

April 6, 2017

To the Members of the General Assembly

Ladies and Gentlemen:

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

Section 17.

(b) If any Bill presented to the Governor while the General Assembly is in session is not returned by him with his objections within six days (Sundays excepted), the Bill shall be a law in the like manner as if he signed it, unless the General Assembly, by adjournment, prevents its return, in which case it shall not be a law.

Having chosen not to sign these following bills after formal presentment and allow the provisions of Article II, Section 17(b) to determine the effectiveness of the legislation, these bills will become law without the Governor's signature as of midnight, April 6, 2017, and are assigned the following chapter numbers:

SB 184

Senator Middleton, et al

Chapter 14

**ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROGRAMS – CALCULATION OF
PROGRAM SAVINGS AND CONSIDERATION OF
COST-EFFECTIVENESS**

Requiring the Public Service Commission to require each electric company to procure or provide specified energy efficiency and conservation programs and services to its electricity customers on a specified savings trajectory for the duration of the 2018–2020 and 2021–2023 program cycles; establishing a baseline for the savings trajectory; requiring that specified nonenergy benefits be quantifiable and directly related to a specified program or service; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2017

- SB 291**
Chapter 15 **Senator Rosapepe, et al**
MARYLAND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICE – COLLECTIVE BARGAINING
Requiring the Maryland Environmental Service, consistent with specified provisions of law, to recognize and deal with an employee organization once elected as an exclusive representative, to collectively bargain, and to enter into specified types of agreements applicable to specified State employees; and providing for an exception to an exemption from specified provisions of State personnel law.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017
- SB 484**
Chapter 16 **Senator Madaleno, et al**
MARYLAND TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION – FAREBOX RECOVERY RATE – REPEAL
Repealing the requirement that a specified percentage of operating costs for specified public transit services must be recovered by the Maryland Transit Administration from specified revenues; altering requirements for specified annual reports submitted by the Administration to specified committees of the General Assembly; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017
- SB 571**
Chapter 17 **Senator Middleton, et al**
MARYLAND HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE PROTECTION ACT
Establishing the Maryland Health Insurance Coverage Protection Commission to monitor and assess the impact of potential and actual federal changes to specified health care programs and to provide recommendations for State and local action to protect the access of residents of the State to affordable health coverage; providing for the composition, cochairs, and staffing of the Commission; requiring the Commission to annually report its findings to the Governor and General Assembly on or before December 31; etc.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2017

- SB 884**
Chapter 18 **Senator Rosapepe, et al**
MARYLAND FINANCIAL CONSUMER PROTECTION
COMMISSION
Establishing the Maryland Financial Consumer Protection Commission; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Commission; prohibiting a member of the Commission from receiving specified compensation, but authorizing the reimbursement of specified expenses; authorizing the Commission to provide specified reports to the Governor, the General Assembly, and the Maryland Congressional Delegation under specified circumstances; etc.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2017
- SB 1198**
Chapter 19 **Prince George’s County Senators**
PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER
ACT OF 2017
Requiring, for specified fiscal years, the Governor to include in the budget bill an appropriation for specified purposes related to the new Prince George’s County Regional Medical Center; requiring, for specified fiscal years, the Governor to include in the capital or operating budget bill specified amounts to be used for the construction of the Prince George’s County Regional Medical Center; etc.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2017
- HB 5**
Chapter 20 **Delegate Barkley, et al**
PRIVATE PASSENGER MOTOR VEHICLE LIABILITY
INSURANCE – ENHANCED UNDERINSURED MOTORIST
COVERAGE
Authorizing a specified insured to elect to obtain specified enhanced underinsured motorist coverage under a private passenger motor vehicle liability insurance policy; requiring specified insurers to offer an enhanced underinsured motorist coverage under specified circumstances; altering a specified prohibition on the recovery of benefits under specified coverages; applying the Act to each policy of private passenger motor vehicle insurance issued, sold, or delivered in the State on or after July 1, 2018; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

HB 74

Chapter 21

Delegate Grammer

**MARYLAND CONSOLIDATED CAPITAL BOND LOAN OF 2014 –
BALTIMORE COUNTY – CHESAPEAKE HIGH STADIUM**

Amending the Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loan of 2014 to remove the matching fund requirement for specified grants for Chesapeake High Stadium.

EMERGENCY BILL

HB 151

Chapter 22

The Speaker (By Request – Administration)

**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – MARYLAND CONSOLIDATED
CAPITAL BOND LOAN OF 2017, AND THE MARYLAND
CONSOLIDATED CAPITAL BOND LOANS OF 2006, 2008, 2009,
2010, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, AND 2016**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt in the amount of \$1,089,383,121, the proceeds to be used for specified necessary building, construction, demolition, planning, renovation, conversion, replacement, and capital equipment purchases of the State, for acquiring specified real estate in connection therewith, and for grants to specified subdivisions and other organizations for specified development and improvement purposes, subject to specified requirements; etc.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

HB 152

Chapter 23

The Speaker (By Request – Administration)

BUDGET RECONCILIATION AND FINANCING ACT OF 2017

Authorizing or altering the distribution of specified revenue; altering or repealing specified required appropriations; authorizing the use of specified funds for specified purposes; requiring the Department of Budget and Management to review specified interagency agreements; requiring the Department of Commerce to report specified information relating to the compliance of specified companies with a specified letter of intent; requiring a specified financial forecast to maximize the use of specified funds; etc.

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- HB 271** **Delegate Lierman, et al**
Chapter 24 MARYLAND TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION – FAREBOX
RECOVERY RATE – REPEAL
- Repealing the requirement that a specified percentage of operating costs for specified public transit services must be recovered by the Maryland Transit Administration from specified revenues; altering the content of specified annual performance reports to be submitted by the Administration to specified committees of the General Assembly by December 1 of each year; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017
- HB 516** **Delegate Atterbeary, et al**
Chapter 25 WORKGROUP TO STUDY THE IMPLEMENTATION OF
UNIVERSAL ACCESS TO PREKINDERGARTEN FOR
4-YEAR-OLDS
- Establishing the Workgroup to Study the Implementation of Universal Access to Prekindergarten for 4-Year-Olds in order to estimate the number of 4-year-old children being served by publicly funded kindergarten programs by using the free and reduced-price meal eligibility data; requiring the Workgroup to study and make recommendations regarding an implementation plan based on a specified report and to present its findings to the Commission on Innovation and Excellence in Education by September 1, 2017; etc.
EMERGENCY BILL
- HB 913** **Delegate Rosenberg, et al**
Chapter 26 ATTORNEY GENERAL – POWERS – MARYLAND DEFENSE ACT
OF 2017
- Authorizing the Attorney General to employ specified assistant counsel; authorizing the Attorney General to take specified actions on civil and criminal suits and actions that are based on the federal government's action or inaction that threatens the public interest and welfare of the residents of the State; requiring the Attorney General to provide the Governor with specified notice; requiring the Governor to provide \$1,000,000 in fiscal year 2019 and thereafter; requiring the Attorney General to submit a specified report; etc.
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