

May 4, 2017

To the Members of the General Assembly

Ladies and Gentlemen:

On May 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:

HB 406 **The Speaker (By Request – Administration), et al**
Chapter 362 CLEAN CARS ACT OF 2017

Extending through fiscal year 2020 the Electric Vehicle Recharging Equipment Rebate Program and authorization to issue motor vehicle excise tax credits for specified qualified plug-in electric drive vehicles; increasing the total amount of rebates from up to \$600,000 to a maximum of \$1,200,000; increasing the amount required to be transferred from the Strategic Energy Investment Fund to the Transportation Trust Fund; increasing the amount of motor vehicle excise tax credits that may be issued during a fiscal year; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

SB 393 **Senator Manno**
Chapter 363 CLEAN CARS ACT OF 2017

Extending and altering for fiscal years 2018 through 2020 the Electric Vehicle Recharging Equipment Rebate Program and authorization to issue motor vehicle excise tax credits for specified qualified plug-in electric drive vehicles; increasing, for each fiscal year, the total amount of rebates which may be issued from a maximum of \$600,000 to a maximum of \$1,200,000; extending and increasing, for specified fiscal years, the amount required to be transferred from the Strategic Energy Investment Fund to the Transportation Trust Fund; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

HB 410

Chapter 364

The Speaker (By Request – Administration), et al

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – MARYLAND ENERGY INNOVATION INSTITUTE

Establishing a Maryland Energy Innovation Institute as part of the A. James Clark School of Engineering to collaborate with academic institutions on clean energy programs in the State and to attract private investment to clean energy innovation and commercialization in the State; establishing the Maryland Energy Innovation Fund to be used by the Institute and the Maryland Clean Energy Center; requiring the Center to develop a plan to become self-sustaining 5 years after the effective date of the Act; altering the purposes of the Center; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

SB 313

Chapter 365

The President (By Request – Administration), et al

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EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

HB 417

Chapter 366

The Speaker (By Request – Administration), et al

CLEAN WATER COMMERCE ACT OF 2017

Authorizing funds in the Bay Restoration Fund to be used for the costs associated with the purchase of specified nutrient load reductions, not to exceed a specified amount per year in specified years; requiring the load reductions purchased under the Act to be consistent with specified accounting procedures; requiring the Department of the Environment on or before October 1, 2020, to report to specified committees of the General Assembly on the implementation of the Act; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

SB 314 The President (By Request – Administration), et al

Chapter 367 **CLEAN WATER COMMERCE ACT OF 2017**

Authorizing funds in the Bay Restoration Fund to be used for the costs associated with the purchase of specified nutrient load reductions, not to exceed a specified amount per year in specified years; requiring the load reductions purchased under the Act to be consistent with specified accounting procedures; requiring the Department of the Environment on or before October 1, 2020, to report to specified committees of the General Assembly on the implementation of the Act; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

SB 343 Senator Eckardt, et al

Chapter 368 **BAY RESTORATION FUND – ELIGIBLE COSTS – EXPANSION**

Altering the definition of “eligible costs” as it relates to projects that receive funding from the Bay Restoration Fund to include any wastewater facility upgrade to enhanced nutrient removal, as determined by the Department of the Environment.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

HB 384 Delegate Adams, et al

Chapter 369 **BAY RESTORATION FUND – ELIGIBLE COSTS – EXPANSION**

Altering the definition of “eligible costs” as it relates to projects that receive funding from the Bay Restoration Fund to include any wastewater facility upgrade to enhanced nutrient removal, as determined by the Department of the Environment; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

SB 440 Senators Conway and Salling

Chapter 370 **ENVIRONMENT – WATER MANAGEMENT – SEDIMENT CONTROL AT LARGE REDEVELOPMENT SITES**

Prohibiting a county or municipality from issuing a grading or building permit until the developer submits a grading and sediment control plan approved by the Department of the Environment if the property that is the subject of the permit is, or is included in, a large redevelopment site; requiring the Department to determine specified criteria for large redevelopment sites and to ensure the criteria are as protective of the environment as the criteria required under specified provisions of the Act; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

HB 557 **Delegate Stein, et al**

Chapter 371

ENVIRONMENT – WATER MANAGEMENT – SEDIMENT CONTROL AT LARGE REDEVELOPMENT SITES

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EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

SB 1158 **Senator Middleton, et al**

Chapter 372

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES – SOLAR GENERATION FACILITIES – POLLINATOR-FRIENDLY DESIGNATION

Requiring the power plant research program of the Department of Natural Resources to include in its research an evaluation of the pollinator benefits that would occur under a pollinator-friendly vegetation management standard or pollinator habitat plan implemented on the land on which a proposed or an existing ground-mounted solar generation facility is located; requiring the Department to adopt a specified Solar Site Pollinator Habitat Planning and Assessment scorecard; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2017

HB 1063 **Delegate Stein, et al**

Chapter 373

AGRICULTURE – MARYLAND HEALTHY SOILS PROGRAM

Establishing the Maryland Healthy Soils Program to increase biological activity and carbon sequestration in the State's soils by promoting practices based on emerging soil science; requiring the Department of Agriculture to provide incentives, including research, education, technical assistance, and, subject to available funding, financial assistance, to farmers to implement farm management practices that contribute to healthy soils; requiring the Department to determine if the program could complement other agricultural programs; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

HB 1349 Delegate Robinson

Chapter 374

ENVIRONMENT – COMPOSTABLE, DEGRADABLE, AND BIODEGRADABLE PLASTIC PRODUCTS – LABELING

Prohibiting a person from selling a specified plastic product that is labeled as biodegradable, degradable, or decomposable on or after October 1, 2018, subject to a specified exception; prohibiting a person from selling a specified plastic product labeled as compostable or home compostable on or after October 1, 2018, unless the plastic product meets specified standards; establishing specified penalties; providing for the disposition of specified penalties collected under the Act; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

HB 121 Chair, Environment and Transportation Committee (By Request – Departmental – Environment)

Chapter 375

ENVIRONMENT – HAZARDOUS MATERIAL SECURITY – REPEAL

Repealing a requirement to deposit specified fees collected by the Department of the Environment into a separate account within the Community Right-to-Know Fund; repealing a requirement that specified persons analyze the security of specified facilities in accordance with specified requirements; repealing a specified fee; repealing a requirement that the Department adopt specified hazardous material security standards; repealing a requirement that the Department adopt specified regulations; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

HB 124 Chair, Environment and Transportation Committee (By Request – Departmental – Environment)

Chapter 376

ENVIRONMENT – SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLING FACILITIES

Requiring the Department of the Environment to adopt specified regulations relating to recycling facilities, including conditions for specified permit exemptions; providing that specified enforcement provisions apply to specified violations; requiring the Department to convene and consult with a workgroup of affected stakeholders in developing specified regulations; and requiring the workgroup to include representatives of specified entities.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

HB 125 **Chair, Environment and Transportation Committee (By
Chapter 377 Request – Departmental – Environment)**

ENVIRONMENT – EMERGENCY ACTION PLANS FOR DAMS

Requiring specified dam owners to prepare and submit to the Department of the Environment an emergency action plan that contains specified information by August 1, 2017; requiring specified dam owners to test an emergency action plan at least once every 5 years and to report the results in the annual update to the emergency action plan submitted in the same year; establishing the intent of the General Assembly to require the Department to work with specified owners and consider establishing a specified dam safety repair and removal program; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL – VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

HB 133 **Chair, Environment and Transportation Committee (By
Chapter 378 Request – Departmental – Environment)**

**ENVIRONMENT – REDUCTION OF LEAD RISK IN HOUSING –
NOTIFICATION OF ELEVATED BLOOD LEAD LEVEL**

Requiring the Department of the Environment or a local health department to notify the person at risk, or in the case of a minor, the parent or legal guardian of the person at risk, and the owner of the affected property on receipt of specified blood lead tests under specified circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

SB 304 **The President (By Request – Administration)**
Chapter 379

TAXPAYER PROTECTION ACT

Prohibiting a person from employing an individual not registered with the State Board of Individual Tax Preparers to provide specified tax preparation services; providing specified employees of the Field Enforcement Bureau of the Comptroller's Office with specified police powers when enforcing specified laws; authorizing the Attorney General to bring a specified civil action to enjoin a person from acting as an income tax preparer under specified circumstances; imposing a penalty on specified income tax preparers for specified offenses; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

SB 964

Senators Klausmeier and Eckardt

Chapter 380

AQUACULTURE – LEASES – SUBMERGED AQUATIC VEGETATION

Requiring the Department of Natural Resources, in consultation with interested stakeholders, to review specified conflicts that arise related to aquaculture and submerged aquatic vegetation, develop solutions to these conflicts, and report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before December 1, 2017; requiring the Department, notwithstanding specified provisions of law, to adopt regulations that establish standards and a process for evaluating specified aquaculture leases; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

HB 1200

Delegate Mautz

Chapter 381

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EMERGENCY BILL

HB 773

Delegate Korman, et al

Chapter 382

CLEAN ENERGY – ENERGY STORAGE TECHNOLOGY STUDY

Requiring the Power Plant Research Program to conduct a study of regulatory reforms and market incentives that may be necessary or beneficial to increase the use of energy storage devices in the State; requiring the Program to consult with specified entities and interests in conducting the study; prohibiting the cost of the study from exceeding \$125,000 per fiscal year; requiring the Program to make its final report and recommend policy actions to specified committees of the General Assembly on or before December 1, 2018; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

SB 99

Chapter 383

Senator Middleton

DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT – YARD WASTE, FOOD RESIDUALS, AND OTHER ORGANIC MATERIALS DIVERSION AND INFRASTRUCTURE – STUDY

Requiring the Department of the Environment, in consultation with specified persons, to study, review, explore, identify, and make recommendations regarding specified matters that relate to the diversion of yard waste, food residuals, and other organic materials from refuse disposal facilities, including the status of infrastructure in the State; requiring the Department to provide a final report of its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly by July 1, 2019; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

HB 171

Chapter 384

Delegate Robinson, et al

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EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

HB 66

Chapter 385

Delegate Lam

ENVIRONMENT – LEAD AND MERCURY WHEEL WEIGHTS – PROHIBITED

Prohibiting specified persons from using, allowing to be used, or selling specified lead wheel weights after January 1, 2020; requiring the State to ensure that no vehicle purchased for the State fleet after January 1, 2019, is equipped with an externally attached lead wheel weight that is composed of greater than 0.1% lead or 0.1% mercury by weight; prohibiting a tire on a vehicle in the State fleet that is balanced or replaced after January 1, 2018, from being equipped with specified lead wheel weights; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

- HB 270**
Chapter 386 **Delegate Lafferty, et al**
ENVIRONMENT – TESTING FOR LEAD IN DRINKING WATER –
PUBLIC AND NONPUBLIC SCHOOLS
- Requiring the Department of the Environment, in consultation with the State Department of Education, the Department of General Services, and Maryland Occupational Safety and Health, to adopt regulations, under specified circumstances, to require periodic testing for the presence of lead in drinking water outlets in occupied public or nonpublic school buildings; requiring the Department of the Environment, before adopting regulations, to gather specified information regarding the establishment of lead-free school environments; etc.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2017
- SB 1040**
Chapter 387 **Senator Ready, et al**
ENVIRONMENT – WATER AND SEWER AND SOLID WASTE
MANAGEMENT PLAN APPROVAL
- Reducing the number of days from 90 to 60 that the Department of the Environment has to take specified actions on a proposed county plan or a proposed revision or amendment to a county plan; reducing the number of days from 90 to 45 for an extension of a specified review period; authorizing an additional extension of time for a specified review period, subject to specified notice requirements; requiring a written notice to include specified information; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017
- SB 355**
Chapter 388 **Senators Serafini and Astle**
GAS COMPANIES – RATE REGULATION – ENVIRONMENTAL
REMEDATION COSTS
- Authorizing the Public Service Commission, when determining specified expenses while setting a just and reasonable rate for a gas company, to include all costs reasonably incurred by the gas company for performing environmental remediation of real property in response to a State or federal law, regulation, or order under specified conditions; authorizing that specified environmental remediation costs be included in a gas company’s specified expenses regardless of specified circumstances; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

SB 758 **Senator Guzzone**

Chapter 389

INCOME TAX CREDIT – ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEMS

Allowing a credit against the State income tax for the total installed costs paid or incurred by a taxpayer that installs an energy storage system and who obtains a tax credit certificate from the Maryland Energy Administration; requiring the Administration to issue tax credits not to exceed specified amounts; prohibiting the Administration from issuing an aggregate amount of tax credit certificates exceeding \$750,000 in a taxable year; applying the Act to all taxable years beginning after December 31, 2017; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

SB 158 **Senator Conway**

Chapter 390

MARYLAND OIL DISASTER CONTAINMENT, CLEAN-UP AND CONTINGENCY FUND AND OIL CONTAMINATED SITE ENVIRONMENTAL CLEANUP FUND

Altering the basis for calculating a specified license fee credited to the Maryland Oil Disaster Containment, Clean-Up and Contingency Fund; and extending the deadline from June 30, 2017 to June 30, 2019, by which the owner of a specified eligible heating oil tank may apply for reimbursement of specified costs from the Oil Contaminated Site Environmental Cleanup Fund.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

HB 1045 **Delegate Cassilly**

Chapter 391

ON-SITE SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEMS – MEMBRANE BIOREACTOR (MBR) TECHNOLOGY – REGULATIONS

Requiring the Department of the Environment, on or before January 1, 2019, to propose regulations that encourage the use of permeable micro- or ultra-filtration membrane bioreactor (MBR) or other treatment technologies in on-site sewage disposal systems for nonresidential uses; and requiring specified regulations proposed by the Department to update specified evaluation criteria and increase a specified hydraulic loading rate that may be considered for a specified nonresidential system.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

HB 1350

Delegate Rose, et al

Chapter 392

**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION – APPLICATION FOR
CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY –
CONSISTENCY WITH COMPREHENSIVE PLAN**

Requiring the Public Service Commission, rather than the Department of Planning, to provide a copy of application materials for a certificate of public convenience and necessity to each specified unit of local government in which the construction of a generating station is proposed to be located and to specified public officials; requiring the Commission to take final action on the application only after due consideration of the consistency of the application with the jurisdiction's comprehensive plan and zoning; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

HB 1414

Delegate Jameson

Chapter 393

RENEWABLE ENERGY PORTFOLIO STANDARD – STUDY

Requiring the Power Plant Research Program to conduct a study on the renewable energy portfolio standard and related matters; requiring the study to be a comprehensive review of the history, implementation, overall costs and benefits, and effectiveness of the renewable energy portfolio standard in relation to the energy policies of the State; requiring State and local units to cooperate in the conduct of the study; requiring the Program to report to the Governor and specified committees of the General Assembly by specified dates; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2017

SB 703

Senator Middleton

Chapter 394

**MARYLAND AGRICULTURAL LAND PRESERVATION
FOUNDATION – PARTICIPATION IN THE READINESS AND
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION INTEGRATION PROGRAM**

Requiring agricultural land preservation easements to be included as part of a partnership formed under the Readiness and Environmental Protection Integration Program under specified circumstances.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2017

HB 586 **Delegate Hettleman, et al**
Chapter 395 MARYLAND FARMS AND FAMILIES ACT

Establishing the Maryland Farms and Families Program in the Department of Agriculture; establishing that the purpose of the Program is to double the purchasing power of food–insecure Maryland residents with limited access to fresh fruits and vegetables and to increase revenue for farmers through redemption of specified benefits at Maryland farmers markets; establishing a Maryland Farms and Families Fund; requiring the Governor to include a \$500,000 appropriation to the Fund each fiscal year subject to the limitations of the State budget; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

SB 278 **Senator Middleton, et al**
Chapter 396 MARYLAND FARMS AND FAMILIES ACT

Establishing the Maryland Farms and Families Program in the Department of Agriculture; establishing that the purpose of the Program is to double the purchasing power of food–insecure Maryland residents with limited access to fresh fruits and vegetables and to increase revenue for farmers through redemption of specified benefits at Maryland farmers markets; establishing a Maryland Farms and Families Fund; requiring the Governor to include a \$500,000 appropriation to the Fund each fiscal year subject to the limitations of the State budget; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

SB 1190 **Senators Eckardt and Serafini**
Chapter 397 BAY RESTORATION FUND – UPGRADED WASTEWATER FACILITIES – GRANTS TO COUNTIES AND MUNICIPALITIES

Authorizing the Department of the Environment to use funds from the Bay Restoration Fund to provide grants to a county or municipality that upgraded a wastewater facility to enhanced nutrient removal before July 1, 2013, under specified circumstances; and specifying that the Department may award up to \$2,000,000 in grants on a first–come, first–served basis.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

- HB 211** **Delegate Robinson, et al**
Chapter 398 COWNOSE RAY FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN AND MORATORIUM ON CONTESTS
- Requiring the Department of Natural Resources to prepare a specified fishery management plan for the cownose ray species; requiring the Department to prepare a specified fishery management plan for the cownose ray species by December 31, 2018, subject to available funding; prohibiting a person from sponsoring, conducting, or participating in a cownose ray fishing contest in State waters until July 1, 2019; etc.
EMERGENCY BILL
- SB 268** **Senator Young, et al**
Chapter 399 COWNOSE RAY FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN AND MORATORIUM ON CONTESTS
- Requiring the Department of Natural Resources to prepare a specified fishery management plan for the cownose ray species; requiring the Department to prepare a specified fishery management plan for the cownose ray species on or before December 31, 2018, subject to available funding; prohibiting a person from sponsoring, conducting, or participating in a specified cownose ray fishing contest in State waters until July 1, 2019.
EMERGENCY BILL
- HB 1314** **Delegate Jacobs, et al**
Chapter 400 CRABS – HARVEST TIMES – HOLIDAYS
- Requiring the Department of Natural Resources to adopt regulations that authorize a tidal fish licensee authorized to catch crabs using all legal gear to work 1 additional early hour on Labor Day, Memorial Day, July 4, and the day before each of these holidays in a license year.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

SB 59

Senator Waugh

Chapter 401

CRABS – HARVEST TIMES – HOLIDAYS

Requiring the Department of Natural Resources to adopt regulations that authorize a tidal fish licensee authorized to catch crabs using all legal gear to work 1 additional early hour on Labor Day, Memorial Day, July 4, and the day before each of these holidays in a license year.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

SB 66

Senators Simonaire and Norman

Chapter 402

HUNTER SAFETY COURSES – APPLICATION OF REQUIREMENT AND ESTABLISHMENT OF INCENTIVES PROGRAM

Requiring a specified person to make, in order to procure a specified hunting license under specified circumstances, an affidavit that the person hunted before July 1, 1977, rather than that the person had a specified hunting license; limiting the exemption from the application of the Act to a person who purchases a nonresident 3–day license in the State to hunt wild waterfowl; Authorizing the Department of Natural Resources to adopt regulations establishing incentives related to a hunter safety course for specified individuals; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

HB 1427

Delegate McMillan, et al

Chapter 403

NATURAL RESOURCES – APPRENTICE HUNTING LICENSE – ESTABLISHMENT

Establishing an apprentice hunting license that confers specified rights on a purchaser of the license; authorizing a person to obtain an apprentice hunting license on satisfactory completion of a short online or electronic course of instruction in competency in firearms and hunter safety approved by the Department of Natural Resources; authorizing specified persons to hunt under an apprentice license only if accompanied and directly supervised by a person who is at least 18 years old and has a valid resident nonapprentice hunting license; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

HB 477

Delegate Beitzel

Chapter 404

NATURAL RESOURCES – PROTECTION AND RESTORATION OF STATE-OWNED LAKES

Establishing the State Lakes Protection and Restoration Fund as a special, nonlapsing fund; specifying the purpose of the Fund is to protect and restore State-owned lakes; requiring the Department of Natural Resources to develop a specified budget; requiring any interest earning of the Fund be credited to the Fund; requiring the Department, in coordination with local governments, organizations, and citizens, to develop an annual work plan that prioritizes and details projects that will receive funding from the Fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

SB 396

Senator Edwards

Chapter 405

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Establishing the State Lakes Protection and Restoration Fund as a special, nonlapsing fund; specifying the purpose of the Fund is to protect and restore State-owned lakes; requiring the Department of Natural Resources to develop a specified budget; requiring any interest earnings of the Fund be credited to the Fund; requiring the Department, in coordination with local governments, organizations, and citizens, to develop an annual work plan that prioritizes and details projects that will receive funding from the Fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

SB 116

Senators Edwards and Middleton

Chapter 406

PROGRAM OPEN SPACE – ATTAINMENT OF ACQUISITION GOALS – LOCAL GOVERNMENT APPORTIONMENT AND USE OF FUNDS

Providing that a local government may spend 100 percent of its future annual apportionment on development projects and capital renewal after it has exceeded its acquisition goals under Program Open Space; requiring the Joint Subcommittee on Program Open Space and Agricultural Land Preservation to review the State's specified standard for land acquisition to determine if adjustments to the standard would encourage additional land acquisition; requiring a specified report by the Joint Committee; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2017

HB 1154 **Delegate Hayes, et al**

Chapter 407

PROGRAM OPEN SPACE – BALTIMORE CITY GRANTS – USE OF GRANT FUNDS

Removing James Mosher Park and adding athletic field renovations at Gwynns Falls Park and improvements at Frederic B. Leidig Recreation Center to the capital projects for which a specified statutory minimum grant to Baltimore City, payable from the State's share of the proceeds of Program Open Space, may be used.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

HB 1253 **Delegate Long**

Chapter 408

STATE BOAT ACT – REMOVAL OF ABANDONED OR SUNKEN VESSELS

Altering the definition of "abandoned vessel" to include a sunken vessel but exclude specified historic property or submerged archaeological historic property; clarifying that specified provisions of law relating to the removal and disposal of abandoned vessels apply to sunken vessels; extending liability protections for damage that may occur during removal, storage, or custody of an abandoned or sunken vessel to a person that removes, preserves, or stores the abandoned or sunken vessel on behalf of the Department of Natural Resources; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

HB 626 **Delegate Gilchrist, et al**

Chapter 409

AGRICULTURE – ANIMAL SHELTERS – STANDARDS OF CARE AND PROTOCOL IMPLEMENTATION AND ENFORCEMENT

Requiring an animal shelter to follow a specified written protocol for reclaiming animals; requiring the Department of Agriculture, on or before January 1, 2018, to adopt specified minimum standards of care for dogs and cats in animal shelters; requiring an animal shelter to follow the minimum standards of care adopted by the Department; and requiring the Department to adopt specified regulations on or before January 1, 2018.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2017

HB 941

Delegate A. Miller, et al

Chapter 410

**CRIMINAL LAW – ANIMAL ABUSE EMERGENCY
COMPENSATION FUND – ESTABLISHMENT**

Requiring specified fines to be remitted to the Animal Abuse Emergency Compensation Fund; establishing the Animal Abuse Emergency Compensation Fund; providing for the uses, purposes, sources of funding, investment of money, and auditing of the Fund; requiring the Executive Director of the Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention (GOCCP) to administer the Fund; providing that the Fund is a continuing, nonlapsing fund not subject to specified provisions of law; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

SB 269

Senator Lee, et al

Chapter 411

**EMERGENCY VETERINARY CARE – IMMUNITY FROM
LIABILITY**

Providing that prohibitions relating to the practice of veterinary medicine do not apply to emergency veterinary care for which a person may not be held civilly liable; providing immunity from civil liability for specified people providing emergency veterinary aid, care, or assistance to an animal where the owner or custodian is not available to grant permission under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

HB 216

Delegate Lam, et al

Chapter 412

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LIABILITY**

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EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

SB 143 **Senator Zirkin**

Chapter 413 INJURY TO OR DEATH OF PET – DAMAGES

Providing that a person who tortiously causes an injury to or death of a pet while acting through an animal under the person's ownership is liable to the owner of the pet for specified compensatory damages; increasing from \$7500 to a maximum of \$10,000 the cap on the compensatory damages for which a person who tortiously causes an injury to or death of a pet is liable; and applying the Act prospectively.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

HB 334 **Delegate Kramer, et al**

Chapter 414 LOCAL GOVERNMENT – REGULATION OF ANIMALS –
KENNEL LICENSES

Requiring a person to obtain a kennel license from a local licensing agency if the person owns or has custody of 6 or more, instead of 15 or more, unspayed female dogs over the age of 6 months kept for specified breeding purposes or if the person sells dogs from six or more litters in a year.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

SB 573 **Senator Feldman**

Chapter 415 LOCAL GOVERNMENT – REGULATION OF ANIMALS –
KENNEL LICENSES

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EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

- SB 441** **Senator Simonaire, et al**
Chapter 416 **VETERANS AFFAIRS – MARYLAND VETERANS SERVICE ANIMAL PROGRAM – ESTABLISHMENT**
- Establishing the Maryland Veterans Service Animal Program in the Department of Veterans Affairs to refer eligible veterans who inquire about participation in the Program to one or more nonprofit training entities and encourage successful Program participants to assist in outreach to potential participants; requiring the Department to select at least one nonprofit entity to implement a training protocol, select participants, and provide services to specified veterans; establishing the Maryland Veterans Service Animal Program Fund; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017
- HB 1463** **Delegate Frush, et al**
Chapter 417 **VETERINARY PRACTITIONERS – ANIMAL CRUELTY AND ANIMAL FIGHTING – REPORTING**
- Requiring a veterinary practitioner who has reason to believe that an animal that has been treated by the veterinary practitioner has been subjected to cruelty or fighting in violation of specified provisions of law to report the suspected animal cruelty or animal fighting to the appropriate law enforcement agency or county animal control agency in a timely manner; authorizing the State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners to impose specified disciplinary actions on a veterinary practitioner under specified circumstances; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017
- HB 710** **Charles County Delegation**
Chapter 418 **CHARLES COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – ALCOHOL AWARENESS CERTIFICATION**
- Requiring in Charles County an alcoholic beverages license holder or an individual designated by the license holder who is employed in a supervisory capacity to be certified by an approved alcohol awareness program and to be present on the licensed premises at all times when alcoholic beverages may be sold; providing a penalty of \$100 for a first violation of the Act; and providing, for each subsequent offense, a fine not to exceed \$500 or a suspension or revocation of the license or both.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

HB 1300

Charles County Delegation

Chapter 419

CHARLES COUNTY – GARBAGE DISPOSAL SERVICES – PROVIDER DISPLACEMENT

Requiring the County Commissioners of Charles County to hold a specified public hearing and provide specified notice before taking any action that results in a specified displacement of a person that has been providing garbage collection, removal, or disposal services; requiring the county commissioners to provide written notice by registered mail at least 3 years before a specified displacement to a specified person; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

HB 556

Delegate Jones, et al

Chapter 420

HIGHER EDUCATION – ST. MARY’S COLLEGE OF MARYLAND – FUNDING

Providing additional funds to St. Mary’s College of Maryland if specified funding is provided for specified wage increases for specified State employees in specified fiscal years; providing additional funds to the College to pay for the increase in State-supported health insurance costs of the College; stating the legislative intent regarding specified appropriations for the purpose of moderating undergraduate tuition cost increases at the College; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

HB 561

Delegate Jones, et al

Chapter 421

HIGHER EDUCATION – ST. MARY’S COLLEGE OF MARYLAND – GOVERNING AUTHORITY

Providing that the authority of the Board of Trustees of St. Mary’s College of Maryland may not be superseded by any State agency or office in specified management affairs except by a provision of law that specifically references the College.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

- SB 435** **Senator King, et al**
Chapter 422 HIGHER EDUCATION – ST. MARY’S COLLEGE OF MARYLAND
 – GOVERNING AUTHORITY
- Providing that the authority of the Board of Trustees of St. Mary’s College of Maryland may not be superseded by any State agency or office in specified management affairs except by a provision of law that specifically references the College.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017
- HB 243** **St. Mary’s County Delegation**
Chapter 423 ST. MARY’S COUNTY – AUDITING REQUIREMENTS – REPEAL
- Repealing specified provisions of law that relate to the appointment, salary, removal, and powers of a county auditor for St. Mary’s County; and repealing specified provisions of law concerning a specified annual audit and an accounting system in the county.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017
- SB 737** **Senator Waugh**
Chapter 424 ST. MARY’S COUNTY – BONDS AND OTHER EVIDENCES OF
 INDEBTEDNESS – LIMITATIONS AND REPAYMENT
- Altering specified limits on debt in St. Mary’s County; subjecting specified bonds and other evidences of indebtedness issued under the authority of the St. Mary’s County Sanitary Commission Act to a specified limitation; and requiring the responsibility for repayment to remain with the St. Mary’s County Metropolitan Commission.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017
- HB 404** **St. Mary’s County Delegation**
Chapter 425 ST. MARY’S COUNTY – LAND RECORDS – REPEAL
- Repealing a specified provision of law concerning the preparation of specified documents submitted for inclusion in the land records of St. Mary’s County.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

- SB 735** **Senator Waugh**
Chapter 426 ST. MARY'S COUNTY – METROPOLITAN COMMISSION –
AUTHORITY TO BORROW MONEY
- Requiring the Board of County Commissioners of St. Mary's County, when the St. Mary's County Metropolitan Commission plans to borrow any money, to review and approve any loan application before the Commission submits the loan application to a lender.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017
- HB 892** **St. Mary's County Delegation**
Chapter 427 ST. MARY'S COUNTY – PUBLIC FACILITY BONDS
- Authorizing and empowering the County Commissioners of St. Mary's County to borrow not more than \$26,300,000 in order to finance the construction, improvement, or development of specified public facilities in St. Mary's County, and to effect such borrowing by the issuance and sale at public or private sale of its general obligation bonds; etc.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2017
- SB 298** **Senator Waugh**
Chapter 428 ST. MARY'S COUNTY – SHERIFF, COUNTY TREASURER, AND
STATE'S ATTORNEY – SALARIES
- Altering the salary of the Sheriff of St. Mary's County, the County Treasurer of St. Mary's County, and the State's Attorney for St. Mary's County; and providing for the application of the Act.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017
- HB 1430** **Delegate B. Wilson**
Chapter 429 WASHINGTON COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – CLASS
CT (CINEMA/THEATER LICENSE)
- Altering the requirements for a Class CT (cinema/theater) license in Washington County so that the license may be issued only for a cinema or theater that is in a stand-alone building with specified characteristics; altering the days that a license holder may exercise the privileges of the license to include Monday through Saturday and Sunday if the license holder is issued a Sunday permit; authorizing an annual license fee of \$1,000 and an annual Sunday permit fee of \$250; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

SB 1039 **Washington County Senators**

Chapter 430

WASHINGTON COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – HOTEL AND MOTEL LICENSES

Altering the privileges of Class B beer, wine, and liquor hotel and restaurant licenses issued in Washington County so that the privileges may be exercised for on- and off-premises consumption for licenses that had on- and off-sale privileges on or before June 30, 2016, and for on-premises consumption only for all other licenses; and requiring the license holder to notify the Board before constructing or altering an area on the premises where beer, wine, and liquor are sold.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

HB 1480 **Delegate Parrott**

Chapter 431

WASHINGTON COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – PENALTIES

Providing that in Washington County a violation of the prohibition against selling or providing alcoholic beverages to an individual under the age of 21 years is a misdemeanor; authorizing the Board of License Commissioners to impose a maximum fine of \$200 for a first offense and a maximum fine of \$500 for each subsequent offense on an employee of a license holder who violates the prohibition; authorizing a maximum fine of \$2,500 or a suspension or revocation of the license or both for a license holder who violates the prohibition; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

SB 620 **Washington County Senators**

Chapter 432

WASHINGTON COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – WINERIES – SPECIAL EVENT PERMITS

Establishing a special event permit in Washington County; authorizing a holder of a Class 3 winery license or a Class 4 limited winery license in the county to sell beer, wine produced by the holder, and liquor for on-premises consumption at specified events; requiring the permit holder, before using the permit, to notify the Board of License Commissioners at least 1 week before an event is to occur; authorizing the license holder to use the permit no more than 60 times in a year; and providing an annual permit fee of \$1,000.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

- HB 218** **Carroll County Delegation**
Chapter 433 CARROLL COUNTY – HUCKSTER, HAWKER, OR PEDDLER
 LICENSE – REPEAL
- Repealing specified provisions of law that relate to licenses issued to hucksters, hawkers, or peddlers selling fruits or vegetables in Carroll County.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017
- SB 324** **Carroll County Senators**
Chapter 434 CARROLL COUNTY – MECHANICAL MUSICAL DEVICES –
 LICENSING REQUIREMENTS – REPEAL
- Repealing a licensing requirement for specified mechanical musical devices in Carroll County.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017
- HB 251** **Carroll County Delegation**
Chapter 435 CARROLL COUNTY – PUBLIC FACILITIES BONDS
- Authorizing and empowering the County Commissioners of Carroll County, from time to time, to borrow not more than \$25,000,000 in order to finance the construction, improvement, or development of specified 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; etc.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2017
- SB 457** **Carroll County Senators**
Chapter 436 CARROLL COUNTY – SHERIFF’S SALARY
- Altering the salary of the Sheriff of Carroll County to \$100,000 beginning December 4, 2018, and to \$110,000 beginning December 3, 2019; and providing for the application of the Act.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

SB 456 **Carroll County Senators**

Chapter 437

CARROLL COUNTY – STATE’S ATTORNEY – SALARY

Altering the salary of the State’s Attorney for Carroll County; providing that the State’s Attorney’s salary is the following percentages of the salary of a judge of the District Court of Maryland: 80%, ending on December 3, 2018, 90%, beginning on December 4, 2018, and 100%, beginning on December 3, 2019; providing thereafter, a specified salary increase will take effect at the beginning of the elected term of office and may not increase during the specified term; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

SB 309 **The President (By Request – Administration), et al**

Chapter 438

STATE FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT – SMALL AND MINORITY BUSINESS PARTICIPATION

Incorporating specified findings and evidence associated with a specified Minority Business Enterprise Program; requiring that approved applicants for a proposed offshore wind project comply with the Program to a specified extent; clarifying what constitutes good cause for the removal of a certified minority business enterprise after the execution of a contract; altering a requirement that specified units structure procurement procedures to achieve a minimum percentage of the dollar value of contracts for small businesses; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL – VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

HB 1382 **Delegate Barron**

Chapter 439

ELECTION LAW – CANDIDATE FOR CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE DEFEATED IN PRIMARY ELECTION

Prohibiting a candidate for the office of judge of the circuit court who is defeated for the nomination at a primary election in each contest for the office of circuit court judge in which the candidate appears on the ballot from appearing on the ballot at the next succeeding general election as a candidate for any office; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

- SB 1121** **Senator Conway**
Chapter 440 ELECTION LAW – CANDIDATE FOR CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE
 DEFEATED IN PRIMARY ELECTION
- Prohibiting a candidate for the office of judge of the circuit court who is defeated for the nomination at a primary election in each contest for the office of circuit court judge in which the candidate appears on the ballot from appearing on the ballot at the next succeeding general election for any office; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017
- HB 353** **Delegates Rosenberg and Luedtke**
Chapter 441 ELECTION LAW – CHANGE IN ADMINISTRATIVE POLICY
 AFFECTING VOTING RIGHTS – NOTICE
- Requiring the State Board of Elections or a local board of elections to provide specified public notice in advance of a meeting at which a change in an administrative policy affecting voting rights will be considered; 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 specified public notice of the change; providing for the form, content, and timing of the public notice; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017
- HB 315** **Montgomery County Delegation**
Chapter 442 MONTGOMERY COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES –
 CONTRACTS TO SELL LIQUOR FOR OFF-PREMISES
 CONSUMPTION MC 18–17
- Authorizing the Montgomery County Department of Liquor Control to contract with specified retail outlets to sell liquor for off-premises consumption under specified circumstances; requiring the Department to adopt regulations to establish criteria for contracting with retail outlets; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

HB 313 **Montgomery County Delegation**

Chapter 443

MONTGOMERY COUNTY – ARCHERY HUNTING – SAFETY ZONE MC 10–17

Altering the size of the safety zone for archery hunters in Montgomery County within which archery hunting may not take place except under specified circumstances; and requiring archery hunters in Montgomery County to use a tree stand when hunting specified animals within 50 to 100 yards of a dwelling house, residence, church, public or nonpublic school, or other building or camp occupied by human beings.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

HB 386 **Montgomery County Delegation**

Chapter 444

MONTGOMERY COUNTY – ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICTS MC 12–17

Removing Montgomery County from the scope of law governing the establishment of business improvement districts; authorizing Montgomery County or a municipal corporation in Montgomery County to create specified business improvement districts; providing for the legislative purposes of a district; requiring the county or a municipal corporation in the county to adopt specified local laws to provide for the creation and organization of a district; providing for the governance of the business improvement district corporation; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

SB 496 **Chair, Budget and Taxation Committee (By Request – Departmental – Lottery and Gaming Control Agency)**

Chapter 445

GAMING – RECONCILIATION OF PROCEEDS – LICENSEE PAYMENTS

Requiring that the State Lottery and Gaming Control Commission adopt regulations to allow a video lottery operation licensee to reduce proceeds from video lottery terminals and table games if a video lottery operation licensee returns to successful players more than the amount of money bet through video lottery terminals or table games on a specified day; and requiring the regulations to provide for the length of time that any reduction may be carried forward.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

SB 497 **Chair, Budget and Taxation Committee (By Request –**
Chapter 446 **Departmental – Lottery and Gaming Control Agency)**

**GAMING – VIDEO LOTTERY FACILITIES – OPERATION
LICENSE RENEWAL TERM AND LOCAL DEVELOPMENT
COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP**

Altering the period of time, from 1 year to 2 years, by which a video lottery operation licensee must notify the State Lottery and Gaming Control Commission of its intent to reapply for a video lottery operation license; altering the membership of specified video lottery facility local development councils to include 15 members appointed by the chief executive of the specified county, in consultation with the Senators and Delegates who represent the communities surrounding the facility and specified other entities; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

HB 813 **Delegate Bromwell, et al**

Chapter 447 **STATE LOTTERY TICKETS – INTERNET SALES – PROHIBITION**

Prohibiting the State Lottery and Gaming Control Agency from allowing the establishment of any system or program that allows a person to purchase a State lottery ticket through an electronic device that connects to the Internet such as a personal computer or mobile device.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

SB 438 **Senator Conway**

Chapter 448 **STATE LOTTERY TICKETS – INTERNET SALES – PROHIBITION**

Prohibiting the State Lottery and Gaming Control Agency from allowing the establishment of any system or program that allows a person to purchase a State lottery ticket through an electronic device that connects to the Internet, such as a personal computer or mobile device.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

- HB 1537** **Delegate Bromwell, et al**
Chapter 449 VIDEO LOTTERY FACILITIES – DONATION OF COINS FROM GAMING PAYOUTS – EXPANSION
- Requiring the State Lottery and Gaming Control Commission to adopt regulations that require each video lottery operator to adopt specified procedures to offer specified players the opportunity to donate coins when receiving cash on payout to the Maryland Veterans Trust Fund under specified circumstances.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017
- SB 1125** **Senator Klausmeier**
Chapter 450 VIDEO LOTTERY FACILITIES – DONATION OF COINS FROM GAMING PAYOUTS – EXPANSION
- Requiring the State Lottery and Gaming Control Commission to adopt regulations that require each video lottery operator to adopt specified procedures to offer specified players the opportunity to donate coins when receiving cash on payout to the Maryland Veterans Trust Fund under specified circumstances.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017
- HB 300** **Delegate Fennell, et al**
Chapter 451 VIDEO LOTTERY TERMINALS – DISPOSITION OF UNCLAIMED WINNINGS
- Specifying that a jackpot won at a video lottery terminal that is not claimed by the winner within 182 days after the jackpot is won shall become the property of the State and be distributed in a specified manner.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017
- SB 228** **Senator Salling, et al**
Chapter 452 VIDEO LOTTERY TERMINALS – DISPOSITION OF UNCLAIMED WINNINGS
- Specifying that a jackpot won at a video lottery terminal that is not claimed by the winner within 182 days after the jackpot is won shall become the property of the State and be distributed in a specified manner.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

SB 498 **Chair, Budget and Taxation Committee (By Request –**
Chapter 453 **Departmental – Commerce)**

**VIDEO LOTTERY TERMINALS – SMALL, MINORITY, AND
WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESSES ACCOUNT – TRANSFER OF
AUTHORITY**

Transferring the authority for the administration of the Small, Minority, and Women-Owned Businesses Account from the Board of Public Works to the Department of Commerce; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

SB 509 **Senator Peters**

Chapter 454 **PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY – ORPHANS’ COURT JUDGES –
SALARY**

Increasing the salary of each associate judge of the Orphans’ Court for Prince George’s County from \$42,000 to \$50,000, and the salary of the Chief Judge from \$42,500 to \$55,000 per year; and applying the Act.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

HB 1636 **Prince George’s County Delegation**

Chapter 455 **PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY – SCHOOL FACILITIES AND
PUBLIC SAFETY SURCHARGES – MARYLAND TRANSIT
ADMINISTRATION STATION PG 430–17**

Establishing a specified cap on the school facilities surcharge in Prince George’s County for specified residential construction that abuts an existing or planned mass transit rail station site operated by the Maryland Transit Administration; authorizing the Prince George’s County Council to reduce the school facilities surcharge by a percentage not to exceed 50% for dwelling units in multifamily housing constructed within a specified distance of the Purple Line station; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2017

HB 1551

Prince George's County Delegation

Chapter 456

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY LOCAL MANAGEMENT BOARD – STRATEGIC PLAN, REPORT, AND STUDY PG 426–17

Requiring the Prince George's County Local Management Board to develop and implement a strategic plan to raise revenues to match the total funding provided by the Governor's Office for Children by January 1, 2018; requiring the Local Management Board to submit a specified report by January 1 each year; requiring Prince George's County to study the feasibility of converting the Local Management Board into a quasi-public nonprofit corporation and the leveraging of specified funds by specified quasi-public nonprofit corporations; etc. EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

HB 1574

Prince George's County Delegation

Chapter 457

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY PRETRIAL RELEASE, WORK RELEASE, AND DIVERSION PROGRAMS TASK FORCE PG 305–17

Establishing the Prince George's County Pretrial Release, Work Release, and Diversion Programs Task Force; providing that the purpose of the Task Force is to study how specified programs operate, whether the Prince George's County criminal justice system could benefit from specified programs, and eligibility and requirements for specified programs; requiring the Task Force to report its recommendations to the Governor, the Prince George's County Delegation to the General Assembly, and the General Assembly on or before December 1, 2017; etc. EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

HB 312

Delegate Jacobs, et al

Chapter 458

KENT COUNTY – DEER HUNTING – SUNDAYS

Establishing that the authority of the Department of Natural Resources to allow deer hunting on specified Sundays does not apply in Kent County; and authorizing the Department to allow a person to hunt deer on private property on Sundays in Kent County throughout all deer hunting seasons, subject to specified provisions of law and specified time restrictions. EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

HB 310 **Montgomery County Delegation**

Chapter 459 MONTGOMERY COUNTY – DEER HUNTING – SUNDAYS MC
21–17

Authorizing the Department of Natural Resources to allow a person to hunt deer on specified property during a specified time period on specified Sundays in Montgomery County, subject to specified provisions of law; establishing that the authority of the Department to allow deer hunting on specified Sundays does not apply in Montgomery County; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

HB 788 **Eastern Shore Delegation**

Chapter 460 NATURAL RESOURCES – HUNTING – DEER MANAGEMENT
PERMITS

Authorizing a person to hunt deer under a Deer Management Permit on any Sunday throughout the year, including all deer hunting seasons; altering the application of specified provisions of law governing Deer Management Permits in Charles County and St. Mary's County; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

HB 68 **Delegates Carey, Metzgar, and Simonaire**

Chapter 461 HUNTING AND FISHING – DISCOUNTED LICENSES – PURPLE
HEART RECIPIENTS

Requiring the Department of Natural Resources to implement specified programs to provide discounted licenses, stamps, and permits to Maryland residents who are recipients of the Purple Heart Award; requiring the Department to submit a report on the number of specified licenses, stamps, and permits issued to Purple Heart recipients to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before December 31, 2019; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

HB 4

Chapter 462

Delegates Simonaire and Metzgar

HUNTING AND FISHING LICENSES – ACTIVE MILITARY, FORMER PRISONERS OF WAR, AND DISABLED VETERANS

Authorizing the Department of Natural Resources to issue lifetime complimentary fishing licenses to an out-of-state person who certifies that the person is a former prisoner of war or a 100% service connected disabled American veteran if the person's state of residence extends similar privileges to specified individuals; requiring the Department to submit a specified report to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before December 31, 2019; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

SB 46

Chapter 463

Senator Simonaire, et al

HUNTING AND FISHING LICENSES – ACTIVE MILITARY, FORMER PRISONERS OF WAR, RECIPIENTS OF THE PURPLE HEART AWARD, AND DISABLED VETERANS

Authorizing the Department of Natural Resources to issue lifetime complimentary fishing licenses to an out-of-state person who certifies that the person is a former prisoner of war or a 100% service connected disabled American veteran if the person's state of residence extends similar privileges to specified individuals; requiring the Department to submit a specified report to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before December 31, 2019; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

HB 874

Chapter 464

Delegates Cassilly and Szeliga

AIR NAVIGATION PROTECTION FROM HAZARDS ACT OF 2017

Creating an exemption under the Forest Conservation Act for the cutting or clearing of trees to comply with a specified provision of law relating to obstructions to air navigation; and providing that the exemption does not apply to the cutting or clearing of trees to facilitate the expansion or extension of the boundaries of any airport or runway.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

SB 1122

Senator Conway

Chapter 465

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – BALTIMORE CITY – TRANSFER OF LICENSE – HARDSHIP EXTENSION

Authorizing the holder of an alcoholic beverages license in Baltimore City or another appropriate interested party to make a written request to the Board of License Commissioners for Baltimore City to extend the time authorized for the transfer of the license due to hardship; authorizing the Board to grant a specified time extension for the transfer of a specified license if the Board makes a hardship finding after a hearing; and limiting the time period to no more than 270 days for a specified extension approved by the Board.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

HB 464

Delegate Branch, et al

Chapter 466

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR EXHIBITION PERMIT

Altering the national family beer and wine exhibition permit to make it the national beer, wine, and liquor exhibition permit; authorizing the Comptroller to issue the permit to a bona fide alcohol trade association; authorizing the permit holder to exhibit, judge, and taste beer, wine, and liquor under specified circumstances; authorizing the permit holder to receive for use beer, wine, and liquor from specified persons under specified circumstances; providing a permit fee of \$50; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

SB 210

Senator Zucker, et al

Chapter 467

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – CLASS 8 FARM BREWERY LICENSE HOLDERS – FOOD SERVICE

Altering the restriction on a holder of a Class 8 farm brewery license selling or serving only specified types of food; and allowing the holder to sell and serve any food if the holder is licensed to operate a food establishment, subject to specified requirements.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

- HB 987** **Delegate W. Miller, et al**
Chapter 468 ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – DIRECT WINE SHIPPER’S PERMIT
 – APPLICATION AND RENEWAL REQUIREMENTS
- Requiring an applicant for a direct wine shipper’s permit or a direct wine shipper who seeks to renew a permit to identify the wines manufactured by the applicant or direct wine shipper intended for shipment into the State.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017
- SB 1138** **Senator Zucker**
Chapter 469 ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – FAMILY BEER AND WINE
 FACILITY PERMIT
- Repealing a provision of law that prohibits a family beer and wine facility permit holder from holding another license simultaneously.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017
- HB 923** **Allegany County Delegation**
Chapter 470 ALLEGANY COUNTY – PROPERTY TAX CREDITS –
 COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS AND LIONS CENTER
- Authorizing the governing body of Allegany County and of a municipal corporation in Allegany County to grant a property tax credit against the county or municipal corporation property tax imposed on specified property owned by specified organizations; and applying the Act retroactively to all taxable years beginning after June 30, 2016.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2017
- SB 639** **Senator Edwards**
Chapter 471 ALLEGANY COUNTY – SHERIFF’S DEPUTIES – SALARY AND
 DUTIES
- Altering the salary of a Sheriff’s deputy in Allegany County; and clarifying that at least one of the Sheriff’s deputies is required to be assigned by the Sheriff to execute process, orders, and directions for the juvenile court and specified other duties as assigned by the Sheriff.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

HB 811 **Delegate Buckel, et al**

Chapter 472

**ALLEGANY COUNTY AND PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY –
VIDEO LOTTERY TERMINAL PROCEEDS – USE OF LOCAL
IMPACT GRANTS**

Requiring that at least 20% of the local impact grants distributed to Allegany County from specified proceeds of video lottery terminals be used for capital projects for municipalities and nonprofit organizations in the county; and requiring that an annual amount of \$125,000 of the local impact grants in Prince George's County from specified proceeds of video lottery terminals be used in communities within 2.5 miles northeast of the video lottery facility in the county.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

HB 716 **Anne Arundel County Delegation**

Chapter 473

ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – BOARD OF EDUCATION

Requiring that, beginning with the 2018 general election, specified members of the Anne Arundel County Board of Education be elected by councilmanic districts; altering the membership, purpose, and duties of the renamed School Board Appointment Commission of Anne Arundel County; repealing specified provisions of law relating to the approval or rejection of the retention of specified members of the county board by county voters; altering the amount of the scholarship granted to a specified student member of the county board; etc.
VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

HB 85 **Anne Arundel County Delegation**

Chapter 474

ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – CHARITABLE GAMING

Authorizing specified organizations in Anne Arundel County to conduct a card game, card tournament, or casino event under specified circumstances; requiring an organization to obtain a permit from the County Department of Inspections and Permits; specifying that a permit holder may receive no more than one permit per calendar year; requiring a participant in specified gaming events to be at least 21 years of age; requiring an individual who volunteers as an operator of specified gaming events to be at least 18 years of age; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

- HB 373** **Delegate D. Barnes, et al**
Chapter 475 **BIOTECHNOLOGY INVESTMENT TAX CREDIT – QUALIFIED MARYLAND BIOTECHNOLOGY COMPANY – DEFINITION**
- Altering the definition of “qualified Maryland biotechnology company” to extend a specified period of time from a specified date that an active business may claim the biotechnology tax credit; altering the definition of “biotechnology company” to include a company that will be primarily engaged in, or within 2 months will be primarily engaged in, specified activities; providing for the revocation of a specified tax credit certificate and the recapture of the tax credit under specified circumstances; etc.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2017
- SB 226** **Senator Manno, et al**
Chapter 476 **BIOTECHNOLOGY INVESTMENT TAX CREDIT – QUALIFIED MARYLAND BIOTECHNOLOGY COMPANY – DEFINITION**
- Altering the definition of “qualified Maryland biotechnology company” to extend a specified time period from a specified date that an active business may claim the biotechnology tax credit; altering the definition of “biotechnology company” to include a company that will be primarily engaged in, or within 2 months will be primarily engaged in, specified activities; providing for the revocation of a specified tax credit certificate and the recapture of the tax credit under specified circumstances; etc.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2017
- SB 50** **Senator Astle, et al**
Chapter 477 **CEMETERIES – AUTHORITY TO MAINTAIN AND REPAIR MEMORIALS AND MONUMENTS**
- Establishing that the owner of a burial lot is responsible for the care of specified monuments or memorials; providing that this Act does not prohibit a responsible party for a cemetery from maintaining or repairing a memorial or monument under specified circumstances; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

SB 636

Senators Klausmeier and King

Chapter 478

COMMISSION ON THE COMMEMORATION OF THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PASSAGE OF THE 19TH AMENDMENT TO THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION

Altering the membership of the Commission on the Commemoration of the 100th Anniversary of the Passage of the 19th Amendment to the United States Constitution to include a representative of the Maryland Heritage Women's History Center.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

SB 924

Senator Serafini

Chapter 479

COMMISSIONER OF FINANCIAL REGULATION AND STATE COLLECTION AGENCY LICENSING BOARD – SURETY BOND REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSEES AND REGISTRANTS

Altering and establishing specified surety bond requirements for specified persons licensed or registered by the Commissioner of Financial Regulation and specified persons licensed by the State Collection Agency Licensing Board; requiring a specified applicant for a new license to file, with the application, a surety bond with the Board; requiring the bond to run to the Board, as obligee, for the benefit of the State and specified persons; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2017

HB 789

Delegate Cullison

Chapter 480

CONDOMINIUMS AND HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATIONS – AMENDMENT OF GOVERNING DOCUMENTS

Altering the minimum percentage of affirmative votes required to amend the bylaws of a condominium to require the affirmative vote of unit owners in good standing having at least 60% of the votes in the council of unit owners; repealing specified provisions concerning the minimum percentage of affirmative votes required to amend a specified governing document of a homeowners association created before a specified date; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

SB 809 **Senator Muse, et al**

Chapter 481

**CONDOMINIUMS AND HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATIONS –
SALES OF COMMON ELEMENTS AND COMMON AREAS**

Requiring the governing body of a condominium or, under specified circumstances, the developer to provide written notice no less than 30 days before the sale of any common element under specified circumstances; requiring the governing body of a homeowners association, or, under specified circumstances, the declarant to provide specified notice before the sale of any common area under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

SB 1027 **Senator Manno**

Chapter 482

**COURTS – ACTION FOR VIOLATION OF COLLECTIVE
BARGAINING AGREEMENT OR BREACH OF DUTY OF FAIR
REPRESENTATION – LIMITATIONS PERIOD**

Establishing a specified limitations period on an action for injunctive relief or damages for a violation of a collective bargaining agreement covering an employee of the State or a political subdivision of the State or a breach by an exclusive representative of the duty of fair representation owed to an employee of the State or a political subdivision of the State; and applying the Act prospectively.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

HB 852 **Delegate Barkley, et al**

Chapter 483

**COURTS – ACTION FOR VIOLATION OF COLLECTIVE
BARGAINING AGREEMENT OR BREACH OF DUTY OF FAIR
REPRESENTATION – LIMITATIONS PERIOD**

Establishing a specified limitations period on an action for injunctive relief or damages for a violation of a collective bargaining agreement covering an employee of the State or a political subdivision of the State or a breach by an exclusive representative of the duty of fair representation owed to an employee of the State or a political subdivision of the State; and applying the Act prospectively.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

SB 392 **Senator Hershey, et al**

Chapter 484

**CREDIT REGULATION – CLOSED END CREDIT LOANS –
ELIMINATION OF DUPLICATIVE DISCLOSURES**

Providing that a specified disclosure provided by a lender to a borrower in compliance with a specified federal law shall satisfy specified disclosure requirements under provisions of law governing closed end credit loans secured by a first mortgage or first deed of trust on residential real property; requiring the Commissioner of Financial Regulation to monitor specified federal requirements and notify the Governor and the General Assembly if the Commissioner makes a specified determination; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

SB 781 **Senator Lee, et al**

Chapter 485

CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – TESTING – HIV AND HEPATITIS C

Including hepatitis C as a disease for which a person charged with causing prohibited exposure may be tested under specified circumstances; authorizing a judge to issue an emergency order to obtain an oral swab from a person to be tested for the presence of HIV when it is made to appear there is probable cause to believe that the person has caused prohibited exposure to a victim; requiring a law enforcement officer to deliver an oral swab to a local health official or health care provider for immediate testing; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

HB 1375 **Delegate Proctor, et al**

Chapter 486

CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – TESTING – HIV AND HEPATITIS C

Including hepatitis C as a disease for which a person charged with causing prohibited exposure may be tested under specified circumstances; authorizing a judge to issue an emergency order to obtain an oral swab from a person to be tested for the presence of HIV when it is made to appear there is probable cause to believe that the person has caused exposure to a victim; requiring a law enforcement officer to deliver an oral swab to a local health official or health care provider for immediate testing; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

SB 982

Senator Muse, et al

Chapter 487

DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE SERVICES – IMPLEMENTATION OF TASK FORCE RECOMMENDATIONS – REPORT

Requiring the Department of Juvenile Services to provide a progress report on the status of the implementation of specified recommendations of the Task Force to Study the Restraint, Searches, and Needs of Children in the Juvenile Justice System; requiring the Department to report on specified recommendations; and requiring the Department to report on the implementation of the Task Force's recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly no later than December 1, 2017.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2017

SB 799

Senator Muse, et al

Chapter 488

DRIVER IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AND FAILURE TO PAY CHILD SUPPORT – DRIVER'S LICENSE SUSPENSIONS – PENALTIES AND ASSESSMENT OF POINTS

Altering the assessment of points and the penalties associated with the suspension of a driver's license or privilege to drive of an individual who fails to attend a specified driver improvement program or is an obligor 60 days or more out of compliance with the most recent order of the court in making child support payments.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

SB 873

Senator Madaleno (By Request – Tax Credit Evaluation Committee), et al

Chapter 489

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – JOB CREATION TAX CREDIT – ALTERATION

Altering the definitions of "qualified position" and "State priority funding area" for purposes of the job creation tax credit program; requiring the Department of Commerce to certify the amount of the tax credit for which a qualified business entity is eligible; altering the calculation of the credits earned under the program; prohibiting the Department from certifying tax credits in a taxable year in excess of \$4,000,000; applying the Act to job creation tax credits certified after December 31, 2017; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

HB 293 **Delegate Dumais, et al**
Chapter 490 FAMILY LAW – DIVORCE – DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ORDER

Repealing a provision providing that an order or a decision in a domestic violence proceeding is inadmissible as evidence in a divorce proceeding; and repealing a provision prohibiting a court from considering compliance with a domestic violence order as grounds for granting a decree of limited or absolute divorce.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

SB 85 **Senator Conway, et al**
Chapter 491 FAMILY LAW – TREATMENT FOSTER CARE HOMES –
SIBLINGS

Authorizing the placement of more than two children in a treatment foster care home in order to place siblings together if the local department makes a written finding that placing the siblings together is in their best interests and that the siblings will not harm other children placed at the same treatment foster care home; and requiring the local department to notify the Administration of the placement.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

HB 1207 **Delegate Pena–Melnyk, et al**
Chapter 492 FAMILY LAW – TREATMENT FOSTER CARE HOMES –
SIBLINGS

Authorizing the placement of more than two children in a treatment foster care home in order to place siblings together if the local department makes a written finding that placing the siblings together is in their best interests and that the siblings will not harm other children placed at the same treatment foster care home; and requiring the local department to notify the Social Services Administration of the Department of Human Resources of the placement.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

HB 179 Frederick County Delegation

Chapter 493

FREDERICK COUNTY – BEER AND WINE LICENSES – BARBERSHOPS

Establishing in Frederick County a barbershop beer and wine license; requiring a recipient of the license to be a holder of a barbershop permit; authorizing a holder of the license to provide no more than 5 ounces of beer or wine by the glass for on-premises consumption by a customer when a barbering service is provided or a specified 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 of \$100; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

SB 519 Senators Young and Hough

Chapter 494

FREDERICK COUNTY – HUNTING – NONGAME BIRDS AND MAMMALS

Repealing a prohibition in Frederick County against hunting or attempting to hunt nongame birds and mammals without first obtaining a hunting license.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2017

HB 1182 Frederick County Delegation

Chapter 495

FREDERICK COUNTY – STATE’S ATTORNEY – ANNUAL SALARY

Altering the annual salary of the State’s Attorney for Frederick County; requiring the salary of the State’s Attorney for Frederick County to increase in a percentage equal to the average annual increment and salary adjustment given to Frederick County employees over the State’s Attorney’s prior 4-year term; and providing for the application of the Act.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

SB 88

Chapter 496

Senator Simonaire

GENERAL PROVISIONS – STATE DESIGNATIONS – GREAT SEAL

Repealing a specified statutory translation of the Calvert family motto depicted on the Great Seal of the State; and establishing a specified meaning for the Calvert family motto, “Fatti maschii parole femine”, which generally means “Strong deeds, gentle words”.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

SB 1177

Chapter 497

Senators Jennings and Norman

HARFORD COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – COMMON DIRECT OR INDIRECT SHARING OF PROFIT

Repealing in Harford County a provision of law stating that a condition of a common direct or indirect sharing between specified persons of profit from the sale of alcoholic beverages gives rise to a presumption of indirect ownership interest in an alcoholic beverages license.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

HB 795

Chapter 498

Harford County Delegation

HARFORD COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – WAIVER FROM SCHOOL DISTANCE RESTRICTIONS

Altering the circumstances under which the Board of License Commissioners for Harford County may issue a waiver from specified school distance restrictions for specified alcoholic beverages licenses; and requiring public hearings to be held in a specified municipality or county, recommendations to be made regarding whether the distance restrictions should be waived, and specified recommendations and comments to be considered before a specified waiver can be issued.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

- SB 503** **Senator Nathan–Pulliam**
Chapter 499 HEALTH OCCUPATIONS BOARDS – RACIAL AND ETHNIC
HEALTH DISPARITIES
- Requiring each health occupations board established under the Health Occupations Article to report an update on specified efforts to educate specified individuals regarding racial and ethnic health disparities to specified committees of the General Assembly on or before January 1, 2018.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2017
- SB 178** **Senator Peters, et al**
Chapter 500 HORSE RACING – RACETRACK FACILITY RENEWAL ACCOUNT
– ELIGIBILITY AND CAPITAL EXPENDITURES
- Altering specified conditions of eligibility for funding from the Racetrack Facility Renewal Account by specifying minimum amounts to be spent on capital maintenance and expenditures by specified race tracks; authorizing the Maryland Racing Commission to grant a one–time request for capital improvement funds not to exceed \$150,000 from the funds available in the Account for a capital improvement project at the Bowie Race Course Training Center under specified conditions; etc.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2017
- HB 3** **Delegates Lisanti and Carey**
Chapter 501 INCOME TAX – SUBTRACTION MODIFICATION – OLYMPIC,
PARALYMPIC, SPECIAL OLYMPIC, AND DEAFLYMPIC GAMES
MEDALS AND PRIZES
- Providing a subtraction modification under the Maryland income tax for the value of any medals awarded by specified committees and the amount of any prize money or honoraria that is received from the United States Olympic Committee that is the result of a performance at specified international sporting events; and applying the Act to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2016.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

- SB 57** **Senators DeGrange and Kasemeyer**
Chapter 502 INCOME TAX CREDIT – CLASS F VEHICLES – MODIFICATION
AND EXTENSION
- Making specified modifications to the State income tax credit for the expense of registering specified qualified vehicles in the State; requiring a taxpayer to obtain a tax credit certificate from the Motor Vehicle Administration to receive the credit; limiting to \$10,000 the aggregate amount of tax credit certificates the Administration may issue to any one taxpayer and to \$500,000 to all taxpayers in a taxable year; applying the Act to all taxable years beginning after December 31, 2016, but before January 1, 2020; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017
- HB 1104** **Delegate Hixson, et al**
Chapter 503 INHERITANCE TAX – EXEMPTION – EVIDENCE OF DOMESTIC
PARTNERSHIP
- Establishing that a specified affidavit or specified other proof may be provided as evidence of a domestic partnership to qualify for an exemption from the inheritance tax on the receipt of interest in real property held in joint tenancy that passes from a decedent to a domestic partner.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017
- SB 15** **Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental –
Chapter 504 Maryland Insurance Administration)**
- INSURANCE – CHARITABLE GIFT ANNUITIES – SPECIAL
PERMIT HOLDERS – REQUIRED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
- Requiring a holder of a special permit needed to make agreements with donors for annuity payments to specified entities to submit to the Maryland Insurance Commissioner audited fiscal year-end financial statements of the holder instead of an annual report; requiring the financial statements to be audited by a certified public accountant and presented in a specified manner; authorizing the Commissioner to waive the requirement to submit the financial statements under specified circumstances; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

- HB 1277** **Delegate Davis**
Chapter 505 INSURANCE – PRODUCER LICENSING – EXAMINATIONS
- Altering the number of days from 14 to 4 an applicant for a license to act as an insurance producer who fails a specified examination must wait before retaking the examination.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017
- HB 112** **Delegate Fraser-Hidalgo, et al**
Chapter 506 INTEREST RATE ON TAX DEFICIENCIES AND REFUNDS –
ROUNDING
- Repealing a requirement that the Comptroller, when setting the annual interest rate for tax deficiencies and refunds, round the interest rate to the nearest whole number.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017
- HB 236** **Delegate Barron, et al**
Chapter 507 LEGAL ADVICE TO CORPORATIONS – CLARIFICATION
- Altering an exception to the requirement that an individual be admitted to the Maryland Bar before the individual may practice law in the State by authorizing an individual who is admitted to the bar of any other state to provide legal advice to the individual’s employer or the employer’s organizational affiliates.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017
- SB 794** **Senator Smith**
Chapter 508 LEGAL ADVICE TO CORPORATIONS – CLARIFICATION
- Altering an exception to the requirement that an individual be admitted to the Maryland Bar before the individual may practice law in the State by authorizing an individual who is admitted to the bar of any other state to provide legal advice to the individual’s employer or the employer’s organizational affiliates.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

- SB 910** **Senator Middleton**
Chapter 509 MARYLAND AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE FUND – OPERATIONS
- Repealing a provision of law subjecting the Maryland Automobile Insurance Fund to the imposition of a specified premium tax; altering the scope of provisions of law governing prior approval rate making to exclude the Fund; providing that provisions of law governing competitive rating rate making apply to the Fund under specified circumstances; repealing a provision of law that makes the Fund subject to the provisions of the Open Meetings Act; etc.
VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES
- HB 1579** **Baltimore County Delegation**
Chapter 510 MARYLAND CONSOLIDATED CAPITAL BOND LOAN OF 2016 –
BALTIMORE COUNTY – MORNING STAR FAMILY LIFE
CENTER
- Amending the Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loan of 2016 to add an additional grantee to specified grants.
EMERGENCY BILL
- SB 1099** **Senator Nathan–Pulliam**
Chapter 511 MARYLAND CONSOLIDATED CAPITAL BOND LOAN OF 2016 –
BALTIMORE COUNTY – MORNING STAR FAMILY LIFE
CENTER
- Amending the Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loan of 2016 to add an additional grantee to specified grants.
EMERGENCY BILL
- SB 2** **Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental –
Chapter 512 Planning)**
- MARYLAND HERITAGE AREAS AUTHORITY – REVISION OF
BOUNDARIES AND BOUNDARY MAPS
- Altering the process by which the Maryland Heritage Areas Authority may amend or revise the boundaries of a recognized heritage area by allowing publication in the Maryland Register of a revised Uniform Resource Locator (URL) to a geographical information system file in addition to publication of a revised drawing or boundary description; requiring the Authority to send a copy of each boundary map for a recognized heritage area to the county clerk where the heritage area is located; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

HB 1513 **Delegate Jones, et al**

Chapter 513 MARYLAND HISTORIC TRUST GRANT FUND IMPROVEMENT
ACT

Authorizing the Maryland Historic Trust Grant Fund to be used to pay for specified reasonable and necessary administrative costs, not to exceed 5% of the specified appropriation to the MHT Grant Fund; requiring the Governor, beginning in fiscal year 2018, to include an appropriation of \$1,500,000 to the Fund in the annual State budget bill subject to specified limitations; limiting to 10% of all grants awarded the amount of grants from the Fund that may be awarded to historic properties owned by the Maryland Historic Trust; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

SB 289 **Senator Middleton, et al**

Chapter 514 MARYLAND INSURANCE ADMINISTRATION – RATE MAKING
FOR AUTOMOBILE AND HOMEOWNER’S INSURANCE

Repealing provisions of law that require the Maryland Insurance Commissioner to report to the Governor and the General Assembly on the effect of competitive rating on the insurance markets in the State; requiring the Maryland Insurance Administration to continue to collect and analyze data relating to the competitiveness of specified insurance markets, to review and analyze information on the use of a specified factor in establishing specified rates, and to notify the Governor and the General Assembly of specified changes; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

HB 482 **Delegate Cullison, et al**

Chapter 515 MARYLAND NURSE PRACTICE ACT – REVISIONS

Altering the membership of the State Board of Nursing; requiring that specified petitions for membership on the Board have at least a specified number of signatures of support from nurses with a specified license; altering the requirements for the election of Board officers; requiring the Board to hold a special election within a specified time period to fill a specified vacancy of a Board officer under specified circumstances; altering the requirements for a quorum of the Board; authorizing the Board to employ a deputy director; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

SB 385

Senator Nathan–Pulliam, et al

Chapter 516

MARYLAND NURSE PRACTICE ACT – REVISIONS

Altering the membership of the State Board of Nursing; requiring that specified petitions for membership on the Board have at least a specified number of signatures of support from nurses with a specified license; altering the requirements for the election of Board officers; requiring the Board to hold a special election within a specified time period to fill a specified vacancy of a Board officer under specified circumstances; altering the requirements for a quorum of the Board; authorizing the Board to employ a deputy director; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

SB 818

Senator Hershey

Chapter 517

MARYLAND OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH ACT – VOLUNTARY PROTECTION PROGRAM

Establishing a Voluntary Protection Program in the Division of Labor and Industry to encourage participating employers to have exemplary worker safety and health programs; requiring the Commissioner of Labor and Industry to recognize specified employers under the Program; requiring an employer who wishes to participate in the Program to submit a specified application; authorizing the Commissioner to perform specified evaluations; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

HB 974

Delegates Carey and Lisanti

Chapter 518

MARYLAND PERSONAL INFORMATION PROTECTION ACT – REVISIONS

Requiring a specified business, when destroying an employee's or a former employee's records containing specified personal information of the employee or former employee, to take specified steps to protect against unauthorized access to or use of the information; altering the circumstances under which a specified business must conduct an investigation and notify specified persons of a specified breach; authorizing a specified business to provide a specified required notice in a specified manner under specified circumstances; etc.
EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2018

HB 1386

Chapter 519

Delegate Lisanti, et al

MARYLAND PUBLIC ETHICS LAW – MEMBERS AND EMPLOYEES OF BOARDS OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS AND LIQUOR CONTROL BOARDS

Making State restrictions and requirements of the Maryland Public Ethics Law apply to members and employees of specified boards of license commissioners and liquor control boards by adding the members and employees of the boards to a specified list of public officials; establishing an exception for specified counties; altering or repealing specified provisions to remove members and employees of boards of license commissioners from the scope of specified provisions of law that apply to counties and municipal corporations; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

HB 595

Chapter 520

Delegate McMillan, et al

MORTGAGES AND DEEDS OF TRUST – PREREQUISITES TO RECORDING

Repealing the requirement that a mortgage or deed of trust bear a specified certification that the instrument was prepared by a specified person in order to be recorded; providing that a deed other than a mortgage, deed of trust, or an assignment or release of a mortgage or deed of trust may not be recorded unless the instrument bears specified certification of preparation; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

SB 376

Chapter 521

Senator Norman

MORTGAGES AND DEEDS OF TRUST – PREREQUISITES TO RECORDING

Repealing the requirement that a mortgage or deed of trust bear a specified certification that the instrument was prepared by a specified person in order to be recorded; providing that a deed other than a mortgage, deed of trust, or an assignment or release of a mortgage or deed of trust may not be recorded unless the instrument bears specified certification of preparation; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

- HB 627** **Delegate C. Howard, et al**
Chapter 522 **MOTOR FUEL TAX REFUND – DEMAND RESPONSE TRIPS**

Adding vehicles used to provide demand response services to those vehicles that qualify for a specified motor fuel tax refund.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017
- HB 1345** **Delegates A. Washington and Healey**
Chapter 523 **NATIONAL CAPITAL STRATEGIC ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND**

Establishing the National Capital Strategic Economic Development Fund as a special, nonlapsing fund to provide grants to government agencies and nonprofit community development organizations for commercial or residential development projects for site acquisition, land assembly, architecture and engineering, and site development for revitalization in an area designated as a sustainable community; requiring an appropriation to the Fund to be allocated in a specified manner; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017
- HB 792** **Delegate Barkley, et al**
Chapter 524 **OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE AUDITS – PERFORMANCE AUDITS – LOCAL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES LICENSING BOARDS**

Requiring the Office of Legislative Audits, at the request of the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House, to conduct a performance audit of the local alcoholic beverages licensing board for a county or the City of Annapolis to evaluate the effectiveness and efficiency of the board’s management practices and use of resources; authorizing the employees and specified representatives of the Office of Legislative Audits to have access to specified records; requiring specified audit reports to be sent to specified persons; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

HB 880

Chapter 525

Delegate Morales, et al

**OPEN MEETINGS ACT – ANNUAL REPORTING REQUIREMENT,
WEB SITE POSTINGS, AND TRAINING**

Requiring the State Open Meetings Law Compliance Board, in conjunction with the Office of the Attorney General, to develop and conduct educational programs and distribute educational materials on the requirements of the open meetings law to the staff and attorneys of specified entities; requiring the Board to post specified information on violators of the Act on a specified Web site; prohibiting a public body from meeting in closed session except under specified circumstances; establishing specified reporting requirements; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

SB 450

Chapter 526

Senator Manno

**OPEN MEETINGS ACT – ANNUAL REPORTING REQUIREMENT,
WEB SITE POSTINGS, AND TRAINING**

Requiring the State Open Meetings Law Compliance Board, in conjunction with the Office of the Attorney General, to develop, conduct educational programs and distribute educational materials on the requirements of the open meetings law to the staff and attorneys of specified entities; requiring the Board to post specified information on violators of the Act on a specified Web site; prohibiting a public body from meeting in a closed session except under specified circumstances; establishing specified reporting requirements; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

HB 304

Chapter 527

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

**OPTIONAL RETIREMENT PROGRAM – ANNUITY CONTRACTS
– EMPLOYEE RIGHTS**

Repealing a requirement that annuity contracts purchased under the optional retirement program shall be issued to and become the property of participating employees of the program; clarifying that the rights of participating employees who purchase annuity contracts under the program are fully vested and not subject to forfeit; authorizing a participating employee in the optional retirement program to select specified annuity contracts for the transfer of existing balances; applying the Act prospectively; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

SB 353 **Senator Guzzone (Chair, Joint Committee on Pensions)**
Chapter 528 **OPTIONAL RETIREMENT PROGRAM – ANNUITY CONTRACTS
– EMPLOYEE RIGHTS**

Repealing a requirement that annuity contracts purchased under the optional retirement program shall be issued to and become the property of participating employees of the program; clarifying that the rights of participating employees who purchase annuity contracts under the program are fully vested and not subject to forfeit; authorizing a participating employee in the optional retirement program to select specified annuity contracts for the transfer of existing balances; applying the Act prospectively; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

HB 1394 **Delegate McMillan, et al**
Chapter 529 **PROPERTY TAX – REASSESSMENT AFTER APPEAL**

Prohibiting the supervisor or the State Department of Assessments and Taxation from automatically eliminating a reduction in the assessment of a property that was granted by a property tax assessment appeal board or the Maryland Tax Court during a subsequent reassessment; and authorizing the supervisor or the Department to eliminate a reduction in the assessment granted by a property tax assessment appeal board or the Maryland Tax Court if the specified reason for the reduction no longer applies.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

HB 1402 **Delegate McMillan, et al**
Chapter 530 **PROPERTY TAX APPEALS – PAYMENT OF REFUNDS –
DEADLINE AND NOTICE**

Requiring a tax collector to issue a refund of excess property tax to a taxpayer within 30 days after the State Department of Assessments and Taxation provides to the tax collector specified notice that a specified appeal authority has issued a decision reducing the taxpayer's assessment; and specifying the contents of the notice.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

SB 817 **Senator Hershey, et al**

Chapter 531

PUBLIC SAFETY – AGRITOURISM – PERMIT EXEMPTION

Adding Cecil County and Garrett County to the list of counties that exempt agricultural buildings engaged in agritourism from a specified permit requirement; providing that no more than 200 people at one time be allowed to occupy a building engaged in agritourism; and requiring that the total width of means of egress meets or exceeds a specified standard that applies to egress components other than stairways in a building without a sprinkler system in Cecil County and Garrett County.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

HB 999 **Delegate Davis**

Chapter 532

PUBLIC UTILITIES – TELEPHONE LIFELINE SERVICE – REVISIONS

Providing that a specified local telephone company provide “lifeline” to qualifying low-income consumers under specified circumstances; repealing a requirement that a telephone company charge an eligible subscriber a percentage of a specified tariff under specified circumstances; requiring the Department of Human Resources to provide specified information to local telephone companies to the extent allowed by State law in addition to federal law and until specified eligibility is determined; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

SB 649 **Senator Middleton, et al**

Chapter 533

PUBLIC UTILITIES – TELEPHONE LIFELINE SERVICE – REVISIONS

Providing that a specified local telephone company provide “lifeline” to qualifying low-income consumers under specified circumstances; repealing a requirement that a telephone company charge an eligible subscriber a percentage of a specified tariff under specified circumstances; requiring the Department of Human Resources to provide specified information to local telephone companies to the extent allowed by State law in addition to federal law and until specified eligibility is determined; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

HB 261 **Delegate Jackson, et al**

Chapter 534

PUBLIC UTILITIES – TERMINATION OF SERVICE TO MULTIFAMILY DWELLING UNIT – NOTIFICATION TO PROPERTY OWNER OR PROPERTY MANAGER

Requiring a public service company that intends to terminate, because of nonpayment, electric or gas service to a specified customer to notify the property owner or manager before terminating service if the public service company has received a specified customer's consent; authorizing a specified property owner or manager to require, as a term of a specified lease, a specified tenant to assure that a specified customer provides consent for the property owner or manager to receive a specified notice of termination of services; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

HB 511 **Delegate Jameson, et al**

Chapter 535

PUBLIC UTILITIES – WATER COMPANIES AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL COMPANIES – RATE CASES AND PROCEEDINGS

Authorizing the technical staff of the Public Service Commission to assist a water company or a sewage disposal company in establishing a proposed just and reasonable rate; authorizing the technical staff to seek information from specified companies under specified circumstances; requiring the Commission to restrict the availability of specified staff-assisted rate cases to companies who gross annual revenue for a specified time period are below an amount determined by the Commission, not to exceed \$1,000,000; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

SB 218 **Senator Middleton, et al**

Chapter 536

PUBLIC UTILITIES – WATER COMPANIES AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL COMPANIES – RATE CASES AND PROCEEDINGS

Authorizing the technical staff of the Public Service Commission to assist a water company or a sewage disposal company in establishing a proposed just and reasonable rate; authorizing the technical staff to seek information from specified companies under specified circumstances; requiring the Commission to restrict the availability of specified staff-assisted rate cases to companies who gross annual revenues for a specified time period are below an amount determined by the Commission, not to exceed \$1,000,000; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

- HB 592** **Delegate M. Washington**
Chapter 537 **REAL PROPERTY TAX – ASSESSMENT APPEALS PROCESS – DWELLINGS**
- Requiring a hearing on an appeal to a supervisor of assessments concerning the value or classification of a specified dwelling to occur no later than 120 days after the Department of Assessments and Taxation receives the appeal, unless the property owner requests a postponement; requiring the supervisor to give written notice of the final value or classification of a specified dwelling to the person who has appealed or filed a petition for review within 60 days after the hearing; etc.
EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2018
- HB 469** **Delegate Sydnor**
Chapter 538 **RECORDATION AND TRANSFER TAX – PRINCIPAL RESIDENCE SURRENDERED IN BANKRUPTCY – EXEMPTION**
- Exempting from recordation and State and county transfer taxes specified instruments of writing that transfer specified residential real property surrendered in bankruptcy under specified circumstances.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017
- SB 44** **Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs**
Chapter 539 **Committee (By Request – Departmental – Maryland State Archives)**
- RECORDS MANAGEMENT AND PRESERVATION – STATE UNITS AND PUBLIC OFFICIALS – RESPONSIBILITIES**
- Altering the procedures required to be included in a program for the management of records; requiring each head of a unit of State government to designate a records officer to carry out specified functions; providing that the Records Management Division is required to study the records management practices of the units of State government; altering examples of records that are required to be offered by a public official to the State Archives for transfer; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

SB 676 **Senator Kelley**

Chapter 540

REQUIREMENTS FOR FILIAL SUPPORT – REPEAL

Repealing the prohibition on the neglect or refusal, by an adult child who has or is able to earn sufficient means, to provide a destitute parent with food, shelter, care, and clothing; altering the definition of “responsible relative”, as it relates to responsibility for the cost of specified services provided in a facility or program operated or funded by the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, to exclude from the definition the children of a recipient of specified services; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

HB 764 **Delegate West, et al**

Chapter 541

REQUIREMENTS FOR FILIAL SUPPORT – REPEAL

Repealing the prohibition on the neglect or refusal, by an adult child who has or is able to earn sufficient means, to provide a destitute parent with food, shelter, care, and clothing; altering the definition of “responsible relative”, as it relates to responsibility for the cost of specified services provided in a facility or program operated or funded by the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, to exclude from the definition the children of a recipient of specified services; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

HB 44 **Delegate McCray**

Chapter 542

RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY – GROUND LEASE REGISTRATION FORMS – CONTACT INFORMATION OPTION

Requiring the ground lease registration form required by the State Department of Assessments and Taxation to include a section that allows the ground lease holder to include a telephone number and e-mail address; and requiring the reporting form for changes or corrections required by the State Department of Assessments and Taxation to include a section that provides the ground lease holder the option to provide the ground lease holder’s telephone number and e-mail address.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

- HB 12**
Chapter 543 **Delegate S. Howard, et al**
SENATORIAL AND DELEGATE SCHOLARSHIPS – ELIGIBILITY, AWARD AMOUNTS, AND USE OF FUNDS
- Authorizing specified senatorial and delegate scholarships to be used at specified out-of-state institutions of higher education if a specified scholarship applicant is a specified individual on active duty who is domiciled in the State; requiring a specified individual on active duty to be domiciled in the State in order to retain a specified senatorial scholarship; altering the amount that may be awarded under the senatorial scholarship program beginning July 1, 2019; and clarifying the award under the delegate scholarship program.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017
- SB 500**
Chapter 544 **Senator Norman**
SMALL CLAIM ACTION APPEALS FROM DISTRICT COURT – NONATTORNEY REPRESENTATION
- Exempting specified representatives of specified entities from the requirement of admission to the Bar of Maryland and other requirements of the Court of Appeals for representing the entity in the appeals of specified civil actions originating in the District Court under specified circumstances.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017
- HB 725**
Chapter 545 **Delegate Cullison, et al**
STATE BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS – DEATH OF A LICENSED DENTIST – OWNERSHIP OF A DENTAL PRACTICE
- Authorizing, under specified circumstances, an heir or a personal representative of a deceased licensed dentist who was the owner of a dental practice to serve as an owner of the dental practice for no more than 1 year after the death of the licensed dentist; requiring that all patient care be provided by specified individuals in accordance with specified scopes of practice during the temporary ownership of a dental practice by an heir or a representative of a deceased licensed dentist; etc.
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HB 1054 **Delegate West, et al**

Chapter 546

**STATE BOARD OF PHYSICIANS – PHYSICIAN LICENSURE –
PROHIBITION ON REQUIRING SPECIALTY CERTIFICATION**

Prohibiting the State Board of Physicians from requiring, as a qualification to obtain a license or as a condition to renew a license, certification by a specified accrediting organization that specializes in a specific area of medicine or maintenance of certification by a specified accrediting organization that includes specified reexamination as a requirement for maintaining certification.

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SB 989

Senators Nathan–Pulliam and Mathias

Chapter 547

**STATE BOARD OF PHYSICIANS – PHYSICIAN LICENSURE –
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HB 1183

Delegate West

Chapter 548

STATE BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS – REVISIONS

Renaming the graduate social worker license issued by the State Board of Social Work Examiners to be the master social worker license; requiring a specified licensed bachelor social worker or licensed master social worker to submit specified information to the Board to obtain approval by the Board to engage in independent practice; authorizing the Board to reject an application for independent practice if the applicant has not completed the specified supervised experience required; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

SB 986

Senator Nathan–Pulliam

Chapter 549

STATE BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS – REVISIONS

Renaming the graduate social worker license issued by the State Board of Social Work Examiners to be the master social worker license; requiring a specified licensed bachelor social worker or licensed master social worker to submit specified information to the Board to obtain approval by the Board to engage in independent practice; authorizing the Board to reject an application for independent practice if the applicant has not completed the specified supervised experience required; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

SB 371

Senator Manno, et al

Chapter 550

STATE BUDGET – APPROPRIATIONS – INCOME TAX REVENUE ESTIMATE CAP AND REVENUE STABILIZATION ACCOUNT

Requiring the Bureau of Revenue Estimates, beginning with the revenue estimate for fiscal year 2020, to calculate a specified share of General Fund revenues represented by specified nonwithholding income tax revenues; stating it is the goal of the State that 10% of estimated General Fund revenues in specified years be retained in the Revenue Stabilization Account; establishing the Fiscal Responsibility Fund for the purpose of retaining specified tax revenues to provide pay–as–you–go capital funds for specified purposes; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

HB 708

Delegate Walker, et al

Chapter 551

STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION – LACROSSE OPPORTUNITIES PROGRAM – YOUTH LACROSSE NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS

Authorizing a youth lacrosse nonprofit organization to submit an application for a grant under the Lacrosse Opportunities Program; requiring the State Superintendent of Schools or the State Superintendent’s designee to provide grants to eligible youth lacrosse nonprofit organizations with programs that will increase opportunities for minority students to participate in lacrosse; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

HB 78

Chapter 552

Delegate Korman, et al

STATE GOVERNMENT – MARYLAND MANUAL – REVISIONS
(MARYLAND MANUAL MODERNIZATION ACT)

Altering specified provisions of law to require the State Archives to compile, edit, and publish an online Maryland Manual that describes the State, its government, and federal officials and agencies directly related to the State; requiring, as provided in the State budget, the State Archives to update the Maryland Manual to maintain its accuracy and to annually preserve a version that contains changes made in the preceding year; encouraging the Archivist to reach out to specified entities regarding the availability of the Maryland Manual; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

HB 165

Chapter 553

Delegates Barron and Pena–Melnyk

STATE GOVERNMENT – MARYLAND UNIFORM ELECTRONIC
LEGAL MATERIALS ACT

Requiring an official publisher that publishes legal material in an electronic record to designate the electronic record as official, under specified circumstances, and authenticate the electronic record in a specified manner; providing that specified legal material in an electronic record is presumed to be an accurate copy; requiring an official publisher of specified legal material in an electronic record to provide for the preservation and security of the record and to ensure that it is reasonably available to the public; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

SB 137

Chapter 554

Senator Lee, et al

STATE GOVERNMENT – MARYLAND UNIFORM ELECTRONIC
LEGAL MATERIALS ACT

Requiring an official publisher that publishes legal material in an electronic record to designate the electronic record as official, under specified circumstances, and authenticate the electronic record in a specified manner; providing that specified legal material in an electronic record is presumed to be an accurate copy; requiring an official publisher of specified legal material in an electronic record to provide for the preservation and security of the record, and to ensure that it is reasonably available to the public; etc.

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- SB 328** **Senator Nathan–Pulliam, et al**
Chapter 555 STATE HIGHWAYS – DEDICATION – HENRIETTA LACKS WAY
- Requiring the State Highway Administration to dedicate a specified portion of Maryland Route 695A in Baltimore County as Henrietta Lacks Way.
EFFECTIVE AUGUST 1, 2017
- SB 36** **Senator Mathias**
Chapter 556 TAX CREDITS – ELECTRONIC FILING REQUIREMENTS –
WAIVER
- Authorizing the Comptroller, under specified circumstances, to grant a waiver from the requirement that a taxpayer claiming specified tax credits submit a claim for the credit by electronic means; and applying the Act to tax years beginning after December 31, 2016.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017
- HB 28** **Delegate Krimm**
Chapter 557 UNAPPROPRIATED GENERAL FUND SURPLUS –
APPROPRIATION TO PENSION FUND AND POSTRETIREMENT
HEALTH BENEFITS TRUST FUND
- Altering a specified required appropriation to require, beginning in fiscal year 2021, an appropriation of up to \$25,000,000 to specified accumulation funds of the State Retirement and Pension System and an appropriation of up to \$25,000,000 to the Postretirement Health Benefits Trust Fund; and altering the date by which the Department of Legislative Services is required to conduct a specified review and submit a report regarding required appropriations to the State Retirement and Pension System.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

HB 1225

Chapter 558

Delegate Lewis, et al

UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH,
CENTER FOR HEALTH EQUITY – WORKGROUP ON HEALTH IN
ALL POLICIES

Requiring the University of Maryland School of Public Health, Center for Health Equity, in consultation with the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, to convene a workgroup to study and make recommendations to units of State and local government on laws and policies to implement that will positively impact the health of residents of the State; requiring the University of Maryland School of Public Health, Center for Health Equity, to report the workgroup findings to the General Assembly by January 31, 2018; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2017

SB 340

Chapter 559

Senator Nathan–Pulliam, et al

UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH,
CENTER FOR HEALTH EQUITY – WORKGROUP ON HEALTH IN
ALL POLICIES

Requiring the University of Maryland School of Public Health, Center for Health Equity, in consultation with the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, to convene a workgroup to study and make recommendations to units of State and local government on laws and policies that will positively impact the health of residents of the State; requiring the University of Maryland School of Public Health, Center for Health Equity to report the workgroup findings and any draft legislation by January 31, 2018, to the General Assembly; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2017

HB 1120

Chapter 560

Delegates Fraser–Hidalgo and Stein

VEHICLE LAWS – DEALERS – PERFORMANCE STANDARDS

Establishing that specified provisions of State law governing performance standards for vehicle dealers apply to vehicle manufacturers notwithstanding specified other agreements; requiring that the assignment of a dealer’s market area meet specified standards; and requiring vehicle manufacturers to consider specified factors in assigning a market area and applying performance standards, sales objectives, or programs for measuring dealer performance.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

HB 355 **Montgomery County Delegation and Prince George's County**
Chapter 561 **Delegation**

WASHINGTON SUBURBAN SANITARY COMMISSION –
DISCRIMINATION – PROHIBITED MC/PG 102–17

Prohibiting the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission from discriminating against a person on the basis of religion, marital status, or gender identity; and altering a nondiscrimination clause required in all contracts entered into by the Commission to require the contractor not to discriminate in any manner against an employee or applicant for employment on the basis of religion, marital status, or gender identity and require the contractor to include a similar nondiscrimination clause in all subcontracts.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

HB 319 **Montgomery County Delegation and Prince George's County**
Chapter 562 **Delegation**

WASHINGTON SUBURBAN SANITARY COMMISSION – OFFICE
OF SUPPLIER DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION AND MINORITY
BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PROGRAM MC/PG 106–17

Continuing until July 1, 2022, specified provisions relating to procurement from minority business enterprises by the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission; and altering the name of the Office of Small, Local, and Minority Business Enterprise in the Commission to be the Office of Supplier Diversity and Inclusion.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2017

HB 335 **Montgomery County Delegation and Prince George's County**
Chapter 563 **Delegation**

WASHINGTON SUBURBAN SANITARY COMMISSION – SYSTEM
DEVELOPMENT CHARGE – EXEMPTIONS MC/PG 104–17

Authorizing the Montgomery County Council and the Prince George's County Council to grant an exemption from a system development charge imposed by the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission under specified circumstances for specified properties that are exempt from federal taxation and the primary mission and purpose of which are to provide programs and services to youth, for properties that are primarily used for child care or after-school care, or for properties primarily used for programs and services for developmentally disabled persons; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

SB 1102

Senator Mathias

Chapter 564

**WORCESTER COUNTY – OCEAN CITY CONVENTION CENTER
– BEER AND WINE TASTING LICENSE**

Establishing in Worcester County a 1–day beer and wine tasting license; authorizing the Board of License Commissioners to issue a license to an organization representing local governments in the State for a specified purpose; prohibiting the Board from issuing more than two licenses per year; providing that an organization may apply for not more than one license per year; providing a license fee of \$100; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

HB 1476

Delegate Glenn, et al

Chapter 565

**WORKERS' COMPENSATION – FAILURE TO REPORT
ACCIDENTAL PERSONAL INJURY – PENALTY**

Altering a specified violation relating to an employer failing to report an accidental personal injury within a specified time required under the workers' compensation law to require the violation to be a knowing violation; and increasing the penalty from up to \$50 to a maximum of \$500 imposed on an employer for a specified violation.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

SB 867

Senator Klausmeier, et al

Chapter 566

**WORKERS' COMPENSATION – FAILURE TO REPORT
ACCIDENTAL PERSONAL INJURY – PENALTY**

Altering a specified violation relating to an employer failing to report an accidental personal injury within a specified time required under the workers' compensation law to require the violation to be a knowing violation; and increasing the penalty from up to \$50 to a maximum of \$500 imposed on an employer for a specified violation.

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HB 1484 Delegates Glenn and W. Miller

Chapter 567

**WORKERS' COMPENSATION – MEDICAL BENEFITS –
PAYMENT OF MEDICAL SERVICES AND TREATMENT**

Requiring a provider to submit to an employer or an employer's insurer, within a specified period of time, a specified bill for specified medical services or treatment to a covered employee under a under a specified provision of law; and prohibiting the employer or the employer's insurer from being required to pay a bill submitted after a specified period of time except under specified circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

SB 194 Senator Klausmeier, et al

Chapter 568

**WORKERS' COMPENSATION – MEDICAL BENEFITS –
PAYMENT OF MEDICAL SERVICES AND TREATMENT**

Requiring a provider to submit to an employer or an employer's insurer within a specified period time, a specified bill for providing medical service or treatment to a covered employee under specified provisions of law; and prohibiting the employer or the employer's insurer from being required to pay a bill submitted after a specified period of time except under specified circumstances.

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Sincerely,

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