



MARYLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY
DEPARTMENT OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES

Effective Dates

2017 Budget Bill – Effective April 18, 2017

(Article III, § 52(6) of the Maryland Constitution states, “... the Budget Bill ..., when and as passed by both Houses, shall be a law immediately without further action by the Governor.”)

HB 150 The Speaker (By Request – Administration)
Chapter 150 BUDGET BILL (FISCAL YEAR 2018)

Making the proposed appropriations contained in the State Budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, in accordance with Article III, Section 52 of the Maryland Constitution; etc.

2017 Chapters – Emergency Bills

(Article XVI, § 2 of the Maryland Constitution provides that a law may take effect immediately on signature by the Governor if it contains provisions declaring it “an emergency law ... necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health or safety ...” and if it has received a three-fifths vote for passage in each House of the General Assembly.)

HB 119 **Chair, Environment and Transportation Committee (By**
Chapter 3 **Request – Departmental – Transportation)**

WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT AUTHORITY –
WASHINGTON METRORAIL SAFETY COMMISSION –
ESTABLISHMENT AND COMPACT

Establishing the Washington Metrorail Safety Commission and the Metrorail Safety Commission Interstate Compact; granting the Commission specified safety, regulatory, and enforcement authority over the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority; specifying the membership, powers, organization, and duties of the Commission; making the Act contingent upon the enactment of a similar Act by the Commonwealth of Virginia and by the District of Columbia; etc.

SB 182 **Senator Middleton, et al**
Chapter 10

BALTIMORE CITY AND CHARLES, PRINCE GEORGE’S, AND
HARFORD COUNTIES – RECALL OF FORMER JUDGE FOR
TEMPORARY ASSIGNMENT – ELIGIBILITY

Altering the eligibility requirements for recall of a former judge in Baltimore City, Charles County, Harford County, and Prince George’s County for temporary assignment.

- HB 1632** **Delegate Kipke, et al**
Chapter 11 PUBLIC HEALTH – CERTIFICATES OF BIRTH – BIRTHS
OUTSIDE AN INSTITUTION
- Requiring the attending clinician or a designee of the attending clinician to prepare a certificate of birth, secure specified signatures, and file the certificate within 5 calendar days after a birth occurs outside an institution with an attending clinician; requiring the attending clinician, within 5 calendar days after the birth, to provide the date of birth and specified information that is required on a certificate of birth; etc.
- HB 74** **Delegate Grammer**
Chapter 21 MARYLAND CONSOLIDATED CAPITAL BOND LOAN OF 2014 –
BALTIMORE COUNTY – CHESAPEAKE HIGH STADIUM
- Amending the Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loan of 2014 to remove the matching fund requirement for specified grants for Chesapeake High Stadium.
- HB 516** **Delegate Atterbeary, et al**
Chapter 25 WORKGROUP TO STUDY THE IMPLEMENTATION OF
UNIVERSAL ACCESS TO PREKINDERGARTEN FOR
4-YEAR-OLDS
- Establishing the Workgroup to Study the Implementation of Universal Access to Prekindergarten for 4-Year-Olds in order to estimate the number of 4-year-old children being served by publicly funded kindergarten programs by using the free and reduced-price meal eligibility data; requiring the Workgroup to study and make recommendations regarding an implementation plan based on a specified report and to present its findings to the Commission on Innovation and Excellence in Education by September 1, 2017; etc.
- SB 493** **The President (By Request – Department of Legislative**
Chapter 61 **Services)**
- ANNUAL CURATIVE BILL
- Generally curing previous Acts of the General Assembly with possible title defects.

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

ANNUAL CORRECTIVE BILL

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

SB 558 **Senator Norman, et al**
Chapter 76

MOTOR VEHICLES – SEASONAL EXCEPTIONAL MILK
HAULING PERMIT

Authorizing the State Highway Administration to issue a seasonal exceptional milk hauling permit that authorizes specified axle configurations and specified increased weight limits from March 1 until June 30 annually under specified circumstances.

HB 1035 **Delegate Jacobs, et al**
Chapter 77

MOTOR VEHICLES – SEASONAL EXCEPTIONAL MILK
HAULING PERMIT

Authorizing the State Highway Administration to issue a seasonal exceptional milk hauling permit that authorizes specified axle configurations and specified increased weight limits from March 1 until June 30 annually under specified circumstances.

SB 384 **Senator Conway**
Chapter 81

BALTIMORE CITY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – LICENSES

Exempting an applicant for a specified Class B–D–7 license in a specified Old Goucher Revitalization District in the 43rd alcoholic beverages district in Baltimore City from specified zoning requirements; creating exceptions under which the Board of License Commissioners for Baltimore City may issue specified new Class B–D–7 licenses in specified alcoholic beverages districts under specified circumstances; providing that a specified Class B–D–7 license may be transferred within the Old Goucher Revitalization District; etc.

SB 782 **Senator Salling****Chapter 87****MARYLAND CONSOLIDATED CAPITAL BOND LOAN OF 2014 –
BALTIMORE COUNTY – CHESAPEAKE HIGH STADIUM**

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

HB 306 **Montgomery County Delegation****Chapter 127****MONTGOMERY COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES –
TASTING AT DISPENSARIES MC 19–17**

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

HB 457 **Charles County Delegation****Chapter 134****CHARLES COUNTY – STATE’S ATTORNEY’S OFFICE AND
CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT ADMINISTRATION –
TRANSFER OF PERSONNEL**

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

SB 347 Charles County Senators**Chapter 135****CHARLES COUNTY – STATE’S ATTORNEY’S OFFICE AND CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT ADMINISTRATION – TRANSFER OF PERSONNEL**

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

HB 572 Howard County Delegation**Chapter 137****HOWARD COUNTY – PROPERTY TAX CREDIT FOR COMMERCIAL REAL PROPERTY – FLOOD DAMAGE HO. CO. 9–17**

Authorizing the governing body of Howard County to grant, by law, a tax credit against the county property tax imposed on commercial real property that the governing body determines has suffered specified damage caused by flood conditions; authorizing the governing body of Howard County to specify the amount and duration of the credit; etc.

HB 605 Washington County Delegation**Chapter 141****PENMAR DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION – DISSOLUTION – AUTHORITY OF WASHINGTON COUNTY OVER FORT RITCHIE**

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

- SB 204** **Washington County Senators**
Chapter 142 **PENMAR DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION – DISSOLUTION – AUTHORITY OF WASHINGTON COUNTY OVER FORT RITCHIE**
- Repealing specified provisions of law relating to the PenMar Development Corporation, its board of directors, and its powers to develop, manage, and control Fort Ritchie; transferring specified remaining real and personal property interests, along with specified contracts, leases, and liabilities from the Corporation to the Board of County Commissioners for Washington County; requiring any party that has an issue with the transfer from the Corporation to the Board to refer to the specified memorandum of understanding; etc.
- SB 308** **The President (By Request – Administration), et al**
Chapter 151 **CHILD ABUSE – SEX TRAFFICKING (PROTECTING VICTIMS OF SEX TRAFFICKING ACT OF 2017)**
- Altering the definition of “sexual abuse” in provisions of law relating to child abuse to include the sex trafficking of a child by any individual; defining the terms “sexual molestation or exploitation” and “sex trafficking” in provisions of law relating to child abuse; etc.
- HB 632** **The Speaker (By Request – Administration), et al**
Chapter 152 **CHILD ABUSE – SEX TRAFFICKING (PROTECTING VICTIMS OF SEX TRAFFICKING ACT OF 2017)**
- Altering the definition of “sexual abuse” in provisions of law relating to child abuse to include the sex trafficking of a child by any individual; defining the terms “sexual molestation or exploitation” and “sex trafficking” in provisions of law relating to child abuse; etc.

SB 262 **Senator Bates, et al****Chapter 215****PUBLIC HEALTH – MOBILE FOOD SERVICE FACILITIES –
LICENSING AND INSPECTION BY COUNTY HEALTH
DEPARTMENTS**

Requiring a county health department to issue a mobile reciprocity license to a specified mobile food service facility; authorizing a county health department to charge a fee not exceeding \$300 for a mobile reciprocity license; providing that a mobile reciprocity license is valid for 1 year; prohibiting a county from requiring that a mobile food service facility be inspected before a county health department issues a mobile reciprocity license if the mobile food service facility has been inspected by the county of origin; etc.

HB 771 **Delegate W. Miller, et al****Chapter 216****PUBLIC HEALTH – MOBILE FOOD SERVICE FACILITIES –
LICENSING AND INSPECTION BY COUNTY HEALTH
DEPARTMENTS**

Requiring a county health department to issue a mobile reciprocity license to a specified mobile food service facility; authorizing a county health department to charge a fee not exceeding \$300 for a mobile reciprocity license; providing that a mobile reciprocity license is valid for 1 year; prohibiting a county from requiring that a mobile food service facility be inspected before a county health department issues a mobile reciprocity license if the mobile food service facility has been inspected by the county of origin; etc.

SB 549 **Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs**
Chapter 217 **Committee****STATE BOARD OF PHYSICIANS AND ALLIED HEALTH
ADVISORY COMMITTEES – SUNSET EXTENSION AND
PROGRAM EVALUATION**

Continuing the State Board of Physicians and the related allied health advisory committees in accordance with the provisions of the Maryland Program Evaluation Act (Sunset Law) by extending the related termination provisions to July 1, 2023; altering the circumstances under which the State Board of Physicians may renew or reinstate a license to practice medicine; requiring a disciplinary panel, before any action is taken, to give an individual an opportunity for a hearing before a hearing officer; etc.

- HB 1265** **Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee**
Chapter 218 **STATE BOARD OF PHYSICIANS AND ALLIED HEALTH
ADVISORY COMMITTEES – SUNSET EXTENSION AND
PROGRAM EVALUATION**
- Continuing the State Board of Physicians and the related allied health advisory committees in accordance with the provisions of the Maryland Program Evaluation Act (Sunset Law) by extending the related termination provisions to July 1, 2023; altering the circumstances under which the State Board of Physicians may renew or reinstate a license to practice medicine; requiring a disciplinary panel, before any action is taken, to give an individual an opportunity for a hearing before a hearing officer; etc.
- SB 436** **Senator Eckardt**
Chapter 234 **INCOME TAX – CREDIT FOR NURSE PRACTITIONER OR
LICENSED PHYSICIAN IN PRECEPTORSHIP PROGRAM –
ALTERATIONS**
- Altering the application of a specified fee assessed by the Board of Nursing for the renewal of a nurse practitioner who holds an advanced practice certification; altering the number of hours, so that the required minimum of three rotations must each consist of at least 100 hours of community-based clinical training, that a specified nurse practitioner or licensed physician must work in a specified preceptorship program in order to qualify for a specified credit against the State income tax; etc.
- HB 683** **Delegate Sample-Hughes**
Chapter 235 **INCOME TAX – CREDIT FOR NURSE PRACTITIONER OR
LICENSED PHYSICIAN IN PRECEPTORSHIP PROGRAM –
ALTERATIONS**
- Altering the application of a specified fee assessed by the Board of Nursing for the renewal of a nurse practitioner who holds an advanced practice certification; altering the number of hours, so that the required minimum of three rotations must consist of at least 100 hours of community-based clinical training, that a specified nurse practitioner or licensed physician must work in a specified preceptorship program in order to qualify for a specified credit against the State income tax; etc.

- HB 305** **Delegate Jacobs, et al**
Chapter 304 **KENT COUNTY – TURKEY HUNTING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY – SUNDAYS**
- Authorizing a person to hunt turkey on private property in Kent County on Sundays during the spring turkey hunting season.
- HB 685** **Delegate Conaway, et al**
Chapter 329 **BALTIMORE CITY – PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND CITY COUNCIL – LOGISTICAL AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**
- Stating the intent of the General Assembly that the Baltimore City Council provide logistical and financial assistance to Baltimore City Public Schools for specified shared services; and requiring the Baltimore City Council to report specified information to the General Assembly on or before December 31, 2017.
- HB 125** **Chair, Environment and Transportation Committee (By**
Chapter 377 **Request – Departmental – Environment)**
- ENVIRONMENT – EMERGENCY ACTION PLANS FOR DAMS**
- Requiring specified dam owners to prepare and submit to the Department of the Environment an emergency action plan that contains specified information by August 1, 2017; requiring specified dam owners to test an emergency action plan at least once every 5 years and to report the results in the annual update to the emergency action plan submitted in the same year; establishing the intent of the General Assembly to require the Department to work with specified owners and consider establishing a specified dam safety repair and removal program; etc.

- SB 964** **Senators Klausmeier and Eckardt**
Chapter 380 **AQUACULTURE – LEASES – SUBMERGED AQUATIC VEGETATION**
- Requiring the Department of Natural Resources, in consultation with interested stakeholders, to review specified conflicts that arise related to aquaculture and submerged aquatic vegetation, develop solutions to these conflicts, and report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before December 1, 2017; requiring the Department, notwithstanding specified provisions of law, to adopt regulations that establish standards and a process for evaluating specified aquaculture leases; etc.
- HB 1200** **Delegate Mautz**
Chapter 381 **AQUACULTURE – LEASES – SUBMERGED AQUATIC VEGETATION**
- Requiring the Department of Natural Resources, in consultation with interested stakeholders, to review conflicts that arise related to aquaculture and submerged aquatic vegetation, develop specified solutions to these conflicts, and report its findings to the Governor and General Assembly by December 1, 2017; requiring the Department, notwithstanding specified provisions of law, to adopt regulations that establish standards and a process by which the Department may assess and evaluate specified aquaculture leases for specified purposes; etc.
- HB 211** **Delegate Robinson, et al**
Chapter 398 **COWNOSE RAY FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN AND MORATORIUM ON CONTESTS**
- Requiring the Department of Natural Resources to prepare a specified fishery management plan for the cownose ray species; requiring the Department to prepare a specified fishery management plan for the cownose ray species by December 31, 2018, subject to available funding; prohibiting a person from sponsoring, conducting, or participating in a cownose ray fishing contest in State waters until July 1, 2019; etc.

SB 268 **Senator Young, et al****Chapter 399****COWNOSE RAY FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN AND MORATORIUM ON CONTESTS**

Requiring the Department of Natural Resources to prepare a specified fishery management plan for the cownose ray species; requiring the Department to prepare a specified fishery management plan for the cownose ray species on or before December 31, 2018, subject to available funding; prohibiting a person from sponsoring, conducting, or participating in a specified cownose ray fishing contest in State waters until July 1, 2019.

SB 309 **The President (By Request – Administration), et al****Chapter 438****STATE FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT – SMALL AND MINORITY BUSINESS PARTICIPATION**

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

HB 788 **Eastern Shore Delegation****Chapter 460****NATURAL RESOURCES – HUNTING – DEER MANAGEMENT PERMITS**

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

- HB 464** **Delegate Branch, et al**
Chapter 466 **ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR EXHIBITION PERMIT**
- Altering the national family beer and wine exhibition permit to make it the national beer, wine, and liquor exhibition permit; authorizing the Comptroller to issue the permit to a bona fide alcohol trade association; authorizing the permit holder to exhibit, judge, and taste beer, wine, and liquor under specified circumstances; authorizing the permit holder to receive for use beer, wine, and liquor from specified persons under specified circumstances; providing a permit fee of \$50; etc.
- HB 1579** **Baltimore County Delegation**
Chapter 510 **MARYLAND CONSOLIDATED CAPITAL BOND LOAN OF 2016 – BALTIMORE COUNTY – MORNING STAR FAMILY LIFE CENTER**
- Amending the Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loan of 2016 to add an additional grantee to specified grants.
- SB 1099** **Senator Nathan–Pulliam**
Chapter 511 **MARYLAND CONSOLIDATED CAPITAL BOND LOAN OF 2016 – BALTIMORE COUNTY – MORNING STAR FAMILY LIFE CENTER**
- Amending the Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loan of 2016 to add an additional grantee to specified grants.
- 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.

HB 1432 **Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee (By**
Chapter 570 **Request – Departmental – Health and Mental Hygiene), et al**

**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.

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.

SB 967 **Senator Klausmeier, et al**
Chapter 572

**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 1 crisis treatment center by June 1, 2018; authorizing the Overdose Response Program; etc.

- HB 887** **Delegate Pena–Melnyk, et al**
Chapter 581 **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.
- 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.
- 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.

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.

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.

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 the 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.

