



MARYLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY
DEPARTMENT OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES

Effective Dates

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**HB 1109
Chapter 5**

Delegate B. Barnes

**TEACHERS' RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEMS – COUNTY
BOARDS OF EDUCATION PAYMENTS**

Providing that, for fiscal year 2017, county boards of education shall be relieved of a specified portion of a contribution for specified local employees of the Teachers' Retirement and Pension Systems; providing for a specified allocation of payment relief; requiring the Governor to provide a specified amount in either fiscal year 2018 or 2019 to be paid into specified accumulation funds of the State Retirement and Pension System if a specified condition is not met; etc.

**HB 684
Chapter 6**

Delegate Krebs, et al

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.

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- SB 184**
Chapter 14 **Senator Middleton, et al**
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.
- SB 571**
Chapter 17 **Senator Middleton, et al**
MARYLAND HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE PROTECTION ACT
- Establishing the Maryland Health Insurance Coverage Protection Commission to monitor and assess the impact of potential and actual federal changes to specified health care programs and to provide recommendations for State and local action to protect the access of residents of the State to affordable health coverage; providing for the composition of the Commission; authorizing the Commission to convene specified workgroups; requiring the Commission to report annually to the Governor and General Assembly by December 31; etc.
- SB 884**
Chapter 18 **Senator Rosapepe, et al**
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; authorizing the Commission to provide specified reports to the Governor, the General Assembly, and the Maryland Congressional Delegation under specified circumstances; etc.

- SB 1198** **Prince George’s County Senators**
Chapter 19 PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER
ACT OF 2017
- Requiring, for specified fiscal years, the Governor to include in the budget bill an appropriation for specified purposes related to the new Prince George’s County Regional Medical Center; requiring, for specified fiscal years, the Governor to include in the capital or operating budget bill specified amounts to be used for the construction of the Prince George’s County Regional Medical Center; etc.
- HB 151** **The Speaker (By Request – Administration)**
Chapter 22 CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – MARYLAND CONSOLIDATED
CAPITAL BOND LOAN OF 2017, AND THE MARYLAND
CONSOLIDATED CAPITAL BOND LOANS OF 2006, 2008, 2009,
2010, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, AND 2016
- Authorizing the creation of a State Debt in the amount of \$1,089,383,121, the proceeds to be used for specified necessary building, construction, demolition, planning, renovation, conversion, replacement, and capital equipment purchases of the State, for acquiring specified real estate in connection therewith, and for grants to specified subdivisions and other organizations for specified development and improvement purposes, subject to specified requirements; etc.
- Except Sections 12 and 13**
- HB 152** **The Speaker (By Request – Administration)**
Chapter 23 BUDGET RECONCILIATION AND FINANCING ACT OF 2017
- Authorizing or altering the distribution of specified revenue; altering or repealing specified required appropriations; authorizing the use of specified funds for specified purposes; requiring the Department of Budget and Management to review specified interagency agreements; requiring the Department of Commerce to report specified information relating to the compliance of specified companies with a specified letter of intent; requiring a specified financial forecast to maximize the use of specified funds; etc.

- HB 913** **Delegate Rosenberg, et al**
Chapter 26 **ATTORNEY GENERAL – POWERS – MARYLAND DEFENSE ACT OF 2017**
- Authorizing the Attorney General to employ specified assistant counsel; authorizing the Attorney General to take specified actions on civil and criminal suits and actions that are based on the federal government's action or inaction that threatens the public interest and welfare of the residents of the State; requiring the Attorney General to provide the Governor with specified notice; requiring the Governor to provide \$1,000,000 in fiscal year 2019 and thereafter; requiring the Attorney General to submit a specified report; etc.
- HB 924** **Delegate Gilchrist, et al**
Chapter 27 **NATURAL RESOURCES – OYSTER MANAGEMENT – PROHIBITED ACTIONS**
- Prohibiting the Department of Natural Resources from reducing or altering the boundaries of specified oyster sanctuaries until the Department develops a fisheries management plan for the scientific management of the oyster stock following completion of a specified study and reports.
- HB 153** **The Speaker (By Request – Administration)**
Chapter 32 **CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – QUALIFIED ZONE ACADEMY BONDS**
- Authorizing the creation of a State Debt in the amount of \$4,823,000, the proceeds to be used as grants to the Interagency Committee on School Construction and the Maryland State Department of Education for the renovation, repair, and capital improvements of qualified zone academies; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds and the further grant of funds to eligible school systems for specified purposes, subject to a requirement that the grantees document the provision of a required matching fund; etc.

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

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

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

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

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

Authorizing the governing body of Anne Arundel County or of a municipal corporation in Anne Arundel County to grant, by law, a tax credit against the county or municipal corporation property tax imposed on real property owned and used as a principal residence by an individual who is at least 62 years old and of limited income; applying the Act to taxable years beginning after June 30, 2017; etc.

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

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SENIORS OF LIMITED INCOME**

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SB 473
Chapter 80**Calvert County Senators****CALVERT COUNTY – BONDING AUTHORITY**

Authorizing and empowering the County Commissioners of Calvert County, from time to time, to borrow not more than \$17,620,000 to finance the construction, improvement, or development of specified public facilities in Calvert County and to effect such borrowing by the issuance and sale of its general obligation bonds in like par amount; etc.

SB 569
Chapter 84**Charles County Senators****CHARLES COUNTY – PROPERTY TAX CREDIT – PRIORITY FUNDING AREAS**

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

HB 649
Chapter 85**Charles County Delegation****CHARLES COUNTY – PROPERTY TAX CREDIT – PRIORITY FUNDING AREAS**

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

SB 820
Chapter 88**Senator Hershey****QUEEN ANNE’S COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – CLASS D BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR AND CLASS 9 LIMITED DISTILLERY LICENSES**

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

HB 47
Chapter 89**Delegate Arentz****QUEEN ANNE’S COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – CLASS D BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR AND CLASS 9 LIMITED DISTILLERY LICENSES**

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

SB 929
Chapter 93**Senator Astle****COMMERCIAL LAW – CONSUMER PROTECTION – DOOR-TO-DOOR SALES**

Recodifying, in part, the definition of “door-to-door sale” as provisions that establish the application of the Maryland Door-to-Door Sales Act; altering the transactions to which the Maryland Door-to-Door Sales Act applies; etc.

HB 959
Chapter 94**Delegate Kramer****COMMERCIAL LAW – CONSUMER PROTECTION – DOOR-TO-DOOR SALES**

Recodifying, in part, the definition of “door-to-door sale” as provisions that establish the application of the Maryland Door-to-Door Sales Act; altering the transactions to which the Maryland Door-to-Door Sales Act applies; etc.

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

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

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

Except Section 1

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

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

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

HB 346 **Montgomery County Delegation**

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

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

HB 302 **Delegate Jacobs, et al**
Chapter 125 **KENT COUNTY – PROPERTY TAX CREDIT – COMMERCE ZONES**

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

SB 389 **Senator Hershey**
Chapter 126 **KENT COUNTY – PROPERTY TAX CREDIT – COMMERCE ZONES**

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

HB 566 **Howard County Delegation**
Chapter 131 **HOWARD COUNTY – PROPERTY TAX – EXEMPTION FOR PERSONAL PROPERTY OF BUSINESS LOCATED IN HISTORIC DISTRICT HO. CO. 10–17**

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

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

ACADEMIC FACILITIES BONDING AUTHORITY

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

HB 1578 **Prince George’s County Delegation**

Chapter 147

**PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY – PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION
FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS – SUNSET
EXTENSION PG 407–17**

Extending a specified termination provision relating to specified exemptions from the county real property tax in Prince George’s County for specified economic development projects located in specified areas.

SB 317 **The President (By Request – Administration), et al**

Chapter 149

MORE JOBS FOR MARYLANDERS ACT OF 2017

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

Except Section 2

SB 912 **Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request –**
Chapter 156 **Maryland Judicial Conference)**

CHILDREN IN NEED OF ASSISTANCE – SEX TRAFFICKING

Altering the definition of “sexual abuse” in provisions of law relating to children in need of assistance to include an act that involves the sex trafficking of a child by any individual; and defining the terms “sexual molestation or exploitation” and “sex trafficking” in provisions of law relating to children in need of assistance.

HB 1219 **Chair, Judiciary Committee (By Request – Maryland Judicial**
Chapter 157 **Conference)**

CHILDREN IN NEED OF ASSISTANCE – SEX TRAFFICKING

Altering the definition of “sexual abuse” in provisions of law relating to children in need of assistance to include an act that involves the sex trafficking of a child by any individual; and defining the terms “sexual molestation or exploitation” and “sex trafficking” in provisions of law relating to children in need of assistance.

SB 1017 **Senator Lee**

Chapter 164 **WORKGROUP TO STUDY SAFE HARBOR POLICY FOR YOUTH**
VICTIMS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING – SUNSET EXTENSION

Extending the termination date to June 30, 2019, for the Workgroup to Study Safe Harbor Policy for Youth Victims of Human Trafficking; requiring the Workgroup to submit specified reports to the Governor and the General Assembly; etc.

SB 282 **Senator Ready, et al**

Chapter 173 **PROPERTY TAX CREDIT – DISABLED OR FALLEN LAW**
ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS AND RESCUE WORKERS –
ALTERATIONS

Authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City or the governing body of a county or a municipal corporation to grant a specified property tax credit for specified residential real property owned by specified surviving spouses or specified cohabitants of specified fallen law enforcement officers and rescue workers; applying the Act to all taxable years beginning after June 30, 2017; etc.

- HB 231** **Delegates Impallaria and Jackson**
Chapter 174 **PROPERTY TAX CREDIT – DISABLED OR FALLEN LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS AND RESCUE WORKERS – ALTERATIONS**
- Authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City or the governing body of a county or of a municipal corporation to grant a property tax credit for a dwelling owned by the surviving spouse or cohabitant of a specified fallen law enforcement officer or rescue worker; increasing from 2 to 10 years the time within which specified persons must have acquired specified residential property in order to qualify for a specified property tax credit; applying the Act to taxable years beginning after June 30, 2017; etc.
- HB 1234** **Delegate Wilkins, et al**
Chapter 184 **PROPERTY TAX – CREDIT FOR RETIRED MILITARY SERVICE MEMBERS – ELIGIBILITY**
- Expanding eligibility for a credit authorized against the county or municipal corporation property tax for retired military service members to include members of the commissioned corps of the Public Health Service and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, the military reserves, and the National Guard; and applying the Act to taxable years beginning after June 30, 2017.
- SB 77** **Senator Simonaire**
Chapter 196 **ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY AND HARFORD COUNTY – COURTHOUSE DOG AND CHILD WITNESS PILOT PROGRAM**
- Expanding the application of the Courthouse Dog and Child Witness Pilot Program to civil court proceedings.

- SB 696** **Senator Feldman, et al**
Chapter 212 **TASK FORCE ON LONG-TERM CARE EDUCATION AND PLANNING**
- Establishing the Task Force on Long-Term Care Education and Planning to examine, to consider options for improving, and to make recommendations regarding efforts to educate residents of the State about planning for long-term care; providing for the composition of the Task Force; requiring the Task Force to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and General Assembly on or before December 1, 2017; etc.
- HB 953** **Delegate Morales, et al**
Chapter 213 **TASK FORCE ON LONG-TERM CARE EDUCATION AND PLANNING**
- Establishing the Task Force on Long-Term Care Education and Planning to examine, to consider options for improving, and to make recommendations regarding efforts to educate residents of the State about planning for long-term care; providing for the composition of the Task Force; requiring the Task Force to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and General Assembly on or before December 1, 2017; etc.
- HB 774** **Delegates Kipke and Bromwell**
Chapter 223 **INSURANCE – SHORT-TERM MEDICAL INSURANCE – STUDY**
- Requiring the Maryland Insurance Administration to conduct a study to assess the need in the State for short-term medical insurance offered by nonadmitted insurers; establishing specified requirements for the study; requiring the Administration to solicit input from specified persons in conducting the study; requiring the Administration to submit a specified report to the Governor and specified committees of the General Assembly on or before December 31, 2017; etc.

- SB 380** **Senator Feldman, et al**
Chapter 224 **INSURANCE – SHORT-TERM MEDICAL INSURANCE – STUDY**
Requiring the Maryland Insurance Administration to conduct a study to assess the need in the State for short-term medical insurance offered by nonadmitted insurers; establishing specified requirements for the study; requiring the Administration to solicit input from specified persons in conducting the study; requiring the Administration to submit a specified report to the Governor and specified committees of the General Assembly on or before December 31, 2017; etc.
- HB 403** **Delegate Pendergrass**
Chapter 225 **MARYLAND PATIENT REFERRAL LAW – COMPENSATION ARRANGEMENTS UNDER FEDERALLY APPROVED PROGRAMS AND MODELS**
Exempting, under specified circumstances, a health care practitioner who has a specified compensation arrangement with a health care entity from a provision of law that prohibits a health care practitioner from referring a patient or directing specified persons to refer a patient to a specified health care entity; providing that the exemption is null and void if the Maryland Insurance Commissioner issues a specified order; etc.
- SB 369** **Senator Middleton, et al**
Chapter 226 **MARYLAND PATIENT REFERRAL LAW – COMPENSATION ARRANGEMENTS UNDER FEDERALLY APPROVED PROGRAMS AND MODELS**
Exempting, under specified circumstances, a health care practitioner who has a specified compensation arrangement with a health care entity from a provision of law that prohibits a health care practitioner from referring a patient or directing specified persons to refer a patient to a specified health care entity; providing that the exemption is null and void if the Maryland Insurance Commissioner issues a specified order; etc.

- SB 108** **Senator Simonaire**
Chapter 228 **PROPERTY TAX CREDIT – EROSION CONTROL MEASURES – NONSTRUCTURAL AND STRUCTURAL SHORELINE STABILIZATION**
- Requiring that, except under specified circumstances, specified erosion control measures that qualify for a specified property tax credit authorized against the county or municipal corporation property tax meet specified shoreline stabilization standards; and applying the Act to tax years beginning after June 30, 2017.
- HB 351** **Delegate Carr**
Chapter 239 **PROPERTY TAX – HOMESTEAD PROPERTY TAX CREDIT PERCENTAGE AND CONSTANT YIELD TAX RATE – DEADLINES**
- Authorizing the Department of Assessments and Taxation to amend a constant yield tax rate when a county or municipal corporation alters the homestead tax credit percentage; extending the deadline by which the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City and the governing body of a county or municipal corporation must set or alter the homestead property tax percentage in a taxable year and notify the Department of Assessments and Taxation; applying the Act to taxable years beginning after June 30, 2018; etc.
- HB 1323** **Delegate Long, et al**
Chapter 241 **PROPERTY TAX – CREDIT FOR REVITALIZATION DISTRICTS**
- Authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City or the governing body of a county or municipal corporation to grant, by law, a property tax credit against the county or municipal corporation property tax imposed on a dwelling that is located in a revitalization district and is owned by a homeowner who, on or after June 1, 2017, made specified substantial improvements to the dwelling that cause the dwelling to be reassessed at a higher value; etc.

HB 677 **Howard County Delegation****Chapter 307** HOWARD COUNTY – NOISE CONTROL – OUTDOOR CONCERT VENUES HO. CO. 18–17

Clarifying a limitation concerning the electronic amplification of sound at an outdoor concert venue with a specified capacity in Howard County; specifying the point from which specified measurements should be taken concerning the electronic amplification of sound at the venue; specifying that specified limitations concerning the electronic amplification of sound at the venue apply even if a satellite stage is used for an event at the venue; etc.

HB 715 **Chair, Ways and Means Committee (By Request –**
Chapter 328 **Departmental – Education)**

INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION – TEACHER PREPARATION PROGRAMS – ACCREDITATION AND APPROVAL

Authorizing the State Department of Education to approve a program of undergraduate or graduate studies offered by an institution of higher education in the State that would certify a recipient to teach, in addition to approval of the program by the Maryland Higher Education Commission and in lieu of national accreditation; requiring the Department and the Commission to jointly agree on specified standards; etc.

HB 1568 **Prince George’s County Delegation****Chapter 336** WORKGROUP ON TRANSPORTATION FOR MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS IN PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY PG 415–17

Establishing the Workgroup on Transportation for Middle and High School Students in Prince George’s County to identify a range of options for transporting Prince George’s County Public Schools middle and high school students and estimating the cost of specified options; requiring the Workgroup to study and make recommendations to the Prince George’s County House and Senate Delegations by August 31, 2017; etc.

HB 846 Delegate Bromwell**Chapter 342****PRICING AND SELECTION COMMITTEE FOR BLIND INDUSTRIES AND SERVICES OF MARYLAND AND THE EMPLOYMENT WORKS PROGRAM – STAFF**

Requiring Blind Industries and Services of Maryland to provide staff for the Pricing and Selection Committee for Blind Industries and Services of Maryland and the Employment Works Program; and requiring that the staff provided be a blind or visually impaired associate of Blind Industries and Services of Maryland and complete specified work related to the duties of the Committee.

HB 285 Delegate Korman, et al**Chapter 352****WASHINGTON METRORAIL SAFETY COMMISSION MEMBERSHIP ACT**

Requiring that specified members of the board of directors of the Washington Metrorail Safety Commission be appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate; requiring one regular member of the board of directors of the Commission who is appointed by the Governor to be a resident of Montgomery County or Prince George's County; etc.

Contingency met**SB 1158 Senator Middleton, et al****Chapter 372****DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES – SOLAR GENERATION FACILITIES – POLLINATOR-FRIENDLY DESIGNATION**

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

- HB 270** **Delegate Lafferty, et al**
Chapter 386 **ENVIRONMENT – TESTING FOR LEAD IN DRINKING WATER – PUBLIC AND NONPUBLIC SCHOOLS**
- Requiring the Department of the Environment, in consultation with the State Department of Education, the Department of General Services, and Maryland Occupational Safety and Health, to adopt regulations, under specified circumstances, to require periodic testing for the presence of lead in drinking water outlets in occupied public or nonpublic school buildings; requiring the Department of the Environment, before adopting regulations, to gather specified information regarding the establishment of lead-free school environments; etc.
- HB 1414** **Delegate Jameson**
Chapter 393 **RENEWABLE ENERGY PORTFOLIO STANDARD – STUDY**
- Requiring the Power Plant Research Program to conduct a study on the renewable energy portfolio standard and related matters; requiring the study to be a comprehensive review of the history, implementation, overall costs and benefits, and effectiveness of the renewable energy portfolio standard in relation to the energy policies of the State; requiring State and local units to cooperate in the conduct of the study; requiring the Program to report to the Governor and specified committees of the General Assembly by specified dates; etc.
- SB 703** **Senator Middleton**
Chapter 394 **MARYLAND AGRICULTURAL LAND PRESERVATION FOUNDATION – PARTICIPATION IN THE READINESS AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION INTEGRATION PROGRAM**
- Requiring agricultural land preservation easements to be included as part of a partnership formed under the Readiness and Environmental Protection Integration Program under specified circumstances.

- SB 116** **Senators Edwards and Middleton**
Chapter 406 **PROGRAM OPEN SPACE – ATTAINMENT OF ACQUISITION GOALS – LOCAL GOVERNMENT APPORTIONMENT AND USE OF FUNDS**
- Providing that a local government may spend 100 percent of its future annual apportionment on development projects and capital renewal after it has exceeded its acquisition goals under Program Open Space; requiring the Joint Subcommittee on Program Open Space and Agricultural Land Preservation to review the State’s specified standard for land acquisition to determine if adjustments to the standard would encourage additional land acquisition; requiring a specified report by the Joint Committee; etc.
- HB 626** **Delegate Gilchrist, et al**
Chapter 409 **AGRICULTURE – ANIMAL SHELTERS – STANDARDS OF CARE AND PROTOCOL IMPLEMENTATION AND ENFORCEMENT**
- Requiring an animal shelter to follow a specified written protocol for reclaiming animals; requiring the Department of Agriculture, on or before January 1, 2018, to adopt specified minimum standards of care for dogs and cats in animal shelters; requiring an animal shelter to follow the minimum standards of care adopted by the Department; and requiring the Department to adopt specified regulations on or before January 1, 2018.
- HB 892** **St. Mary’s County Delegation**
Chapter 427 **ST. MARY’S COUNTY – PUBLIC FACILITY BONDS**
- Authorizing and empowering the County Commissioners of St. Mary’s County to borrow not more than \$26,300,000 in order to finance the construction, improvement, or development of specified public facilities in St. Mary’s County, and to effect such borrowing by the issuance and sale at public or private sale of its general obligation bonds; etc.

HB 251 **Carroll County Delegation****Chapter 435****CARROLL COUNTY – PUBLIC FACILITIES BONDS**

Authorizing and empowering the County Commissioners of Carroll County, from time to time, to borrow not more than \$25,000,000 in order to finance the construction, improvement, or development of specified public facilities in Carroll County, including water and sewer projects, to finance loans for fire or emergency-related equipment, buildings, and other facilities of volunteer fire departments in the County, and to effect such borrowing by the issuance and sale at public or private sale of its general obligation bonds; etc.

HB 1636 **Prince George’s County Delegation****Chapter 455****PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY – SCHOOL FACILITIES AND PUBLIC SAFETY SURCHARGES – MARYLAND TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION STATION PG 430–17**

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

HB 923 **Allegany County Delegation****Chapter 470****ALLEGANY COUNTY – PROPERTY TAX CREDITS – COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS AND LIONS CENTER**

Authorizing the governing body of Allegany County and of a municipal corporation in Allegany County to grant a property tax credit against the county or municipal corporation property tax imposed on specified property owned by specified organizations; and applying the Act retroactively to all taxable years beginning after June 30, 2016.

HB 716 Anne Arundel County Delegation**Chapter 473****ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – BOARD OF EDUCATION**

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

Except Section 3**HB 373 Delegate D. Barnes, et al****Chapter 475****BIOTECHNOLOGY INVESTMENT TAX CREDIT – QUALIFIED MARYLAND BIOTECHNOLOGY COMPANY – DEFINITION**

Altering the definition of “qualified Maryland biotechnology company” to extend a specified period of time from a specified date that an active business may claim the biotechnology tax credit; altering the definition of “biotechnology company” to include a company that will be primarily engaged in, or within 2 months will be primarily engaged in, specified activities; providing for the revocation of a specified tax credit certificate and the recapture of the tax credit under specified circumstances; etc.

SB 226 Senator Manno, et al**Chapter 476****BIOTECHNOLOGY INVESTMENT TAX CREDIT – QUALIFIED MARYLAND BIOTECHNOLOGY COMPANY – DEFINITION**

Altering the definition of “qualified Maryland biotechnology company” to extend a specified time period from a specified date that an active business may claim the biotechnology tax credit; altering the definition of “biotechnology company” to include a company that will be primarily engaged in, or within 2 months will be primarily engaged in, specified activities; providing for the revocation of a specified tax credit certificate and the recapture of the tax credit under specified circumstances; etc.

SB 924 **Senator Serafini****Chapter 479****COMMISSIONER OF FINANCIAL REGULATION AND STATE COLLECTION AGENCY LICENSING BOARD – SURETY BOND REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSEES AND REGISTRANTS**

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

SB 982 **Senator Muse, et al****Chapter 487****DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE SERVICES – IMPLEMENTATION OF TASK FORCE RECOMMENDATIONS – REPORT**

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

SB 519 **Senators Young and Hough****Chapter 494****FREDERICK COUNTY – HUNTING – NONGAME BIRDS AND MAMMALS**

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

- SB 503** **Senator Nathan–Pulliam**
Chapter 499 **HEALTH OCCUPATIONS BOARDS – RACIAL AND ETHNIC HEALTH DISPARITIES**
- Requiring each health occupations board established under the Health Occupations Article to report an update on specified efforts to educate specified individuals regarding racial and ethnic health disparities to specified committees of the General Assembly on or before January 1, 2018.
- SB 178** **Senator Peters, et al**
Chapter 500 **HORSE RACING – RACETRACK FACILITY RENEWAL ACCOUNT – ELIGIBILITY AND CAPITAL EXPENDITURES**
- Altering specified conditions of eligibility for funding from the Racetrack Facility Renewal Account by specifying minimum amounts to be spent on capital maintenance and expenditures by specified race tracks; authorizing the Maryland Racing Commission to grant a one–time request for capital improvement funds not to exceed \$150,000 from the funds available in the Account for a capital improvement project at the Bowie Race Course Training Center under specified conditions; etc.
- HB 1225** **Delegate Lewis, et al**
Chapter 558 **UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH, CENTER FOR HEALTH EQUITY – WORKGROUP ON HEALTH IN ALL POLICIES**
- Requiring the University of Maryland School of Public Health, Center for Health Equity, in consultation with the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, to convene a workgroup to study and make recommendations to units of State and local government on laws and policies to implement that will positively impact the health of residents of the State; requiring the University of Maryland School of Public Health, Center for Health Equity, to report the workgroup findings to the General Assembly by January 31, 2018; etc.

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

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.

HB 22 **Delegate Conway**
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.

HB 52 **Delegate Conway**
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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

SB 823 **Senators Eckardt and Ferguson****Chapter 616** **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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

- 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.
- 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.
- 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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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

HB 123**Chapter 720****Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee (By 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.

- 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.
- 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.
- 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.

- 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.
- 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.
- 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.

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.

SB 29 **Senator Pinsky****Chapter 794****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.

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.

- 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.
- 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.
- 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.

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.

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.

2016 Chapters – Effective June 1, 2017

- SB 191** **The President (By Request – Administration)**
Chapter 27 **CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – MARYLAND CONSOLIDATED CAPITAL BOND LOAN OF 2016, AND THE MARYLAND CONSOLIDATED CAPITAL BOND LOANS OF 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, AND 2015**
- Authorizing the creation of a State Debt in the amount of \$1,005,072,199 the proceeds to be used for specified necessary building, construction, demolition, planning, renovation, conversion, replacement, and capital equipment purchases of the State, for acquiring specified real estate in connection therewith, and for grants to specified subdivisions and other organizations for specified development and improvement purposes, subject to specified requirements; etc.
- Section 12 Only**
- HB 104** **Delegate Morhaim, et al**
Chapter 474 **MEDICAL CANNABIS – WRITTEN CERTIFICATIONS – CERTIFYING PROVIDERS**
- Authorizing specified dentists, podiatrists, nurse midwives, and nurse practitioners, in addition to physicians, to issue written certifications to qualifying patients by substituting the defined term “certifying provider” for “certifying physician” as it relates to laws governing medical cannabis; establishing that specified providers must be in good standing with the regulatory board regulating the licensing and certification of specified providers; providing for a delayed effective date; etc.

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2014 Chapters – Effective June 1, 2017

SB 171 The President (By Request – Administration)

Chapter 463

CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – MARYLAND CONSOLIDATED CAPITAL BOND LOAN OF 2014, AND THE MARYLAND CONSOLIDATED CAPITAL BOND LOANS OF 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, AND 2013

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt in the amount of \$1,180,515,377, the proceeds to be used for specified necessary building, construction, demolition, planning, renovation, conversion, replacement, and capital equipment purchases of the State, for acquiring specified real estate in connection therewith, and for grants to specified subdivisions and other organizations for specified development and improvement purposes, subject to specified requirements; etc.

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2013 Chapters – Effective June 1, 2017

HB 101 The Speaker (By Request – Administration)

Chapter 424 CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – MARYLAND CONSOLIDATED CAPITAL BOND LOAN OF 2013, AND THE MARYLAND CONSOLIDATED CAPITAL BOND LOANS OF 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, AND 2012

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt in the amount of \$1,109,119,000, the proceeds to be used for specified necessary building, construction, demolition, planning, renovation, conversion, replacement, and capital equipment purchases of the State, for acquiring specified real estate in connection therewith, and for grants to specified subdivisions and other organizations for specified development and improvement purposes, subject to specified requirements; etc.

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