN ACT concerning

Agriculture – Young Farmers Advisory Board – Membership

FOR the purpose of altering the membership of the Young Farmers Advisory Board; making stylistic changes; and generally relating to the membership of the Young Farmers Advisory Board.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
  Article – Agriculture
  Section 2–1002
  Annotated Code of Maryland
  (2007 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

Senate Bill 112 – Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee (By Request – Departmental – Agriculture)

AN ACT concerning

Pest Control Compact – Repeal

FOR the purpose of 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 Insurance 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; repealing certain definitions; and generally relating to the Interstate Pest Control Compact.

BY repealing
  Article – Agriculture
  Section 5–701 through 5–716 and the subtitle “Subtitle 7. Pest Control Compact”
  Annotated Code of Maryland
  (2007 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

Senate Bill 113 – Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee (By Request – Departmental – Agriculture)
AN ACT concerning

Department of Agriculture – Bees, Bee Colonies, and Used Bee Equipment – Transportation and Shipment

FOR the purpose of repealing the requirement that a bee colony or used bee equipment shipped or transported into the State be accompanied by an entry permit issued by the Department of Agriculture; requiring a certain person to submit certain information to the Department before shipping or transporting a bee colony or used bee equipment into the State; authorizing the Department to restrict the movement of a bee or bee colony under certain circumstances; and generally relating to the shipment or transportation of a bee, bee colony, or used bee equipment into the State.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Agriculture
Section 5–505
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2007 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

Senate Bill 173 – Senator Feldman Senators Feldman, Middleton, Klausmeier, Mathias, and Pugh

AN ACT concerning

Local Government – Clean Energy Loan Programs – Commercial Property Owners – Renewable Energy Projects

FOR the purpose of removing the limitation that renewable energy projects by commercial property owners financed through a certain clean energy loan program have an electric generating capacity of not more than a certain number of kilowatts; and generally relating to financing renewable energy projects on commercial property through clean energy loan programs.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Local Government
Section 1–1101 and 1–1102
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2013 Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Local Government
Section 1–1103
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2013 Volume and 2015 Supplement)
Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

QUORUM CALL

The presiding officer announced a quorum call, showing 135 Members present.

(See Roll Call No. 52)

ADJOURNMENT

At 11:25 A.M. on motion of Delegate Kaiser the House adjourned until 8:00 P.M. on Monday, February 8, 2016.
The House met at 8:01 P.M. and pledged Allegiance to the Flag.

Prayer by Delegate Eric Luedtke of Montgomery County.

QUORUM CALL

The presiding officer announced a quorum call, showing 131 Members present.

(See Roll Call No. 53)

EXCUSES:
Del. Beidle – personal – wedding (out of town)
Del. Bromwell – illness
Del. Parrott – late – business
Del. Vallario – personal

The Journal of February 5, 2016 was read and approved.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

House Bill 750 – Delegates A. Miller, Brooks, Hettleman, Hixson, Jalisi, Lam, Pena–Melnyk, Pendergrass, and Waldstreicher

AN ACT concerning

Public Schools – Electronic Smoking Devices – Policy and Disciplinary Standards

FOR the purpose of requiring the State Department of Education, after consultation with each local school system, to develop, on or before a certain date, a certain model policy prohibiting the use of certain electronic smoking devices at certain locations and certain events; requiring that the model policy contain certain information; requiring certain county boards of education to establish certain policies prohibiting the use of certain electronic smoking devices at certain locations and certain events; requiring certain county boards to publicize certain policies in certain publications and in certain locations; requiring certain county boards to submit a certain policy to the Department on or before a certain date; defining a certain term; and generally relating to the prohibition of electronic smoking devices in public schools.
BY adding to
  Article – Education
  Section 7–438
  Annotated Code of Maryland
  (2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means and the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 751 – Delegates Sanchez, Atterbeary, D. Barnes, Dumais, Glass, McComas, Moon, Parrott, Rey, Smith, Sydnor, Valentino–Smith, and B. Wilson

AN ACT concerning

  Criminal Law – Sexual Offenses – Court–Ordered Services Provider

FOR the purpose of prohibiting a certain court–ordered services provider from engaging in sexual contact, vaginal intercourse, or a sexual act with a certain individual at a certain time; applying certain penalties; defining a certain term; and generally relating to sexual offenses.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
  Article – Criminal Law
  Section 3–314
  Annotated Code of Maryland
  (2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 752 – Delegate Cullison

  EMERGENCY BILL

AN ACT concerning

  Physicians – Prescriptions Written by Physician Assistants – Preparing and Dispensing

FOR the purpose of providing that certain provisions of law do not prohibit a licensed physician from personally preparing and dispensing a prescription written by a physician assistant in accordance with a certain delegation agreement if the physician complies with certain requirements; making this Act an emergency measure; and generally relating to delegation agreements between physicians and physician assistants and the preparing and dispensing of prescriptions by physicians.
BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Health Occupations
Section 12–102(c)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 753 – Delegate B. Barnes

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

AN ACT concerning

State Budget

FOR the purpose of proposing an amendment to the Maryland Constitution authorizing the General Assembly to increase or add Executive Department items in the budget bill, subject to a certain limitation; providing for the veto of certain budget bill items; providing for the reversion to original appropriations of certain vetoed items in the budget bill; providing that certain vetoed items in the budget bill shall be void; authorizing the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Delegates to convene in extraordinary session to consider whether to override a vetoed item in the budget bill; authorizing the General Assembly to override budget bill item vetoes; establishing the manner in which and the time at which budget bill items become law; clarifying language; and submitting this amendment to the qualified voters of the State for their adoption or rejection.

BY proposing an amendment to the Maryland Constitution
Article II – Executive Department
Section 17

BY proposing an amendment to the Maryland Constitution
Article III – Legislative Department
Section 14 and 52(6)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

House Bill 754 – Delegates Carter and Glenn

AN ACT concerning

Law Enforcement Officers – Disciplinary Actions – Written Policy

FOR the purpose of requiring a law enforcement agency to adopt a written policy and procedure to govern certain disciplinary actions that may be taken against a certain law enforcement officer by a certain date; requiring each written policy to include
certain information; requiring, under certain circumstances, a law enforcement officer to be disciplined in accordance with a certain policy and procedure; requiring a law enforcement agency to state certain reasons for a departure from a certain policy in detail under certain circumstances; requiring a law enforcement agency that takes certain disciplinary action to post to the Internet monthly a certain summary; and generally relating to disciplinary actions against law enforcement officers.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
   Article – Public Safety
   Section 3–108
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2011 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY adding to
   Article – Public Safety
   Section 3–111.1
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2011 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 755 – Allegany County Delegation and Garrett County Delegation

AN ACT concerning

   Allegany County and Garrett County – Black Bears – Baiting

FOR the purpose of prohibiting a person from taking or attempting to take black bears in Allegany County and Garrett County by the aid of baiting or within a certain distance of a baited area if the person knows or reasonably should know that the area is a baited area; providing that this Act does not prohibit the taking of black bears on certain crops, grains, or lands; defining certain terms; and generally relating to taking or attempting to take black bears in Allegany County and Garrett County.

BY adding to
   Article – Natural Resources
   Section 10–427
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 756 – Washington County Delegation

AN ACT concerning
Washington County – Board of Education – Motor Fuel Tax Exemption

FOR the purpose of authorizing the Washington County Board of Education to claim a refund of motor fuel tax paid on motor fuel purchased for use in vehicles owned by the Washington County Board of Education; authorizing a school bus operator under contract with the Washington County Board of Education to claim a refund of motor fuel tax paid on motor fuel purchased for use in vehicles used to transport Washington County public school students; providing that the Washington County Board of Education is not required to pay any amount of motor fuel tax that is unpaid on the date this Act takes effect or any interest or penalties associated with the unpaid motor fuel tax; and generally relating to an exemption from the motor fuel tax for the Washington County Board of Education.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Tax – General
Section 13–901(f)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2010 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 757 – Delegates Rosenberg, Dumais, and Vallario

AN ACT concerning

Criminal Law – Life Without the Possibility of Parole – First Degree Murder

FOR the purpose of altering the circumstances under which a person who is found guilty of murder in the first degree may be sentenced to life without the possibility of parole; establishing certain procedures for trial and sentencing in relation to the imposition of a sentence of life without the possibility of parole; authorizing the Court of Appeals to adopt rules of procedure to govern the conduct of life without the possibility of parole sentencing proceedings; establishing certain procedures for the review of a sentence of life without the possibility of parole by the Court of Appeals; making conforming changes; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to sentences of life without the possibility of parole.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Criminal Law
Section 2–201 and 2–305
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Criminal Law
Section 2–202, 2–301, 2–303; and 2–401 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 4. Review by Court of Appeals”
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing
   Article – Criminal Law
   Section 2–203 and 2–304
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 758 – Delegates O’Donnell, Arentz, Bromwell, Frush, Holmes, Impallaria, Jacobs, Mautz, and Otto

AN ACT concerning

Natural Resources – County Oyster Committees

FOR the purpose of altering the structure, membership, and duties of county oyster committees in the State; repealing provisions of law providing for the membership of a statewide advisory committee on oyster propagation; repealing certain statewide advisory committees on the propagation of oysters in certain areas of the State; repealing certain selection processes for county oyster committees and establishing an election process for county oyster committees; altering the process for filling a vacancy on a county oyster committee; altering the information that the Department of Natural Resources is required to report annually to each county oyster committee; requiring the Department to make certain information available on its Web site; authorizing the Department to open any natural oyster bar on the request of a county oyster committee; requiring the Department to adopt certain regulations; and generally relating to county oyster committees.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
   Article – Natural Resources
   Section 4–1106
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 759 – Delegates Lafferty and McIntosh

AN ACT concerning

Home Act of 2016
FOR the purpose of expanding the housing policy of the State to include providing for fair housing to all citizens regardless of source of income; prohibiting a person from refusing to sell or rent a dwelling to any person because of source of income; establishing certain qualifications and limitations on the general prohibition against discrimination in housing based on source of income; prohibiting a person from discriminating against any person in the terms, conditions, or privileges of the sale or rental of a dwelling because of source of income; prohibiting a person from making, printing, or publishing certain types of materials with respect to the sale or rental of a dwelling that indicate a preference, limitation, or discrimination on the basis of source of income; prohibiting a person from falsely representing that a dwelling is not available for inspection, sale, or rental based on source of income; prohibiting a person from discriminating against any person in the terms or conditions of a transaction, because of source of income; prohibiting a person from denying a person, based on source of income, access to or membership or participation in, a service, an organization, or a facility relating to the business of selling or renting dwellings or from discriminating against a person in the terms or conditions of membership or participation; prohibiting a person from, by force or threat of force, willfully injuring, intimidating, or interfering with any person because of source of income and because the person is negotiating for the sale or rental of any dwelling or participating in any service relating to the business of selling or renting dwellings; defining a certain term; providing that this Act does not limit the rights or remedies that are otherwise available to a landlord or tenant under any other law; and generally relating to prohibitions against discrimination in housing based on source of income.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – State Government
Section 20–701, 20–702, 20–704, 20–705, 20–707, and 20–1103
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 760 – Delegates Carter, Glenn, and B. Robinson

AN ACT concerning

Law Enforcement Officers’ Bill of Rights – Alterations

FOR the purpose of altering the requirements for making a certain complaint against a law enforcement officer for a reason that may lead to a certain action; altering the individuals who may conduct an investigation, an interrogation, or a hearing against a certain law enforcement officer under certain circumstances; requiring
confidentiality of certain information under certain circumstances; providing for the suspension of a law enforcement officer’s police powers during a certain investigation; altering where a certain interrogation may occur; altering certain procedures for investigating, interrogating, disciplining, and conducting a hearing against a certain law enforcement officer under certain circumstances; establishing certain deadlines for certain procedures; altering certain terms; and generally relating to the Law Enforcement Officers’ Bill of Rights.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Public Safety
Section 3–101(c) and (d), 3–104, 3–106, 3–107(a), (c), and (d)(1), 3–108, 3–110(a), and 3–112(c)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2011 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 761 – Cecil County Delegation

AN ACT concerning

Cecil County – Video Lottery Terminals – Distribution of Proceeds

FOR the purpose of altering the percentage of the proceeds from video lottery terminals at the video lottery facility in Cecil County that are paid to the video lottery operation licensee of the facility; requiring that a certain percentage of the proceeds from video lottery terminals at the facility be spent on certain activities and improvements; and generally relating to the percentage of the proceeds from video lottery terminals that are paid to a certain video lottery operation licensee.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – State Government
Section 9–1A–27(a)(2)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – State Government
Section 9–1A–27(b)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 762 – Delegate Buckel

AN ACT concerning
Tax Sales – Reimbursement for Expenses

FOR the purpose of requiring a certain notice sent by the holder of a tax sale certificate to the owner of the property to include certain information; clarifying that certain costs incurred by the holder of a tax sale certificate shall be reimbursed on redemption of the property; requiring certain payments for reimbursement to be made to certain persons; prohibiting certain payments for reimbursement from being made to the tax collector; providing that the holder of a tax sale certificate shall be reimbursed a certain amount for attorney’s fees if an action to foreclose the right of redemption has not been filed and establishing that amount as reasonable; altering the amount of attorney’s fees that the holder of a tax sale certificate shall be reimbursed if an action to foreclose the right of redemption has been filed; providing that the holder of a tax sale certificate shall be reimbursed for certain fees incurred for obtaining certain judgment reports; providing that the holder of a tax sale certificate shall be reimbursed for certain costs incurred in obtaining a certain certificate for certain property; and generally relating to tax sales of property.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Tax – Property
Section 14–833(a–1)(3)(v) and 14–843(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Tax – Property
Section 14–833(a–1)(3)(vi) and (e) and 14–843(b)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 763 – Delegate Dumais

AN ACT concerning

State Retirement and Pension System – Optional Retirement Allowances – Domestic Relations Orders

FOR the purpose of requiring the Board of Trustees for the State Retirement and Pension System to enforce an election of a certain optional retirement allowance in a certain domestic relations order under certain circumstances; providing that a certain election in a certain domestic relations order supersedes a member’s election of, receipt of, or failure to elect a certain optional retirement allowance; and generally relating to domestic relations orders and optional retirement allowances for members of the State Retirement and Pension System.
BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
    Article – State Personnel and Pensions
    Section 21–401
    Annotated Code of Maryland
    (2015 Replacement Volume)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.


AN ACT concerning

Anne Arundel County – Charitable Gaming

FOR the purpose of authorizing certain organizations in Anne Arundel County to conduct a card game, card tournament, or casino event under certain circumstances; requiring an organization to obtain a permit from the County Department of Inspections and Permits before conducting a card game, card tournament, or casino event; requiring an organization that seeks a permit to meet certain requirements; specifying that a card game, card tournament, or casino event may be managed and organized by certain organizations; requiring an individual who participates in or volunteers as an operator of a card game, card tournament, or casino event to be of a certain age; specifying that a permit holder may receive a certain maximum number of permits in a calendar year; providing a certain time limit on a card game, card tournament, or casino event; specifying that a permit is not transferable; requiring that proceeds from a card game, card tournament, or casino event be used for certain purposes and may not be used for certain other purposes subject to a certain exception; specifying that the operation of a card game, card tournament, or casino event may not occur during a certain time; authorizing a permit holder under this Act to charge only a preset entrance fee; requiring participants in a card game, card tournament, or casino event to use tokens and not cash for wagering under certain circumstances; authorizing the serving or sale of alcoholic beverages under certain circumstances; prohibiting a permit holder from exchanging tokens under certain circumstances; requiring a permit holder to submit a financial report and certain information about winners of certain prizes to the County Department of Inspections and Permits under certain circumstances; authorizing the County Executive and County Council to adopt certain regulations; providing a certain penalty; defining certain terms; and generally relating to gaming in Anne Arundel County.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
    Article – Criminal Law
    Section 13–401
    Annotated Code of Maryland
    (2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)
BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Criminal Law
Section 13–404 and 13–408
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Criminal Law
Section 13–404.1
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 765 – Delegates Hettleman, Morhaim, and Stein

AN ACT concerning

Creation of a State Debt – Baltimore County – Irvine Nature Center Native American Village

FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed $150,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Trustees of the Irvine Natural Science Center, Inc. for certain development or improvement purposes; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; establishing a deadline for the encumbrance or expenditure of the loan proceeds; and providing generally for the issuance and sale of bonds evidencing the loan.

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

House Bill 766 – Chair, Environment and Transportation Committee (By Request – Departmental – Natural Resources)

AN ACT concerning

Natural Resources – Fish and Fisheries

FOR the purpose of clarifying the uses of the Fisheries Research and Development Fund; authorizing the Department of Natural Resources to establish by regulation certain vessel marking requirements; altering certain standards, procedures, and requirements governing scientific collection permits for fisheries; requiring the Department to adopt regulations to establish fishing areas where a trout stamp is required; altering the standards that apply to the requirement to obtain a trout stamp; altering a certain trout stamp exemption; repealing restrictions on the use of certain fishing gear; repealing the prohibition against a nonresident fishing with a net in nontidal waters; authorizing the use of a gig and gig iron only for recreational
fishing purposes in certain State waters; repealing certain obsolete coordinate language related to an area in which a certain pound net may be used; repealing a provision of law requiring a Natural Resources police officer to inspect certain fishing equipment and take certain action under certain circumstances; clarifying the time period when a person is prohibited from fishing with a haul seine under certain circumstances; clarifying the time period when a person may catch carp in Baltimore County and Harford County under certain circumstances; repealing a duplicative provision of law prohibiting the hauling of a seine in certain waters on certain dates; clarifying a certain boundary line in the Wicomico River in Charles County related to catching fish with a net; repealing certain obsolete boundary lines related to fishing with a hook and line, an eel pot, or a certain net in Dorchester County; clarifying the minimum publication frequency of certain public notices for certain regulations; authorizing the Department to issue certain annual complimentary fishing licenses to certain individuals; establishing certain maximums for the number of certain complimentary fishing licenses that may be outstanding at one time; repealing a provision of law exempting a certain person crabbing from a “for hire” boat from obtaining a certain license under certain circumstances; making technical corrections; and generally relating to fish and fisheries.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Natural Resources
Section 4–209(a), (b), (c), and (f), 4–711(a), 4–729, 4–745(a)(1), and 4–803(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Natural Resources
Section 4–209(g), 4–210(e)(1), 4–614, 4–617, 4–701(b) and (r), 4–710(a), 4–711(f)(1),
4–713, 4–718(c), 4–719(e), 4–739, 4–745(e), 4–803(c), and 4–804
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing
Article – Natural Resources
Section 4–212, 4–618, and 4–716
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Natural Resources
Section 4–212
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 767 – Cecil County Delegation
AN ACT concerning

Creation of a State Debt – Cecil County – YMCA of Cecil County Outdoor Pool

FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed $300,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Young Men’s Christian Association of Cecil County, Inc. for certain development or improvement purposes; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; prohibiting the use of the loan proceeds or matching fund for sectarian religious purposes; establishing a deadline for the encumbrance or expenditure of the loan proceeds; and providing generally for the issuance and sale of bonds evidencing the loan.

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

House Bill 768 – Delegates McComas, Kittleman, and Krebs

AN ACT concerning

Public Safety – Handgun Qualification License Training Requirement – Exceptions

FOR the purpose of providing an exception to the completion of the firearms safety training course requirement for obtaining a handgun qualification license to certain retired out-of-state law enforcement officers under certain circumstances and to certain correctional officers and deputies from Cecil, Carroll, and Harford counties; and generally relating to handgun qualification licenses.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Public Safety
Section 5–117.1(e)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2011 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 769 – Delegates McComas, Kittleman, Krebs, and Vogt

AN ACT concerning

Public Safety – Handgun Permit – Temporary Training Waiver

FOR the purpose of authorizing the Secretary of State Police, on making a determination that an applicant has demonstrated evidence of imminent danger to the applicant, to temporarily waive a certain requirement to complete a certain firearms training course; requiring a certain permit to require completion of a certain course within a
certain time period from the issuance of the permit; and generally relating to firearms.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Public Safety
Section 5–306(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2011 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Public Safety
Section 5–306(b)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2011 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.


AN ACT concerning

Criminal Procedure – Nonviolent Felonies – Stet, Shielding, and Expungement

FOR the purpose of requiring a court to dispose of a charge for a certain nonviolent felony by stet under certain circumstances; authorizing the court to reschedule a certain charge that was stetted, for certain reasons within certain time periods; authorizing a person to file a petition to shield a conviction for a certain nonviolent felony in accordance with certain provisions of law at a certain time under certain circumstances; authorizing a person to file a petition to expunge a shielded conviction for a certain nonviolent felony in accordance with certain provisions of law at a certain time; defining certain terms; and generally relating to nonviolent felonies.

BY adding to
Article – Criminal Procedure
Section 10–401 through 10–404 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 4. Nonviolent Felonies”
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2008 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.
House Bill 771 – Delegates D. Barnes, Angel, B. Barnes, Buckel, Fennell, Hornberger, Kelly, Long, Luedtke, Metzgar, Patterson, Platt, Reilly, Shoemaker, Simonaire, Tarlau, Walker, and A. Washington

AN ACT concerning

Public and Nonpublic Schools – Student Diabetes Management Program

FOR the purpose of requiring the State Department of Education and the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, in consultation with certain other organizations, to establish certain guidelines for the training of employees to become trained diabetes care providers; providing for the content of the guidelines; requiring each county board of education to require certain public schools to establish a certain Student Diabetes Management Program in the school; providing that certain nonpublic schools may establish a Student Diabetes Management Program in the school; providing that a nonpublic school may conduct or contract for a course for training of employees to become trained diabetes care providers that includes certain items; providing for the purpose and requirements of the Program; authorizing certain employees to volunteer for participation in a certain Program; prohibiting public and nonpublic schools from compelling certain employees to participate in a certain Program; requiring certain trained diabetes care providers in the Program to perform certain tasks; providing that certain services performed by certain trained diabetes care providers may not be construed as performing acts of nursing under certain circumstances; establishing immunity from liability for certain employees under certain circumstances; requiring certain parents or guardians of a certain student to submit a Diabetes Medical Management Plan to the school under certain circumstances; requiring a certain meeting of certain individuals be held within a certain period of time; authorizing a certain student to perform certain diabetes care tasks under certain circumstances in accordance with a certain Plan; defining certain terms; and generally relating to a Student Diabetes Management Program and public and nonpublic schools.

BY adding to
Article – Education
Section 7–438 and 7–439
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.


AN ACT concerning

Family Law – Protecting the Resources of Children in State Custody
FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of Human Resources, when applying for certain benefits for a child in the Department’s custody, to identify a representative payee or fiduciary in consultation with the child’s attorney; establishing certain duties of the Department when the Department serves as the representative payee or fiduciary for a child receiving certain benefits; requiring the Department to provide certain notice to the child through the child’s attorney of certain actions taken with respect to certain benefits for the child; providing for the application and construction of this Act; and generally relating to children in State custody.

BY adding to
Article – Family Law
Section 5–527.1
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 773 – Delegates Valentino-Smith, Atterbeary, and B. Wilson

AN ACT concerning

    Drunk and Drugged Driving – Evidence of Blood Test

FOR the purpose of providing that, if a law enforcement officer testifies that the officer witnessed the taking of a blood specimen by a person who the officer reasonably believed was a qualified medical person, the officer’s testimony shall be sufficient evidence that the person was a qualified medical person without testimony by the person who obtained the blood specimen; repealing certain procedures relating to the admissibility of evidence of a blood test in a prosecution for certain drunk or drugged driving offenses; altering a certain definition; and generally relating to the admissibility of evidence of a blood test in a prosecution for certain drunk or drugged driving offenses.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings
Section 10–304(a)(1)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2013 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings
Section 10–304(a)(2) and (c)(1)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2013 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.
House Bill 774 – Delegates Adams, Mautz, and Sample–Hughes

AN ACT concerning

Creation of a State Debt – Dorchester County – Dorchester County Family YMCA

FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed $250,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Dorchester County Family YMCA, Inc. for certain development or improvement purposes; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; establishing a deadline for the encumbrance or expenditure of the loan proceeds; and providing generally for the issuance and sale of bonds evidencing the loan.

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

House Bill 775 – Delegates Healey, Frush, Jalisi, and Lam

AN ACT concerning

Criminal Law – Tobacco Products – Minimum Age

FOR the purpose of altering the age requirements for certain provisions of law relating to tobacco products; prohibiting a person from selling or dispensing tobacco products through a vending machine unless the machine is located in an establishment that an individual under a certain age is prohibited by law from entering; prohibiting the distribution of a tobacco product or tobacco paraphernalia to an individual under a certain age except under certain circumstances; prohibiting an individual under a certain age from using or possessing a tobacco product or cigarette rolling paper or from obtaining or attempting to obtain a tobacco product or cigarette rolling paper using false identification; prohibiting the distribution of a certain electronic nicotine delivery device or a certain product used to refill or resupply a certain electronic device to an individual under a certain age; altering a certain provision relating to budget appropriations by the Governor aimed at reducing tobacco use; altering a certain purpose of the Cigarette Restitution Fund; making conforming changes; and generally relating to the minimum age for the purchase of tobacco products.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Business Regulation
Section 16–3A–02
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Criminal Law
Section 10-107 and 10-108
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Health – General
Section 13–1015 and 24–305(b) and (d)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Local Government
Section 1–1203
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2013 Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – State Finance and Procurement
Section 7–317
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 776 – Delegates Kipke and Simonaire

AN ACT concerning

Creation of a State Debt – Anne Arundel County – Lake Shore Athletic Association

FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed $50,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Lake Shore Athletic Association, Inc. for certain development or improvement purposes; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; establishing a deadline for the encumbrance or expenditure of the loan proceeds; and providing generally for the issuance and sale of bonds evidencing the loan.

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

House Bill 777 – Delegates B. Wilson, Flanagan, Kittleman, W. Miller, Parrott, and Szeliga

AN ACT concerning
Criminal Law – Smoking or Consuming Marijuana in a Public Place – Prohibition

FOR the purpose of prohibiting a person from smoking or consuming marijuana in certain public places; establishing a certain penalty; defining certain terms; and generally relating to smoking or consuming marijuana.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Criminal Law
Section 5–601(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)
(As enacted by Chapter 4 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2016)

BY repealing
Article – Criminal Law
Section 5–601(c)(4)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)
(As enacted by Chapter 4 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2016)

BY adding to
Article – Criminal Law
Section 5–601.2
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 778 – Delegates M. Washington and Luedtke

AN ACT concerning

Education – Students With Disabilities – Parental Consent for Individualized Education Program Content

FOR the purpose of requiring certain individualized education program teams to obtain a certain written consent before implementing certain actions except in certain circumstances; requiring a certain individualized education program team to send a certain notice to certain parents under certain circumstances; authorizing a certain individualized education program team to use certain dispute resolution options in certain circumstances; and generally relating to parental consent for individualized education program content.

BY renumbering
Article – Education
Section 8–405(f) through (h), respectively
to be Section 8–405(g) through (i), respectively
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Education
Section 8–405(b)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Education
Section 8–405(f)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 779 – Delegate Parrott

AN ACT concerning

Alcoholic Beverages – Washington County – Local Penalties

FOR the purpose of authorizing the Board of License Commissioners of Washington County to impose a certain fine on an employee of a holder of an alcoholic beverages license in the County under certain circumstances; and generally relating to the imposition of fines by the Board of License Commissioners of Washington County.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Alcoholic Beverages
Section 31–2702
Annotated Code of Maryland
(As enacted by Chapter ____ (S.B. ____)(6lr1406) of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2016)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.


AN ACT concerning

Income Tax Checkoff – Maryland Veterans Trust Fund
FOR the purpose of establishing a certain income tax checkoff system for voluntary contributions to the Maryland Veterans Trust Fund; requiring the Comptroller to include a checkoff on the individual income tax return; providing that the income tax checkoff system include a certain statement; requiring the Comptroller to include certain information in each individual income tax return package; requiring the Comptroller to collect and account for contributions made through the checkoff system and to credit the proceeds to the Fund after deducting the amount necessary to administer the checkoff system; providing that the Fund may consist of certain contributions from the income tax checkoff system and certain other money; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to an income tax checkoff system for contributions to the Maryland Veterans Trust Fund.

BY adding to
Article – Tax – General
Section 2–115 and 10–804(l)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2010 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – State Government
Section 9–913(e), (f), (h), and (i)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – State Government
Section 9–913(g)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 781 – Delegates C. Wilson, Atterbeary, Metzgar, Patterson, Reilly, Turner, and Vaughn

AN ACT concerning

Education – Assessments – Reporting of Aggregate Results

FOR the purpose of prohibiting the State Department of Education from including certain scores of certain students when calculating or reporting certain aggregate results of a certain assessment; and generally relating to State assessments.

BY adding to
Article – Education
Section 7–208
Annotated Code of Maryland
Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 782 – Delegates Waldstreicher, Barkley, Carr, Clippinger, Glenn, Hill, Kramer, Lisanti, McCray, A. Miller, Rosenberg, Sanchez, Stein, Sydnor, Valderrama, Vaughn, and C. Wilson

AN ACT concerning

Consumer Protection – Credit Report Security Freezes – Prohibition on Fees and Required Notices

FOR the purpose of prohibiting a consumer reporting agency from charging a consumer a fee for placing a security freeze, temporarily lifting a security freeze a certain number of times, or removing a security freeze if the consumer has received a certain notice of a breach of the security of a system under certain provisions of State law or from or on behalf of a federal agency and provides a copy of the notice to the consumer reporting agency; altering the contents of a certain notice that must be included with a certain summary of rights provided to a consumer; requiring that certain notices relating to the breach of the security of a system include certain information about limitations on the fees that may be charged by a consumer reporting agency for placing, temporarily lifting, or removing a security freeze; and generally relating to fees charged by consumer reporting agencies for services relating to a security freeze and notices about the fees.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Commercial Law
Section 14–1212.1(a)(1) and (3) and 14–3504(a) and (b)(1) and (2)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2013 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Commercial Law
Section 14–1212.1(i) and (j) and 14–3504(g)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2013 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – State Government
Section 10–1305(a) and (b)(1) and (2)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – State Government
Section 10–1305(g)
AN ACT concerning Consumer Protection – Collection and Sale of Consumer Debt – Restrictions

FOR the purpose of prohibiting a debt collector from attempting to collect a certain debt unless the debt collector possesses certain verifiable information; requiring a certain affidavit to meet certain requirements; prohibiting certain documents in a civil action from being created for a certain purpose; prohibiting an original creditor from selling a certain debt; requiring an original creditor to provide certain documentation to a debt buyer; requiring an original creditor that has sold a debt to provide a certain notification to a certain debtor; prohibiting a debt buyer from purchasing a debt from another debt buyer; prohibiting a debt buyer from reselling a debt under certain circumstances; defining certain terms; and generally relating to the collection and sale of consumer debt.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Commercial Law
Section 14–201 and 14–202
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2013 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

AN ACT concerning Sales and Use Tax – Baby Diapers – Exemption

FOR the purpose of providing an exemption from the sales and use tax for the sale of baby diapers; and generally relating to a sales and use tax exemption for baby diapers.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Tax – General
Section 11–211(c)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2010 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)
Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.


AN ACT concerning

Public Safety – Motorcycle Profiling – Training

FOR the purpose of requiring the Police Training Commission to require a certain statement condemning motorcycle profiling to be included in certain written policies; requiring the Commission to include in certain curriculum and courses of study training on motorcycle profiling; defining a certain term; and generally relating to requiring certain training on motorcycle profiling.

BY renumbering

Article – Public Safety
Section 3–201(e) and (f), respectively
to be Section 3–201(f) and (g), respectively
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2011 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Public Safety
Section 3–201(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2011 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – Public Safety
Section 3–201(e) and 3–207(18)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2011 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Public Safety
Section 3–207(17) and (18)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2011 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)
Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 786 – Delegates Morales, Anderson, Atterbeary, Carter, Conaway, Dumais, Glass, Kittleman, Kramer, McComas, A. Miller, Moon, Proctor, Rosenberg, Sanchez, Smith, and Sydnor

AN ACT concerning

Workgroup to Study Safe Harbor Policy for Youth Victims of Human Trafficking
  – Sunset Extension

FOR the purpose of extending the termination date for the Workgroup to Study Safe Harbor Policy for Youth Victims of Human Trafficking; requiring the Workgroup to submit a certain supplemental report on or before a certain date; and generally relating to the Workgroup to Study Safe Harbor Policy for Youth Victims of Human Trafficking.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
  Section 1 and 2

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 787 – Delegates Korman, Barkley, Carr, Cassilly, Fraser-Hidalgo, Frick, Frush, Hixson, Krimm, Lam, Lierman, Luedtke, Miele, A. Miller, Morhaim, Reznik, and Waldstreicher

AN ACT concerning

Electricity – Energy Storage Systems
  (Storage Technology and Electric Power (STEP) Act)

FOR the purpose of requiring the Public Service Commission to open a proceeding to determine certain appropriate targets and policies for certain electric companies to procure certain energy storage systems by certain dates; providing for the consideration of certain matters in the proceeding; requiring the Commission to adopt certain targets by a certain date; requiring the Commission to reevaluate certain determinations in a certain manner; providing for the scope and application of this Act; requiring the Commission to consider certain matters in adopting and reevaluating certain targets and policies; providing that certain energy storage systems may be used to assist in achieving certain requirements; requiring certain electric companies to adopt certain plans for procurement of certain energy storage systems, addressing certain matters; requiring certain procurement to be cost-effective; requiring certain electric companies to submit certain reports to the Commission by certain dates; requiring the Commission to make the reports available in a certain manner; authorizing the Commission to adopt certain
regulations for certain purposes; defining certain terms; and generally relating to
the energy storage systems.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
   Article – Public Utilities
   Section 1–101(a), (h), and (i)
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2010 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY adding to
   Article – Public Utilities
   Section 7–801 through 7–808 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 8. Energy
   Storage Systems”
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2010 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 788 – Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee (By
   Request – Departmental – Office of Minority Affairs)

AN ACT concerning

   Procurement – Small Business Reserve Program – Program Oversight and
   Continuation

FOR the purpose of requiring the Governor's Office of Minority Affairs to establish certain
guidelines, ensure agency compliance, provide certain training and assistance to
agency personnel, and collect certain data relating to the Small Business Reserve
Program; repealing a certain termination provision that applies to the Small
Business Reserve Program; and generally relating to oversight and continuation of
the Small Business Reserve Program.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
   Article – State Finance and Procurement
   Section 14–503
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2015 Replacement Volume)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
   Chapter 75 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2004, as amended by Chapter
   of the General Assembly of 2010
   Section 2

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.
House Bill 789 – Delegate Rosenberg

AN ACT concerning

Tax Procedure – Assessments, Penalties, and Interest Rate on Tax Deficiencies and Refunds

FOR the purpose of altering a certain provision of law concerning a certain assessment of taxes, following a certain federal adjustment, for the federal deductions, rather than credits, for the State death and State generation–skipping transfer taxes; altering the contents of the report of federal adjustment a person shall submit to a certain tax collector under certain circumstances; repealing the calculation of the interest rate on tax deficiencies and refunds; providing that the interest rate on tax deficiencies and refunds is a certain rate; repealing a requirement that the Comptroller annually set the interest rate on tax deficiencies and refunds; requiring the Comptroller to assess, in addition to certain penalties, a certain penalty against a person subject to a certain penalty under the Internal Revenue Code; requiring the Comptroller to interpret and apply a penalty under this Act in a certain manner; providing a rebuttable presumption that a person shall be entitled to certain equitable relief under certain circumstances; providing for a delayed effective date; and generally relating to tax collection procedures concerning assessments, the interest rate on tax deficiencies and refunds, and penalties.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Tax – General
Section 13–409 and 13–604
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2010 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Tax – General
Section 13–718
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2010 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 790 – Delegate Wivell

AN ACT concerning

Washington County – Property Tax Credit – Disabled Veterans

FOR the purpose of authorizing the governing body of Washington County to grant, by law, a property tax credit against the county property tax imposed on certain residential property owned by certain disabled veterans of active military, naval, or air service; providing for the amount of the property tax credit; requiring certain disabled
veterans or surviving spouses of disabled veterans to provide certain documents when applying for the property tax credit under this Act; prohibiting the inspection of a certain certificate of disability by certain individuals; authorizing the governing body of Washington County to provide, by law, for the duration of the credit and regulations, procedures, and any other provision necessary to carry out the tax credit; defining certain terms; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to a property tax credit for certain residential property in Washington County.

BY adding to
   Article – Tax – Property
   Section 9–323(g)
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 791 – Carroll County Delegation

AN ACT concerning

Carroll County – Alcoholic Beverages – Beer, Wine, and Liquor Tasting License

FOR the purpose of creating in Carroll County a beer, wine, and liquor (BWL) tasting license; specifying to whom the license may be issued; authorizing the license holder and the holder of a solicitor’s permit to allow the consumption of beer, wine, and liquor for tasting by certain individuals under certain circumstances; requiring the Board of License Commissioners to regulate the quantity of beer and wine served to certain individuals and the number of bottles of beer or wine or other containers of beer from which a certain quantity is served; specifying the quantity of liquor an individual may consume at a liquor tasting; specifying the time the license is valid; specifying a certain license fee; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages in Carroll County.

BY adding to
   Article – Alcoholic Beverages
   Section 16–308.1
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (As enacted by Chapter ___ (S.B. ___)(6lr1406) of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2016)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 792 – Delegates McCray, Morales, Anderson, Angel, Barron, Barve, Carr, Carter, Chang, Conaway, Frick, Glenn, Hayes, Lafferty, Lam, Lierman, Luedtke, McIntosh, Moon, Oaks, Pena–Melnyk, Platt,

AN ACT concerning

Public Work Contracts – Payroll Reporting Requirements
(The Transparency Act of 2016)

FOR the purpose of applying certain payroll reporting requirements under the prevailing wage law to certain contractors under certain public work contracts of at least a certain value; providing that certain contractors under certain public work contracts of less than a certain value are not required to comply with certain provisions of law related to certain payroll reporting requirements; and generally relating to payroll reporting requirements under the prevailing wage law.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – State Finance and Procurement
Section 17–202(b) and 17–220
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 793 – Delegates Impallaria, Cassilly, Lisanti, McDonough, and Szeliga

AN ACT concerning

Creation of a State Debt – Harford County – Center for the Visual and Performing Arts Amphitheater

FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed $200,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Trustees of the Center for the Visual and Performing Arts, Inc. for certain development or improvement purposes; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; requiring the grantee to submit a certain report; providing that the Harford County Senate and House Delegations have a certain period of time to review and comment on the report; establishing a deadline for the encumbrance or expenditure of the loan proceeds; and providing generally for the issuance and sale of bonds evidencing the loan.

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

House Bill 794 – Delegates Gutierrez, Luedtke, and Moon

AN ACT concerning

Public Banking Institutions – Authorization and Task Force
FOR the purpose of authorizing a political subdivision to establish a public banking institution within the jurisdiction of the political subdivision and act as an incorporator to establish the public banking institution; requiring a political subdivision to file with the Commissioner of Financial Regulation in the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation for examination and approval certain copies of the articles of incorporation of a certain public banking institution; requiring the Commissioner to adopt regulations establishing the required contents of the articles of incorporation of a public banking institution and the process for approving the articles; requiring a political subdivision to file for record an endorsed copy of the articles with the State Department of Assessments and Taxation under certain circumstances; specifying that articles of incorporation are not effective unless the Commissioner has endorsed the articles as approved; requiring a certain public banking institution to comply with certain provisions of law; establishing the Maryland State Banking Task Force to review and evaluate the creation of a Maryland State Bank; providing for the membership and staffing of the Task Force; prohibiting members of the Task Force from receiving certain compensation, but authorizing the reimbursement of certain expenses; requiring a final report on or before a certain date; providing for the effective dates of this Act; providing for the termination of certain provisions of this Act; defining a certain term; and generally relating to public banking institutions and the Maryland State Banking Task Force.

BY adding to

Article – Financial Institutions
Section 1–212
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2011 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.


AN ACT concerning

Maryland Environmental Service – Collective Bargaining

FOR the purpose of requiring the Maryland Environmental Service, consistent with certain provisions of law, to recognize and deal with certain employee organizations, collectively bargain, and enter into certain types of agreements applicable to certain State employees; providing for an exception to an exemption from certain provisions of State personnel law; and generally relating to certain requirements for the Maryland Environmental Service in connection with collective bargaining for its employees.
BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
   Article – Natural Resources
   Section 3–103.1 and 3–103.2
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

House Bill 796 – Delegates Rosenberg, Oaks, and Anderson

AN ACT concerning

   Baltimore City – Landlord and Tenant Law – Actions for Repossession
   (Fairness and Integrity for Baltimore City Renters Act)

FOR the purpose of repealing and adding certain provisions in the Public Local Laws of Baltimore City concerning landlord and tenant law and the repossession of premises; requiring a landlord to maintain certain records for payments of rent and other charges; establishing certain procedures for repossession by a landlord when a tenant fails to pay rent when due; specifying the contents of a certain notice of default and a complaint for summary ejectment; requiring a sheriff to serve a certain summons in a certain manner; specifying certain procedures for summary ejectment when a tenant is deceased; specifying certain procedures for the court in an action for rent due and summary ejectment; specifying certain procedures for removal of a tenant; specifying a tenant’s right to redeem before eviction; specifying certain procedures for an appeal by a landlord or tenant; establishing a certain tenant legal assistance special fund and a certain surcharge on the filing of an eviction complaint; providing for the granting of money from a certain fund to certain organizations; repealing certain provisions concerning summary ejectment when a tenant is deceased; altering certain provisions concerning the payment of rent escrow and a certain implied warranty of fitness in a tenancy; defining a certain term; and generally relating to landlord and tenant law in Baltimore City.

BY repealing
   The Public Local Laws of Baltimore City
   Section 9–1 through 9–7
   Article 4 – Public Local Laws of Maryland

BY adding to
   The Public Local Laws of Baltimore City
   Section 9–1 through 9–3
   Article 4 – Public Local Laws of Maryland

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
AN ACT concerning

Nontidal Wetlands – Nontidal Wetland Mitigation Banking

FOR the purpose of altering a certain declaration to remove the consideration of on-site alternatives from a certain process for selecting the location of a mitigation site; repealing a requirement that the Department of the Environment develop standards and adopt regulations to establish certain compensation ratios for mitigation through mitigation banks; altering a requirement that the Department develop standards and adopt regulations to establish certain public notice and comment requirements for a wetland bank; repealing a requirement that certain standards and regulations adopted by the Department ensure that on-site mitigation is examined before conducting mitigation off site; repealing a requirement that certain standards and regulations adopted by the Department ensure that mitigation through wetland banking should be accomplished in, and with preference to, the same watershed and county as the wetland for which the mitigation is required; requiring certain standards and regulations adopted by the Department to ensure that mitigation through a mitigation bank is accomplished in certain areas determined by the Department; defining a certain term; and generally relating to nontidal wetlands mitigation.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Environment
Section 5–901(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2013 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY adding to
   Article – Environment
   Section 5–901(k)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2013 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
   Article – Environment
   Section 5–901(k) and 5–910
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2013 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 798 – Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee (By Request – Departmental – Maryland Insurance Administration)

AN ACT concerning

   Health Insurance – Reporting Requirements – Repeal

FOR the purpose of repealing a requirement that an annual report be filed with the Maryland Insurance Commissioner by insurers, nonprofit health service plans, health maintenance organizations, dental plan organizations, and certain other persons or entities regarding a summary description of certain clinical issues and diagnostic and therapeutic services; repealing a requirement that an annual report be submitted to the Commissioner by insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations regarding health benefit plans; repealing a requirement that a private review agent submit to the Commissioner certain criteria and standards and modifications or revisions to the criteria and standards; making a conforming change; and generally relating to the repeal of reporting requirements for health insurance carriers and private review agents.

BY repealing
   Article – Insurance
   Section 15–123(k) and 15–10B–05(b)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2011 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
   Article – Insurance
   Section 15–123(l), (m), and (n), 15–605(a), and 15–10B–05(c), (d), and (e)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2011 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 799 – Delegate O'Donnell

AN ACT concerning

Aquaculture – Liability for Trespass

FOR the purpose of establishing that certain persons who enter in a certain manner an area leased to another person for aquaculture purposes and cause certain harm are liable to certain other persons for certain civil damages in the same manner that the persons would be liable to the leaseholder of the lease for certain civil damages; and generally relating to aquaculture and liability for trespass.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
   Article – Natural Resources
   Section 4–11A–16(a)(1)
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
   Article – Natural Resources
   Section 4–11A–16.1
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 800 – Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee (By Request – Departmental – Maryland Insurance Administration)

AN ACT concerning

Health Insurance – Payments to Noncontracting Specialists and Noncontracting Nonphysician Specialists

FOR the purpose of requiring, under certain circumstances, certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, health maintenance organizations, and dental plan organizations to pay a certain amount for certain services provided to a member by noncontracting specialists or noncontracting nonphysician specialists when a referral is granted to the member; and generally relating to payments to noncontracting health care providers.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
   Article – Insurance
House Bill 801 – Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee (By Request – Departmental – Maryland Insurance Administration)

AN ACT concerning

Health Insurance – Conformity With Federal Law

FOR the purpose of repealing certain provisions of law permitting certain preexisting condition limitations in group and blanket health insurance contracts and policies; altering certain provisions of law relating to certain preexisting condition exclusions in individual health benefit plans to comply with certain requirements of the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; altering the definition of “member”, for purposes of provisions of law governing a certain complaint process for coverage decisions, to include a certain individual who is denied coverage under a health benefit plan; altering a certain provision of law relating to participation requirements for health benefit plans in the small employer market to refer to a bronze level health plan instead of a Standard Plan; altering certain provisions of law relating to certain special open enrollment periods in the small employer health insurance market; making conforming changes; correcting a certain cross reference; and generally relating to health insurance and conformity with federal law.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Insurance
Section 15–137.1(b), 15–508.1, 15–10D–01(k), 15–1206(c), 15–1208.1, and 15–1208.2(d)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2011 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing
Article – Insurance
Section 15–508
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2011 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 802 – Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee (By Request – Departmental – Maryland Insurance Administration)

AN ACT concerning
Health Insurance – Provider Panel Lists

FOR the purpose of altering the information about providers on a certain provider panel that certain insurance carriers must make available to certain enrollees under certain circumstances; requiring certain information provided in printed form to be accurate on the date of publication; requiring certain information provided on the Internet to be accurate on the date of initial posting and update; requiring a carrier to demonstrate the accuracy of certain information on request of the Maryland Insurance Commissioner; clarifying that the requirement to update certain information about providers at certain intervals is in addition to a requirement to update the information on receipt of a certain notification from a certain provider; and generally relating to provider panels and provider panel lists.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
   Article – Insurance
   Section 15–112(j) and (m)
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2011 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 803 – Delegates Rosenberg, Carter, Kipke, Morhaim, Oaks, West, and K. Young

AN ACT concerning

Life Insurance – Freedom to Travel Act

FOR the purpose of prohibiting an insurer from taking certain actions relating to life insurance coverage solely for reasons associated with an applicant’s or insured’s future lawful travel; establishing a certain exception; requiring an insurer to maintain certain data and documents and to make the data and documents available on request from the Maryland Insurance Commissioner; and generally relating to life insurance and future lawful travel.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
   Article – Insurance
   Section 27–208(a)
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2011 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 804 – Delegates P. Young, Ebersole, Hayes, Haynes, Hettleman, Hill, Jones, Krimm, Lam, Lierman, Sydnor, and A. Washington

AN ACT concerning
Public Institutions of Higher Education – General Education Programs – Semester Hour Maximums

FOR the purpose of providing that certain public institutions of higher education will satisfy a certain general education program requirement by requiring a certain baccalaureate program to include a certain amount of semester hours of required core courses; authorizing certain public institutions of higher education to include a certain course in excess of a certain maximum semester hours amount; requiring the Maryland Higher Education Commission to adopt certain regulations; and generally relating to the maximum semester hour limit for general education courses at public institutions of higher education.

BY adding to
Article – Education
Section 15–119
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

House Bill 805 – Delegates Beidle, Fraser–Hidalgo, and Sziliga

AN ACT concerning

Motor Vehicles – Autocycles – Standards and Requirements

FOR the purpose of establishing that an autocycle is considered to be a motorcycle for the purposes of the Maryland Vehicle Law; defining the term “autocycle”; establishing certain driver’s licensing requirements for an operator of an autocycle; prohibiting certain persons from towing certain vehicles when driving an autocycle; restricting the course of instruction for certain motorcycle safety courses to the use and operation of certain motorcycles; restricting the requirement that a person ride on a motorcycle in a certain manner to persons riding certain motorcycles; requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration and the Department of State Police to adopt certain regulations establishing equipment standards for autocycles; making certain conforming changes; making a certain stylistic change; and generally relating to the application of the Maryland Vehicle Law to autocycles.

BY adding to
Article – Transportation
Section 11–103.3
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Transportation
Section 11–136, 16–104.1, 16–601, 21–1302(d) and (e), 22–412, and 23–104
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 806 – Delegate Impallaria

AN ACT concerning

Alcoholic Beverages – Harford County – License and Permit Fees and Repealing Obsolete Provisions

FOR the purpose of repealing certain provisions relating to alcoholic beverages in Harford County; altering the fees for certain alcoholic beverages licenses and permits in Harford County; and generally relating to the regulation of alcoholic beverages in Harford County.

BY repealing
Article – Alcoholic Beverages
Section 22–701 and 22–1304
Annotated Code of Maryland
(As enacted by Chapter ____ (S.B. _____)(6lr1406) of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2016)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Alcoholic Beverages
Section 22–801, 22–802(a), 22–803(a), 22–804(a), 22–805(a), 22–806(a), 22–807(a), 22–901(a), 22–902(a), 22–904(a), 22–905(a), 22–906(a), 22–907(a), 22–908(a), 22–909(a), 22–910(a), 22–1001(a), 22–1002(a), 22–1003(a), 22–1004(a), 22–1005(b), 22–1006(b), 22–1201(a), 22–1310(a), and 22–1311(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(As enacted by Chapter ____ (S.B. _____)(6lr1406) of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2016)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Alcoholic Beverages
Section 22–801(d), 22–802(e), 22–803(d), 22–804(d), 22–805(c), 22–806(c), 22–807(c), 22–901(e), 22–902(g), 22–904(g), 22–905(e), 22–906(e), 22–907(e), 22–908(e), 22–909(e), 22–910(g), 22–1001(i), 22–1002(e), 22–1003(e), 22–1004(e), 22–1005(k), 22–1006(g), 22–1201(e), 22–1301, 22–1309, 22–1310(d), and 22–1311(e)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(As enacted by Chapter ____ (S.B. _____)(6lr1406) of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2016)

BY adding to
Article – Alcoholic Beverages  
Section 22–1312  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(As enacted by Chapter ____ (S.B. ____)(6hr1406) of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2016)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.


AN ACT concerning  
Sales and Use Tax – Diapers – Exemption

FOR the purpose of providing an exemption from the sales and use tax for the sale of diapers; providing for a delayed effective date; and generally relating to a sales and use tax exemption for diapers.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
Article – Tax – General  
Section 11–211(c)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2010 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 808 – Delegates Tarlau, Angel, Brooks, Carr, Ebersole, Fennell, C. Howard, Lam, McCray, Moon, Sanchez, Waldstreicher, A. Washington, and M. Washington

AN ACT concerning  
Public Service Commission – Damaged or Dangling Utility Lines – Fine

FOR the purpose of requiring the Public Service Commission to notify a certain person about a damaged or dangling line on a utility pole under certain circumstances; requiring a certain person to investigate and, where appropriate, repair a damaged or dangling line within a certain period after receiving notice from the Commission; requiring the Commission to impose a certain fine on a certain person that fails to repair a damaged or dangling line within a certain period; and generally relating to damaged or dangling lines on utility poles.

BY adding to  
Article – Public Utilities  
Section 5–107  
Annotated Code of Maryland
Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 809 – Delegates B. Wilson, Arentz, Beitzel, Buckel, Carozza, Flanagan, Kipke, Kittleman, McKay, W. Miller, Parrott, Rose, Szeliga, West, and Wivell

AN ACT concerning

Marijuana – Smoking or Consuming in a Vehicle or Vessel – Prohibition

FOR the purpose of prohibiting a person from smoking or otherwise consuming marijuana while operating or attempting to operate a vessel; prohibiting a driver of a motor vehicle from smoking or otherwise consuming marijuana in the motor vehicle on a highway; prohibiting a passenger of a motor vehicle on a highway from smoking marijuana in a passenger area of a motor vehicle or consuming marijuana in an area of a motor vehicle that is readily accessible to the driver of the motor vehicle; establishing certain penalties; defining certain terms; and generally relating to smoking or consuming marijuana.

BY adding to
Article – Natural Resources
Section 8–738.3
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Transportation
Section 21–903.1
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 810 – Delegates Rosenberg, Carter, and Oaks

AN ACT concerning

Reduction of Lead Risk in Housing – Fees and Enforcement

FOR the purpose of increasing the annual fee required to be paid to the Department of the Environment for certain affected properties; increasing the processing fee required to be submitted with a report that a rental dwelling unit is lead free; requiring the Department to use the additional revenue from the increase in fees for a certain purpose; requiring the Department of the Environment and the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to integrate certain registrations, inspections, and enforcement actions into a certain database and implement a certain plan; requiring
the Department of the Environment to report to the General Assembly on or before a certain date each year; and generally relating to reducing lead risk in housing.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
   Article – Environment
   Section 6–843
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2013 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 811 – Delegates Morales, Anderson, Atterbeary, Carter, Conaway, Dumais, Glass, Kittleman, McComas, A. Miller, Moon, Proctor, Rosenberg, Sanchez, Smith, and Sydnor

AN ACT concerning

Juvenile Services – Child Victims of Human Trafficking

FOR the purpose of providing that, if a complaint filed with a Department of Juvenile Services intake officer alleges that a child violated certain laws relating to prostitution, the intake officer shall refuse authorization to file a delinquency petition with the juvenile court, shall immediately refer the child to a certain program that provides services for victims of human trafficking, may authorize shelter care, and, under certain circumstances, shall notify the local department of social services; and generally relating to children alleged to have violated certain laws relating to prostitution.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
   Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings
   Section 3–8A–10(a), (b), and (c)(1), (2), and (3)
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2013 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY adding to
   Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings
   Section 3–8A–10(o)
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2013 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
   Article – Criminal Law
   Section 11–306
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.
House Bill 812 – Delegates Healey, Gaines, Moon, Patterson, Tarlau, and Waldstreicher

AN ACT concerning

Business Relief and Tax Fairness Act of 2016

FOR the purpose of prohibiting the State Department of Assessments and Taxation from imposing a certain fee for the filing of certain documents by certain corporations and business entities; requiring certain corporations to compute Maryland taxable income using a certain method; authorizing certain corporations, subject to regulations adopted by the Comptroller, to determine certain income using a certain method; requiring, subject to regulations adopted by the Comptroller, certain groups of corporations to file a combined income tax return reflecting the aggregate income tax liability of all the members of the group; requiring the Comptroller to adopt certain regulations; requiring certain regulations to be consistent with certain regulations adopted by the Multistate Tax Commission; requiring the Comptroller to report to the General Assembly on or before a certain date each year; defining certain terms; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to fees collected by the State Department of Assessments and Taxation and the Maryland corporate income tax.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
   Article – Corporations and Associations
   Section 1–203(a)
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
   Article – Corporations and Associations
   Section 1–203(b)(3)(ii)
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY adding to
   Article – Tax – General
   Section 10–402.1 and 10–402.2
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2010 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
   Article – Tax – General
   Section 10–811
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2010 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)
Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 813 – Delegates Haynes, Anderson, Chang, Hettleman, Jackson, Jones, McCray, McIntosh, Sophocleus, Tarlau, Valderrama, and P. Young

AN ACT concerning

Higher Education – Employee Rights – Equal Employment Opportunity Program and Maryland Whistleblower Law

FOR the purpose of making certain provisions of law that relate to the Equal Employment Opportunity Program and the Maryland Whistleblower Law applicable to certain public institutions of higher education; providing that a certain program is under the authority of certain boards of certain public institutions of higher education; requiring that certain designees of certain public institutions of higher education administer a certain program; providing for certain reporting and notice requirements; requiring certain boards of certain public institutions of higher education to adopt certain regulations; requiring that certain personnel actions be made in accordance with certain provisions of law and, under certain circumstances, without regard to certain factors; granting employees in certain bargaining units an option to elect certain complaint or grievance procedures; prohibiting certain heads of certain public institutions of higher education from taking certain personnel actions under certain circumstances; requiring certain public institutions of higher education to adopt certain policies; making conforming changes; defining certain terms; altering certain definitions; and generally relating to employee rights for personnel of public institutions of higher education in the State.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – State Personnel and Pensions
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – State Personnel and Pensions
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume)

BY adding to
Article – State Personnel and Pensions
Section 5–301
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.
House Bill 814 – Delegates Rosenberg, Kittleman, Krebs, Lam, Morhaim, Oaks, and Smith

AN ACT concerning

Task Force to Study the Establishment of Health Courts

FOR the purpose of establishing the Task Force to Study the Establishment of Health Courts; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Task Force; prohibiting a member of the Task Force from receiving certain compensation, but authorizing the reimbursement of certain expenses; requiring the Task Force to study and make recommendations regarding certain matters; requiring the Task Force to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before a certain date; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to the Task Force to Study the Establishment of Health Courts.

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 815 – Cecil County Delegation

AN ACT concerning

Horse Racing – Fair Hill – Arabian Breed Racing Authorization

FOR the purpose of authorizing a licensee at the Fair Hill Natural Resources Management Area to conduct live racing of Arabian breed horses under certain circumstances; defining a certain term; and generally relating to horse racing at Fair Hill.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Business Regulation
Section 11–701 through 11–704
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – Business Regulation
Section 11–705
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 816 – Cecil County Delegation

AN ACT concerning
Cecil County – Sheriff – Salary

FOR the purpose of altering the salary of the Sheriff of Cecil County beginning with a certain term of office; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to the salary of the Sheriff of Cecil County.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings
Section 2–309(i)(1)(i)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2013 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 817 – Delegate Conaway

AN ACT concerning

Unlawful Use of Off–Highway Recreational Vehicles
– Repeal of Administrative Penalties

FOR the purpose of repealing the requirement that a court, in making a certain adjudication or finding related to the unlawful use of an off–highway recreational vehicle by a child, report the adjudication or finding to the Motor Vehicle Administration for the assessment of certain points and the imposition of a certain suspension; repealing the requirement that a court notify the Administration if a person is convicted of unlawfully using an off–highway recreational vehicle on a highway; repealing the requirement that the Administration suspend for certain periods of time the driver's license of a person convicted of unlawfully using an off–highway recreational vehicle on a highway; repealing the requirement that a court, in making a disposition on a finding that a child has committed a violation related to dispensing motor fuel into a dirt bike in Baltimore City, order the Administration to suspend the driving privilege of the child for a certain period of time; repealing the requirement that a court notify the Administration if certain persons are convicted of a violation related to dispensing motor fuel into a dirt bike in Baltimore City; repealing provisions of law that authorize or require under certain circumstances the Administration to suspend a person's driver's license for a certain period of time for a conviction related to dispensing motor fuel into a dirt bike in Baltimore City; making certain conforming changes; and generally relating to administrative penalties for the unlawful use of off–highway recreational vehicles.

BY repealing
Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings
Section 3–8A–19(e)(5)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2013 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)
BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
   Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings
   Section 3–8A–23(a)(3) and (5)
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2013 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
   Article – Transportation
   Section 13–401(b), 16–206(b)(2) and (4) and (c)(3), and 21–1128
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 818 – Delegates A. Miller, Tarlau, Jalisi, Lam, and Turner

AN ACT concerning

Civil Actions – Liability for Personal Injury or Property Damage Caused by Tree

FOR the purpose of establishing that a land owner is liable for damages for personal injury or property damage on adjoining residential property caused by a defect in the condition of a tree on the land owner’s land under certain circumstances; requiring a homeowner’s insurance policy issued or renewed on or after a certain date for property located in or adjacent to a residential area to include coverage for potential liability under this Act; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to liability for damages caused by trees.

BY adding to
   Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings
   Section 3–2101 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 21. Liability for Personal Injury or Property Damage Caused by Tree”
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2013 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary and the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 819 – Delegates Atterbeary, Dumais, Kittleman, McComas, Moon, Morales, Sanchez, Smith, and Valentino-Smith

AN ACT concerning

Domestic Violence – Permanent Protective Orders – Probation and Suspended Sentence
FOR the purpose of specifying that, for purposes of provisions of law requiring a court to issue a certain permanent final protective order under certain circumstances against an individual who was convicted and sentenced to serve a certain term of imprisonment for certain crimes, a term of imprisonment includes any period of probation or portion of the sentence suspended; and generally relating to protective orders.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Family Law
Section 4–506(k)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.


AN ACT concerning

Reducing Environmental Degradation for the Underserved Through Community Engagement
(The REDUCE Act)

FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of the Environment to require an applicant for a certain permit to construct or modify a certain source to report to the Department certain information regarding the diesel vehicles that are needed during the construction and operation of a certain source and to solicit input on certain issues from the affected community and certain organizations; requiring the Department, before issuing a certain permit, to solicit certain information from certain local health departments under certain circumstances, to coordinate with the applicant to disseminate certain information to certain interested parties, and to publish certain information on the Department’s Web site; providing for the application of this Act; defining certain terms; and generally relating to a permit to construct or modify certain sources of air pollution.

BY renumbering
Article – Environment
Section 2–404.1
to be Section 2–404.2
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2013 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Environment
Section 2–404.1
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2013 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Transportation
Section 23–401(b)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 821 – Delegates Korman, Fraser–Hidalgo, Barkley, Carr, Cassilly, Frick, Frush, Hixson, Krimm, Lam, Lierman, Lueterke, Miele, A. Miller, Morhaim, Reznik, and Waldstreicher

AN ACT concerning

Energy Storage Portfolio Standard
(Storage Technology and Electric Power (STEP) Act)

FOR the purpose of establishing a certain energy storage portfolio standard in the State; requiring certain electricity suppliers to comply with the energy storage portfolio standard by certain dates; requiring certain storage capacity to be sufficient to provide electricity at a certain capacity for a certain period; providing that certain energy storage devices may be used to comply with the energy storage portfolio standard, with certain exceptions; providing for the creation and use of certain energy storage credits; requiring certain electricity suppliers to demonstrate compliance with the energy storage portfolio standard to the Public Service Commission by certain dates; requiring certain electricity suppliers to submit annual reports to the Commission concerning compliance with the energy storage portfolio standard; establishing a certain compliance fee that must be paid into the Maryland Strategic Energy Investment Fund under certain circumstances in certain years, subject to a certain adjustment; authorizing certain aggregators and brokers to require certain other electricity suppliers to demonstrate compliance with this Act; authorizing the Commission to provide certain waivers under certain circumstances; authorizing an electricity supplier to use certain accumulated energy storage credits for certain purposes, including demonstrating compliance with the energy storage portfolio standard; providing for reliance on certain credits under certain circumstances; requiring the Commission to adopt by regulation certain requirements for documentation and verification of certain credits; requiring the Commission to adopt certain regulations for certain purposes; providing for the use of certain compliance fees paid into the Maryland Strategic Energy Investment Fund; defining certain terms; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to the energy storage portfolio standard.

BY adding to
Article – Public Utilities
Section 7–801 through 7–808 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 8. Energy Storage Portfolio Standard”
Annotated Code of Maryland (2010 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – State Government
Section 9–20B–05(i)
Annotated Code of Maryland (2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 822 – Delegates Atterbeary, Dumais, Kittleman, McComas, Moon, Morales, Rosenberg, Sanchez, Smith, Sydnor, Valentino-Smith, and B. Wilson

AN ACT concerning

Criminal Law – Altering References From Mentally Defective to Substantially Cognitively Impaired Individual

FOR the purpose of altering references to the term “mentally defective” individual to “substantially cognitively impaired” individual in provisions of law concerning certain sexual offenses and in provisions of law concerning the licensing of certain individuals to engage in business as an explosives manufacturer or dealer or to possess explosives for certain purposes; making stylistic changes; and generally relating to the term “mentally defective individual”.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Criminal Law
Section 3–301, 3–304(a)(2), 3–306(a)(2), and 3–307(a)(2)
Annotated Code of Maryland (2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Public Safety
Section 11–107(b)(7)
Annotated Code of Maryland (2011 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

AN ACT concerning

General Provisions – Open Meetings Act – Enforcement and Training

FOR the purpose of authorizing the State Open Meetings Law Compliance Board, under certain circumstances, to issue certain orders and impose certain civil penalties not to exceed a certain amount; repealing certain provisions of law rendered obsolete by this Act; expanding the scope of the training requirements under the Open Meetings Act to include all employees, officials, and members of a public body; requiring certain individuals to complete certain training within certain periods of time; making conforming changes; and generally relating to enforcement and training under the Open Meetings Act.

BY repealing
   Article – General Provisions
   Section 3–209 and 3–210
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2014 Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
   Article – General Provisions
   Section 3–211 and 3–213
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2014 Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 824 – Cecil County Delegation

AN ACT concerning

Cecil County – Orphans’ Court Judges – Traveling Expense Allowance and Pension

FOR the purpose of specifying that the annual compensation of the judges of the Orphans’ Court for Cecil County for certain fiscal years is to be paid quarterly by the county; increasing the allowance for traveling expenses for the judges of the Orphans’ Court for Cecil County; specifying that the allowance is to be paid by the county; requiring the county to pay a pension to certain former judges of the Orphans’ Court for Cecil County; providing that a judge of the Orphans’ Court for Cecil County who has completed a certain number of years of service is eligible for a pension; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to traveling expense allowances and pensions for judges of the Orphans’ Court for Cecil County.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
   Article – Estates and Trusts
Section 2–108(a), (i), and (y)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2011 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 825 – Delegates Valentino-Smith, Atterbeary, and Sanchez

AN ACT concerning

Child Protection – Reporting – Threat of Harm

FOR the purpose authorizing an individual to notify the local department of social services or the appropriate law enforcement agency if the individual has reason to believe that a verbal threat of imminent severe bodily harm or death to a child has been made by a certain individual and that the child is at substantial risk of child abuse; specifying certain procedures and requirements for a report concerning a certain verbal threat of harm to a child; authorizing the local department or law enforcement agency to receive a report concerning a certain verbal threat of harm to a child; requiring the law enforcement agency to immediately refer the report to the local department under certain circumstances; requiring the Secretary of Human Resources to adopt certain regulations; requiring the local department to make a thorough investigation to protect the health, safety, and welfare of any child who may be at substantial risk of abuse under certain circumstances; requiring the local department to conduct a certain investigation jointly with the appropriate law enforcement agency; authorizing the local department to decline to make an investigation of a certain subsequent report under certain circumstances; requiring the local department and the appropriate law enforcement agency to take certain actions; and generally relating to child protection.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
Article – Family Law  
Section 5–704.1 and 5–706.2  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 826 – Delegates Adams, Buckel, Impallaria, and McConkey

AN ACT concerning

Prescription Drug Repository Program – Repository Inventory Requirement – Revision

FOR the purpose of requiring a repository that participates in the Prescription Drug Repository Program to maintain a separate inventory of donated prescription drugs
and medical supplies that the repository intends to dispense under a certain provision of law, instead of a separate inventory of all donated prescription drugs and medical supplies; and generally relating to the Prescription Drug Repository Program.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Health – General
Section 15–601(a), (b), (d), and (e)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Health – General
Section 15–605
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 827 – Delegate O'Donnell

AN ACT concerning

Newborn Infant Screening – Testing by Nonpublic Laboratories – Authorization

FOR the purpose of authorizing certain laboratories to perform certain screening tests for hereditary and congenital disorders under certain circumstances; authorizing a parent or guardian of a newborn infant to request that a certain laboratory perform certain initial tests to screen for hereditary and congenital disorders; requiring a health care provider to obtain and deliver certain test specimens to screen for hereditary and congenital disorders to certain laboratories under certain circumstances; requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, in consultation with a certain council, to establish protocols for health care providers to obtain and deliver certain test specimens to certain laboratories; and generally relating to newborn infant screening for hereditary and congenital disorders.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Health – General
Section 13–111(a) through (c)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Health – General
Section 13–111(d) and 13–112
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume)
Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 828 – Delegates Ebersole, Hixson, and Turner

AN ACT concerning

Special Elections – Voting by Mail – Canvass of Votes

FOR the purpose of authorizing a local board of elections to commence the canvass of vote–by–mail ballots cast in a special election conducted by mail at a certain time on the day of a special election; authorizing the State Board of Elections to adopt regulations authorizing a local board to commence the canvass of vote–by–mail ballots before a certain time on the day of a special election; requiring the State Board to adopt regulations that provide for public observation of the canvass of vote–by–mail ballots and maintaining the secrecy of the election results until after a certain time on the day after a special election; altering the definition of “canvass” to include the canvass of vote–by–mail ballots; and generally relating to the canvass of vote–by–mail ballots cast in a special election conducted by mail.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Election Law
Section 9–501 and 11–301(a–1)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2010 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Election Law
Section 9–506
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2010 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Election Law
Section 9–506 and 11–101(c)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2010 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 829 – Delegates S. Robinson, Lam, Beidle, Carr, Ebersole, Fraser–Hidalgo, Hettleman, Korman, Moon, Morales, and Platt

AN ACT concerning

Agriculture – Cattle, Swine, and Poultry – Use of Antimicrobial Drugs
FOR the purpose of prohibiting, on or after a certain date, a certain owner of cattle, swine, or poultry from administering, or authorizing an agent to administer, certain antimicrobial drugs in certain cattle, swine, and poultry without a certain prescription or veterinary feed directive issued by a licensed veterinarian in accordance with certain conditions; prohibiting certain antimicrobial drugs from being administered to cattle, swine, and poultry for certain purposes; specifying that certain antimicrobial drugs may be administered only for a use authorized by a certain prescription or veterinary feed directive; requiring certain antimicrobial drugs to be administered in a certain manner; requiring a certain veterinarian who issues a certain veterinary feed directive to submit to the Department of Agriculture certain information in a certain manner; requiring the Department to maintain certain information and make the information available for public review in a certain manner; requiring the Department to report to the General Assembly on or before a certain date each year, beginning on or before a certain date; authorizing the Secretary of Agriculture to impose a certain penalty; authorizing the Department to adopt certain regulations; providing for the application of this Act; defining certain terms; and generally relating to the use of antimicrobial drugs in cattle, swine, and poultry.

BY adding to
Article – Agriculture
Section 3–1001 through 3–1006 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 10. Use of Antimicrobial Drugs”
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2007 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 830 – Delegates Kipke, Krebs, Angel, Barron, Hill, Kelly, Oaks, Pendergrass, Rose, Sample–Hughes, and West

AN ACT concerning

Dental Hygienists – Scope of Practice – Authority to Practice Under General Supervision of Licensed Dentists
(Oral Health Access for Underserved Marylanders Act)

FOR the purpose of altering a certain provision of law to provide that a general license to practice dental hygiene authorizes the licensee to practice dental hygiene under the general supervision of a licensed dentist in a certain facility with a population that lacks direct access to dental care, rather than only in a long–term care facility; altering the requirements that a dental hygienist is required to meet before being authorized to practice dental hygiene under the general supervision of a licensed dentist in a certain facility; altering the requirements that must be met by a dental hygienist who is practicing under the general supervision of a licensed dentist in a certain facility and performing a certain dental hygiene service; making conforming
changes; and generally relating to the authority of dental hygienists to practice under the general supervision of licensed dentists.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
   Article – Health Occupations
   Section 4–308(m)
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 831 – Washington County Delegation

AN ACT concerning

   Washington County – Collection of Fees, Charges, Penalties, and Assessments

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

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
   The Public Local Laws of Washington County
   Section 6–309
   Article 22 – Public Local Laws of Maryland
   (2007 Edition and October 2010 Supplement, as amended)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 832 – Cecil County Delegation

AN ACT concerning

   Cecil County – Marriage Licenses – Applications

FOR the purpose of repealing the requirement that, in Cecil County, both parties to be married appear together before the clerk to apply for a marriage license; and generally relating to applications for marriage licenses in Cecil County.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
   Article – Family Law
   Section 2–402
   Annotated Code of Maryland
Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 833 – Delegates Ebersole, Hixson, and Turner

AN ACT concerning

Agricultural Land Transfer Tax – Calculation

FOR the purpose of altering the definition of “agricultural land transfer tax” and defining “total rate of tax” to provide that, for purposes of certain provisions of law concerning the calculation of the agricultural land transfer tax, the tax does not include a certain surcharge; making conforming changes; and generally relating to the agricultural land transfer tax.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Tax – Property
Section 13–301, 13–303, and 13–407
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Tax – Property
Section 13–302
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 834 – Delegates Rosenberg and Lierman

AN ACT concerning

Higher Education – Last Dollar Scholarship – Established

FOR the purpose of establishing the Last Dollar Scholarship; establishing certain application requirements; authorizing the use of the Scholarship for certain costs at certain institutions of higher education subject to a certain limitation; limiting the Scholarship to a certain amount; authorizing the Scholarship to be renewed for up to a certain number of years under certain circumstances; requiring the Governor to appropriate at least a certain amount in the annual State budget for a certain purpose; and generally relating to the Last Dollar Scholarship.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Education
The subtitle designation “Subtitle 29. Miscellaneous Scholarship Programs” immediately preceding Section 18–2901
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Education
Section 18–2901(a)(1)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Education
Section 18–2902
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 835 – Cecil County Delegation

AN ACT concerning
Local Facility Closure Reserve Funds – Investments and Reinvestments

FOR the purpose of authorizing the trustees or other officers in charge of certain facility closure reserve funds to invest and reinvest certain money in a certain manner and sell, redeem, or exchange certain investments or reinvestments; requiring the trustees or other officers in charge of certain facility closure reserve funds to comply with certain fiduciary standards; authorizing a political subdivision of the State or a unit of a political subdivision of the State to enter into certain agreements for the management or investment of money in a facility closure reserve fund; altering the definition of “public money” as it relates to certain local government investment guidelines so as to exclude money held as part of certain facility closure reserve funds; and generally relating to local facility closure reserve funds.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Local Government
Section 17–102 and 17–201
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2013 Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

AN ACT concerning

Educational Institutions – Notice of Criminal Activity and Threats to Safety

FOR the purpose of requiring a faculty member, teacher, or certain other employee of a certain educational institution to immediately notify a certain administrator if the individual observes or receives information about certain criminal activity or a certain potential threat; requiring a certain administrator to forward certain information to an appropriate law enforcement agency at a certain time; providing that an individual is not required to provide certain notice in violation of any federal, State, or local law; providing that a certain individual is not subject to liability or disciplinary action arising solely from providing certain notice; defining certain terms; and generally relating to employees of educational institutions providing notice to law enforcement agencies of criminal activity and threats to safety.

BY adding to
Article – Education
Section 27–101 through 27–104 to be under the new title “Title 27. Student Safety”
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Criminal Law
Section 14–101(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary and the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 837 – Delegates Haynes, Anderson, Chang, Hettleman, Jackson, Jones, Korman, McCray, Sophocleus, Tarlau, Valderrama, and P. Young

AN ACT concerning

State Finance and Procurement – Public Senior Higher Education Institutions – Policies Concerning Procurement Contracts

FOR the purpose of requiring that certain policies of public senior higher education institutions promote certain purposes and be similar to certain provisions concerning required clauses for procurement contracts; and generally relating to public senior higher education institutions and the application of certain policies concerning procurement contracts.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – State Finance and Procurement
Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 838 – Delegates Waldstreicher, Anderson, and Smith

AN ACT concerning

Civil Immunity – Emergency Care for Drug Overdose – Protocols

FOR the purpose of providing that a certain person is not civilly liable for certain acts or omissions in administering medications or treatment approved for use in response to an apparent drug overdose only if the person is acting in accordance with certain protocols; and generally relating to civil immunity for acts or omissions in giving emergency medical care.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings
Section 5–603
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2013 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 839 – Delegates Lam, Barve, Ebersole, Fraser–Hidalgo, Frick, Krimm, Lafferty, Luedtke, Platt, and Turner

AN ACT concerning

Vehicle Laws – Plug–In Electric Drive Vehicles – Reserved Parking Spaces

FOR the purpose of prohibiting a person from stopping, standing, or parking a vehicle that is not a plug–in electric drive vehicle connected for charging purposes in a parking space that is designated in a certain manner for the use of plug–in electric drive vehicles; establishing certain standards for signage designating reserved parking for certain plug–in electric drive vehicles; requiring that a parking space that is for the use of plug–in electric drive vehicles have certain pavement markings; authorizing a parking facility to have a vehicle that is stopped, standing, or parked in violation of this Act towed or removed under certain circumstances and subject to certain standards and requirements; requiring that a parking space that is for the use of plug–in electric drive vehicles be counted in a certain way for complying with certain laws intended to meet certain requirements under the Americans with Disabilities Act; defining a certain term; establishing a civil penalty for a violation of this Act; and generally relating to reserved parking spaces for plug–in electric drive vehicles.
BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments, 
    Article – Transportation  
    Section 11–145.1  
    Annotated Code of Maryland  
    (2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY adding to 
    Article – Transportation  
    Section 21–1003.2 and 27–116  
    Annotated Code of Maryland  
    (2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 840 – Frederick County Delegation

AN ACT concerning

 Frederick County – Alcoholic Beverages – Theater License

FOR the purpose of altering the scope of a certain alcoholic beverages license in Frederick County so that it may be issued to all theaters that meet a certain seating requirement; making a certain technical correction; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages licenses in Frederick County.

BY renumbering 
    Article – Alcoholic Beverages  
    Section 20–1008, 20–1009, 20–1010, 20–1011, 20–1012, and 20–1013, respectively to be Section 20–1013, 20–1008, 20–1009, 20–1010, 20–1011, and 20–1012, respectively  
    Annotated Code of Maryland  
    (As enacted by Chapter __(S.B. __)(6lr1406) of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2016)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments, 
    Article – Alcoholic Beverages  
    Section 20–1013  
    Annotated Code of Maryland  
    (As enacted by Section 1 of this Act)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 841 – Frederick County Delegation

AN ACT concerning

 Frederick County – Alcoholic Beverages – Hotel Lobby License
FOR the purpose of establishing in Frederick County a hotel lobby license; authorizing the Board of License Commissioners to issue the license for use by a certain hotel; 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; specifying an annual license fee; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages in Frederick County.

BY adding to
Article – Alcoholic Beverages
Section 20–1007.1
Annotated Code of Maryland
(As enacted by Chapter __(S.B. __)(6lr1406) of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2016)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 842 – Frederick County Delegation

AN ACT concerning

Frederick County – Alcoholic Beverages – Art Gallery Beer and Wine License

FOR the purpose of 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 by an individual or a group of artists; prohibiting a certain type of business from being issued the license; 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 certain hours; specifying a license fee; prohibiting the license from being transferred from the location for which the license was originally issued to another location; and generally relating to an art gallery license in Frederick County.

BY renumbering
Article – Alcoholic Beverages
Section 20–1001
to be Section 20–1001.1
Annotated Code of Maryland
(As enacted by Chapter ___ (S.B.___)(6lr1406) of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2016)

BY adding to
Article – Alcoholic Beverages
Section 20–1001
Annotated Code of Maryland
(As enacted by Chapter ___ (S.B.___)(6lr1406) of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2016)
Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 843 – Frederick County Delegation

AN ACT concerning

Frederick County – Alcoholic Beverages – Beauty Salon License

FOR the purpose of 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 holder of the license to provide beer and wine by the glass for consumption by a certain customer when a certain cosmetology service is provided or a certain fund-raising event is held; prohibiting the license from being transferred to another location; specifying the hours that the license privilege may be exercised; specifying an annual license fee; providing that an establishment for which the license is issued is subject to certain alcohol awareness training requirements; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages licenses in Frederick County.

BY adding to
Article – Alcoholic Beverages
Section 20–1001.1
Annotated Code of Maryland
(As enacted by Chapter ____ (S.B. ____)(6lr1406) of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2016)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Business Occupations and Professions
Section 5–101(a), (c), (d), (l), (m), (n), and (o) and 5–501
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2010 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 844 – Frederick County Delegation

AN ACT concerning

Frederick County – Alcohol Awareness Program – Absence From Licensed Premises

FOR the purpose of 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 certain circumstances; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages in Frederick County.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
House Bill 845 – Washington County Delegation

AN ACT concerning

Washington County – Maryland Building Performance Standards – Modifications – Local Enforcement

FOR the purpose of requiring Washington County to implement and enforce certain modifications of the Maryland Building Performance Standards adopted by the State no later than a certain period of time for certain portions of the Standards, starting with modifications that are effective on a certain date and at a certain frequency thereafter; making stylistic changes; and generally relating to Washington County and local implementation and enforcement of modifications to the Maryland Building Performance Standards.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Public Safety
Section 12–505
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2011 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 846 – Delegates Rey, Carey, McConkey, Morgan, Patterson, and Simonaire

AN ACT concerning

Public Safety – Crime Gun Reporting and Analysis

FOR the purpose of requiring a certain law enforcement agency to report certain information to the Department of State Police within a certain period of time after the seizure or recovery of a firearm relating to a crime, with certain exceptions; requiring the Department to submit a certain report and statistical analysis to the General Assembly on or before a certain date annually; specifying the information to be included in the report; requiring the Department to report certain noncompliance by a law enforcement agency to the Office of the Attorney General; requiring the Office of the Attorney General to contact a certain law enforcement agency and request compliance; providing that a certain chief or sheriff is subject to a certain
civil fine under certain circumstances; defining a certain term; and generally relating to firearms.

BY adding to
Article – Public Safety
Section 5–601 through 5–604 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 6. Crime Gun Reporting and Analysis”
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2011 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 847 – Delegates Rey, Fisher, Hornberger, McConkey, Morgan, and B. Wilson

AN ACT concerning

Criminal Procedure – Crime of Violence – Definition

FOR the purpose of altering certain definitions of “crime of violence” to conform to a certain other definition of “crime of violence”; providing that a certain definition of “crime of violence” applies to certain uses of the term in certain provisions of law; altering the list of crimes that are included in the definition of a “crime of violence”; and generally relating to crimes of violence.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings
Section 3–2011(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2013 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Criminal Law
Section 3–204, 3–601.1(a), 4–107(a) and (b), 4–204(b), 4–306(b)(1), 4–401(b), and 14–101(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Criminal Law
Section 4–401(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Public Safety
Section 5–101(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2011 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Public Safety
Section 5–101(c), 5–201, 5–206(a)(1), and 5–301
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2011 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 848 – Delegates Lam, Carr, Ebersole, Hill, Jalisi, Pena–Melnyk, and Pendergrass

AN ACT concerning

Vehicle Laws – Causing Diesel Emissions to Discharge Onto Another – Prohibition

FOR the purpose of prohibiting a person from causing a diesel–powered motor vehicle to emit certain excess emissions onto another person or motor vehicle; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to a prohibition on the discharge of excess diesel–powered motor vehicle emissions.

BY adding to
Article – Transportation
Section 21–1130
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 849 – Delegates Sample–Hughes, Holmes, Anderton, Carr, Fennell, Ghrist, Healey, C. Howard, Jalisi, McCray, McKay, Otto, Patterson, Proctor, and Sanchez

AN ACT concerning

Public Safety – Rental Dwelling Units – Carbon Monoxide Alarms

FOR the purpose of altering certain requirements relating to carbon monoxide alarms as the requirements apply to certain rental dwelling units; requiring certain rental dwelling units, on or after a certain date, to have a certain carbon monoxide alarm installed in a certain manner, subject to a certain exception; defining a certain term; altering a certain definition; and generally relating to carbon monoxide alarms.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Environment
Section 6–801(a) and (t)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2013 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
   Article – Public Safety
   Section 12–1101, 12–1102, and 12–1104
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2011 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
   Article – Public Safety
   Section 12–1103, 12–1105, and 12–1106
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2011 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 850 – Delegates McComas, Krebs, and Vogt

AN ACT concerning

   Child Support – Health Insurance – Definition

FOR the purpose of defining the term “health insurance” for purposes of calculating a child support obligation under the child support guidelines; and generally relating to child support.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
   Article – Family Law
   Section 12–201
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 851 – Delegates Healey, McIntosh, A. Miller, Pena–Melnyk, Sophocleus, and Valderrama

AN ACT concerning

   Counties – Paid Sick Leave for Limited–Term Grant–Funded Employees – Requirement
FOR the purpose of requiring a county to provide an employee whose position is funded through a limited-term grant with certain paid sick leave; and generally relating to paid sick leave for limited-term grant-funded county employees.

BY adding to
Article – Local Government
Section 9–114
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2013 Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 852 – Delegates Lisanti, Fennell, and Tarlau

AN ACT concerning

Local Government – Municipal Elections – Tie Votes

FOR the purpose of requiring a municipality to establish a procedure for resolving a tie vote in an election for a municipal officer; providing that a certain election procedure may be established by ordinance or charter amendment; and generally relating to tie votes in municipal elections.

BY adding to
Article – Local Government
Section 4–108.4
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2013 Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 853 – Delegates Lisanti, Dumais, and Tarlau

AN ACT concerning

Election Law – Campaign Finance Entities – Disbursements by Debit and Credit Cards

FOR the purpose of authorizing campaign finance entities to make disbursements by debit and credit cards; making a conforming change; providing for a delayed effective date; and generally relating to disbursements by campaign finance entities.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Election Law
Section 13–220(d)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2010 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)
Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 854 – Delegates Lisanti, Fennell, and Tarlau

AN ACT concerning

State Highway Administration – Relocation of Water or Sewer Lines – Cost Sharing

FOR the purpose of 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 develop a plan to share the cost of the relocation with the political subdivision or agency that owns the water or sewer line as part of the cost of the federal project; and generally relating to sharing the cost of relocating water or sewer lines of a publicly owned utility due to certain highway projects.

BY adding to
Article – Transportation
Section 8–657
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 855 – Delegates Morales, Valentino–Smith, Anderson, Atterbeary, Korman, McCray, Moon, Platt, Sanchez, Smith, Sydnor, and P. Young

AN ACT concerning

Correctional Training Commission – Department of Juvenile Services Employees – Revocation of Certification and Reinstatement

FOR the purpose of authorizing the Correctional Training Commission to revoke the certification of a Department of Juvenile Services employee in conjunction with certain disciplinary actions; authorizing the court to reinstate the certification of a correctional officer under certain circumstances; authorizing the Office of Administrative Hearings to reinstate the certification of a Department of Juvenile Services employee with no further examination or condition under certain circumstances; and generally relating to the Correctional Training Commission and the revocation of certification and reinstatement of Department of Juvenile Services employees.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Correctional Services
Section 8–209.2
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2008 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 856 – Delegate Carter

AN ACT concerning

State and Local Police Officers – Liability Insurance – Required

FOR the purpose of providing that the liability of a local government for a certain judgment is subject to certain provisions of law; providing that the authority of a local government to indemnify an employee under certain circumstances is subject to certain provisions of law; providing that the immunity of State personnel under certain circumstances is subject to certain provisions of law; prohibiting the Police Training Commission from certifying an individual as a police officer unless the individual provides proof of professional liability insurance in a certain amount; requiring police officers to maintain professional liability insurance coverage during a certain period of employment; providing that certain professional liability insurance is primary coverage under certain circumstances and shall include coverage for certain acts or omissions; authorizing a law enforcement agency to reimburse a police officer for a certain premium under certain circumstances, with a certain limitation; prohibiting the State, a county, or a municipal corporation from indemnifying a police officer in a certain amount except under certain circumstances; providing that the authority of the State Treasurer to pay a certain tort claim under certain circumstances is subject to certain provisions of law; and generally relating to liability insurance for police officers of the State, counties, and municipal corporations.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings
Section 5–303 and 5–522
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2013 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Public Safety
Section 3–209
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2011 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – State Government
Section 12–104
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)
House Bill 857 – Delegates Carter and Glenn

AN ACT concerning

Law Enforcement Officers – Alcohol and Drug Testing – Required

FOR the purpose of requiring a law enforcement agency to order a law enforcement officer to submit to certain alcohol and drug testing if the officer was involved in a certain incident; and generally relating to alcohol and drug testing of law enforcement officers.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Public Safety
Section 3–104
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2011 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)


AN ACT concerning

Enterprise Zone Income Tax Credit – Expansion

FOR the purpose of altering the definition of “economically disadvantaged individual” to include certain qualified ex–felons for purposes of the State income tax credit authorized for certain business entities that hire certain economically disadvantaged individuals in certain enterprise zones; defining a certain term; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to a State income tax credit for business entities hiring certain individuals in certain enterprise zones.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Tax – General
Section 10–702
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2010 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

House Bill 859 – Frederick County Delegation

EMERGENCY BILL
AN ACT concerning

Procurement – Prevailing Wage Rate – Applicability to Public School Construction Projects in Frederick County

FOR the purpose of providing that certain provisions of law governing the prevailing wage rate that became effective on a certain date do not apply to procurement contracts executed on or after the effective date of this Act for certain public school construction projects in Frederick County; authorizing Frederick County and certain contractors voluntarily to renegotiate and agree to be bound by the prevailing wage rate in effect on a certain prior date with regard to procurement contracts executed on or after a certain date for a certain public school construction project in Frederick County; making this Act an emergency measure; and generally relating to the applicability of certain provisions of law concerning the prevailing wage rate to certain public school construction projects in Frederick County.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – State Finance and Procurement
Section 17–201
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.


AN ACT concerning

Prevailing Wage Law – Applicability to the University System of Maryland, Morgan State University, and St. Mary’s College of Maryland

FOR the purpose of providing that the State prevailing wage law applies to a procurement for a public work contract by the University System of Maryland, Morgan State University, and St. Mary’s College of Maryland; and generally relating to the application of the prevailing wage law to the University System of Maryland, Morgan State University, and St. Mary’s College of Maryland.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – State Finance and Procurement
Section 11–203(e)(1), (2), and (7)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume)
BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
   Article – State Finance and Procurement
   Section 11–203(e)(5)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 861 – Delegates Healey, Frush, and Tarlau

AN ACT concerning

Electronic Smoking Devices – Regulation and Taxation

FOR the purpose of altering certain definitions and defining certain terms for the purpose of applying certain provisions of law regulating the sale, manufacture, distribution, possession, and use of cigarettes and tobacco products and paraphernalia to electronic smoking devices; altering the definition of “cigarette” for the purpose of applying the provisions of law related to the tobacco tax to the sale of electronic smoking devices; repealing a provision of law rendered obsolete as a result of other provisions of this Act; making conforming changes; and generally relating to the regulation and taxation of electronic smoking devices.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
   Article – Business Regulation
   Section 16–101(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
   Article – Business Regulation
   Section 16–101(b)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
   Article – Commercial Law
   Section 11–501(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2013 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
   Article – Commercial Law
   Section 11–501(c) and 11–5A–01
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2013 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)
BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
   Article – Criminal Law
   Section 10–101, 10–107, and 10–108
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
   Article – Health – General
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2015 Replacement Volume)

BY repealing
   Article – Health – General
   Section 24–305
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2015 Replacement Volume)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
   Article – Labor and Employment
   Section 5–608
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2008 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
   Article – Public Utilities
   Section 9–206
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2010 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
   Article – Tax – General
   Section 2–1601, 2–1602, and 2–1603 to be under the amended subtitle “Subtitle 16. Tobacco and Electronic Smoking Device Tax Revenue Distribution”; 12–101, 12–103, 12–104, 12–105, 12–201(a), 12–202(a), 12–302, and 12–304 to be under the amended title “Title 12. Tobacco and Electronic Smoking Device Tax”; and 13–408, 13–508, 13–509(a), 13–701(b), 13–711, 13–825(h), 13–826, 13–834(c), 13–901(h), 13–1012, 13–1014(b), 13–1015(a), and 13–1104(h)
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2010 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
   Article – Tax – General
   Section 13–834(a)
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2010 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)
Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters and the Committee on Ways and Means.


AN ACT concerning

Maryland Redeemable Beverage Container Recycling Refund and Litter Reduction Act

FOR the purpose of establishing the Maryland Redeemable Beverage Container Recycling Refund and Litter Reduction Program; stating the intent of the General Assembly; requiring the Maryland Environmental Service to develop, implement, and administer the Program; specifying the responsibilities associated with developing, implementing, and administering the Program; requiring that every redeemable beverage container sold in the State indicate a certain refund value in a certain manner on and after a certain date; prohibiting a certain container from being sold before a certain date; requiring a distributor to remit a certain refund to the Service within a certain amount of time; requiring that a certain refund value be added to the retail price of a certain container at the time of purchase on and after a certain date; authorizing certain on–premises sellers to apply to the Service for a bulk refund rate; authorizing a redeemer to return an empty redeemable beverage container to a certain location for a certain refund on and after a certain date; requiring a certain retailer to accept an empty redeemable beverage container and pay a certain refund value on and after a certain date; requiring a redemption center to accept an empty redeemable beverage container and pay a certain refund value on and after a certain date; requiring a certain retailer or redemption center to use certain technology when redeeming a redeemable beverage container; specifying the contents of the Program revenue; specifying the manner in which unredeemed deposits will be used; establishing the Reserve Redeemable Beverage Container Recycling Fund as a special, nonlapsing fund; specifying the purpose of the Fund; requiring the State Treasurer to administer the Fund; requiring the State Treasurer to hold the Fund and the Comptroller to account for the Fund; specifying the contents of the Fund; specifying the purpose for which the Fund may be used; prohibiting the transfer of money in the Fund to the General Fund or a special fund of the State; requiring that money in the Fund be released at least a certain number of times each year; providing for the investment of money in and expenditures from the Fund; requiring a legislative auditor to audit the accounts and transactions of the Program; authorizing the Service to request an audit of the Program at any time; requiring the Service to publish a certain report on its Web site with a certain frequency; requiring the Service to submit a certain report to the Legislative Policy Committee of the General Assembly beginning on a certain date and with a certain frequency;
specifying the content of the report; authorizing the Legislative Policy Committee to initiate a certain review within a certain number of days after receipt of the report; prohibiting a person from knowingly selling or attempting to redeem a beverage container in the State that does not comply with this Act; making a person who violates the prohibition against knowingly selling or attempting to redeem a certain beverage container in the State guilty of a misdemeanor and subject to a certain penalty; requiring that certain investment earnings be credited to the Fund; defining certain terms; and generally relating to the establishment of the Maryland Redeemable Beverage Container Recycling Refund and Litter Reduction Program.

BY adding to
Article – Environment
Section 9–1733 through 9–1742 to be under the new part “Part V. Maryland Redeemable Beverage Container Recycling Refund and Litter Reduction Program”
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Natural Resources
Section 3–105(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Natural Resources
Section 3–105(g)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – State Finance and Procurement
Section 6–226(a)(2)(i)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – State Finance and Procurement
Section 6–226(a)(2)(ii)84. and 85.
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume)

BY adding to
Article – State Finance and Procurement
Section 6–226(a)(2)(ii)86.
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume)
Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation and the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 863 – Delegates Hill, Atterbeary, Ebersole, Jalisi, Lam, and Wivell

AN ACT concerning

Vehicle Laws – Speed Monitoring Systems – Calibration Checks

FOR the purpose of increasing the frequency of certain periodic calibration checks of speed monitoring systems; requiring and providing for a calibration check of a speed monitoring system when certain software is upgraded; requiring a local jurisdiction with a speed monitoring program to publish online certain information about the speed monitoring system under certain circumstances; and generally relating to speed monitoring systems operated by local jurisdictions.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Transportation
Section 21–809(b)(4) and (k)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.


AN ACT concerning

Aggressive Drunk Driving – Punitive Damages

FOR the purpose of providing that a person with a certain alcohol concentration in the blood or breath who causes personal injury or wrongful death while operating or attempting to operate a motor vehicle is liable for punitive damages under certain circumstances; requiring a party who seeks to recover punitive damages under this Act to plead certain facts with particularity; providing for a standard of proof of clear and convincing evidence for a claim of punitive damages under this Act; providing that punitive damages under this Act may not be awarded in the absence of an award of compensatory damages; providing that evidence of a defendant’s financial means is not admissible until there has been a finding of liability and that punitive damages under this Act are supportable under the facts; authorizing a court to review an
award of punitive damages under certain circumstances; requiring a court to review an award of punitive damages under certain circumstances; requiring a court to remit an award for punitive damages under certain circumstances; defining a certain term; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to liability for punitive damages under certain circumstances when a person causes personal injury or wrongful death while driving or attempting to drive a motor vehicle with a certain alcohol concentration in the blood or breath.

BY adding to
Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings
Section 10–913.1
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2013 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 865 – Delegates Hill, Ebersole, Jalisi, and Lam

AN ACT concerning

Health Insurance – Motor Vehicle Modifications for Permanently Wheelchair Dependent Individuals – Coverage

FOR the purpose of requiring certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations to provide certain coverage one time for adaptive equipment for or other modifications to the motor vehicle of a permanently wheelchair dependent individual under certain circumstances; providing that the required coverage may be subject to certain deductibles or coinsurance requirements; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to coverage for modifications to the motor vehicles of permanently wheelchair dependent individuals under health insurance.

BY adding to
Article – Insurance
Section 15–850
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2011 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 866 – Delegates Rosenberg and Dumais

AN ACT concerning

Civil Right to Counsel – Pilot Program – Domestic Violence
FOR the purpose of requiring the Governor to include in the budget bill for each fiscal year a certain appropriation to fund a pilot program in certain counties to provide legal representation to certain parties in certain protective order proceedings; requiring a certain amount to be allocated to certain programs; establishing that money appropriated under this Act for the pilot programs shall be used to supplement and not supplant certain existing funding; establishing a workgroup to monitor implementation of a civil right to counsel; providing for the membership, chair, staffing, and duties of the workgroup; providing that members of the workgroup may not receive compensation but are entitled to reimbursement for expenses; requiring the workgroup to report its findings and recommendations annually; and generally relating to providing legal representation for certain parties in certain civil matters.

BY adding to
   Article – Family Law
   Section 4–512.2
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY adding to
   Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings
   Section 13–103
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2013 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 867 – Washington County Delegation

AN ACT concerning

Washington County – Contributions to Nonprofit Organizations – Process

FOR the purpose of altering the process by which the County Commissioners of Washington County make contributions to certain nonprofit organizations in Washington County; altering the deadline for submission of applications for contributions; altering the timing of a certain public hearing on certain applications; authorizing the County Commissioners to remove certain organizations from a certain list and, on request by the organization, to revise or amend the name of an organization; and generally relating to contributions made to nonprofit organizations by the County Commissioners of Washington County.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
   The Public Local Laws of Washington County
   Section 1–108
   Article 22 – Public Local Laws of Maryland
   (2007 Edition and October 2010 Supplement, as amended)
Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 868 – Delegate McKay

AN ACT concerning

Washington County – Fire, Rescue, and Ambulance Service – Local Authority

FOR the purpose of providing that the County Commissioners of Washington County are the ultimate authority having jurisdiction over the provision of fire, rescue, and ambulance services in Washington County.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
The Public Local Laws of Washington County
Section 10–402
Article 22 – Public Local Laws of Maryland
(2007 Edition and October 2010 Supplement, as amended)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 869 – Delegates Carter and Sydnor

AN ACT concerning

Civil Actions – Noneconomic Damages – Catastrophic Injury

FOR the purpose of altering the maximum amount of noneconomic damages that may be recovered in health care malpractice and other civil actions for a catastrophic injury under certain circumstances; providing for certain procedures; defining certain terms; and generally relating to altering the maximum amount of noneconomic damages that may be recovered in health care malpractice and other civil actions for a catastrophic injury under certain circumstances.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings
Section 3–2A–09(a) and (b) and 11–108
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2013 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 870 – Delegate Parrott

AN ACT concerning

Natural Resources – Black Fly Management and Control – Washington County
FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of Natural Resources to establish a program to control the spread of black flies in the State; requiring that the program be implemented initially on certain property in Washington County; authorizing the Department, in conjunction with the University of Maryland’s Department of Entomology, to conduct the program in a certain manner; authorizing the Department of Natural Resources to accept, use, or expend certain funding to implement this Act; requiring the Department to adopt certain regulations; stating a certain finding and the intent of the General Assembly; and generally relating to the management and control of black flies in the State.

BY adding to

Article – Natural Resources
Section 8–2201 through 8–2205 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 22. Black Fly Management and Control”
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 871 – Delegate Parrott

AN ACT concerning

Agreements to Defend or Pay the Cost of Defense – Void

FOR the purpose of providing that certain agreements to defend or pay the costs of defending certain promisees or indemnitees against liability for certain damages are against public policy and are void and unenforceable under certain circumstances; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to certain agreements to defend or pay the costs of defending certain promisees or indemnitees.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings
Section 5–401(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2013 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 872 – Delegates Smith, Barkley, McCray, Moon, Morales, Sanchez, Tarlau, and A. Washington

AN ACT concerning

Maryland Wage Payment and Collection Law – Awards of Certain Fees and Costs and Prohibition Against Retaliation
FOR the purpose of authorizing the court, on a certain finding in an action on behalf of an employee for a violation of the Maryland Wage Payment and Collection Law, to award the Attorney General reasonable counsel fees and other costs; authorizing the court, on a certain finding in an action by an employee for a violation of the Maryland Wage Payment and Collection Law, to award the employee reasonable counsel fees and other costs; prohibiting an employer from taking certain adverse actions against an employee under certain circumstances; establishing that a certain penalty applies to a violation of this Act; defining a certain term; clarifying certain language; and generally relating to the Maryland Wage Payment and Collection Law.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Labor and Employment
Section 3–507 and 3–507.2
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2008 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Labor and Employment
Section 3–507.3
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2008 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Labor and Employment
Section 3–508(a) and (c)(1)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2008 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 873 – Delegates Smith, Luedtke, Hixson, and P. Young

AN ACT concerning

Election Law – Special Elections – Absentee Ballots for Absent Uniformed Services Voters and Overseas Voters

FOR the purpose of requiring a county council to set the date for a special election to fill a vacancy in certain county offices that allows the local board of elections time to provide absentee ballots for the special election to absent uniformed services voters and overseas voters at least a certain number of days before the special election; requiring the State Administrator of Elections to require local boards of elections to provide absentee ballots for a special election to fill a vacancy in the office of Representative in Congress to absent uniformed services voters and overseas voters at least a certain number of days before the special election; altering the time frame within which the Governor may set by proclamation the date for a special primary election and a special general election to fill a vacancy in the office of Representative
in Congress; requiring the State Board of Elections to adopt regulations concerning notice and the process for voting by absentee ballot in special elections by absent uniformed services voters and overseas voters; and generally relating to absentee voting in special elections by absent uniformed services voters and overseas voters.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Election Law
Section 8–401 and 8–710
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2010 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 874 – Delegate Carter

AN ACT concerning

Criminal Procedure – Homicide Investigations – Procedures
(Joseph’s Law)

FOR the purpose of requiring each law enforcement agency in the State to adopt a written policy establishing procedures for homicide investigations that include certain requirements; and generally relating to homicide investigations.

BY adding to
Article – Criminal Procedure
Section 2–109
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2008 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 875 – Delegate Carter

AN ACT concerning

Baltimore City Police Department – Training Requirements – Eviction Procedures

FOR the purpose of requiring the Professional Development and Training Academy of the Baltimore City Police Department to require that certain entrance–level and annual in–service level training include certain training regarding eviction procedures; requiring the training to be developed in cooperation with the Office of the Attorney General and the Office of the Sheriff of Baltimore City and conducted by the Office of the Sheriff of Baltimore City; and generally relating to training requirements for law enforcement officers of the Baltimore City Police Department.
BY adding to
    Article – Public Safety
    Section 3–514
    Annotated Code of Maryland
    (2011 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 876 – Delegate Carter

AN ACT concerning

Public Safety – District Court Commissioner – Complaints of Police Brutality

FOR the purpose of authorizing a District Court commissioner to take a complaint from an arrested person against a law enforcement officer that alleges brutality related to the arrest in the execution of the law enforcement officer’s duties; providing that a complaint made under this Act shall be sworn to by the complainant and filed by the commissioner in accordance with a certain provision of law; and generally relating to District Court commissioners.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
    Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings
    Section 2–607(c)
    Annotated Code of Maryland
    (2013 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 877 – Delegate Parrott

AN ACT concerning

Civil Actions – Damage or Loss Related to Property Occurring After Completion of Improvement to Real Property

FOR the purpose of replacing references to “injury” to real or personal property with “damage or loss” to real or personal property in certain provisions of law related to causes of action for certain injuries occurring after completion of certain improvements to real property; making conforming changes; and generally relating to causes of action for injuries or damage or loss resulting from certain improvements to real property.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
    Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings
    Section 5–108
    Annotated Code of Maryland
House Bill 878 – Delegate Parrott

AN ACT concerning

Maryland Higher Education Commission – Religious Educational Institutions – Authority to Operate

FOR the purpose of repealing a certain condition under which a religious educational institution may operate without a certificate of approval from the Maryland Higher Education Commission and may enroll certain students in a certain online distance education program without a certain registration; and generally relating to the authority of religious educational institutions to operate without certificates of approval from the Maryland Higher Education Commission.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Education
Section 11–202.1
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

House Bill 879 – Delegate Carter

AN ACT concerning

Public Safety – Imitation Firearms – Prohibition

FOR the purpose of prohibiting the sale, offer of sale, possession, use, attempt to use, or transfer of a certain imitation firearm; defining certain terms; establishing certain criminal penalties; authorizing the Attorney General to file a civil action to enjoin violation of this Act; authorizing a circuit court to enjoin a violation of this Act; establishing certain exceptions; and generally relating to imitation firearms.

BY adding to
Article – Public Safety
Section 5–601 through 5–603 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 6. Imitation Firearms”
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2011 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)
House Bill 880 – Delegates Rosenberg, Carr, Carter, and Oaks

AN ACT concerning


FOR the purpose of requiring a contractor to obtain a permit for demolition work in a certain manner; requiring certain contractors to obtain a demolition permit from the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation; requiring the demolition permit applicant to submit a certain application to the Department and pay a certain fee to the Department; requiring the Department to adopt certain regulations; establishing a certain presumption; providing for the application of this Act; defining certain terms; and generally relating to demolition permits.

BY adding to
Article – Public Safety
Section 12–705
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2011 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 881 – Delegate Carter

AN ACT concerning

Business Regulation – Marketing Synthetic Drugs – Penalties

FOR the purpose of prohibiting a person that holds a certain license from possessing, providing, distributing, displaying, selling, or marketing a certain synthetic drug with the intent that it be used as a recreational drug; providing certain factors to be treated as indicia that a product is a certain synthetic drug; providing that certain proof is prima facie evidence of a violation of this Act; requiring that a certain person must permit the Comptroller to inspect certain records and products; authorizing the Comptroller to suspend or revoke a certain license under certain circumstances; requiring the Comptroller to give a certain person an opportunity for a certain hearing under certain circumstances; authorizing the Comptroller to make a certain order or seize certain products in certain circumstances; providing that certain seized property shall be deemed contraband of law; providing for the vesting of certain seized property; providing for the forfeiture of certain property; providing that the requirements of this Act are in addition to and do not exempt a certain person from certain obligations; establishing penalties for a violation of this Act; defining a certain term; and generally relating to marketing synthetic drugs.

BY adding to
Article – Business Regulation
Section 17–20B–01 through 17–20B–06 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 20B. Marketing Synthetic Drugs”
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 882 – Delegates Carter and Anderson

AN ACT concerning

Inmates – Life Imprisonment – Parole Reform

FOR the purpose of repealing certain provisions that provide that inmates serving a term of life imprisonment may be paroled only with the Governor’s approval, subject to certain provisions; repealing certain provisions that require certain parole decisions to be transmitted to the Governor under certain circumstances; repealing certain provisions that authorize the Governor to disapprove certain parole decisions in a certain manner; repealing certain provisions that provide that if the Governor does not disapprove a certain parole decision in a certain manner within a certain time period, the decision becomes effective; and generally relating to sentences of life imprisonment.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Correctional Services
Section 4–305(b) and 7–301(d)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2008 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

INTRODUCTION OF JOINT RESOLUTIONS


A House Joint Resolution concerning

Reinstatement of the Separation of Commercial and Investment Banking Functions

FOR the purpose of urging the United States Congress to support efforts to reinstate the separation of commercial and investment banking functions in effect under the Glass–Steagall Act and to support H. R. 381 and S. 1709.
Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

FIRST READING OF SENATE BILLS

Senate Bill 105 – Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee
(By Request – Departmental – NE Maryland Waste Disposal Authority)

AN ACT concerning

Northeast Maryland Waste Disposal Authority – Name and Authority

FOR the purpose of changing the name of the Northeast Maryland Waste Disposal Authority to be the Maryland Regional Resource Management Authority; authorizing the Authority to acquire, construct, reconstruct, rehabilitate, improve, maintain, equip, lease, repair, and operate a resource recovery park; requiring the Authority to utilize a certain zero waste hierarchy, to the extent practicable, under certain circumstances; requiring the publishers of the Annotated Code of Maryland, in consultation with the Department of Legislative Services, to replace references in the Code to the term “Northeast Maryland Waste Disposal Authority” with the term “Maryland Regional Resource Management Authority”; declaring the intent of the General Assembly; altering a certain definition; defining a certain term terms; and generally relating to the name and authority of the Northeast Maryland Waste Disposal Authority.

BY renumbering
Article – Natural Resources
Section 3–904(h) through (j), respectively
to be Section 3–904(i) through (k), respectively
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Natural Resources
Section 3–901 and 3–903(a)(1) to be under the amended subtitle “Subtitle 9. Maryland Regional Resource Management Authority”
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Natural Resources
Section 3–904(f)(3) and (h), and (l) and 3–905(c)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)
MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET NO. 1 – FISCAL YEAR 2017
(See Exhibit H of Appendix II)

WASHINGTON’S DAY ADDRESS

Delegate William C. Smith, Jr.
Montgomery County

INTRODUCTION

Mr. Speaker, distinguished members of the House of Delegates, and guests, it is my distinct honor and pleasure to deliver this year’s George Washington address.

The Washington speech has been given annually since 1955 — over 61 years ago. That means that some of you here tonight have actually heard some variant of this speech at least 40 times – you know who you are...

The challenge then becomes what can I offer to you tonight that hasn’t been offered countless times before? And I think the answer is the connection to the contemporary. After all, our time has never been and will never be again. In a letter to John Armstrong, a major General of the Continental Army during the revolutionary war, Washington wrote “we should not look back unless it is to derive useful lessons from past errors, and for the purpose of profiting by dearly bought experience.” And it is in this vein, drawing upon Washington’s lessons and applying them to our time, that I hope to offer something we can profit from.

Washington’s life example, perhaps more so than any other “founding father”, serves as a mirror constantly reflecting our complexities as a people.

Our State, the great State of Maryland, has played a central role in political Americana since the founding of our nation. Four Marylanders became radical revolutionists, signing the Declaration of Independence; three Marylanders signed to ratify the new American Constitution, forever binding Maryland to a new nation as the seventh state. The Old Line State is where the Treaty of Paris was signed by the Continental Congress ending the Revolutionary War. Maryland’s historic State House was where George Washington became the American Cincinnatus, famously resigning his commission as Commander in Chief to the Continental Congress. Maryland is also the birthplace of our national anthem.
These are fascinating and inspirational stories reflective how far we as Marylanders, as Americans, have come. These stories also serve as examples of how we must ever-strive for fair treatment and equal access under the law. It is a reminder of how each generation benefits from the sacrifices of those that came before. We are beneficiaries of this most sacred struggle. It is therefore incumbent upon us to learn the stories of these trailblazers with the hopes that we might one day live up to the promise of their sacrifice. Washington’s promise to our nation was the opportunity to ensure that the work we do here today would a modest role in inspiring generations of leaders to fight for the America and the Maryland that “hasn’t yet been but one day must be.”

As the old adage goes:

We build on foundations we did not lay  
We warm ourselves by fires we did not light  
We sit in the shade of trees we did not plant  
We drink from wells we did not dig  
We profit from persons we did not know

So my goal here tonight is to take a few moments to tease out the good and the bad and apply those lessons to our opportunity today. And specifically to touch on the just use of power; our obligation to ensure equality for all, and the power of compromise – Because we all have the challenge to live up to the promise of the office to which we have been elected.

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Just Use of Power and The American Cincinnatus

Robert Frost once said that George Washington was one of the few men in all of human history that could not be carried away with power – a valuable lesson for us all. Whether real or perceived, too often our government officials seek to gain and retain power and forget why. Too often we forget to fight for, as Wes Moore put it so eloquently earlier this year – the “other.”

Washington’s life is replete with examples of his sacrifice for the “other” and his willingness to relinquish power. Perhaps none more than his service in the Continental Army. His military service and valor are the most important militaristic acts in American military history and served to sustain a fledgling dream that would one day become our nation. A tradition of service many of our colleagues in this chamber have kept alive until this day. In fact would all of the service members of this body please rise to be recognized? Thank you for your service!

After leading the war of independence for eight years Washington could have retained his power. Instead in perhaps one of the single most important acts in modern human history, at noon on December 23, 1783, Washington walked into the Maryland State House and just across the hall surrendered his commission as commander in chief to
Congress. Never before in modern history had this happened and it was this act that opened the doors to our form of government. In doing so he said he said:

“Having now finished the work assigned me, I retire from the great theater of action; and bidding an affectionate farewell to this August body under whose orders I have so long acted, I here offer my commission, and take my leave of all employments of public life.”

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Our Promise to Seek Equality for All

The promise and the problem with enshrining our public officials in idolatry is that for better or worse we take what we want from their life’s example and tend not to learn from some of the less glamorous aspects of their life: Father of our nation, the American Cincinnatus, a man who could not tell a lie, military genius – slave holder, mediocre military tactician, perpetuator of America’s original sin.

The truth is that George Washington was a great man, perhaps the greatest man of his time and without him our experiment, and our beautiful struggle would not be possible today. Washington’s inaugural address was full of inspirational expressions of equality and fairness. Like many of our founding fathers, however, Washington’s example, for better or worse also shows us the importance of our struggle for equality. In Washington’s time state legislatures set excessively high property qualifications for voting and for holding office. In South Carolina, not only did you have to be a white man you also had to have had assets amounting to $750,000 in today’s money to vote or to stand for election. This resulted in a small group of the most powerful northern merchant-bankers and southern plantation owners having a tight collective grip on the reins of power.

The debate over money in politics and access to the franchise rages on today. Here on this House floor we engaged in a vigorous debate on who would have access to that access to the franchise. We’ve also debated what neighborhoods would have access to the ballot box. Our challenge when wrestling with these issues is to live the up the potential Washington and the other founding fathers dreamt for our nation. In a letter to none other than Benedict Arnold Washington said “While we are contending for our own liberty, we should be very cautious not to violate the rights of conscience in others, ever considering that God alone is the judge of the hearts of men, and to him only in this case they are answerable.”

Washington also presided over the constitutional convention that among other things resulted in the adoption of the three-fifths clause enshrining inequality in the Constitution. On the 200th anniversary of the ratification of the US Constitution, Thurgood Marshall, the first African American to sit on the Supreme Court and a Marylander, said that the Constitution was “defective from the start.” He pointed out that the framers had left out a majority of Americans when they wrote the phrase, “We the People.” While some members of the Constitutional Convention voiced “eloquent objections” to slavery, Marshall said they “consented to a document which laid a foundation for the tragic events which were to follow.” The notorious three-fifths clause—which counted three-fifths of a state’s
slave population in apportioning representation—gave the South extra representation in the House of Representatives and extra votes in the Electoral College all the while denying the humanity of African Americans.

It must also be noted that Washington himself owned slaves – in fact at one point he owned over 300 slaves. Now it is true that upon his death he freed a number of them and instructed that they should be educated. It is also true that he actively worked to ensure the continuation of their bondage until his death. For example In 1790 Congress transferred the national capital to Philadelphia for a ten-year period of time while the new capital city of Washington, was being constructed on the banks of the Potomac River. At the time Pennsylvania had something called the Gradual Abolition Act. The Act required the act required slaves kept for more than 6 months must be freed. To ensure his slaves would remain in bondage Washington was sure not to spend more than 6 months at a time in Pennsylvania and constantly rotated his slaves in an out of the state.

So, what are we to make of this? The rich complexity of Washington serves again as an example of how we must be ever-vigilant and fight for equality in all corners of our state. For when we fail to take this obligation seriously we leave people out, we over incarcerate, under-educate, and under employ. Make no mistake, this lack of opportunity results on what some have called a cycle of modern bondage.

So let’s keep Washington in mind when we debate Justice Reinvestment, funding for education and our tax structure.

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Compromise is Not a Bad Thing Especially During This time of Divided Government

In this time of divided government it is easy to become disillusioned with the process. The Governor’s speech last week and his overtures of bipartisanship was truly Washingtonian. While presiding over the Constitutional convention Washington noted that “every state has some objection. That which is most pleasing to one is obnoxious to another and vice versa. If then the union of the whole is a desirable object, the parts which compose it must yield a little in order to accomplish it.” So as we move forward in this legislative session let us remember that if progress is what we desire compromise in the Washingtonian sense will benefit our state a great deal.

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Conclusion

And so, finally, I will leave you with this. I don’t have to tell you that the opportunity to serve in this body is a gift. We have been given this most sacred trust and there is perhaps no other American in our history more responsible that opportunity than George Washington. It is his example that should encourage us to elevate our politics so that the
best ideas, not partisan ideas, rise to the top. Together there is nothing we can’t accomplish and it is only through collaboration that we will ever live up to Washington’s promise.

Serving in this body has already been the greatest pleasure of my life and I can say with full confidence that I have the highest level of respect and love for all of you. I thank you all for taking the time to listen to my thoughts tonight.

God bless you and God speed.

Delegate Kaiser moved the Delegate’s remarks be journalized.

The motion was adopted.

QUORUM CALL

The presiding officer announced a quorum call, showing 137 Members present.

(See Roll Call No. 54)

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:36 P.M. on motion of Delegate Kaiser the House adjourned until 10:00 A.M. on Tuesday, February 9, 2016.
The House met at 10:07 A.M. and pledged Allegiance to the Flag.

Prayer by Delegate C.T. Wilson of Charles County.

QUORUM CALL

The presiding officer announced a quorum call, showing 125 Members present.

(See Roll Call No. 55)

The Journal of February 8, 2016 was read and approved.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

FIRST READING OF SENATE BILLS

Senate Bill 54 – Senators Middleton and Ferguson

EMERGENCY BILL

AN ACT concerning

Public Utilities – Transportation Network Services and For–Hire Transportation – Clarifications

FOR the purpose of clarifying certain provisions relating to transportation network services and for–hire transportation; expanding the types of insurers writing motor vehicle liability insurance that may exclude certain coverage under certain circumstances; altering the entities that may conduct a certain criminal history records check for sedan companies, limousine companies, taxicab companies, and transportation network companies; delaying the date by which the Public Service Commission may not require a certain applicant for a for–hire driver’s license or transportation network operator’s license to comply with a certain criminal history records check; authorizing certain taxicabs to be equipped with a certain device approved by the Commission; allowing the Public Service Commission to disclose certain records or information required by certain orders; allowing the Commission to disclose to the Comptroller certain records or information that relate to certain assessments or obligations; requiring the Commission to provide certain information to the Comptroller on request; clarifying that a certain license hearing officer may hold...
certain hearings involving certain violations by a transportation network operator, transportation network partner, or transportation network driver licensed or otherwise authorized to provide transportation network services; allowing a certain license hearing officer to hold certain hearings involving certain violations by a sedan company, limousine company, taxicab company, or transportation network company; clarifying that the For–Hire Driving Services Enforcement Fund may be used solely for certain activities related to for–hire driving services; prohibiting a transportation network company from operating in the State unless the transportation network company has been issued a certain permit; requiring the Commission to promptly notify a transportation network company of a certain order under certain circumstances; prohibiting an exempt jurisdiction from imposing more than one assessment or similar charge on a transportation network service; specifying that the sum of certain assessments may not exceed a certain amount; specifying whether a certain county or municipal corporation may impose an assessment; requiring a certain county to notify certain municipal corporations under certain circumstances; requiring a certain municipal corporation to notify a certain county under certain circumstances; specifying when a municipal corporation has certain priority over a county to impose an assessment; specifying when a county has certain priority over a certain municipal corporation; requiring a county and a municipal corporation that enter into a certain agreement to provide a copy of the agreement to the Comptroller; providing the time period and notification requirement before a certain assessment or change in assessment is to take effect; requiring, at the Comptroller’s discretion, the Comptroller to distribute assessments in a certain manner; prohibiting the Comptroller from disclosing certain records or information except under certain circumstances; authorizing the Comptroller to review or inspect certain information in a certain manner; requiring that certain provisions of law govern the administration, collection, enforcement, and appeals of certain revenues; requiring the Comptroller to enforce certain provisions of law; clarifying that a person is prohibited from operating a vehicle that provides passenger–for–hire services in the State unless the person is licensed or otherwise authorized by the Commission as a transportation network operator, transportation network partner, or transportation network driver; prohibiting a person from operating a transportation network company unless the person has been issued a certain permit by the Commission; altering a certain definition; altering a certain intent of the General Assembly; making stylistic changes; making technical corrections; making this Act an emergency measure; and generally relating to transportation network services and for–hire transportation.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Insurance
Section 19–517(c)(1), (2), and (5) and (d)(2) and (3) and 19–517.1
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2011 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Public Utilities
Section 10–101(a), (d), (g), and (m), 10–104.1(a), 10–210(a), and 10–404(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2010 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Public Utilities
Section 10–101(l), 10–104.1(b), (d), (e), and (h), 10–110(b), 10–112(e), 10–210(b),
10–404(b), (d), (e), and (h), 10–406, and 10–502
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2010 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Public Utilities
Section 10–101(n)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2010 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)
(As enacted by Chapter 204 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2015)

BY adding to
Article – Public Utilities
Section 10–403.1
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2010 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Chapter 204 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2015
Section 2

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS REPORT #1

Delegate McIntosh, Chair, for the Committee on Appropriations reported favorably:

House Bill 84 – The Speaker (By Request – Department of Legislative Services)

AN ACT concerning

State Government – Office of Legislative Audits – Alterations in Audit Requirements

Favorable report adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

Delegate McIntosh, Chair, for the Committee on Appropriations reported favorably:
House Bill 379 – Delegate B. Barnes (Chair, Joint Committee on Pensions)

AN ACT concerning

Employees’ and Teachers’ Pension Systems – Reformed Contributory Pension Benefit – Eligibility Service Clarifications

Favorable report adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

Delegate McIntosh, Chair, for the Committee on Appropriations reported favorably:

House Bill 380 – Delegate B. Barnes (Chair, Joint Committee on Pensions)

AN ACT concerning

State Retirement and Pension System – Local Fire and Police System – Commingling of Assets

Favorable report adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

SPEAKER’S SOCIETY PRESENTATIONS

SPEAKER’S MEDALLION AWARD
Awarded to: Robert A. Chrencik, President & CEO,
University of Maryland Medical System
and E. Albert Reece, MD, PhD, MBA,
Vice President of Medical Affairs, University of Maryland

THOMAS KENNEDY AWARD
Awarded to: Honorable Elizabeth Smith–Anderson of Anne Arundel County

CASPER R. TAYLOR, JR. FOUNDER’S AWARD
Awarded to: Delegate Samuel “Sandy” Rosenberg of Baltimore City

CLERK’S OFFICE RECEIPTS AND MESSAGES TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR 2015 OVERRIDDEN VETOED BILLS
(SEE EXHIBIT D OF APPENDIX II)

QUORUM CALL

The presiding officer announced a quorum call, showing 137 Members present.
(See Roll Call No. 56)

ADJOURNMENT

At 10:58 A.M. on motion of Delegate Kaiser the House adjourned until 10:00 A.M. on Wednesday, February 10, 2016.
Annapolis, Maryland  
Wednesday, February 10, 2016

The House met at 10:10 A.M. and pledged Allegiance to the Flag.

Prayer by Delegate Robert B. Long of Baltimore County.

QUORUM CALL

The presiding officer announced a quorum call, showing 136 Members present.

(See Roll Call No. 57)

EXCUSES:
Del. Bromwell – illness
Del. Carr – personal

The Journal of February 9, 2016 was read and approved.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

House Bill 883 – Delegates A. Miller, Brooks, Gutierrez, Jalisi, Korman, Lam, and S. Robinson

AN ACT concerning

Public Schools – Synthetic Turf Fields – Informational Signs

FOR the purpose of requiring a public elementary or secondary school to post a certain sign in a conspicuous location at any synthetic turf field that is on property owned by a local government or local school system and is used by the school for school activities; requiring a certain sign at a certain synthetic turf field to inform users of certain recommended precautions; and generally relating to the posting of precautions at synthetic turf fields.

BY adding to

Article – Education
Section 7–438
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.
House Bill 884 – St. Mary’s County Delegation

AN ACT concerning

St. Mary’s County – Taxicabs – Repeal of Local Provisions

FOR the purpose of repealing provisions of law that relate to the regulation of taxicabs in St. Mary’s County; and generally relating to the repeal of provisions of law that relate to taxicabs in St. Mary’s County.

BY repealing

The Public Local Laws of St. Mary’s County
Section 133–1 through 133–3 and the chapter “Chapter 133. Taxicabs”

Article 19 – Public Local Laws of Maryland
(2007 Edition and March 2014 Supplement, as amended)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 885 – Delegates Vogt, Glass, McKay, Metzgar, Moon, and Shoemaker

AN ACT concerning

Behavioral Health Administration – Creation and Maintenance of Mental Health Professional Profiles
(Patient Protection Provider Information Act)

FOR the purpose of requiring the Behavioral Health Administration to create and maintain public individual profiles for certain mental health professionals that include certain information; requiring the Administration to provide a mechanism for the notification and prompt correction of factual inaccuracies in certain profiles; requiring the State Board of Physicians and the State Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists to provide promptly to the Administration certain information required for the creation and maintenance of certain profiles; defining certain terms; and generally relating to the creation and maintenance of mental health professional profiles by the Behavioral Health Administration.

BY adding to

Article – Health – General
Section 7.5–207
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Health Occupations
Section 14–101(b) and 17–101(e)
Annotated Code of Maryland
BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
   Article – Health Occupations
   Section 14–411.1(d) and 17–205(b)
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 886 – Delegate West

AN ACT concerning

Maryland Medical Assistance Program – Telemedicine – Modifications

FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, under certain circumstances, to include primary care providers in the types of health care providers eligible to receive reimbursement for health care services that are delivered through telemedicine and provided to Maryland Medical Assistance Program recipients; prohibiting the Department from requiring a health care provider to comply with administrative requirements for reimbursement for health care services that are delivered through telemedicine that are not required for reimbursement for health care services that are delivered in person; requiring the Department to provide an opportunity for stakeholders to participate in the development of certain regulations; requiring the Department to submit a draft of the regulations to certain legislative committees and provide a certain period of time for review and comment; and generally relating to Maryland Medical Assistance Program reimbursement for health care services that are delivered through telemedicine.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
   Article – Health – General
   Section 15–105.2
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2015 Replacement Volume)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 887 – Delegate West

AN ACT concerning

Maryland Trust Act – Representation

FOR the purpose of providing that, if a minor, an incapacitated, unborn, or unknown individual, or an individual whose location is unknown and not reasonably ascertainable is not otherwise represented under a certain provision of law relating
to certain trusts, a grandparent or more remote ancestor may represent and bind that individual in certain circumstances; authorizing a minor, an incapacitated or unborn individual, or an individual whose identity or location is unknown and not reasonably ascertainable to be represented by and bound by another having a substantially identical interest with respect to a particular question or dispute that arises under a certain provision of law relating to certain trusts in certain circumstances; and generally relating to trusts.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
   Article – Estates and Trusts
   Section 14.5–303
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2011 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY adding to
   Article – Estates and Trusts
   Section 14.5–304
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2011 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 888 – Delegate West

AN ACT concerning

Maryland Trust Act – Nonjudicial Settlement Agreements

FOR the purpose of authorizing, on or after a certain date, certain interested persons to enter into a certain nonjudicial settlement agreement with respect to a matter involving a trust; providing that the nonjudicial settlement agreement is valid only to a certain extent; authorizing an interested person to request a court to make certain determinations with respect to the agreement; defining a certain term; and generally relating to the Maryland Trust Act and certain nonjudicial settlement agreements.

BY adding to
   Article – Estates and Trusts
   Section 14.5–111
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2011 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 889 – St. Mary’s County Delegation

AN ACT concerning
St. Mary’s County – Metropolitan Commission Bonds – Extension of Maximum Maturity Date

FOR the purpose of altering the maximum period of time after which certain bonds issued by the St. Mary’s County Metropolitan Commission mature; and generally relating to the issuance of bonds by the St. Mary’s County Metropolitan Commission.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
   The Public Local Laws of St. Mary’s County
   Section 113–6
   Article 19 – Public Local Laws of Maryland
   (2007 Edition and March 2014 Supplement, as amended)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 890 – St. Mary’s County Delegation

AN ACT concerning

   St. Mary’s County – Local Landlord and Tenant Law – Repeal

FOR the purpose of repealing a certain provision of law concerning the return of goods to a tenant in an action for distress for rent in St. Mary’s County; and generally relating to landlord and tenant laws in St. Mary’s County.

BY repealing
   The Public Local Laws of St. Mary’s County
   Section 71–1 and the chapter “Chapter 71. Landlord and Tenant”
   Article 19 – Public Local Laws of Maryland
   (2007 Edition and March 2014 Supplement, as amended)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.


AN ACT concerning

   Maryland Transit Administration – Farebox Recovery Rate – Repeal

FOR the purpose of repealing the requirement that a certain percentage of operating costs for certain public transit services must be recovered by the Maryland Transit Administration from certain revenues; altering requirements for certain annual reports submitted by the Administration to certain committees of the General
Assembly; repealing the requirement that the Administration increase a certain base fare on a biennial basis; repealing the requirement that the Administration increase certain fares for transit service under certain circumstances; and generally relating to requirements for recovery of certain operating costs of certain public transit services from certain revenues.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
  Article – Transportation
  Section 7–208
  Annotated Code of Maryland
  (2015 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

House Bill 892 – Delegate Impallaria

AN ACT concerning

Harford County – Alcoholic Beverages – Movie Theater License

FOR the purpose of 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; specifying that the license entitles the holder to sell beer and wine for on–premises consumption; specifying the hours and days of sale; specifying a certain annual license fee; and generally relating to the sale of alcoholic beverages in Harford County.

BY adding to
  Article – Alcoholic Beverages
  Section 22–1005.1
  Annotated Code of Maryland
  (As enacted by Chapter ____ (S.B. _____)(6lr1406) of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2016)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 893 – Delegate B. Wilson

AN ACT concerning

Creation of a State Debt – Washington County – Robert W. Johnson Community Center

FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed $445,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Robert W. Johnson Community Center, Inc. for certain development or improvement purposes; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the
grantee provide and expend a matching fund; establishing a deadline for the encumbrance or expenditure of the loan proceeds; and providing generally for the issuance and sale of bonds evidencing the loan.

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

House Bill 894 – Carroll County Delegation

AN ACT concerning

Creation of a State Debt – Carroll County – Sykesville Freedom District Fire Department

FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed $50,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Sykesville Freedom District Fire Department, Inc. for certain development or improvement purposes; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; establishing a deadline for the encumbrance or expenditure of the loan proceeds; and providing generally for the issuance and sale of bonds evidencing the loan.

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

House Bill 895 – Delegate Kaiser

AN ACT concerning

Task Force to Study the Implementation of a Dyslexia Education Program – Extension

FOR the purpose of altering the date by which the Task Force to Study the Implementation of a Dyslexia Education Program is required to submit certain findings and recommendations; extending the termination date of the Task Force; and generally relating to the Task Force to Study the Implementation of a Dyslexia Education Program.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Section 1(g) and 2

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 896 – Delegate Conaway

AN ACT concerning
Drivers’ Licenses and Identification Cards – Notation of Consent to Experimental Emergency Medical Treatment

FOR the purpose of requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration to make a certain notation on a driver’s license or identification card of an individual who consents to experimental lifesaving emergency medical treatment when the applicant is incapacitated and unable to provide consent; requiring the Administration to provide certain notice concerning removal of the notation; authorizing the Administration to adopt certain regulations; and generally relating to a notation of consent to experimental emergency medical treatment on drivers’ licenses and identification cards.

BY adding to
Article – Transportation
Section 12–305
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 897 – Delegates Luedtke and Kaiser

AN ACT concerning

Creation of a State Debt – Montgomery County – Maydale Nature Center

FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed $75,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Maryland–National Capital Park and Planning Commission for certain development or improvement purposes; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; establishing a deadline for the encumbrance or expenditure of the loan proceeds; and providing generally for the issuance and sale of bonds evidencing the loan.

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.


AN ACT concerning

Property Tax Credit – Elderly Individuals and Veterans
FOR the purpose of authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City and the
governing body of a county or municipal corporation to provide a property tax credit
against the county or municipal corporation property tax imposed on the dwelling of
certain individuals who are elderly or veterans; providing for the amount and
duration of the tax credit; authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City
and the governing body of a county or municipal corporation to provide for certain
matters relating to the tax credit; defining certain terms; providing for the
application of this Act; and generally relating to a property tax credit for certain
individuals who are elderly or veterans.

BY adding to
Article – Tax – Property
Section 9–257
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 899 – Delegates Conaway, Hayes, and B. Robinson

AN ACT concerning

Creation of a State Debt – Baltimore City – Druid Hill Park at Auchentoroly Terrace

FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed $100,000, the
proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Parks & People
Foundation, Inc. for certain development or improvement purposes; providing for
disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide
and expend a matching fund; establishing a deadline for the encumbrance or
expenditure of the loan proceeds; and providing generally for the issuance and sale
of bonds evidencing the loan.

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

House Bill 900 – Delegate Frick

AN ACT concerning

Motor Vehicle Insurance – Personal Injury Protection – Optional Coverage

FOR the purpose of requiring certain insurers to offer, instead of provide, certain motor
vehicle liability insurance coverage for certain medical, hospital, and disability
benefits; authorizing a certain first named insured to exclude from certain coverage
benefits for certain individuals; providing that an exclusion from certain benefits
constitutes an exclusion from all benefits described in certain provisions of law;
authorizing certain individuals to recover certain benefits under certain
circumstances; requiring an insurer to provide a certain notice to a certain first named insured; prohibiting an insurer from refusing to underwrite a certain person under certain circumstances; providing that an insurer is subject to certain penalties for a certain violation; repealing a requirement that a certain first named insured make a waiver of certain benefits under certain circumstances; repealing certain provisions of law relating to a certain waiver, including what the waiver constitutes, who is bound by the waiver, who may recover benefits if there is a waiver, when the waiver is effective, and how the waiver is made; repealing a requirement that a certain security provide certain personal injury protection benefits under certain circumstances; and generally relating to optional personal injury protection coverage under policies of motor vehicle liability insurance.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Insurance
Section 19–505
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2011 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing
Article – Insurance
Section 19–506
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2011 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Transportation
Section 17–103
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 901 – Delegates Kramer, Cullison, and Morales

AN ACT concerning

Creation of a State Debt – Montgomery County – Melvin J. Berman Hebrew Academy

FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt in the amount of $100,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Melvin J. Berman Hebrew Academy for certain development or improvement purposes; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; prohibiting the use of the loan proceeds or matching fund for sectarian religious purposes; establishing a deadline for the encumbrance or expenditure of the loan proceeds; and providing generally for the issuance and sale of bonds evidencing the loan.
Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

House Bill 902 – Delegates Kramer, Cullison, and Morales

AN ACT concerning

Creation of a State Debt – Montgomery County – Homecrest House

FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed $120,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the National Capital B’nai B’rith Housing Foundation, Inc. for certain development or improvement purposes; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; establishing a deadline for the encumbrance or expenditure of the loan proceeds; and providing generally for the issuance and sale of bonds evidencing the loan.

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

House Bill 903 – Delegate Frick

AN ACT concerning

Commercial Law – Consumer Protection – Ticket Transfers, Sales, and Resales

FOR the purpose of prohibiting a ticket seller or an operator of a ticket seller’s Web site from prohibiting the transfer of a certain ticket, requiring an additional fee for the transfer of a certain ticket, or requiring a purchaser of a ticket to present certain identification or a certain credit card to gain entry to an entertainment event; and generally relating to the purchase and transfer of tickets.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Commercial Law
Section 14–4001
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2013 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – Commercial Law
Section 14–4002.1
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2013 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 904 – Delegates Sydnor, Grammer, Metzgar, and Miele
AN ACT concerning

Criminal Procedure – Cell Site Simulator Technology

FOR the purpose of authorizing a court to issue an order authorizing or directing a law enforcement officer to use a certain cell site simulator device after making a certain determination; requiring an application for a certain court order to contain certain information; requiring a certain affidavit to contain certain information; requiring a certain order to contain certain information; requiring a law enforcement agency authorized to use a cell site simulator device in accordance with this Act to take certain actions; limiting the period of time during which certain information may be obtained under a certain court order; requiring that certain information shall begin to be obtained by a certain law enforcement officer at a certain time, or a certain order shall be delivered to a certain service provider at a certain time; providing that a certain order is void at a certain time under certain circumstances; providing that the authority to obtain certain information under a certain order may be extended beyond a certain time under certain circumstances; requiring a certain notice to be delivered to a certain user and subscriber under certain circumstances; requiring a certain notice to contain certain information; requiring a certain notice to be delivered at a certain time; authorizing the court to order that a certain application, affidavit, and order be sealed and that certain notification be delayed under certain circumstances; providing that a certain finding of good cause may be established by certain evidence; providing that certain discovery is subject to certain court rules; providing that certain evidence is not admissible in a certain proceeding, with a certain exception; authorizing a certain law enforcement officer to obtain certain information for a certain time period under certain circumstances; requiring a certain law enforcement officer to file with the court a certain application at a certain time under certain circumstances; providing that a certain person may not be held civilly liable for providing certain information in compliance with this Act; requiring each law enforcement agency to report certain information regarding the use of cell site simulators to the Department of State Police annually on or before a certain date; requiring the Department of State Police to compile certain information collected regarding the use of cell site simulators and post the compilation on a certain Web site annually on or before a certain date; defining certain terms; and generally relating to cell site simulator technology.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Criminal Procedure
Section 1–203.1
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2008 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 905 – Delegates Morales, Cullison, and Kramer

AN ACT concerning
Creation of a State Debt – Montgomery County – Montgomery Hospice Casey

FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed $120,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of Montgomery Hospice, Inc. for certain development or improvement purposes; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; establishing a deadline for the encumbrance or expenditure of the loan proceeds; and providing generally for the issuance and sale of bonds evidencing the loan.

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

House Bill 906 – Delegate Sydnor

AN ACT concerning

Correctional Services – Special Requirements for Elderly, Chronically Ill, and Terminally Ill Inmates

FOR the purpose of requiring each State and local correctional facility to accommodate the special needs of elderly, chronically ill, and terminally ill inmates and detainees in accordance with standards, guidelines, and recommendations issued or endorsed by the National Institute of Corrections; requiring the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services to designate certain sites for the housing of inmates who are over a certain age, chronically ill, and terminally ill; requiring certain sites to be staffed by certain specially trained individuals and to be fully equipped with certain safety and comfort features; establishing compassionate release as a form of release from incarceration for inmates over a certain age under certain circumstances; establishing a means of initiating consideration by the Maryland Parole Commission of the appropriateness of granting compassionate release; requiring the Commission to provide for a compassionate release hearing on receipt of a certain request; requiring the Commission to appoint a certain guardian to represent the best interests of a certain person under certain circumstances; authorizing the Commission to grant compassionate release on a certain finding; requiring the Commission to impose certain conditions in conjunction with compassionate release; authorizing the Commission to impose certain conditions in conjunction with compassionate release; authorizing a certain person who is denied compassionate release by the Commission to request an additional compassionate release hearing at a certain time; providing that a certain person who is denied compassionate release by the Commission may not be housed with the general population in a correctional facility, shall be housed in a separate area of a correctional facility reserved exclusively for the elderly, and shall be provided with certain services that specifically address the needs of the elderly; providing for the applicability of compassionate release proceedings of provisions of law concerning victim notification and participation in parole proceedings; requiring the Commission to adopt certain
regulations; and generally relating to elderly, chronically ill, and terminally ill inmates.

BY adding to Article – Correctional Services Section 7–309.1, 9–614, and 10–802 Annotated Code of Maryland (2008 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 907 – Delegate Sample–Hughes

AN ACT concerning

Creation of a State Debt – Dorchester County – Chesapeake Grove Senior Housing and Intergenerational Center

FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed $500,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Delmarva Community Services, Inc. for certain development or improvement purposes; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; establishing a deadline for the encumbrance or expenditure of the loan proceeds; and providing generally for the issuance and sale of bonds evidencing the loan.

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.


AN ACT concerning

Hospitals – Establishment of Substance Use Treatment Programs – Requirements

FOR the purpose of requiring certain hospitals to establish a certain substance use treatment program; providing for the purpose of the program; requiring certain hospitals to operate or contract to operate certain treatment units; requiring the program to include a substance use treatment counselor who is available on a certain basis and provides certain services; requiring the Health Services Cost Review Commission to include sufficient amounts to fund certain costs of the substance use treatment programs established under certain provisions of this Act when establishing certain rate levels and rate increases; requiring the Commission, or an entity authorized by the Commission, to develop a certain methodology and conduct
a certain analysis; and generally relating to substance use treatment programs in hospitals.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
   Article – Health – General
   Section 19–219
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2015 Replacement Volume)

BY adding to
   Article – Health – General
   Section 19–310.3
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2015 Replacement Volume)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 909 – Delegates A. Miller, Brooks, Gutierrez, Jalisi, Kelly, Korman, Lam, Platt, S. Robinson, and Turner

AN ACT concerning

   Task Force to Study Paid Parental Leave Policies

FOR the purpose of creating a Task Force to Study Paid Parental Leave Policies; providing for the membership, chair, and staffing of the Task Force; prohibiting a member of the Task Force from receiving certain compensation, but authorizing the reimbursement of certain expenses; requiring the Task Force to study and make recommendations regarding certain matters; requiring the Task Force to report to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before a certain date; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to a Task Force to Study Paid Parental Leave Policies.

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

House Bill 910 – Delegates C. Wilson, Atterbeary, C. Howard, Patterson, Vaughn, and M. Washington

AN ACT concerning

   State Personnel – Innovative Idea Awards Program – Additional Cash Awards

FOR the purpose of requiring that a certain additional cash award provided to certain State employees under the Innovative Idea Awards Program for certain innovative ideas shall be equal to a certain percentage of the savings or gain to the State from the innovative idea; repealing a certain limitation on the amount of a certain cash award; prohibiting any member of the Governor Awards Panel from receiving certain
compensation; and generally relating to awards made under the State Innovative Idea Awards Program.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
  Article – State Personnel and Pensions
  Section 10–203
  Annotated Code of Maryland
  (2015 Replacement Volume)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.


AN ACT concerning
  
  Family Law – Marriage – Age Requirements
  
FOR the purpose of repealing certain provisions authorizing certain individuals under the age of majority to marry under certain circumstances; making certain conforming changes; and generally relating to marriage.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
  Article – Family Law
  Section 2–301, 2–402(f), and 2–405
  Annotated Code of Maryland
  (2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 912 – Delegate Frick

AN ACT concerning
  
  Motor Vehicle Insurance – Program to Incentivize and Enable Uninsured Vehicle Owners to Be Insured
  
FOR the purpose of establishing in the Motor Vehicle Administration the Program to Incentivize and Enable Uninsured Vehicle Owners to Be Insured; specifying the purpose of the Program; specifying the Program period; specifying the eligibility requirements for vehicle owners participating in the Program; requiring the Administration to notify certain vehicle owners in a certain manner; requiring a certain notice to include certain information; requiring the Administration to waive a portion of certain delinquent uninsured vehicle penalties of certain vehicle owners; specifying the conditions under which a portion of certain delinquent uninsured vehicle penalties may be waived; requiring a certain vehicle owner to pay a certain
amount owed under a certain circumstance; requiring a vehicle owner to purchase and maintain a certain required security under a certain circumstance; allowing the Administration to adopt certain regulations; requiring the Administration to coordinate with the Maryland Insurance Administration to publicize the Program; requiring the Administration to make a certain report within a certain period of time; allowing the Administration to accept certain funding or other form of support from the Uninsured Claim and Judgment Fund of the Maryland Automobile Insurance Fund for a certain purpose; defining certain terms; and generally relating to the establishment of the Program, uninsured vehicle penalties, and motor vehicle insurance.

BY adding to
Article – Transportation
Section 17–111
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 913 – Delegates Aumann and West

AN ACT concerning

Land Use – Department of Planning – Permit for Development Projects

FOR the purpose of requiring a person that undertakes a certain development project to apply to the Department of Planning for a permit; requiring the Department to provide an opportunity for public comment on the permit application; requiring the Department to take certain factors into consideration when reviewing the permit application; requiring the Department to adopt certain regulations; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to development projects.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Land Use
Section 1–401 and 10–103
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Land Use
Section 1–601 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 6. Miscellaneous”
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Transportation
Section 8–725(e)
House Bill 914 – Delegate Carter

AN ACT concerning

Criminal Procedure – Expungement – Acquittal, Dismissal, and Nolle Prosequi

FOR the purpose of providing that a person who has been charged with the commission of a certain crime is entitled to automatic expungement of certain records under certain circumstances; requiring a certain court to take certain actions within a certain time after a certain disposition; requiring the Criminal Justice Information System Central Repository, a booking facility, and a certain law enforcement unit to take certain actions within a certain period of time after receipt of a certain notice; providing that a certain police or court record may not be expunged by obliteration during a certain time; requiring that certain records be removed to a certain area during a certain time; authorizing a certain person entitled to expungement to take certain actions if a court, a law enforcement unit, a booking facility, or the Central Repository fails to expunge a police or court record in accordance with this Act; providing that a person who is entitled to expungement under this Act may not be required to pay any fee or costs in connection with the expungement; making conforming changes; and generally relating to expungement.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Criminal Procedure
Section 10–105
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2008 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Criminal Procedure
Section 10–105.1
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2008 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 915 – Delegates Jacobs, Carozza, Cassilly, Hornberger, S. Howard, Malone, Mautz, Otto, and Reilly

AN ACT concerning

Crabs – Harvest Times – Trotlines and Crab Pots
FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of Natural Resources to adopt regulations that provide the option to a tidal fish licensee authorized to catch crabs using trotlines and crab pots to work certain hours during a certain time period; requiring a licensee who chooses a certain hours–of–work option to notify the Department of that choice by a certain date; prohibiting a licensee who chooses a certain hours–of–work option from changing that option until the following license year; requiring a licensee who chooses a certain hours–of–work option to affix a certain display on the licensee’s vessel signifying the choice of that option; and generally relating to harvest times for crabs using trotlines and crab pots.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Natural Resources
Section 4–803
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 916 – Delegates Jacobs, Carozza, Cassilly, Hornberger, S. Howard, Mautz, Otto, and Reilly

AN ACT concerning

Hard–Shell Clams – Use of Hydraulic Clam Dredge – Atlantic Coastal Bays

FOR the purpose of authorizing a person to catch hard–shell clams by hydraulic clam dredge in certain areas of the Atlantic Coastal Bays; prohibiting a person who catches hard–shell clams in the Atlantic Coastal Bays from using a hydraulic clam dredge that has a tooth bar that exceeds a certain length; limiting the number of licensees per vessel who may catch hard–shell clams by hydraulic clam dredge in the Atlantic Coastal Bays; requiring one licensee on a vessel catching hard–shell clams by hydraulic clam dredge in the Atlantic Coastal Bays to be the owner and operator of the vessel; establishing certain daily catch limits for and a certain season for catching hard–shell clams by hydraulic clam dredge in the Atlantic Coastal Bays; and generally relating to catching hard–shell clams by hydraulic clam dredge in the Atlantic Coastal Bays.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Natural Resources
Section 4–1002 and 4–1021.1
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 917 – St. Mary’s County Delegation
AN ACT concerning

St. Mary’s County – Property Tax Credit – New or Expanding Businesses

FOR the purpose of authorizing St. Mary’s County or a municipal corporation in St. Mary’s County to grant a property tax credit against the county or municipal corporation property tax imposed on property that is owned or leased by certain new or expanding businesses; providing that the property tax credit may not be granted for more than a certain number of years; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to a property tax credit for new or expanding businesses in St. Mary’s County.

BY adding to
Article – Tax – Property
Section 9–320(d)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 918 – Delegates Jacobs, Carozza, Cassilly, Hornberger, S. Howard, Malone, Mautz, Otto, and Reilly

AN ACT concerning

Oyster Poaching – Administrative Penalties – Gear Violations

FOR the purpose of repealing the offense of taking oysters with certain gear in certain areas that is subject to certain enhanced administrative penalties; establishing the offense of taking oysters with a power dredge in certain areas that is subject to certain enhanced administrative penalties; and generally relating to administrative penalties for oyster poaching gear violations.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Natural Resources
Section 4–1210
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 919 – Delegate Jameson

AN ACT concerning

Portable Electronics Insurance – Compensation of Vendor Employees – Repeal of Sunset and Reporting Requirement
FOR the purpose of repealing the termination of a certain provision of law authorizing the employees of a vendor or authorized representative of a vendor of portable electronics insurance to be compensated in a certain manner; repealing a requirement that the Maryland Insurance Administration keep track of certain complaints, make a certain determination, and, on or before a certain date, make a certain report to certain committees of the General Assembly; and generally relating to vendor employee compensation and portable electronics insurance.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
   Article – Insurance
   Section 10–703(e)(2)
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2011 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing
   Chapter 525 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2013
   Section 4

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
   Chapter 525 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2013
   Section 5

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 920 – Delegates O’Donnell and Dumais

AN ACT concerning

Real Property – Actions to Quiet Title

FOR the purpose of authorizing a certain action to be brought to establish title against adverse claims to property; establishing that the court is deemed to have possession and control for the purpose of an action under this Act; providing for the venue and the application of certain rules in an action under this Act; establishing requirements for a complaint, an answer to a complaint, naming of defendants, joinder of parties, and service of process in an action under this Act; authorizing the court to take certain actions in an action under this Act; authorizing the recording of a certain judgment; providing for the effect of a judgment in an action under this Act; providing for the construction of this Act; making stylistic changes; defining certain terms; and generally relating to actions to quiet title.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
   Article – Real Property
   Section 14–108
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2015 Replacement Volume)
BY adding to
Article – Real Property
Section 14–601 through 14–621 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 6. Actions to Quiet Title”
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 921 – Delegates Fraser–Hidalgo, Pena–Melnyk, Hill, Lam, and Waldstreicher

AN ACT concerning

Primary and Secondary Education – School Personnel – Training Requirement

FOR the purpose of requiring the State Board of Education to require, beginning on or before a certain date, certain school personnel to complete training in, by a method determined by the State Board after consultation with the Professional Standards and Teacher Education Board, certain knowledge and skills required to understand and respond to the social, emotional, and personal development of students; requiring certain training to be provided to certain school personnel during in-service training or to be a professional development requirement; requiring the State Board to adopt certain regulations; requiring certain training for certain certificate holders applying for renewal of a certificate as a school counselor to meet a certain standard or exceed the standard of certain training required of other school personnel; making conforming changes; and generally relating to a training requirement for school personnel.

BY adding to
Article – Education
Section 6–122
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Education
Section 6–704.1
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 922 – Delegates Beidle, D. Barnes, Barve, Frush, McCray, Sophocleus, and Stein
AN ACT concerning

Vehicle Laws – Application – Park Model Recreational Vehicles – Definition

FOR the purpose of establishing that a park model recreational vehicle is considered to be a travel trailer for the purposes of the Maryland Vehicle Law; defining the term “park model recreational vehicle”; making certain conforming changes; and generally relating to the application of the Maryland Vehicle Law to park model recreational vehicles.

BY renumbering
    Article – Transportation
    Section 11–144.1
    to be Section 11–144.2
    Annotated Code of Maryland
    (2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
    Article – Commercial Law
    Section 12–1003(c)(2)(i)3. and 14–2301(f)(1)
    Annotated Code of Maryland
    (2013 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
    Article – Tax – General
    Section 11–104(c)(1)
    Annotated Code of Maryland
    (2010 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY adding to
    Article – Transportation
    Section 11–144.1
    Annotated Code of Maryland
    (2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
    Article – Transportation
    Section 11–170
    Annotated Code of Maryland
    (2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 923 – Delegates Gilchrist, Barve, and Platt

AN ACT concerning
Creation of a State Debt – Montgomery County – Rockville Swim and Fitness Center

FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed $175,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Mayor and City Council of the City of Rockville for certain development or improvement purposes; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; establishing a deadline for the encumbrance or expenditure of the loan proceeds; and providing generally for the issuance and sale of bonds evidencing the loan.

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

House Bill 924 – Delegates Fraser–Hidalgo, Dumais, and A. Miller

AN ACT concerning

Creation of a State Debt – Montgomery County – Western Piedmont Trail

FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed $125,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Maryland–National Capital Park and Planning Commission for certain development or improvement purposes; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; establishing a deadline for the encumbrance or expenditure of the loan proceeds; and providing generally for the issuance and sale of bonds evidencing the loan.

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

House Bill 925 – Delegates Jacobs, Arentz, and Ghrist

AN ACT concerning

Kent County – Alcoholic Beverages – Limited Distillery License

FOR the purpose of authorizing a Class 9 limited distillery license to be issued in Kent County; authorizing a Class 9 limited distillery license to be issued to a holder of a Class B beer, wine, and liquor license as well as a holder of a Class D beer, wine, and liquor license under certain circumstances; providing that a certain Class 9 limited distillery license holder who is also a Class B beer, wine, and liquor license holder may sell certain products in a certain manner and may not sell at retail more than a certain number of gallons on a certain premises each year; requiring a Class 9 limited distillery license holder who is also a Class B beer, wine, and liquor license holder to divest itself of a certain license and obtain a certain license if the license holder distills more than a certain number of gallons of product each year; and generally relating to a Class 9 limited distillery license in Kent County.
BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
  Article – Alcoholic Beverages
  Section 24–401
  Annotated Code of Maryland
  (As enacted by Chapter ___ (S.B. ____)(6lr1406) of the Acts of the General
  Assembly of 2016)

BY adding to
  Article – Alcoholic Beverages
  Section 24–405
  Annotated Code of Maryland
  (As enacted by Chapter ___ (S.B. ____)(6lr1406) of the Acts of the General
  Assembly of 2016)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 926 – Delegate Lierman

AN ACT concerning

Optional Retirement Program – Eligibility – Alterations

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

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
  Article – State Personnel and Pensions
  Section 30–301
  Annotated Code of Maryland
  (2015 Replacement Volume)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

House Bill 927 – Delegate Davis

AN ACT concerning

Public Service Commission – Electric Affordability Program – Study

FOR the purpose of requiring the Public Service Commission to study and make
recommendations about the advisability of establishing an opt–in electric
affordability program for certain customers of certain electric companies with certain characteristics and the advisability of allowing certain electric cooperatives to participate in the program; requiring the Commission to study and make recommendations about the manner in which a certain program should be conducted, including certain provisions, qualifications, and procedures; requiring the Commission to report certain recommendations by a certain date to the Senate Finance Committee and the House Economic Matters Committee; and generally relating to the affordability of electricity supply and services.

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 928 – Delegate Kramer

AN ACT concerning

State Personnel – Individuals With Disabilities – Hiring Preferences

FOR the purpose of requiring an appointing authority to apply a certain credit on a selection test for certain positions in the State Personnel Management System for an individual with a certain disability; requiring certain appointing authorities for certain positions in the Judicial, Legislative, and Executive branches of State government to develop a hiring preference for an individual with a certain disability that is equivalent to a certain credit applied on a certain selection test; repealing a requirement that a certain appointing authority apply a certain credit on a selection test for an eligible veteran with a service connected disability; and generally relating to hiring preferences for individuals with disabilities.

BY adding to

Article – State Personnel and Pensions
Section 2–310 and 7–207(g)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – State Personnel and Pensions
Section 7–207(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – State Personnel and Pensions
Section 7–207(c)(2)(ii)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.
House Bill 929 – Delegates Reznik, Cullison, Hayes, Hill, Kelly, Kipke, Krebs, Miele, Morgan, Morhaim, Oaks, Saab, and West

AN ACT concerning

Health Occupations – Prohibited Patient Referrals – Exceptions

FOR the purpose of providing that certain prohibitions on referrals do not apply to a health care practitioner who has a certain beneficial interest or compensation arrangement that meets certain exceptions in federal law or regulation; providing that certain prohibitions on referrals do not apply to a health care practitioner who has a certain beneficial interest or compensation arrangement for which the federal Department of Health and Human Services has issued a certain waiver; limiting certain health care services permissible under a certain federal exception to certain in-office ancillary services; altering certain definitions; making a stylistic change; and generally relating to exceptions for prohibited patient referrals.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Health Occupations
Section 1–301 and 1–302
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 930 – Delegate Luedtke

AN ACT concerning

Fantasy Competitions – Regulatory Authority

FOR the purpose of transferring the authority to adopt certain regulations relating to fantasy competitions from the Comptroller to the Director of the Lottery and Gaming Control Agency; and generally relating to fantasy competitions.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Criminal Law
Section 12–114
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 931 – Delegates Carr, Kelly, Luedtke, Moon, Morales, S. Robinson, and Smith

AN ACT concerning
Alcoholic Beverages – Warehouse Shopping Clubs – Beer or Wine Licenses

FOR the purpose of authorizing a local licensing board to issue certain licenses for use in conjunction with or on the premises of certain warehouse shopping clubs; prohibiting a license holder from operating a gasoline service station or allowing a gasoline service station to be operated on or adjacent to certain premises; establishing that a license holder may sell beer or wine only by the case; and generally relating to the issuance of beer or wine licenses to warehouse shopping clubs.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
   Article – Alcoholic Beverages
   Section 4–205
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (As enacted by Chapter ____ (S.B. ____)(6lr1406) of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2016)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.


AN ACT concerning

Sales and Use Tax – Casual and Isolated Sales – Exemption Amount

FOR the purpose of altering the amount of the sales price of certain sales that are eligible for an exemption under the sales and use tax for casual and isolated sales; and generally relating to a certain sales and use tax exemption.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
   Article – Tax – General
   Section 11–209(a)
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2010 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 933 – Delegates C. Wilson, Atterbeary, Barkley, Krimm, and McComas

AN ACT concerning

Criminal Law – Assault in the Second Degree – Educators
FOR the purpose of prohibiting a person from intentionally causing physical injury to another if the person knows or has reason to know that the other is a certain educator; applying certain penalties; and generally relating to assaults on educators.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
   Article – Criminal Law
   Section 3–203
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 934 – Delegates B. Barnes, Barkley, Chang, Fennell, Gaines, Ghrist, Gutierrez, C. Howard, Jackson, Jones, Knotts, Korman, Luedtke, A. Miller, Pena–Melnyk, Platt, Sanchez, and Tarlau

AN ACT concerning

Teachers' Retirement and Pension System – Employer Contribution for Local Employees

FOR the purpose of altering, beginning in a certain fiscal year, the amounts county boards of education are required to pay for certain employer contributions for certain members of the Teachers’ Retirement System and the Teachers’ Pension System; making certain provisions of this Act subject to certain contingencies; and generally relating to the employer contribution for certain local employees who are members of the Teachers’ Retirement System or the Teachers’ Pension System.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
   Article – State Personnel and Pensions
   Section 21–304(a) and (b)(1) and (5)
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2015 Replacement Volume)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
   Article – State Personnel and Pensions
   Section 21–304(b)(4)
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2015 Replacement Volume)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

House Bill 935 – Delegates Hettleman, Morhaim, and Stein

AN ACT concerning
Creation of a State Debt – Baltimore County – HopeWell Cancer Support Facility

FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed $500,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Trustees of HopeWell Cancer Support, Inc. for certain development or improvement purposes; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; establishing a deadline for the encumbrance or expenditure of the loan proceeds; and providing generally for the issuance and sale of bonds evidencing the loan.

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

House Bill 936 – Delegates Jacobs, Arentz, Ghrist, Mautz, and O'Donnell

AN ACT concerning

Real Estate Brokers – Licensing – Continuing Education Requirements

FOR the purpose of altering the continuing education requirements for a licensee who has been a licensed real estate broker for a certain period of time; and generally relating to continuing education requirements for licensed real estate brokers.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Business Occupations and Professions
Section 17–315
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2010 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.


AN ACT concerning

Public Service Commission – Commissioners – Selection and Term

FOR the purpose of providing for the appointment by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Delegates of a certain number of commissioners to the Public Service Commission; specifying the term of a commissioner, based on staggered terms that take effect on a certain date; and generally relating to the membership of the Public Service Commission.
BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Public Utilities
Section 2–102
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2010 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

**House Bill 938 – Delegate Walker**

AN ACT concerning

**Creation of a State Debt – Prince George’s County – Hillcrest Heights Community Center Pool**

FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed $250,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Maryland–National Capital Park and Planning Commission for certain development or improvement purposes; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; establishing a deadline for the encumbrance or expenditure of the loan proceeds; and providing generally for the issuance and sale of bonds evidencing the loan.

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

**House Bill 939 – Delegate Walker (By Request – Tax Credit Evaluation Committee)**

AN ACT concerning

**Sustainable Communities Tax Credit – Alteration and Extension**

FOR the purpose of altering the definition of “qualified rehabilitation expenditure”, for purposes of the sustainable communities tax credit, to exclude certain amounts funded, financed, or reimbursed by federal grants; repealing a requirement that the competitive process for the award of initial credit certificates favor certain jurisdictions; requiring the Director of the Maryland Historical Trust to issue certain tax credit certificates within a certain time period; extending the termination date of the tax credit; making nonsubstantive changes to a certain definition; making conforming changes; and generally relating to the sustainable communities tax credit.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – State Finance and Procurement
Section 5A–303
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume)
Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 940 – Delegate B. Barnes (Chair, Joint Committee on Pensions)

AN ACT concerning

State Retirement and Pension System – Disability Retirement – Alterations

FOR the purpose of altering the process and benefits for disability retirement in the State Retirement and Pension System; renaming an ordinary disability to be a non–line–of–duty disability and making conforming changes; renaming an accidental disability and a special disability to be a line–of–duty disability and making conforming changes; altering the time period during which an application for a non–line–of–duty disability retirement must be submitted; altering the calculation for a non–line–of–duty disability retirement allowance for certain members who file an application for a disability retirement on or after a certain date; authorizing the Executive Director of the State Retirement Agency to require certain retirees receiving a disability retirement allowance to undergo a medical examination by a certain physician under certain circumstances; authorizing the Board of Trustees for the State Retirement and Pension System to suspend a disability retirement allowance under certain circumstances; authorizing the Board of Trustees to stop payment and revoke a disability retirement allowance if a retiree refuses a medical examination under certain circumstances; authorizing a certain retiree whose disability retirement allowance is suspended to receive a vested allowance under certain circumstances; authorizing certain individuals whose disability retirement allowance is suspended to receive certain creditable service and eligibility service under certain circumstances; authorizing the Board of Trustees to adopt certain regulations; repealing obsolete provisions of law relating to the granting of a disability retirement allowance to certain members who transferred between certain retirement and pension systems; altering the definition of small procurement for certain expenses and services relating to the State Retirement Agency; requiring the publisher of the Annotated Code of Maryland, in consultation with the Department of Legislative Services, to correct cross–references and terminology in the Code that are rendered incorrect by this Act; providing for the prospective application of certain provisions of this Act; and generally relating to alterations in the provisions of law for disability retirement in the State Retirement and Pension System.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Public Safety
Section 2–410(c)(2)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2011 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – State Finance and Procurement
BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – State Personnel and Pensions
Section 9–704(b), 22–209(b), 22–219, 22–220, 22–221(c)(4) and (5), 22–404(b),
23–218, 23–222, 23–226, 23–304.1, 24–304.1, 24–401.1(g)(6) and (k),
25–304.1, 26–210, 26–306.1, 26–401.1(g)(5) and (k), 29–104 through 29–111,
29–113, 29–114, 29–116 through 29–118, 29–203(a), and 38–102(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – State Personnel and Pensions
Section 22–221(a)(1) and (c)(1), 22–404(c), 24–401.1(b), 26–401.1(b), and 29–115
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume)

BY adding to
Article – State Personnel and Pensions
Section 29–115.1
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

House Bill 941 – Delegates Sydnor and P. Young

AN ACT concerning

Creation of a State Debt – Baltimore County – Morning Star Family Life Center

FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt in the amount of $630,000, the
proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of MSBC Five Star Program,
Inc. for certain development or improvement purposes; providing for disbursement
of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a
matching fund; establishing a deadline for the encumbrance or expenditure of the
loan proceeds; and providing generally for the issuance and sale of bonds evidencing
the loan.

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

House Bill 942 – Delegates Rosenberg, Carter, and Oaks

AN ACT concerning
Creation of a State Debt – Baltimore City – Cylburn Arboretum Carriage House and Nature Museum

FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt in the amount of $500,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Cylburn Arboretum Association, Incorporated for certain development or improvement purposes; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; establishing a deadline for the encumbrance or expenditure of the loan proceeds; and providing generally for the issuance and sale of bonds evidencing the loan.

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

House Bill 943 – Delegate Valderrama

AN ACT concerning

Workers’ Compensation – Temporary Total Disability Benefits – Credit

FOR the purpose of providing a credit for an employer or insurer for certain payments to a covered employee for temporary total disability benefits under certain circumstances and during a certain period; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to payment of temporary total disability benefits.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
   Article – Labor and Employment
   Section 9–618
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2008 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
   Article – Labor and Employment
   Section 9–621
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2008 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.


AN ACT concerning

Criminal Law – Professional Counselors and Therapists – Misconduct (Lynette’s Law)
FOR the purpose of prohibiting a certain professional counselor or therapist from engaging in a sexual act, sexual contact, or vaginal intercourse with a person who is receiving counseling from the professional counselor or therapist or who has received counseling from the professional counselor or therapist within a certain period of time; prohibiting a certain professional counselor or therapist from knowingly, and with intent to deceive, making a false statement concerning the person’s criminal record on an employment application; defining certain terms; and generally relating to the conduct of professional counselors and therapists.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Criminal Law
Section 3–307
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Criminal Law
Section 9–509
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 945 – Delegate Lafferty

AN ACT concerning

Creation of a State Debt – Baltimore County – Towson Manor Park

FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed $80,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the County Executive and County Council of Baltimore County for certain development or improvement purposes; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; establishing a deadline for the encumbrance or expenditure of the loan proceeds; and providing generally for the issuance and sale of bonds evidencing the loan.

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

House Bill 946 – Delegate Dumais

AN ACT concerning

Domestic Violence – Confidentiality of Locations of Shelters
FOR the purpose of expanding the purpose of the Address Confidentiality Program for victims of domestic violence to include enabling shelters for victims of domestic violence to maintain confidentiality of the actual locations of the shelters; prohibiting an operator of a Web site, search engine, or mobile application from publishing, disseminating, or otherwise disclosing the actual location of a shelter for victims of domestic violence under certain circumstances; and generally relating to the confidentiality of locations of shelters for victims of domestic violence.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Family Law
Section 4–520 and 4–529
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 947 – Delegate Sydnor

AN ACT concerning

Public Information Act – Inspection of Records From Body–Worn Digital Recording Devices

FOR the purpose of requiring, except under certain circumstances, a custodian of records to deny inspection of the part of a recording from a certain body–worn digital recording device worn by a law enforcement officer regarding certain incidents; requiring a custodian of records to allow inspection of a recording from a certain body–worn digital recording device worn by a law enforcement officer by certain individuals; prohibiting a custodian of records from allowing copying of records from a certain body–worn digital recording device worn by a law enforcement officer by certain individuals; defining a certain term; and generally relating to the inspection of recordings from body–worn digital recording devices worn by law enforcement officers.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – General Provisions
Section 4–101
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – General Provisions
Section 4–356
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.
House Bill 948 – Delegate Morhaim

AN ACT concerning

Public Service Commission – Utility Customers – Carbon Footprint

FOR the purpose of requiring the Public Service Commission to develop a certain methodology to calculate the carbon footprint for certain utility customers; requiring a utility company to calculate the carbon footprint for certain customers; requiring a utility company to include a customer’s carbon footprint in the customer’s monthly bill; defining certain terms; and generally relating to carbon footprints.

BY adding to

Article – Public Utilities
Section 7–305.1
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2010 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 949 – Delegate Kipke

AN ACT concerning

Cemeteries – Perpetual Care Trust Fund – Loan of Principal for Capital Expenditures

FOR the purpose of authorizing a certain percentage of the principal of a perpetual care trust fund to be loaned to a certain person that established the perpetual care trust fund to be used for certain capital expenditures; providing for the term and interest rate of a certain loan; requiring a certain person to include a description of a certain loan, including certain information, in a certain report submitted to the Director of the Office of Cemetery Oversight; and generally relating to the loan of principal of a perpetual care trust fund for capital expenditures.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Business Regulation
Section 5–603
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 950 – Delegates Fisher, S. Howard, McConkey, McKay, Morgan, Rey, Rose, Tarlau, and B. Wilson
AN ACT concerning

Labor and Employment – Number of Employees Granted H–1B or L–1 Visa – Disclosure

FOR the purpose of requiring each employer to make available to the public the number of the employer's employees who have been granted an H–1B or L–1 visa by the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services; and generally relating to the disclosure of the number of employees granted H–1B or L–1 visas.

BY adding to
   Article – Labor and Employment
   Section 1–203
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2008 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 951 – Delegates Fennell and Tarlau

AN ACT concerning

Creation of a State Debt – Prince George’s County – Elizabeth Seton High School Athletic Field

FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt in the amount of $30,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of Elizabeth Seton High School, Inc. for certain development or improvement purposes; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds; prohibiting the use of the loan proceeds for sectarian religious purposes; establishing a deadline for the encumbrance or expenditure of the loan proceeds; and providing generally for the issuance and sale of bonds evidencing the loan.

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

House Bill 952 – Delegates Fennell and Tarlau

AN ACT concerning

Creation of a State Debt – Prince George’s County – Port Towns Family Health and Wellness Center

FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt in the amount of $250,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Access to Wholistic and Productive Living Institute, Inc. for certain development or improvement purposes; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; establishing a deadline for the
encumbrance or expenditure of the loan proceeds; and providing generally for the issuance and sale of bonds evidencing the loan.

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

House Bill 953 – Delegates Jacobs, Carozza, Cassilly, Hornberger, S. Howard, Mautz, Otto, and Reilly

AN ACT concerning

Natural Resources – Oyster Poaching – Administrative Penalties

FOR the purpose of repealing the grounds for revocation of an authorization to catch oysters, in accordance with a tidal fish license, for oyster poaching and requiring the Department of Natural Resources, after certain consultation, to adopt regulations establishing the grounds for certain administrative penalties for oyster poaching; requiring the grounds established by the Department to include certain egregious or repeat violations; altering the administrative penalties that apply to a person for knowingly committing certain oyster poaching offenses by authorizing the Department to suspend the person’s authorization to catch oysters; repealing a certain time frame within which the Department is required to hold a hearing on certain matters related to oyster poaching; making certain conforming changes; making certain technical corrections; and generally relating to administrative penalties for oyster poaching.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
Article – Natural Resources  
Section 4–1210  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 954 – Delegates Gaines, Healey, and A. Washington

AN ACT concerning

Creation of a State Debt – Prince George’s County – Pyramid Atlantic Art Center

FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed $300,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Pyramid Atlantic, Inc. for certain development or improvement purposes; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; establishing a deadline for the encumbrance or expenditure of the loan proceeds; and providing generally for the issuance and sale of bonds evidencing the loan.
Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.


AN ACT concerning

Public Schools – Voluntary Nonsectarian Prayer at School–Sponsored Student Events

FOR the purpose of requiring certain county boards of education to allow certain nonsectarian student–initiated voluntary prayer during certain school–sponsored student events; providing that this Act does not diminish certain rights of certain individuals relating to free speech and the free exercise of religion; providing that the exercise of certain rights may not be construed as a certain support, approval, or sanction of the contents of a certain prayer, as the promotion or establishment of a certain religion, or as an unconstitutional use of property by certain entities; providing for the purpose of this Act; defining certain terms; making the provisions of this Act severable; and generally relating to nonsectarian student–initiated voluntary prayer at school–sponsored events.

BY adding to
Article – Education
Section 7–104.1
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 956 – Delegate Carter

AN ACT concerning

Criminal Procedure – Expungement

FOR the purpose of providing that a certain person is entitled to expungement of a certain arrest warrant and certain police records if an arrest warrant is issued but invalidated before being served; requiring a law enforcement unit to take certain actions within a certain amount of time after invalidation of an arrest warrant; requiring the Criminal Justice Information System Central Repository, a booking facility, and a certain law enforcement unit to take certain actions within a certain amount of time after receiving a certain notice; providing that a certain person may not be required to pay any fee or costs in connection with a certain expungement; authorizing a person to file a petition for expungement if the person was convicted
of a certain misdemeanor; repealing a provision of law prohibiting the filing of a petition for expungement based on a probation before judgment earlier than the later of the date the petitioner was discharged from probation or a certain amount of time after the probation was granted; prohibiting the filing of a petition for expungement based on a probation before judgment earlier than the date the petitioner was discharged from probation; establishing a time period within which a petition for expungement based on a conviction of a certain crime may not be filed; prohibiting a person from selling information relating to certain records that have been expunged; applying certain penalties; authorizing an individual who is aggrieved by a failure to comply with a certain provision of law to seek certain redress and recover court costs; defining a certain term; and generally relating to expungement.

BY adding to
Article – Criminal Procedure
Section 10–103.2
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2008 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Criminal Procedure
Section 10–105 and 10–109
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2008 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Public Safety
Section 2–511
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2011 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 957 – Charles County Delegation

AN ACT concerning

Creation of a State Debt – Charles County – Maryland Veterans Memorial Museum Land Acquisition

FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed $225,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Maryland Veterans Memorial Museum, Inc. at Charles County for certain development or improvement purposes; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; establishing a deadline for the encumbrance or expenditure of the loan proceeds; and providing generally for the issuance and sale of bonds evidencing the loan.
Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

House Bill 958 – Delegate Jameson

AN ACT concerning

Insurance – Rate Filings – Trade Secrets

FOR the purpose of establishing the confidentiality of certain information that an insurer files with the Maryland Insurance Commissioner and identifies as proprietary rate–related information; authorizing the Commissioner to make a certain determination concerning certain material and to make the material available to the public under certain circumstances; requiring the Commissioner to give an insurer certain notice of a certain determination at a certain time; authorizing the Commissioner to disclose certain information for certain purposes or to certain persons in a certain manner; requiring the Commissioner to give an insurer certain notice at a certain time before disclosing certain information under certain circumstances; authorizing an insurer to seek to have a certain disclosure made in a certain manner; providing that certain disclosures do not waive a certain privilege or claim of confidentiality of certain information; defining a certain term; and generally relating to insurance rate filings and confidentiality.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Insurance
Section 11–307
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2011 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 959 – Delegate Ghrist

AN ACT concerning

Creation of a State Debt – Caroline County – Sharp Road Community Park

FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt in the amount of $100,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Denton for certain development or improvement purposes; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; establishing a deadline for the encumbrance or expenditure of the loan proceeds; and providing generally for the issuance and sale of bonds evidencing the loan.

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

House Bill 960 – Delegates Kelly, Cullison, and West
AN ACT concerning

Guardians of Property and Custodians – Authority to Fund Certain Trusts and Accounts

FOR the purpose of authorizing a guardian of the property of a certain minor or disabled person to pay or apply income or principal from a certain estate to establish or fund a certain special needs trust, a pooled asset special needs trust account, or an Achieving a Better Life Experience (ABLE) account for the benefit of the minor or disabled person, without court authorization or confirmation; authorizing a certain custodian to use all or part of certain custodial property to establish or fund a certain special needs trust, a pooled asset special needs trust account, or an ABLE account for the benefit of a certain minor, without court order; defining certain terms; altering a certain definition; making technical and stylistic changes; and generally relating to the powers of certain guardians of property and custodians.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Estates and Trusts
Section 13–101, 13–214, and 13–314
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2011 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 961 – Delegates Jacobs, Anderton, Arentz, and Ghrist

AN ACT concerning

Federal–Aid Primary Highways – Signs

FOR the purpose of authorizing the State Highway Administration to issue a permit for a sign along or near a federal–aid primary highway if the sign is a directional sign for a historic, cultural, or educational site that is naturally suited for outdoor recreation; and generally relating to signs erected along or near federal–aid primary highways.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Transportation
Section 8–730
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 962 – Delegates McConkey, Carter, Glass, Malone, McComas, Morales, Parrott, Rey, Sanchez, and Valentino–Smith
AN ACT concerning

Family Law – Child Support Guidelines – Publication of Periodic Review

FOR the purpose of requiring the Child Support Enforcement Administration to publish certain periodic findings and recommendations relating to the child support guidelines on the Administration’s Web site; and generally relating to the findings and recommendations of the Child Support Enforcement Administration.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Family Law
Section 12–202(c)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.


AN ACT concerning

Campaign Finance – Ballot Issue Committees – Prospective Questions

FOR the purpose of altering certain campaign finance law definitions to include campaign finance activity relating to prospective questions to be placed on the ballot; prohibiting a chief election official from certifying a petition if the petition sponsor fails to provide proof of filing a certain campaign finance report; repealing certain requirements that a statement of contributions and expenditures for a petition be filed at the time the petition is filed; prohibiting a circulator from collecting signatures for certain petitions until the sponsor of the petition establishes a ballot issue committee; requiring a petition sponsor’s ballot issue committee to file a campaign finance report at the time the petition is filed; requiring a ballot issue committee opposing a prospective question to file a campaign finance report within a certain number of days after the petition to place the question on the ballot is filed; and generally relating to campaign finance activity relating to prospective questions to be placed on the ballot.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Election Law
Section 1–101(f), (k), (o), (aa), and (gg), 6–208, 7–104(c), and 13–202
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2010 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – Election Law
Section 13–309(e)
Annotated Code of Maryland
Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.


AN ACT concerning

Maryland Transportation Authority – Francis Scott Key Bridge – Toll Discount Plans

FOR the purpose of requiring the Maryland Transportation Authority to offer to users of the Francis Scott Key Bridge the same toll discount plans that the Authority offered to users of the Thomas J. Hatem Memorial Bridge on a certain date; and generally relating to toll discount plans for users of the Francis Scott Key Bridge.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
   Article – Transportation
   Section 4–312(a)(2) and (b)
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2015 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
   Article – Transportation
   Section 4–312(c)
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2015 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 965 – Delegate Walker

AN ACT concerning

The Maryland International and Preakness Stakes Incentive Act of 2016

FOR the purpose of establishing the Maryland International thoroughbred race; providing that the Maryland International is a Grade 1 stakes race run on a certain track; providing for the funding of a certain purse for the Maryland International race; providing for the application of certain takeout provisions and the payment of certain taxes and fees; requiring the State Racing Commission to approve a certain race; providing for the use of certain special funds for a certain race; providing that certain money from the State Lottery Fund be distributed to pay certain Maryland–bred horses who win the Preakness Stakes or are eligible for certain purses from the
Preakness Stakes under certain conditions; requiring that certain funds revert to the State Lottery Fund under certain circumstances; requiring the Comptroller to distribute certain funds to a certain special fund; requiring the State Lottery and Gaming Control Agency to account for certain funds by reducing certain funds for a certain purpose by a certain amount; and generally relating to the Maryland International thoroughbred race, the Preakness Stakes, and Maryland–bred horses.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Business Regulation
Section 11–402 and 11–403
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Business Regulation
Section 11–522.1
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – State Government
Section 9–120(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 966 – Delegates Fisher, Jackson, Patterson, Proctor, Rey, and C. Wilson

AN ACT concerning
Higher Education – College of Southern Maryland – Bachelor’s Degree Programs

FOR the purpose of authorizing the College of Southern Maryland in the State to offer bachelor’s degree programs and award bachelor’s degrees; requiring certain bachelor’s degree programs to include certain components; requiring the College of Southern Maryland, in coordination with the Secretary of Higher Education, to adopt certain rules and regulations; and generally relating to bachelor’s degree programs at community colleges.

BY renumbering
Article – Education
Section 16–610
to be Section 16–611
Annotated Code of Maryland
Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 967 – Delegates Cassilly and Lisanti

AN ACT concerning

Motor Vehicles – Driver Education Program Curriculum – Police Traffic Stop Procedures

FOR the purpose of requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration to adopt regulations requiring that classroom instruction for the driver education program include instruction on what to do when stopped by a police officer; and generally relating to the driver education program curriculum.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Transportation
Section 16–505
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 968 – Delegate Dumais

AN ACT concerning

Family Law – Collaborative Reproduction – Orders of Parentage

FOR the purpose of authorizing a party to a gestational carrier agreement to file a petition for parentage under certain circumstances; establishing the purposes of this Act; establishing the jurisdiction of a circuit court of the State over a petition for parentage under certain circumstances; specifying the required contents of a petition for parentage; requiring a court to issue an order of parentage under certain circumstances;
circumstances; establishing the legal effect of an order of parentage; requiring certain persons, agencies, and facilities to recognize an intended parent as a child's parent under certain circumstances; requiring an order of parentage and a court record to be sealed; requiring the State to give full faith and credit to any order, determination, or acknowledgment of parentage issued by another state; requiring that, in the absence of an order of parentage, the parentage of a child born as the result of a gestational carrier agreement be determined in a certain manner; providing for the issuance of a birth certificate under certain circumstances; defining certain terms; making the provisions of this Act severable; and generally relating to collaborative reproduction and orders of parentage.

BY adding to
   Article – Family Law
   Section 5–901 through 5–903 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 9. Collaborative Reproduction”
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 969 – Delegates Impallaria and Lisanti

AN ACT concerning

Harford County – Alcoholic Beverages – Business Establishments Near Schools

FOR the purpose of altering the distance a business establishment in Harford County may be from a public or private school to be issued a license by the Harford County Board of License Commissioners; and generally relating to the sale of alcoholic beverages in Harford County.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
   Article – Alcoholic Beverages
   Section 22–102
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (As enacted by Chapter ____ (S.B. 724) of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2016)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
   Article – Alcoholic Beverages
   Section 22–1602
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (As enacted by Chapter ____ (S.B. 724) of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2016)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 970 – Delegate Reznik
AN ACT concerning

**Tax Sales – Condominium Assessments and Homeowners Association Fees**

FOR the purpose of requiring a certain notice of an action to foreclose the right of redemption to be sent to a homeowners association or a condominium association under certain circumstances; requiring a plaintiff in a certain action to foreclose the right of redemption on property to be liable for the payment of certain assessments or fees incurred after the date of judgment foreclosing the right of redemption; authorizing a certain action to be filed to collect certain assessments or fees; prohibiting a certain defense from being raised in a certain action to collect certain assessments or fees; and generally relating to tax sales of property.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
   Article – Tax – Property
   Section 14–836(b)(1), (2), and (3)
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
   Article – Tax – Property
   Section 14–836(b)(4)(i) and 14–844
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 971 – Delegates Waldstreicher, Barve, and Holmes

AN ACT concerning

**Statute of Limitations for Specialties – Exception for Residential Leases Signed Under Seal**

FOR the purpose of altering the time period within which a civil action on a residential lease that has been signed under seal must be filed; providing for the application of this Act; requiring a cause of action to collect the unpaid balance due on a residential lease that was signed under seal that arose before a certain date to be filed within a certain period of time; and generally relating to the statute of limitations for residential leases signed under seal.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
   Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings
   Section 5–102
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2013 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)
Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

**House Bill 972 – St. Mary’s County Delegation**

AN ACT concerning

**St. Mary’s County – Local Licenses – Repeal**

FOR the purpose of repealing certain provisions of law that relate to certain licenses issued in St. Mary’s County.

BY repealing
- The Public Local Laws of St. Mary’s County
  - Section 61–1 through 61–3 and the chapter “Chapter 61. Hucksters and Peddlers”
- Article 19 – Public Local Laws of Maryland

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

**House Bill 973 – Delegates Rosenberg and Haynes**

AN ACT concerning

**Couples Advancing Together Pilot Program – Additions and Extension**

FOR the purpose of requiring the Couples Advancing Together Pilot Program to include the implementation of a certain collaborative learning project through which the Department of Human Resources works with representatives of certain organizations to, on an ongoing basis, document, assess from certain perspectives, and identify certain changes to be made to, the implementation of certain policies and procedures; requiring the Program to include the development of a certain data–sharing agreement; requiring the Program to include implementation of a certain earned income disregard for certain participants in the Program who obtain certain employment; requiring the Secretary of Human Resources to allocate at least a certain amount each fiscal year for the Program; altering the termination date of the Program; and generally relating to the Couples Advancing Together Pilot Program.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
- Article – Human Services
  - Section 5–101(a), (c), (e), (f), and (g) and 5–301(a) and (b)
- Annotated Code of Maryland
  - (2007 Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
- Article – Human Services
  - Section 5–318.1
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2007 Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Section 3

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 974 – Delegates Dumais and Kramer

AN ACT concerning

Serious and Subsequent Offenders – Conditions for Reinstatement of Driver’s License

FOR the purpose of requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration to revoke or refuse to issue or renew a license or privilege to drive for an individual convicted of manslaughter by vehicle or vessel, homicide by vehicle or vessel while impaired or under the influence, or causing life-threatening injury by motor vehicle or vessel while impaired or under the influence; establishing certain conditions that the Administration must impose for reinstatement of a driver’s license or privilege to drive for certain serious offenders; providing for certain procedures; lengthening the periods of time that certain subsequent offenders are required to participate in the Ignition Interlock System Program; increasing certain penalties for certain prohibited acts concerning ignition interlock systems; and generally relating to conditions for reinstatement of a driver’s license or privilege to drive for certain serious or subsequent offenders and increasing certain penalties concerning ignition interlock systems.

BY adding to
Article – Transportation
Section 16–205.3
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing
Article – Transportation
Section 27–101(c)(26)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Transportation
Section 16–404.1(a)(1) and (4) and (d)(4)(ii) and 27–107(d), (e), (f), and (g)(1)
Annotated Code of Maryland
BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Transportation
Section 16–404.1(d)(1) and (3) and 27–101(c)(24) and (25) and (h)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 975 – Delegates Rosenberg and Morales

AN ACT concerning

Lawyers – Admission to the Bar – Qualifications

FOR the purpose of authorizing certain applicants to qualify for admission to the Bar of Maryland if the applicant meets certain requirements; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to admission to the Bar.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Business Occupations and Professions
Section 10–207
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2010 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 976 – Delegate Rosenberg

AN ACT concerning

CINA, Guardianship, Adoption, Custody, and Visitation – Blindness of Parent, Guardian, Custodian, or Party

FOR the purpose of establishing that, in making a disposition on a child in need of assistance (CINA) petition, the blindness of a child’s parent, guardian, or custodian is relevant only to the extent that the court finds, based on clear and convincing evidence in the record, that the blindness affects the ability of the parent, guardian, or custodian to give proper care and attention to the child and the child’s needs; granting certain blind individuals the opportunity to prove that certain supportive parenting services would prevent a certain finding, determination, denial, or withholding of consent in certain proceedings; authorizing the juvenile court to require the provision of certain supportive parenting services and review the need for the continuation of the services within a reasonable period of time; requiring a court, a local department of social services, a guardian, or a child placement agency, in certain proceedings, to specifically state in writing the basis for a certain finding,
denial, determination, or withholding of consent and the reason that the provision of certain supportive parenting services is not a reasonable accommodation to prevent the finding, denial, determination, or withholding of consent under certain circumstances; establishing that, in determining whether to grant custody and guardianship to a relative or a nonrelative, the blindness of the relative or nonrelative is relevant only to the extent that the court finds, based on clear and convincing evidence in the record, that the blindness affects the best interest of the child; requiring the Social Services Administration to adopt certain regulations; establishing that, in any custody or visitation proceeding, the blindness of a party is relevant only to the extent that the court finds, based on clear and convincing evidence in the record, that the blindness affects the best interest of the child; requiring, in a certain custody or visitation proceeding, the party alleging that the blindness of the other party affects the best interest of the child to bear a certain burden of proof; defining a certain term; altering a certain definition; and generally relating to the blindness of certain individuals in certain CINA, guardianship, adoption, custody, and visitation proceedings.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings
Section 3–819(b)(2) and 3–819.2(a) and (g)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2013 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Family Law
Section 5–338(b), 5–350, 5–3A–35(b), 5–3B–19, 5–525(a), (d), and (j), and 9–107
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Family Law
Section 5–3A–35(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 977 – Delegates Glenn, Frick, B. Barnes, Barkley, Brooks, Carr, Chang, Clippinger, Fennell, Hettleman, Lierman, Luedtke, McCray, Moon, Morales, Patterson, Platt, Rosenberg, Smith, Tarlau, Valderrama, Vaughn, and Waldstreicher

AN ACT concerning

Procurement – Public Work Contracts – Contractor Occupational Safety and Health Requirements
FOR the purpose of requiring a prospective bidder or offeror when submitting a bid or offer for a public work contract to submit to the public body a certain contractor safety and health plan and a certain attestation; requiring that a contractor safety and health plan include certain information; requiring a prospective bidder or offeror to provide a copy of the contractor safety and health plan to the Commissioner of Labor and Industry on request; requiring the Commissioner to develop a certain safety and health calculation worksheet and specified safety and health rating system; requiring each contractor and subcontractor working under a public work contract to complete a certain safety and health calculation worksheet within a certain number of days after entering into the public work contract and implement certain additional safety and health measures; requiring the Commissioner to adopt regulations to carry out this Act; authorizing the Commissioner to require by regulation that a prospective bidder or offeror, a contractor, or a subcontractor subject to this Act maintain certain records; requiring the Commissioner to investigate as necessary to determine whether certain persons are complying with this Act; authorizing the Commissioner to enter a place of business or a work site for certain purposes; requiring the Commissioner to issue a certain citation and proposed order to a prospective bidder or offeror, a contractor, or a subcontractor under certain circumstances; requiring the citation and proposed order to be sent by certified mail and contain certain information; authorizing a certain prospective bidder, contractor, or subcontractor to request a certain hearing within a certain number of days after receiving the citation and proposed order; requiring the Commissioner to schedule a hearing on receipt of a request for a hearing; providing that a certain proposed order becomes a final order under certain circumstances; providing that a certain decision of the Commissioner is final except under certain circumstances; requiring the Commissioner to assess certain civil penalties under certain circumstances; requiring the Commissioner to consider certain factors in determining the amount of a penalty to be assessed; authorizing the Commissioner, under certain circumstances, to recommend to a public body that a prospective bidder or offeror, contractor, or subcontractor be debarred from entering into a certain public work contract for a certain period of time; prohibiting a prospective bidder or offeror, contractor, or subcontractor from taking certain action against an employee for certain reasons; authorizing a certain employee to submit to the Commissioner a certain written complaint; requiring that an employee submit a certain complaint within a certain time period; requiring the Commissioner to investigate a certain complaint; requiring the Commissioner, under certain circumstances, to refer a certain matter to the Office of Administrative Hearings for findings of fact and a proposed decision under certain provisions of law; providing for the application of a certain provision of this Act; defining certain terms; and generally relating to contractor occupational safety and health requirements on public work contracts.

BY adding to Article – State Finance and Procurement Section 17–801 through 17–807 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 8. Contractor Occupational Safety and Health Requirements”
AN ACT concerning

Task Force to Study Housing, Health, and Economic Stability of Maryland Seniors

FOR the purpose of establishing the Task Force to Study Housing, Health, and Economic Stability of Maryland Seniors; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Task Force; prohibiting a member of the Task Force from receiving certain compensation, but authorizing the reimbursement of certain expenses; requiring the Task Force to study and make recommendations regarding certain matters; requiring the Task Force to submit a preliminary report and a final report, including its findings and recommendations, to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before certain dates; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to the Task Force to Study Housing, Health, and Economic Stability of Maryland Seniors.

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

House Bill 979 – Delegates Barron, Moon, Sydnor, and McCray

AN ACT concerning

Occupational Licenses – Denial for Criminal Conviction – Notice of Prohibition and Task Force

FOR the purpose of clarifying that certain departments of State government and certain units in certain departments of State government are prohibited from denying a certain license to an applicant solely on the basis that the applicant has previously been convicted of a crime except in accordance with certain provisions of law; requiring certain departments of State government and each unit that issues certain licenses in certain departments to post a certain notice on their Web sites in a certain manner; establishing the Task Force on Occupational Licenses and Criminal Convictions; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Task Force; prohibiting a member of the Task Force from receiving certain compensation, but authorizing the reimbursement of certain expenses; requiring the Task Force to study and make recommendations regarding occupational licensing laws and criminal convictions; requiring the Task Force to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before a certain
date; defining certain terms; providing for the termination of certain provisions of this Act; and generally relating to occupational licenses and criminal convictions.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
   Article – Agriculture
   Section 1–101(a) and (d)
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2007 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY adding to
   Article – Agriculture
   Section 2–108
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2007 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
   Article – Business Regulation
   Section 1–101(a) and (f)
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2015 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY adding to
   Article – Business Regulation
   Section 2–111
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2015 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
   Article – Correctional Services
   Section 1–101(a) and (f)
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2008 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY adding to
   Article – Correctional Services
   Section 2–119
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2008 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
   Article – Criminal Procedure
   Section 1–209
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2008 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
   Article – Environment
Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 980 – Delegate Gilchrist

AN ACT concerning

State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners – Disciplinary Action Report – Publication on Web Site

FOR the purpose of requiring the State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners to publish on its Web site a report of a certain action of the Board regarding the suspension or revocation of a license issued by the Board if the action is subject to public inspection
under a certain law; and generally relating to publication of a report of a disciplinary action of the State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
   Article – Agriculture
   Section 2–302(a)
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2007 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
   Article – Agriculture
   Section 2–311
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2007 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 981 – Delegates Kelly, Cullison, and West

AN ACT concerning

Maryland Medical Assistance Program – Guardianship Fees – Income Deduction

FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to deduct as a remedial service certain guardianship fees when determining the portion of income certain recipients of Maryland Medical Assistance Program benefits are required to contribute to the cost of their care under the Program; specifying the amount of deductions for certain guardianship fees; establishing that certain guardians are not entitled to receive more than a certain amount in compensation unless a certain finding is made by a certain court; defining certain terms; and generally relating to the Maryland Medical Assistance Program and compensation for guardianship services provided to Program recipients.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
   Article – Estates and Trusts
   Section 13–218
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2011 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY adding to
   Article – Health – General
   Section 15–122.3
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2015 Replacement Volume)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.
House Bill 982 – Delegates Fraser–Hidalgo, Barkley, Beidle, Flanagan, Lam, McCray, Stein, Szelia, and Waldstreicher

AN ACT concerning

Vehicle Laws – Manufacturers and Dealers

FOR the purpose of authorizing a motor vehicle dealer to disclose to a consumer the terms and conditions of any motor vehicle manufacturer warranty adjustment program of which the dealer has knowledge and to make any necessary repairs under the adjustment program; prohibiting a manufacturer from retaliating against certain persons because the persons exercise certain rights or assert certain protections, and making a violation an unfair or deceptive trade practice under the Maryland Consumer Protection Act subject to certain penalty and enforcement provisions; repealing a certain standard that applies to the prohibition against a manufacturer, distributor, or factory branch requiring or coercing a dealer in certain manners to change the dealer's facilities or method of conducting business; prohibiting a manufacturer, distributor, or factory branch from requiring or coercing a dealer in certain manners to relinquish control of the display of certain information on the Internet; prohibiting a manufacturer, distributor, or factory branch from requiring or coercing a dealer in certain manners to waive the right of the dealer to a jury trial; altering certain provisions of law governing the authorized purchase of certain goods and services by a dealer; altering certain provisions of law governing the payment of warranty claims made by dealers; altering the maximum administrative fine to which a manufacturer is subject for certain violations; authorizing the recovery of certain court and administrative costs and attorneys' fees in certain civil actions involving manufacturers or dealers; providing for the construction of certain provisions of this Act; defining certain terms; and generally relating to motor vehicle manufacturers and dealers.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Commercial Law
Section 14–1402(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2013 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Commercial Law
Section 14–1402(c)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2013 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Commercial Law
Section 14–14A–01 through 14–14A–03 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 14A. Retaliation Against Motor Vehicle Dealers”
Annotated Code of Maryland
BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
Article – Transportation  
Section 15–207(a), (d), and (k)(1) and (2), 15–212(c)(10) and (11) and (d), 15–212.1(c), and 15–213  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
Article – Transportation  
Section 15–207(k)(3) and 15–212(c)(1)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY adding to  
Article – Transportation  
Section 15–207(l)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.


AN ACT concerning

Public Schools – Food Recovery Programs – Authorization

FOR the purpose of authorizing a county board of education to develop and implement a certain food recovery program for schools under the jurisdiction of the county board; authorizing a county board, if it exercises certain authority, to apply for recognition of its food recovery program under any food recovery certification program; defining a certain term; and generally relating to food recovery in public schools.

BY adding to  
Article – Education  
Section 4–132  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.
House Bill 984 – Delegates Saab, Cullison, Grammer, Kelly, Kittleman, Krebs, Metzgar, Miele, W. Miller, Morgan, Pena–Melnyk, Rose, Shoemaker, and West

AN ACT concerning

Open Meetings Act – Retention of Minutes and Recordings – Revision

FOR the purpose of increasing the number of years after the date of an open session a public body is required to keep a copy of certain minutes of the open session and any recording made under certain provisions of law; requiring certain public bodies to post online certain minutes or recordings, to the extent practicable; altering a certain requirement relating to the preparation of minutes; making certain stylistic and conforming changes; and generally relating to the retention of minutes and tape recordings under the Open Meetings Act.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – General Provisions
Section 3–206(b)(2)(iii) and (3) and 3–306(b) through (e)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 985 – Delegates Kaiser and Luedtke

AN ACT concerning

Creation of a State Debt – Montgomery County – Olney Theatre Center

FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed $150,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Olney Theatre Center for the Arts, Inc. for certain development or improvement purposes; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; establishing a deadline for the encumbrance or expenditure of the loan proceeds; and providing generally for the issuance and sale of bonds evidencing the loan.

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

House Bill 986 – Delegate Beidle

AN ACT concerning

Vehicle Laws – Trade–In Allowance – Leased Vehicles
FOR the purpose of altering the definition of “total purchase price” for the purposes of the vehicle excise tax to exclude from the computation of the tax an allowance for the trade-in of a leased vehicle under certain circumstances; and generally relating to the motor vehicle excise tax.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Transportation
Section 13–809(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Transportation
Section 13–809(b) and (c)(1)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 987 – Allegany County Delegation

AN ACT concerning

Creation of a State Debt – Allegany County – Lefty Grove Statue

FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt in the amount of $75,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Trustees of The Community Trust Foundation, Inc. for certain development or improvement purposes; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; establishing a deadline for the encumbrance or expenditure of the loan proceeds; and providing generally for the issuance and sale of bonds evidencing the loan.

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

House Bill 988 – Delegates Kaiser and Luedtke

AN ACT concerning

Creation of a State Debt – Montgomery County – Our House Youth Home

FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed $50,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of Our House Youth Home, Inc. for certain development or improvement purposes; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; establishing a deadline for the encumbrance or expenditure of the
loan proceeds; and providing generally for the issuance and sale of bonds evidencing the loan.

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

House Bill 989 – Delegate Holmes

AN ACT concerning

Residential Real Property – Sales Contracts – Notice of Water and Sewer Charges

FOR the purpose of making clarifying changes to a certain notice requirement about water and sewer charges in a contract for the initial sale of residential real property; requiring a contract for the resale of residential real property that is served by public water or wastewater facilities for which deferred water and sewer charges have been established by a recorded covenant or declaration to contain a certain notice concerning the deferred water and sewer charges; providing that a purchaser is entitled to certain rights for a violation of this Act; and generally relating to notices of water and sewer charges in contracts for the sale of residential real property.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Real Property
Section 14–117(a) and (b)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 990 – Delegate Morhaim

AN ACT concerning

Civil Actions – Liability of Disability Insurer – Failure to Act in Good Faith

FOR the purpose of authorizing the recovery of actual damages, expenses, litigation costs, and interest in first–party claims against disability insurers in certain civil actions that allege that the insurer failed to act in good faith under certain circumstances; requiring the Maryland Insurance Administration to include in a certain annual report to the General Assembly certain information on certain complaints regarding first–party insurance claims under disability insurance policies; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to liability of disability insurers for failure to act in good faith in settling first–party claims.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings
Section 3–1701
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2013 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
Article – Insurance  
Section 27–1001  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2011 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 991 – Delegates Kaiser and Luedtke

AN ACT concerning

Creation of a State Debt – Montgomery County – Sandy Spring Museum

FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed $40,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Trustees of Sandy Spring Museum, Inc. for certain development or improvement purposes; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; establishing a deadline for the encumbrance or expenditure of the loan proceeds; and providing generally for the issuance and sale of bonds evidencing the loan.

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

House Bill 992 – Delegate Dumais

AN ACT concerning

Health Care Malpractice Claims – Health Care Alternative Dispute Resolution Office – Repeal

FOR the purpose of repealing provisions of law relating to the Health Care Alternative Dispute Resolution Office; terminating the Health Claims Arbitration Fund; requiring the clerk of a court to forward to the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene copies of certain pleadings and certificates of a qualified expert; requiring the Department to forward to the State Board of Physicians copies of certain pleadings and certificates of a qualified expert; requiring the clerk of a court to forward a copy of a final disposition of a certain case to the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene rather than the Director of the Health Care Alternative Dispute Resolution Office; requiring the Department to forward to the State Board of Physicians a copy of a final disposition of a certain case; repealing certain obsolete provisions; making certain conforming changes; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to terminating the Health Care Alternative Dispute Resolution Office.
BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
  Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings
  Section 3–2A–01, 3–2A–02, 3–2A–04, 3–2A–06, 3–2A–06C, 3–2A–06D, 3–2A–08,
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2013 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing
  Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2013 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 993 – Delegates Saab, S. Howard, Kipke, Malone, and Simonaire

AN ACT concerning

Anne Arundel County – Board of Education – Selection of Members

FOR the purpose of requiring that certain members of the Anne Arundel County Board of Education be elected at certain elections; requiring that certain members of the county board be appointed; providing for the residency, terms of office, and filling of a vacancy of certain members of the county board; authorizing the Anne Arundel County Board of Elections to adopt certain regulations; providing that a certain member elected to the county board from a certain geographic area but whose district boundaries subsequently are altered may remain as a member of the county board for a certain period of time; providing for the termination of the terms of certain appointed members of the county board; making certain conforming changes; and generally relating to the Anne Arundel County Board of Education.

BY renumbering
  Article – Education
  Section 3–2A–01 through 3–2A–10, respectively, and the subtitle “Subtitle 2A. Baltimore County”
to be Section 3–2B–01 through 3–2B–10, respectively, and the subtitle “Subtitle 2B. Baltimore County”
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
  Article – Education
  Section 3–108(a), 3–110, and 3–114
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)
BY adding to
  Article – Education
  Section 3–2A–01 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 2A. Anne Arundel County”
  Annotated Code of Maryland
  (2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
  Article – Education
  Section 3–2B–01(a)
  Annotated Code of Maryland
  (2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)
  (As enacted by Section 1 of this Act)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
  Article – Education
  Section 3–2B–01(b)(2)
  Annotated Code of Maryland
  (2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)
  (As enacted by Section 1 of this Act)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 994 – Allegany County Delegation

AN ACT concerning

Allegany County – Alcoholic Beverages – Sunday Sales for Class A Licenses

FOR the purpose of 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 certain alcoholic beverages during certain hours under certain circumstances in Allegany County; authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Allegany County to issue a certain Sunday sales permit to holders of certain licenses under certain circumstances; specifying that an applicant for a certain Sunday sales permit need not have certain kitchen facilities on the licensed premises; providing that a certain Sunday sales permit authorizes the holder to sell certain alcoholic beverages for off-premises consumption during certain hours on not more than a certain number of Sundays in a year; specifying the fee for each time a certain Sunday sales permit is used; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages in Allegany County.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
  Article – Alcoholic Beverages
  Section 9–101(a) and (b), 9–102, and 9–2005
  Annotated Code of Maryland
  (As enacted by Chapter ____ (S.B. _____)(6lr1406) of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2016)
BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
  Article – Alcoholic Beverages
  Section 9–2002(a), 9–2003(a), and 9–2004(a)
  Annotated Code of Maryland
  (As enacted by Chapter _____ (S.B. _____)(6lr1406) of the Acts of the General
  Assembly of 2016)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 995 – Allegany County Delegation

AN ACT concerning

Allegany County – Alcoholic Beverages – Sunday Sales

FOR the purpose of altering the hours for sale of certain 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 certain circumstances; and generally relating to the hours
for sale of alcoholic beverages on Sundays in Allegany County.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
  Article – Alcoholic Beverages
  Section 9–101(a) and (b), 9–102, and 9–2005
  Annotated Code of Maryland
  (As enacted by Chapter _____ (S.B. _____)(6lr1406) of the Acts of the General
  Assembly of 2016)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
  Article – Alcoholic Beverages
  Section 9–2002(d), 9–2003(d), and 9–2004(b) and (d)
  Annotated Code of Maryland
  (As enacted by Chapter _____ (S.B. _____)(6lr1406) of the Acts of the General
  Assembly of 2016)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 996 – Delegates Beidle, Carey, Chang, McMillan, and Pena–Melnyk

AN ACT concerning

Education – Public School Holidays – Easter Monday

FOR the purpose of repealing the requirement that the Monday after Easter be a public
school holiday; authorizing a county board of education to designate the Monday
after Easter as a public school holiday; making certain stylistic changes; and generally relating to public school holidays.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Education
Section 7–103(c)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 997 – Delegates Kaiser and Luedtke

AN ACT concerning

Creation of a State Debt – Montgomery County – Damascus High School Turf Field

FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed $200,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Damascus High School Athletic Booster Club Inc. for certain development or improvement purposes; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; establishing a deadline for the encumbrance or expenditure of the loan proceeds; and providing generally for the issuance and sale of bonds evidencing the loan.

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

House Bill 998 – Delegates Hill, Jalisi, Lam, and Morhaim

AN ACT concerning

State Board of Physicians – Authority to Adopt Regulations – Physician Licensing Reciprocity

FOR the purpose of authorizing the State Board of Physicians to adopt regulations that would allow the Board to license an applicant who is licensed as a physician in another state if the applicant meets certain qualification and licensing requirements and the state in which the applicant is licensed offers a certain reciprocal licensing process; and generally relating to physician licensing reciprocity under the State Board of Physicians.

BY adding to

Article – Health Occupations
Section 14–307(j)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)
Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.


AN ACT concerning

Commission on Innovation and Excellence in Education

FOR the purpose of establishing the Commission on Innovation and Excellence in Education; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Commission; requiring certain appointments to be made to ensure diversity within the Commission; prohibiting a member of the Commission from receiving certain compensation, but authorizing the reimbursement of certain expenses; requiring the Commission to review the findings and recommendations of a certain study, review certain education finance formulas, review certain accountability measures and review certain other matters; requiring the Commission to make certain recommendations on certain matters; requiring the Commission to make a preliminary and a final report of its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before certain dates; requiring certain appointments to the Commission to be made within a certain period of time; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to the Commission on Innovation and Excellence in Education.

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 1000 – Delegates Clippinger, Atterbeary, B. Barnes, Branch, Brooks, Busch, Cullison, Davis, Ebersole, Fennell, Frick, Gutierrez, Haynes, Hettleman, Hill, Hixson, Holmes, C. Howard, Jackson, Jalisi, Jones, Kaiser, Korman, Krimm, Lierman, Luedtke, McIntosh, A. Miller, Moon, Morhaim, Platt, Reznik, B. Robinson, Sample–Hughes, Sanchez, Smith, Stein, and Tarlau

AN ACT concerning

Public Safety – Firearms – Terrorist Watchlist

FOR the purpose of prohibiting the Secretary of State Police from issuing a permit to carry, wear, or transport a handgun to a person who is on the Terrorist Watchlist; and generally relating to firearms.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Public Safety
Section 5–301(a) and (d)
Annotated Code of Maryland
BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Public Safety
Section 5–306(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2011 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.


AN ACT concerning

Criminal Procedure – Firearms – Transfer

FOR the purpose of requiring a court to inform a person convicted of a certain offense that the person is prohibited from possessing a certain firearm under certain provisions of law; requiring the court to advise the person that certain proof must be provided to the court that certain firearms owned by the person or in the person’s possession have been transferred from the person’s possession; providing for the procedure to transfer certain firearms; requiring a person accepting a transferred firearm to issue a certain notice or proof of transfers; requiring a person who is subject to a certain order to file certain proof with the court or attest certain facts to the court within a certain period; authorizing the disposal of a certain firearm under certain circumstances; defining certain terms; and generally relating to firearms.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Criminal Procedure
Section 6–233
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2008 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Criminal Procedure
Section 6–234
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2008 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

AN ACT concerning

Weapon–Free Higher Education Zones

FOR the purpose of prohibiting the carrying or possession of certain firearms, knives, or deadly weapons on the property of public institutions of higher education; providing for certain exceptions to the prohibition; and generally relating to the carrying or possession of firearms, knives, and deadly weapons at public institutions of higher education.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments, Article – Criminal Law Section 4–102 Annotated Code of Maryland (2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.


AN ACT concerning

Labor and Employment – Equal Pay for Equal Work

FOR the purpose of altering a certain provision of law concerning equal pay for equal work to prohibit discrimination on the basis of gender identity; prohibiting an employer
from discriminating between employees in any occupation by providing certain less favorable employment opportunities based on sex or gender identity; providing that, for purposes of certain provisions of law concerning equal pay for equal work, an employee shall be deemed to work in the same establishment as another employee if the employees work at workplaces in the same county of the State; providing that a certain provision of law does not prohibit a certain variation based on a certain system or bona fide factor; providing that certain exceptions do not apply under certain circumstances; prohibiting an employer from taking certain actions concerning the disclosure or discussion of an employee’s wages; authorizing an employer, in a certain policy, to establish certain limitations on certain inquiries about or discussions or disclosures of wages; providing that, under certain circumstances, the failure of an employee to adhere to certain limitations shall be an affirmative defense against certain claims; providing that a certain employer prohibition against the disclosure of certain wage information may not apply under certain circumstances; providing for the construction of certain provisions of this Act; requiring the Commissioner of Labor and Industry, in consultation with the Maryland Commission on Civil Rights, to develop certain educational materials and make certain training available for certain purposes; altering a certain provision of law to allow a certain employee to bring a certain action for injunctive relief and to recover the difference paid between employees of one sex or gender identity and employees of another sex or gender identity who do work of a comparable nature or the same type of work; authorizing a certain employee to bring a civil action against an employer to recover certain damages for a violation of a certain provision of this Act; authorizing the trier of fact to award certain liquidated damages under certain circumstances; authorizing the Attorney General, on a certain written request, to bring an action on behalf of an employee and consolidate certain claims against an employer; authorizing a court to award certain prejudgment interest under certain circumstances; authorizing the Attorney General to bring an action for injunctive relief and damages against a person who violates certain provisions of this Act; defining a certain term; making conforming changes; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to equal pay for equal work and the disclosure of certain wage information by certain employees.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Labor and Employment
Section 3–304, 3–306, 3–307, and 3–308
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2008 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – Labor and Employment
Section 3–304.1
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2008 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

AN ACT concerning

Equal Pay Commission – Establishment

FOR the purpose of establishing the Equal Pay Commission in the Division of Labor and Industry; providing for the composition, chair, and terms of certain members of the Commission; prohibiting a member of the Commission from receiving certain compensation, but authorizing the reimbursement of certain expenses; requiring the Commission to take certain actions; requiring the Commission to submit a certain report to the Governor and the Senate Finance Committee and the House Economic Matters Committee on or before a certain date each year; and generally relating to the Equal Pay Commission.

BY adding to
Article – Labor and Employment
Section 3–309
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2008 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.


AN ACT concerning

Health Insurance – Contraceptive Equity Act

FOR the purpose of prohibiting certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations from applying a copayment, coinsurance, or prior authorization requirement for certain contraceptive drugs and devices; providing that the prohibition does not apply with respect to a certain health benefit plan;
requiring a certain insurer, nonprofit health service plan, and health maintenance organization to post its contraceptive formulary on its Web site in a certain format, include certain information on the formulary, and provide a print copy of the formulary on request; requiring a certain insurer, nonprofit health service plan, and health maintenance organization to provide coverage for a single dispensing to an insured or an enrollee of a supply of prescription contraceptives, except for certain prescriptions, for a certain period of time; requiring the insurer, nonprofit health service plan, and health maintenance organization to increase the dispensing fee to certain individuals under certain circumstances; requiring a certain insurer, nonprofit health service plan, and health maintenance organization to provide coverage without a prescription for certain contraceptive drugs; prohibiting the insurer, nonprofit health service plan, and health maintenance organizations from applying a copayment or coinsurance requirement for the contraceptive drugs dispensed without a prescription that exceeds a certain copayment or coinsurance requirement; requiring certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations to provide coverage for male sterilization; excluding a certain organization from the requirement to provide the coverage for male sterilization; prohibiting certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations from applying a copayment, coinsurance requirement, or deductible to coverage for male sterilization; providing that the prohibition does not apply with respect to a certain health benefit plan; altering the circumstances under which a member may receive a prescription drug or device that is not on the formulary of a certain insurer, nonprofit health service plan, or health maintenance organization; requiring the procedure under which a member may receive a prescription drug or device that is not on the formulary to provide for coverage of a contraceptive prescription drug or device that is medically necessary for adherence purposes; defining a certain term; providing for the application of this Act; providing for a delayed effective date; and generally relating to health insurance coverage of contraceptive drugs, devices, and procedures and contraception equity.

BY adding to
Article – Insurance
Section 15–826.1 and 15–826.2
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2011 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Insurance
Section 15–831
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2011 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 1006 – Delegates Sample–Hughes, Anderson, Brooks, Busch, Cullison, Gaines, Gutierrez, Hettleman, Hill, Holmes, C. Howard, Jackson, Jones, Kaiser, Lam, Lisanti, Luedtke, Patterson, Platt, Proctor, Reznik,
B. Robinson, Sanchez, Smith, Tarlau, Valderrama, Waldstreicher, West, and P. Young

EMERGENCY BILL

AN ACT concerning

Health Insurance – Coverage for Digital Tomosynthesis

FOR the purpose of establishing that a certain coverage requirement applicable to certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations includes coverage for digital tomosynthesis under certain circumstances; prohibiting certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations from imposing a copayment or coinsurance requirement for digital tomosynthesis that is greater than a copayment or coinsurance requirement for other breast cancer screenings for which coverage is required under certain provisions of law; defining a certain term; providing for the application of this Act; making this Act an emergency measure; and generally relating to health insurance coverage for tomosynthesis.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Insurance
Section 15–814
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2011 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.


AN ACT concerning

Freedom to Vote Act

FOR the purpose of requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration to implement an automatic voter registration system on or before a certain date; requiring certain social service agencies to implement an automatic voter registration system on or before a certain
date; requiring an automatic voter registration system to comply with certain requirements; requiring the State Board of Elections to register individuals whose voter registration information is transmitted to the State Board through an automatic voter registration system; prohibiting an agent of an automatic voter registration agency from taking certain actions; restricting the use of certain data related to automatic voter registration; authorizing the State Board to adopt regulations to implement automatic voter registration; requiring automatic voter registration agencies to submit certain reports to certain committees of the General Assembly on or before certain dates; providing that voter registration agencies that are designated automatic voter registration agencies are not subject to certain requirements; requiring voter registration agencies to ensure that certain applications may not be completed until the applicant has indicated whether the applicant wishes to register to vote; requiring a public institution of higher education to implement an electronic voter registration system on or before a certain date; requiring the State Board to register individuals whose voter registration information is transmitted to the State Board through an electronic voter registration system at a public institution of higher education; requiring the Maryland Higher Education Commission to submit certain reports to certain committees of the General Assembly on or before certain dates; requiring the State Board to adopt specified regulations regarding participants in address confidentiality programs; prohibiting a person acting under color of law from taking certain actions based on an individual’s declination to register to vote or voter registration record; providing that an individual who unintentionally becomes registered to vote shall be considered to have registered to vote with the official authorization of the State Board and may not be considered to have violated certain provisions of law because of the unintended registration; requiring an automatic voter registration agency to provide electronic records relating to certain individuals to the State Board on or before a certain date; requiring the electronic records to include certain information; requiring the State Board to provide the electronic records of eligible individuals who are not registered to vote or whose voter registration record is out of date to the local board for the county where the individual resides; requiring the local board to send by mail to each eligible individual who is not registered to vote or whose voter registration record is out of date a notice that includes certain information; requiring the State Board to promptly add to the statewide voter registration list or update the voter registration record of each eligible individual who does not decline to register to vote or update the individual’s voter registration record within a certain period of time after issuance of the notice; requiring that an individual added to the statewide voter registration list who has not affirmatively selected a political party affiliation be listed as not affiliated with any political party; authorizing the State Board to adopt certain regulations; requiring the State Board and each automatic voter registration agency to jointly submit a certain report to certain committees of the General Assembly on or before a certain date; requiring the State Board, in collaboration with each automatic voter registration agency, to take appropriate measures to educate the public about automatic voter registration; repealing certain provisions of law relating to voter registration at the Motor Vehicle Administration; defining certain terms; and generally relating to automatic voter registration.
BY adding to
    Article – Election Law
    Section 1–101(z–1) and 3–203
    Annotated Code of Maryland
    (2010 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
    Article – Election Law
    Section 3–102
    Annotated Code of Maryland
    (2010 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing
    Article – Election Law
    Section 3–203
    Annotated Code of Maryland
    (2010 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
    Article – Election Law
    Section 3–204, 3–506, and 16–101
    Annotated Code of Maryland
    (2010 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 1008 – Delegates Turner, Atterbeary, B. Barnes, Branch, Brooks,
    Busch, Clippinger, Ebersole, Fennell, Frush, Gutierrez, Haynes, Hettleman,
    Hill, Hixson, Holmes, C. Howard, Jackson, Jalisi, Jones, Kaiser, Krimm,
    Lam, Lisanti, Luedtke, A. Miller, Moon, Morhaim, Platt, Reznik,
    B. Robinson, Sample–Hughes, Sanchez, Smith, Stein, Tarlau, Valderrama,
    Vallario, Waldstreicher, and M. Washington

AN ACT concerning
    Election Law – Early Voting Centers

FOR the purpose of increasing the number of early voting centers that certain counties are
required to establish; providing that certain counties may establish one additional
early voting center under certain circumstances; providing for a delayed effective
date; and generally relating to early voting centers.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
    Article – Election Law
    Section 10–301.1
    Annotated Code of Maryland
AN ACT concerning

Task Force to Study Increased Voter Participation

FOR the purpose of establishing the Task Force to Study Increased Voter Participation; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Task Force; prohibiting a member of the Task Force from receiving certain compensation, but authorizing the reimbursement of certain expenses; requiring the Task Force to evaluate policies that have the potential to increase voter participation; requiring the Task Force to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before a certain date; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to the Task Force to Study Increased Voter Participation.

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 1010 – Delegates Lierman, Gaines, Beidle, B. Barnes, Branch, Brooks, Busch, Clippinger, Davis, Ebersole, Fennell, Frush, Gutierrez, Haynes, Hettleman, Hixson, Holmes, C. Howard, Lafferty, Luedtke, McCray, McIntosh, A. Miller, Moon, Platt, B. Robinson, Smith, Tarlau, and Waldstreicher

AN ACT concerning

Maryland Transit Administration Oversight and Planning Board

FOR the purpose of establishing the Maryland Transit Administration Oversight and Planning Board; providing for the membership, term of office, powers, duties, and staffing of the Board; providing that a member of the Board may not receive compensation, but is entitled to reimbursement for certain expenses; requiring the Board to submit an annual report to the Secretary of Transportation, the Governor, and the General Assembly; requiring the Administration to produce and submit to the Board for review and approval a certain strategic plan and certain other plans and reports; requiring the Board to keep certain records on a public Web site that allows for citizen review and communication; requiring the Administration to establish the Citizens Advisory Council for the Maryland Transit Administration; providing for the membership, term of office, powers, and duties of the Council; providing that a member of the Council may not receive compensation, but is entitled to reimbursement for certain expenses; defining a certain term; making a stylistic
change; and generally relating to the Maryland Transit Administration Oversight and Planning Board.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Transportation
Section 7–203 and 7–204(q)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Transportation
Section 7–204(q), 7–205, and 7–213
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 1011 – Delegates Gaines, B. Barnes, Beidle, Brooks, Busch, Clippinger, Davis, Ebersole, Fennell, Frush, Gutierrez, Haynes, Hettleman, Hill, Hixson, Holmes, C. Howard, Jackson, Jones, Lafferty, Lam, Lierman, McCray, Moon, Patterson, B. Robinson, Smith, Stein, Tarlau, and Waldstreicher

AN ACT concerning

Department of Transportation – Modal Administrations – Appointments

FOR the purpose of requiring that the appointment of the administrator or executive director of certain modal administrations in the Department of Transportation be subject to the advice and consent of the Senate; and generally relating to the appointment of the administrators and executive directors of modal administrations of the Department.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Transportation
Section 5–201(a), 5–202, 6–201(a), 6–202, and 7–201
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Transportation
Section 5–201.1(c)(1), 6–201.1(b)(1), and 7–202(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

AN ACT concerning

**Income Tax Credit – Commuter Benefits – Eligibility and Credit Amount**

FOR the purpose of increasing the maximum allowable amount per employee of the income tax credit for a business’s cost of providing commuter benefits for its employees; altering the minimum seating capacity of a vehicle that may be used to provide qualifying commuter benefits for purposes of the income tax credit; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to the income tax credit for commuter benefits.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
   Article – Environment
   Section 2–901
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2013 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
   Article – Tax – General
   Section 10–715
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2010 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 1013 – Delegates Beidle, Lierman, B. Barnes, Branch, Brooks, Busch, Clippinger, Fennell, Frush, Haynes, Healey, Hixson, Holmes, C. Howard, Jacobs, Krimm, Lafferty, McCray, McIntosh, Moon, Reznik, Tarlau, and P. Young

AN ACT concerning

**Maryland Open Transportation Investment Decision Act of 2016**

FOR the purpose of establishing State transportation goals; establishing measures by which the Department of Transportation is required to score the extent to which major capital projects satisfy the goals; requiring the Department to evaluate, score, and rank major capital projects for inclusion in the draft and final Consolidated Transportation Program, in a certain manner; requiring, with a certain exception, that certain capital projects with higher scores be ranked ahead of capital projects with lower scores; requiring the Department to incorporate the State transportation goals in the Consolidated Transportation Program and Maryland Transportation
Plan; requiring that certain analyses and benchmarks are included in the Consolidated Transportation Program and Maryland Transportation Plan; providing for the application of this Act; defining a certain term; altering certain definitions; making certain conforming changes; and generally relating to State transportation goals.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Transportation
Section 2–103.1
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – Transportation
Section 2–103.7
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations and the Committee on Environment and Transportation.


AN ACT concerning

College Affordability Act of 2016

FOR the purpose of requiring the College Savings Plans of Maryland Board to adopt procedures for a State contribution program; requiring the Board to provide certain information in the statements for certain accounts; excluding a certain application from a certain fee; authorizing a State contribution to an investment account under certain circumstances; authorizing a certain application to be made by certain methods; requiring the Board to establish certain documentation and procedures for the submittal of a certain application; requiring the State to provide a certain contribution to certain investment accounts under certain circumstances; requiring the Governor to provide a certain appropriation in certain fiscal years to provide certain State contributions; providing certain priorities for State contributions under certain circumstances; requiring certain State contributions to be provided in a certain calendar year; prohibiting a certain account holder from taking a certain subtraction modification in a certain taxable year; requiring the Board to develop and implement a certain plan by a certain date; allowing certain individuals with
certain student loan debt amounts a credit against the State income tax; requiring an application for the tax credit to be made to the Maryland Higher Education Commission by a certain date with a certain assurance; requiring the Commission to certify the amount of a certain tax credit by a certain date subject to a certain limitation; requiring a certain taxpayer to attach a certain certification limiting the amount of tax credits that the Commission may approve in a taxable year to income tax returns; requiring the Commission to use certain criteria for prioritizing certain tax credits; providing for a refundable tax credit under certain circumstances; requiring the Commission to establish and implement a certain plan by a certain date; requiring the Commission to adopt certain regulations; requiring the Commission and the State Department of Education to collaborate on the development of a certain application for digital devices; requiring a recipient of a certain award to enroll in at least a certain number of credit hours in a certain time period; limiting the number of years that a certain award may be made except under certain circumstances; defining certain terms; requiring the Board to make a certain report to the General Assembly on or before a certain date; providing for the application of certain provisions this Act; and generally relating to college affordability.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Education
Section 18–301, 18–302, 18–19A–01, 18–19A–04, and 18–19A–05
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Education
Section 18–303(a) and (b), 18–306, 18–19A–02, and 18–19A–03
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Education
Section 18–114 and 18–19A–04.1
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Tax – General
Section 10–208(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2010 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Tax – General
Section 10–208(o)
Annotated Code of Maryland
AN ACT concerning

Study of Student Loan Refinancing in Maryland

FOR the purpose of requiring the Maryland Higher Education Commission and the Maryland Health and Higher Educational Facilities Authority, in consultation with the Department of Legislative Services and any other appropriate agencies, to study the expansion or creation of an appropriate bonding authority for the refinancing of student loans in Maryland; requiring the study to examine certain matters and to make findings and recommendations regarding certain matters; requiring the Maryland Higher Education Commission and the Maryland Health and Higher Educational Facilities Authority to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before a certain date; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to the study of student loan refinancing in Maryland.

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 1016 – The Speaker (By Request – Workgroup on Public Safety and Policing) and Delegates Anderson, Atterbeary, Clippinger, Folden, Hayes, Jackson, Oaks, Pena–Melnyk, B. Wilson, and C. Wilson

AN ACT concerning

Public Safety and Policing Workgroup – Recommendations
FOR the purpose of requiring a certain complaint against a law enforcement officer to be signed under the penalty of perjury instead of before an official authorized to administer oaths; authorizing an individual who has a certain video recording to file a certain complaint against a law enforcement officer; altering the time period within which a certain complaint against a law enforcement officer may be filed; altering the number of days that a certain interrogation shall be suspended under certain circumstances; authorizing the appointment to a certain hearing board of a member of the public who has received certain training; requiring that, in the case of a complaint alleging brutality, a certain hearing board consist of certain members, chosen from a certain pool of law enforcement officers in a certain manner; requiring that a certain hearing be open to the public; removing the Police Training Commission from the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services to become an independent unit in the Executive Department; renaming the Police Training Commission the Maryland Police Training and Standards Commission; repealing certain authority of the Secretary of Public Safety and Correctional Services; altering the composition of the Commission; requiring the election of a chair of the Commission; altering the powers and duties of the Commission; requiring the Commission to develop a certain reporting system by which certain law enforcement agencies shall report certain serious incidents and officer disciplinary actions; requiring the Commission, in consultation with the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, to develop a certain hotline for certain purposes; requiring the Commission to establish a certain police complaint mediation program; requiring the Commission to develop best practices for the establishment and implementation of certain community policing programs and to develop a system by which each law enforcement agency annually files a certain description of the law enforcement agency’s community policing program; requiring the Commission to review certain community policing programs and provide certain feedback regarding the programs; requiring the Commission to develop a certain uniform citizen complaint process; requiring the Commission to develop and administer a training program on the Law Enforcement Officers’ Bill of Rights for certain citizens; adding the submission to a certain psychological evaluation to the requirements for certification as a police officer; prohibiting a law enforcement agency from requiring a certain individual to undergo certain additional training under certain circumstances; requiring each law enforcement agency to require a certain law enforcement officer to file a certain incident report at a certain time, with a certain exception; requiring each law enforcement agency to post certain policies and collective bargaining agreements on certain Web sites; requiring each law enforcement agency to establish a certain policy for counseling certain officers; requiring each law enforcement agency to adopt a certain community policing program and to post and file certain information about the program in a certain manner; requiring each law enforcement agency to annually report certain information to the Commission regarding certain officer–involved incidents and officer discipline; requiring each law enforcement agency to adopt a certain uniform complaint process and post a certain complaint process on its Web site under certain circumstances; establishing the Community Law Enforcement Program Fund as a special, nonlapsing fund; specifying the purpose of the Fund; requiring the Executive Director of the Governor’s Office of Crime Control and Prevention to administer the Fund; requiring the State Treasurer to hold the Fund
and the Comptroller to account for the Fund; specifying the contents of the Fund; requiring the Governor each fiscal year to include in the annual budget bill an appropriation of a certain amount to the Fund; specifying the purpose for which the Fund may be used; providing for the investment of money in and expenditures from the Fund; requiring the Executive Director to establish a certain application procedure; requiring a local law enforcement agency that makes a certain application to provide the Executive Director with certain information; requiring the Executive Director to make certain grants to certain local law enforcement agencies in a certain manner; requiring local law enforcement agencies to submit certain proof to the Executive Director; providing that money distributed from the Fund is to supplement and not supplant any other funding; requiring the Governor’s Office of Crime Control and Prevention and the Maryland Police Training and Standards Commission to provide certain technical assistance to certain law enforcement agencies; requiring the Executive Director to report to the General Assembly on or before a certain date on the distribution of money from the Fund; exempting the Fund from a certain provision of law requiring interest on State money in special funds to accrue to the General Fund of the State; prohibiting a supervisor, an appointing authority, and the head of a certain law enforcement agency from threatening or taking certain retaliatory actions against a certain law enforcement officer who discloses certain information or seeks a certain remedy; providing that certain protections apply to certain disclosures only under certain circumstances; requiring a law enforcement agency to provide certain law enforcement officers a copy of a certain subtitle under certain circumstances; authorizing a certain law enforcement officer to file a civil action against a certain law enforcement agency for certain relief; authorizing the law enforcement officer to seek certain statutory damages instead of certain relief; providing that, under certain circumstances, the law enforcement agency has the burden of proving by clear and convincing evidence that certain personnel actions would have occurred despite a certain disclosure; requiring the trier of fact to consider certain factors in awarding certain statutory damages; requiring the Attorney General to take certain actions for certain purposes; requiring the Attorney General to take certain actions for certain purposes; providing that this Act may not be construed to diminish certain rights, privileges, or remedies; requiring the Attorney General to take certain actions for certain purposes; providing that this Act does not preclude certain actions or prohibit certain personnel actions; providing for the continuity of the terms of office of certain appointed or elected persons; providing for the continuity of certain transactions, rights, duties, titles, and interests; providing for the continuity of the status of certain rules, regulations, and other associated duties and responsibilities affected by this Act; providing for the continuity of certain persons and schools certified by the Commission; providing for the application of this Act; defining certain terms; making conforming changes; and generally relating to public safety and policing.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Correctional Services
Section 2–201
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2008 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
   Article – Public Safety
   Section 3–104(c) and (j), 3–107, 3–201, 3–202, 3–204, and 3–206 through 3–209
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2011 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing
   Article – Public Safety
   Section 3–203
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2011 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY adding to
   Article – Public Safety
   Section 3–203 and 3–514 through 3–519; 3–801 through 3–806 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 8. Whistleblower Protections”; and 4–601 through 4–604 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 6. Community Law Enforcement Program Fund”
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2011 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
   Article – State Finance and Procurement
   Section 6–226(a)(2)(i)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
   Article – State Finance and Procurement
   Section 6–226(a)(2)(ii)84. and 85.
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume)

BY adding to
   Article – State Finance and Procurement
   Section 6–226(a)(2)(ii)86.
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.
House Joint Resolution 3 – Delegates McConkey, Buckel, Ciliberti, Impallaria, Kittleman, Krebs, Malone, Mautz, McKay, Metzgar, Rey, Saab, Shoemaker, Simonaire, and Vogt

A House Joint Resolution concerning

United States Constitution – Amendments Convention – Limitations on Federal Power

FOR the purpose of applying to the U.S. Congress for an amendments convention called under Article V of the U.S. Constitution, on the application of the legislatures of two-thirds of the several states, to propose amendments to the U.S. Constitution that impose fiscal restraints on the federal government, limit the power and jurisdiction of the federal government, and limit the terms of office for officials of the federal government and for the members of the U.S. Congress; and generally relating to an application to Congress for a convention to propose amendments to the U.S. Constitution.

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations.


A House Joint Resolution concerning

United States Congress – Call to Congress and the President to Act on Redistricting Reform

FOR the purpose of requesting that the United States Congress pass, and the President of the United States sign, legislation that establishes uniform standards and procedures applicable to each state for the creation of the districts for the election of the members of the United States Congress; requiring that the resolution be forwarded to the President and Vice President of the United States and to certain members and officials of the United States Congress; and generally relating to redistricting reform for the United States Congress.

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE
FIRST READING OF SENATE BILLS

Senate Bill 22 – Senator Benson

AN ACT concerning

Human Services – Interagency Council on Homelessness – Membership

FOR the purpose of altering the composition of the Interagency Council on Homelessness; increasing the number of representatives from diverse geographical regions of the State engaged in homeless advocacy; specifying the chair of the Council; repealing certain provisions of law regarding the designation of the chair of the Council and the terms of the chair of the Council; stating the intent of the General Assembly that certain designees have certain decision making authority under certain circumstances; making a stylistic change; and generally relating to the Interagency Council on Homelessness.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Human Services
Section 6–418
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2007 Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Human Services
Section 6–419
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2007 Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing

Article – Human Services
Section 6–420
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2007 Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY renumbering

Article – Human Services
Section 6–421, 6–422, 6–423, and 6–424, respectively
to be Section 6–420, 6–421, 6–422, and 6–423, respectively
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2007 Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

Senate Bill 74 – Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Labor, Licensing and Regulation)
AN ACT concerning

Unemployment Insurance – Effect of Retirement Payments on Eligibility for Benefits – Revision

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

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
   Article – Labor and Employment
   Section 8–1008
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2008 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

Senate Bill 84 – Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Labor, Licensing and Regulation)

AN ACT concerning

Unemployment Insurance – Calculation and Application of Table of Rates – Revision

FOR the purpose of providing that, for any calendar year beginning on or after a certain date, the Table of Rates in effect for the immediately preceding calendar year continues to apply under certain circumstances; making conforming changes; and generally relating to the calculation and application of the Table of Rates under the Maryland Unemployment Insurance Law.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
   Article – Labor and Employment
   Section 8–612(d)
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2008 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY adding to
   Article – Labor and Employment
   Section 8–612(f)
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2008 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.
Senate Bill 86 – Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Labor, Licensing and Regulation)

AN ACT concerning

Unemployment Insurance – Exemption From Actively Seeking Work Requirement – Repeal

FOR the purpose of 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; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to exemptions from the actively seeking work requirement in unemployment insurance law.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
   Article – Labor and Employment
   Section 8–907
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2008 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

THE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC MATTERS REPORT #2

Delegate Davis, Chair, for the Committee on Economic Matters reported favorably:

House Bill 70 – Delegate Luedtke

AN ACT concerning

Business Regulation – Billiard Table License – Repeal

Favorable report adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

Delegate Davis, Chair, for the Committee on Economic Matters reported favorably with amendments:

House Bill 140 – The Speaker (By Request – Department of Legislative Services)

AN ACT concerning

Security Systems Technicians and Agencies – Fees and Sunset Extension and Program Evaluation
AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 140
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1
On page 1, in line 2, strike “Fees and”; strike beginning with “altering” in line 4 down through “fee;” in line 12; and in line 23, strike “18–303, 18–307, 18–3A–03, 18–3A–07, and”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2
On pages 2 through 8, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 10 on page 2 through line 17 on page 8, inclusive.

The preceding 2 amendments were read and adopted.

Favorable report, as amended, adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

Delegate Davis, Chair, for the Committee on Economic Matters reported favorably with amendments:

House Bill 249 – Delegates Smith, Bromwell, Cluster, Folden, Hixson, Holmes, Jackson, Kipke, Knotts, Luedtke, Metzgar, Rey, Sanchez, Vogt, Waldstreicher, C. Wilson, and P. Young

AN ACT concerning

Members of the National Guard and Maryland Defense Force – Employment and Reemployment Rights – Enforcement

HB0249/603093/1
BY: Economic Matters Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 249
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1
On page 1, in lines 2, 4 and 5, 8, and 10, in each instance, strike “and Maryland Defense Force”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, in lines 11 and 12 and 16, in each instance, strike “OR MARYLAND DEFENSE FORCE”.

The preceding 2 amendments were read and adopted.

Favorable report, as amended, adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

Delegate Davis, Chair, for the Committee on Economic Matters reported favorably with amendments:


AN ACT concerning

Labor and Employment – Apprenticeship Career Training in Our Neighborhoods (ACTION) Program – Establishment

HB0290/343691/1

BY: Economic Matters Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 290
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 13, strike “a certain maximum grant amount and”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 3, in line 22, after “APPRENTICES” insert “THAT AN ELIGIBLE EMPLOYER EMPLOYS”; in line 23, strike “THAT THE ELIGIBLE EMPLOYER EMPLOYS”; in line 24, strike the bracket; and strike beginning with “in” in line 24 down through “entity” in line 25 and substitute “THAT AN ELIGIBLE EMPLOYER EMPLOYS WHO SATISFIES THE CRITERIA IN SUBSECTION (D)(2) OF THIS SECTION”.

On pages 3 and 4, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 26 on page 3 through line 2 on page 4, inclusive.
The preceding 2 amendments were read and adopted.

Favorable report, as amended, adopted.

Delegate Kipke moved to make the Bill a Special Order for February 11, 2016.

The motion was adopted.

Delegate Davis, Chair, for the Committee on Economic Matters reported favorably with amendments:


AN ACT concerning

**Labor and Employment – Hiring and Promotion Preferences – Veterans and Their Spouses**

**HB0306/203590/1**

BY: Economic Matters Committee

**AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 306**

(First Reading File Bill)

On page 1, in the sponsor line, strike “and P. Young” and substitute “P. Young, Adams, Arentz, Aumann, Barkley, Branch, Brooks, Carey, Clippinger, Davis, Frick, Glenn, Impallaria, Kramer, Lisanti, Mautz, Valderrama, Vaughn, and C. Wilson”.

The preceding amendment was read and adopted.

Favorable report, as amended, adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

Delegate Davis, Chair, for the Committee on Economic Matters reported favorably with amendments:

**House Bill 354 – Delegate Kramer**

AN ACT concerning
Corporations and Real Estate Investment Trusts – Directors and Trustees – Duties and Immunity From Liability

HB0354/793692/1
BY: Economic Matters Committee

AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 354
(First Reading File Bill)

On page 2, in line 16, strike “ACTED” and substitute “WAS ACTING IN THE INDIVIDUAL’S OFFICIAL CAPACITY”.

The preceding amendment was read and adopted.

Favorable report, as amended, adopted.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

VETOED SENATE BILLS – 2015

VETOED SENATE BILLS AND MESSAGES – 2015
(POLICY)
(SEE EXHIBIT C OF APPENDIX II)

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

January 20, 2016

BY THE MAJORITY LEADER,

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN OF THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES:

The Senate today, notwithstanding the objections of the Governor, voted to override the Veto on Senate Bill 340. Said bill is sent to you for your consideration.

By Order,
William B.C. Addison, Jr.
Secretary of the Senate

Read and ordered journalized.

Senate Bill 340 – Senator Conway
(2015)
AN ACT concerning

Election Law – Voting Rights – Ex–Felons

Delegate Kaiser moved to make the Bill a Special Order for March 1, 2016.

The motion was adopted.

LETTERS OF REASSIGNMENT

MEMORANDUM

To: Hon. Kumar P. Barve, Chairman, ENV
From: Michael E. Busch, Speaker
Re: Reassignment of Bill(s)

In accordance with Rule 33, you are hereby requested to return to the Office of the Chief Clerk, the following legislation for reassignment as indicated below:

Bill No.       Reassignment
HB 675          ECM

Read and ordered journalized.

QUORUM CALL

The presiding officer announced a quorum call, showing 138 Members present.

(See Roll Call No. 58)

ADJOURNMENT

At 10:48 A.M. on motion of Delegate Kaiser the House adjourned until 10:00 A.M. on Thursday, February 11, 2016.
The House met at 10:13 A.M. and pledged Allegiance to the Flag.

Prayer by Delegate Sheila E. Hixson of Montgomery County.

**QUORUM CALL**

The presiding officer announced a quorum call, showing 138 Members present.

(See Roll Call No. 59)

The Journal of February 10, 2016 was read and approved.

**INTRODUCTION OF BILLS**

**House Bill 1017 – Prince George’s County Delegation**

AN ACT concerning

**Prince George’s County – Property Tax Deferrals – Elderly and Disabled Homeowners**

PG 412-16

FOR the purpose of requiring that, in Prince George’s County, a certain rate of interest shall be paid on certain county property tax payment deferrals; requiring the governing body of Prince George’s County to establish and promote a certain public awareness campaign related to certain property tax deferral programs; authorizing the governing body of Prince George’s County to provide, by law, a certain payment deferral of the county property tax for certain residential real property; requiring the governing body of Prince George’s County under certain circumstances to specify the duration and certain amounts and restrictions for the payment deferral; requiring the payment of certain deferred property taxes under certain circumstances; requiring the governing body of Prince George’s County under certain circumstances to provide certain information in a taxpayer’s annual property tax bill; requiring that a payment deferral be authorized by a certain written agreement to be recorded in certain land records; providing for a certain lien attachment under certain circumstances; prohibiting the charging of certain penalties during a certain period of time; defining a certain term; providing for the application of this Act; and
generally relating to property tax deferrals in Prince George’s County for certain residential real property.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Tax – Property
Section 10–204
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Tax – Property
Section 10–204.7
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 1018 – Prince George’s County Delegation

EMERGENCY BILL

AN ACT concerning

Prince George’s County – Closures or Partial Closures of Hospitals – Board of Health Approval
PG 406–16

FOR the purpose of prohibiting a person proposing to close or partially close a certain hospital located in Prince George’s County from closing or partially closing the hospital except under certain circumstances; requiring the Prince George’s County Board of Health to hold a certain public hearing within a certain period of time and consider certain factors in deciding whether to approve the closure or partial closure of a certain hospital; requiring the Board of Health to provide written notice of its decision to certain persons within a certain period of time; prohibiting the failure of the Board of Health to comply with certain provisions of this Act from being deemed an approval of the closure or partial closure of a certain hospital; providing that the requirements under certain provisions of this Act for the closure or partial closure of a certain hospital are in addition to certain other requirements; providing for the application of this Act; defining a certain term; making this Act an emergency measure; and generally relating to closures or partial closures of hospitals in Prince George’s County.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Health – General
Section 19–120(l)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume)
Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.


AN ACT concerning

Firearms – Handgun Qualification License – Live–Fire Component

FOR the purpose of providing that the firearms orientation component of a certain firearms safety training course required to be taken by a person to be issued a certain handgun qualification license need not include a practice component requiring the person to fire rounds of live ammunition; and generally relating to firearms.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Public Safety
Section 5–117.1(d)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2011 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 1020 – Prince George’s County Delegation

AN ACT concerning

Prince George’s County – Alcoholic Beverages Licenses – Class B–WPL (Waterfront Pavilion) Beer, Wine, and Liquor License PG 314–16

FOR the purpose of 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 certain premises in a certain waterfront entertainment retail complex; prohibiting the issuance of the license for certain areas; establishing certain privileges for the license; authorizing certain entertainment activities on certain licensed premises in certain manners; providing for the term and renewal of the license; providing that an individual license holder is not subject to certain residency requirements; providing that the license holder may hold up to a certain number of the licenses at the same time; providing that the license holder may have an interest in other licenses in the County; providing for the days and hours of operation of certain premises under the license; establishing an annual fee for the license; limiting the number of licenses that may be issued under this Act; providing that a certain provision on entertainment permits does not apply to the license; providing that certain residency requirements do not apply to the license; prohibiting the entry of certain persons onto the licensed premises at certain
times under certain circumstances; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages licenses in Prince George’s County.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Alcoholic Beverages
Section 26–102
Annotated Code of Maryland
(As enacted by Chapter ___ (S.B. ____)(6lr1406) of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2016)

BY adding to

Article – Alcoholic Beverages
Section 26–1018.1 and 26–2004(i)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(As enacted by Chapter ___ (S.B. ____)(6lr1406) of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2016)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Alcoholic Beverages
Section 26–1103(a)(1), 26–1405(c), 26–1406(c), 26–1601(a)(1), 26–1808, 26–2004(i), and 26–2707
Annotated Code of Maryland
(As enacted by Chapter ___ (S.B. ____)(6lr1406) of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2016)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 1021 – Prince George’s County Delegation

AN ACT concerning

Prince George’s County – Alcoholic Beverages – Requirements and Restrictions for Licenses
PG 303–16

FOR the purpose of establishing that certain license and permit holders may only sell beer in cans or packages of at least a certain number in Prince George’s County; prohibiting the Prince George’s County Board of License Commissioners from issuing or transferring certain alcoholic beverages licenses into certain areas designated as food deserts or qualifying as target census tracts under certain circumstances; authorizing the Board to renew certain alcoholic beverages licenses issued in a food desert or a target census tract before a certain date; requiring the Board to issue certain notice regarding public hearings to certain entities under certain circumstances; defining certain terms; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages licenses in Prince George’s County.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Alcoholic Beverages
Section 4–208, 4–209, 4–406, 26–101(a) and (b), 26–1501, 26–1512, and 26–1801
Annotated Code of Maryland
(As enacted by Chapter ____ (S.B. ____)(6lr1406) of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2016)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Alcoholic Beverages
Section 26–601, 26–801, 26–901, 26–1104, 26–1511, 26–1702, and 26–1803
Annotated Code of Maryland
(As enacted by Chapter ____ (S.B. ____)(6lr1406) of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2016)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 1022 – Prince George’s County Delegation

AN ACT concerning

**Prince George’s County – Alcoholic Beverages – Class D (Waterfront) Beer, Wine, and Liquor License**
PG 315–16

FOR the purpose of repealing the prohibition against issuing a Class D beer, wine, and liquor license in Prince George’s County; establishing a Class D (waterfront) beer, wine, and liquor license that the Board of License Commissioners of the County may issue to an establishment in a certain waterfront entertainment retail complex; establishing certain privileges for the license; authorizing certain dancing and entertainment activities on certain licensed premises in a certain manner; providing for the days and hours of operation of certain premises under the license; establishing an annual fee for the license; limiting the number of licenses that may be issued under this Act; prohibiting the entry of certain persons onto the licensed premises under certain circumstances; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages licenses in Prince George’s County.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Alcoholic Beverages
Section 26–102
Annotated Code of Maryland
(As enacted by Chapter ____ (S.B. ____)(6lr1406) of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2016)

BY repealing
Article – Alcoholic Beverages
Section 26–906
Annotated Code of Maryland
(As enacted by Chapter ____ (S.B. ____)(6lr1406) of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2016)

BY adding to
Article – Alcoholic Beverages
Section 26–1018.1 and 26–2004(j)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(As enacted by Chapter ____ (S.B. ____)(6lr1406) of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2016)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Alcoholic Beverages
Section 26–1601(a)(1) and 26–2707
Annotated Code of Maryland
(As enacted by Chapter ____ (S.B. ____)(6lr1406) of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2016)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 1023 – Delegates Platt, Krimm, and K. Young

AN ACT concerning

Task Force to Study Extending Metrorail Service From Shady Grove to the City of Frederick

FOR the purpose of establishing the Task Force to Study Extending Metrorail Service From Shady Grove to the City of Frederick; providing for the membership, chair, and staffing of the Task Force; requiring the Task Force to consider certain transportation–related issues and make recommendations relating to extending Metrorail service from Shady Grove to the City of Frederick; requiring the Task Force to report to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before a certain date; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to the Task Force to Study Extending Metrorail Service From Shady Grove to the City of Frederick.

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 1024 – Prince George’s County Delegation and Montgomery County Delegation

AN ACT concerning

Montgomery County – Municipal Authority to Regulate Structures – Clarification
PG/MC 112–16
FOR the purpose of clarifying that a municipal corporation or governed special taxing district in Montgomery County may adopt a certain building requirement to regulate the construction, repair, or remodeling of certain structures on land zoned for single-family residential use; and generally relating to the authority of municipal corporations and governed special taxing districts in Montgomery County to regulate structures.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Land Use
Section 20–509
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 1025 – Prince George’s County Delegation and Montgomery County Delegation

AN ACT concerning

Prince George’s County – Land Use – Zoning Powers and Review
PG/MC 111–16

FOR the purpose of providing for the review of certain zoning matters by the district council in Prince George’s County in a certain manner; providing that certain authority of the county planning board over certain zoning matters in the portion of the regional district located in Prince George’s County is not exclusive and is subject to review and final decision by the district council in certain manners; providing that certain zoning powers within the portion of the regional district located in Prince George’s County are vested in and may only be exercised by the district council; and generally relating to land use authority and decisions in Prince George’s County.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Land Use
Section 20–202
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Land Use
Section 22–109 and 22–124
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Land Use
Section 22–120
AN ACT concerning

Maryland Transit Administration – Fares – Calculation and Public Comment

FOR the purpose of clarifying the manner in which the Maryland Transit Administration is required to calculate certain fares for transit services under certain provisions of law; providing that certain provisions of law may not be interpreted to require that certain fares be increased by a certain amount at certain intervals; repealing a provision of law exempting certain fare increases from a public hearing process; requiring the Administration to give notice of a proposal to fix or revise a fare or rate charged to the general public in a certain manner a certain period of time before implementing the proposal; requiring the Administration to give notice of a public hearing on the home page of the Administration’s Web site; and generally relating to calculating and allowing public comment on fares charged by the Maryland Transit Administration.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Transportation
Section 7–208 and 7–506
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

AN ACT concerning

Prince George’s County – Land Use Permit Review – Consolidation
PG/MC 110–16

FOR the purpose of consolidating the review of certain permits for land use in Prince George’s County in the Prince George’s County Department of Permits, Inspections, and Enforcement; providing for mandatory exclusive review of certain permits by the Department and not by the Maryland–National Capital Park and Planning Commission or a unit of the Commission; providing for certain reviews and appeals of certain permit reviews in certain manners; providing that certain zoning and subdivision conditions be reviewed by the Department; providing for the construction
of this Act; providing for the application of this Act; defining a certain term; and generally relating to review of permits for land use in Prince George’s County.

BY renumbering
Article – Land Use
Section 14–101(k) through (q), respectively
to be Section 14–101(l) through (r), respectively
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Land Use
Section 14–101(a), 20–513, and 20–515
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Land Use
Section 14–101(k), 22–217, 23–109, and 25–214
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Land Use
Section 17–212(c) and 20–202(a) and (b)(1)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 1028 – Delegate Beitzel

AN ACT concerning

Garrett County – Alcoholic Beverages – Sunday Sales

FOR the purpose of submitting to a referendum of the qualified voters of certain election districts and precincts of election districts in Garrett County the question of whether the holders of certain alcoholic beverages licenses in Garrett County should be authorized to sell alcoholic beverages for off–premises consumption on certain Sundays under certain circumstances; submitting to a referendum of the qualified voters of certain election districts and precincts of election districts in Garrett County the question of whether the holders of certain alcoholic beverages licenses in Garrett County should be authorized to sell alcoholic beverages for on– or off–premises consumption on certain Sundays under certain circumstances; requiring the Board of County Commissioners and the Board of Supervisors of Elections of Garrett County to take certain actions regarding each referendum
required under this Act; requiring the County Board of License Commissioners to report certain information to the Department of Legislative Services by a certain date; requiring the publishers of the Annotated Code of Maryland to list in the Annotated Code each district and precinct in Garrett County that has approved the sale of alcoholic beverages by certain license holders on Sundays; submitting this Act to a referendum of the qualified voters of certain election districts and precincts of election districts in Garrett County; and generally relating to the sale of alcoholic beverages in Garrett County on Sundays.

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 1029 – Montgomery County Delegation

AN ACT concerning

Montgomery County – Alcoholic Beverages – Class BD–BWL License – Hours of Sale
MC 17–16

FOR the purpose of 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; specifying that a certain limit on the maximum number of certain licenses a person may hold includes no more than a certain number of Class BD–BWL licenses; and generally relating to the sale of alcoholic beverages in Montgomery County.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Alcoholic Beverages
Section 25–903(a) and (b) and 25–1615
Annotated Code of Maryland
(As enacted by Chapter ___ (S.B. ___)(6lr1406) of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2016)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Alcoholic Beverages
Section 25–903(i), 25–1202, and 25–1614
Annotated Code of Maryland
(As enacted by Chapter ___ (S.B. ___)(6lr1406) of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2016)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 1030 – Montgomery County Delegation

AN ACT concerning
Montgomery County – Alcoholic Beverages – Premises Near Schools, Places of Worship, and Youth Centers
MC 1–16

FOR the purpose of authorizing the Montgomery County Board of License Commissioners by a certain vote to approve an application for a license to sell alcoholic beverages for a restaurant that is located less than a certain number of feet from any elementary or secondary school, place of worship, or youth center under certain circumstances; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages in Montgomery County.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Alcoholic Beverages
Section 25–1608(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(As enacted by Chapter ____ (S.B. ____)(6lr1406) of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2016)

BY adding to
Article – Alcoholic Beverages
Section 25–1608(k)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(As enacted by Chapter ____ (S.B. ____)(6lr1406) of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2016)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 1031 – Frederick County Delegation

AN ACT concerning

Frederick County – Alcoholic Beverages – Refillable Container Permits

FOR the purpose of authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Frederick County to issue a refillable container permit for draft beer and for wine to a holder of a Class A alcoholic beverages license or a Class B alcoholic beverages license; providing for certain permit fees; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages in Frederick County.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Alcoholic Beverages
Section 20–102
Annotated Code of Maryland
(As enacted by Chapter __ (S.B. 724) of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2016)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Alcoholic Beverages
Section 20–1101
Annotated Code of Maryland
(As enacted by Chapter __ (S.B. 724) of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2016)

BY adding to
Article – Alcoholic Beverages
Section 20–1104 and 20–1105
Annotated Code of Maryland
(As enacted by Chapter __ (S.B. 724) of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2016)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 1032 – Montgomery County Delegation

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

AN ACT concerning

Montgomery County Board of Education – Elections – Voting by County Residents
MC 25–16

FOR the purpose of proposing an amendment to the Maryland Constitution to provide that
the Montgomery County Council may, by law, establish qualifications for voting by
residents of the county in an election for the elected members of the Montgomery
County Board of Education, provided that the qualifications may not be more
restrictive than the qualifications for voting established by the Maryland
Constitution or by State law; altering provisions of law regarding voter registration
and voting by residents of Montgomery County in elections for the elected members
of the Montgomery County Board of Education; requiring the Montgomery County
Board of Elections to establish procedures, in accordance with qualifications
established by law by the Montgomery County Council, to allow residents of the
county to vote in any election for the elected members of the Montgomery County
Board of Education; providing for the effective date of certain provisions of this Act;
generally relating to voting by residents of Montgomery County in Montgomery
County Board of Education elections; and submitting this amendment to the
qualified voters of the State for their adoption or rejection.

BY proposing an amendment to the Maryland Constitution
Article I – Elective Franchise
Section 1

BY proposing an addition to the Maryland Constitution
Article I – Elective Franchise
Section 3A

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Education
Section 3–901(b) and (c)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Education
Section 3–901(f)(2)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Election Law
Section 3–102 and 8–101
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2010 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 1033 – Montgomery County Delegation

AN ACT concerning

Montgomery County – Purchases From the Department of Liquor Control – Exception for Wholesalers
MC 7–16

FOR the purpose of providing that Montgomery County may authorize a certain private licensed wholesaler to sell and distribute certain beer and wine products not purchased from the Department of Liquor Control for Montgomery County; providing that Montgomery County may authorize the Department to classify certain beer and wine products that a private licensed wholesaler may sell and distribute; requiring the Department to establish by order of the County Executive a certain surcharge to be paid by a private licensed wholesaler under certain circumstances; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages in Montgomery County.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Alcoholic Beverages
Section 25–307
Annotated Code of Maryland
(As enacted by Chapter ___ (S.B. ___)(6lr1406) of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2016)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 1034 – Delegates Platt, Buckel, Carr, Hayes, Kipke, Luedtke, Moon, Pena–Melnyk, and Smith
AN ACT concerning

Income Tax – Job Creation Tax Credit – Long-Term Unemployed Individuals

FOR the purpose of allowing a qualified business entity to claim a credit against the State income tax for employing certain long-term unemployed qualified employees during a certain period; providing that the credit may not exceed a certain amount; defining a certain term; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to a certain income tax credit for job creation.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
   Article – Economic Development
   Section 6–301 and 6–304(b)
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2008 Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
   Article – Economic Development
   Section 6–304(a)
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2008 Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
   Article – Tax – General
   Section 10–704.4
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2010 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 1035 – Delegates West, Aumann, and P. Young

AN ACT concerning

Baltimore County – Speed Monitoring Systems – Days and Times of Operation, Minimum Excess Speed, and Penalties

FOR the purpose of altering the restriction on the days and times during which a speed monitoring system in a school zone may operate in Baltimore County; decreasing the minimum number of miles per hour above a posted speed limit that a motor vehicle must be traveling in Baltimore County in order for the motor vehicle to be recorded by a speed monitoring system; increasing the maximum civil penalty for a violation recorded by a speed monitoring system in Baltimore County; establishing that a person in Baltimore County may elect to perform a certain number of hours of community service rather than pay a civil penalty for a violation recorded by a speed monitoring system; requiring that a citation issued in Baltimore County for a violation recorded by a speed monitoring system contain certain information on
performance and reporting of community service completed under this Act; altering a certain definition; and generally relating to speed monitoring systems.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Transportation
Section 21–809(a)(8), (b)(1)(viii), (c), and (d)(1) and (5)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 1036 – Delegates Anderson, McIntosh, and M. Washington

AN ACT concerning

Creation of a State Debt – Baltimore City – Woodbourne Center Vocational Program

FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed $125,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Woodbourne Center, Inc. for certain development or improvement purposes; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; establishing a deadline for the encumbrance or expenditure of the loan proceeds; and providing generally for the issuance and sale of bonds evidencing the loan.

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

House Bill 1037 – Delegate Lisanti

AN ACT concerning

State Designations – State Waterfowl – Canvasback Duck

FOR the purpose of designating the canvasback duck as the State waterfowl; and generally relating to a State waterfowl.

BY adding to

Article – General Provisions
Section 7–311
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 1038 – Delegates W. Miller, Adams, Arentz, Aumann, Fisher, S. Howard, Impallaria, and Mautz
AN ACT concerning

Labor and Employment – Labor Organizations – Right to Work

FOR the purpose of prohibiting certain employers from requiring, as a condition of employment or continued employment, an employee or a prospective employee to join or remain a member of a labor organization, pay charges to a labor organization, or pay a certain amount to a third party under certain circumstances; prohibiting certain employers from threatening an employee or a prospective employee with certain action; specifying that certain agreements, understandings, or practices between employers and labor organizations are null and void and without legal effect; authorizing an employee or a prospective employee to file an action in a certain circuit court for a certain violation of law; specifying that an employee or a prospective employee is entitled to injunctive relief and to recover certain damages and costs under certain circumstances; providing that a certain violation of law is a misdemeanor and is subject to certain penalties; requiring the Attorney General to take certain action to ensure effective enforcement of certain laws, investigate certain complaints, and try certain prosecutions; specifying that the Attorney General has certain powers and duties relating to criminal prosecutions under certain circumstances; specifying that certain provisions of law are unenforceable under certain circumstances; repealing a certain provision of law that prohibits a court from granting relief under certain circumstances; repealing certain provisions of law related to fees paid by employees to certain labor organizations; defining certain terms; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to the rights of individuals, employee organizations, and employers.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings
Section 2–309(j)(5)(i) and (ii)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2013 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings
Section 2–309(j)(5)(iii)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2013 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Education
Section 6–407, 6–504, and 16–414.1(e)(3) and (f)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Family Law
Section 5–595.3
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
   Article – Health – General
   Section 15–904(e)
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2015 Replacement Volume)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
   Article – Labor and Employment
   Section 4–304
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2008 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY adding to
   Article – Labor and Employment
   Section 4–701 through 4–707 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 7. Right to Work”
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2008 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
   Article – Land Use
   Section 16–309
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2012 Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing
   Article – Land Use
   Section 16–316
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2012 Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
   Article – State Personnel and Pensions
   Section 3–502
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2015 Replacement Volume)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 1039 – Delegates Lisanti, Atterbeary, B. Barnes, Cullison, Dumais, Fennell, Hettleman, Jameson, Kelly, Sample–Hughes, Smith, Tarlau, and A. Washington

AN ACT concerning
Motor Vehicles – Driver Education Program Curriculum – Police Traffic Stop Procedures and Basic Vehicle Maintenance

FOR the purpose of requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration to adopt regulations requiring that classroom instruction for the driver education program include at least a certain number of hours of instruction on what to do when stopped by a police officer and at least a certain number of hours of instruction on basic vehicle safety and maintenance; and generally relating to the driver education program curriculum.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
   Article – Transportation
   Section 16–505
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 1040 – Delegates Szeliga, Buckel, Hornberger, and Shoemaker

AN ACT concerning

Education – Student Report Cards – Required Information

FOR the purpose of requiring each local school system to include certain information on student report cards; requiring certain information to be presented in a certain manner; requiring the State Department of Education to develop a certain system of grading public schools in the State based on certain performance levels of a certain mandated State assessment; requiring the Department to make a certain notification before the start of a certain school year; requiring the Department to adopt certain regulations; and generally relating to required information on student report cards.

BY adding to
   Article – Education
   Section 7–121 and 7–208
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 1041 – Delegate Frush

AN ACT concerning

State Wetlands – Nonstructural Shoreline Stabilization Requirement – Waiver
FOR the purpose of requiring a certain waiver process adopted by the Department of the Environment to exempt a person from the requirement to use certain nonstructural shoreline stabilization measures for certain erosion protection projects under certain circumstances; and generally relating to nonstructural shoreline stabilization requirements in State wetlands.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Environment
Section 16–201
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 1042 – Delegates Platt and Carr

AN ACT concerning

Vehicle Laws – Excise Tax – Leased Vehicles

FOR the purpose of authorizing the payment of the excise tax on certain leased vehicles to be made in monthly installments.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Transportation
Section 13–808
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 1043 – Delegates Malone, Beidle, Dumais, Flanagan, Fraser–Hidalgo, McComas, and Otto

AN ACT concerning

Vehicle Laws – Rules of the Road – Lane Changes

FOR the purpose of altering the circumstances under which a driver may move out of or into a lane by authorizing the move when the driver has reasonably determined it is safe to do so and activated the appropriate turn signal; prohibiting a person from moving a vehicle right or left on a roadway in order to change lanes unless the person gives an appropriate signal in a certain manner, subject to a certain exception; providing that a violation of this Act is not a moving violation for the purpose of assessing points; establishing certain penalties for violations of this Act; making
certain stylistic changes; and generally relating to rules of the road for driving on laned roadways and changing lanes.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
Article – Transportation  
Section 21–309(b) and 21–604  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
Article – Transportation  
Section 21–605 and 27–101(a) and (b)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY adding to  
Article – Transportation  
Section 27–101(gg)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 1044 – Delegates B. Robinson, Conaway, and Hayes

AN ACT concerning

Creation of a State Debt – Baltimore City – Lexington Market

FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed $500,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of Lexington Market, Inc. for certain development or improvement purposes; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; establishing a deadline for the encumbrance or expenditure of the loan proceeds; and providing generally for the issuance and sale of bonds evidencing the loan.

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

House Bill 1045 – Delegates Hayes, Conaway, and B. Robinson

AN ACT concerning

Creation of a State Debt – Baltimore City – Itineris Foundation

FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed $100,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of Itineris, Inc. for certain
development or improvement purposes; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; establishing a deadline for the encumbrance or expenditure of the loan proceeds; and providing generally for the issuance and sale of bonds evidencing the loan.

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

House Bill 1046 – Delegates Dumais, Barron, and Clippinger

AN ACT concerning

Criminal Procedure – Pretrial Release

FOR the purpose of requiring a judicial officer to order the pretrial release of a certain person on personal recognizance, on nonfinancial conditions, or on execution of an unsecured appearance bond in a certain amount under certain circumstances; requiring a judicial officer to order the pretrial release of a certain person subject to a certain condition or combination of conditions under certain circumstances; repealing a certain requirement for court authorization of the posting of a bail bond in a certain manner by a certain defendant or surety; and generally relating to pretrial release.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Criminal Procedure
Section 5–101 and 5–203(a)(2)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2008 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.


AN ACT concerning

Earned Income Tax Credit – Expansion

FOR the purpose of altering the percentage of the federal earned income credit used for determining the amount that certain individuals may claim as a refund under the Maryland earned income credit under certain circumstances; altering the calculation of the Maryland earned income tax credit to increase the amount of credit that certain individuals without qualifying children may claim; expanding eligibility of the credit to allow certain individuals without certain qualifying children to claim the credit; allowing certain individuals to claim a refund of the credit; allowing an individual to claim the credit without regard to a certain age limitation; providing that the amount of the credit is adjusted for inflation each year; providing for the
application of this Act; and generally relating to the Maryland earned income tax credit.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
  Article – Tax – General
  Section 10–704
  Annotated Code of Maryland
  (2010 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.


AN ACT concerning

Income Tax – Earned Income Credit – Refundability

FOR the purpose of altering the percentage of the federal earned income credit used for determining the amount that certain individuals may claim as a refund under the Maryland earned income credit under certain circumstances; and generally relating to the earned income credit allowed under the State income tax.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
  Article – Tax – General
  Section 10–704(a) and (b)(1)
  Annotated Code of Maryland
  (2010 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
  Article – Tax – General
  Section 10–704(b)(2)
  Annotated Code of Maryland
  (2010 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 1049 – Delegates Clippinger, Hammen, and Lierman

AN ACT concerning

Creation of a State Debt – Baltimore City – Leadenhall Community Outreach Center

FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed $500,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Trustees of Leadenhall Baptist Church for certain development or improvement purposes; providing for disbursement of the
loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; prohibiting the use of the loan proceeds or matching fund for sectarian religious purposes; establishing a deadline for the encumbrance or expenditure of the loan proceeds; and providing generally for the issuance and sale of bonds evidencing the loan.

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.


AN ACT concerning

Income Tax Credit – Holocaust Survivors

FOR the purpose of allowing an individual who is a Holocaust survivor to claim a credit against the State income tax; providing for the amount of the credit; providing that the credit may be claimed only by a taxpayer with retirement income that does not exceed a certain amount; providing that the credit may not be carried forward to another taxable year; requiring the Comptroller to adopt certain regulations; defining certain terms; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to an income tax credit for Holocaust survivors.

BY adding to
   Article – Tax – General
   Section 10–737
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2010 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 1051 – Delegate Lisanti

AN ACT concerning

Harford County – Alcoholic Beverages – Community College License

FOR the purpose of establishing a Class CC (community college) beer and wine license in Harford County; authorizing the Board of License Commissioners to issue the license to an officer of a community college for use on certain parts of the community college campus; providing that the license authorizes the sale of beer and wine for on–premises consumption to individuals who attend certain public events and to members of certain groups and their guests who attend events held for those groups; prohibiting a license holder from selling beer and wine at certain events; prohibiting
a license holder from allowing alcoholic beverages to be consumed during a certain
time; prohibiting, with a certain exception, a license holder from allowing an
individual to carry alcoholic beverages on to or from the licensed premises; providing
for an annual license fee; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages licenses in
Harford County.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
  Article – Alcoholic Beverages
  Section 22–102
  Annotated Code of Maryland
  (As enacted by Chapter ____ (S.B. _____)(6lr1406) of the Acts of the General
  Assembly of 2016)

BY adding to
  Article – Alcoholic Beverages
  Section 22–807.1
  Annotated Code of Maryland
  (As enacted by Chapter ____ (S.B. _____)(6lr1406) of the Acts of the General
  Assembly of 2016)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 1052 – Delegates Lam, Beidle, Fraser–Hidalgo, Kipke, Krebs, McCray,
and B. Wilson

AN ACT concerning

Motor Vehicles – Speed Monitoring Systems – Automated Audits

FOR the purpose of requiring that a speed monitoring system be subject to an automated,
real–time audit; prohibiting an audit from being conducted by an employee or
representative of the speed monitoring system contractor; requiring that the results
of the audit remain in the custody and be the property of the local jurisdiction that
authorized the speed monitoring system and be admitted as evidence in any court
proceeding for certain violations; and generally relating to automated audits for
speed monitoring systems.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
  Article – Transportation
  Section 21–809(b)(1)(i), (2), (3), and (4)
  Annotated Code of Maryland
  (2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
  Article – Transportation
  Section 21–809(b)(5) and (6)
  Annotated Code of Maryland
Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 1053 – Delegates Valderrama, Glenn, Jameson, and Mautz

AN ACT concerning

Workers’ Compensation Commission – Location of Hearings – Claims Filed by Employees of Governmental Agencies

FOR the purpose of requiring the Workers’ Compensation Commission, under certain circumstances, to conduct a hearing on a claim filed by an employee of a governmental agency be held at a certain regional hearing location; authorizing the Commission to conduct the hearing at an alternative hearing location listed in a certain provision of law under certain circumstances; making stylistic changes; and generally relating to the location of hearings on workers’ compensation claims filed by employees of governmental agencies.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Labor and Employment
Section 9–724(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2008 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Labor and Employment
Section 9–724(b) and (c)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2008 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.


AN ACT concerning

Income Tax – Penalties – Assessment Schedule
FOR the purpose of altering the penalty the Comptroller is required to assess if a person fails to pay income tax when due; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to the assessment of a penalty for failure to pay income tax when due.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Tax – General
Section 13–701(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2010 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Tax – General
Section 13–701(b)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2010 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 1055 – Delegates Hayes, Conaway, and B. Robinson

AN ACT concerning

Creation of a State Debt – Baltimore City – James Mosher Baseball League Field Enhancement

FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed $45,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of The James Mosher Associates, Inc. for certain development or improvement purposes; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; establishing a deadline for the encumbrance or expenditure of the loan proceeds; and providing generally for the issuance and sale of bonds evidencing the loan.

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

House Bill 1056 – Delegates Valderrama and Knotts

AN ACT concerning

Creation of a State Debt – Prince George’s County – Fil-American Multicultural Center

FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed $200,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the National Philippine Cultural Foundation, Inc. for certain development or improvement purposes;
providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the
gratee provide and expend a matching fund; establishing a deadline for the
encumbrance or expenditure of the loan proceeds; and providing generally for the
issuance and sale of bonds evidencing the loan.

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

House Bill 1057 – Delegate Beitzel

AN ACT concerning

Creation of a State Debt – Garrett County – Emergency Operations Center

FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed $250,000, the
proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of County Commissioners of Garrett
County for certain development or improvement purposes; providing for
disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide
and expend a matching fund; establishing a deadline for the encumbrance or
expenditure of the loan proceeds; and providing generally for the issuance and sale
of bonds evidencing the loan.

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

House Bill 1058 – Delegates Platt, Carr, and Patterson

AN ACT concerning

Task Force to Review the Workload of Special Educators in the State

FOR the purpose of establishing the Task Force to Review the Workload of Special
Educators in the State; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Task
Force; prohibiting a member of the Task Force from receiving certain compensation,
but authorizing the reimbursement of certain expenses; requiring the Task Force to
review, research, and make recommendations regarding certain matters; requiring
the Task Force to develop a certain streamlined process; requiring the Task Force to
report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly
on or before a certain date; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally
relating to the Task Force to Review the Workload of Special Educators in the State.

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 1059 – Delegates Morales, Carr, Cullison, Ebersole, Fennell,
Fraser-Hidalgo, Frush, Gutierrez, Healey, Hill, Hixson, C. Howard, Jalisi,
Knotts, Lafferty, Lam, Moon, S. Robinson, Sanchez, Tarlau, A. Washington,
and M. Washington

AN ACT concerning
Landlord and Tenant – Security Deposit – Contents of Lease

FOR the purpose of requiring a written lease for residential property to include a certain receipt for the security deposit under certain circumstances; making a stylistic change; and generally relating to security deposits and leases for residential property.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Real Property
Section 8–203(a), (e), (f), and (g), 8–203.1, and 8–208(a) and (b)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Real Property
Section 8–203(c) and 8–208(c)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.


AN ACT concerning

Model Residential Leases – Required Contents

FOR the purpose of requiring a model lease provided by a county for use for residential rental property to contain certain notices and information; and generally relating to residential leases.

BY adding to

Article – Real Property
Section 8–209
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 1061 – Delegate Holmes

AN ACT concerning

Real Property – Common Ownership Communities – Registration
FOR the purpose of requiring a cooperative housing corporation, a condominium, and a homeowners association to register annually with the State Department of Assessments and Taxation; providing for a certain registration fee and certain contents of a registration form; making a failure to register a civil violation subject to a certain fine; requiring the Department to make a certain report annually to the General Assembly; requiring the Department to report on or before a certain date to the General Assembly on recommendations for a training requirement for certain persons in a common ownership community; defining certain terms; and generally relating to the registration of common ownership communities.

BY adding to
Article – Corporations and Associations
Section 5–6B–12.1
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Real Property
Section 11–130.1 and 11B–115.2; and 14–601 through 14–605 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 6. Registration of Common Ownership Communities”
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 1062 – St. Mary’s County Delegation

AN ACT concerning

St. Mary’s County – Alcoholic Beverages – Permits, Training, Prohibited Acts, and Violations

FOR the purpose of 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 permits in St. Mary’s County; establishing a BWT beer and wine tasting permit in St. Mary’s County for a certain purpose; authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for St. Mary’s County to issue the permit only to a holder of a certain license; providing for the application and fees for, maximum permit periods, and restrictions associated with the permit; requiring an applicant for an alcoholic beverages license in St. Mary’s County to attend certain training within a certain time after the application is approved; providing that attendance at certain training does not fulfill a certain training requirement; prohibiting a person who operates a certain establishment in St. Mary’s County without an alcoholic beverage license from knowingly allowing a customer to bring alcoholic beverages for consumption into, or on the grounds of, the establishment; authorizing the Board to impose a certain fine on a certain employee of a holder of an alcoholic beverage license for
selling alcoholic beverages to certain individuals; and generally relating to the regulation of alcoholic beverages in St. Mary's County.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Alcoholic Beverages
Section 28–102 and 28–1306(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(As enacted by Chapter ____ (S.B. 724) of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2016)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Alcoholic Beverages
Section 28–1306(f), 28–2501, and 28–2802
Annotated Code of Maryland
(As enacted by Chapter ____ (S.B. 724) of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2016)

BY adding to
Article – Alcoholic Beverages
Section 28–1307 and 28–1411
Annotated Code of Maryland
(As enacted by Chapter ____ (S.B. 724) of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2016)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 1063 – Delegates Buckel, Beitzel, and Shoemaker

AN ACT concerning

Election Law – Filing Fee – Candidates for President and Vice President

FOR the purpose of establishing a filing fee for candidates for President and Vice President of the United States; and generally relating to candidate filing fees.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Election Law
Section 5–401
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2010 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 1064 – Montgomery County Delegation

AN ACT concerning

Montgomery County – Sale of Alcoholic Beverages – Distance From Places of Worship
MC 18–16
FOR the purpose of repealing certain provisions of law prohibiting the Montgomery County Board of License Commissioners from approving an application for a license to sell alcoholic beverages within a certain distance of a place of worship; repealing certain provisions of law that authorize the Board of License Commissioners to approve an application for a license to sell alcoholic beverages more than a certain distance away from a place of worship under certain circumstances; and generally relating to the sale of alcoholic beverages in Montgomery County.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Alcoholic Beverages
Section 25–1608
Annotated Code of Maryland
(As enacted by Chapter ____ (S.B. ____)(6lr1406) of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2016)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 1065 – Montgomery County Delegation

AN ACT concerning

Montgomery County Board of Education – Special Election to Fill a Vacancy
MC 2–16

FOR the purpose of providing for the conduct of a special election to fill a vacancy for an elected member on the Montgomery County Board of Education under certain circumstances; altering the authority of the elected members of the county board to appoint an individual to fill a vacancy for an elected member on the county board; providing that, under certain circumstances, the special election shall be held concurrently with a certain previously scheduled election in the county; requiring the Montgomery County Executive, after consultation with the county board of elections, to establish the date for the special primary election and, under certain circumstances, a special general election; authorizing a special election to fill a vacancy in the county board to be held at a time other than the date of a regular primary election and a regular general election; providing that a local special election to fill a vacancy shall be conducted by mail under certain circumstances; and generally relating to a special election to fill a vacancy for an elected member of the Montgomery County Board of Education.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Education
Section 3–901(a), (f)(4), (5), and (6), and (g)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Education  
Section 3–901(b) through (e) and (f)(1) and (2)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
Article – Election Law  
Section 8–401 and 9–501  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2010 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 1066 – Montgomery County Delegation

AN ACT concerning  

Montgomery County Public Schools – Communications in Spanish  
MC 37–16

FOR the purpose of requiring the Montgomery County Board of Education and each public school in Montgomery County to provide certain communications to the families or homes of students in English and Spanish; defining a certain term; and generally relating to communications from public schools to families and homes of students in Montgomery County.

BY adding to  
Article – Education  
Section 7–121  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 1067 – Montgomery County Delegation

AN ACT concerning  

Montgomery County – Alcoholic Beverages Licenses – Exemption From Minimum Distance Restrictions  
MC 8–16

FOR the purpose of authorizing the Montgomery County Board of License Commissioners to approve by unanimous vote the application for a license to sell alcoholic beverages in a certain mixed use center, regardless of the distance from certain schools, places of worship, or youth centers, under certain circumstances; specifying that the license authorizes the holder to sell alcoholic beverages for on–premises consumption only,
except under certain circumstances; authorizing a holder of a Class D beer and light wine license to obtain a Class 7 micro–brewery license to sell beer for on– and off–premises consumption; and generally relating to the sale of alcoholic beverages in Montgomery County.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
  Article – Alcoholic Beverages
  Section 25–1608(a)
  Annotated Code of Maryland
  (As enacted by Chapter ____ (S.B. _____)(6lr1406) of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2016)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
  Article – Alcoholic Beverages
  Section 25–1608(b), (c), and (d)
  Annotated Code of Maryland
  (As enacted by Chapter ____ (S.B. _____)(6lr1406) of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2016)

BY adding to
  Article – Alcoholic Beverages
  Section 25–1608(k)
  Annotated Code of Maryland
  (As enacted by Chapter ____ (S.B. _____)(6lr1406) of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2016)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 1068 – Delegates Hammen, Clippinger, and Lierman

AN ACT concerning

Baltimore City – Alcoholic Beverages – Pub Crawl Promoter’s Permits

FOR the purpose of 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 a certain applicant who has submitted an application to the Board of License Commissioners no less than a certain number of days before a certain date; requiring an applicant to obtain a certain special event permit and provide a copy of the special event permit to the Board of License Commissioners before being issued the pub crawl promoter’s permit; requiring certain license holders to sign and date a certain application and pay a certain fee; specifying that the permit authorizes the holder to conduct a pub crawl; requiring a pub crawl to be held on certain premises; specifying the duration of a permit; authorizing the Board of License Commissioners to adopt certain regulations; specifying a certain application fee and permit fee; establishing a certain penalty; and generally relating to pub crawl promoter’s permits in Baltimore City.
BY adding to
  Article – Alcoholic Beverages
  Section 12–1101.1
  Annotated Code of Maryland
  (As enacted by Chapter ___ (S.B. ___)(6lr1406) of the Acts of the General
  Assembly of 2016)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
  Article – Alcoholic Beverages
  Section 12–2801
  Annotated Code of Maryland
  (As enacted by Chapter ____ (S.B. _____)(6lr1406) of the Acts of the General
  Assembly of 2016)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
  Article – Alcoholic Beverages
  Section 12–2802
  Annotated Code of Maryland
  (As enacted by Chapter ____ (S.B. _____)(6lr1406) of the Acts of the General
  Assembly of 2016)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 1069 – Prince George’s County Delegation

AN ACT concerning

Prince George’s County – Alcoholic Beverages – Entertainment Concessionaire
and Facility Licenses
PG 311–16

FOR the purpose of authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Prince George’s
County to issue an entertainment concessionaire license to certain persons for
certain purposes; providing for the scope of the entertainment concessionaire license;
authorizing the Board to issue an entertainment facility license to certain persons
for certain purposes; providing for the scope of the entertainment facility license;
providing that beer, wine, and liquor sold under an entertainment concessionaire
license or an entertainment facility license may be taken and consumed anywhere
in the entertainment facility; specifying that the licenses authorize the playing of
music and dancing; authorizing certain license holders to provide complimentary
service of food and alcoholic beverages in an entertainment facility for consumption
in the facility and for off–premises consumption, subject to a certain exception;
specifying the hours of sale for the licenses; specifying that certain licenses authorize
the sale of beer, wine, and liquor for off–premises consumption from certain retail
outlets; specifying that certain licenses authorize the sale and consumption of beer,
wine, and liquor in a certain lounge in which the holder of the license may serve and
sell cigars, for smoking in the lounge, and food; providing that certain provisions relating to a special Sunday license do not apply to an entertainment facility license or an entertainment concessionaire license; providing that license holders that seek to provide entertainment are not required to obtain a certain special entertainment permit; providing that license holders that seek to allow dancing are not required to obtain a local dance license issued by Prince George’s County; providing for the annual fees and payment date for the licenses; providing for the application to certain persons of certain penalties and sanctions for violations occurring on certain premises; defining certain terms; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages and entertainment facilities in Prince George’s County.

BY adding to Article – Alcoholic Beverages Section 26–1009.1 and 26–1009.2 Annotated Code of Maryland
(As enacted by Chapter ___ (S.B. ___)(6LR1406) of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2016)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.


AN ACT concerning

Income Tax Credit – Renewable Energy Property

FOR the purpose of allowing certain individuals or corporations a credit against the State income tax for a certain percentage of the cost of certain renewable energy property constructed or purchased and placed in service in the State; limiting the amount of the credit for each installation of renewable energy property; limiting the aggregate amount of tax credit certificates that may be issued during a certain period; requiring the credit to be claimed in certain taxable years in a certain manner; authorizing an individual or a corporation to carry over to certain taxable years any excess credit; requiring an individual or a corporation to file an application for a tax credit certificate with the Maryland Energy Administration before placing renewable energy property in service to claim the credit; requiring the application to include certain information; requiring an individual or a corporation claiming the credit to maintain and make available certain records; requiring the Administration to issue tax credit certificates on a first–come, first–served basis; requiring an individual or a corporation that receives a tax credit certificate to place renewable energy property in service within a certain period of time; specifying procedures if an individual or a corporation that receives a tax credit certificate does not place renewable energy property in service within a specified period of time; prohibiting the Administration from issuing a tax credit certificate before a certain date or after a certain date; authorizing the tax credit to be transferred; specifying procedures that apply when the tax credit is transferred; authorizing the tax credit to be allocated among
partners, members, or shareholders of certain business entities; authorizing the
lessor and the lessee of renewable energy property to elect to treat a lease of
renewable energy property as a sale of the property to the lessee for tax purposes;
specifying procedures that apply when a lease of renewable energy property is
treated as a sale of the property to the lessee for tax purposes; requiring the
recapture of the tax credit under certain circumstances; authorizing the
Administration to adopt regulations to implement the tax credit; defining certain
terms; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to an income
tax credit for renewable energy property.

BY adding to
Article – Tax – General
Section 10–737
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2010 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 1071 – Cecil County Delegation

AN ACT concerning

Cecil County – Alcoholic Beverages – Class 9 Limited Distillery Licenses and
Class 7 Micro–Brewery Licenses

FOR the purpose of authorizing a Class 9 limited distillery license and a Class 7
micro–brewery license to be issued in Cecil County; authorizing a Class 9 limited
distillery license to be issued to a holder of a Class B beer, wine, and liquor license
as well as a Class D beer, wine, and liquor license under certain circumstances;
providing that a certain Class 9 limited distillery license holder who is also a Class
B beer, wine, and liquor license holder may sell certain products in a certain manner
and may not sell at retail more than a certain number of gallons on a certain
premises each year; requiring a Class 9 limited distillery license holder who is also
a Class B beer, wine, and liquor license holder to divest itself of a certain license and
obtain a certain license if the license holder distills more than a certain number of
gallons of product each year; 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 certain circumstances; establishing that for a holder of a
Class D beer, wine, and liquor license who also holds a Class 7 micro–brewery
license, the hours and days of sale for the Class 7 micro–brewery license are those
established for a Class D beer, wine, and liquor license; and generally relating to the
issuance of Class 9 limited distillery licenses and Class 7 micro–brewery licenses in
Cecil County.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Alcoholic Beverages
Section 17–102
Annotated Code of Maryland
(As enacted by Chapter ____ (S.B. ____)(6lr1406) of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2016)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Alcoholic Beverages
Section 17–401
Annotated Code of Maryland
(As enacted by Chapter ____ (S.B. ____)(6lr1406) of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2016)

BY adding to
Article – Alcoholic Beverages
Section 17–403 and 17–404
Annotated Code of Maryland
(As enacted by Chapter ____ (S.B. ____)(6lr1406) of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2016)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 1072 – Delegate Beitzel

AN ACT concerning

Garrett County – Alcoholic Beverages – Various Licenses

FOR the purpose of specifying certain annual fees for certain 7–day alcoholic beverages licenses; altering the number of days after the expiration date of a wine festival license that a holder of a State wholesale, Class 3 winery, or Class 4 limited winery license may accept returns from a holder of a wine festival license; providing that the Garrett County Board of License Commissioners is not required to hold a hearing before issuing certain Class C temporary licenses; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages in Garrett County.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Alcoholic Beverages
Section 21–102, 21–601(a), 21–602(a), 21–604(a), 21–701(a), 21–801(a), 21–802(a), 21–803(a), 21–805(a), 21–902(a), 21–903(a), 21–904(b), 21–905(a)(1), 21–1001(a), 21–1002(a), and 21–1305(a)(1)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(As enacted by Chapter ____ (S.B.724) of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2016)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Alcoholic Beverages
Section 21–601(c), 21–602(d), 21–604(c), 21–701(d), 21–801(c), 21–802(d), 21–803(e), 21–805(e), 21–902(g), 21–903(f), 21–904(g), 21–905(e), 21–1001(e), 21–1002(e), 21–1305(i), 21–1309, and 21–1501
Annotated Code of Maryland
(As enacted by Chapter ____ (S.B. 724) of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2016)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 1073 – Montgomery County Delegation

AN ACT concerning

Montgomery County – Alcoholic Beverages – License Applications – Online Notice
MC 5–16

FOR the purpose of authorizing the Montgomery County Board of License Commissioners to fulfill a certain notice requirement by posting online a completed application for an alcoholic beverages license a certain number of days before the hearing date; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages in Montgomery County.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Alcoholic Beverages
Section 4–208
Annotated Code of Maryland
(As enacted by Chapter ____ (S.B. ____)(6lr1406) of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2016)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Alcoholic Beverages
Section 25–1506
Annotated Code of Maryland
(As enacted by Chapter ____ (S.B. ____)(6lr1406) of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2016)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 1074 – Montgomery County Delegation

EMERGENCY BILL

AN ACT concerning

Montgomery County – Laytonsville – Alcoholic Beverages Licenses
MC 22–16

FOR the purpose of authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Montgomery County to issue, renew, and transfer and otherwise provide a maximum of a certain number of alcoholic beverages licenses for use in the town of Laytonsville under certain conditions; specifying that the licenses may be any combination of certain
types of licenses; providing for the effective date of certain provisions of this Act; making this Act an emergency measure; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages licenses in Montgomery County.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages
Section 8–216(a)(2)(i)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2011 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages
Section 8–216(e)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2011 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Alcoholic Beverages
Section 25–1605
Annotated Code of Maryland
(As enacted by Chapter__(S.B.__)(6lr1406) of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2016)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 1075 – Montgomery County Delegation

AN ACT concerning

Montgomery County – Gaithersburg – Licensed Alcoholic Beverages
Restaurants – Exemption From Distance Restrictions
MC 23–16

FOR the purpose of authorizing the Montgomery County Board of License Commissioners by a certain vote to approve a Class B beer, wine, and liquor license for a restaurant in the City of Gaithersburg Corridor Development, notwithstanding certain distance restrictions from certain schools, places of worship, or youth centers; requiring the restaurant to meet certain conditions; specifying that the license authorizes the license holder to keep for sale and sell alcoholic beverages for consumption on the premises only; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages licenses in the City of Gaithersburg Corridor Development in Montgomery County.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Alcoholic Beverages
Section 25–1608(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
   Article – Alcoholic Beverages
   Section 25–1608(b) and (c)
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (As enacted by Chapter ____ (S.B. ____)(6lr1406) of the Acts of the General
   Assembly of 2016)

BY adding to
   Article – Alcoholic Beverages
   Section 25–1608(k)
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (As enacted by Chapter ____ (S.B. ____)(6lr1406) of the Acts of the General
   Assembly of 2016)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 1076 – Montgomery County Delegation

AN ACT concerning

Montgomery County – Alcoholic Beverages – Sports Stadium License
MC 19–16

FOR the purpose of creating in Montgomery County a sports stadium license; authorizing
the Board of License Commissioners to issue the license to certain individuals;
establishing certain criteria for the sports stadium; establishing a certain residency
requirement; authorizing the sale of beer and wine for on–premises consumption
during a professional sports event or other event held at the stadium; allowing sales
to take place at a service bar or throughout the stadium by individual sales vendors
on behalf of the licensee; providing for the hours of sale for the license; requiring that
all beer and wine intended for consumption at the stadium be purchased from the
Montgomery County Department of Liquor Control; requiring that each server of
alcoholic beverages hold a certain certificate; establishing an annual license fee; and
generally relating to a sports stadium beer and wine license in Montgomery County.

BY adding to
   Article – Alcoholic Beverages
   Section 25–1011.1
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (As enacted by Chapter __(S.B.__)(6lr1406) of the Acts of the General Assembly of
   2016)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.
House Bill 1077 – Montgomery County Delegation

AN ACT concerning

Montgomery County Board of Elections – Election Director – Appointment
Requirement
MC 26–16

FOR the purpose of requiring the Montgomery County Board of Elections to require a
supermajority vote of the regular members of the Board to appoint an election
director; and generally relating to the appointment of the election director by the
Montgomery County Board of Elections.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Election Law
Section 2–202
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2010 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 1078 – Montgomery County Delegation

AN ACT concerning

Montgomery County – Property Tax – Homestead Tax Credit Percentage
MC 28–16

FOR the purpose of altering the maximum homestead property tax credit percentage in
Montgomery County; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating
to the homestead property tax credit in Montgomery County.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Tax – Property
Section 9–105(e)(5)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 1079 – Montgomery County Delegation

AN ACT concerning

Montgomery County Student Loan Refinancing Authority
MC 27–16
FOR the purpose of authorizing Montgomery County to create the Montgomery County Student Loan Refinancing Authority; providing that the Authority shall be authorized to exercise the powers set forth in this Act only on the taking effect of an ordinance enacted by the Montgomery County government creating the Authority and approving the Authority to exercise its powers; providing for the purpose, membership, powers, duties, and organization of the Authority; authorizing the Authority to issue bonds and notes for its corporate purposes related to loans for students or parents of students to assist in financing the cost of higher education; providing for the terms and manner of issuance of the bonds and notes; authorizing the Authority to adopt certain regulations; requiring certain money received under this Act to be held as trust funds; exempting certain property, money, and income of the Authority from certain taxation by the State and political subdivisions of the State; authorizing certain entities to invest in bonds issued by the Authority; providing a certain pledge that the State will not limit certain rights vested in the Authority; prohibiting certain obligations of the Authority from being obligations of the State and political subdivisions of the State; stating certain findings and intent of the General Assembly; defining certain terms; providing for the construction of this Act; making the provisions of this Act severable; and generally relating to the Montgomery County Student Loan Refinancing Authority.

BY adding to
Article – Education
Section 18–3101 through 18–3122 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 31. Montgomery County Student Loan Refinancing Authority”
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 1080 – Delegate Cullison

AN ACT concerning

Condominiums and Homeowners Associations – Amendments to Governing Documents

FOR the purpose of altering the minimum percentage of affirmative votes of unit owners required to amend certain governing documents of a condominium under certain circumstances; providing that the minimum percentage of affirmative votes of unit owners shall be attained in a certain manner; altering the minimum percentage of affirmative votes of lot owners required to amend certain governing documents of a homeowners association under certain circumstances; providing that the minimum percentage of affirmative votes of lot owners shall be attained in a certain manner; making a stylistic change; defining certain terms; and generally relating to amendments to the governing documents of condominiums and homeowners associations.
BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
Article – Real Property  
Section 11–103, 11–104, and 11B–116  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2015 Replacement Volume)

BY adding to  
Article – Real Property  
Section 11–104.1  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2015 Replacement Volume)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 1081 – Delegates Valentino-Smith, Holmes, and Vallario

AN ACT concerning

Creation of a State Debt – Prince George’s County – Tabernacle Church of Laurel Gymnasium

FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed $25,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of The Tabernacle of Laurel, Maryland, Inc. for certain development or improvement purposes; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; prohibiting the use of the loan proceeds or matching fund for sectarian religious purposes; establishing a deadline for the encumbrance or expenditure of the loan proceeds; and providing generally for the issuance and sale of bonds evidencing the loan.

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

House Bill 1082 – Prince George’s County Delegation

AN ACT concerning

Prince George’s County – Property Tax Bill – Statement of Lien  
PG 433–16

FOR the purpose of requiring that a property tax bill in Prince George’s County must state the amount of any lien imposed by the county and that payment of the lien is due by a certain date; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to property tax bills in Prince George’s County.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
Article – Tax – Property  
Section 10–204.3(h)(1)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 1083 – Prince George’s County Delegation

AN ACT concerning

Prince George’s County – Abandoned Property – Special Property Tax Rate
PG 432–16

FOR the purpose of requiring the governing body of Prince George’s County to set a special property tax rate at a certain level for a class of real property that consists of certain abandoned property for which there is a record owner; providing that a requirement that the county set a single property tax rate for all real property does not apply to the special property tax rate on abandoned property; and generally relating to a special property tax rate for abandoned property in Prince George’s County.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Tax – Property
Section 6–302
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 1084 – Prince George’s County Delegation

AN ACT concerning

Prince George’s County – Public Schools – Reporting on Financial Management Practice Audits
PG 423–16

FOR the purpose of requiring the Chief Executive Officer of the Prince George’s County public school system, in collaboration with the Prince George’s County Board of Education, to report to the Prince George’s County Delegation of the General Assembly, at the discretion of the Delegation, on certain issues relating to a certain financial management practices audit conducted by the Office of Legislative Audits; and generally relating to audits of the Prince George’s County public school system.

BY adding to
Article – Education
Section 4–404
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)
House Bill 1085 – Prince George’s County Delegation

AN ACT concerning

Prince George’s County – State and County Transfer Taxes – Exemptions
PG 429–16

FOR the purpose of exempting from the State and Prince George’s County transfer taxes instruments of writing that transfer certain residential real property to employees of a certain federal law enforcement agency no later than a certain period of time after the federal law enforcement agency is issued a certain use and occupancy certificate; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to the State and Prince George’s County transfer taxes.

BY adding to
Article – Tax – Property
Section 13–207(c)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY adding to
The Public Local Laws of Prince George’s County
Section 10–187(b)(5)
Article 17 – Public Local Laws of Maryland
(2011 Edition, as amended)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 1086 – Prince George’s County Delegation

AN ACT concerning

Prince George’s County Public Schools – Office of the Inspector General – Establishment
PG 421–16

FOR the purpose of establishing the Office of the Inspector General in the Prince George’s County school system; requiring the County Executive of Prince George’s County to select and appoint the Inspector General; providing for the selection process, qualifications, term of office, and the filling of a vacancy in the Office of the Inspector General; requiring the Inspector General to examine and investigate certain affairs of the Prince George’s County school system; requiring the Inspector General to receive certain complaints and establish a certain method by which certain complaints may be filed; requiring the Inspector General to notify certain entities
under certain circumstances; authorizing the Inspector General to assist in certain investigations conducted by certain entities under certain circumstances; requiring the Inspector General to have access to certain documents and certain buildings during a certain investigation; authorizing the Inspector General to take certain actions in the performance of certain duties; providing for the process in which the Inspector General is authorized to issue certain subpoenas; establishing certain penalties; providing that certain records are confidential and not subject to disclosure under a certain provision of law; requiring the Inspector General to make a certain report to the Prince George’s County Board of Education and the Prince George’s County Delegation on or before a certain date; and generally relating to the establishment of the Office of the Inspector General in the Prince George’s County public school system.

BY adding to
   Article – Education
   Section 4–404
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 1087 – Prince George’s County Delegation

AN ACT concerning

Task Force to Study a Promise Scholarship Program in Prince George’s County

PG 438–16

FOR the purpose of establishing the Task Force to Study a Promise Scholarship Program in Prince George’s County; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Task Force; prohibiting a member of the Task Force from receiving certain compensation, but authorizing the reimbursement of certain expenses; requiring the Task Force to study and make recommendations regarding certain matters; requiring the Task Force to report its findings and recommendations to the Prince George’s County Executive and the General Assembly on or before a certain date; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to the Task Force to Study a Promise Scholarship Program in Prince George’s County.

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 1088 – Delegates Cullison, A. Miller, and Morales

AN ACT concerning

Open Meetings Act – Annual Reporting Requirement, Enforcement, and Training
FOR the purpose of altering the annual reporting requirement of the State Open Meetings Law Compliance Board to require that certain data on complaints and violations be reported; authorizing the Board under certain circumstances to issue certain orders and impose certain civil penalties not to exceed certain amounts; repealing certain provisions of law rendered obsolete by this Act; expanding the scope of the training requirements under the Open Meetings Act to include all officers of a public body; requiring that officers of a public body complete certain training within a certain time period after becoming an officer and every certain number of years thereafter; requiring a public body to report certain open meetings training information to the Board; requiring the Office of the Attorney General to post certain open meetings training information on its Web site; requiring certain officers of public bodies to complete certain training by a certain date; and generally relating to enforcement, the annual reporting requirements, and training under the Open Meetings Act.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
   Article – General Provisions
   Section 3–204(e), 3–211, and 3–213
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2014 Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing
   Article – General Provisions
   Section 3–209 and 3–210
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2014 Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.


AN ACT concerning

Criminal Law – Solicitation for Prostitution – Fine

FOR the purpose of altering the penalty to which a person is subject on conviction of procuring or soliciting or offering to procure or solicit for prostitution or assignation; altering the penalty to which a person is subject on conviction of engaging in prostitution or assignation; requiring certain fines to be remitted to the Governor’s Office of Crime Control and Prevention; providing that the Governor’s Office of Crime Control and Prevention may use certain money received only for the purpose of funding services for victims of human trafficking; and generally relating to solicitation.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 1090 – Howard County Delegation

AN ACT concerning

Howard County – Alcoholic Beverages – Continuing Care Retirement Community License
Ho. Co. 15–16

FOR the purpose of creating in Howard County an exception to the alcoholic beverages license application requirements for a Class C (continuing care retirement community) beer, wine, and liquor license; requiring that the license be applied for and issued to a manager or supervisor and two officers under certain circumstances; allowing residents and their guests in a continuing care retirement community that holds the license to consume wine not purchased from the community under certain circumstances; and generally relating to continuing care retirement community alcoholic beverages licenses in Howard County.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Alcoholic Beverages
Section 23–102
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2013 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)
(As enacted by Chapter ____ (S.B. ____)(6lr1406) of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2016)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
   Article – Alcoholic Beverages
   Section 23–1404(a) and 23–2704
   Annotated Code of Maryland
(As enacted by Chapter ____ (S.B. ____)(6lr1406) of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2016)

BY adding to
   Article – Alcoholic Beverages
   Section 23–1404(d)
   Annotated Code of Maryland
(As enacted by Chapter ____ (S.B. ____)(6lr1406) of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2016)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 1091 – Delegates Morales, Anderson, Conaway, Cullison, Frush, Kramer, A. Miller, Moon, and Rosenberg

AN ACT concerning

Criminal Law – Committing a Crime of Violence in the Presence of a Minor – Repeal of Residence Requirement

FOR the purpose of repealing the requirement that the crime be committed in a residence to convict a person of violating the prohibition against committing a crime of violence when the person knows or reasonably should know that a minor who is at least a certain age is present; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to crimes committed in the presence of a minor.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
   Article – Criminal Law
   Section 3–601.1
   Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 1092 – St. Mary’s County Delegation

AN ACT concerning

St. Mary’s County – Keeper of the Jail – Repeal
FOR the purpose of repealing certain provisions related to the position of Keeper of the Jail of St. Mary’s County; and generally relating to the repeal of the position of Keeper of the Jail of St. Mary’s County.

BY repealing
The Public Local Laws of St. Mary’s County
Section 68–1 and the chapter “Chapter 68. Keeper of the Jail”
Article 19 – Public Local Laws of Maryland
(2007 Edition and March 2014 Supplement, as amended)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 1093 – Delegates B. Robinson, Conaway, and Hayes
AN ACT concerning
Creation of a State Debt – Baltimore City – St. Francis Neighborhood Center

FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed $500,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the St. Francis Neighborhood Center Corporation for certain development or improvement purposes; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; establishing a deadline for the encumbrance or expenditure of the loan proceeds; and providing generally for the issuance and sale of bonds evidencing the loan.

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

House Bill 1094 – Prince George’s County Delegation
AN ACT concerning
Prince George’s County – Video Lottery Terminal Proceeds – Use of Local Impact Grants
PG 313–16

FOR the purpose of specifying that the local impact grants distributed to Prince George’s County from certain proceeds of video lottery terminals are to be used for after–school and recreational activity projects instead of for public safety projects; providing for the effective date of certain provisions of this Act; providing for the termination of certain provisions of this Act; and generally relating to local impact grants to Prince George’s County.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – State Government
Section 9–1A–31(a)(1)
Annotated Code of Maryland
BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
Article – State Government  
Section 9–1A–31(a)(2)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
Article – State Government  
Section 9–1A–31(a)(1) through (3)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)  
(As enacted by Section 3 of Chapter 1 of the Acts of the General Assembly of the Second Special Session of 2012)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
Article – State Government  
Section 9–1A–31(a)(4)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)  
(As enacted by Section 3 of Chapter 1 of the Acts of the General Assembly of the Second Special Session of 2012)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.


AN ACT concerning

Education – Prekindergarten Programs – Notification of Eligibility by Local Departments of Social Services

FOR the purpose of requiring certain local departments of social services and certain local health departments, under certain circumstances, to provide to certain parents or guardians a certain notice that their children may be eligible for certain publicly funded prekindergarten programs; requiring certain local departments of social services and certain local health departments to make a certain annual report on or before a certain date; and generally relating to notification of eligibility for publicly funded prekindergarten programs in the State.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 1096 – Delegates Hayes, Conaway, and B. Robinson

AN ACT concerning

Creation of a State Debt – Baltimore City – Garrett-Jacobs Mansion Access and Safety Project

FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed $400,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Trustees of the Garrett–Jacobs Mansion Endowment Fund, Inc. for certain development or improvement purposes; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; establishing a deadline for the encumbrance or expenditure of the loan proceeds; and providing generally for the issuance and sale of bonds evidencing the loan.

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

House Bill 1097 – Eastern Shore Delegation

AN ACT concerning

Maryland Income Tax Refunds – Eastern Shore Counties – Warrant Intercept Program

FOR the purpose of altering the requirement for the Comptroller to withhold Maryland income tax refunds of certain individuals with outstanding warrants to include residents of the Eastern Shore counties or individuals who have outstanding warrants from an Eastern Shore county; making nonsubstantive changes to certain termination provisions; making conforming changes; providing for a delayed effective date for certain provisions of this Act; and generally relating to withholding income tax refunds of individuals with outstanding warrants.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Tax – General
Section 13–935 and 13–937 through 13–940
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2010 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Tax – General
Section 13–936
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2010 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Chapter 451 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2012, as amended by Chapter
Section 3

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Section 3

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Tax – General
Section 13–936(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2010 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)
(As enacted by Section 1 of this Act)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 1098 – Frederick County Delegation

AN ACT concerning

Frederick County – Public School Construction – State Funding

FOR the purpose of requiring additional State funding for certain public school construction
projects in Frederick County that meet certain criteria; providing for the application
of this Act; declaring the intent of the General Assembly; requiring the Governor to
transfer certain funds to the Frederick County Board of Education under certain
circumstances; and generally relating to school construction in Frederick County.

BY adding to
Article – Education
Section 5–314
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

House Bill 1099 – Delegate Cullison

AN ACT concerning

Vital Records – New Certificates of Birth – Gender Identity
FOR the purpose of requiring the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene to make a new certificate of birth for an individual if the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene receives a certain request and a signed statement from certain individuals that an individual’s gender identity differs from the sex designated on the original certificate of birth; defining a certain term; altering a certain definition; and generally relating to the issuance of new certificates of birth.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
Article – Health – General  
Section 4–201(a)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2015 Replacement Volume)

BY adding to  
Article – Health – General  
Section 4–201(h–1)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2015 Replacement Volume)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
Article – Health – General  
Section 4–201(j) and 4–211(b)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2015 Replacement Volume)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 1100 – Delegates Hill, Carr, Frick, Hettleman, Jackson, Jalisi, Krimm, Lafferty, McIntosh, Patterson, Sample–Hughes, Turner, and K. Young

AN ACT concerning  
School Counseling Program – Counseling Services – Requirements

FOR the purpose of requiring a county board of education to require the School Counseling Program in the county to provide counseling services to students during a certain period of time; requiring the county board, in consultation with certain public schools, to determine student needs for counseling services during a certain period of time and to develop a certain plan; requiring a county board to submit a certain report to the State Department of Education on or before a certain date each year; and generally relating to requirements for counseling services for the School Counseling Program.

BY adding to  
Article – Education  
Section 7–401.1
House Bill 1101 – Montgomery County Delegation

AN ACT concerning

Municipal Corporations – Closed Swimming Lake – Regulation
MC 32–16

FOR the purpose of providing that certain closed swimming lakes are not subject to certain regulations; requiring that a municipal corporation that maintains a closed swimming lake establish a policy to assess and monitor the water quality of the lake; defining a certain term; and generally relating to the regulation of closed swimming lakes.

BY adding to
Article – Environment
Section 9–321.2
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 1102 – Delegates Afzali and Carter

AN ACT concerning

Vehicle Laws – Special Registration Plates – Celebrating Maryland Native Plants and Pollinators

FOR the purpose of requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration to develop and make available a specially designed registration plate celebrating Maryland native plants and pollinators; authorizing certain persons to apply to the Administration for the special registration plates for certain classes of vehicles; providing for the establishment, collection, and distribution of certain fees; requiring the Administration to consult with the University of Maryland Extension Home & Garden Information Center on certain matters; providing a certain fee exemption applicable to disabled veterans; requiring the Administration to adopt certain regulations; declaring the intent of the General Assembly; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to the issuance of a special registration plate honoring Maryland native plants and pollinators and benefitting the University of Maryland Extension Home & Garden Information Center.

BY adding to
Article – Transportation
Section 13–619.4
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Transportation
Section 13–903(d)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 1103 – Delegates Reznik, McKay, and Valentino-Smith

AN ACT concerning
Health Care Practitioners – Use of Teletherapy

FOR the purpose of authorizing certain health care practitioners to use teletherapy for a certain patient under certain circumstances; establishing certain requirements for the technology a health care practitioner uses for teletherapy; requiring a health care practitioner to make a certain identification and establish certain safety protocols before a certain teletherapy session; requiring a health care practitioner and a patient to execute an informed consent agreement that includes certain information and establish certain protocols to be used under certain circumstances before a certain teletherapy session; requiring certain health occupations boards to adopt certain regulations on or before a certain date; defining certain terms; and generally relating to the use of teletherapy by health care practitioners.

BY adding to
Article – Health Occupations
Section 1–901 through 1–904 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 9. Teletherapy”
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 1104 – Delegates P. Young, B. Barnes, Chang, Hayes, Hettleman, Hill, Korman, Krimm, McCray, Morales, Platt, Sydnor, and Tarlau

AN ACT concerning
Task Force on Workplace Bullying in State Agencies

FOR the purpose of establishing the Task Force on Workplace Bullying in State Agencies; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Task Force; prohibiting a
member of the Task Force from receiving certain compensation, but authorizing the reimbursement of certain expenses; requiring the Task Force to study and make recommendations regarding certain matters; requiring the Task Force to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and certain standing committees of the General Assembly on or before a certain date; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to the Task Force on Workplace Bullying in State Agencies.

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

House Bill 1105 – Howard County Delegation

AN ACT concerning

Howard County Public School System – Access to Public Information
Ho. Co. 9–16

FOR the purpose of requiring the custodian of a public record to provide written notice to an applicant regarding the right to file a certain 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 certain matters; requiring the Howard County Board of Education, Howard County Superintendent of Schools, and the Howard County Public School System, as applicable, to provide the Ombudsman with certain records; requiring the Ombudsman to maintain the confidentiality of certain records; and generally relating to the Howard County Public School System and access to public information.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
   Article – General Provisions
   Section 4–1A–01, 4–1A–04(a), 4–1A–05(a), 4–1B–01, and 4–1B–04(a)
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2014 Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
   Article – General Provisions
   Section 4–206
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2014 Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 1106 – Delegates Frick, Davis, B. Barnes, Barkley, Barron, Barve, Brooks, Clippinger, Cullison, Dumais, Ebersole, Fraser–Hidalgo, Gilchrist, Gutierrez, Healey, Hill, Hixson, Jalisi, Kaiser, Kelly, Korman, Kramer, Lam, Lierman, Luedtke, A. Miller, Moon, Morhaim, Pena–Melnyk, Platt, Reznik,
AN ACT concerning

Clean Energy Jobs – Renewable Energy Portfolio Standard Revisions

FOR the purpose of establishing the Clean Energy Workforce Account in the Maryland Employment Advancement Right Now Program; providing for the funding of the Account; specifying the purpose for which the Account may be used; specifying the priority for grants awarded from the Account; requiring the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation to include certain information about the Account in a certain annual report; altering the renewable energy portfolio standard percentage derived from solar energy for certain years; altering the renewable energy portfolio standard percentage derived from Tier 1 renewable sources for certain years; altering the minimum required percentage of Tier 1 renewable energy that must be derived from solar energy in the State’s renewable energy portfolio standard in certain years; altering the minimum required percentage of energy that must be derived from Tier 1 renewable sources in the State’s renewable energy portfolio standard in certain years; altering the compliance fee for an electricity supplier that fails to comply with certain renewable energy portfolio standards for certain years; establishing certain compliance fees for an electricity supplier that fails to comply with certain renewable energy portfolio standards for certain years; altering the percentage of total annual electricity sales revenues based on which an electricity supplier may request a delay of certain solar energy requirements in the renewable energy portfolio standard; establishing the Clean Energy Business Development Account in the Small, Minority, and Women–Owned Businesses Account; providing for the funding in the Clean Energy Account; specifying the purpose for which the Clean Energy Account may be used; prohibiting funding from the Clean Energy Account from being limited to certain businesses; requiring the Maryland Energy Administration to use the Maryland Strategic Energy Investment Fund in a certain manner; requiring proceeds from a certain Public Service Commission order to be allocated in a certain manner; stating certain findings of the General Assembly; defining certain terms; providing for the application of this Act; making the provisions of this Act severable; and generally relating to clean energy jobs and the renewable energy portfolio standard.

BY adding to
Article – Labor and Employment
Section 11–708.1
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2008 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Labor and Employment
Section 11–709
Annotated Code of Maryland
BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
Article – Public Utilities  
Section 7–702, 7–703(b)(12), (13), (14), (15), (16), and (17), and 7–705(b) and (e)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2010 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)  

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
Article – State Government  
Section 9–1A–35, 9–20B–01, and 9–20B–05(f) and (i) through (l)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)  

BY adding to  
Article – State Government  
Section 9–20B–05(i)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)  

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 1107 – Delegate Anderson (By Request – Baltimore City Administration)  

AN ACT concerning  

Baltimore City – Police Officers – Warrantless Arrests  

FOR the purpose of authorizing a Baltimore City police officer without a warrant to arrest a person suspected of committing battery against a certain Baltimore City special enforcement officer, special parking enforcement officer, or special traffic enforcement officer under certain circumstances; requiring a certain police officer to consider whether a person acted in self–defense if mutual battery is suspected; and generally relating to warrantless arrests in Baltimore City.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
The Public Local Laws of Baltimore City  
Section 16–3  
Article 4 – Public Local Laws of Maryland  

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 1108 – Delegates Gilchrist, Barkley, Barve, Fraser–Hidalgo, Kramer, Krimm, Platt, and S. Robinson
AN ACT concerning

Environment – Municipal Stormwater Charges – Property Subject to Charges

FOR the purpose of providing a certain exception to an exemption from certain taxes, user charges, and utility fees relating to stormwater for property owned by a county; providing that property owned by the State or a unit of State government, a county, a college or university, or a local school system is subject to certain stormwater charges imposed by the governing body of the municipality within which the property is located under certain circumstances; making a stylistic change; repealing obsolete language; and generally relating to municipal stormwater charges.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Local Government
Section 21–626
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2013 Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Environment
Section 4–204(a) and (d)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2013 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 1109 – Frederick County Delegation

AN ACT concerning

Frederick County – Dry Election Districts – Repeal

FOR the purpose of repealing certain provisions of law that prohibit the Board of License Commissioners for Frederick County from issuing certain alcoholic beverages licenses in certain election districts in the County; providing that the Board may issue anywhere in the County, regardless of election district, any license authorized under a certain provision of law except as otherwise provided under a certain provision; requiring that a certain public hearing be held for a license; specifying that the Board may issue a Class C beer, wine, and liquor license to certain organizations; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages licenses in Frederick County.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Alcoholic Beverages
Section 20–102
Annotated Code of Maryland
(As enacted by Chapter ____ (S.B. 724) of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2016)
BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Alcoholic Beverages
Section 20–1602
Annotated Code of Maryland
(As enacted by Chapter ____ (S.B. 724) of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2016)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.


AN ACT concerning

Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays 2010 Trust Fund – Allocation of Funds

FOR the purpose of repealing references to the “Chesapeake 2000 Agreement” in certain provisions of law and substituting references to the “2014 Chesapeake Bay Watershed Agreement”; repealing references to the term “tributary strategies” in certain provisions of law and substituting references to the term “watershed implementation plan”; requiring money in the Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays 2010 Trust Fund, beginning in a certain fiscal year, to be allocated in accordance with certain provisions of law; requiring a certain minimum amount of money in the Trust Fund to be allocated to the Department of Agriculture annually for certain purposes; requiring a certain percentage of money in the Trust Fund to be allocated to the BayStat Subcabinet agencies annually for a certain purpose; requiring a certain percentage of money in the Trust Fund to be allocated to the Department of Agriculture annually for certain purposes; authorizing the BayStat Subcabinet to determine the use of any remaining money in the Trust Fund under certain circumstances; establishing the intent of the General Assembly that money in the Trust Fund not be redirected or allocated to the General Fund or any other special fund; making clarifying changes; defining a certain term; and generally relating to the allocation of money in the Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays 2010 Trust Fund.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Natural Resources
Section 8–2A–01, 8–2A–02, and 8–2A–04
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation and the Committee on Appropriations.

House Bill 1111 – Delegates Platt and Miele
AN ACT concerning

Notary Public – Electronic and Remote Notary Services

FOR the purpose of authorizing a notary public to perform notarial acts electronically; requiring a certain notary public to register with the Secretary of State before performing certain electronic notarizations; requiring the Secretary to develop a certain registration form for an electronic notary; requiring an electronic notary to re-register with the Secretary of State under certain circumstances; specifying certain requirements for electronic notarizations; prohibiting an electronic notary from performing certain electronic notarizations under certain circumstances; authorizing an electronic notary to perform a remote notarization if the notary obtains certain proof of identity; authorizing an electronic notary to charge certain fees and take certain costs into account when charging a fee for electronic notarizations; establishing certain duties of the electronic notary; establishing that certain provisions of law relating to notarial acts are applicable to electronic and remote notarizations under this Act; authorizing an electronic notary to perform electronic notarizations outside the State and the county for which the notary was appointed; giving certain electronic notarizations performed outside the State and the county of the electronic notary the full power and effect as if performed in the State; requiring the Secretary of State to adopt certain regulations; defining certain terms; and generally relating to electronic and remote notarizations.

BY adding to

Article – State Government
New subtitle designation “Subtitle 1. Generally” to immediately precede Section 18–101; and 18–201 through 18–207 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 2. Electronic and Remote Notarization”
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – State Government
Section 18–101(a)(1)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 1112 – Delegate Platt

AN ACT concerning

Environment – Gas Storage Wells and Facilities – Safety Regulations
FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of the Environment to adopt certain regulations to promote the safety of gas storage wells and facilities in the State; and generally relating to gas storage wells.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Environment
Section 14–125
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.


AN ACT concerning

Commercial Sale of Dogs and Cats – Prohibited Acts
(Companion Animal Welfare Act)

FOR the purpose of prohibiting the sale, transfer, offer to sell or transfer, barter, trade, or auction of dogs and cats at certain locations; authorizing certain animal control officers and certain officers of certain societies or associations to enforce certain provisions of this Act; providing that a retail pet store may only offer for sale a dog or cat obtained from certain persons; altering the number of years that a retail pet store is required to maintain certain records; requiring a retail pet store to make certain records available to an animal control unit; making certain violations of certain provisions of this Act an unfair and deceptive trade practice subject to certain enforcement and civil penalty provisions; providing for the application and construction of certain provisions of this Act; defining certain terms; and generally relating to prohibited acts relating to the commercial sale of dogs and cats.

BY adding to

Article – Business Regulation
Section 19–104 and 19–702.1
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Business Regulation
Section 19–701, 19–702, 19–703, 19–706, and 19–707
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)
Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 1114 – Delegates Hill, Jalisi, Lam, and Morhaim

AN ACT concerning

State Board of Physicians – License Renewal – Grace Periods

FOR the purpose of clarifying the license renewal process for licensed physicians; providing that certain licensed physicians and allied health professionals regulated by the State Board of Physicians have a certain grace period, under certain circumstances, to renew a license retroactively; providing that, after a certain grace period has ended, certain licenses lapse into a nonrenewal status; authorizing the Board to require certain former licensees to meet certain requirements to be reinstated after a certain grace period has ended; and generally relating to license renewal by the State Board of Physicians.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Health Occupations
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 1115 – Montgomery County Delegation

AN ACT concerning

Montgomery County – Cigarette Retailers – County License Fee
MC 12–16

FOR the purpose of increasing the fee for a county license to sell cigarettes at retail in Montgomery County; requiring the Clerk of the Circuit Court for Montgomery County to distribute a certain amount of each license fee to the Comptroller and to distribute to Montgomery County a certain amount of each license fee to be used for a certain purpose; and generally relating to cigarette retailer licenses in Montgomery County.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Business Regulation
Section 16–101 and 16–301
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)
BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Business Regulation
Section 16–302
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 1116 – Montgomery County Delegation

AN ACT concerning

Montgomery County – Ranked Choice Voting

FOR the purpose of authorizing the Montgomery County Council to adopt, by law, a ranked choice voting method for special elections for the offices of county executive or member of the county council; defining “ranked choice voting”; authorizing a local law adopting ranked choice voting to provide for the ballot format, procedures for tabulating votes, and other provisions necessary to implement ranked choice voting; authorizing the Montgomery County Charter to provide for a single special election that is conducted by ranked choice voting to fill a vacancy in the offices of county executive or member of the county council; and generally relating to the use of ranked choice voting for special elections for certain local offices in Montgomery County.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Election Law
Section 8–101, 8–401, and 9–204
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2010 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 1117 – Delegates Hill, Atterbeary, Ebersole, Hettleman, Krimm, Lafferty, Lam, Morhaim, Patterson, Sample–Hughes, Turner, K. Young, and P. Young

AN ACT concerning

Environment – Mattress Stewardship Program

FOR the purpose of requiring certain producers of mattresses sold at retail in the State or a certain representative organization to submit a plan for the establishment of a Mattress Stewardship Program to the Department of the Environment for approval on or before a certain date and in accordance with certain requirements; requiring a certain plan to establish a certain assessment; prohibiting a certain assessment from
exceeding certain costs; requiring certain assessments to be used for a certain purpose; requiring the Office of Recycling within the Department to review and approve certain plans, including a certain assessment, submitted in accordance with the Mattress Stewardship Program; requiring a producer or representative organization to pay a plan review fee, as determined by the Department; requiring certain fees to be deposited in the State Recycling Trust Fund; authorizing the Fund to be used to cover certain costs; requiring the Department to approve a certain plan under certain circumstances; requiring the Department to list certain producers and brands on its Web site under certain circumstances; requiring certain producers and retailers or distributors to add a certain assessment to the cost of all mattresses sold in the State beginning on a certain date; requiring a certain producer or representative organization to implement a certain program on or before a certain date; prohibiting a producer or retailer from selling or offering for sale certain mattresses under certain circumstances beginning on a certain date; requiring a certain producer or representative organization to provide consumers with certain educational materials in accordance with certain requirements; providing that certain retailers are in compliance with certain requirements under certain circumstances; providing that a certain producer or representative organization is immune from certain liability under certain circumstances; requiring a certain producer or representative organization to submit a certain report to the Department in accordance with certain requirements, on or before a certain date, and with a certain frequency thereafter; requiring the Department to keep certain data confidential; authorizing the Department to release certain summary data under certain circumstances; defining certain terms; and generally relating to the Mattress Stewardship Program.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Environment
Section 9–1702 and 9–1707(f)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Environment
Section 9–1733 and 9–1734 to be under the new part “Part V. Mattress Stewardship Program”
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation and the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 1118 – Delegates B. Robinson, Conaway, Glenn, Morales, Platt, and M. Washington

AN ACT concerning
Public Utilities – Utility Supplier Diversity – Data Submission and Task Force

FOR the purpose of requiring a public service company that is a signatory of a certain memorandum of understanding to submit certain data to the Public Service Commission before the public service company establishes a new rate or change in rate; establishing the Task Force to Study Utility Supplier Diversity; prohibiting a member of the Task Force from receiving certain compensation, but authorizing the reimbursement of certain expenses; requiring the Task Force to study and make findings and recommendations regarding certain matters; requiring the Task Force to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and certain committees of the General Assembly on or before a certain date; providing for the termination of certain provisions of this Act; and generally relating to utility supplier diversity.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Public Utilities
Section 4–203
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2010 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 1119 – Delegates Morhaim, Barron, Cullison, Hettleman, McCray, Moon, Reznik, Tarlau, M. Washington, and K. Young

AN ACT concerning

Criminal Law – Use or Possession of a Controlled Dangerous Substance – De Minimis Quantity

FOR the purpose of making violations relating to the use or possession of certain de minimis quantities of certain controlled dangerous substances a civil offense rather than a misdemeanor; applying penalties for use or possession of less than 10 grams of marijuana to use or possession of a de minimis quantity of certain controlled dangerous substances; applying certain procedural provisions relating to issuance of a citation for use or possession of less than 10 grams of marijuana to use or possession of a de minimis quantity of certain controlled dangerous substances; defining a certain term; making a conforming change; and generally relating to use or possession of a controlled dangerous substance.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Criminal Law
Section 5–601 and 5–601.1
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)
(As enacted by Chapter 4 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2016)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.
House Bill 1120 – Delegate Dumais

AN ACT concerning

Family Law – Automatic Injunction

FOR the purpose of requiring an automatic order to be issued and entered and served with the summons on a certain party on the filing of certain pleadings in certain family law actions; establishing that an automatic order shall be binding on certain parties on the occurrence of certain events; establishing that an automatic order shall remain in full force and effect during the pendency of a certain action, unless terminated, modified, or amended by further order of court or on agreement of the parties; requiring a court to schedule a hearing on a request to terminate, modify, or amend an automatic order on a request for a hearing and for good cause shown; specifying the contents of an automatic order; requiring a court to conduct a certain expedited hearing under certain circumstances; providing certain exceptions to certain provisions of an automatic order; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to automatic orders in certain family law actions.

BY adding to
   Article – Family Law
   Section 1–204
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.


   EMERGENCY BILL

AN ACT concerning

Health Care Facilities – Closures or Partial Closures of Hospitals – County Board of Health Approval

FOR the purpose of prohibiting a person proposing to close or partially close a certain hospital from closing or partially closing the hospital except under certain
circumstances; requiring the county board of health for the county in which the hospital is located to hold a certain public hearing within a certain period of time and consider certain factors in deciding whether to approve the closure or partial closure of a certain hospital; requiring the board of health to provide written notice of its decision to certain persons within a certain period of time; prohibiting the failure of the board of health to comply with certain provisions of this Act from being deemed an approval of the closure or partial closure of a certain hospital; providing that the requirements under certain provisions of this Act for the closure or partial closure of a certain hospital are in addition to certain other requirements; providing for the application of this Act; defining a certain term; making this Act an emergency measure; and generally relating to closures or partial closures of hospitals in the State.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Health – General
Section 19–120(l)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 1122 – Delegate McDonough

AN ACT concerning

Voting Disclosure Act of 2016

FOR the purpose of requiring a jury commissioner to provide certain prospective juror information concerning individuals who are not citizens of the United States to the State Board of Elections and the Motor Vehicle Administration within a certain time period; requiring the State Administrator of Elections to make certain arrangements to receive the information; requiring the State Administrator to retain a list of certain individuals whose information has been submitted; requiring the State Administrator to direct a certain election director to remove an individual on a certain list from the statewide voter registration list; requiring the State Administrator to provide certain information to the Office of the United States Attorney for a certain purpose; requiring the State Administrator to publish annually certain information on the State Board’s Web site; requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration, on receipt of certain information, to review the status of a certain individual’s driving privileges and cancel and order the surrender of the individual’s license under certain circumstances; requiring the Administration to issue an appropriate license to an individual who has surrendered a license under certain circumstances; authorizing a licensee to request a hearing under certain circumstances; and generally relating to the disclosure of juror information to the State Board of Elections and State Motor Vehicle Administration.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
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BY adding to
   Article – Election Law
   Section 3–504(a)(4)
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2010 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY adding to
   Article – Transportation
   Section 16–206.2
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary and the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 1123 – Prince George’s County Delegation and Montgomery County Delegation

AN ACT concerning

   Maryland–Washington Metropolitan District – Boundaries – City of Greenbelt
   PG/MC 117–16

FOR the purpose of altering a certain 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 a certain date; and generally relating to the boundaries of the Maryland–Washington Metropolitan District.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
   Article – Land Use
   Section 19–102
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2012 Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 1124 – Prince George’s County Delegation and Montgomery County Delegation

AN ACT concerning
Maryland–National Capital Park and Planning Commission – Prince George’s County – Appointment Procedures
PG/MC 118–16

FOR the purpose of repealing certain provisions of law establishing the appointment procedures for a member of the Maryland–National Capital Park and Planning Commission from Prince George’s County; requiring the Prince George’s County Council to appoint a certain commissioner subject to the approval of the Prince George’s County Executive; requiring the County Council to make an appointment from a certain list of applicants; requiring the County Council to provide for the preparation of a second list and follow certain procedures under certain circumstances; requiring the County Council to submit the name of an appointee to the County Executive within a certain time period; requiring the County Council to approve or disapprove an appointment within a certain time period; providing that a certain appointment is deemed to be approved; requiring the County Executive to return a disapproval to the County Council with a certain written statement; authorizing the County Council to make an appointment over the disapproval of the County Executive by a certain vote; and generally relating to the appointment of the members of the Maryland–National Capital Park and Planning Commission.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Land Use
Section 15–102(a) and 15–103
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 1125 – Prince George’s County Delegation and Montgomery County Delegation

AN ACT concerning

Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission – Members – Annual Salary
PG/MC 106–16

FOR the purpose of altering the annual salary of the members of the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission; and generally relating to the annual salary of the members of the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Public Utilities
Section 17–107
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2010 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.
House Bill 1126 – Prince George’s County Delegation

AN ACT concerning

Prince George’s County – Pretrial Release Program
PG 307–16

FOR the purpose of requiring an administrator of a Prince George’s County detention center to establish a certain pretrial release program and to adopt certain regulations; authorizing a court to order an individual to participate in a pretrial release program under certain circumstances; establishing when a court may order an individual to participate in a pretrial release program; requiring the administrator to consult with the Prince George’s County State’s Attorney’s Office to establish conditions and requirements for participation in a pretrial release program, establish and administer certain activities, provide certain information and guidance to certain organizations participating in pretrial release programs, act as a liaison with certain organizations participating in a pretrial release program, and maintain final authority over participation in a pretrial release program; establishing certain criteria that may be used to determine participation in a pretrial release program; requiring that the administrator provide certain information to certain entities following the successful completion of a pretrial release program by a participant; authorizing an administrator to charge a fee for participation in a pretrial release program; limiting the fee that may be charged for participation in a pretrial release program; and generally relating to pretrial release programs in Prince George’s County.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Correctional Services
Section 11–718(a) and (b)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2008 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Correctional Services
Section 11–718(g)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2008 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 1127 – Prince George’s County Delegation

AN ACT concerning

Prince George’s County – Dissemination of Voter Information Material – Multifamily Residential Structures
FOR the purpose of applying to Prince George’s County certain provisions of law regarding the dissemination of voter information material in multifamily residential structures; making a stylistic change; and generally relating to the dissemination of voter information material in Prince George’s County.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
   Article – Election Law
   Section 1–303
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2010 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 1128 – Prince George’s County Delegation and Montgomery County Delegation

AN ACT concerning


PG/MC 113–16

FOR the purpose of altering which cycle of certain regulations adopted by the United States Environmental Protection Agency is the basis for the requirement that the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission conduct quarterly testing of drinking water in the Commission system for unregulated contaminants; and generally relating to the quarterly testing of drinking water by the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
   Article – Public Utilities
   Section 28–301
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2010 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 1129 – Prince George’s County Delegation and Montgomery County Delegation

AN ACT concerning

**Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission – Commissioners Appointed From Montgomery County – Qualifications**

PG/MC 116–16
FOR the purpose of repealing a requirement that not more than two members of the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission from Montgomery County be of the same political party; and generally relating to qualifications of the members of the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission appointed from Montgomery County.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
   Article – Public Utilities
   Section 17–102
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2010 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 1130 – Prince George’s County Delegation

AN ACT concerning

Prince George’s County – Authority to Impose Fees for Use of Disposable Bags
   PG 404–16

FOR the purpose of authorizing Prince George’s County to impose, by law, a fee on certain retail establishments for use of disposable bags as part of a retail sale of products; limiting the amount of a certain fee; defining certain terms; and generally relating to the authority for Prince George’s County to impose a fee for use of disposable bags.

BY adding to
   Article – Local Government
   Section 13–1001 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 10. Miscellaneous Provisions”
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2013 Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation and the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 1131 – Prince George’s County Delegation and Montgomery County Delegation

AN ACT concerning

Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission – Budget Approval
   PG/MC 104–16

FOR the purpose of providing that if the county councils of Montgomery County and Prince George’s County fail to concur in a change in the funding of an item in the capital budget or operating budget of the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission by a certain time, the funding level for that item may not exceed a certain level; providing that if the county councils of Montgomery County and Prince George’s County fail to
approve the capital budget or operating budget of the Commission by a certain time, the funding levels for that budget may not exceed a certain level; and generally relating to the budgets of the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Public Utilities
Section 17–202
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2010 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 1132 – Prince George’s County Delegation and Montgomery County Delegation

AN ACT concerning

Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission – Board of Ethics – Subpoena Power
PG/MC 105–16

FOR the purpose of authorizing the Board of Ethics established by the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission to issue subpoenas for the attendance of witnesses to testify or to produce other evidence; providing that certain subpoenas may be judicially enforced; and generally relating to the powers of the Board of Ethics established by the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Public Utilities
Section 19–101
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2010 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Public Utilities
Section 19–106
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2010 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 1133 – Prince George’s County Delegation and Montgomery County Delegation

AN ACT concerning
Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission – Commissioners – Compensation Study
PG/MC 107–16

FOR the purpose of requiring the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission to contract with an independent consultant to conduct a certain study of certain compensation provided for the commissioners of the Commission; requiring the consultant to be selected through a competitive process; requiring the Commission to fund the cost of the study; prohibiting the cost of the study from exceeding a certain amount; requiring the consultant to analyze and compare certain matters, consult with certain persons, and make certain recommendations; requiring the consultant to report its findings and recommendations on or before a certain date to the County Executive of Prince George’s County, the County Executive of Montgomery County, the Prince George’s County Council, the Montgomery County Council, and certain delegations to the General Assembly; requiring certain entities to make the consultant’s report available on their Web sites for a certain period of time; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to a study of the compensation of the commissioners of the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission.

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 1134 – Prince George’s County Delegation

AN ACT concerning

Equality in Education Act
PG 434–16

FOR the purpose of requiring a certain public charter school application to include certain information regarding whether a certain public charter school will provide transportation to certain students or secure a certain facility in a certain county; requiring certain public charter schools to develop and implement a certain comprehensive plan; requiring certain public charter schools to submit a certain comprehensive plan to the Chief Executive Officer of Prince George’s County Public Schools on or before a certain date; requiring the Chief Executive Officer to review a certain plan and authorizing the Chief Executive Officer to require certain revisions to the plan under certain circumstances; prohibiting certain public charter schools from implementing a certain plan without a certain approval; authorizing the Prince George’s County Board of Education to provide technical assistance to certain public charter schools under certain circumstances; and generally relating to public charter schools in Prince George’s County.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Education
Section 9–104(a)(3) and (6)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)
Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 1135 – Prince George’s County Delegation

AN ACT concerning

Prince George’s County – Board of License Commissioners – Budget and Funding

FOR the purpose of altering procedures for the approval of the annual budget for the Board of License Commissioners of Prince George’s County; providing that the budget is not subject to the approval of the County Council or County Executive of Prince George’s County if the budget does not exceed the amount of certain estimated revenues; providing for the manner in which certain revenue is estimated; authorizing the Board to include in the budget a certain maximum amount for certain purposes; requiring the County Executive and County Council to establish a certain fund for a certain purpose; prohibiting the use of the fund in a certain manner; requiring the County Executive and County Council to distribute a certain amount to the fund; requiring the Board to use the money in the fund, on or before a certain date, for certain purposes; making conforming changes; providing for the termination of certain provisions of this Act; and generally relating to the budget and funding for the Board of License Commissioners of Prince George’s County.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Alcoholic Beverages
Section 26–205(e) and 26–207
Annotated Code of Maryland
(As enacted by Chapter ____ (S.B. ____)(6lr1406) of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2016)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 1136 – Prince George’s County Delegation

AN ACT concerning

Prince George’s County – Alternatives to Suspension Pilot Program – Establishment

FOR the purpose of establishing the Alternatives to Suspension Pilot Program in Prince George’s County and identifying the purpose of the Program; providing for the duration of the Program; requiring the Prince George’s County Board of Education to select a certain number of high schools in Prince George’s County to participate in the Program; prohibiting certain principals of certain high schools from suspending
a student or recommending a student for expulsion except under certain circumstances; requiring certain principals of certain high schools to require certain students to complete community service under certain circumstances; requiring the county board to partner with certain nonprofit organizations, county agencies, or county departments to facilitate the Program; requiring the county board to adopt certain rules and regulations; requiring the county board to make a certain report on or before certain dates; providing for the termination of this Act; defining a certain term; and generally relating to the Alternatives to Suspension Pilot Program.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Education
Section 7–305(a) and (c)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – Education
Section 7–305.1
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 1137 – Prince George’s County Delegation

AN ACT concerning

Prince George’s County – Authority to Prohibit the Use of Disposable Bags
PG 418–16

FOR the purpose of authorizing Prince George’s County to enact a law that prohibits certain retail establishments from using disposable bags as part of a retail sale of products; defining certain terms; and generally relating to the authority for Prince George’s County to prohibit the use of disposable bags.

BY adding to

Article – Local Government
Section 13–1001 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 10. Miscellaneous Provisions”
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2013 Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation and the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 1138 – Prince George’s County Delegation

AN ACT concerning
Prince George’s County – School Facilities Surcharge – Student Housing Exemptions
PG 439–16

FOR the purpose of 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 certain multifamily housing designated as graduate student housing by the City of College Park; and generally relating to exemptions from the school facilities surcharge in Prince George’s County.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

The Public Local Laws of Prince George’s County
Section 10–192.01(b)(4)

Article 17 – Public Local Laws of Maryland
(2011 Edition, as amended)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.


AN ACT concerning

Education – Maryland Community School Strategy for Excellence in Public Education Act

FOR the purpose of providing for the intent and purpose of certain community schools; authorizing certain local school systems and certain public schools to form certain partnerships to provide certain community school services; requiring the Department of Education to annually determine certain costs based on certain criteria; requiring certain funds to be distributed to certain county boards of education based on certain calculations for certain fiscal years; requiring certain schools to establish a certain community school leadership team before providing community school services; requiring the community school leadership team to oversee certain processes; providing for the membership of the community school leadership team; requiring a certain community school leadership team to conduct a certain assessment before providing certain community school services; requiring a certain community school leadership team to submit a certain implementation plan to a certain local school system; providing for the contents of a certain implementation plan; requiring certain schools to provide certain types of...
community school interventions to be eligible for certain funding; requiring certain schools to employ at least one full-time professional resource coordinator; exempting certain community schools from certain requirements; requiring the Department to evaluate certain issues relating to community schools on or before a certain date; requiring certain schools to submit a certain report to the Department on or before a certain date; requiring the Department to adopt certain regulations; providing that it is the intent of the General Assembly that certain methods of funding certain community schools be reviewed as part of a certain adequacy study and any subsequent commission related to certain education funding for a certain period of time; defining certain terms; and generally relating to the Maryland Community School Strategy for Excellence in Public Education Act.

BY adding to
Article – Education
Section 9.5–101 through 9.5–109 to be under the new title “Title 9.5. Community Schools”
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 1140 – Prince George’s County Delegation and Montgomery County Delegation

AN ACT concerning

PG/MC 108–16

FOR the purpose of requiring the Office of Legislative Audits to complete a certain review of the ratemaking structure of the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission on or before a certain date; and generally relating to the ratemaking structure of the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission.

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

House Bill 1141 – Prince George’s County Delegation

AN ACT concerning

Prince George’s County – County Employees – Taxation and Retirement
PG 437–16

FOR the purpose of imposing a Prince George’s County employee income tax surcharge at a certain rate on the Maryland taxable income of certain employees in the county; providing that certain Prince George’s County residents are not subject to the income
tax surcharge; requiring certain counties to provide certain residents with a credit against the county income tax; requiring the governing body of Prince George's County to dedicate revenue attributable to the surcharge for a certain purpose; requiring certain employees of Prince George's County to retire after a certain number of years of service; requiring the governing body of Prince George's County to adopt, by law, a requirement that certain employees retire before eligibility for a certain benefit; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to certain employees of Prince George's County.

BY adding to
  Article – Tax – General
  Section 2–608(c) and 10–106(c)
  Annotated Code of Maryland
  (2010 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
  Article – Tax – General
  Section 10–101(a)
  Annotated Code of Maryland
  (2010 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
  Article – Tax – General
  Section 10–101(d) and 10–103
  Annotated Code of Maryland
  (2010 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY adding to
  Article – Local Government
  Section 1–206
  Annotated Code of Maryland
  (2013 Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 1142 – Delegates Morales, Hettleman, Lierman, and A. Miller

AN ACT concerning

Education – Institutions of Higher Learning – Affirmative Consent Standard

FOR the purpose of requiring, by a certain date, that a policy on sexual assault adopted by the governing body of each institution of higher education include a certain affirmative consent standard; requiring a certain written policy on sexual assault to include a certain standard and certain statements; requiring a certain sexual assault policy to provide that certain circumstances negate a valid excuse to an alleged lack of affirmative consent; providing that the standard used in a certain determination
is the preponderance of evidence; defining a certain term; and generally relating to the sexual assault policy at institutions of higher education.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Education
Section 11–601(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Education
Section 11–602
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary and the Committee on Appropriations.

House Bill 1143 – Delegates Sample–Hughes, Anderson, Anderton, B. Barnes, Fennell, Gaines, Holmes, Hornberger, C. Howard, Jackson, Lam, Mautz, Patterson, Pena–Melnyk, Platt, Proctor, B. Robinson, Smith, Sydnor, Tarlau, Vaughn, Waldstreicher, and West

AN ACT concerning

Income Tax Credit – New Dwellings – Automatic Fire Sprinkler Systems

FOR the purpose of allowing a certain owner of a certain new dwelling to claim a credit against the State income tax in a certain amount if a certain sprinkler system is installed in the new dwelling; limiting the tax credit to one record owner of a certain new dwelling; requiring the individual eligible for the tax credit to submit a certain application to the Office of the State Fire Marshal; requiring the Office to approve applications for the credit on a first–come, first–served basis and to certify the amount of the credit within a certain period of time; limiting the total amount of credits that may be approved in a taxable year; providing that the amount of the credit may not exceed the State income tax for that taxable year; authorizing a certain individual to apply any excess amount of the credit against the State income tax for succeeding taxable years; defining certain terms; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to an income tax credit for new dwellings with automatic fire sprinkler systems.

BY adding to
Article – Tax – General
Section 10–737
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2010 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)
Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 1144 – Delegate W. Miller

AN ACT concerning

Gas and Electric Companies – Retail Choice Customer Education and Protection Fund

FOR the purpose of establishing the Retail Choice Customer Education and Protection Fund as a special, nonlapsing fund; specifying the purpose of the Fund; requiring the Public Service Commission to administer the Fund; requiring the State Treasurer to hold the Fund and the Comptroller to account for the Fund; specifying the contents of the Fund; specifying the purpose for which the Fund may be used; providing for the investment of money in and expenditures from the Fund; requiring that certain civil penalties be paid into the Fund; defining a certain term; and generally relating to the Retail Choice Customer Education and Protection Fund.

BY adding to

Article – Public Utilities
Section 7–310
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2010 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Public Utilities
Section 7–505(b)(7), 7–507, 7–603, 7–604, 7–606, and 13–201(b)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2010 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Public Utilities
Section 13–201(e)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2010 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.


AN ACT concerning

Maryland Clean Energy Incentive Act of 2016
FOR the purpose of extending a certain credit against the State income tax for electricity produced by certain facilities from certain qualified energy resources until a certain date; extending the period in which the Maryland Energy Administration may issue certain qualifying certifications; and generally relating to a certain income tax credit for electricity produced from qualified energy resources.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
   Article – Tax – General
   Section 10–720
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2010 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 1146 – Montgomery County Delegation

AN ACT concerning

Montgomery County – Foreclosed Property Registry – Civil Penalty for Failure to Register
MC 33–16

FOR the purpose of increasing the maximum civil penalty that a local jurisdiction in Montgomery County may enact by local law for failure to submit a certain required registration to the Foreclosed Property Registry; and generally relating to the Foreclosed Property Registry.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
   Article – Real Property
   Section 14–126.1(a) through (d)
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2015 Replacement Volume)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
   Article – Real Property
   Section 14–126.1(e)
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2015 Replacement Volume)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 1147 – Delegate Shoemaker

AN ACT concerning

Carroll County – Board of Education Members – Term Limitation
FOR the purpose of prohibiting a voting member of the Carroll County Board of Education from serving on the board for more than a certain number of consecutive terms; and generally relating to a term limitation for members of the Carroll County Board of Education.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Education
Section 3–401
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 1148 – Delegates Gilchrist, Barkley, Kipke, and Simonaire

AN ACT concerning

Income Tax – Subtraction Modification – Retirement Income

FOR the purpose of altering the calculation of the maximum subtraction modification allowed under the Maryland income tax for certain retirement income for certain taxable years; including income from certain retirement plans within a certain subtraction modification for certain retirement income under certain circumstances; and generally relating to an income tax subtraction modification for certain retirement income.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Tax – General
Section 10–209
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2010 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 1149 – Frederick County Delegation

AN ACT concerning

Frederick Center for Research and Education in Science and Technology – Funding

FOR the purpose of requiring the Governor to annually appropriate a certain amount to Frederick Center for Research and Education in Science and Technology (CREST) for certain purposes; and generally relating to Frederick CREST.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Education
Section 24–1002
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
   Article – Education
   Section 24–1004(h)
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

House Bill 1150 – Delegates McMillan, Angel, Cullison, Hayes, Kipke, Miele, Morgan, Oaks, Pena–Melnyk, Saab, and West

AN ACT concerning

Health Insurance – Consumer Health Claim Filing Fairness Act

FOR the purpose of requiring a certain health benefit plan to include provisions that permit enrollees a certain minimum period of time to submit a claim for a service, provide for the suspension of the minimum period of time under certain circumstances, and provide that failure to submit a claim within the minimum period of time does not invalidate or reduce the amount of the claim under certain circumstances; creating an exception to a provision of law that requires certain proof of loss to be furnished to an insurer in case of claim for loss within a certain period of time; defining certain terms; providing for the application of this Act; providing for a delayed effective date; and generally relating to the time period for submitting a claim under health insurance.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
   Article – Insurance
   Section 12–102 and 15–213
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2011 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 1151 – Delegates McCray, Carr, Carter, Fraser–Hidalgo, Hayes, Lam, Moon, Platt, and S. Robinson

AN ACT concerning

Ex–Offenders Recidivism Reduction Act

FOR the purpose of requiring an authority, to the maximum extent practicable, to provide access to public housing for ex–offenders; requiring an authority to avoid denying
the eligibility of an individual based on a misdemeanor conviction or other certain offenses under certain circumstances; requiring an authority to develop certain guidance regarding eligibility for tenants with a criminal history; and generally relating to access to public housing.

BY adding to
  Article – Housing and Community Development
  Section 12–406
  Annotated Code of Maryland
  (2006 Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 1152 – Delegates Miele, Glass, Hill, McKay, Metzgar, Moon, Shoemaker, and Vogt

AN ACT concerning

Public Health – Final Disposition of Unclaimed Bodies – Authorizing Agent
(Nancy’s Law)

FOR the purpose of providing that a relative or friend of a decedent is deemed, under certain circumstances, to be the authorizing agent for purposes of arranging for the final disposition of the decedent’s unclaimed body; making conforming changes; and generally relating to the final disposition of unclaimed bodies.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
  Article – Health – General
  Section 5–401(a) and (b), 5–406(c), and 5–508(a) through (e)
  Annotated Code of Maryland
  (2015 Replacement Volume)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
  Article – Health – General
  Section 5–509, 5–510(a)(1), and 5–511(c) and (d)
  Annotated Code of Maryland
  (2015 Replacement Volume)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 1153 – Prince George’s County Delegation

AN ACT concerning

Prince George’s County – Tax Sales – Limited Auction and Foreclosure for Abandoned Property
PG 431–16
FOR the purpose of requiring the tax collector in Prince George's County to conduct a certain limited auction prior to conducting a public auction for property subject to tax liens; specifying the individuals who may participate in a limited auction; requiring a purchaser of property at a limited auction to occupy the property as the purchaser's dwelling; requiring the tax collector to include the date, time, and location of a limited auction in certain notices; establishing that a limited auction shall be subject to the same requirements as a certain public auction; establishing that the purchase of property at a limited auction shall be treated the same as the purchase of property at a certain public auction; requiring the tax collector to establish a system to verify that individuals who place bids at a limited auction are eligible to place bids; establishing that a certificate of sale for property purchased at a limited auction is void if it is not purchased by an individual who meets certain criteria; requiring property offered for sale at a limited auction that is not sold at the limited auction to be offered for sale at a public auction; establishing certain remedies when a certificate of sale for property sold at a limited auction is void; authorizing a holder of a certificate of sale for certain property sold at a limited auction to file a complaint to foreclose all rights of redemption in the property at any time after the date of sale; and generally relating to tax sales of property in Prince George's County.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Tax – Property
Section 14–817 and 14–833(c)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Tax – Property
Section 14–833(d)(1)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – Tax – Property
Section 14–833(h)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

AN ACT concerning

Maryland Lead Poisoning Recovery Act

FOR the purpose of establishing that certain manufacturers of lead pigment are liable to certain persons for certain damages caused by lead–based paint; establishing the types of damages for which certain manufacturers of lead pigment are liable; providing that certain manufacturers of lead pigment may be held liable under any legally recognized theory of liability; providing that failure to join a certain manufacturer in a certain action does not constitute failure to join a required party for any purpose; providing that a person is not required to prove that a manufacturer manufactured the lead pigment contained in certain lead–based paint that caused certain damage to establish the liability of the manufacturer; requiring a party to prove by a preponderance of the evidence certain elements in order to recover damages; requiring a trier of fact, if a party satisfies a certain burden of proof against a certain manufacturer, to find the manufacturer liable unless the manufacturer establishes certain facts by a preponderance of the evidence; requiring the trier of fact, if a certain manufacturer is found liable for certain damages, to make a certain finding and enter a certain judgment based on certain factors; providing that a certain manufacturer that is found to be liable is subject to joint and several liability; establishing a duty of a certain attorney to notify and reimburse the State for certain payments under certain circumstances; establishing that a certain action under this Act is not exclusive and is independent of and in addition to any right, remedy, or cause of action available to the State, certain units of the State, and certain individuals; allowing medical assistance expenditures attributable to lead–based paint to be proved or disproved by evidence of statistical analysis; creating the Lead Paint Restitution Fund; providing for the uses of and expenditures from the Fund; declaring a certain intent of the General Assembly; defining certain terms; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to the liability of manufacturers for damage caused by lead pigment in lead–based paint.

BY adding to

Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings
Section 3–2101 through 3–2109 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 21. Maryland Lead Poisoning Recovery Act”
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2013 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation and the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 1155 – Calvert County Delegation

AN ACT concerning

Calvert County – Bonding Authority
FOR the purpose of authorizing and empowering the County Commissioners of Calvert County, from time to time, to borrow not more than $9,410,000 to finance the construction, improvement, or development of certain public facilities in Calvert County, as herein defined, and to effect such borrowing by the issuance and sale at public or private sale of its general obligation bonds in like par amount; empowering the County to fix and determine, by resolution, the form, tenor, interest rate or rates or method of determining the same, terms, conditions, maturities, and all other details incident to the issuance and sale of the bonds; empowering the County to issue refunding bonds for the purchase or redemption of bonds in advance of maturity; empowering and directing the County to levy, impose, and collect, annually, ad valorem taxes in rate and amount sufficient to provide funds for the payment of the maturing principal of and interest on the bonds; exempting the bonds and refunding bonds and the interest thereon and any income derived therefrom from all State, county, municipal, and other taxation in the State of Maryland; providing that nothing in this Act shall prevent the County from authorizing the issuance and sale of bonds the interest on which is not excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes; and generally relating to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

House Bill 1156 – Calvert County Delegation

AN ACT concerning

Calvert County – Alcoholic Beverages – Beer or Wine Festival License

FOR the purpose of 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 certain authorizations and requirements applicable to wine festivals; authorizing the Calvert County Board of License Commissioners to issue the beer or wine festival license to certain persons; providing that the primary purpose of the license is to authorize the holder to sell certain beer or wine; authorizing the Board to approve up to a certain number of weekends for beer or wine festivals per license applicant each year and requiring the Board to approve the location for a festival; and generally relating to the beer or wine festival license in Calvert County.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Alcoholic Beverages
Section 14–1304
Annotated Code of Maryland
(As enacted by Chapter ____ (S.B. 724) of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2016)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 1157 – Calvert County Delegation
AN ACT concerning

Calvert County – Assistant Sheriff – Salary and Status

FOR the purpose of altering the annual salary of the assistant sheriff in Calvert County under certain circumstances; clarifying that the assistant sheriff shall retain full merit status under certain circumstances; altering the placement and salary of the assistant sheriff at the end of an appointment under certain circumstances; and generally relating to the assistant sheriff in Calvert County.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
   Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings
   Section 2–309(f)(3)
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2013 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 1158 – Delegates Lisanti and Hornberger

AN ACT concerning

Cecil County – Alcoholic Beverages – Class 7 Micro–Brewery Licenses

FOR the purpose of applying in Cecil County a certain provision of law that authorizes the issuance of a Class 7 micro–brewery license to a holder of a Class B beer, wine, and liquor (on–sale) license that is issued for use on the premises of a restaurant; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages in Cecil County.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
   Article – Alcoholic Beverages
   Section 2–209
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (As enacted by Chapter ____ (S.B. _____)(6lr1406) of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2016)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
   Article – Alcoholic Beverages
   Section 17–401
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (As enacted by Chapter ____ (S.B. _____)(6lr1406) of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2016)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 1159 – The Speaker (By Request – Office of the Attorney General) and Delegates Clippinger, Atterbeary, Barkley, Brooks, Carter, Dumais, Frick,
AN ACT concerning Consumer Protection – Debt Buyers and Collectors – Restrictions

FOR the purpose of prohibiting a debt buyer or a certain debt collector from collecting or attempting to collect an alleged debt under certain circumstances; prohibiting a debt buyer or a certain collector from filing a civil action or initiating an arbitration or certain legal proceeding under certain circumstances; prohibiting a debt buyer or a certain collector from collecting or attempting to collect certain attorney’s fees or certain interest under certain circumstances; requiring a debt buyer or a certain collector to include in its first written communication with a debtor a certain notice; requiring a debt buyer or a certain collector to provide a debtor certain records under certain circumstances; prohibiting a certain failure of a debtor from being considered a certain admission of liability; altering the damages for which a certain collector may be liable; defining certain terms; and generally relating to consumer debt collection and debt buyers and collectors.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Commercial Law
Section 14–201 through 14–204
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2013 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Commercial Law
Section 14–203
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2013 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 1160 – Delegate Valderrama

AN ACT concerning State Board of Physicians – Admissibility of Board Records – Workers’ Compensation Commission

FOR the purpose of providing that a certain provision of law relating to the admissibility of State Board of Physicians proceedings, records, files, and orders in civil and criminal actions does not apply to any proceeding before the Workers’ Compensation Commission or any proceeding related to an appeal of a decision of the Commission to a circuit court; and generally relating to the admissibility of State Board of Physicians records.
BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
  Article – Health Occupations
  Section 14–410
  Annotated Code of Maryland
  (2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 1161 – Delegate Lisanti

AN ACT concerning

Municipalities – Boat Docking and Storage – User Fees – Authorized Uses

FOR the purpose of authorizing a municipality to use revenue from a certain user fee on charges for the docking and storage of boats for land acquisition and the related construction and maintenance of public facilities to enhance public use and water access; and generally relating to municipal user fees on charges for the docking and storage of boats.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
  Article – Local Government
  Section 20–608
  Annotated Code of Maryland
  (2013 Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 1162 – Delegate Reznik

AN ACT concerning

Foster Youth Summer Internship Program

FOR the purpose of recodifying and making permanent the Foster Youth Summer Internship Pilot Program; altering the name of the program to be the Foster Youth Summer Internship Program; transferring certain responsibilities relating to the Program to the Secretary of Human Services; requiring the Secretary of Human Resources, in consultation with the Secretary of Budget and Management, to issue a certain report to the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee, the Senate Finance Committee, and the House Appropriations Committee of the General Assembly on or before a certain date; specifying the contents of the report; defining certain terms; providing for a delayed effective date; and generally relating to internship opportunities for certain foster youth.
BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
   Article – State Finance and Procurement
   Section 3–207
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2015 Replacement Volume)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
   Section 2

BY adding to
   Article – Human Services
   Section 4–304
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2007 Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

House Bill 1163 – Delegates Lam and S. Robinson

AN ACT concerning

   Agriculture – Veterinary Feed Directives – Information Collection

FOR the purpose of requiring a certain veterinarian who issues a certain veterinary feed
directive to submit to the Department of Agriculture certain information in a certain
manner; requiring the Department to maintain certain information and make the
information available for public review in a certain manner; requiring the
Department to report to certain committees of the General Assembly on or before a
certain date each year, beginning on or before a certain date; and generally relating
to veterinary feed directives.

BY adding to
   Article – Agriculture
   Section 3–1001 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 10. Veterinary Feed Directives”
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2007 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 1164 – Delegates Buckel and McKay

AN ACT concerning

   Election Law – Contribution to a Candidate for Judicial Office
FOR the purpose of providing that an individual who makes a contribution to a campaign finance entity of a candidate for a judicial office and the candidate is elected as judge, or who makes a contribution to a campaign finance entity established by another person to support a candidate for a judicial office and the candidate is elected as judge, may not appear as an attorney of record or be a party in any matter before that judge for a certain period of time; and generally relating to a contribution to a candidate for judicial office.

BY adding to
Article – Election Law
Section 13–244
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2010 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 1165 – Delegate Lisanti

AN ACT concerning

Vehicle Laws – Lapse or Termination of Required Security – Notice

FOR the purpose of requiring a certain insurer or other provider of required vehicle security to immediately provide electronic notice of a certain lapse or termination of required security to the Motor Vehicle Administration and, under certain circumstances, the vehicle owner; and generally relating to the lapse or termination of required security for a vehicle.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Transportation
Section 17–106
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 1166 – Delegates Buckel, Arentz, Beitzel, Folden, Grammer, Krebs, McKay, McMillan, Metzgar, Miele, Rose, Shoemaker, and Vogt

AN ACT concerning

Income Tax – Rates

FOR the purpose of altering the State income tax rates on certain income of individuals; providing for the application and termination of certain provisions of this Act; and generally relating to the State income tax rates on the income of individuals.
BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
   Article – Tax – General
   Section 10–105(a)
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2010 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
   Article – Tax – General
   Section 10–105(a)
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2010 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)
   (As enacted by Section 1 of this Act)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

**House Bill 1167 – Delegates Buckel, Beitzel, Mautz, and Otto**

AN ACT concerning

**Biotechnology Investment Tax Credit – Investment in Qualified Companies in Low–Income Areas**

FOR the purpose of altering the amount of the credit allowed against the State income tax for certain investments in certain qualified Maryland biotechnology companies located in certain counties; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to a credit against the State income tax for certain investments in certain biotechnology companies.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
   Article – Tax – General
   Section 10–725(b)(1)
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2010 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
   Article – Tax – General
   Section 10–725(d)(1)
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2010 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

**House Bill 1168 – Delegates Buckel, Beitzel, Mautz, and Otto**

AN ACT concerning
Cybersecurity Investment Tax Credit – Investment in Qualified Companies in Low-Income Areas

FOR the purpose of altering the amount of the credit allowed against the State income tax for certain investments in certain qualified Maryland cybersecurity companies located in certain counties; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to a credit allowed against the State income tax for investments in certain cybersecurity companies.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Tax – General
Section 10–733(b)(1)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2010 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Tax – General
Section 10–733(d)(1)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2010 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 1169 – Delegates Mautz, Adams, and Sample–Hughes

AN ACT concerning

Harris Creek Oyster Restoration – Vessel Damage – Compensation

FOR the purpose of authorizing a vessel owner to file a claim with the Department of Natural Resources for the payment of damages if certain persons make an error or omission related to the required depth of navigable water in the Harris Creek Oyster Restoration Project and, as a result of the error or omission, the vessel sustains damages; establishing certain procedures for a claim; establishing a certain statute of limitations for a claim; establishing a certain cap on the amount that may be paid under a claim; establishing certain sources of funds for payment under a claim; requiring, after certain notice and a hearing, the Department to approve the claim, and order the payment of any damages to the vessel owner, or deny the claim; requiring the Department to deny a claim under certain circumstances; providing for the appeal to the Talbot County Circuit Court of a denial of a claim; establishing the jurisdiction of the Circuit Court; and generally relating to compensation for vessel damage sustained in the Harris Creek Oyster Restoration Project.

BY adding to
Article – Natural Resources
Section 8–724.2
Annotated Code of Maryland
AN ACT concerning

Condominiums – Warranty Claims

FOR the purpose of establishing that, notwithstanding any provision in the declaration, bylaws, or rules and regulations of the condominium, a council of unit owners has the right to be involved in a certain manner in certain litigation or administrative proceedings affecting the condominium and to enforce implied warranties made to the council of unit owners by the developer; making unenforceable a provision of a declaration, a bylaw, a contract for the initial sale of a unit, or any other instrument made by a developer or vendor in accordance with certain provisions of law relating to certain claims that purports to shorten the statute of limitations applicable to the claim, purports to waive the application of a certain rule, requires a unit owner or the council of unit owners to assert a certain claim within a certain period of time under certain circumstances, or operates to prevent a unit owner or the council of unit owners from asserting a certain claim within a certain period of time; making unenforceable a provision of a declaration, a bylaw, a contract for the initial sale of a unit, or any other instrument made by a developer or vendor in accordance with certain provisions of law that requires a certain vote of unit owners as a precondition to the institution or maintenance of certain proceedings unless the council of unit owners adopts the provision under certain circumstances; defining a certain term; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to warranty claims for condominiums.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Real Property
Section 11–109(d)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume)

BY adding to

Article – Real Property
Section 11–134.1
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume)
Foreclosed Property Registry – Responsibility for Maintenance of Residential Property, Registration Requirement, and Access to Registry

FOR the purpose of establishing that, on and after the filing of an action to foreclose a mortgage or deed of trust on residential property, the secured party shall be responsible for maintenance of the property until the foreclosure sale occurs; requiring the secured party to submit a registration to the Foreclosed Property Registry within a certain period of time after the filing of an action to foreclose a mortgage or deed of trust on residential property; requiring the registration to be in a certain form and contain certain information; establishing certain fees; authorizing the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation to authorize certain persons to access the Registry; making a certain conforming change; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to foreclosure of residential property.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
   Article – Real Property
   Section 14–126.1
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2015 Replacement Volume)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 1172 – Delegates Valderrama, Adams, Branch, Brooks, Davis, Impallaria, Jameson, and Vaughn

AN ACT concerning

Vehicle Laws – Rental Vehicle Companies – Right of Subrogation

FOR the purpose of establishing that a rental vehicle company or its designee has a certain right of subrogation against certain persons, including a person who rents a motor vehicle, for certain property damage, personal injury, and wrongful death claims paid by the rental vehicle company or the designee that arose out of the use or operation of the motor vehicle; requiring a rental vehicle company that receives a third–party claim to provide a certain notice of the claim; authorizing an insurer to assume the handling of a certain claim; requiring a rental vehicle company to handle a claim until a certain insurer assumes the handling of the claim; prohibiting a rental vehicle company from seeking certain recovery or reimbursement in certain circumstances; establishing that this Act applies only to certain claims; and generally relating to rental vehicle companies and rights of subrogation.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
   Article – Transportation
   Section 18–108(a)
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)
BY adding to
  Article – Transportation
  Section 18–108(f)
  Annotated Code of Maryland
  (2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 1173 – Delegates Buckel, Arentz, Beitzel, Cassilly, Folden, Grammer, S. Howard, Krebs, McComas, McKay, McMillan, Metzgar, Miele, Rose, Shoemaker, and Vogt

AN ACT concerning

Criminal Law – Sentencing – Subsequent Offenders
  (Career Criminal Truth in Sentencing Act)

FOR the purpose of providing that certain subsequent criminal offenders are not entitled to a diminution of their term of confinement; requiring that certain subsequent criminal offenders be sentenced to imprisonment for the maximum term allowed by law; prohibiting the court from suspending all or part of a mandatory sentence for certain subsequent criminal offenders; providing that certain subsequent criminal offenders are not eligible for parole; requiring that the State follow certain procedural rules when prosecuting certain subsequent criminal offenders; and generally relating to sentencing.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
  Article – Correctional Services
  Section 3–702(a)
  Annotated Code of Maryland
  (2008 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY adding to
  Article – Correctional Services
  Section 3–702(d)
  Annotated Code of Maryland
  (2008 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
  Article – Criminal Law
  Section 14–101(a) through (d)
  Annotated Code of Maryland
  (2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY adding to
  Article – Criminal Law
Section 14–104  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 1174 – Delegates Platt, Carr, Lam, and Moon

AN ACT concerning

**General Provisions – Commemorative Days – Fred Korematsu Day**

FOR the purpose of requiring the Governor annually to proclaim a certain day as Fred Korematsu Day; requiring the proclamation to urge certain organizations to observe Fred Korematsu Day properly with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities; and generally relating to Fred Korematsu Day.

BY renumbering  
Article – General Provisions  
Section 7–402 through 7–416, respectively  
to be Section 7–403 through 7–417, respectively  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2014 Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY adding to  
Article – General Provisions  
Section 7–402  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2014 Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 1175 – Delegates Waldstreicher, Morales, Angel, Carr, Fennell, Glenn, Gutierrez, Hettleman, Jalisi, Luedtke, McCray, A. Miller, Moon, Pena–Melnyk, Platt, Reznik, Sanchez, Smith, Tarlau, Valderrama, and M. Washington

AN ACT concerning

**Fair Scheduling, Wages, and Benefits Act**

FOR the purpose of requiring an employer to provide certain employees with certain estimates and work schedules within certain time periods and notify employees of certain changes; requiring an employer to conspicuously post at a certain location at each work site certain information; prohibiting an employer, except under certain circumstances, from requiring an employee to work certain hours; providing that certain written consent is not required under certain circumstances and may be
provided in paper or electronic form; authorizing an employer to make certain changes to a scheduled shift within a certain period of time; requiring an employer, except under certain circumstances, to pay certain predictability pay under certain circumstances; providing that predictability pay is in addition to certain other pay; requiring an employer to pay an employee for certain hours of work at a certain rate for certain shifts; requiring an employer to offer additional hours of work to current employees before hiring new employees or subcontractors; providing for the application of a certain provision of this Act; prohibiting certain criteria from being discriminatory on certain bases; requiring that certain information be posted for certain periods of time; requiring an employer, except under certain circumstances, to assign additional hours of work to certain current employees and distribute additional hours of work among certain employees; authorizing an employer to hire new employees and subcontractors under certain circumstances; requiring an employer to make certain efforts to offer employees certain training opportunities; requiring an employer to document compliance with a certain provision of this Act under certain circumstances; requiring that certain documentation be maintained by an employer for a certain period of time; establishing certain rebuttable presumptions; providing that certain employees must be paid the same hourly wage, have the same eligibility to accrue certain benefits, and be provided certain opportunities and conditions of employment; requiring each employer to record certain wages in a certain statement of earnings and specify in the statement certain predictability pay; authorizing the Commissioner of Labor and Industry, under certain circumstances, to require an employer to include certain information in a certain statement and use additional means to notify the employer’s employees of certain information; requiring an employer to give employees notice of certain rights in a certain manner; requiring employers to keep certain records for a certain minimum period of time and make the records available for inspection by certain individuals; providing that each day an employer violates a certain provision of this Act is a separate violation; prohibiting certain persons from taking certain actions; providing that certain protections apply to certain employees; providing for the enforcement of this Act; requiring the Commissioner to keep a certain identity confidential, except under certain circumstances, and to notify a certain person before a certain disclosure is made; requiring the Commissioner to post certain information on a certain Web site on or before a certain date each year; authorizing the Commissioner to conduct a certain investigation under certain circumstances; providing for the construction of this Act; defining certain terms; and generally relating to fair scheduling, wages, and benefits.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Labor and Employment
Section 2–106(b) and 3–102(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2008 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Labor and Employment
Section 3–103(k); and 3–1301 through 3–1313 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 13. Fair Scheduling, Wages, and Benefits”

Annotated Code of Maryland
(2008 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.


AN ACT concerning

Rental Deposit Assistance Loan Programs and Fund

FOR the purpose of authorizing a county or municipality to enact an ordinance or a resolution to establish a rental deposit assistance loan program; providing for the purpose and required elements of a program; establishing the Rental Deposit Assistance Fund as a special, nonlapsing fund; specifying the purpose of the Fund; requiring the Secretary of Housing and Community Development to administer the Fund; requiring the State Treasurer to hold the Fund and the Comptroller to account for the Fund; specifying the contents of the Fund; requiring the Governor, each fiscal year beginning with a certain fiscal year, to include in the annual budget bill an appropriation of a certain amount to the Fund; specifying the purpose for which the Fund may be used; providing for the investment of money in and expenditures from the Fund; requiring the Secretary to establish a certain application procedure; requiring the Secretary to make certain grants from the Fund to certain counties and municipalities for a certain purpose; requiring that the amount of a certain grant be in proportion to the number of counties and municipalities that apply for money from the Fund; requiring a county or municipality that receives a grant from the Fund to expend a certain amount of county or municipal funds for the program; requiring a county or municipality that makes a certain application to provide the Secretary with certain information; exempting the Fund from a certain provision of law requiring interest on State money in special funds to accrue to the General Fund of the State; defining certain terms; and generally relating to rental deposit assistance loan programs.

BY adding to
Article – Local Government
Section 1–1401 through 1–1404 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 14. Rental Deposit Assistance Programs”

Annotated Code of Maryland
(2013 Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – State Finance and Procurement
Section 6–226(a)(2)(i)

Annotated Code of Maryland
BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – State Finance and Procurement
Section 6–226(a)(2)(ii)84. and 85.
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume)

BY adding to
Article – State Finance and Procurement
Section 6–226(a)(2)(ii)86.
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 1177 – Delegates Buckel, Arentz, Beitzel, Cassilly, Folden, S. Howard, Krebs, McKay, Metzgar, Miele, Parrott, Rose, Shoemaker, and Vogt

AN ACT concerning

Corporate Income Tax – Rate Reduction

FOR the purpose of altering over a certain period of years the State income tax rate on the Maryland taxable income of corporations; and generally relating to the Maryland corporate income tax.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Tax – General
Section 10–105(b)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2010 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

INTRODUCTION OF JOINT RESOLUTIONS


A House Joint Resolution concerning
Public Schools – Post–Labor Day Start Date

FOR the purpose of directing local school systems in the State to establish a post–Labor Day school start date for students beginning with the 2016–2017 school year.

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations.

SPECIAL ORDERS

The presiding officer submitted the Special Orders of the day, as follows:


AN ACT concerning

Labor and Employment – Apprenticeship Career Training in Our Neighborhoods (ACTION) Program – Establishment

STATUS OF BILL: BILL ON 2ND READING. FAVORABLE REPORT AS AMENDED ADOPTED.

Read the second time and ordered prepared for Third Reading.

QUORUM CALL

The presiding officer announced a quorum call, showing 139 Members present.

(See Roll Call No. 60)

THIRD READING FILE

The presiding officer submitted the following Bills for Third Reading:

THIRD READING CALENDAR (HOUSE BILLS) #3

House Bill 84 – The Speaker (By Request – Department of Legislative Services)

AN ACT concerning
State Government – Office of Legislative Audits – Alterations in Audit Requirements

Read the third time and passed by yeas and nays as follows:

Affirmative – 137     Negative – 2     (See Roll Call No. 61)

The Bill was then sent to the Senate.

House Bill 379 – Delegate B. Barnes (Chair, Joint Committee on Pensions)

AN ACT concerning

Employees' and Teachers' Pension Systems – Reformed Contributory Pension Benefit – Eligibility Service Clarifications

Read the third time and passed by yeas and nays as follows:

Affirmative – 138     Negative – 0     (See Roll Call No. 62)

The Bill was then sent to the Senate.

House Bill 380 – Delegate B. Barnes (Chair, Joint Committee on Pensions)

AN ACT concerning

State Retirement and Pension System – Local Fire and Police System – Commingling of Assets

Read the third time and passed by yeas and nays as follows:

Affirmative – 138     Negative – 0     (See Roll Call No. 63)

The Bill was then sent to the Senate.

QUORUM CALL

The presiding officer announced a quorum call, showing 139 Members present.

(See Roll Call No. 64)

ADJOURNMENT
At 10:50 A.M. on motion of Delegate Kaiser the House adjourned until 11:00 A.M. on Friday, February 12, 2016.