

May 30, 2017

To the Members of the General Assembly

Ladies and Gentlemen:

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

Section 17.

(c) Any Bill presented to the Governor within six days (Sundays excepted), prior to adjournment of any session of the General Assembly, or after such adjournment, shall become law without the Governor's signature unless it is vetoed by the Governor within 30 days after presentment.

Having chosen not to sign the following bills after formal presentment and to let the provisions of Article II, Section 17(c) determine the effectiveness of the legislation, the Bills will become law without the Governor's signature as of midnight, May 27, 2017, and are assigned the following Chapter numbers:

**SB 581**      **Senators Ferguson and King**

Chapter 779

**WORKGROUP TO STUDY THE IMPLEMENTATION OF  
UNIVERSAL ACCESS TO PREKINDERGARTEN FOR  
4-YEAR-OLDS**

Establishing the Workgroup to Study the Implementation of Universal Access to Prekindergarten for 4-Year-Olds in order to estimate the number of 4-year-old children being served by publicly funded kindergarten programs by using the free and reduced price meal eligibility data; requiring the Workgroup to study and make recommendations regarding an implementation plan based on a specified report and to present its findings to the Commission on Innovation and Excellence in Education by September 1, 2017; etc.  
**EMERGENCY BILL**

- HB 514**            **Delegate Jameson, et al**  
Chapter 780        ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROGRAMS – CALCULATION OF  
PROGRAM SAVINGS AND CONSIDERATION OF  
COST-EFFECTIVENESS
- Requiring the Public Service Commission to require each electric company to procure or provide specified energy efficiency and conservation programs and services to its electricity customers on a specified savings trajectory for the duration of the 2018–2020 and 2021–2023 program cycles; establishing a baseline for the savings trajectory; requiring that specified nonenergy benefits be quantifiable and directly related to a specified program or service; etc.  
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2017
- HB 1134**           **Delegate Frick, et al**  
Chapter 781        MARYLAND FINANCIAL CONSUMER PROTECTION  
COMMISSION
- Establishing the Maryland Financial Consumer Protection Commission; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Commission; prohibiting a member of the Commission from receiving specified compensation, but authorizing the reimbursement of specified expenses; and authorizing the Commission to provide specified reports to the Governor, the General Assembly, and the Maryland Congressional Delegation under specified circumstances.  
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2017
- HB 467**            **Delegate McCray, et al**  
Chapter 782        PROVIDING OUR WORKERS EDUCATION AND READINESS  
(POWER) – APPRENTICESHIP ACT
- Requiring a contractor or subcontractor awarded a specified contract for a specified construction project that receives specified funding from the State capital budget to be affiliated with, and to use apprentices from, an apprenticeship program that is registered with the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation or the United States Department of Labor, or requiring the contractor or subcontractor to make specified payments to the State Apprenticeship Training Fund or to specified apprenticeship programs; etc.  
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2017

**HB 1144**      **Delegate Jones, et al**  
Chapter 783      PAYROLL RECOVERY ACT

Requiring the Central Payroll Bureau of the Office of the State Comptroller to establish regular pay periods and pay each employee at least once every 2 weeks or twice a month; requiring each appointing authority to calculate and report specified payroll information to the Central Payroll Bureau; requiring an employee or their exclusive representative to initiate a specified grievance procedure under specified circumstances; etc.  
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

**HB 1600**      **Delegate Jones**  
Chapter 784      STATE BOARD OF COSMETOLOGISTS – LICENSE RENEWAL –  
CONTINUING EDUCATION

Requiring the State Board of Cosmetologists, beginning on October 1, 2018, to require a licensee renewing a license to complete at least six credit hours of continuing education approved by the Board to qualify for the renewal of a license.  
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

**SB 1149**      **Senator Oaks, et al**  
Chapter 785      BALTIMORE CITY – MARYLAND TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION –  
TRANSIT SERVICES FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS

Requiring the Maryland Transit Administration to provide ridership on transit vehicles to eligible students in Baltimore City public schools between the hours of 5 a.m. and 8 p.m. only for school-related activities; prohibiting the Administration from collecting any fees for the services; requiring Baltimore City and the Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners to submit a report to the Governor and General Assembly by December 1, 2018, on the school system's financial condition and the impact of the transportation services provided; etc.  
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

**HB 529**      **Chair, Ways and Means Committee (By Request –**  
Chapter 786   **Departmental – State Board of Elections)**

**ELECTION LAW – POLITICAL PARTIES, CANDIDACY, AND  
CAMPAIGN FINANCE**

Altering required provisions to be included in the constitution and bylaws of political parties, as specified; altering to not later than the first Monday in July the date by which candidates for public office must file a declaration of intent, as specified; altering the number of petition signatures a candidate who seeks nomination by petition must file to appear on the general election ballot; requiring a specified governmental entity to provide the State Board of Elections with specified information regarding specified persons; etc.

**EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017**

**HB 602**      **Delegate Robinson, et al**

Chapter 787

**KEEP ANTIBIOTICS EFFECTIVE ACT OF 2017**

Authorizing, on or after January 1, 2018, the administration of specified antimicrobial drugs to cattle, swine, or poultry if, in the professional judgment of a licensed veterinarian, the administration is necessary for specified purposes; prohibiting specified antimicrobial drugs from being administered to cattle, swine, or poultry in a specified pattern or for specified purposes; requiring the Department of Agriculture each year to collect publicly available data on the use in the State of specified antimicrobial drugs; etc.

**EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017**

**SB 422**      **Senator Pinsky, et al**

Chapter 788

**KEEP ANTIBIOTICS EFFECTIVE ACT OF 2017**

Authorizing, on or after January 1, 2018, the administration of specified antimicrobial drugs to cattle, swine, or poultry if, in the professional judgment of a licensed veterinarian, the administration is necessary for specified purposes; prohibiting specified antimicrobial drugs from being administered to cattle, swine, or poultry in a specified pattern or for specified purposes; requiring the Department of Agriculture each year to collect publicly available data on the use in the State of specified antimicrobial drugs; etc.

**EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017**

**HB 177**      **Delegate McKay, et al**

Chapter 789

**KILLING OR WOUNDING BLACK BEARS – PENALTIES – EXEMPTION FOR PROTECTION OF MANAGED HONEY BEE COLONIES**

Exempting an individual who kills or wounds a black bear in defense of the life of a honey bee in a honey bee colony managed by the individual on the individual's property from specified penalties, subject to a specified exception; and establishing that the exemption applies only if the individual has installed and properly maintained an electric fence.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2017

**SB 1165**      **Senator Waugh**

Chapter 790

**MARYLAND LONGITUDINAL DATA SYSTEM – STUDENT AND WORKFORCE DATA LINKAGE – EXTENSION OF TIME LIMIT**

Extending from 5 years to 20 years the length of time that student data and workforce data used by the Maryland Longitudinal Data System is limited to being linked beyond the date of latest attendance in any educational institution in the State; prohibiting the Maryland Longitudinal Data System Center from selling specified protected information; and prohibiting the Center from charging specified fees.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

**HB 680**      **Delegate Kaiser (By Request – Maryland Longitudinal Data System), et al**

Chapter 791

**MARYLAND LONGITUDINAL DATA SYSTEM – STUDENT AND WORKFORCE DATA LINKAGE – EXTENSION OF TIME LIMIT**

Extending from 5 years to 20 years the length of time that student data and workforce data used by the Maryland Longitudinal Data System is limited to being linked beyond the date of latest attendance in any educational institution in the State; prohibiting the Maryland Longitudinal Data System Center from selling specified protected information; and prohibiting the Center from charging specified fees.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

**SB 853**

Chapter 792

**Senator Madaleno, et al**

TRANSITIONAL SUPPORTS FOR EX-OFFENDERS – REPEAL OF RESTRICTIONS (MARYLAND EQUAL ACCESS TO FOOD ACT OF 2017)

Repealing specified provisions of law subjecting specified individuals convicted of specified felonies involving a controlled dangerous substance who apply for temporary cash assistance or food stamps to specified testing and treatment requirements and sanctions; altering the criminal violations that make specified recipients ineligible for temporary cash assistance or food stamps for 1 year after conviction and subject to specified testing and treatment requirements and sanctions; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

**HB 860**

Chapter 793

**Delegate Lierman, et al**

TRANSITIONAL SUPPORTS FOR EX-OFFENDERS – REPEAL OF RESTRICTIONS (MARYLAND EQUAL ACCESS TO FOOD ACT OF 2017)

Repealing specified provisions of law subjecting individuals convicted of specified felonies involving a controlled dangerous substance who apply for temporary cash assistance or food stamps to specified testing and treatment requirements and sanctions; altering the criminal violations that make specified recipients ineligible for temporary cash assistance or food stamps for 1 year after conviction and subject to specified testing and treatment requirements and sanctions; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

**SB 29**

Chapter 794

**Senator Pinsky**

NATURAL RESOURCES – FOREST CONSERVATION ACT – FOREST CONSERVATION THRESHOLDS AND AFFORESTATION AND REFORESTATION REQUIREMENTS

Clarifying that units of local government with planning and zoning authority may adopt specified forest conservation thresholds and afforestation and reforestation requirements as part of its local forest conservation program that are more stringent than specified forest conservation thresholds and afforestation and reforestation requirements.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2017

**HB 617**      **Delegate Healey, et al**

Chapter 795

**NATURAL RESOURCES – FOREST CONSERVATION ACT –  
FOREST CONSERVATION THRESHOLDS AND  
AFFORESTATION AND REFORESTATION REQUIREMENTS**

Clarifying that units of local government with planning and zoning authority may adopt specified forest conservation thresholds and afforestation and reforestation requirements as part of its local forest conservation program that are more stringent than specified forest conservation thresholds and reforestation requirements in State law.  
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2017

**HB 73**      **Delegate Luedtke**

Chapter 796

**ELECTION LAW – ELECTION JUDGES – MINIMUM AGE**

Authorizing a minor who is at least 16 years old and who is a registered voter to be appointed and serve as an election judge; requiring the State Board of Elections to survey the local boards of elections concerning minor election judges authorized by the Act; and requiring the State Board to report the survey results and its findings and recommendations concerning the value of 16-year-old election judges to specified committees of the General Assembly on or before February 1, 2019.  
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

**SB 811**      **Senator Zirkin, et al**

Chapter 797

**CIVIL CASES – MARYLAND LEGAL SERVICES CORPORATION  
FUND – SURCHARGES – REPEAL OF SUNSET**

Repealing the termination date of specified provisions of law altering specified surcharges on specified fees, charges, and costs in specified civil cases and requiring a specified informational budget to be prepared for the Maryland Legal Services Corporation and submitted to the General Assembly.  
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

- HB 972**            **Delegate Dumais, et al**  
Chapter 798        **CIVIL CASES – MARYLAND LEGAL SERVICES CORPORATION  
FUND – SURCHARGES – REPEAL OF SUNSET**
- Repealing the termination date of specified provisions of law altering specified surcharges on specified fees, charges, and costs in specified civil cases and requiring a specified informational budget to be prepared for the Maryland Legal Services Corporation and submitted to the General Assembly.  
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017
- SB 348**            **Senator Kelley, et al**  
Chapter 799        **STATE COMPENSATION FOR ERRONEOUS CONVICTION AND  
IMPRISONMENT – CERTIFICATION OF ERROR**
- Authorizing a specified individual to request that a State’s Attorney certify that a conviction was made in error under specified circumstances; providing that an individual is eligible for a specified grant from the Board of Public Works if a State’s Attorney has certified that the individual’s conviction was made in error; establishing the Task Force to Study Erroneous Conviction and Imprisonment; and requiring the Task Force to report its findings to the Governor and General Assembly by December 15, 2017.  
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017
- HB 593**            **Delegate Dumais**  
Chapter 800        **STATE COMPENSATION FOR ERRONEOUS CONVICTION AND  
IMPRISONMENT – CERTIFICATION OF ERROR**
- Authorizing a specified individual to request that a State’s Attorney certify that a conviction was made in error under specified circumstances; providing that an individual is eligible for a specified grant from the Board of Public Works if a State’s Attorney has certified that the individual’s conviction was made in error; establishing the Task Force to Study Erroneous Conviction and Imprisonment; and requiring the Task Force to report its finding to the Governor and General Assembly by December 15, 2017.  
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017



- SB 949**            **Senators Smith and Madaleno**  
Chapter 801        **CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – EXPUNGEMENT – POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA**  
  
Authorizing a person to file a petition for expungement at a specified time if the person was convicted of possession of marijuana.  
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017
- HB 739**            **Delegate Moon, et al**  
Chapter 802        **PUBLIC SAFETY – SWAT TEAMS – STANDARDS**  
  
Requiring the Maryland Police Training and Standards Commission to adopt a specified set of standards for the training and deployment of SWAT teams and of law enforcement officers not on a SWAT team who conduct no-knock warrant service in the State; and defining “SWAT team” as an agency-designated unit of law enforcement officers who are selected, trained, and equipped to work as a coordinated team to resolve specified critical incidents that may exceed the capabilities of first responders or investigative units.  
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017
- SB 941**            **Senator Smith, et al**  
Chapter 803        **PUBLIC SAFETY – SWAT TEAMS – STANDARDS**  
  
Requiring the Maryland Police Training and Standards Commission to adopt a specified set of standards for the training and deployment of SWAT teams and of law enforcement officers not on a SWAT team who conduct no-knock warrant service in the State; and defining “SWAT team” as an agency-designated unit of law enforcement officers who are selected, trained, and equipped to work as a coordinated team to resolve specified critical incidents that may exceed the capabilities of first responders or investigative units.  
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017
- SB 224**            **Senator Lee, et al**  
Chapter 804        **PUBLIC SAFETY – REGULATED FIREARMS – DEFINITION OF CONVICTED OF A DISQUALIFYING CRIME**  
  
Altering a specified definition of “convicted of a disqualifying crime” to include a case in which a person received probation before judgment for assault in the second degree if the crime was a specified domestically related crime.  
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

- HB 294**      **Delegate Dumais, et al**  
Chapter 805    PUBLIC SAFETY – REGULATED FIREARMS – DEFINITION OF  
CONVICTED OF A DISQUALIFYING CRIME
- Altering a specified definition of “convicted of a disqualifying crime” to include a case in which a person received probation before judgment for assault in the second degree if the crime was a specified domestically related crime.  
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017
- HB 746**      **Delegate M. Washington**  
Chapter 806    PUBLIC SCHOOL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD –  
ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT – REVISIONS
- Requiring the Attorney General to assign an assistant Attorney General to provide legal services to the Public School Labor Relations Board, the Higher Education Labor Relations Board, and the State Labor Relations Board; requiring the chair of the Public School Labor Relations Board to be a specified member of that Board; providing that, in connection with the Board’s administration and enforcement of provisions of law, references to written communications include electronic communications; etc.  
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017
- SB 459**      **Senator Feldman, et al**  
Chapter 807    BAIL BOND – INSTALLMENT CONTRACT – FORM AND  
CONFESSED JUDGMENT PROHIBITION
- Requiring an agreement to accept payment for the premium charged for a bail bond in installments to be in a form approved by the Maryland Insurance Commissioner; prohibiting the agreement from including a confessed judgment clause that waives a consumer’s right to assert a specified defense; prohibiting a bail bondsman from including a specified confessed judgment clause that waives a consumer’s right to assert a specified defense in an agreement to accept payment for the premium charged for a bail bond in installments; etc.  
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

**SB 713**            **Senator Young, et al**

Chapter 808

**PRODUCTS THAT CONTAIN MERCURY – PROHIBITION ON SALE OF ELECTRIC SWITCHES, ELECTRIC RELAYS, AND GAS VALVE SWITCHES**

Prohibiting a specified marketer from knowingly selling or providing electric switches, electric relays, and gas valve switches that contain mercury to a consumer on or after October 1, 2018; establishing specified penalties for specified violations; and authorizing the Department of the Environment to impose specified penalties in a specified manner for specified violations.

**EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017**

**HB 504**            **Delegate Robinson, et al**

Chapter 809

**PRODUCTS THAT CONTAIN MERCURY – PROHIBITION ON SALE OF ELECTRIC SWITCHES, ELECTRIC RELAYS, AND GAS VALVE SWITCHES**

Prohibiting a specified marketer from knowingly selling or providing electric switches, electric relays, and gas valve switches that contain mercury to a consumer on or after October 1, 2018; establishing specified penalties for specified violations; and authorizing the Department of the Environment to impose specified penalties in a specified manner for specified violations.

**EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017**

**SB 1081**          **Senator Madaleno, et al**

Chapter 810

**HEALTH – FAMILY PLANNING SERVICES – CONTINUITY OF CARE**

Establishing the Family Planning Program in the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to ensure the continuity of family planning services in the State; requiring the Program to provide family planning services to specified individuals through specified providers; authorizing the Department to adopt specified regulations; requiring the Maryland Medical Assistance Program to ensure access to and continuity of services provided by specified family planning providers in a specified manner; etc.

**EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017**

**SB 488 Prince George's County Senators**

Chapter 811

**PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES  
REGULATION REFORM ACT OF 2017**

Requiring the County Executive for Prince George's County, instead of the Governor, to appoint members to the Board of License Commissioners for Prince George's County; requiring the appointments to be made subject to confirmation by the Senate; requiring a hearing before the Prince George's County Senate Delegation to be held within 60 days after the nomination; requiring the County Executive, when evaluating an applicant, to consider the need for geographic, political, racial, ethnic, and gender diversity on the Board; etc.

**EMERGENCY BILL**

**HB 1317 Prince George's County Delegation**

Chapter 812

**PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES  
REGULATION REFORM ACT OF 2017 PG 310–17**

Requiring the County Executive for Prince George's County, instead of the Governor, to appoint members to the Board of License Commissioners for Prince George's County; requiring the appointments to be made subject to Senate confirmation; requiring a confirmation hearing before the Prince George's County Senate Delegation to be held within a specified time; requiring the County Executive to consider specified types of diversity when evaluating applicants for the Board; providing for vacancy appointments; etc.

**EMERGENCY BILL**

**HB 1283 Delegate Branch, et al**

Chapter 813

**ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – CLASS 5 BREWERY LICENSE**

Altering a specified provision of law authorizing a holder of a Class 5 brewery license to serve specified samples of beer at no charge to individuals who have attained the legal drinking age and are on a tour of the brewery or are attending a specified event at the brewery; authorizing a license holder to brew and bottle beer at a location other than the Class 5 brewery under specified circumstances; authorizing a specified type of Class 5 brewery to sell beer for on-premises consumption under specified circumstances; etc.

**EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017**

- HB 523**            **Delegate Jameson, et al**  
Chapter 814        **ELECTRONIC NICOTINE DELIVERY SYSTEMS AND VAPING LIQUID – LICENSING**
- Requiring a person to have an appropriate license whenever the person acts in the State as an electronic nicotine delivery systems manufacturer, retailer, vape shop vendor, wholesaler distributor, or wholesaler importer; providing for specified application procedures and fees; requiring the Comptroller to issue electronic nicotine delivery systems licenses; requiring the Comptroller to pay specified fees into the General Fund of the State; requiring the Comptroller to adopt specified regulations; etc.  
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017
- SB 403**            **Senator Astle, et al**  
Chapter 815        **PRIVATE PASSENGER MOTOR VEHICLE LIABILITY INSURANCE – ENHANCED UNDERINSURED MOTORIST COVERAGE**
- Authorizing a specified insured to obtain specified enhanced underinsured motorist coverage, instead of specified uninsured motorist coverage, under a private passenger motor vehicle liability insurance policy; requiring specified insurers to offer specified enhanced underinsured motorist coverage under specified circumstances; providing for the characteristics of the enhanced underinsured motorist coverage; applying the Act to motor vehicle policies issued, sold, or delivered in the State on or after July 1, 2018; etc.  
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017
- SB 1034**           **Senator King, et al**  
Chapter 816        **MARYLAND PUBLIC BROADCASTING COMMISSION – FUNDING AND VIDEO STREAMING**
- Requiring, beginning in fiscal year 2019, that the Governor include in the annual budget bill a specified appropriation to the Maryland Public Broadcasting Commission; requiring, if a specified amount of specified funds received in a specified fiscal year is lower than the amount of specified budgeted funds in a specified fiscal year, the Governor to include a specified appropriation to the Commission in the upcoming fiscal year; etc.  
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2017

**HB 34 Delegate Holmes**

Chapter 817

**REAL PROPERTY – HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATIONS – RESALE OF LOT – INSPECTION FEES**

Authorizing a homeowners association to charge a reasonable fee not to exceed \$50 for an inspection of a lot owner’s lot if the inspection is required by the governing documents of the homeowners association.  
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

**HB 631 The Speaker (By Request – Office of the Attorney General), et al**

Chapter 818

**PUBLIC HEALTH – ESSENTIAL OFF-PATENT OR GENERIC DRUGS – PRICE GOUGING – PROHIBITION**

Prohibiting a manufacturer or wholesale distributor from engaging in price gouging in the sale of an essential off-patent or generic drug; establishing that it is not a violation of a specified provision of the Act for a wholesale distributor to increase a price of an essential off-patent or generic drug under specified circumstances; authorizing the Maryland Medical Assistance Program to notify the Attorney General of an increase in the price of an essential off-patent or generic drug under specified circumstances; etc.  
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

**HB 1573 Prince George’s County Delegation**

Chapter 819

**PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY – TAX SALES – LIMITED AUCTION AND FORECLOSURE FOR ABANDONED PROPERTY PG 411-17**

Requiring the tax collector in Prince George’s County to conduct a specified limited auction prior to conducting a public auction for property subject to tax liens; specifying the individuals who may participate in a limited auction; requiring the tax collector to include the date, time, and location of a limited auction in specified notices; requiring that specified property be sold at a specified limited or public auction if a certificate of sale is void under a specified provision of the Act; etc.  
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

- HB 613**      **Delegate Hettleman, et al**  
Chapter 820    PHARMACISTS – CONTRACEPTIVES – PRESCRIBING AND DISPENSING
- Authorizing a pharmacist who meets the requirements of State Board of Pharmacy regulations to prescribe and dispense specified contraceptives; requiring the State Board of Pharmacy, on or before September 1, 2018, and in consultation with the State Board of Physicians, the State Board of Nursing, and specified stakeholders to adopt regulations establishing the conditions under which pharmacists may prescribe and dispense contraceptives; etc.  
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017
- SB 363**      **Senator Conway**  
Chapter 821    PHARMACISTS – CONTRACEPTIVES – PRESCRIBING AND DISPENSING
- Authorizing a pharmacist who meets the requirements of State Board of Pharmacy regulations to prescribe and dispense specified contraceptives; requiring the State Board of Pharmacy, on or before September 1, 2018, and in consultation with the State Board of Physicians, the State Board of Nursing, and specified stakeholders to adopt regulations establishing the conditions under which pharmacists may prescribe and dispense contraceptives; etc.  
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017
- SB 110**      **Senator Conway**  
Chapter 822    PUBLIC HEALTH – EXPEDITED PARTNER THERAPY – TRICHOMONIASIS AND PHARMACIST DISPENSING
- Authorizing, notwithstanding any other provision of law, a licensed pharmacist to prescribe, dispense, or otherwise provide antibiotic therapy to a specified partner of a patient diagnosed with trichomoniasis without making a personal physical assessment.  
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017



**HB 824**                    **Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee**  
Chapter 823                **STATE BOARD OF MORTICIANS AND FUNERAL DIRECTORS –  
SUNSET EXTENSION AND PROGRAM EVALUATION**

Continuing the State Board of Morticians and Funeral Directors in accordance with the provisions of the Maryland Program Evaluation Act (sunset law) by extending to July 1, 2028, the termination provisions relating to the statutory and regulatory authority of the Board; requiring the Board to report by November 1, 2017, to specified committees of the General Assembly regarding the comparability of a specified provision of law to specified laws and regulations in other states; requiring specified workload and fiscal analyses; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2017

**SB 548**                    **Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs**  
Chapter 824                **Committee**

**STATE BOARD OF MORTICIANS AND FUNERAL DIRECTORS –  
SUNSET EXTENSION AND PROGRAM EVALUATION**

Continuing the State Board of Morticians and Funeral Directors in accordance with the provisions of the Maryland Program Evaluation Act (sunset law) by extending to July 1, 2028, the termination provisions relating to the statutory and regulatory authority of the Board; requiring the Board to report by November 1, 2017, to specified committees of the General Assembly regarding the comparability of a specified provision of law to specified laws and regulations in other states; requiring specified workload and fiscal analyses; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2017

**HB 1626**                    **Delegate Ali, et al**  
Chapter 825                **ELECTION LAW – EARLY VOTING – REGISTERED VOTER  
UPDATING THE VOTER’S ADDRESS ON AN EXISTING  
REGISTRATION**

Altering a specified provision of the election law concerning a registered voter updating the voter’s address during early voting to conform to other provisions of the election law applicable to a registered voter updating the voter’s address and voting; repealing the requirement that a registered voter updating the voter’s address on an existing registration during early voting must provide proof of residency; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017



**HB 224**      **Delegate Lierman**

Chapter 826

HIGHER EDUCATION – AMERICORPS PROGRAM  
PARTICIPANTS – IN-STATE TUITION

Waiving the residency requirement for in-State tuition purposes at a public senior higher education institution in the State for an individual who has completed an AmeriCorps Program in the State; and establishing specified circumstances when a student is responsible for paying in-State tuition.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

**HB 212**      **Delegate Waldstreicher, et al**

Chapter 827

CONSUMER PROTECTION – CREDIT REPORT SECURITY  
FREEZES – PROHIBITION ON FEES AND REQUIRED NOTICES

Prohibiting a consumer reporting agency from charging a consumer a fee for placing a security freeze if the consumer has not previously requested the placement of a security freeze from the consumer reporting agency; and altering the contents of a specified notice that must be included with a specified summary of rights provided to the consumer.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

**SB 270**      **Senator Lee, et al**

Chapter 828

CONSUMER PROTECTION – CREDIT REPORT SECURITY  
FREEZES – PROHIBITION ON FEES AND REQUIRED NOTICES

Prohibiting a consumer reporting agency from charging a consumer a fee for placing a security freeze if the consumer has not previously requested the placement of a security freeze from the consumer reporting agency; and altering the contents of a specified notice that must be included with a specified summary of rights provided to the consumer.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

**HB 232**      **Delegate McKay, et al**

Chapter 829

**CORRECTIONAL SERVICES – COMMISSIONER’S DUTIES –  
STAFFING REPORT**

Requiring the Commissioner of Correction to submit a security and staffing report to the Secretary of Public Safety, the Governor, and the General Assembly on or before October 31, 2017, and on or before October 31 in every odd-numbered year thereafter; requiring the report to be based on a joint survey conducted by the administration of the Division of Correction and the exclusive collective bargaining representative of the employees; requiring the report to include specified information; etc.

**EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017**

**HB 554**      **Delegate Carey, et al**

Chapter 830

**ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES –  
BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS – ATTORNEYS**

Increasing from \$20,000 to \$60,000 the salary of an attorney employed by the Board of License Commissioners for Anne Arundel County; authorizing the Board to hire an attorney on a contractual basis to perform work that the attorney employed by the Board is unable to perform because of a conflict of interest; and prohibiting the Board from spending more than \$30,000 each year to hire a contractual attorney.

**EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017**

**SB 374**      **Senator Astle**

Chapter 831

**ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES –  
BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS – ATTORNEYS**

Increasing from \$20,000 to \$60,000 the salary of an attorney employed by the Board of License Commissioners for Anne Arundel County; authorizing the Board to hire an attorney on a contractual basis to perform work that the attorney employed by the Board is unable to perform because of a conflict of interest; and prohibiting the Board from spending more than \$30,000 each year to hire a contractual attorney.

**EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017**

- HB 1309**      **Delegate Frush, et al**  
Chapter 832      ENVIRONMENT – RECYCLING – SPECIAL EVENTS
- Requiring the State, a county, a municipality, or any other local government to provide a specified written statement before issuing a specified permit for a special event.  
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017
- SB 885**      **Senators Rosapepe and Kagan**  
Chapter 833      ENVIRONMENT – RECYCLING – SPECIAL EVENTS
- Requiring the State, a county, a municipality, or any other local government to provide to an organizer of a special event a written statement that describes specified requirements and penalties before issuing a permit for the special event; providing a maximum civil penalty of \$300 for each day a violation of the Act exists.  
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017
- SB 746**      **Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request –**  
Chapter 834      **Maryland Judicial Conference)**
- DISTRICT COURT COMMISSIONERS – RESIDENCY IN  
CONTIGUOUS COUNTY
- Providing that, subject to specified exceptions, a District Court Commissioner may be a resident of a county contiguous to the county in which the commissioner serves.  
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017
- HB 192**      **Delegate Lafferty**  
Chapter 835      TASK FORCE TO STUDY BICYCLE SAFETY ON MARYLAND  
HIGHWAYS
- Establishing the Task Force to Study Bicycle Safety on Maryland Highways; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Task Force; requiring the Task Force to study and make recommendations on specified issues related to bicycle safety on highways in the State; requiring the Task Force to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before December 31, 2017; etc.  
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2017

**SB 142**                    **Senators Manno and Zirkin**  
Chapter 836                **TASK FORCE TO STUDY BICYCLE SAFETY ON MARYLAND HIGHWAYS**

Establishing the Task Force to Study Bicycle Safety on Maryland Highways; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Task Force; requiring the Task Force to study and make recommendations on specified issues related to bicycle safety on highways in the State; requiring the Task Force to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before December 31, 2017; etc.  
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2017

**HB 1149**                    **Delegate Kramer**  
Chapter 837                **MARYLAND SECURITIES ACT – VULNERABLE ADULTS**

Altering the Maryland Securities Act to regulate federal exempt broker–dealers; establishing the Securities Act Registration Fund to be used to administer and enforce the Act; altering the actions that are unlawful under the Maryland Securities Act; requiring specified individuals that believe that a specified adult is the subject of financial exploitation to notify the Commissioner within 5 days of developing a reasonable belief that financial exploitation exists or to provide immediate notification under specified circumstances; etc.  
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

**SB 951**                    **Senator Smith, et al**  
Chapter 838                **MARYLAND SECURITIES ACT – VULNERABLE ADULTS**

Altering the Maryland Securities Act to regulate federal exempt broker–dealers; establishing the Securities Act Registration Fund to be used to administer and enforce the Act; altering the actions that are unlawful under the Maryland Securities Act; requiring specified individuals that believe that a specified adult is the subject of financial exploitation to notify the Commissioner within 5 days of developing a reasonable belief that financial exploitation exists or to provide immediate notification under specified circumstances; etc.  
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

- SB 856**            **Senator Guzzone, et al**  
Chapter 839        MARYLAND LEGAL SERVICES CORPORATION FUNDING –  
                         ABANDONED PROPERTY FUNDS
- Increasing from \$1,500,000 to \$2,000,000 the amount that the State Comptroller is required to distribute of specified abandoned property funds each year to the Maryland Legal Services Corporation Fund.  
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017
- SB 969**            **Senator Feldman**  
Chapter 840        ELECTRICITY – CONSTRUCTION OF OVERHEAD  
                         TRANSMISSION LINES – CONDEMNATION AUTHORITY
- Authorizing a person to which a specified certificate of public convenience and necessity is issued for the construction of a specified overhead transmission line to acquire specified property or rights by condemnation; and applying the Act to the construction of an overhead transmission line for which a certificate of public convenience and necessity is required.  
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017
- HB 1415**          **Delegate Anderson**  
Chapter 841        COMMERCIAL LAW – MARYLAND ANTITRUST ACT –  
                         INDIRECT PURCHASERS
- Altering the circumstances under which a person, whose business or property has been injured or threatened with injury by a violation of specified provisions of law, may maintain an action for damages, an injunction, or both, against any person who has committed the violation, regardless of whether the person maintaining the action dealt directly or indirectly with the person who has committed the violation; altering a specified defense that a defendant may raise in specified actions for damages; etc.  
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

**SB 858**      **Senator Smith, et al**

Chapter 842

COMMERCIAL LAW – MARYLAND ANTITRUST ACT –  
INDIRECT PURCHASERS

Altering the circumstances under which a person, whose business or property has been injured or threatened with injury by a violation of specified provisions of law, may maintain an action for damages, an injunction, or both, against any person who has committed the violation, regardless of whether the person maintaining the action dealt directly or indirectly with the person who has committed the violation; altering a specified defense that a defendant may raise in specified actions for damages; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

**SB 651**      **Senator Smith, et al**

Chapter 843

PUBLIC SCHOOLS – SUSPENSIONS AND EXPULSIONS

Prohibiting the suspension or expulsion of prekindergarten, kindergarten, first grade, or second grade students from public schools with specified exceptions for an expulsion required by federal law or a suspension for not more than 5 school days under specified circumstances; requiring the principal or school administration to contact a student's parent or guardian under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

**HB 425**      **Delegate Lierman, et al**

Chapter 844

PUBLIC SCHOOLS – SUSPENSIONS AND EXPULSIONS

Prohibiting the suspension or expulsion of prekindergarten, kindergarten, first grade, or second grade students from public schools with specified exceptions for an expulsion required by federal law or a suspension for not more than 5 school days under specified circumstances; requiring the principal or school administration to contact a student's parent or guardian under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

**HB 1227**      **Delegate Mosby, et al**

Chapter 845

**THE PROBLEM GAMBLING FUNDING AND TREATMENT ACT  
OF 2017**

Specifying that the primary purpose of the Problem Gambling Fund is to provide funding for problem gambling treatment and prevention programs; requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to use the funds to establish outreach programs for compulsive and problem gamblers and specified other individuals; stating that it is the intent of the General Assembly that, if the expanded purpose of the Fund results in a need for additional funding, the General Assembly will consider legislation to increase specified fees; etc.

**EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017**

**HB 1464**

Chapter 846

**Delegates Waldstreicher and Barkley**

**MAKE OFFICE VACANCIES EXTINGUISHED PROGRAM**

Establishing the Make Office Vacancies Extinguished Program in the Department of Commerce; providing that the purposes of the Program is to encourage the location of new businesses in the State in counties with a support program to reduce office space vacancies; establishing qualifications for participation in the Program; authorizing the Program to provide for specified grants to specified businesses on a first-come, first-served basis, subject to a specified limitation; establishing a Make Office Vacancies Extinguished Matching Fund; etc.

**EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017**

**HB 1595**

Chapter 847

**Delegates Jones and McIntosh**

**BALTIMORE CITY COMMUNITY COLLEGE – REALIGNMENT**

Altering the membership of the Board of Trustees of the Baltimore City Community College; requiring the chair of the Board to be appointed by the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House of Delegates; requiring the Board to study and analyze programs, priorities, student needs, budgetary projections, staffing, information technology requirements, the status of real estate holdings, and the efficiency of the College's operations; prohibiting the Board from appointing a new College President except under specified circumstances; etc.

**EMERGENCY BILL**

**SB 1127**

Chapter 848

**Senator Conway, et al**

**BALTIMORE CITY COMMUNITY COLLEGE – REALIGNMENT**

Altering the membership of the Board of Trustees of the Baltimore City Community College; requiring the chair of the Board to be appointed by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Delegates; requiring the Board to analyze programs, priorities, student needs, budgetary projections, staffing, information technology requirements, the status of real estate holdings, and the efficiency of the College's operations; prohibiting the Board from appointing a new President of the College except under specified circumstances; etc.

**EMERGENCY BILL**

**SB 908**

Chapter 849

**Senator Ferguson, et al**

**MARYLAND EDUCATION DEVELOPMENT COLLABORATIVE – ESTABLISHED**

Establishing the Maryland Education Development Collaborative for specified purposes to include activities to promote and enhance 21st-century learning and socioeconomic diversity in the State's public schools; providing that the Collaborative is an instrumentality of the State; establishing a Governing Board of the Collaborative; requiring the Board to establish an Advisory Council to provide advice on matters relating to 21st-century learning, data collection and sharing, and other specified issues; etc.

**EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017**

**HB 88**

Chapter 850

**Baltimore County Delegation**

**EDUCATION – SELECTION OF MEMBERS TO THE BALTIMORE COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD**

Prohibiting the Governor from appointing specified individuals as members to the Baltimore County Board of Education in an election year; prohibiting specified individuals from seeking appointment as members of the county board in an election year; requiring the Baltimore County School Board Nominating Commission to hold at least three meetings, each in a different councilmanic district, each year; requiring the County Executive for Baltimore County to designate the chair of the Commission; etc.

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**HB 1498**

Chapter 851

**Delegates A. Washington and Tarlau**

**CAMPAIGN FINANCE – POLITICAL ORGANIZATIONS –  
COMPLIANCE AND DISCLOSURE**

Authorizing a political action committee to establish one compliance account; providing that disbursements from a political action committee compliance account may be made only for purposes of complying with specified campaign finance laws; providing that donations to a political action committee compliance account may be made only if the donor consents to the use of the donation for specified purposes; providing that donations to a political action committee compliance account are not subject to specified limits; etc.

**EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017**

**HB 898**

Chapter 852

**Delegate Ebersole, et al**

**ELECTION LAW – CAMPAIGN FINANCE – COORDINATED  
EXPENDITURES**

Prohibiting a person from making a coordinated expenditure in excess of specified limits or making a donation to a person for the purpose of furthering a coordinated expenditure in excess of specified limits; prohibiting a candidate or political party from being the beneficiary of a coordinated expenditure in excess of specified limits; providing that a person may not be considered to have made a coordinated expenditure solely on specified grounds; etc.

**EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017**

Sincerely,

Warren G. Deschenaux  
Executive Director