

April 11, 2017

To the Members of the General Assembly

Ladies and Gentlemen:

On April 11, 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 307 The President (By Request – Administration), et al

Chapter 30

**MARYLAND OPEN TRANSPORTATION INVESTMENT
DECISION ACT – APPLICATION AND EVALUATION**

Altering the definition of “major transportation project”; requiring the Department to develop a model that uses a specified project-based scoring system to rank specified projects; requiring the Department to use the model to rank specified projects; requiring the Department to include a specified ranking and specified scores in an appendix to the Consolidated Transportation Program and to post the rankings and scores on the Department’s Web site; establishing the Workgroup on the Maryland Open Transportation Investment Decision Act; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

HB 879

Chapter 31

The Speaker (By Request – Administration)

PUBLIC INTEGRITY ACT OF 2017

Altering provisions of the ethics law governing the period of time during which former members of the General Assembly are prohibited from representing or assisting specified parties for compensation; altering the definition of “legislative action” as it applies to specified provisions of the Maryland Public Ethics Law to include testimony and other advocacy in an official capacity before a unit of State or local government; requiring the State Ethics Commission to make specified information available on the Internet; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

HB 153

Chapter 32

The Speaker (By Request – Administration)

CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – QUALIFIED ZONE ACADEMY BONDS

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt in the amount of \$4,823,000, the proceeds to be used as grants to the Interagency Committee on School Construction and the Maryland State Department of Education for the renovation, repair, and capital improvements of qualified zone academies; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds and the further grant of funds to eligible school systems for specified purposes, subject to a requirement that the grantees document the provision of a required matching fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2017

HB 664

Chapter 33

Delegate Reilly, et al

STATE GOVERNMENT – DISPLAY OF THE POW/MIA FLAG ON STATE BUILDING GROUNDS

Requiring the Secretary of General Services and the Secretary of Transportation to cause the POW/MIA flag to be flown on the grounds of State buildings under their control whenever the flag of the United States is flown; defining “POW/MIA flag” as the POW/MIA flag of the National League of Families of American Prisoners and Missing in Southeast Asia; and providing specified exceptions.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

SB 427

Senator Klausmeier, et al

Chapter 34

MARYLAND INSTITUTE FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES SYSTEMS – AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATORS – STUDY (THE JOE SHEYA ACT)

Requiring the Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems to conduct a study regarding the location of automated external defibrillators, the costs associated with owning, using, and training individuals to use automated external defibrillators, and potential liability issues; requiring the study to include any relevant data available for calendar years 2015, 2016, and 2017; requiring the Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems to report its findings to the General Assembly; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

HB 522

Delegate Barron, et al

Chapter 35

MARYLAND INSTITUTE FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES SYSTEMS – AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATORS – STUDY (THE JOE SHEYA ACT)

Requiring the Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems to conduct a study regarding the location of automated external defibrillators, the costs associated with owning, using, and training individuals to use automated external defibrillators, and potential liability issues; requiring the study to include any relevant data available for calendar years 2015, 2016, and 2017; requiring the Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems to report its findings to the General Assembly; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

SB 8

Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Maryland Insurance Administration)

Chapter 36

INSURANCE – RISK MANAGEMENT AND OWN RISK AND SOLVENCY ASSESSMENT ACT

Requiring specified carriers to maintain a risk management framework for specified purposes; requiring specified carriers or specified insurance groups to conduct an own risk and solvency assessment regularly or at any time when there are significant changes to the carrier's or insurance group's risk profile; requiring specified carriers to submit to the Maryland Insurance Commissioner a specified report or reports on request or if the Commissioner is the lead state commissioner of a specified insurance group; etc.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2018

SB 19 **Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental –**
Chapter 37 **Maryland Insurance Administration)**

INSURANCE – SURPLUS LINES INSURERS, SURPLUS LINES
BROKERS, AND REINSURERS

Altering the requirements an insurer must meet to be approved as a surplus lines insurer by the Maryland Insurance Commissioner; providing for the expiration of a surplus lines insurer's approval; establishing a process for renewal of a surplus lines insurer's approval; clarifying that a requirement to report specified business subject to tax and pay the tax stated in the report at specified intervals applies only to surplus lines brokers that have transacted surplus lines business in the State during the reporting period; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

SB 31 **Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental –**
Chapter 38 **Maryland Insurance Administration)**

TITLE INSURANCE – RATE MAKING – USE OF RATING
ORGANIZATIONS FOR FILINGS

Providing that specified provisions of law governing rating organizations apply to rate making for title insurance; authorizing a title insurer to satisfy its obligations to make filings by being a member of or a subscriber to a specified title rating organization and authorizing the Maryland Insurance Commissioner to accept filings on its behalf from the title rating organization; etc.
VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

SB 32 **Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental –**
Chapter 39 **Maryland Insurance Administration)**

INSURANCE – CANCELLATION OF POLICY OR BINDER –
NOTICE REQUIREMENTS

Requiring an insurer to file a copy of a specified notice of cancellation of a policy or binder of workers' compensation insurance with a specified designee of the Workers' Compensation Commission; clarifying that provisions of law requiring an insurer to take specified actions before canceling or refusing to renew coverage under a policy of worker's compensation insurance do not apply to the cancellation of the policy or binder during a specified 45-day underwriting period; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

SB 38 **Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental –**
Chapter 40 **Health and Mental Hygiene)**

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE –
UPDATING ADVISORY BOARDS AND COUNCILS

Establishing a State Advisory Council on Health and Wellness to address chronic disease in the State by repealing and consolidating three existing State advisory councils that address physical fitness, arthritis, and heart disease and stroke; altering the membership of the State Child Fatality Review Team to include specified representatives; declaring the intent of the General Assembly; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

SB 40 **Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental –**
Chapter 41 **Maryland Insurance Administration)**

TITLE INSURANCE PRODUCERS – LICENSING OF BUSINESS
ENTITIES AND ON–SITE REVIEWS

Altering a specified prohibition on converting or misappropriating specified trust money; requiring specified controlling persons and specified trust money controllers to hold a license to act as a title insurance producer and, if applicable, a specified appointment; altering the requirements for a license as a title insurance producer if the applicant is a business entity; requiring the Maryland Insurance Commissioner to make a specified investigation under specified circumstances; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

SB 48 **Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental –**
Chapter 42 **Maryland Insurance Administration)**

HEALTH INSURANCE – MEDICARE SUPPLEMENT POLICIES
FOR DUAL ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUALS – OPEN ENROLLMENT
PERIOD

Requiring specified health insurance carriers, under specified circumstances, to make available during a specified time period Medicare supplement policy plans A and C to individuals who are under the age of 65 years but are eligible for Medicare due to a disability; and repealing an obsolete provision of law relating to open enrollment in specified Medicare supplement policy plans for individuals terminated from the Maryland Health Insurance Plan.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2017

SB 94

Chapter 43

Senator Reilly

INSURANCE PREMIUMS – PAYMENT BY CREDIT CARD – REIMBURSEMENT FOR EXPENSES

Providing that specified provisions of law do not prohibit insurance producers from charging and collecting from insureds actual expenses incurred by the insurance producer for payment of the premium for a policy by use of a credit card, subject to specified conditions; requiring an insurance producer, under specified circumstances, to fully disclose the availability of all acceptable payment methods and any charge for actual expenses incurred; providing that specified credit card expenses may not be considered premium under the Act; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

HB 800

Chapter 44

Delegate Adams, et al

INSURANCE PREMIUMS – PAYMENT BY CREDIT CARD – REIMBURSEMENT FOR EXPENSES

Providing that specified provisions of law do not prohibit insurance producers from charging and collecting from insureds actual expenses incurred by the insurance producer for payment of the premium for a policy by use of a credit card, subject to specified conditions; requiring an insurance producer, under specified circumstances, to fully disclose the availability of all acceptable payment methods and any charge for actual expenses incurred by the insurance producer for payment of a premium by use of a credit card; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

SB 106

Chapter 45

Senator Ready

CARROLL COUNTY – LOCAL GOVERNMENT TORT CLAIMS ACT

Removing a reference to a specified public transportation provider in Carroll County from the definition of “local government” under the Local Government Tort Claims Act.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

- HB 219** **Carroll County Delegation**
Chapter 46 CARROLL COUNTY – LOCAL GOVERNMENT TORT CLAIMS ACT

Removing a reference to a specified public transportation provider in Carroll County from the definition of “local government” under the Local Government Tort Claims Act.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017
- SB 101** **Senator Waugh**
Chapter 47 ST. MARY’S COUNTY – LICENSING AND OPERATION OF AMUSEMENT DEVICES – REPEAL

Repealing provisions of law that relate to the licensing and operation of specified amusement devices in St. Mary’s County.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017
- HB 194** **St. Mary’s County Delegation**
Chapter 48 ST. MARY’S COUNTY – LICENSING AND OPERATION OF AMUSEMENT DEVICES – REPEAL

Repealing provisions of law that relate to the licensing and operation of specified amusement devices in St. Mary’s County.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017
- SB 140** **Senator Waugh**
Chapter 49 ST. MARY’S COUNTY – LOCAL PLUMBING CODE – REPEAL

Repealing a provision of law related to the adoption of a plumbing code in St. Mary’s County.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017
- HB 207** **St. Mary’s County Delegation**
Chapter 50 ST. MARY’S COUNTY – LOCAL PLUMBING CODE – REPEAL

Repealing a provision of law related to the adoption of a plumbing code in St. Mary’s County.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

- SB 163**
Chapter 51 **Senator Waugh**
ST. MARY'S COUNTY – ELECTRICIANS AND BOARD OF ELECTRICAL EXAMINERS – REPEAL
Repealing specified provisions of law that relate to the Board of Electrical Examiners and the licensing and regulation of electricians in St. Mary's County.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017
- HB 208**
Chapter 52 **St. Mary's County Delegation**
ST. MARY'S COUNTY – ELECTRICIANS AND BOARD OF ELECTRICAL EXAMINERS – REPEAL
Repealing specified provisions of law that relate to the Board of Electrical Examiners and the licensing and regulation of electricians in St. Mary's County.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017
- SB 128**
Chapter 53 **Senator Simonaire**
PUBLIC HEALTH – REQUIRED TEMPERATURES FOR SALE OF CRAB MEAT – REPEAL
Repealing a specified provision of law that prohibits a person from keeping for sale any unfrozen crab meat, any frozen crab meat, or any pasteurized crab meat at temperatures that exceed specified maximum temperatures.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017
- HB 524**
Chapter 54 **Delegate Jacobs**
PUBLIC HEALTH – REQUIRED TEMPERATURES FOR SALE OF CRAB MEAT – REPEAL
Repealing a specified provision of law that prohibits a person from keeping for sale any unfrozen crab meat, any frozen crab meat, or any pasteurized crab meat at temperatures that exceed specified maximum temperatures.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

SB 165 **The President (By Request – Department of Legislative
Chapter 55** **Services – Code Revision)**

CODE REVISION – MARYLAND VEHICLE LAW – PENALTIES

Revising, restating, and recodifying the laws of this State relating to penalties for violations of the Maryland Vehicle Law; repealing specified redundant provisions; clarifying language; making specified technical and stylistic changes; providing for the construction of the Act; providing for the effect and construction of specified provisions of the Act; and authorizing the publisher of the Annotated Code to make specified corrections in a specified manner.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

SB 183 **The President (By Request – Department of Legislative
Chapter 56** **Services)**

**MOLD REMEDIATION SERVICES PROVIDERS – LICENSURE
AND PROGRAM EVALUATION**

Allowing the Maryland Mold Remediation Services Act to terminate on July 1, 2019, in accordance with provisions of the Maryland Program Evaluation Act (Sunset Law); and extending to July 1, 2019, the deadline for licensure under the Maryland Mold Remediation Services Act.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

SB 190 **The President (By Request – Department of Legislative
Chapter 57** **Services)**

**ELEVATOR SAFETY REVIEW BOARD – SUNSET EXTENSION,
PROGRAM EVALUATION, AND REPORTING REQUIREMENT**

Continuing the Elevator Safety Review Board in accordance with the provisions of the Maryland Program Evaluation Act (sunset law) by extending to July 1, 2029, the termination provisions relating to the statutory and regulatory authority of the Board; requiring that an evaluation of the Board and the statutes and regulations that govern the Board be performed on or before a specified date; requiring the Board to study, make recommendations, and report its findings on specified matters on or before October 1, 2018; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

HB 117 **The Speaker (By Request – Department of Legislative
Chapter 58** **Services)**

**ELEVATOR SAFETY REVIEW BOARD – SUNSET EXTENSION,
PROGRAM EVALUATION, AND REPORTING REQUIREMENT**

Continuing the Elevator Safety Review Board in accordance with the provisions of the Maryland Program Evaluation Act (sunset law) by extending to July 1, 2029, the termination provisions relating to the statutory and regulatory authority of the Board; requiring that an evaluation of the Board and the statutes and regulations that govern the Board be performed on or before a specified date; requiring the Board to study, make recommendations, and report its findings on specified matters on or before October 1, 2018; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

SB 251 **Senator Simonaire, et al**
Chapter 59

**ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – PROPERTY TAX – CREDIT FOR
SENIORS OF LIMITED INCOME**

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 real property owned and used as a principal residence by an individual who is at least 62 years old and of limited income; applying the Act to taxable years beginning after June 30, 2017; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2017

HB 1269 **Anne Arundel County Delegation**
Chapter 60

**ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – PROPERTY TAX – CREDIT FOR
SENIORS OF LIMITED INCOME**

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 real property owned and used as a principal residence by an individual who is at least 62 years old and of limited income; applying the Act to taxable years beginning after June 30, 2017; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2017

SB 493 **The President (By Request – Department of Legislative
Chapter 61 Services)**

ANNUAL CURATIVE BILL

Generally curing previous Acts of the General Assembly with possible title defects.

EMERGENCY BILL

SB 494 **The President (By Request – Department of Legislative
Chapter 62 Services)**

ANNUAL CORRECTIVE BILL

Correcting specified errors or omissions in specified articles of the Annotated Code and in specified uncodified laws; clarifying language; correcting specified obsolete references; reorganizing specified sections of the Annotated Code; ratifying specified corrections made by the publishers of the Annotated Code; providing that the Act is not intended to affect any law other than to correct technical errors; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

SB 111 **Senator McFadden**
Chapter 63

RECORDATION AND TRANSFER TAXES – EXEMPTIONS –
PROPERTY CONVEYED FROM SOLE PROPRIETORSHIP TO
LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

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 specified other conditions are met; providing that the transfer of a controlling interest in a specified company is subject to specified taxes under specified circumstances; defining “sole proprietorship” to include an individual who owns an interest in real property in the individual’s name; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

- HB 363**
Chapter 64 **Delegate A. Miller, et al**
RECORDATION AND TRANSFER TAXES – EXEMPTIONS –
PROPERTY CONVEYED FROM SOLE PROPRIETORSHIP TO
LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
- 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 specified other conditions are met; providing that the transfer of a controlling interest in a limited liability company that is the product of an untaxed conversion from a sole proprietorship is subject to the recordation and transfer tax under specified circumstances; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017
- SB 189**
Chapter 65 **The President (By Request – Department of Legislative Services)**
MARYLAND INSURANCE ADMINISTRATION – SUNSET
REVIEW – REQUIRED REPORTS AND REPEAL OF
PRELIMINARY EVALUATION REQUIREMENT
- Repealing the requirement that the Maryland Insurance Administration, and the statutes and regulations that relate to the Administration, be subject to a preliminary evaluation in accordance with the provisions of the Maryland Program Evaluation Act (Sunset Law); requiring the Administration to submit specified reports to specified committees of the General Assembly and the Department of Legislative Services at specified times; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017
- HB 116**
Chapter 66 **The Speaker (By Request – Department of Legislative Services)**
MARYLAND INSURANCE ADMINISTRATION – SUNSET
REVIEW – REQUIRED REPORTS AND REPEAL OF
PRELIMINARY EVALUATION REQUIREMENT
- Repealing the requirement that the Maryland Insurance Administration, and the statutes and regulations that relate to the Administration, be subject to a preliminary evaluation in accordance with the provisions of the Maryland Program Evaluation Act (Sunset Law); requiring the Administration to submit specified reports to specified committees of the General Assembly and the Department of Legislative Services at specified times; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

SB 216

Senator Kelley, et al

Chapter 67

MARYLAND CAREGIVERS SUPPORT COORDINATING COUNCIL – RENAMING AND ALTERING MEMBERSHIP AND DUTIES

Renaming the Maryland Caregivers Support Coordinating Council to be the Maryland Commission on Caregiving; altering the membership of the Commission to include specified members of the General Assembly; requiring the Governor, when appointing members, to consider groups representing specified individuals such as those with disabilities, disorders affecting an entire lifespan, and those who reflect the diversity of the State; requiring the Commission to provide ongoing analysis of best practices in family caregiver support programs; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

HB 769

Delegate West, et al

Chapter 68

MARYLAND CAREGIVERS SUPPORT COORDINATING COUNCIL – RENAMING AND ALTERING MEMBERSHIP AND DUTIES

Renaming the Maryland Caregivers Support Coordinating Council to be the Maryland Commission on Caregiving; altering the membership of the Commission to include specified members of the General Assembly; requiring the Governor, when appointing members, to consider groups representing specified individuals such as those with disabilities, disorders affecting an entire lifespan, and those who reflect the diversity of the State; requiring the Commission to provide ongoing analysis of best practices in family caregiver support programs; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

SB 426

Senator Klausmeier

Chapter 69

WORKERS' COMPENSATION – PERMANENT TOTAL DISABILITY – SURVIVAL OF CLAIM

Increasing, from \$45,000 to \$65,000, the limitation on the survivability of the right to compensation for permanent total disability payable under specified provisions of law; and applying the Act prospectively.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

- HB 1294** **Delegate Valderrama**
Chapter 70 WORKERS' COMPENSATION – PERMANENT TOTAL
DISABILITY – SURVIVAL OF CLAIM
Increasing, from \$45,000 to \$65,000, the limitation on the
survivability of the right to compensation for permanent total
disability payable under specified provisions of law; and applying the
Act prospectively.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017
- SB 198** **Senators Young and Hough**
Chapter 71 FREDERICK COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – SUNDAY
HOURS OF SALE
Altering from 11 a.m. to 10 a.m. the starting time on Sunday for the
sale of alcoholic beverages for specified license holders in Frederick
County for specified purposes.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017
- HB 178** **Frederick County Delegation**
Chapter 72 FREDERICK COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – SUNDAY
HOURS OF SALE
Altering from 11 a.m. to 10 a.m. the starting time on Sunday for the
sale of alcoholic beverages for specified license holders in Frederick
County for specified purposes.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017
- SB 453** **Senators Young and Hough**
Chapter 73 FREDERICK COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES –
RESTAURANTS – AVERAGE DAILY RECEIPTS
Requiring a restaurant in Frederick County to have average daily
receipts from the sale of food that are at least 40% of the total average
daily receipts of the restaurant until 10 p.m. each day; providing that
the requirement expires at 10 p.m.; and establishing that there is no
requirement for average daily receipts for a restaurant from the sale
of food and alcoholic beverages after 10 p.m. each day.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

- HB 646**
Chapter 74 **Frederick County Delegation**
FREDERICK COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – RESTAURANTS – AVERAGE DAILY RECEIPTS
- Requiring a restaurant in Frederick County to have average daily receipts from the sale of food that are at least 40% of the total average daily receipts of the restaurant until 10 p.m. each day; and establishing that there is no requirement for average daily receipts for a restaurant from the sale of food and alcoholic beverages after 10 p.m. each day.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017
- SB 518**
Chapter 75 **Senators Young and Hough**
FREDERICK COUNTY – GAMING EVENTS – SUNDAY HOURS OF OPERATION
- Specifying that, in Frederick County, a gaming permit authorizes a gaming event to be conducted on a Sunday during the hours of sale for alcoholic beverages that are sold at the establishment where the gaming event is conducted.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017
- SB 558**
Chapter 76 **Senator Norman, et al**
MOTOR VEHICLES – SEASONAL EXCEPTIONAL MILK HAULING PERMIT
- Authorizing the State Highway Administration to issue a seasonal exceptional milk hauling permit that authorizes specified axle configurations and specified increased weight limits from March 1 until June 30 annually under specified circumstances.
EMERGENCY BILL
- HB 1035**
Chapter 77 **Delegate Jacobs, et al**
MOTOR VEHICLES – SEASONAL EXCEPTIONAL MILK HAULING PERMIT
- Authorizing the State Highway Administration to issue a seasonal exceptional milk hauling permit that authorizes specified axle configurations and specified increased weight limits from March 1 until June 30 annually under specified circumstances.
EMERGENCY BILL

- SB 211** **Cecil County Senators**
Chapter 78 CECIL COUNTY – ORPHANS’ COURT JUDGES – TRAVEL
EXPENSE ALLOWANCE
- Increasing the allowance for traveling expenses for the judges of the Orphans’ Court for Cecil County from \$780 to \$1,500; and specifying that the allowance is to be paid by the county.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017
- HB 629** **Cecil County Delegation**
Chapter 79 CECIL COUNTY – ORPHANS’ COURT JUDGES – TRAVEL
EXPENSE ALLOWANCE
- Increasing the allowance for traveling expenses for the judges of the Orphans’ Court for Cecil County from \$780 to \$1,500; and specifying that the allowance is to be paid by the county.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017
- SB 473** **Calvert County Senators**
Chapter 80 CALVERT COUNTY – BONDING AUTHORITY
- Authorizing and empowering the County Commissioners of Calvert County, from time to time, to borrow not more than \$17,620,000 to finance the construction, improvement, or development of specified public facilities in Calvert County and to effect such borrowing by the issuance and sale of its general obligation bonds in like par amount; etc.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2017
- SB 384** **Senator Conway**
Chapter 81 BALTIMORE CITY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – LICENSES
- Exempting an applicant for a Class B–D–7 license in a specified Old Goucher Revitalization District in the 43rd alcoholic beverages district in Baltimore City from specified zoning requirements; creating an exception under which the Board of License Commissioners for Baltimore City may issue specified new Class B–D–7 licenses under specified circumstances; providing a Class B–D–7 license may only be transferred within the Old Goucher Revitalization District and not out of the Old Goucher Revitalization District; etc.
EMERGENCY BILL – VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

SB 448

Chapter 82

Senator Guzzone (Chair, Joint Committee on Pensions)

STATE RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEM – SMALL PROCUREMENTS – MEDICAL EVALUATIONS FOR DISABILITY RETIREMENT BENEFITS

Increasing from \$25,000 to \$50,000 the maximum threshold amount for a small procurement by the State Retirement Agency for an independent medical evaluation by a physician and specified related testimony for purposes of disability retirement benefits.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

HB 823

Chapter 83

Delegate B. Barnes (Chair, Joint Committee on Pensions)

STATE RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEM – SMALL PROCUREMENTS – MEDICAL EVALUATIONS FOR DISABILITY RETIREMENT BENEFITS

Increasing from \$25,000 to \$50,000 the maximum threshold amount for a small procurement by the State Retirement Agency for an independent medical evaluation by a physician and specified related testimony for purposes of disability retirement benefits.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

SB 569

Chapter 84

Charles County Senators

CHARLES COUNTY – PROPERTY TAX CREDIT – PRIORITY FUNDING AREAS

Authorizing a specified property tax credit for specified business entities that obtain specified new or expanded premises in a priority funding area in Charles County; providing for the amount and duration of the property tax credit; authorizing the governing body of Charles County to provide, by law, for specified matters relating to the tax credit; and applying the Act to taxable years beginning after June 30, 2017.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2017

HB 649 **Charles County Delegation**

Chapter 85

**CHARLES COUNTY – PROPERTY TAX CREDIT – PRIORITY
FUNDING AREAS**

Authorizing a specified property tax credit for specified business entities that obtain specified new or expanded premises in a priority funding area in Charles County; providing for the amount and duration of the property tax credit; authorizing the governing body of Charles County to provide, by law, for specified matters relating to the tax credit; and applying the Act to taxable years beginning after June 30, 2017.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2017

SB 681 **Senator Ramirez, et al**

Chapter 86

**CONSUMER PROTECTION – RECOVERING OF BEDDING –
LIMITATION**

Prohibiting a person from recovering specified bedding that is intended to be sold or offered for sale to a consumer in the State unless the person clearly marks the bedding as used; establishing that a violation of the Act is a misdemeanor and on conviction a person is subject to a maximum fine of \$500.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

SB 782 **Senator Salling**

Chapter 87

**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

SB 820 **Senator Hershey**

Chapter 88

QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – CLASS D BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR AND CLASS 9 LIMITED DISTILLERY LICENSES

Authorizing in Queen Anne's County a holder of a Class D beer, wine, and liquor license and a Class 9 limited distillery license to sell liquor distilled at the location for off-premises consumption; prohibiting the holder of a Class D beer, wine, and liquor license and a Class 9 limited distillery license from selling beer for off-premises consumption; and providing an annual license fee of \$1,800.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2017

HB 47 **Delegate Arentz**

Chapter 89

QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – CLASS D BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR AND CLASS 9 LIMITED DISTILLERY LICENSES

Authorizing in Queen Anne's County a holder of a Class D beer, wine, and liquor license and a Class 9 limited distillery license to sell liquor distilled at the location for off-premises consumption; prohibiting the holder of a Class D beer, wine, and liquor license and a Class 9 limited distillery license from selling beer for off-premises consumption; and providing an annual license fee of \$1800.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2017

SB 819 **Senator Hershey**

Chapter 90

QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES INSPECTORS – QUALIFICATIONS, POWERS, AND DUTIES

Specifying that an alcoholic beverages inspector in Queen Anne's County or any member of the inspector's immediate family may not have a personal or financial interest, directly or indirectly, in a license, license holder, or licensed premises; specifying the powers and duties of an alcoholic beverages inspector in Queen Anne's County; requiring the Queen Anne's County Office of the Sheriff to enforce specified violations; providing that an inspector has no power of arrest; and requiring an inspector to take a specified oath.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

- HB 729**
Chapter 91 **Delegate Arentz, et al**
QUEEN ANNE’S COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES
INSPECTORS – QUALIFICATIONS, POWERS, AND DUTIES
Specifying that an alcoholic beverages inspector in Queen Anne’s
County or any member of the inspector’s immediate family may not
have a personal or financial interest, directly or indirectly, in a
license, license holder, or licensed premises; specifying the powers
and duties of an alcoholic beverages inspector in Queen Anne’s
County; requiring the Queen Anne’s County Office of the Sheriff to
enforce specified violations; providing that an inspector has no power
of arrest; and requiring an inspector to take a specified oath.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017
- SB 897**
Chapter 92 **Senator Astle**
ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – CLASS
H BEER AND LIGHT WINE LICENSES
Increasing the number of Class H beer and light wine licenses that
the Board of License Commissioners for Anne Arundel County may
issue to a specified license holder under specified circumstances.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017
- SB 929**
Chapter 93 **Senator Astle**
COMMERCIAL LAW – CONSUMER PROTECTION –
DOOR-TO-DOOR SALES
Recodifying, in part, the definition of “door-to-door sale” as
provisions that establish the application of the Maryland
Door-to-Door Sales Act; altering the transactions to which the
Maryland Door-to-Door Sales Act applies; etc.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2017
- HB 959**
Chapter 94 **Delegate Kramer**
COMMERCIAL LAW – CONSUMER PROTECTION –
DOOR-TO-DOOR SALES
Recodifying, in part, the definition of “door-to-door sale” as
provisions that establish the application of the Maryland
Door-to-Door Sales Act; altering the transactions to which the
Maryland Door-to-Door Sales Act applies; etc.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2017

SB 930

Chapter 95

Chair, Anne Arundel County Senators

ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – PROPERTY TAX – PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES AGREEMENTS – ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

Authorizing the governing body of Anne Arundel County, on or before June 30, 2020, to enter into an agreement with the owner of a specified economic development project that provides a specified economic benefit for a payment in lieu of the county real and personal property tax; authorizing the owner of the economic development project and the county to modify the payment in lieu of taxes agreement entered into on or before June 30, 2020, under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

HB 695

Chapter 96

Anne Arundel County Delegation

ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – PROPERTY TAX – PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES AGREEMENTS – ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

Authorizing the governing body of Anne Arundel County, on or before June 30, 2010, to enter into an agreement with the owner of a specified economic development project that provides a specified economic benefit for a payment in lieu of the county real and personal property tax; authorizing the owner of the economic development project and the county to modify the payment in lieu of taxes agreement entered into on or before June 30, 2020, under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

SB 1010

Chapter 97

Harford County Senators

HARFORD COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – PUBLICATION OF NOTICES

Requiring the Board of License Commissioners for Harford County to publish notice of a hearing for an alcoholic beverages license application two times in 2 successive weeks in one newspaper of general circulation published in the county and on the Board's Web site; and altering the manner in which the Board is required to publish specified licensing decisions.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

HB 1008 Harford County Delegation

Chapter 98

**HARFORD COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES –
PUBLICATION OF NOTICES**

Requiring the Board of License Commissioners for Harford County to publish notice of a hearing for an alcoholic beverages license application two times in 2 successive weeks in a specified manner; and altering the manner in which the Board is required to publish specified licensing decisions.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

SB 1088 Senator Astle

Chapter 99

**ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – CLASS
B BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR LICENSES**

Altering the requirements for a Class B beer, wine, and liquor license in Anne Arundel County to authorize the license to be issued for use by a specified restaurant that regularly prepares, sells, and serves specified meals and has specified equipment and employees rather than to the owner of a specified hotel; and providing an annual license fee of \$1,080.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

**HB 115 The Speaker (By Request – Department of Legislative
Services)**

Chapter 100

**MOLD REMEDIATION SERVICES PROVIDERS – LICENSURE
AND PROGRAM EVALUATION**

Allowing the Maryland Mold Remediation Services Act to terminate on July 1, 2019 in accordance with provisions of the Maryland Program Evaluation Act (sunset law); extending to July 1, 2019, the deadline for licensure under the Maryland Mold Remediation Services Act.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

HB 120 **Chair, Environment and Transportation Committee (By**
Chapter 101 **Request – Departmental – Agriculture)**

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE – SEAFOOD AND
AQUACULTURE PRODUCT MARKETING

Transferring the Seafood Marketing and Aquaculture Development Program, the Seafood Marketing Fund, the Seafood Program Management Team, the Innovative Seafood Technologies Program, and the Seafood Marketing Advisory Commission from the Department of Natural Resources to the Department of Agriculture; establishing the Seafood and Aquaculture Products Marketing Fund to facilitate the marketing of seafood and aquaculture products; naming the Department of Agriculture as the lead agency for the marketing of aquaculture products; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

HB 126 **Chair, Environment and Transportation Committee (By**
Chapter 102 **Request – Departmental – Natural Resources)**

NATURAL RESOURCES – WILDLIFE AND HUNTING

Clarifying the authorized uses of the State Wildlife Management and Protection Fund; repealing specified requirements that the Department of Natural Resources use specified funds from specified hunting license sales for specified purposes; requiring a person who harvests a game bird or mammal to report the harvest in accordance with specified regulations; requiring a person who possesses a game bird or mammal killed by means other than hunting to report the possession in accordance with specified regulations; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

HB 127 **Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee (By**
Chapter 103 **Request – Departmental – Health and Mental Hygiene)**

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE – BOARD
OF REVIEW – REPEAL

Repealing provisions of law relating to the Board of Review of the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene; repealing provisions of law that require the Board of Review to make specified recommendations to the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene, advise the Secretary on specified matters, hear and determine specified appeals, and report at specified intervals to the Secretary; providing that a specified petitioner may not be charged a fee for specified costs under specified circumstances; etc.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

HB 130 **Chair, Environment and Transportation Committee (By**
Chapter 104 **Request – Departmental – Agriculture)**

MARYLAND WINE AND GRAPE PROMOTION FUND

Repealing the Maryland Wine and Grape Promotion Council; requiring the Governor's Advisory Commission on Maryland Wine and Grape Growing to advise and recommend to the Secretary of Agriculture for approval the allocation of specified funds for specified projects; and repealing a specified defined term.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

HB 134 **Chair, Appropriations Committee and Chair, Environment**
Chapter 105 **and Transportation Committee (By Request – Departmental –**
 Human Resources)

HOMELESSNESS AND SUPPORTIVE SERVICES – TRANSFER
TO DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT

Transferring specified responsibilities relating to the Interagency Council on Homelessness and the Homeless Women – Crisis Shelter Home Program from the Department of Human Resources to the Department of Housing and Community Development; providing for the transfer of the functions, powers, and duties of the Bureau of Homeless Services; requiring the Council to appoint a specified transition team; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

HB 136 **Chair, Economic Matters Committee (By Request –**
Chapter 106 **Departmental – Maryland Insurance Administration)**

INSURANCE – PUBLIC ADJUSTERS

Altering specified provisions concerning the licensing and practice of public adjusters; adding and altering specified definitions relating to public adjusters; providing an exception to licensing for specified marketing activities; repealing the requirement that public adjuster license application forms include specified employment disclosures; repealing the requirement for specified experience before taking a specified written examination; applying the Act to all public adjuster licenses issued or renewed on or after January 1, 2018; etc.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2018

HB 143 **Chair, Ways and Means Committee (By Request –**
Chapter 107 **Departmental – State Board of Elections)**

ELECTIONS – MISCELLANEOUS DUTIES AND PROCEDURES

Repealing a specified duty of a local election director; repealing the requirement that the State Board of Elections print specified forms; requiring political parties to certify to the State Board the residential addresses of candidates; repealing the requirement that specified candidates be identified on the ballot by the state in which the candidate resides; altering from 20 to 8 days the time after which a candidate who fails to file a specified financial disclosure statement is deemed to have withdrawn the candidacy; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

HB 144 **Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee (By**
Chapter 108 **Request – Departmental – General Services)**

PROCUREMENT – DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES –
EXEMPTION FOR HISTORIC STRUCTURES

Providing that specified provisions of law do not apply to procurement by the Department of General Services for the renovation of a structure listed in or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places, to the extent necessary to preserve the historic fabric of the structure, as determined by the Department in consultation with the Maryland Historical Trust.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

HB 145 **Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee (By**
Chapter 109 **Request – Departmental – Health and Mental Hygiene)**

BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF NURSING HOME
ADMINISTRATORS – NONLICENSED PERSONS –
PROVISIONAL LICENSURE

Requiring the owner of a nursing home or other appropriate nursing home authority, under specified circumstances, to immediately appoint a nonlicensed person to serve in the capacity of interim nursing home administrator; authorizing the appointed nonlicensed person to act as the interim nursing home administrator on filing an application with the State Board of Nursing Home Administrators requesting a provisional license; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

HB 146 **Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee (By**
Chapter 110 **Request – Departmental – Aging)**

SECRETARY OF AGING – ADMINISTRATION OF COMMODITY
SUPPLEMENTAL FOOD PROGRAM AND REGULATORY
AUTHORITY

Requiring the Secretary of Aging to administer the federal Commodity Supplemental Food Program using specified funds and resources received from the United States Department of Agriculture in accordance with a specified law; and authorizing the Secretary to adopt specified regulations.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

HB 148 **Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee (By**
Chapter 111 **Request – Departmental – Maryland State Archives)**

STATE ARCHIVES – CARE OF FINE ART OR DECORATIVE ART
– PROCUREMENT EXEMPTION

Exempting the preservation, conservation, proper care, restoration, and transportation by the State Archives of art, in the custody of the Commission on Artistic Property and owned by or loaned to the State, from specified provisions of State procurement law.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

HB 149 **Chair, Environment and Transportation Committee (By**
Chapter 112 **Request – Departmental – Transportation)**

TRANSPORTATION – LIGHT RAIL AND METRO SUBWAY –
STATE SAFETY OVERSIGHT AUTHORITY

Designating the Office of the Secretary of Transportation as the State Safety Oversight Authority for the Maryland Transit Administration's light rail transit system and Metro subway in accordance with federal law; requiring the deputy secretary of transportation or the deputy secretary's designee to exercise safety authority over the Administration's light rail transit system and Metro subway; and authorizing the Office of the Secretary to adopt regulations to carry out its safety oversight authority.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2017

HB 154 **Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee (By**
Chapter 113 **Request – Departmental – Maryland Insurance**
Administration)

INSURANCE – PHARMACY BENEFITS MANAGERS –
REGISTRATION EXPIRATION DATE

Altering the date on which the registration of a pharmacy benefits manager expires unless the registration is renewed.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

HB 155 **Chair, Environment and Transportation Committee (By**
Chapter 114 **Request – Departmental – Agriculture)**

MARYLAND AGRICULTURAL LAND PRESERVATION
FOUNDATION – EASEMENT TERMINATION

Altering the procedures for terminating an easement purchased by the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation; establishing specified criteria to be considered by a county governing body and the Foundation for approving or denying a termination of an easement; requiring a county governing body to provide public notice of and to conduct a public hearing on the termination request; providing for the effect of a county governing body's denial of a request to terminate an easement; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

HB 198 **Charles County Delegation**

Chapter 115 **JUNK DEALERS AND SCRAP METAL PROCESSORS – CELL**
TOWER BATTERIES – REQUIRED RECORD

Altering the definition of junk or scrap metal to include cell tower batteries; and requiring a junk dealer or scrap metal processor to keep a specified accurate record of each purchase of a cell tower battery in the State.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

HB 199 **Chair, Appropriations Committee (By Request –**
Chapter 116 **Departmental – Aging)**

**CAPITAL GRANTS FOR SENIOR CITIZEN ACTIVITIES
CENTERS**

Allowing more than one grant for a senior citizen activity center from the Senior Citizen Activities Centers Capital Improvement Grants Program if the sum of grants made for any single center does not exceed \$800,000 in any 15–year period.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

HB 307 **Montgomery County Delegation**

Chapter 117 **MONTGOMERY COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES –
LIMITED DISTILLERIES – CLASS B AND CLASS D LICENSES
MC 6–17**

Authorizing a holder of a Class B or Class D beer, wine, and liquor (on–sale) license in Montgomery County to be issued a Class 9 limited distillery license to sell distilled products that the license holder manufactures for on– and off–premises consumption.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

HB 346 **Montgomery County Delegation**

Chapter 118 **MONTGOMERY COUNTY – PROPERTY TAX CREDIT – PUBLIC
SAFETY OFFICERS MC 1–17**

Authorizing the governing body of Montgomery County to grant, by law, a specified property tax credit against the county property tax imposed on a specified dwelling in Montgomery County that is owned by a specified public safety officer under specified circumstances; providing that the credit may not exceed \$2,500 per dwelling and the amount of property tax imposed on the dwelling; applying the Act to all taxable years beginning after June 30, 2017; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2017

HB 431 **St. Mary’s County Delegation**

Chapter 119 **ST. MARY’S COUNTY – TAX EXEMPTIONS – REPEAL OF LOCAL
PROVISIONS**

Repealing provisions of law that relate to exemptions for specified persons engaged in the business of manufacturing in St. Mary’s County from specified taxes under specified circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

- SB 297** **Senator Waugh**
Chapter 120 **ST. MARY'S COUNTY – TAX EXEMPTIONS – REPEAL OF LOCAL PROVISIONS**
- Repealing provisions of law that relate to exemptions for specified persons engaged in the business of manufacturing in St. Mary's County from specified taxes under specified circumstances.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017
- HB 565** **Carroll County Delegation**
Chapter 121 **CARROLL COUNTY – DETENTION CENTER – POLYGRAPH TESTING**
- Establishing that a specified prohibition on requiring an employee or a prospective employee to take a polygraph examination or similar test as a condition of prospective or continued employment does not apply to an individual employed as a correctional officer or in another specified capacity at the Carroll County Detention Center.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017
- SB 372** **Carroll County Senators**
Chapter 122 **CARROLL COUNTY – DETENTION CENTER – POLYGRAPH TESTING**
- Establishing that a specified prohibition on requiring an employee or a prospective employee to take a polygraph examination or similar test as a condition of prospective or continued employment does not apply to an individual employed as a correctional officer or in any other capacity that involves direct personal contact with an inmate in the Carroll County Detention Center.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017
- HB 291** **Delegate Davis**
Chapter 123 **HOMEOWNER'S INSURANCE – NOTICES**
- Authorizing specified notices and statements relating to homeowner's insurance to be delivered by electronic means if the insurer complies with specified requirements; authorizing insurers to comply with specified renewal notice requirements relating to homeowner's insurance by sending a specified notice; requiring the Maryland Insurance Commissioner to adopt by regulation a specified notice to be provided to insureds and policyholders at each renewal that contains specified information; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

SB 279

Senator Middleton, et al

Chapter 124

HOMEOWNER'S INSURANCE – NOTICES

Authorizing specified notices and statements relating to homeowner's insurance to be delivered by electronic means if the insurer complies with specified requirements; authorizing insurers to comply with specified renewal notice requirements relating to homeowner's insurance by sending a specified notice; requiring the Maryland Insurance Commissioner to adopt by regulation a specified notice to be provided to insureds and policyholders at each renewal that contains specified information; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

HB 302

Delegate Jacobs, et al

Chapter 125

KENT COUNTY – PROPERTY TAX CREDIT – COMMERCE ZONES

Authorizing a specified property tax credit for specified business entities that obtain specified new, improved, or expanded premises in specified commerce zones in Kent County; providing for the amount and duration of the property tax credit; authorizing the governing body of Kent County to provide, by law, for specified matters relating to the tax credit; and applying the Act retroactively to affect all taxable years beginning after June 30, 2015.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2017

SB 389

Senator Hershey

Chapter 126

KENT COUNTY – PROPERTY TAX CREDIT – COMMERCE ZONES

Authorizing a specified property tax credit for specified business entities that obtain specified new, improved, or expanded premises in specified commerce zones in Kent County; providing for the amount and duration of the property tax credit; authorizing the governing body of Kent County to provide, by law, for specified matters relating to the tax credit; and applying the Act to taxable years beginning after June 30, 2015.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2017

HB 306 **Montgomery County Delegation**

Chapter 127 MONTGOMERY COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES –
TASTING AT DISPENSARIES MC 19–17

Authorizing the Department of Liquor Control for Montgomery County to hold tastings of beer, wine, and liquor in the inventory of the dispensary under specified circumstances at specified dispensaries; and limiting the quantity of beer, wine, and liquor that an individual may consume as part of a tasting.

EMERGENCY BILL

HB 311 **Montgomery County Delegation**

Chapter 128 MONTGOMERY COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – CLASS
H–BW LICENSES MC 9–17

Specifying that, in Montgomery County, the maximum number of specified licenses a person may hold may include one or more Class H–BW licenses and may not include more than one Class BD–BWL License.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

HB 342 **Montgomery County Delegation**

Chapter 129 MONTGOMERY COUNTY – PROPERTY TAX CREDIT FOR
QUALIFIED ENTERPRISE ZONE PROPERTY – EXTENSION MC
3–17

Altering the definition of “qualified enterprise zone property” to extend the eligibility period from January 1, 2020, to January 1, 2025, during which a specified business entity may claim a specified property tax credit for improvements made to specified enterprise zone property in Montgomery County.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

HB 560 **Montgomery County Delegation**

Chapter 130 MONTGOMERY COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES
LICENSES – HOURS OF SALE MC 8–17

Altering the hours a holder of a Class B or a Class B–BWL (H–M) beer, wine, and liquor license in Montgomery County may sell beer, wine, and liquor on the day designated by the federal government as a public holiday.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

HB 566 **Howard County Delegation**

Chapter 131

HOWARD COUNTY – PROPERTY TAX – EXEMPTION FOR PERSONAL PROPERTY OF BUSINESS LOCATED IN HISTORIC DISTRICT HO. CO. 10–17

Authorizing the governing body of Howard County to exempt personal property that is owned or leased by a business entity located in a specified local historic district or National Register District from the Howard County property tax; applying the Act to all taxable years beginning after June 30, 2017, but before July 1, 2022; etc.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2017

HB 448 **Delegate Bromwell, et al**

Chapter 132

MARYLAND ACHIEVING A BETTER LIFE EXPERIENCE (ABLE) PROGRAM – ACCOUNT CLARIFICATIONS

Clarifying that a specified amount may be contributed in each calendar year to an account for a disabled individual under the Maryland Achieving a Better Life Experience (ABLE) Program; providing that contributions to an ABLE account may not exceed a specified maximum amount; and requiring the Maryland 529 Board to adopt specified procedures to ensure that specified contributions to ABLE accounts do not exceed a specified maximum limit.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

SB 344 **Senators Feldman and Zucker**

Chapter 133

MARYLAND ACHIEVING A BETTER LIFE EXPERIENCE (ABLE) PROGRAM – ACCOUNT CLARIFICATIONS

Clarifying that a specified amount may be contributed in each calendar year to an account for a disabled individual under the Maryland Achieving a Better Life Experience (ABLE) Program; providing that contributions to an ABLE account may not exceed a specified maximum amount; and requiring the Maryland 529 Board to adopt specified procedures to ensure that specified contributions to ABLE accounts do not exceed a specified maximum limit.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

HB 457 Charles County Delegation

Chapter 134

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

Transferring the Child Support Unit of the Office of the State’s Attorney for Charles County to the Child Support Enforcement Administration of the Department of Human Resources; requiring that the employees be transferred in accordance with specified provisions of law; requiring that specified transferred employees be given credit with the State for years of county employment for the purposes of determining specified retirement eligibility and also be subject to specified benefit selections in the Employees’ Pension System; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

SB 347 Charles County Senators

Chapter 135

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

Transferring the Child Support Unit of the Office of the State’s Attorney for Charles County to the Child Support Enforcement Administration of the Department of Human Resources; requiring that the employees be transferred in accordance with specified provisions of law; requiring that specified transferred employees be given credit with the State for years of county employment for the purposes of determining specified retirement eligibility and also be subject to specified benefit selections in the Employees’ Pension System; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

- HB 534** **Delegate Parrott, et al**
Chapter 136 RAILROAD GRADE CROSSINGS – EXEMPT HIGHWAY–RAIL
GRADE CROSSING PLAQUE
- Authorizing the State Highway Administration to erect an exempt highway–rail grade crossing plaque at each railroad grade crossing in the State that is no longer in use by a railroad; specifying that the design and placement of a plaque shall be erected in accordance with the federal Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices; and exempting specified vehicles from the requirement to stop at specified railroad grade crossings if the railroad grade crossing has an exempt highway–rail grade crossing plaque.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017
- HB 572** **Howard County Delegation**
Chapter 137 HOWARD COUNTY – PROPERTY TAX CREDIT FOR
COMMERCIAL REAL PROPERTY – FLOOD DAMAGE HO. CO.
9–17
- Authorizing the governing body of Howard County to grant, by law, a tax credit against the county property tax imposed on commercial real property that the governing body determines has suffered specified damage caused by flood conditions; authorizing the governing body of Howard County to specify the amount and duration of the credit; etc.
EMERGENCY BILL
- HB 712** **Charles County Delegation**
Chapter 138 CHARLES COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – SELLING TO
UNDERAGE INDIVIDUAL – PENALTIES
- Altering the penalty from a \$750 fine to a fine that is to be determined by the Board of License Commissioners for Charles County and may be imposed on a license holder or an employee of a license holder who violates as a first offense the prohibition against selling or providing alcoholic beverages to an individual under the age of 21 years.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

HB 747 **Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee (By**
Chapter 139 **Request – Departmental – Health and Mental Hygiene)**

**PUBLIC HEALTH – CIGARETTE RESTITUTION FUND
PROGRAMS – MODIFICATIONS**

Altering specified information measured by the Baseline Tobacco Study; requiring a local health officer to identify a specified coalition and to identify specified programs, evaluate the effectiveness of specified programs, and develop a specified plan with the assistance of a specified coalition before applying for specified grants; requiring a specified plan to include a list of members of a specified coalition; requiring a local health officer, in consultation with a specified coalition, to update a specified plan; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

HB 797 **Howard County Delegation**

Chapter 140

**HOWARD COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – THRESHOLDS
FOR TASTING HO. CO. 19–17**

Increasing specified thresholds for the amount of alcoholic beverages that a holder of a beer and wine tasting license in Howard County may serve for on–premises consumption; and increasing specified thresholds for the amount of alcoholic beverages that a holder of a beer, wine, and liquor tasting license in Howard County may serve for on–premises consumption.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

HB 605 **Washington County Delegation**

Chapter 141

**PENMAR DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION – DISSOLUTION –
AUTHORITY OF WASHINGTON COUNTY OVER FORT RITCHIE**

Repealing specified provisions of law relating to the PenMar Development Corporation, its board of directors, and its powers to develop, manage, and control Fort Ritchie; transferring specified remaining real and personal property interests, along with specified contracts, leases, and liabilities from the Corporation to the Board of County Commissioners for Washington County; requiring any party that has an issue with the transfer from the Corporation to the Board to refer to the specified memorandum of understanding; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

SB 204 **Washington County Senators**

Chapter 142

**PENMAR DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION – DISSOLUTION –
AUTHORITY OF WASHINGTON COUNTY OVER FORT RITCHIE**

Repealing specified provisions of law relating to the PenMar Development Corporation, its board of directors, and its powers to develop, manage, and control Fort Ritchie; transferring specified remaining real and personal property interests, along with specified contracts, leases, and liabilities from the Corporation to the Board of County Commissioners for Washington County; requiring any party that has an issue with the transfer from the Corporation to the Board to refer to the specified memorandum of understanding; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

HB 717 **Chair, Appropriations Committee (By Request –**
Chapter 143 **Departmental – University System of Maryland)**

ACADEMIC FACILITIES BONDING AUTHORITY

Approving specified projects for the acquisition, development, and improvement of specified academic facilities for the University System of Maryland; authorizing the University System of Maryland to issue bonds in a total principal amount of \$17,000,000 to finance and refinance specified renewal projects; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2017

HB 929 **Delegate Beitzel**

Chapter 144

**GARRETT COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – LICENSES
AND SUNDAY SALES**

Authorizing a Class 9 limited distillery license to be issued to a holder of a specified Class B license in Garrett County; altering the underlying licenses that may be held by a recipient of a Class BDR (deluxe restaurant) beer and wine license issued in Garrett County; altering the alcoholic beverages that may be sold for on-premises consumption and off-premises consumption at a hotel, motel, or restaurant; repealing specified Sunday sales license fees; altering the hours of sale on Sunday for specified licenses; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

- HB 1096** **Allegany County Delegation**
Chapter 145 ALLEGANY COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – SUNDAY SALES AND PRIVILEGES
- Altering the times of sale on Sunday and license privileges on Sunday for specified alcoholic beverages licenses in Allegany County; and repealing a specified requirement for specified Sunday sales.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017
- HB 1440** **Calvert County Delegation**
Chapter 146 CALVERT COUNTY – SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL CONTRACTS
- Authorizing Calvert County to enter into a contract for solid waste disposal that may include transportation, may require payment of specified funds or receipt of specified payment, and is for an initial term of not more than 20 years.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017
- HB 1578** **Prince George’s County Delegation**
Chapter 147 PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY – PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS – SUNSET EXTENSION PG 407–17
- Extending a specified termination provision relating to specified exemptions from the county real property tax in Prince George’s County for specified economic development projects located in specified areas.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2017
- HB 1604** **Howard County Delegation**
Chapter 148 HOWARD COUNTY – TRANSFER TAX EXEMPTION AND RATE REDUCTION – LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS AND FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICES MEMBERS HO. CO. 17–17
- Exempting from the Howard County transfer tax the sale of residential real property to specified law enforcement officers and fire and rescue services members if the law enforcement officer or fire and rescue services member is a first–time home buyer in Howard County; establishing a maximum transfer tax rate of 0.7% in Howard County for the sale of residential real property to specified law enforcement officers and fire and rescue services members under specified circumstances; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

SB 317 **The President (By Request – Administration), et al**
Chapter 149 **MORE JOBS FOR MARYLANDERS ACT OF 2017**

Requiring the Governor to appropriate at least \$1,000,000 each fiscal year for the Partnership for Workforce Quality Program; establishing the More Jobs for Marylanders Program in the Department of Commerce to provide manufacturing business entities tax credits and benefits for up to 10 consecutive benefit years; requiring the Division of Workforce Development and Adult Learning to partner with specified State departments to identify opportunities to create apprenticeship programs; allowing a tax credit for employing an apprentice; etc.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

Sincerely,

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Executive Director