

April 4, 2017

To the Members of the General Assembly

Ladies and Gentlemen:

On April 4, 2017, the Honorable Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr., Governor; the Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr., President of the Senate; and the Honorable Michael E. Busch, Speaker of the House of Delegates, signed the following pieces of legislation, which you passed:

**SB 22**                    **Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request –**  
**Chapter 7**                **Departmental – Public Safety and Correctional Services)**

**CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – CRIMINAL INJURIES  
COMPENSATION BOARD – CLAIMANT AWARD BASIS**

Reducing the minimum eligibility threshold for an award of lost earnings or support from the Criminal Injuries Compensation Board; establishing eligibility for a specified award of up to 2 weeks of lost average weekly wages for a parent, child, or spouse of a victim who died as a direct result of a crime or delinquent act; and prohibiting a specified lost wage claim from exceeding \$2,000.

**EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017**

**SB 24**                    **Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request –**  
**Chapter 8**                **Departmental – State Police)**

**PUBLIC SAFETY – EYEWITNESS IDENTIFICATION POLICIES –  
REPEAL OF SUBMISSION REQUIREMENT**

Repealing requirements that each law enforcement agency in the State file a copy of its written policy relating to eyewitness identification with the Department of State Police and that the Department of State Police compile and allow public inspection of the policies.

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**SB 37**                    **Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request –**  
Chapter 9                **Departmental – Office of Crime Control and Prevention)**

**FUNDS – OBSOLETE PROVISIONS – REPEAL**

Repealing provisions of law establishing the Maryland Drug and Alcohol Grants Program Fund; repealing the authorization for the Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention to establish specified grant programs; repealing specified provisions of law establishing the Law Enforcement Equipment fund; etc.

**EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017**

**SB 182**                    **Senator Middleton, et al**

Chapter 10                **BALTIMORE CITY AND CHARLES, PRINCE GEORGE'S, AND**  
**HARFORD COUNTIES – RECALL OF FORMER JUDGE FOR**  
**TEMPORARY ASSIGNMENT – ELIGIBILITY**

Altering the eligibility requirements for recall of a former judge in Baltimore City, Charles County, Harford County, and Prince George's County for temporary assignment.

**EMERGENCY BILL**

**HB 1632**                    **Delegate Kipke, et al**

Chapter 11                **PUBLIC HEALTH – CERTIFICATES OF BIRTH – BIRTHS**  
**OUTSIDE AN INSTITUTION**

Requiring the attending clinician or a designee of the attending clinician to prepare a certificate of birth, secure specified signatures, and file the certificate within 5 calendar days after a birth occurs outside an institution with an attending clinician; requiring the attending clinician, within 5 calendar days after the birth, to provide the date of birth and specified information that is required on a certificate of birth; etc.

**EMERGENCY BILL**

**HB 642**  
Chapter 12

**Delegate C. Wilson, et al**

**CIVIL ACTIONS – CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE – STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS AND REQUIRED FINDINGS**

Altering the statute of limitations on civil actions arising out of an alleged incident or incidents of sexual abuse that occurred while the victim was a minor; establishing a statute of repose for specified civil actions relating to child sexual abuse; providing that, in a specified action filed more than a specified number of years after the victim reaches the age of majority, damages may be awarded against a person or governmental entity that is not an alleged perpetrator only under specified circumstances; etc.

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**HB 1325**  
Chapter 13

**Delegate Fraser-Hidalgo, et al**

**OIL AND NATURAL GAS – HYDRAULIC FRACTURING – PROHIBITION**

Prohibiting a person from engaging in the hydraulic fracturing of a well for the exploration or production of oil or natural gas in the State; repealing a provision of law that requires the Department of the Environment to adopt specified regulations; and repealing a provision of law that prohibits the Department from issuing a specified permit until October 1, 2017.

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Sincerely,

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