

April 6, 2018

To the Members of the General Assembly

Ladies and Gentlemen:

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

Section 17.

(b) If any Bill presented to the Governor while the General Assembly is in session is not returned by him with his objections within six days (Sundays excepted), the Bill shall be a law in the like manner as if he signed it, unless the General Assembly, by adjournment, prevents its return, in which case it shall not be a law.

Having chosen not to sign the following bills after formal presentment and allow the provisions of Article II, Section 17(b) to determine the effectiveness of the legislation, these bills will become law without the Governor's signature as of midnight, April 5, 2018, and are assigned the following chapter numbers:

**SB 646**

Chapter 15

**Senator Madaleno, et al**

**MARYLAND ESTATE TAX – UNIFIED CREDIT**

Altering a certain limit on the unified credit used for determining the Maryland estate tax for certain decedents; altering a certain limitation on the amount of the Maryland estate tax for decedents dying on or after January 1, 2019; providing that, for the calculation of the Maryland estate tax in the case of a certain decedent spouse, the applicable exclusion amount includes the sum of a certain exclusion amount and a certain deceased spousal unused exclusion amount; etc.

**EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018**

**SB 687**                    **Senator Ferguson, et al**  
Chapter 16                STATE VACANCY REFORM ACT

Providing that an individual who was appointed to fill a vacancy in an office during the recess of the Senate or who was nominated to fill a vacancy in an office during a regular session of the Senate is prohibited from being nominated for the same office at the same session, unless requested by the Senate, being appointed to the same office during the recess of the Senate, and continuing to serve in the office or being designated to serve in an acting capacity for the same office after a certain time; etc.  
EMERGENCY BILL

**SB 853**                    **Senator Klausmeier, et al**  
Chapter 17                LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT – GENERAL CONTRACTOR  
LIABILITY FOR UNPAID WAGES

Providing that certain general contractors are jointly and severally liable for certain violations of the wage payment and collection law by a subcontractor regardless of whether the subcontractor is in a direct contractual relationship with the general contractor; requiring a subcontractor to indemnify a general contractor for certain wages, damages, interest, penalties, or fees except under certain circumstances; etc.  
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

**SB 855**                    **Senator Guzzone, et al**  
Chapter 18                2020 CENSUS GRANT PROGRAM – ESTABLISHMENT AND  
FUNDING

Establishing the 2020 Census Grant Program to issue matching grants to local governments and nonprofit organizations to support the accurate counting of the population of the State and its local jurisdictions and the collection of basic demographic and housing information; establishing the 2020 Census Grant Program Panel; requiring the Grant Panel to notify local governments about the Program; expressing the intent of the General Assembly that local governments provide notice of the Program to certain nonprofit organizations; etc.  
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2018

[SB 1048](#)  
Chapter 19

**Senator Smith, et al**

**SECURE AND ACCESSIBLE REGISTRATION ACT**

Redesignating electronic voter registration agencies as automatic voter registration agencies; requiring automatic voter registration agencies to inform an applicant completing an applicable transaction that the applicant shall be registered to vote or shall have a voter registration record updated unless the applicant declines these services or is not eligible to register to vote; requiring automatic voter registration agencies to implement automatic voter registration by July 1, 2019; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019

[HB 4](#)  
Chapter 20

**Delegate Jameson**

**TOLL BRIDGES – RENAMING HARRY W. NICE MEMORIAL BRIDGE – HARRY W. NICE/THOMAS “MAC” MIDDLETON BRIDGE**

Requiring the Maryland Transportation Authority to rename the Harry W. Nice Memorial Bridge as the Harry W. Nice/Thomas “Mac” Middleton Bridge.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

[HB 308](#)  
Chapter 21

**Delegate Tarlau, et al**

**MARYLAND ESTATE TAX – UNIFIED CREDIT**

Altering a certain limit on the unified credit used for determining the Maryland estate tax for certain decedents; altering a certain limitation on the amount of the Maryland estate tax for decedents dying on or after January 1, 2019; providing that, for the calculation of the Maryland estate tax in the case of a certain decedent spouse, the applicable exclusion amount includes the sum of a certain exclusion amount and a certain deceased spousal unused exclusion amount; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

**HB 811**

Chapter 22

**Delegate Luedtke, et al**

**EDUCATION – COLLECTIVE BARGAINING – EXCLUSIVE REPRESENTATIVE’S ACCESS TO NEW EMPLOYEE PROCESSING**

Requiring certain public school employers to provide an exclusive representative with access to new employee processing; requiring that the structure, time, and manner of certain access be determined through certain negotiations; authorizing certain parties to request certain impasse proceedings under certain circumstances; requiring the public school employer to provide the exclusive representative with certain information within 30 days of the date of hire or by the first pay period after the date of hire; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

**HB 864**

Chapter 23

**Delegate A. Miller, et al**

**COLLECTIVE BARGAINING – MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING – CONTINUATION**

Prohibiting a memorandum of understanding agreed to and ratified under certain provisions of law from expiring until it is succeeded by a memorandum of understanding agreed to and ratified under certain provisions of law; requiring that the terms of a certain memorandum of understanding continue in force and effect until a certain memorandum of understanding is agreed to and ratified; authorizing an exclusive representative to file a certain action in a circuit court under certain circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

**HB 1017**

Chapter 24

**Delegate Korman, et al**

**STATE PERSONNEL – COLLECTIVE BARGAINING – EXCLUSIVE REPRESENTATIVE ACCESS TO NEW EMPLOYEE PROGRAM**

Requiring the Department of Budget and Management, University System of Maryland system institutions, Morgan State University, St. Mary’s College of Maryland, and Baltimore City Community College to provide certain information on certain employees to certain exclusive representatives within 30 days of a new employee’s date of hire; requiring an exclusive representative to withhold certain communication with an employee on the written request of the employee with certain exceptions; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

**HB 1316**

Chapter 25

**Delegate Kramer, et al**

**TASK FORCE TO STUDY STATE ALCOHOL REGULATION,  
ENFORCEMENT, SAFETY, AND PUBLIC HEALTH**

Establishing a Task Force to Study State Alcohol Regulation, Enforcement, Safety, and Public Health to examine whether the State agency that now is assigned the tasks of regulating the State alcoholic beverages industry and enforcing State alcoholic beverages laws is the most appropriate agency to ensure the safety and welfare of the residents of Maryland; requiring the Task Force to make recommendations on certain policies; requiring the Task Force to report its findings to the General Assembly by December 1, 2018; etc.  
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2018

**Enacted April 6, 2018**

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**SB 654**

Chapter 26

**Senator Mathias, et al**

**COLLECTIVE BARGAINING – MEMORANDUM OF  
UNDERSTANDING – CONTINUATION**

Prohibiting a memorandum of understanding agreed to and ratified under certain provisions of law from expiring until it is succeeded by a memorandum of understanding agreed to and ratified under a certain provision of the law; requiring that the terms of a certain memorandum of understanding continue in force and effect until a certain memorandum of understanding is agreed to and ratified; authorizing an exclusive representative to file a certain action in a circuit court under certain circumstances; etc.  
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

**SB 677**

Chapter 27

**Senator Madaleno, et al**

**STATE PERSONNEL – COLLECTIVE BARGAINING –  
EXCLUSIVE REPRESENTATIVE ACCESS TO NEW EMPLOYEE  
PROGRAM**

Requiring the Department of Budget and Management, University System of Maryland system institutions, Morgan State University, St. Mary's College of Maryland, and Baltimore City Community College to provide certain information on certain employees to certain exclusive representatives within 30 days of a new employee's date of hire; requiring an exclusive representative to withhold certain communication with an employee under certain circumstances; etc.  
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

**SB 742**

Chapter 28

**Senator Madaleno, et al**

**INCOME TAX – WYNNE CASE – LOCAL GOVERNMENT  
REPAYMENTS TO THE LOCAL RESERVE ACCOUNT**

Extending from February 2019 to February 2021 the month after which the Comptroller is required to begin withholding from certain quarterly income tax distributions certain amounts owed by certain local governments to the Local Reserve Account; etc.  
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

**SB 819**

Chapter 29

**Senator Madaleno, et al**

**EDUCATION – COLLECTIVE BARGAINING – EXCLUSIVE  
REPRESENTATIVE’S ACCESS TO NEW EMPLOYEE  
PROCESSING**

Requiring certain public school employers to provide an exclusive representative with access to new employee processing; requiring that the structure, time, and manner of certain access be determined through certain negotiations; requiring the public school employer to provide the exclusive representative with certain information within 30 days of the date of hire or by the first pay period after the date of hire; etc.

**EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018**

Sincerely,

Victoria L. Gruber  
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