

May 25, 2017

To the Members of the General Assembly

Ladies and Gentlemen:

On May 25, 2017, the Honorable Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr., Governor; the Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr., President of the Senate; and the Honorable Michael E. Busch, Speaker of the House of Delegates, signed the following pieces of legislation, which you passed:

- SB 539** **The President (By Request – Administration), et al**
Chapter 569 **CRIMINAL LAW – DISTRIBUTION OF CONTROLLED DANGEROUS SUBSTANCES – FENTANYL**
- Prohibiting a person from knowingly distributing a specified mixture of controlled dangerous substances; establishing specified penalties for a violation of the Act; and requiring a sentence for the distribution of a mixture of specified controlled dangerous substances to be consecutive to any other sentence imposed.
EMERGENCY BILL
- HB 1432** **Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee (By Request – Departmental – Health and Mental Hygiene), et al**
Chapter 570 **HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS – PRESCRIPTION OPIOIDS – LIMITS ON PRESCRIBING (THE PRESCRIBER LIMITS ACT OF 2017)**
- Requiring health care providers to prescribe the lowest effective dose of an opioid and in a quantity no greater than the quantity needed for the expected duration of specified pain unless the opioid is prescribed to treat a specified disorder or specified pain; requiring the dosage, quantity, and duration of specified prescribed opioids to be based on an evidence-based clinical guideline for prescribing controlled dangerous substances; authorizing specified disciplinary action by health occupations boards; etc.
EMERGENCY BILL

HB 1329

Delegate Bromwell, et al

Chapter 571

HEROIN AND OPIOID PREVENTION EFFORT (HOPE) AND TREATMENT ACT OF 2017

Requiring the State Court Administrator of the Administrative Office of the Courts to assess specified drug court programs to make specified determinations; stating the intent of the General Assembly that the Administrative Office request an appropriation of \$2,000,000 in additional funding for grants to expand the scope of drug court programs; requiring the Behavioral Health Administration to establish at least one crisis treatment center by June 1, 2018; authorizing the Overdose Response Program; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL – VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

SB 967

Senator Klausmeier, et al

Chapter 572

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EMERGENCY BILL – VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

HB 1082

Delegate Bromwell, et al

Chapter 573

HEROIN AND OPIOID EDUCATION AND COMMUNITY ACTION ACT OF 2017 (START TALKING MARYLAND ACT)

Requiring a county board of education to consult with the county superintendent of schools before any change in the hiring or termination of personnel in connection with a school health services program; requiring specified programs established by the State Board of Education to include instruction on heroin and opioid addiction and prevention, including information on the lethal effect of fentanyl; prohibiting specified personnel from being held personally liable under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

- SB 1060** **Senator Miller, et al**
Chapter 574 HEROIN AND OPIOID EDUCATION AND COMMUNITY ACTION
ACT OF 2017 (START TALKING MARYLAND ACT)
- Requiring a county board of education to consult with the county superintendent of schools before any change in the hiring or termination of personnel in connection with a school health services program; requiring the drug addiction and prevention program implemented in the public schools to include instruction on heroin and opioid addiction and prevention, including information on the lethal effects of fentanyl; prohibiting specified personnel from being held personally liable under specified circumstances; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017
- HB 1619** **Delegate Clippinger**
Chapter 575 MARYLAND STADIUM AUTHORITY – MARYLAND SPORTS AND
AFFILIATED FOUNDATIONS – ESTABLISHMENT
- Establishing the Maryland Sports office in the Maryland Stadium Authority; requiring Maryland Sports to implement a program to bring regional, national, and international sporting events to the State in order to maximize utilization of sports facilities, to enhance economic development, and to promote the State as a sporting events destination; and requiring the State Ethics Commission to review the Authority’s policies on conflicts of interest and approve them, if appropriate, to govern specified officials and employees.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017
- HB 1383** **Delegate Barron, et al**
Chapter 576 BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADMINISTRATION – OUTPATIENT
CIVIL COMMITMENT PILOT PROGRAM
- Authorizing the Behavioral Health Administration to establish an outpatient civil commitment pilot program to allow for the release of an individual who is involuntarily admitted for inpatient treatment under a specified provision of law on the condition of the individual’s admission into the pilot program; requiring the pilot program to include specified criteria, requirements, and rights; requiring the Administration, under specified circumstances, to submit a specified report on or before December 1 of each year; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

SB 1042

Senator Feldman, et al

Chapter 577

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADMINISTRATION – OUTPATIENT CIVIL COMMITMENT PILOT PROGRAM

Authorizing the Behavioral Health Administration to establish an outpatient civil commitment pilot program to allow for the release of an individual who is involuntarily admitted for inpatient treatment under a specified provision of law on the condition of the individual's admission into the pilot program; requiring the pilot program to include specified criteria, requirements, and rights; requiring the Administration, under specified circumstances, to submit a specified report by December 1 of each year; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

SB 433

Senator Klausmeier, et al

Chapter 578

SUBSTANCE USE TREATMENT – INPATIENT AND INTENSIVE OUTPATIENT PROGRAMS – CONSENT BY MINOR

Authorizing parents or specified guardians to apply, on behalf of a minor, for admission of the minor to a certified intensive outpatient alcohol and drug abuse program; requiring specified programs to make a specified note on an application for admission in order for an individual to be retained for specified treatment; providing that specified programs have the right to discharge an individual admitted for specified treatment if the individual is not complying with the policies and procedures of the treatment program or the facility; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

HB 1127

Delegate Kelly

Chapter 579

HEALTH INSURANCE – COVERAGE REQUIREMENTS FOR BEHAVIORAL HEALTH DISORDERS – MODIFICATIONS

Altering specified coverage requirements applicable to specified health benefit plans for the diagnosis and treatment of mental illness and emotional, drug use, and alcohol use disorders; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2017

HB 869

Chapter 580

Delegate S. Howard, et al

RECOVERY RESIDENCE RESIDENTIAL RIGHTS PROTECTION ACT

Requiring, beginning November 1, 2017, a behavioral health program or specified health professional, when referring an individual to receive services at a recovery residence, to provide the individual with a list of certified recovery residences operating in the State and information on where specified services may be obtained; and requiring, on or before November 1, 2017, the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to publish a specified list on its Web site.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

HB 887

Chapter 581

Delegate Pena–Melnyk, et al

HEALTH INSURANCE – PRIOR AUTHORIZATION FOR DRUG PRODUCTS TO TREAT AN OPIOID USE DISORDER – PROHIBITION

Prohibiting specified insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations from applying a preauthorization requirement for a prescription drug to be used for treatment of an opioid use disorder and that contains methadone, buprenorphine, or naltrexone; and applying the Act to all policies, contracts, and health benefit plans issued, delivered, or renewed in the State on or after the effective date of the Act.

EMERGENCY BILL

HB 950

Chapter 582

Delegate Pena–Melnyk, et al

UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF MARYLAND – CONSTITUENT INSTITUTIONS – ALCOHOL AND DRUG ADDICTION RECOVERY PROGRAM

Requiring the Board of Regents of the University System of Maryland, on a recommendation from the Chancellor, to establish general standards and guidelines for a collegiate recovery program to be implemented at the constituent institutions; requiring the president of each constituent institution, in collaboration with faculty, staff, and students enrolled at the institution, to develop and implement a collegiate recovery program tailored for the institution; requiring the program to include specified features; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

HB 390 **The Speaker (By Request – Administration), et al**
Chapter 586 IMPROVING THE STATE PROCUREMENT OVERSIGHT
STRUCTURE

Repealing a specified provision of law relating to prequalification of bidders and offerors; increasing from \$100,000 to \$200,000 the total value of specified contracts, leases, or other agreements that require a business to file a specified disclosure with the Secretary of State; requiring the Department of Transportation, in consultation with a specified press association, to study the use and costs of public announcements of specified solicitations and report to specified committees of the General Assembly by December 1, 2017; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

SB 310 **The President (By Request – Administration), et al**
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EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

SB 311 **The President (By Request – Administration), et al**
Chapter 588 PROMOTING EFFICIENCIES IN STATE PROCUREMENT

Altering provisions of State procurement law; altering the dollar value threshold that triggers the requirement to publish notice in eMaryland Marketplace; specifying a preferred procurement method for human, social, cultural, or educational services; establishing qualification based selection as the method of procurement for specified procurements; clarifying the authority of the board of trustees of a community college to advertise specified bids on eMaryland Marketplace; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

HB 426

Chapter 589

The Speaker (By Request – Administration), et al

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EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

HB 1021

Chapter 590

Delegate Reznik, et al

REORGANIZATION OF STATE PROCUREMENT

Reorganizing procurement by establishing a Chief Procurement Officer to control and oversee specified State procurement activity; providing for the appointment of the Chief Procurement Officer; renaming the Procurement Advisory Council as the Procurement Improvement Council; requiring the Council to advise the General Assembly on proposed legislation to enhance the efficiency and transparency of State procurement; transferring to the Department of General Services the authority of specified primary procurement units; etc.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

SB 319

Chapter 591

The President (By Request – Administration), et al

PATHWAYS IN TECHNOLOGY EARLY COLLEGE HIGH (P-TECH) SCHOOL ACT OF 2017

Establishing the Pathways in Technology Early College High (P-TECH) School Program; requiring the State Department of Education, in consultation with the Maryland Higher Education Commission, to administer the Program; requiring P-TECH students to be included in the full-time equivalent enrollment calculation; requiring the Department, in consultation with the Commission, to submit an analysis of the Program's success in preparing students for the workforce or for additional education; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

SB 1085 **Senator Conway**

Chapter 592

MORGAN STATE UNIVERSITY – DESIGNATION AS THE STATE’S PREEMINENT PUBLIC URBAN RESEARCH UNIVERSITY

Designating Morgan State University as the State’s preeminent public urban research university; requiring Morgan State University to be dedicated to the development and delivery of comprehensive and high-quality academic programs and services to the University community and the citizens of the State, and to serve a diverse citizenry in an innovative and collaborative manner; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

HB 562 **Delegate Hayes (By Request – Baltimore City Administration)**

Chapter 593

BALTIMORE CITY BOARD OF SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS – MEMBERS – APPOINTMENT AND REMOVAL

Establishing the Baltimore City Public School Board Community Panel to select nominees to be recommended to the Mayor as qualified candidates for appointment to the Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners; repealing the role of the Governor in jointly making appointments to, filling specified vacancies on, and jointly removing members from the Board; requiring the Mayor to appoint specified members of the Board and fill specified vacancies from a list of qualified individuals submitted by a specified panel; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

HB 441 **Delegate Anderson (By Request – Baltimore City Administration) and Delegate McIntosh**

Chapter 594

EDUCATION – DEBT SERVICE FOR TRANSFERRED SCHOOLS – COUNTY REIMBURSEMENT GRACE PERIOD

Establishing a 2-year period of time during which a county government is not required to reimburse the State for outstanding debt service for specified school buildings that are transferred to a county government; and requiring a county government to reimburse the State for a specified amount of outstanding debt service for specified school buildings after the 2-year period of time has elapsed.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

SB 487 **Senator McFadden (By Request – Baltimore City**
Chapter 595 **Administration), et al**

BALTIMORE CITY – RESIDENTIAL GROUND LEASES –
ABANDONED PROPERTY

Prohibiting a ground lease holder from taking specified actions against the current leasehold tenant of specified abandoned property in Baltimore City to recover ground rent due and owing from a former leasehold tenant before the date that the current leasehold tenant acquired title to the property under specified circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

SB 541 **Senator Conway (By Request – Baltimore City**
Chapter 596 **Administration)**

BALTIMORE CITY – BOARD OF MUNICIPAL AND ZONING
APPEALS – APPEALS AUTHORITY

Limiting the authority of the Baltimore City Board of Municipal and Zoning Appeals to hear and decide appeals to instances when the Board is authorized to hear and decide the appeals by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City by local law or the Charter of Baltimore City; stating that the Act does not prohibit an administrative official or unit from making a specified decision under specified circumstances; and establishing that the Act does not alter or impair the right to appeal provided under specified provisions of law.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2017

SB 846 **Senator Conway (By Request – Baltimore City**
Chapter 597 **Administration)**

BALTIMORE CITY – HOTEL ROOM TAX – CONVENTION
CENTER PROMOTION AND OPERATIONS

Extending, through fiscal year 2022, provisions requiring that at least 40% of the proceeds from any hotel room tax imposed by Baltimore City be appropriated by the Mayor and City Council to Visit Baltimore for the marketing and operations of the Baltimore City Convention Center and for tourism promotion; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2017

HB 1037 **Delegate Anderson (By Request – Baltimore City**
Chapter 598 **Administration), et al**

BALTIMORE CITY – CIVILIAN REVIEW BOARD

Modifying from 90 days to 1 year of the action giving rise to the complaint the time limit for filing a complaint with the Baltimore City Civilian Review Board; and requiring the complaint to be in writing on a form authorized by the Board and signed and sworn to under penalty of perjury by the complainant.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

HB 226 **Delegate Anderson**
Chapter 599 **BALTIMORE POLICE DEPARTMENT – REPORTING ON**
COMMUNITY POLICING

Altering the date, from January 1 to February 1 of each year, by which the Police Commissioner of Baltimore City is required to report specified information concerning the Baltimore Police Department to the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore and the General Assembly for the previous calendar year; and altering a specified reporting requirement to include the number of instances of use of force that resulted in transport of a civilian to a hospital by an emergency vehicle, under specified circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

HB 1348 **Delegate Clippinger, et al**
Chapter 600 **BALTIMORE CITY – 46TH DISTRICT ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES**
ACT OF 2017

Authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Baltimore City to grant an off-sale privilege to the holder of a specified arena license under specified conditions; establishing a public market license in Baltimore City; specifying that the Board may issue the license to an operator of a specified enclosed public market; authorizing the license holder to designate vendors within the public market; prohibiting a license holder or vendor from participating in a pub crawl or allowing an open bar except under specified conditions; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

HB 1136

Delegate Ali, et al

Chapter 601

BALTIMORE CITY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – LICENSES – HOURS OF SALE

Specifying 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. as the hours of sale for a holder of a Class B–D–7 beer, wine, and liquor license in a specified area of Baltimore City; prohibiting the hours of sale for a license holder in a specified area from beginning before or ending after specified times; and prohibiting the hours of sale from being extended under specified conditions.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

SB 479

Senator Robinson

Chapter 602

BALTIMORE CITY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – MARKETPLACE LICENSE

Establishing a marketplace license in a specified alcoholic beverages district in Baltimore City; authorizing the Baltimore City Board of License Commissioners to issue the license; authorizing a license holder to obtain a refillable container permit under specified conditions; requiring the marketplace to have a minimum seating capacity of 75 individuals, a minimum capacity of 200 individuals, and a maximum capacity of 500 individuals; providing an annual license fee of \$6,000; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

HB 22

Delegate Conaway

Chapter 603

BALTIMORE CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT – MOTORIZED FIRE EQUIPMENT – REPORT

Requiring the Baltimore City Fire Department to report every 2 years to the members of the Baltimore City Delegation to the General Assembly on the condition of motorized fire equipment of the Department and the anticipated needs of the Department for motorized fire equipment for the following 2 years.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2017

HB 52 **Delegate Conaway**

Chapter 604 BALTIMORE CITY SCHOOL POLICE FORCE – VEHICLES AND
FIREARMS – REPORT

Requiring the Baltimore City School Police Force to report every 2 years to the members of the Baltimore City Delegation to the General Assembly on the condition of vehicles and firearms of the Baltimore City School Police Force and the anticipated needs of the Baltimore City School Police Force for vehicles and firearms for the following 2 years.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2017

SB 680 **Senator Lee, et al**

Chapter 605 ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES INVESTIGATIONS –
COMPLETION TIME

Increasing, from 30 days to 60 days, the period of time during which a local department of social services must complete an investigation of a report of abuse, neglect, self-neglect, or financial exploitation when the report does not indicate that an emergency exists.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

SB 714 **Senator McFadden**

Chapter 606 CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – INDIGENT INDIVIDUAL –
INDIGENCY DETERMINATION

Requiring a District Court commissioner to determine whether a specified individual qualifies as indigent; authorizing an individual charged with a crime that carries a penalty of incarceration to apply for representation by the Office of the Public Defender; requiring the Office to represent an indigent individual if the initial appearance or bail review is before a judge; providing that representation terminates at the end of the initial appearance under specified conditions; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

SB 1024

Senators McFadden and Ready

Chapter 607

EDUCATION – STATE GRANTS FOR EDUCATION AID

Establishing the criteria for a county board of education to be eligible to receive supplemental prekindergarten State grants in fiscal years 2018 through 2020; making specified grants to Baltimore City Public Schools subject to Baltimore City providing specified local contributions; requiring the Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners to make specified disbursements; requiring a specified audit; requiring the Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners to develop a specified financial recovery plan; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2017

HB 1381

Delegate Clippinger, et al

Chapter 608

ADULT HIGH SCHOOL PILOT PROGRAM

Establishing an Adult High School Pilot Program to establish an alternative method for adults who did not graduate from high school to earn a diploma; providing that the Program is under the authority and supervision of the State Department of Education and the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation, which are authorized to approve up to six pilots; requiring a pilot to be subject to the requirements of specified federal law and to provide specified accommodations; providing for a specified report to the General Assembly; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

SB 866

Senators Klausmeier and Ferguson

Chapter 609

ADULT HIGH SCHOOL PILOT PROGRAM

Establishing an Adult High School Pilot Program to establish an alternative method for adults who did not graduate from high school to earn a diploma; providing that the Program is under the authority and supervision of the State Department of Education and the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation, which are authorized to approve up to six pilots; requiring a pilot to be subject to the requirements of specified federal law and to provide specified accommodations; providing for a specified report to the General Assembly; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

SB 1106

Senator Zucker

Chapter 610

HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONERS – USE OF TELETHERAPY

Authorizing specified health care practitioners to use teletherapy for a specified patient under specified circumstances; and requiring specified health occupations boards to adopt specified regulations on or before April 1, 2018, that, to the extent practicable, are uniform and nonclinical.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

SB 786

Senator Zucker, et al

Chapter 611

**EDUCATION – RESTRAINT AND SECLUSION –
CONSIDERATION AND REPORTING**

Requiring the State Superintendent of Schools to convene a task force to consider the circumstances under which, and the schools or types of schools in which, restraint and seclusion shall be prohibited and to consider contraindications for restraint and seclusion and who may authorize restraint and seclusion; providing for the composition of the task force; requiring the task force to review existing regulations concerning seclusion and to make specified recommendations to the State Board and the General Assembly by October 1, 2017; etc.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

SB 872

Senator Zucker, et al

Chapter 612

**JAMES W. HUBBARD INCLUSIVE HIGHER EDUCATION GRANT
PROGRAM**

Establishing the James W. Hubbard Inclusive Higher Education Grant Program to award competitive grants to institutions of higher education to develop and implement programs that provide inclusive higher education opportunities for students with intellectual and developmental disabilities; requiring the Program to be administered by the Maryland Higher Education Commission, in consultation with specified entities; requiring the Commission to submit an annual report on the program's effectiveness beginning June 30, 2019; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

HB 628 **Delegates Barron and West**

Chapter 613

SECRETARIES OF PRINCIPAL DEPARTMENTS – SUPERVISION AND REVIEW OF DECISIONS AND ACTIONS BY UNITS WITHIN DEPARTMENTS

Requiring the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene and the Office of Administrative Hearings, in consultation with stakeholders and other interested parties, to adopt regulations for the supervision of each board or commission that is composed of individuals participating in the occupation or profession regulated by the unit in order to prevent anticompetitive actions and to determine whether the actions further a clearly articulated State policy to displace competition; requiring the Office to establish a specified process; etc.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2017

SB 517 **Senator Zucker, et al**

Chapter 614

SECRETARIES OF PRINCIPAL DEPARTMENTS – SUPERVISION AND REVIEW OF DECISIONS AND ACTIONS BY UNITS WITHIN DEPARTMENTS

Requiring the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene and the Office of Administrative Hearings, in consultation with stakeholders and other interested parties, to adopt regulations for the supervision of each board or commission that is composed of individuals participating in the occupation or profession regulated by the unit in order to prevent anticompetitive actions and to determine whether the actions further a clearly articulated State policy to displace competition; requiring the Office to establish a specified process; etc.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2017

HB 659 **Delegate Angel, et al**

Chapter 615

TASK FORCE TO STUDY TAX SALES IN MARYLAND

Establishing the Task Force to Study Tax Sales in Maryland to examine the tax sale system to maximize resources, facilitate properties getting to productive use, and protect residents; requiring the Task Force to evaluate the impact of tax sales, how tax sales are conducted in each county, and tax sales to collect delinquent water charges and alternative methods of collecting delinquent water charges; requiring the Task Force to report its findings to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before December 1, 2017; etc.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2017

SB 823 **Senators Eckardt and Ferguson**

Chapter 616 **TASK FORCE TO STUDY TAX SALES IN MARYLAND**

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EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2017

SB 1033 **Senators Eckardt and Mathias**

Chapter 617 **RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY – VACANT AND ABANDONED
PROPERTY – EXPEDITED FORECLOSURE**

Authorizing a secured party to petition a circuit court for leave to immediately commence an action to foreclose a mortgage or deed of trust on residential property if the property is vacant and abandoned under specified circumstances; requiring a secured party to send a copy of a specified petition to specified persons under specified circumstances; requiring a court to rule on a specified petition promptly after the petition is filed; applying the Act prospectively; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

HB 1168 **Delegates Holmes and Angel**

Chapter 618 **COUNTIES AND MUNICIPALITIES – LAND BANK
AUTHORITIES**

Altering specified provisions of law concerning the authority of a municipality to establish a land bank authority; making specified provisions of law concerning the establishment of a land bank authority applicable to a municipality or county; authorizing two or more local governments to enter into an intergovernmental cooperation agreement; authorizing a governing body of a county or other taxing authority to transfer specified interest in property to an authority under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

SB 957

Senator Eckardt, et al

Chapter 619

COUNTIES AND MUNICIPALITIES – LAND BANK AUTHORITIES

Altering specified provisions of law concerning the authority of a municipality to establish a land bank authority; making specified provisions of law concerning the establishment of a land bank authority applicable to a municipality or county; authorizing two or more local governments to enter into an intergovernmental cooperation agreement; authorizing a governing body of a county or other taxing authority to transfer specified interest in property to an authority under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

HB 1169

Delegate Mautz, et al

Chapter 620

CONNECTING RURAL MARYLAND ACT OF 2017

Establishing the Task Force on Rural Internet, Broadband, Wireless, and Cellular Service; requiring the Task Force to study and make recommendations on ways Western Maryland counties, Southern Maryland counties, Eastern Shore counties, and Frederick, Carroll, and Harford counties can work together to obtain federal assistance to improve communications services and accessibility in the specified counties; requiring the Task Force to report its findings to the Governor and the General Assembly by November 30, 2017; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2017

SB 717

Senator Eckardt, et al

Chapter 621

CONNECTING RURAL MARYLAND ACT OF 2017

Establishing the Task Force on Rural Internet, Broadband, Wireless, and Cellular Service; requiring the Task Force to study and make recommendations on ways Western Maryland counties, Southern Maryland counties, Eastern Shore counties, and Frederick, Carroll, and Harford counties can work together to obtain federal assistance to improve specified communications services and accessibility in the specified counties; requiring the Task Force to report its findings to the Governor and General Assembly by November 30, 2017; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2017

HB 1526 Delegates Angel and Vallario

Chapter 622

CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – POSTSENTENCING – VICTIM NOTIFICATION

Expanding the types of crimes for which a victim may receive specified notification regarding a specified offender's mandatory supervision, parole, commutation of sentence, pardon, or remission of sentence; expanding the types of crimes for which a victim may submit a specified impact statement to the Parole Commission or the Division of Parole and Probation; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

HB 253 Delegate Angel, et al

Chapter 623

STATE BOARD OF NURSING – REGISTERED NURSES AND LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSES – RENEWAL OF LICENSES – CONTINUING EDUCATION UNITS

Altering the requirements to renew specified licenses by authorizing specified registered nurses and licensed practical nurses to renew a license if the registered nurse or licensed practical nurse submits to the State Board of Nursing specified evidence of completion of a specified number of continuing education units as required by regulations adopted by the Board.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

HB 793 Delegates Angel and Malone

Chapter 624

FAMILY LAW – DIVORCE – RESTORATION OF FORMER NAME

Authorizing the court, on motion of a party filed within 18 months after a final decree of absolute divorce is entered, to change the name of the requesting party to either the name given the party at birth or any other former name the party wishes to use under specified circumstances; and specifying that provisions of law relating to a change of name do not apply to a change of name in connection with a decree of absolute divorce.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

- SB 83** **Senator Kagan**
Chapter 625 FAMILY LAW – DIVORCE – RESTORATION OF FORMER NAME
- Authorizing the court, on motion of a party filed within 18 months after a final decree of absolute divorce is entered, to change the name of the requesting party to either the name given the party at birth or any other former name the party wishes to use under specified circumstances; and specifying that provisions of law relating to a change of name do not apply to a change of name in connection with a decree of absolute divorce.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017
- HB 735** **Delegate Malone, et al**
Chapter 626 ESTATES AND TRUSTS – SHARE OF INTESTATE ESTATE
INHERITED BY SURVIVING SPOUSE
- Increasing the share of the intestate estate of a decedent inherited by a surviving spouse under specified circumstances from the first \$15,000 to the first \$40,000 plus one-half of the residue.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017
- SB 73** **Senator Reilly**
Chapter 627 ESTATES AND TRUSTS – SHARE OF INTESTATE ESTATE
INHERITED BY SURVIVING SPOUSE
- Increasing the share of the intestate estate of a decedent inherited by a surviving spouse under specified circumstances from the first \$15,000 to the first \$40,000 plus one-half of the residue.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017
- HB 906** **Delegate Malone, et al**
Chapter 628 CRIMINAL LAW – CRIME OF VIOLENCE – HOME INVASION
- Classifying the offense of home invasion as a crime of violence under a specified provision of law.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

- SB 465** **Senator Kagan, et al**
Chapter 629 MARYLAND NONPROFIT DEVELOPMENT CENTER PROGRAM
AND FUND – BRIDGE LOANS
- Renaming the Maryland Not–For–Profit Development Center Program and the Maryland Not–For–Profit Development Center Program Fund to be the Maryland Nonprofit Development Center Program and the Maryland Nonprofit Development Center Program Fund; establishing the Nonprofit, Interest–Free, Micro Bridge Loan (NIMBL) Account within the Fund; authorizing the Governor to transfer specified funds by June 30, 2017, to the NIMBL Account; requiring the Department of Commerce to submit a specified report on the bridge loans by December 31, 2020; etc.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2017
- SB 632** **Senator Kagan, et al**
Chapter 630 ELECTION LAW – PERSONS DOING PUBLIC BUSINESS –
REPORTING BY GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES
- Repealing the requirement that a governmental entity notify the State Board of Elections if a person doing public business with the governmental entity fails to file a specified statement; requiring a specified governmental entity to provide the State Board with specified information; authorizing the governmental entity to comply with a specified provision of the Act by sending a specified quarterly report to the State Board no later than 10 business days after the close of each calendar quarter; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017
- SB 74** **Senator Kagan**
Chapter 631 MARYLAND CODE – STANDARDIZATION OF TERMINOLOGY –
NONPROFITS
- Making stylistic changes to various provisions of law to standardize the terminology used to refer to nonprofit persons where appropriate; and providing that, except as expressly stated in the Act, the Act shall be construed as a nonsubstantive revision and does not render any substantive change in the law of the State.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

SB 26

Senator Kagan, et al

Chapter 632

MARYLAND FALSE CLAIMS ACT – MUNICIPAL CORPORATIONS

Altering the definition of “governmental entity” to include a municipal corporation for purposes of the Maryland False Claims Act; requiring the attorney for each municipal corporation to report annually, beginning October 1, 2016, to the General Assembly on the number of specified civil actions and the number of specified claims made by a governmental entity that are settled without filing a civil action; and providing for the prospective application of the Act.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

HB 1506

Delegate Glenn, et al

Chapter 633

STATE GOVERNMENT – OFFICE OF MINORITY AFFAIRS AND INTERDEPARTMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON MINORITY AFFAIRS – RENAMING

Renaming the Governor’s Office of Minority Affairs to be the Governor’s Office of Small, Minority, and Women Business Affairs; renaming the Special Secretary for the Office of Minority Affairs to be the Special Secretary for the Office of Small, Minority, and Women Business Affairs; renaming the Interdepartmental Advisory Committee on Minority Affairs to be the Interdepartmental Advisory Committee on Small, Minority, and Women Business Affairs; etc.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2017

SB 700

Senator Robinson, et al

Chapter 634

STATE GOVERNMENT – OFFICE OF MINORITY AFFAIRS AND INTERDEPARTMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON MINORITY AFFAIRS – RENAMING

Renaming the Governor’s Office of Minority Affairs to be the Governor’s Office of Small, Minority, and Women Business Affairs; renaming the Special Secretary for the Office of Minority Affairs to be the Special Secretary for the Office of Small, Minority, and Women Business Affairs; renaming the Interdepartmental Advisory Committee on Minority Affairs to be the Interdepartmental Advisory Committee on Small, Minority, and Women Business Affairs; etc.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2017

- HB 1446** **Delegate Hayes, et al**
Chapter 635 **PROCUREMENT PREFERENCES – BLIND INDUSTRIES AND SERVICES OF MARYLAND – JANITORIAL PRODUCTS**
- Clarifying that the requirement that a State or State aided or controlled entity include in specified maintenance contracts from Blind Industries and Services of Maryland applies to products made, manufactured, remanufactured, or assembled by Blind Industries and Services of Maryland.
EFFECTIVE MAY 1, 2018
- HB 1492** **Delegate Hayes, et al**
Chapter 636 **HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – FOOD DESERTS – SMALL LOANS**
- Authorizing the Department of Housing and Community Development to meet the funding obligations for sustainable communities and food deserts by using any specified financial assistance available to the Department; authorizing the Department to provide small loans under the Business Development Program that are not more than \$50,000 per loan to approved entities for assistance in providing better access to healthy food in food deserts; and authorizing the Department to work with intermediaries to administer the specified small loans.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017
- HB 269** **Delegate Krimm, et al**
Chapter 637 **HOUSING NAVIGATOR AND AFTERCARE PROGRAM**
- Establishing the Housing Navigator and Aftercare Program to assist families and individuals who are experiencing, or who are in imminent danger of, a housing crisis in obtaining and maintaining permanent housing; requiring the Governor, subject to limitations of the State budget, to include an appropriation for the Program of \$516,828 in the annual budget each fiscal year beginning in fiscal year 2019; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

SB 531

Senator Benson, et al

Chapter 638

HOUSING NAVIGATOR AND AFTERCARE PROGRAM

Establishing the Housing Navigator and Aftercare Program to assist families and individuals who are experiencing, or who are in imminent danger of, a housing crisis in obtaining and maintaining permanent housing; requiring the Governor, subject to the limitations of the State budget, to include an appropriation for the Program of \$516,828 in the annual budget each fiscal year beginning in fiscal year 2019; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

HB 916

Delegate Sydnor, et al

Chapter 639

MOTOR VEHICLE INSURANCE – DISCRIMINATION IN UNDERWRITING AND RATING – PROHIBITIONS

Prohibiting an insurer, with respect to private passenger motor vehicle insurance, from increasing the premium for an insured who becomes a surviving spouse based solely on the insured's change in marital status.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

SB 534

Senator Benson, et al

Chapter 640

MOTOR VEHICLE INSURANCE – DISCRIMINATION IN UNDERWRITING AND RATING – PROHIBITIONS

Prohibiting an insurer, with respect to private passenger motor vehicle insurance, from increasing the premium for an insured who becomes a surviving spouse based solely on the insured's change in marital status.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

HB 1067

Chapter 641

Delegate A. Miller, et al

PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND SHELTERS – HOMELESS GIRLS AND WOMEN – FEMININE HYGIENE PRODUCTS

Requiring the Department of Human Resources to make available to specified entities specified supplies of feminine hygiene products for female residents in shelters and specified homeless female students; requiring, alternatively, if a specified contingency is met, the Department of Housing and Community Development to make available to specified entities supplies of feminine hygiene products for female residents in shelters and homeless female students; requiring specified products to be made available in a specified manner; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

SB 625

Chapter 642

Senator Benson, et al

PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND SHELTERS – HOMELESS GIRLS AND WOMEN – FEMININE HYGIENE PRODUCTS

Requiring the Department of Human Resources to make available to specified service providers, local administering agencies for specified service providers and county boards of education specified supplies of feminine hygiene products for female residents in shelters and specified homeless female students; requiring specified feminine hygiene products to be made available free; requiring each county board of education to make available, in a specified manner, feminine hygiene products to homeless female students; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

HB 1163

Chapter 643

Delegate A. Miller, et al

CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – CONDITIONAL RELEASE – ELECTRONIC MONITORING (AMBER'S LAW)

Requiring a judicial officer to provide a specified individual with the opportunity to request specified reasonable protections for the safety of an alleged victim or the victim's family at a specified time; requiring that a specified victim impact statement identify a request by a victim that a person be placed on electronic monitoring or electronic monitoring with victim stay-away alert technology; requiring that information be available to a victim on how to request that a person be placed on specified electronic monitoring; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

HB 1279 **Delegate Morales, et al**
Chapter 644 POLICE TRAINING COMMISSION – TRAINING
REQUIREMENTS – HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Requiring the Police Training Commission to require that the specified entrance-level and in-service police training conducted by the State and each county and municipal police training school include specified training relating to the criminal laws concerning human trafficking, including services and support available to victims and the rights and appropriate treatment of victims; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

SB 220 **Senator Lee, et al**
Chapter 645 POLICE TRAINING COMMISSION – TRAINING
REQUIREMENTS – HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Requiring the Police Training Commission to require that the specified entrance-level and in-service police training conducted by the State and each county and municipal police training school include specified training relating to the criminal laws concerning human trafficking, including services and support available to victims and the rights and appropriate treatment of victims; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

SB 221 **Senator Lee, et al**
Chapter 646 ADULT ENTERTAINMENT ESTABLISHMENTS – NATIONAL
HUMAN TRAFFICKING RESOURCE CENTER HOTLINE
INFORMATION – SIGN POSTING REQUIREMENTS

Requiring the owner of an adult entertainment establishment to post the National Human Trafficking Resource Center Hotline information sign in each restroom of the adult entertainment establishment in a specified manner; requiring an agency that determines a specified violation has occurred to notify the owner of the adult entertainment establishment or the owner's agent of the violation; providing a maximum civil penalty of \$1,000 for each restroom without the specified notification; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

- HB 653** **Delegate B. Wilson**
Chapter 647 **CRIMES – SOLICITATION TO COMMIT MURDER OR ARSON – STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS**
Increasing the statute of limitations to 3 years for the crime of solicitation to commit murder in the first degree, arson in the first degree, or arson in the second degree.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017
- SB 387** **Senator Lee**
Chapter 648 **CRIMES – SOLICITATION TO COMMIT MURDER OR ARSON – STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS**
Increasing the statute of limitations for the crime of solicitation to commit murder in the first degree, murder in the second degree, arson in the first degree, or arson in the second degree.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017
- HB 521** **Delegate B. Wilson, et al**
Chapter 649 **CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – SEX OFFENDER REGISTRANT – NOTICE OF INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL**
Requiring a specified sex offender registrant to notify each local law enforcement unit where the registrant resides or habitually lives at least 21 days, instead of 3 days, before the registrant leaves the United States to commence residence or employment or attend school in a foreign country.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017
- HB 738** **Delegate B. Wilson**
Chapter 650 **CRIMINAL LAW – SEX OFFENSES – OUT-OF-STATE CONVICTIONS**
Providing that a specified conviction from another state or a federal, military, or Native American tribal court may serve as a predicate crime for a specified enhanced penalty for repeat sex offenders.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

HB 1263

Chapter 651

Delegate Dumais

FAMILY LAW – CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT – DEFINITIONS

Altering the definition of “abuse” for the purpose of specified child abuse and neglect statutes to include the physical or mental injury of a child by a person who, because of the person’s position or occupation, exercises authority over the child under specified circumstances; providing that “abuse” does not include the physical injury of a child by accidental means; altering the definition of “mental injury” for the purpose of specified child abuse and neglect statutes; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

SB 996

Chapter 652

Senators Lee and Muse

FAMILY LAW – CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT – DEFINITIONS

Altering the definition of “abuse” for the purpose of specified child abuse and neglect statutes to include the physical or mental injury of a child by a person who, because of the person’s position or occupation, exercises authority over the child under specified circumstances; providing that “abuse” does not include the physical injury of a child by accidental means; altering the definition of “mental injury” for the purpose of specified child abuse and neglect statutes; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

HB 721

Chapter 653

Delegate Dumais

JUVENILE SERVICES – SERVICES AND PROGRAMS FOR FEMALES

Requiring the Department of Juvenile Services to serve children in the juvenile services system with programming that provides females with services and programs to meet their specific needs, including diversion programs, community detention services and programs, and reentry services and programs; altering the duties of the State Advisory Board for Juvenile Services to include consulting with and advising the Secretary of the Department on the treatment and programming needs of females in the juvenile justice system; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

SB 674 **Senator Kelley, et al**
Chapter 654 **JUVENILE SERVICES – SERVICES AND PROGRAMS FOR FEMALES**

Requiring the Department of Juvenile Services to serve children in the juvenile services system with programming that provides females with services and programs to meet their specific needs, including diversion programs, community detention services and programs, and reentry services and programs; altering the duties of the State Advisory Board for Juvenile Services to include consulting with and advising the Secretary of the Department on the treatment and programming needs of females in the juvenile justice system; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

SB 272 **Senator Kelley, et al**
Chapter 655 **GUARDIANSHIP AND CHILD IN NEED OF ASSISTANCE PROCEEDINGS – JURISDICTION AND AUTHORITY OF JUVENILE COURT**

Authorizing the juvenile court to direct the provision of specified services to a specified child during a specified disposition hearing; requiring the juvenile court to direct the provision of specified services to a specified child during a permanency planning hearing or guardianship hearing; providing that, if the juvenile court enters an order directing the provision of services to a specified child under specified provisions of law, the juvenile court retains jurisdiction for as long as the order is effective and for specified purposes; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

SB 505 **Senator Kelley, et al**
Chapter 656 **CIVIL ACTIONS – CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE – STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS AND REQUIRED FINDINGS**

Altering the statute of limitations on civil actions arising out of an alleged incident or incidents of sexual abuse that occurred while the victim was a minor; establishing a statute of repose for specified civil actions relating to child sexual abuse; providing that, in a specified action filed more than a specified number of years after the victim reaches the age of majority, damages may be awarded against a person or governmental entity that is not an alleged perpetrator only under specified circumstances; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

HB 498 **Delegate Hettleman**

Chapter 657

**HEALTH CARE DECISIONS ACT – ADVANCE DIRECTIVES AND
SURROGATE DECISION MAKING – DISQUALIFIED
INDIVIDUALS**

Prohibiting specified individuals from serving as a health care agent under specified circumstances; establishing a specified exception; prohibiting specified individuals from making decisions about health care for specified individuals under specified circumstances; requiring a person who obtains specified information that would prohibit an individual from serving as a health care agent or making health care decisions for a specified individual to provide the information to a specified health care provider or facility; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

HB 509 **Delegate Hettleman, et al**

Chapter 658

**HIGHER EDUCATION – STUDENT LOAN NOTIFICATION
LETTER**

Requiring institutions of higher education that receive State funds to provide specified information to students regarding their education loans; requiring the education loan information to be provided annually with a specified notice; providing that the information may be included in a student's financial aid award notice; providing that specified information may include a specified statement; prohibiting an institution of higher education from incurring a specified liability, under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

SB 734 **Senator Kasemeyer, et al**

Chapter 659

SEXUAL ASSAULT VICTIMS RESOURCES ACT OF 2017

Expanding the services to be provided by specified sexual assault crisis programs; specifying criteria for receiving specified grant funding; requiring the Governor to include \$3,000,000 each fiscal year in the State budget; authorizing the Governor, under specified circumstances, to reduce a specified appropriation; establishing the Maryland Sexual Assault Evidence Kit Policy and Funding Committee; requiring the Attorney General to adopt specified regulations in consultation with the Committee; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2017

HB 267 **Delegate B. Wilson, et al**

Chapter 660

**PROGRAM OPEN SPACE – AUTHORIZED TRANSFER TO THE
MARYLAND HERITAGE AREAS AUTHORITY FINANCING
FUND – INCREASE**

Increasing from \$3,000,000 to \$6,000,000 the maximum amount that may be transferred, in the State budget or through a specified budget amendment process, to the Maryland Heritage Areas Authority Financing Fund from funds that are distributed to Program Open Space; and requiring that, if more than \$3,000,000 is transferred to the Maryland Heritage Areas Authority Fund under the Act, the amount exceeding \$3,000,000 shall be provided from the State's share of funds.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

SB 257 **Senator Kasemeyer, et al**

Chapter 661

**PROGRAM OPEN SPACE – AUTHORIZED TRANSFER TO THE
MARYLAND HERITAGE AREAS AUTHORITY FINANCING
FUND – INCREASE**

Increasing from \$3,000,000 to \$6,000,000 the maximum amount that may be transferred, in the State budget or through a specified budget amendment process, to the Maryland Heritage Areas Authority Financing Fund from funds that are distributed to Program Open Space; and requiring that, if more than \$3,000,000 is transferred to the Maryland Heritage Areas Authority Fund under the Act, the amount exceeding \$3,000,000 shall be provided from the State's share of funds.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

SB 975 **Senator Ready**

Chapter 662

**REAL PROPERTY – AGRICULTURAL LAND PRESERVATION
EASEMENTS – SEPARATE PARCELS**

Establishing that, unless a deed expressly provides otherwise, the grant of an agricultural land preservation easement governing two or more separate parcels of land owned by the same grantor under separate deeds or two or more parcels separately identified and described in the same deed does not consolidate the parcels; establishing that a parcel of land subject to an agricultural land preservation easement may be conveyed separately to a specified child of a specified grantor with specified approval under specified conditions; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2017

- SB 449** **Senator Kasemeyer**
Chapter 663 ESTATES AND TRUSTS – VEHICLE TRANSFERS – EXCISE TAX
AND FEE EXEMPTION
- Providing that the motor vehicle excise tax and certificate of title fee may not be imposed on the issuance of a certificate of title for specified vehicles transferred without consideration if the vehicle is transferred in a specified manner to or from specified trusts; altering the definition of “consideration”; defining “vehicle”; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017
- SB 559** **Senator Kasemeyer**
Chapter 664 BALTIMORE COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – ISSUANCE
OF LICENSES NEAR PLACES OF WORSHIP
- Authorizing the Baltimore County Board of License Commissioners to transfer, convert, and issue a specified license for an establishment that is at least 100 feet away from a place of worship under specified circumstances and subject to specified restrictions and qualifications; and making a specified exception to a prohibition against issuing a license for an establishment that is within 300 feet of a place of worship or school.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017
- HB 287** **Delegate Hixson, et al**
Chapter 665 HUNGER-FREE SCHOOLS ACT OF 2017
- Altering a specified definition for fiscal years 2017 through 2022 to determine the number of students used to calculate a specified grant for schools that participate in a specified federal program.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017
- HB 81** **Delegate Morhaim, et al**
Chapter 666 ESTATES AND TRUSTS – CONDITIONS OF DISABILITY AND
INCAPACITY – CONFINEMENT
- Repealing “confinement” as a condition of disability for purposes of guardianship proceedings to protect a disabled individual’s property; and repealing “confinement” as a condition of incapacity as defined under the Maryland Trust Act.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

- HB 188** **Delegate Morhaim, et al**
Chapter 667 PUBLIC HEALTH – ADVANCE DIRECTIVES – WITNESS REQUIREMENTS, ADVANCE DIRECTIVES SERVICES, AND FUND
- Providing that a witness is not required for an electronic advance directive if the declarant’s identity has been authenticated in accordance with specified replacement guidelines under specified circumstances; requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to issue a request for proposals from electronic advance directives services for a specified purpose; clarifying that the Department may contract with multiple electronic advance directives services; repealing a specified requirement; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017
- HB 518** **Delegate Morhaim, et al**
Chapter 668 PUBLIC HEALTH – PRENATAL HIV TESTING
- Requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, in consultation with stakeholders, to adopt regulations establishing requirements for prenatal HIV testing; requiring providers of prenatal medical care to follow the Department’s requirements for prenatal HIV testing; requiring the Department to provide the requirements established for prenatal HIV testing to hospitals that offer obstetric services and specified organizations; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017
- SB 41** **Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs**
Chapter 669 **Committee (By Request – Departmental – Health and Mental Hygiene)**
- STATE BOARD OF NURSING – NURSE LICENSURE COMPACT – REVISIONS
- Changing the name of the Nurse Multistate Licensure Compact to the Nurse Licensure Compact; altering the findings of the party states to the Compact; providing that a multistate license to practice specified types of nursing issued by a home state to a resident in that state will be recognized by each party state for a specified purpose; providing that the party states create and establish a joint public entity known as the Interstate Commission of Nurse Licensure Compact Administrators; providing a specified contingency; etc.
CONTINGENT – EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

HB 122 **Chair, Environment and Transportation Committee (By**
Chapter 670 **Request – Departmental – State Police)**

**MOTOR VEHICLES – ELECTRONIC INSPECTION
CERTIFICATES FOR USED VEHICLES – SUNSET EXTENSION**

Extending the termination date to June 30, 2020, for specified provisions of the used vehicle inspection law applicable to the electronic submission of an inspection certificate.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2017

HB 295 **Delegate Kramer**

Chapter 671 **CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – CRIMINAL INJURIES
COMPENSATION BOARD – IMPAIRED BOATING**

Making victims of a specified offense involving the operation of a vessel while under the influence of or impaired by alcohol or drugs eligible for payment through the Criminal Injuries Compensation Board; and providing for the prospective application of the Act.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

HB 493 **Delegate Kramer, et al**

Chapter 672 **LONG-TERM CARE INSURANCE – PREMIUM RATES**

Requiring the Maryland Insurance Commissioner to provide information on the Maryland Insurance Administration's Web site describing specified factors and a specified process relating to premium rates for policies or contracts of long-term care insurance; requiring the Administration to make a specified assessment and determination relating to nonforfeiture benefits and to report its findings to specified committees of the General Assembly on or before January 1, 2018; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

HB 601 **Delegate Kramer, et al**
Chapter 673 SENIOR CALL–CHECK SERVICE AND NOTIFICATION
PROGRAM – ESTABLISHMENT

Altering the programs to be funded by the Universal Service Trust Fund; requiring the Secretary of Information Technology to certify the cost of the programs to be paid by the Universal Service Trust Fund; requiring the Public Service Commission to determine the amount of a specified monthly surcharge; establishing the Senior Call–Check Service and Notification Program, operated by the Department of Aging, to regularly call the residence of an eligible participant to verify the participant’s ability to receive specified notifications; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2017

HB 744 **Delegates Kramer and West**
Chapter 674 CORPORATIONS – MARYLAND GENERAL CORPORATION LAW
– MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

Altering specified requirements for the resident agent of a Maryland corporation, a limited partnership, and a Maryland statutory trust; prohibiting the charter or bylaws of a corporation from imposing liability on a specified stockholder for the attorney’s fees or expenses of the corporation or any other party in connection with an internal corporate claim; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

SB 579 **Senator Mathias, et al**
Chapter 675 STATE GOVERNMENT – DISPLAY OF THE POW/MIA FLAG ON
STATE BUILDING GROUNDS

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

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

HB 675 **Delegate Sample–Hughes, et al**

Chapter 676

**HEALTH INSURANCE – COVERAGE FOR DIGITAL
TOMOSYNTHESIS**

Establishing that a specified coverage requirement that applies to specified insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations includes coverage for digital tomosynthesis, a radiologic breast cancer screening procedure, under specified circumstances; prohibiting a copayment or coinsurance requirement that is greater than for other breast cancer screenings; applying the Act to all policies, contracts, and health benefit plans issued, delivered, or renewed in the State on or after January 1, 2018; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

SB 61 **Senator Mathias, et al**

Chapter 677

**HEALTH INSURANCE – COVERAGE FOR DIGITAL
TOMOSYNTHESIS**

Establishing that a specified coverage requirement that applies to specified insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations includes coverage for digital tomosynthesis, a radiologic breast cancer screening procedure, under specified circumstances; prohibiting a copayment or coinsurance requirement that is greater than for other breast cancer screenings; applying the Act to all policies, contracts, and health benefit plans issued, delivered, or renewed in the State on or after January 1, 2018; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

HB 740 **Delegate Angel, et al**

Chapter 678

**PRESIDENT JIMMY CARTER CANCER TREATMENT ACCESS
ACT**

Prohibiting a specified insurer, nonprofit health service plan, or health maintenance organization from imposing a step therapy or fail–first protocol on an insured or an enrollee for a specified prescription drug used in the treatment of a specified cancer under specified circumstances; and applying the Act to all policies, contracts, and health benefit plans issued, delivered, or renewed in the State on or after October 1, 2017.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

SB 919 **Senator Mathias, et al**
Chapter 679 **PRESIDENT JIMMY CARTER CANCER TREATMENT ACCESS
ACT**

Prohibiting a specified insurer, nonprofit health service plan, or health maintenance organization from imposing a step therapy or fail-first protocol on an insured or an enrollee for a specified prescription drug used in the treatment of a specified cancer under specified circumstances; and applying the Act to all policies, contracts, and health benefit plans issued, delivered, or renewed in the State on or after October 1, 2017.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

SB 580 **Senator Mathias, et al**
Chapter 680 **STATE PERSONNEL – LEAP YEAR – PERSONAL LEAVE**

Providing that each employee in the State Personnel Management System, except a temporary employee, is entitled to 7 days, not to exceed 56 hours, of personal leave with pay at the beginning of the first full pay period of the calendar year during a leap year.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

HB 82 **Delegate Carr (Chair, Joint Committee on Federal Relations)**
Chapter 681 **WOODROW WILSON BRIDGE AND TUNNEL COMPACT –
REPEAL**

Repealing provisions relating to the Woodrow Wilson Bridge and Tunnel Compact; repealing a requirement that the Governor execute the compact with the Commonwealth of Virginia and the District of Columbia under specified circumstances; repealing the Woodrow Wilson Memorial Bridge and Tunnel Authority; repealing a requirement that the compact may not be interpreted to affect the levy of specified taxes; repealing the specified powers of the Authority to operate a project to upgrade the Interstate 95 Potomac River crossing; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

SB 125 **Senator Feldman**

Chapter 682 **WOODROW WILSON BRIDGE AND TUNNEL COMPACT –
REPEAL**

Repealing provisions relating to the Woodrow Wilson Bridge and Tunnel Compact; repealing a requirement that the Governor execute the compact with the Commonwealth of Virginia and the District of Columbia under specified circumstances; repealing the Woodrow Wilson Memorial Bridge and Tunnel Authority; repealing a requirement that the compact may not be interpreted to affect the levy of specified taxes; repealing the specified powers of the Authority to operate a project to upgrade the Interstate 95 Potomac River crossing; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

HB 263 **Delegate Carr, et al**

Chapter 683 **SCHOOL BUS MONITORING CAMERAS – EXCLUSION OF
VEHICLE RENTAL COMPANIES – REPEAL AND NOTIFICATION
REQUIREMENT**

Altering the definition of “owner” to repeal the exclusion of motor vehicle rental companies as owners of motor vehicles for the purpose of the enforcement of violations of overtaking and passing school vehicles operating alternately flashing red lights that are recorded by school bus monitoring cameras; requiring a law enforcement agency to provide a specified notice to a motor vehicle rental company before issuing a specified citation; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

HB 492 **Delegate Carr, et al**

Chapter 684 **VEHICLE LAWS – CERTIFICATE OF TITLE –
TRANSFER-ON-DEATH BENEFICIARY DESIGNATION**

Requiring that an application for a certificate of title of a motor vehicle contain specified information on a beneficiary under specified circumstances; requiring that a certificate of title issued for a motor vehicle by the Motor Vehicle Administration contain a specified notation indicating a beneficiary under specified circumstances; authorizing a sole owner of a motor vehicle to designate a beneficiary on the death of the owner; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

HB 83 **Delegate Luedtke, et al**
Chapter 685 INCOME TAX – SUBTRACTION MODIFICATION – DISCHARGED
STUDENT LOAN DEBT

Altering a subtraction modification under the Maryland income tax for specified income of specified individuals resulting from the discharge of student loan indebtedness by repealing a requirement that the discharge must be due to total and permanent disability or death; applying the Act to all taxable years beginning after December 31, 2016; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

HB 979 **Delegate Luedtke, et al**
Chapter 686 PROPERTY TAX CREDIT – PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICERS

Authorizing the governing body of a county or municipal corporation to grant, by law, a specified property tax credit against the county or municipal corporation property tax imposed on a specified dwelling that is owned by a specified public safety officer under specified circumstances; providing that the credit may not exceed \$2,500 per dwelling and the amount of property tax imposed on the dwelling; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2017

HB 459 **Delegate Queen, et al**
Chapter 687 HIGHER EDUCATION – ADULT CORRECTIONAL
INSTITUTIONS – JOB TRAINING AND EDUCATION

Requiring, under specified circumstances and subject to specified funding recommendations, postsecondary education and workforce training programs developed and recommended by the Correctional Education Council to provide inmates in correctional institutions in the Division of Correction with the requisite training, certifications, and experience to obtain careers in in-demand job sectors; authorizing the Justice Reinvestment Oversight Board to make a specified recommendation; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

HB 1081

Chapter 688

Delegate Jackson, et al

**CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM –
MEMBERSHIP**

Altering the membership of the Correctional Officers' Retirement System to include specified individuals serving in specified positions in the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services; providing that specified members of the Correctional Officers' Retirement System who meet specified criteria may receive a normal service retirement allowance that is based on specified creditable service; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

SB 650

Chapter 689

Senator Guzzone, et al

**CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM –
MEMBERSHIP**

Altering the membership of the Correctional Officers' Retirement System to include specified individuals serving in specified positions in the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services; providing that specified members of the Correctional Officers' Retirement System who meet specified criteria may receive a normal service retirement allowance that is based on specified creditable service; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

SB 664

Chapter 690

Senator Edwards, et al

**CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM –
MEMBERSHIP**

Altering the membership of the Correctional Officers' Retirement System to include specified individuals serving in specified positions in the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services; providing that specified members of the Correctional Officers' Retirement System who meet specified criteria may receive a normal service retirement allowance that is based on specified creditable service; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

SB 117

Senators Edwards and Serafini

Chapter 691

**COMMUNITY COLLEGES – OUT-OF-STATE FEE – WAIVER
FOR BORDER STATE RESIDENTS**

Authorizing the boards of trustees of community colleges with service areas that border other states to set an out-of-state fee for students who reside in out-of-state counties that border Maryland; requiring that this fee be more than the out-of-county fee paid by Maryland students; allowing this fee to be less than the out-of-state fee paid by specified out-of-state students; prohibiting students attending community colleges by paying this fee from being counted for the purposes of specified State aid to community colleges; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

SB 273

Senator Edwards, et al

Chapter 692

**STATE FOREST, STATE PARK, AND WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT
AREA REVENUE EQUITY PROGRAM**

Prohibiting a county from receiving specified revenues derived from a State forest or State park reserve and concession operations within a county if the county receives specified State payments in a fiscal year; requiring specified payments to counties for State forests, State parks, and wildlife management areas that are exempt from the property tax; providing for the calculation of the payment; clarifying when land is to be included in the specified calculation; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

SB 592

Senator Edwards

Chapter 693

**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 and municipal corporation property tax imposed on specified property owned by specified organizations; and providing for the retroactive application of the Act to all taxable years beginning on or after June 30, 2016.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2017

SB 979 **Senator Edwards**
Chapter 694 **VEHICLE LAWS – ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLES AND
SNOWMOBILES**

Prohibiting an individual from driving or attempting to drive an all-terrain vehicle or a snowmobile on portions of a highway in the State on which an all-terrain vehicle or a snowmobile is authorized unless the individual holds a driver's license or is specifically exempted; applying specified provisions of law relating to the operation of a snowmobile to the operation of an all-terrain vehicle; prohibiting a person under 16 years of age from operating specified vehicles on public property unless accompanied by a specified adult; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

SB 591 **Senator Edwards**
Chapter 695 **GARRETT COUNTY – PAYMENT TO RESCUE SQUADS**

Altering the Public Local Laws of Garrett County to require the Board of County Commissioners of Garrett County to appropriate specified funds for the benefit of specified rescue squads; and authorizing the County Commissioners to pay the value of a specified appropriation to a rescue squad by in-kind payment of personnel, equipment, or services.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

SB 341 **Senator Edwards**
Chapter 696 **VEHICLE LAWS – SCHOOL VEHICLES – DEFINITION**

Altering the definition of "school vehicle" to include specified vehicles that meet or comply with specified standards and requirements, were originally titled and used to transport children, students, and teachers in another state, comply with the regulations on transporting children enrolled in the federally funded Head Start Program, and are used only for transporting children to and from a Head Start program.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

HB 11

Delegate Lam, et al

Chapter 697

VEHICLE LAWS – CAUSING DIESEL EMISSIONS TO DISCHARGE ONTO ANOTHER – PROHIBITION

Prohibiting a person from causing a diesel-powered motor vehicle to emit clearly visible smoke, soot, or other exhaust emissions onto another person or motor vehicle; and providing for the application of the Act.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

HB 1433

Delegate Valentino-Smith, et al

Chapter 698

LOCAL INCOME TAX OVERPAYMENTS – LOCAL RESERVE ACCOUNT REPAYMENT – FORGIVENESS

Repealing a requirement that a county or municipal corporation that receives an overpayment of local income tax revenue reimburse the Local Reserve Account; repealing a requirement that the Comptroller withhold the amount specified counties or municipal corporations owe to the account from specified distributions; stating that it is the intent of the General Assembly that the Comptroller return from the Local Reserve Account any reimbursement payment made by a county or municipal corporation under specified provisions of law; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

SB 397

Senator Edwards, et al

Chapter 699

LOCAL INCOME TAX OVERPAYMENTS – LOCAL RESERVE ACCOUNT REPAYMENT – FORGIVENESS

Repealing a requirement that a county or municipal corporation that receives an overpayment of local income tax revenue reimburse the Local Reserve Account; repealing a requirement that the Comptroller withhold the amount specified counties or municipal corporations owe to the account from specified distributions; stating that it is the intent of the General Assembly that the Comptroller return from the Local Reserve Account any reimbursement payment made by a county or municipal corporation under specified provisions of law; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

HB 1468

Chapter 700

Delegate Valentino-Smith, et al

MEDICAL RECORDS – DISCLOSURE OF DIRECTORY INFORMATION AND MEDICAL RECORDS

Altering the circumstances under which a health care provider may disclose a medical record developed primarily in connection with mental health services; authorizing a health care provider to disclose directory information about a patient to a specified individual except under specified circumstances; requiring a health care provider to inform a patient of health care information that the health care provider may include in a specified directory and the persons to whom the information may be disclosed; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

SB 584

Chapter 701

Senator Rosapepe, et al

MEDICAL RECORDS – DISCLOSURE OF DIRECTORY INFORMATION AND MEDICAL RECORDS

Altering the circumstances under which a health care provider may disclose a medical record developed primarily in connection with mental health services; authorizing a health care provider to disclose directory information about a patient to a specified individual except under specified circumstances; requiring a health care provider to inform a patient of health care information that the health care provider may include in a specified directory and the persons to whom the information may be disclosed; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

HB 1071

Chapter 702

Delegate Valentino-Smith, et al

VEHICLE LAWS – VICTIM'S REPRESENTATIVE NOTIFICATION – LICENSE SUSPENSION HEARING

Requiring the Maryland Police Training and Standards Commission to distribute the victim's representation notification form developed by the Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention to each law enforcement agency in the State; requiring a specified investigating agency to provide specified information and a specified form to a victim's representative; altering the time period during which a victim's representative may file a specified form to at least 30 days prior to a specified hearing; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

HB 836 **Delegate Folden, et al**
Chapter 703 **CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – EXPUNGEMENT – COMMON LAW
BATTERY**

Authorizing a person to file a petition for expungement based on a conviction of common law battery; and providing that a petition for expungement based on a conviction of common law battery may not be filed earlier than 15 years after the person satisfied the sentence or sentences imposed for all convictions for which expungement is requested, including parole, probation, or mandatory supervision.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

HB 851 **Delegate Folden, et al**
Chapter 704 **LANDLORD AND TENANT – MILITARY PERSONNEL –
LIMITATION ON LIABILITY FOR RENT**

Altering the circumstances under which the liability for rent under a lease is limited for a person on active duty with the United States military; limiting the liability for rent of the spouse of a person on active duty with the United States military under specified circumstances; clarifying that the liability of a person on active duty or the spouse of a person on active duty for rent under a lease under specified circumstances may not exceed specified rent, charges, and costs; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

SB 49 **Senators Cassilly and Jennings**
Chapter 705 **LANDLORD AND TENANT – MILITARY PERSONNEL –
LIMITATION ON LIABILITY FOR RENT**

Altering the circumstances under which the liability of a person on active duty with the United States military, for rent under a lease, is limited; limiting the liability for rent of the spouse of a person on active duty with the United States military under specified circumstances; clarifying that the liability of a person on active duty or the spouse of a person on active duty for rent under a lease may not exceed any rent or lawful charges then due and payable plus 30 days under specified conditions; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

HB 1275

Delegate Vogt, et al

Chapter 706

STATE GOVERNMENT – DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS – VETERANS’ SERVICES SPECIALISTS

Requiring units of State government to designate an employee of the unit as a veterans’ services specialist to coordinate services with the director of the veterans Outreach and Advocacy Program in the Department of Veterans Affairs and attend specified training to provide the Department of Veterans Affairs with specified information, and to post specified information on the unit’s Web site; requiring the Department to coordinate specified meetings and submit a specified report; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

SB 857

Senators Smith and Waugh

Chapter 707

STATE GOVERNMENT – DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS – VETERANS’ SERVICES SPECIALISTS

Requiring units of State government to designate an employee of the unit as a veterans’ services specialist to coordinate services with the director of the veterans Outreach and Advocacy Program in the Department of Veterans Affairs and attend specified training, to provide the Department of Veterans Affairs with specified information, and to post specified information on the unit’s Web site; requiring the Department to coordinate specified meetings and submit a specified report; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

HB 587

Delegate Reznik, et al

Chapter 708

STATE FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT – VETERAN-OWNED SMALL BUSINESS ENTERPRISES – DEFINITIONS AND PENALTIES

Defining “veteran” and altering the definition of “veteran-owned small business enterprise” for the purpose of specified provisions of law relating to the structure of a unit’s procurement procedures; and authorizing specified penalties to be applied to a person that willfully misrepresents a business as a veteran-owned small business enterprise.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

SB 1084

Senator Waugh

Chapter 709

**STATE FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT – VETERAN-OWNED
SMALL BUSINESS ENTERPRISES – DEFINITIONS AND
PENALTIES**

Defining “veteran” and altering the definition of “veteran-owned small business enterprise” for the purpose of specified provisions of law relating to the structure of a unit’s procurement procedures; and authorizing specified penalties to be applied to a person that willfully misrepresents a business as a veteran-owned small business enterprise.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

HB 176

Delegate Morgan, et al

Chapter 710

**MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION – EXCEPTION FOR GOLF
CARTS – GOLDEN BEACH PATUXENT KNOLLS**

Creating an exception from motor vehicle registration requirements for golf carts in the community of Golden Beach Patuxent Knolls, St. Mary’s County; providing that a person who operates a golf cart in Golden Beach Patuxent Knolls may operate the golf cart only on specified roads, between dawn and dusk, and only if the golf cart is equipped with specified lighting; authorizing the St. Mary’s County Department of Public Works and Transportation to designate the specified highways on which a person may operate a golf cart; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

HB 951

Delegate Lisanti, et al

Chapter 711

**STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION – ALFRED B. HILTON
MEMORIAL BRIDGE – DEDICATION**

Requiring the State Highway Administration to dedicate the bridge located at the intersection of Maryland Route 22 and Interstate Highway 95 as the Alfred B. Hilton Memorial Bridge.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

SB 1157

Senator Cassilly, et al

Chapter 712

**STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION – ALFRED B. HILTON
MEMORIAL BRIDGE – DEDICATION**

Requiring the State Highway Administration to dedicate the bridge located at the intersection of Maryland Route 22 and Interstate Highway 95 as the Alfred B. Hilton Memorial Bridge.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

HB 456 **Delegate Kaiser, et al**
Chapter 713 **CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES AND CHILD CARE PROVIDERS
– DISPUTE RESOLUTION PROCESS**

Requiring the State Board of Education to develop a dispute resolution process to be used by families of children with disabilities and child care providers for resolving complaints of discrimination based on a child's disability; requiring the Department, in developing the dispute resolution process, to convene a workgroup that includes representatives of specified entities; requiring the Department to submit to the General Assembly, by October 1, 2017, a report outlining the process and its implementation; etc.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2017

SB 943 **Senator Smith, et al**
Chapter 714 **CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES AND CHILD CARE PROVIDERS
– DISPUTE RESOLUTION PROCESS**

Requiring the State Department of Education to develop a dispute resolution process to be used by families of children with disabilities and child care providers for resolving complaints of discrimination based on a child's disability; requiring the Department, in developing the dispute resolution process, to convene a workgroup that includes representatives of specified entities; requiring the Department to submit to the General Assembly, by October 1, 2017, a report outlining the process and its implementation; etc.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2017

HB 1240 **Delegate Kaiser, et al**
Chapter 715 **INDIVIDUALIZED EDUCATION PROGRAMS – STUDIES**

Requiring the State Department of Education, in consultation with each local school system, to review and assess specified staff allocations related to the participation of children with disabilities in the individualized education program process, the geographic population density of specified children and special education teachers, and recommend resource allocation to effectively assist the parents and guardians of children with disabilities; requiring the Department to report to the General Assembly by July 1, 2019; etc.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2017

SB 25 **Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental –**
Chapter 716 **Transportation)**

MARYLAND TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION – TRANSIT SERVICE
– CONTRACTED TAXICAB SERVICE

Repealing the exclusion of taxicab service from the definition of
“transit service”; and providing for the application of the Act.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2017

HB 1017 **Chair, Judiciary Committee (By Request – Departmental –**
Chapter 717 **Transportation)**

MOTOR VEHICLE ADMINISTRATION – DRIVING RECORDS –
EXPUNGEMENT

Altering the standards and procedures applicable to the
expungement of public driving records by the Motor Vehicle
Administration; prohibiting the Administration from expunging
specified driving record entries; and requiring the Administration to
adopt specified regulations.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

HB 713 **Chair, Ways and Means Committee (By Request –**
Chapter 718 **Departmental – Transportation)**

SALES AND USE TAX – LIGHT RAIL VEHICLES – EXEMPTION

Providing an exemption from the sales and use tax for the sale of light
rail transit vehicles and related equipment if the vehicles will be used
to provide service on the Purple Line in Montgomery County and
Prince George’s County.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

HB 290 **Delegate Grammer, et al**
Chapter 719

MARYLAND TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY – THIRD
GENERATION–ELECTRONIC TOLL COLLECTION SYSTEM

Requiring the Maryland Transportation Authority, on or before
December 31 each year, to submit a specified report to the Governor
and specified committees of the General Assembly on the
procurement and implementation of the Third Generation–Electronic
Toll Collection System, including information related to efforts to
review and analyze the location of specified toll plazas for specified
purposes.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

HB 123 **Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee (By**
Chapter 720 **Request – Departmental – Maryland Insurance**
Administration)

HEALTH INSURANCE – REQUIRED CONFORMITY WITH
FEDERAL LAW

Altering the length of a policy term and the information provided in a specified notice for short-term medical insurance procured from a nonadmitted insurer; making specified provisions of the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act relating to preventive and wellness services and chronic disease management applicable to specified individual health insurance coverage; authorizing the dependents of specified victims to enroll in a specified health plan, at a specified time, under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2017

SB 169 **Senator Middleton, et al**

Chapter 721 **HEALTH – COST OF EMERGENCY ROOM VISITS TO TREAT**
DENTAL CONDITIONS AND COVERAGE OF DENTAL SERVICES
UNDER MEDICAID – STUDY

Authorizing the Maryland Dental Action Coalition to conduct a study to determine the annual cost of emergency room visits to treat dental conditions of specified adults and whether it is advisable to expand benefits for dental services for specified adults under the Maryland Medical Assistance Program; authorizing the Coalition to report to the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene and the General Assembly the findings of the study by December 1, 2017 and distribute the report to specified stakeholders; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2017

HB 1553 **Delegate Cullison, et al**

Chapter 722 **NONPROFIT HEALTH ENTITY – ACQUISITION – WAIVER OF**
WAITING PERIOD

Authorizing the appropriate regulating entity, if it determines that waiving the waiting period under specified provisions of law is in the best interest of the public, to waive the 90-day waiting period between the date a determination is made on the acquisition of a nonprofit health entity and the date the determination takes effect.

EMERGENCY BILL

- SB 527** **Senator Middleton**
Chapter 723 CREDIT REGULATION – UNSECURED OPEN END CREDIT PLANS – FEES AND CHARGES
- Providing that specified fees and charges permitted to be imposed on a consumer borrower under an unsecured open end credit plan, when combined with any interest charged under the plan, may not exceed an effective rate of 33% per annum simple interest; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017
- HB 1270** **Delegate Waldstreicher, et al**
Chapter 724 CREDIT REGULATION – UNSECURED OPEN END CREDIT PLANS – FEES AND CHARGES
- Providing that specified fees and charges permitted to be imposed on a consumer borrower under an unsecured open end credit plan, when combined with any interest charged under the plan, may not exceed an effective rate of 33% per annum simple interest; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017
- SB 290** **Senator Middleton, et al**
Chapter 725 MOTOR VEHICLE LIABILITY INSURANCE POLICIES – PLACEMENT AND REINSTATEMENT
- Authorizing a specified motor vehicle insurer and the Maryland Automobile Insurance Fund to reinstate a specified private passenger motor vehicle liability insurance policy in a specified manner under specified circumstances; requiring a policyholder to provide to a specified insurer and the Fund a specified certification in a specified form and manner and at a specified time; requiring a specified reinstatement to be implemented in accordance with specified guidelines; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

HB 1273

Chapter 726

Delegate Cullison, et al

PHARMACISTS – SUBSTITUTION AND DISPENSING OF BIOLOGICAL PRODUCTS

Authorizing a pharmacist to substitute an interchangeable biological product for a prescribed product under specified circumstances; requiring a pharmacist or the pharmacist's designee, except under specified circumstances, to inform specified consumers of the availability of an interchangeable biological product and the approximate cost difference as compared to a specified drug; requiring the State Board of Pharmacy to maintain on its Web site a link to specified lists of biological products; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

SB 710

Chapter 727

Senator Conway

EDUCATION – CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES – INDIVIDUALIZED EDUCATION PROGRAM PROCESS – PARENTAL CONSENT

Requiring an individualized education program team to obtain written consent from the parent of a child with a disability if the team proposes specified actions regarding the individualized education program of the child; requiring an individualized education program team, under specified circumstances, to send a parent specified written notice within 5 business days after a specified team meeting that informs the parent of specified rights to consent or refuse to consent to specified actions; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

SB 1

Chapter 728

Senator Conway, et al

EDUCATION – SPECIALIZED INTERVENTION SERVICES – REPORTS

Requiring county boards of education, beginning in the 2018–2019 school year, to report specified information relating to the provision of specialized intervention services to the State Department of Education and the General Assembly on or before December 1 each year; requiring county boards and the Department to publish annually this same information on their Web sites; requiring the Department to establish guidelines for the report that each county board is required to submit regarding specialized intervention services; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

- HB 616** **Delegate Atterbeary, et al**
Chapter 729 EDUCATION – PREGNANT AND PARENTING STUDENTS –
ATTENDANCE POLICY
- Specifying that a student’s absence from school due to the student’s pregnancy or parenting needs is a lawful absence; requiring each county board of education to develop a written attendance policy for pregnant and parenting students that, at a minimum, excuses specified absences under specified circumstances and provides at least 10 days of excused absences after the birth of a parenting student’s child; requiring each county board to publish its written attendance policy for pregnant and parenting students on the board’s Web site; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017
- HB 1145** **Delegate Tarlau, et al**
Chapter 730 PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYEE WHISTLEBLOWER PROTECTION
ACT
- Prohibiting a public school employer from taking or refusing to take specified personnel actions as a reprisal against public school employees who disclose specified behavior; providing that specified protections under the Act apply only if specified employees have a good faith belief that the employer is engaged or has engaged in unlawful activity which poses a danger to public health or safety; requiring a public school employee to exhaust all administrative remedies before instituting a specified civil action; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017
- SB 452** **Senator Manno, et al**
Chapter 731 EDUCATION – ACCOUNTABILITY PROGRAM – ASSESSMENTS
(MORE LEARNING, LESS TESTING ACT OF 2017)
- Requiring the State Board of Education to develop, in collaboration with specified entities and individuals, a specified middle school level social studies assessment for implementation in the 2019–2020 school year; requiring the State Board, in collaboration with specified entities and individuals, to redesign the high school level social studies assessment for implementation in the 2018–2019 school year; requiring specified county boards to establish on or before specified dates a District Committee on Assessments; etc.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2017

- SB 1191** **Senators Manno and Nathan–Pulliam**
Chapter 732 **SCHOOLS AND CHILD CARE CENTERS – STATE GRANT PROGRAM – SECURITY UPGRADES FOR FACILITIES AT RISK OF HATE CRIMES OR ATTACKS**
- Authorizing the Maryland Center for School Safety to make grants for specified security–related projects to schools and child care centers determined to be at risk of specified hate crimes or attacks; authorizing specified schools or child care centers to apply to the Center for a specified State grant; establishing the terms and conditions for the use of specified State grant funds by specified recipients; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017
- SB 1169** **Senator Bates, et al**
Chapter 733 **UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE – CHARGE OF BENEFITS – WAIVER DUE TO NATURAL DISASTER**
- Authorizing the Secretary of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation to waive the charge of benefits against the earned rating record of an employing unit if the benefits are paid to a claimant during a specified period of unemployment because the employing unit shut down due to a natural disaster and the Governor declared a state of emergency due to the natural disaster; and providing that the waiver may be in effect only for a specified period.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017
- HB 439** **Delegate Otto**
Chapter 734 **SOMERSET COUNTY – STATE’S ATTORNEY – ANNUAL SALARY**
- Increasing the annual salary of the State’s Attorney for Somerset County from \$98,000 to \$113,066; and providing that the provisions of the Act will take effect at the beginning of the next following term of office.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

HB 1320 Charles County Delegation

Chapter 735

SOUTHERN MARYLAND CODE COUNTIES – TOWING COMPANIES – AUTHORITY TO REGULATE

Authorizing the county commissioners of a code county in the Southern Maryland class to adopt rules and regulations for the licensing, maintenance, and operation of towing companies in the county for specified purposes; authorizing the rules and regulations adopted by the county commissioners to require a person who operates a towing company in the county to obtain a license and pay a specified fee; requiring the county commissioners, before adopting regulations, to hold a public hearing that is advertised in advance; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

HB 1500 Harford County Delegation

Chapter 736

SHERIFF OF HARFORD COUNTY – SALARY

Increasing from \$98,500 to \$136,000 the annual salary of the Sheriff of Harford County beginning December 1, 2018; providing that the Act does not apply to the salary or compensation of the Sheriff of Harford County while serving in a specified term of office; and providing for the application of the Act.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

HB 1469 Delegate P. Young, et al

Chapter 737

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE – FAMILY INVESTMENT PROGRAM – CHILD SUPPORT PASS THROUGH

Requiring that the first \$100 for one child and \$200 for two or more children collected in child support in a month pass through to a family seeking assistance under the Family Investment Program; and prohibiting the consideration of that child support in computing the amount of assistance.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019

- SB 1009** **Senator Jennings, et al**
Chapter 738 PUBLIC ASSISTANCE – FAMILY INVESTMENT PROGRAM –
CHILD SUPPORT PASS THROUGH
- Requiring that the first \$100 for one child and \$200 for two or more children collected in child support in a month pass through to a family seeking assistance under the Family Investment Program; and prohibiting the consideration of that child support in computing the amount of assistance.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019
- HB 926** **Delegate McComas, et al**
Chapter 739 CHILD SUPPORT – HEALTH INSURANCE – DEFINITION
- Defining the term “health insurance” to include medical insurance, dental insurance, prescription drug coverage, and vision insurance for purposes of calculating a child support obligation under the child support guidelines.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017
- SB 293** **Senator King, et al**
Chapter 740 CHILD CARE SUBSIDY PROGRAM – ALTERNATIVE
METHODOLOGY – REPORT
- Requiring the State Department of Education to report to specified committees of the General Assembly on or before October 1, 2017, on methodologies to set child care subsidy reimbursement rates in the Child Care Subsidy Program; and requiring the report to contain specified information.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017
- HB 437** **Delegate Jones**
Chapter 741 HIGHER EDUCATION – UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF MARYLAND
– QUASI-ENDOWMENT FUNDS
- Authorizing the Board of Regents of the University System of Maryland to make a one-time transfer of no more than \$50,000,000 from the State-supported fund balance to a quasi-endowment fund; and limiting the use of specified proceeds for facility renewal projects relating only to capital facilities used for State-supported activities.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

- SB 202** **Senator King, et al**
Chapter 742 HIGHER EDUCATION – UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF MARYLAND
 – QUASI-ENDOWMENT FUNDS
- Authorizing the Board of Regents of the University System of Maryland to make a one-time transfer of no more than \$50,000,000 from the State-supported fund balance to a quasi-endowment fund; and limiting the use of specified proceeds for facility renewal projects relating only to capital facilities used for State-supported activities.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017
- SB 200** **Senator King, et al**
Chapter 743 INCOME TAX CREDIT – QUALIFIED RESEARCH AND
 DEVELOPMENT EXPENSES – CREDIT AMOUNTS
- Increasing from \$4,500,000 in calendar year 2016 to \$6,500,000 in calendar year 2017 and each calendar year thereafter, the maximum total amount of research and development tax credits that the Department of Commerce may approve in the specified calendar years; and applying the Act to all research and development tax credits certified after December 15, 2016.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017
- SB 154** **Senator King, et al**
Chapter 744 VEHICLE LAWS – SCHOOL BUS MONITORING CAMERAS –
 CIVIL PENALTY
- Altering the civil penalty to require up to \$500 for a violation recorded by a school bus monitoring camera for failure to stop for a school vehicle operating alternately flashing red lights; and requiring the Montgomery County Department of Police to submit a specified report to the General Assembly on or before December 1, 2018, relating to the use of school bus monitoring cameras in Montgomery County.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

- SB 261** **Senator Bates, et al**
Chapter 745 **PROPERTY TAX CREDIT – RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY
DAMAGED BY NATURAL DISASTER**
- Altering a specified property tax credit authorized against the county or municipal corporation property tax for specified residential real property damaged by flooding to include damage caused by a natural disaster; and applying the Act to tax years beginning after June 30, 2017.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2017
- HB 1246** **Delegate Clark, et al**
Chapter 746 **FORESTS AND PARKS – PUBLIC RECREATION ON PRIVATE
AND STATE-OWNED LAND – HUNTING**
- Expanding a specified liability exemption for a landowner who agrees to the use of a defined part of the landowner’s property for cross-country skiing or off-highway vehicle use to apply to hunting.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017
- HB 756** **Delegate Stein**
Chapter 747 **VEHICLE LAWS – ANNUAL VEHICLE SHOWS**
- Exempting a motorcycle dealer and a salesman employed by the dealer from restrictions on the number of annual vehicle shows in which the dealer or salesman may participate; creating an exception for motorcycle shows to the general requirement that vehicle shows offer only new vehicles; modifying a specified requirement that an application to the Motor Vehicle Administration to participate in a vehicle show include the names and addresses of all participating dealers; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017
- HB 889** **Delegate Stein**
Chapter 748 **VEHICLE LAWS – HOV LANES – TOW TRUCKS**
- Authorizing a properly registered tow truck to be driven in a high occupancy vehicle lane at all times regardless of the number of passengers in the vehicle while responding to a call for service if the tow truck has been authorized by an appropriate law enforcement agency to use high occupancy vehicle lanes.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

- HB 494** **Delegate Stein, et al**
Chapter 749 **MOTOR VEHICLES – USE OF FOG LIGHTS WHEN WINDSHIELD WIPERS OPERATING – REPEAL**
- Repealing the authority of a driver to use a vehicle’s fog lights instead of the vehicle’s headlamps during the continuous operation of the vehicle’s windshield wipers under specified circumstances.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017
- SB 86** **Senator Norman**
Chapter 750 **MOTOR VEHICLES – USE OF FOG LIGHTS WHEN WINDSHIELD WIPERS OPERATING – REPEAL**
- Repealing the authority of a driver to use a vehicle’s fog lights instead of the vehicle’s headlamps during the continuous operation of the vehicle’s windshield wipers under specified circumstances.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017
- SB 668** **Senator Norman, et al**
Chapter 751 **VEHICLE LAWS – OPERATION OF MOTORCYCLES – HANDLEBAR HEIGHT**
- Increasing, from 15 inches to 20 inches, the maximum height that the handlebars of a motorcycle may be above a specified part of the motorcycle seat in order for a person to lawfully operate the motorcycle.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017
- SB 707** **Senators Norman and Cassilly**
Chapter 752 **VEHICLE LAW – WASTE AND RECYCLING COLLECTION VEHICLES – USE OF YELLOW AND AMBER LIGHTS (THE SENATOR BOB HOOPER SANITATION SAFETY ACT)**
- Authorizing waste or recycling collection vehicles to be equipped with or display yellow or amber lights or signal devices; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

HB 952 Delegate Healey, et al

Chapter 753

VEHICLE LAW – WASTE AND RECYCLING COLLECTION VEHICLES – USE OF YELLOW AND AMBER LIGHTS (THE SENATOR BOB HOOPER SANITATION SAFETY ACT)

Authorizing waste or recycling collection vehicles to be equipped with or display yellow or amber lights or signal devices; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

HB 997 Delegates Fraser–Hidalgo and Kramer

Chapter 754

VEHICLE LAWS – BICYCLES, PLAY VEHICLES, AND UNICYCLES – OPERATION ON SIDEWALKS AND IN CROSSWALKS

Providing that, subject to specified provisions of law, a person has specified rights and is subject to specified restrictions applicable to pedestrians while the person is lawfully operating a bicycle, play vehicle, or unicycle on a sidewalk or sidewalk area or in or through a crosswalk; providing that, at an intersection, a person operating a bicycle, play vehicle, or unicycle is subject to specified traffic control signals; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

HB 830 Delegates Healey and Frush

Chapter 755

POLLINATOR HABITAT PLANS – PLAN CONTENTS – REQUIREMENTS AND PROHIBITION

Requiring a specified pollinator habitat plan to include specified best management practices for the designation of specified habitat areas; requiring that a specified pollinator habitat plan established by the Department of Natural Resources, the Maryland Environmental Service, and the State Highway Administration be as protective of pollinators as the Department of Agriculture’s managed pollinator protection plan; prohibiting, with specified exceptions, the use of specified pesticides, seeds, or plants in a specified area; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

- HB 1335** **Delegate Wilkins, et al**
Chapter 756 VEHICLE LAWS – OBSTRUCTION HANGING FROM REARVIEW MIRROR – ENFORCEMENT
- Providing for enforcement only as a secondary offense for a violation of the prohibition under specified circumstances against a person driving a vehicle on a highway with any object, material, or obstruction hanging from the rearview mirror that interferes with the clear view of the driver through the windshield.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017
- HB 1150** **Delegates McMillan and Folden**
Chapter 757 VEHICLE LAWS – OFF-HIGHWAY RECREATIONAL VEHICLES
- Altering the definition of “off-highway recreational vehicle” as it applies to the Maryland Vehicle Law to include a side-by-side utility vehicle; and altering the fee for a certificate of title for an off-highway recreational vehicle to \$35.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017
- HB 1447** **Delegate McMillan, et al**
Chapter 758 MOTOR VEHICLE ADMINISTRATION – REGISTRATION PLATES – RETURN
- Providing that registration plates that are required to be returned to the Motor Vehicle Administration may be returned through the mail.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017
- HB 1456** **Delegate Parrott**
Chapter 759 VEHICLE LAWS – PASSING TO THE RIGHT – USE OF SHOULDER
- Authorizing the driver of a vehicle to pass to the right of another vehicle making or about to make a left turn by driving outside the marked lane onto the shoulder, if the driver can do so without leaving the paved surface.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

- HB 1301** **Delegate Frush, et al**
Chapter 760 VEHICLE LAWS – SCHOOL CROSSING GUARDS – AUTHORITY TO DIRECT TRAFFIC
- Expanding the authority of school crossing guards to direct traffic by authorizing a school crossing guard who meets specified qualifications to direct vehicles and pedestrians on a highway or on school grounds in order to assist nonschool vehicles in entering and leaving school grounds.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017
- HB 1334** **Delegate A. Washington, et al**
Chapter 761 STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION – TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES – DECORATIVE TREATMENTS
- Requiring the State Highway Administration to establish a policy regarding the application of decorative treatments on traffic control devices that have been marred by graffiti or vandalism; authorizing a person to apply to a district office within the Administration for a permit to install decorative treatments, including a digitally printed vinyl wrap or paint, on a traffic control device; authorizing a district office to issue a specified permit; requiring the Administration to adopt specified regulations; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017
- HB 1287** **Delegate A. Washington, et al**
Chapter 762 COMMISSION ON THE SCHOOL–TO–PRISON PIPELINE AND RESTORATIVE PRACTICES
- Establishing the Commission on the School–to–Prison Pipeline and Restorative Practices; providing that the purpose of the Commission is to study current disciplinary practices in Maryland public schools and examine national best practices for training teachers and principals in restorative practices and eliminating the school–to–prison pipeline; requiring the Commission to report its final findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before January 1, 2019; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

SB 424

Senator Rosapepe, et al

Chapter 763

THE TEXTBOOK COST SAVINGS ACT OF 2017

Requiring the Governor to include \$100,000 in the State budget for fiscal year 2019 for the purpose of providing a grant to the William E. Kirwan Center for Academic Innovation at the University System of Maryland for the Maryland Open Source Textbook Initiative; requiring specified funds allocated for specified purposes to be for the adoption, adaptation, and creation of specified resources that are equally accessible to and independently usable by individuals with disabilities; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

SB 815

Senators Rosapepe and Middleton

Chapter 764

STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY – REGISTERED PHARMACY TECHNICIANS – EXEMPTION FOR PHARMACY STUDENTS

Providing that a specified provision of law requiring an individual to be registered and approved by the State Board of Pharmacy as a pharmacy technician before performing delegated pharmacy acts does not apply to a pharmacy student who is currently completing the first year of a professional pharmacy education program and performs, under the direct supervision of a licensed pharmacist, delegated pharmacy acts in accordance with specified regulations; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

HB 983

Delegate Pena–Melnyk, et al

Chapter 765

HEALTH INSURANCE – HEALTH CARE SERVICES DELIVERED THROUGH TELEHEALTH – COVERAGE

Requiring the health care services delivered through telehealth under health insurance to include counseling for substance use disorders; and applying the Act to all policies, contracts, and health benefit plans issued, delivered, or renewed in the State on or after October 1, 2017.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

HB 1147

Delegate Morales, et al

Chapter 766

**HEALTH INSURANCE – PRESCRIPTION DRUGS – DISPENSING
SYNCHRONIZATION**

Requiring specified insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations to allow and apply a prorated daily copayment or coinsurance amount for a partial supply of a prescription drug dispensed by an in-network pharmacy under specified circumstances; prohibiting a specified insurer, nonprofit health service plan, and health maintenance organization from denying payment of benefits to an in-network pharmacy for a covered prescription drug solely on a specified basis; etc.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2019

SB 898

Senator Astle, et al

Chapter 767

**HEALTH INSURANCE – PRESCRIPTION DRUGS – DISPENSING
SYNCHRONIZATION**

Requiring specified insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations to allow and apply a prorated daily copayment or coinsurance amount for a partial supply of a prescription drug dispensed by an in-network pharmacy under specified circumstances; prohibiting a specified insurer, nonprofit health service plan, and health maintenance organization from denying payment of benefits to an in-network pharmacy for a covered prescription drug solely on a specified basis; etc.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2019

HB 184

Delegate Morales, et al

Chapter 768

**PUBLIC HEALTH – TREATMENT OF
ATTENTION-DEFICIT/HYPERACTIVITY DISORDER –
IDENTIFICATION AND POSTING OF INFORMATION**

Requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to identify, in consultation with stakeholders who wish to participate, specified up-to-date, evidence-based, written information relating to attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder; requiring the Department to post specified information in a printable form on the Department's Web site that may be accessed by health care practitioners engaged in treating children and adolescents for attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

HB 912 **Delegate Morales, et al**

Chapter 769

STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF PSYCHOLOGISTS –
CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORDS CHECKS – RENEWALS AND
REINSTATEMENTS

Requiring the State Board of Examiners of Psychologists to begin, by March 2019, a process of requiring criminal history records checks on selected renewal applicants as determined by regulations adopted by the Board and specified former licensees and registrants who file for reinstatement; requiring an additional criminal history records check to be performed every 6 years after a renewal applicant was required to submit to a criminal history records check; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

HB 957 **Delegate Miele, et al**

Chapter 770

STATE BOARD OF PHYSICIANS – MEDICAL PROFESSIONAL
LIABILITY INSURANCE COVERAGE – VERIFICATION,
PUBLICATION, AND NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS
(JANET'S LAW)

Requiring a specified physician to provide the State Board of Physicians with verification or documentation within 25 business days after the physician receives the request from the Board that the physician maintains medical professional liability insurance; requiring the public profile of specified licensees of the Board to include information on whether the licensee maintains medical professional liability insurance; requiring each licensee practicing medicine to provide a specified written notification; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

HB 584 **Delegate K. Young, et al**

Chapter 771

INVESTIGATIONAL DRUGS, BIOLOGICAL PRODUCTS, AND
DEVICES – RIGHT TO TRY ACT

Authorizing a manufacturer of an investigational drug, biological product, or device to make available the investigational drug, biological product, or device to eligible patients; requiring a manufacturer of an investigational drug, biological product, or device to notify a specified patient and a specified health care provider of specified side effects or risks; requiring the Office of the Attorney General to develop an informed consent form that meets specified requirements; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

HB 443 **Delegate West, et al**

Chapter 772

ASSISTED LIVING PROGRAMS – LICENSURE FEES

Repealing a requirement that the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene adopt regulations requiring the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene to charge specified fees in a specified manner; and requiring the Department to adopt regulations that establish a specified application fee for an assisted living program license.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

HB 185 **Delegates Rosenberg and Waldstreicher**

Chapter 773

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE –
DISTRIBUTION OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS TO MINORS –
PROHIBITION AND ENFORCEMENT**

Prohibiting specified persons from distributing tobacco products, paraphernalia, or coupons to a minor; providing that a person who violates a specified provision of the Act is subject to civil penalties; providing that a conviction for a violation of specified provisions of law precludes a proceeding for a specified civil penalty arising out of the same violation; providing that enforcement of a specified civil penalty precludes a prosecution for a violation of specified provisions of law arising out of the same violation; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

HB 1107 **Delegate Rosenberg**

Chapter 774

**PROCUREMENT – INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATIVE
PURCHASING AGREEMENTS**

Requiring a specified procurement officer to make a specified determination before a primary procurement unit is authorized to take specified action regarding an intergovernmental cooperative purchasing agreement; requiring a primary procurement unit to post specified determinations on the primary procurement unit's Web site; requiring an intergovernmental cooperative purchasing agreement to be approved by a specified unit head and subject to specified other approval under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

- SB 7**
Chapter 775 **Senator Pinsky**
GOVERNOR'S P-20 LEADERSHIP COUNCIL – COLLEGE AND CAREER READINESS AND COLLEGE COMPLETION REPORTING – REVISIONS
- Altering a specified reporting requirement of the Governor's P-20 Leadership Council relating to college and career readiness and college completion strategies.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017
- HB 167**
Chapter 776 **Delegate McCray, et al**
COUNTIES AND MUNICIPALITIES – AT-WILL SUPERVISORY EMPLOYEES – RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS
- Authorizing a county or municipality to require a specified at-will supervisory employee to reside in the State, county, or municipality or within a certain distance of the State, county, or municipality as a condition of employment under specified circumstances; providing that a local law, ordinance, or policy enacted or adopted under the Act shall apply only prospectively; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017
- HB 1002**
Chapter 777 **Delegate Davis**
ELECTRIC UNIVERSAL SERVICE PROGRAM – UNEXPENDED FUNDS
- Providing that the Public Service Commission has oversight responsibility over specified expenditures of the electric universal service program; requiring the Department of Human Resources to expend specified funds in specified fiscal years for specified purposes, including bill assistance and arrearage retirement, targeted weatherization, or arrearage management; stating the intent of the General Assembly regarding the timing for expending specified unexpended bill assistance and arrearage funds; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

HB 289 **Delegate Hayes, et al**

Chapter 778

**BALTIMORE CITY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES –
MARKETPLACE LICENSE**

Establishing a marketplace license in a specified alcoholic beverages district in Baltimore City; authorizing the Baltimore City Board of License Commissioners to issue the license; authorizing a license holder to obtain a refillable container permit under specified conditions; requiring the marketplace to have a minimum seating capacity of 75 individuals, a minimum capacity of 200 individuals, and a maximum capacity of 500 individuals; providing an annual license fee of \$6,000; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

On May 25, 2017, 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 joint resolution(s), which you passed:

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Senator Madaleno, et al

Res. No. 2

CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION – AMENDMENTS – REPEAL

Repealing and withdrawing specified applications to Congress to call a Constitutional Convention; and urging the legislatures of specified other states to repeal and withdraw such applications.

HJ 2

Delegate Frick, et al

Res. No. 3

CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION – AMENDMENTS – REPEAL

Repealing and withdrawing specified applications to Congress to call a Constitutional Convention; and urging the legislatures of specified other states to repeal and withdraw such applications.

SJ 8

Res. No. 4

Senator Pinsky

**CHESAPEAKE BAY RESTORATION – FEDERAL BUDGET
BLUEPRINT FUNDING REDUCTIONS – RESCISSION REQUEST**

Expressing the opposition of the General Assembly to the drastic cuts to the funding of the Chesapeake Bay Program and specified other programs proposed by the President of the United States in the federal budget blueprint for fiscal year 2018; urging the Governor to publicly oppose the cuts proposed by the President to the funding of specified programs; and requiring specified committees of the General Assembly to monitor and make recommendations regarding federal budget proposals and actions affecting the Chesapeake Bay.

HJ 9

Res. No. 5

Delegate Moon, et al

THE PROTECTION OF THE FEDERAL AFFORDABLE CARE ACT

Expressing the sharp disagreement of the General Assembly of Maryland with the repeal of the Affordable Care Act; urging the U.S. Congress to promptly protect provisions of the federal Affordable Care Act that ensure all Marylanders have access to affordable health insurance coverage, free from discriminatory rates and policies; and urging the Governor of Maryland to join in urging the U.S. Congress to promptly protect specified provisions of the federal Affordable Care Act.

Sincerely,

Warren G. Deschenaux
Executive Director