

May 15, 2018

To the Members of the General Assembly

Ladies and Gentlemen:

On May 15, 2018, the Honorable Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr., Governor; the Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr., President of the Senate; and the Honorable Michael E. Busch, Speaker of the House of Delegates, signed the following pieces of legislation, which you passed:

**SB 134      The President (By Request – Administration)**

Chapter 571      **SMALL BUSINESS RELIEF TAX CREDIT**

Authorizing a tax credit against the State income tax for certain small businesses that provide to qualified employees paid earned sick and safe leave that is paid at the same rate as the qualified employee normally earns and meets or exceeds certain requirements; making the credit refundable; providing that the total amount of tax credit certificates issued by the Department may not exceed \$5,000,000 for any taxable year; applying the Act to all taxable years beginning after December 31, 2017; etc.

**EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018**

**HB 327      Delegate Lisanti, et al**

Chapter 572      **INCOME TAX – SUBTRACTION MODIFICATION – MILITARY RETIREMENT INCOME**

Altering a subtraction modification under the State income tax for certain military retirement income for individuals who are at least a certain age; and applying the Act to all taxable years beginning after December 31, 2017.

**EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018**

**SB 996**                    **Senator Peters, et al**  
Chapter 573                INCOME TAX – SUBTRACTION MODIFICATION – RETIREMENT  
INCOME (HOMETOWN HEROES AND VETERANS ACT OF 2018)

Altering a subtraction modification under the State income tax for certain military retirement income for individuals who are at least 55 years old from \$10,000 to \$15,000; providing a subtraction modification under the Maryland income tax under certain circumstances for the first \$15,000 of retirement income attributable to employment as a correctional officer; and applying the Act to all taxable years beginning after December 31, 2017.  
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

**HB 365**                    **Delegate Walker, et al**  
Chapter 574                INCOME TAX – PERSONAL EXEMPTIONS – ALTERATION

Altering the determination of the number of exemptions that an individual may use to calculate a certain deduction under the Maryland income tax; requiring the Bureau of Revenue Estimates, in consultation with the Consensus Revenue Monitoring and Forecasting Group, to review and update a certain report relating to certain federal tax changes and to include certain information in the updated report; requiring the Bureau to submit the updated report to the Governor and the General Assembly by December 15, 2018; and applying the Act.  
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

**SB 184**                    **Senator Kasemeyer, et al**  
Chapter 575                INCOME TAX – PERSONAL EXEMPTIONS – ALTERATION

Altering the determination of the number of exemptions that an individual may use to calculate a certain deduction under the Maryland income tax; requiring the Bureau of Revenue Estimates, in consultation with the Consensus Revenue Monitoring and Forecasting Group, to review and update a certain report relating to certain federal tax changes and to include certain information in the updated report; requiring the Bureau to submit the updated report to the Governor and the General Assembly by December 15, 2018; and applying the Act.  
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

- HB 570**      **Delegate Gilchrist, et al**  
Chapter 576    **INCOME TAX – STANDARD DEDUCTION – ALTERATION AND COST-OF-LIVING ADJUSTMENTS**
- Altering the determination of the amount of the standard deduction for an individual under the Maryland income tax; altering the minimum and maximum limitation amounts of certain standard deductions allowed under the Maryland income tax for certain taxable years by a certain cost-of-living adjustment; and applying the Act to all taxable years beginning after December 31, 2017.  
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018
- SB 318**      **Senator Kasemeyer, et al**  
Chapter 577    **INCOME TAX – STANDARD DEDUCTION – ALTERATION AND COST-OF-LIVING ADJUSTMENTS**
- Altering the determination of the amount of the standard deduction allowed for an individual under the Maryland income tax; altering the minimum and maximum limitation amounts of certain standard deductions allowed under the Maryland income tax for certain taxable years by a certain cost-of-living adjustment; applying the Act to all taxable years beginning after December 31, 2017; etc.  
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018
- SB 228**      **Senator Guzzone, et al**  
Chapter 578    **CYBERSECURITY INCENTIVE TAX CREDITS**
- Altering the eligibility criteria for the cybersecurity investment incentive tax credit to provide the credit to a qualified investor in a qualified Maryland cybersecurity company rather than providing the credit to the company; authorizing certain buyers of certain technology to claim a credit against the State income tax for certain costs; providing that the credit may not exceed \$2,000,000 in taxable year 2018 and \$4,000,000 in taxable year 2019; requiring the Secretary of Commerce to award 25% of the credits to certain buyers; etc.  
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2018

**SB 299**            **The President (By Request – Administration), et al**  
Chapter 579        CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS’ RETIREMENT SYSTEM –  
MEMBERSHIP

Including certain individuals employed by the Department of Juvenile Services and the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services in the membership of the Correctional Officers’ Retirement System; requiring a certain transfer and combination of certain service credit for certain individuals; requiring the Board of Trustees for the State Retirement and Pension System to calculate a certain disability benefit for certain individuals and to grant a certain benefit under certain circumstances; etc.  
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

**HB 36**            **Delegate Jackson, et al**  
Chapter 580        CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS’ RETIREMENT SYSTEM –  
MEMBERSHIP

Including certain individuals employed by the Department of Juvenile Services and the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services in the membership of the Correctional Officers’ Retirement System; requiring the State Retirement Agency by January 1, 2019, to notify the individuals who are affected by the Act of their rights to transfer certain service credit to a certain retirement system; requiring a certain transfer and combination of certain service credit for certain individuals; etc.  
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

**HB 296**            **Delegate Hixson, et al**  
Chapter 581        INCOME TAX – SUBTRACTION MODIFICATION – RETIREMENT  
INCOME OF CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS

Providing a subtraction modification under the Maryland income tax under certain circumstances for a certain amount of retirement income attributable to certain employment as a correctional officer; and applying the Act to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2017.  
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

- HB 1069**      **Delegate Buckel, et al**  
Chapter 582      INCOME TAX – SUBTRACTION MODIFICATION – VOLUNTEER  
FIRE, RESCUE, AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES  
MEMBERS
- Increasing the amount of a subtraction modification under the Maryland income tax for certain qualifying volunteer fire, rescue, and emergency medical services members.  
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018
- SB 989**      **Senator Edwards, et al**  
Chapter 583      ONE MARYLAND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TAX CREDITS –  
SIMPLIFICATION AND ALTERATION
- Defining “Tier 1 county” as a county exceeding certain unemployment rates and with less than or equal to 75% of the median State income during certain periods; repealing a certain start-up tax credit under the One Maryland Economic Development Tax Credit Program; expanding the eligibility requirements for a certain project tax credit by altering, under certain circumstances, the number of qualified positions that must be created by a qualified business entity; etc.  
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018
- HB 1295**      **Delegate Buckel, et al**  
Chapter 584      ONE MARYLAND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TAX CREDITS –  
SIMPLIFICATION AND ALTERATION
- Defining “Tier 1 county” as a county exceeding certain unemployment rates and with less than or equal to 75% of the median State income during certain periods; repealing a certain start-up tax credit under the One Maryland Economic Development Tax Credit Program; expanding the eligibility requirements for a certain project tax credit by altering, under certain circumstances, the number of qualified positions that a qualified business entity is required to create; etc.  
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

**HB 1765**

Chapter 585

**Delegate Lafferty**

**ON-SITE SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEMS – WATERSHED IMPLEMENTATION PLAN AND BAY RESTORATION FUND DISBURSEMENTS AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

Authorizing a certain reduction in nitrogen from a certain upgrade to an on-site sewage disposal system to count toward a nitrogen load reduction required in a certain watershed implementation plan under certain circumstances; authorizing a certain reduction in nitrogen from a certain pump out of an on-site sewage disposal system to count toward a nitrogen loan reduction required in a certain watershed implementation plan under certain circumstances; authorizing certain fee revenue to be used for certain homeowners' assistance; etc.  
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

**SB 152**

Chapter 586

**Senator Manno, et al**

**LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT – HIRING AND PROMOTION PREFERENCES – VETERANS OF COMMISSIONED CORPS**

Altering the definition of “eligible veteran” to include the Commissioned Corps of the Public Health Service and the Commissioned Corps of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration for the purpose of granting a preference in hiring and promotion to eligible veterans, spouses of eligible veterans, and surviving spouses of eligible veterans.  
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

**HB 1617**

Chapter 587

**Delegate Morales, et al**

**LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT – HIRING AND PROMOTION PREFERENCES – VETERANS OF COMMISSIONED CORPS**

Altering the definition of “eligible veteran” to include the Commissioned Corps of the Public Health Service and the Commissioned Corps of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration for the purpose of granting a preference in hiring and promotion to eligible veterans, spouses of eligible veterans, and surviving spouses of eligible veterans.  
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

- SB 48**                    **Senator Mathias, et al**  
Chapter 588                **WORKERS' COMPENSATION – PERMANENT PARTIAL  
DISABILITY – STATE CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS**
- Providing for enhanced workers' compensation benefits for a State correctional officer for a compensable permanent partial disability of less than 75 weeks; and providing that the Act applies only prospectively and may not be applied or interpreted to have any effect on or application to any claims arising from events occurring before October 1, 2018.  
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018
- HB 205**                    **Delegate Clippinger, et al**  
Chapter 589                **WORKERS' COMPENSATION – PERMANENT PARTIAL  
DISABILITY – STATE CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS**
- Providing for enhanced workers' compensation benefits for a State correctional officer for a compensable permanent partial disability of less than 75 weeks; and applying the Act prospectively.  
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018
- HB 1804**                    **Delegate Busch**  
Chapter 590                **HEALTH – MEDICAL RESEARCH FUNDING**
- Establishing the Academic Health Center Immunotherapy Research Fund to provide matching grants to statewide academic health centers for immunotherapy research only; requiring a statewide academic health center to dedicate funding from other sources for certain purposes to qualify for a grant; requiring the Governor, for fiscal year 2020, to include in the budget bill an appropriation of \$2,500,000 for a grant to the University of Maryland School of Medicine for immunotherapy research which does not require a matching fund; etc.  
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

**HB 97**            **The Speaker (By Request – Department of Legislative  
Chapter 591        Services)**

**STATE BOARD OF LAW EXAMINERS – SUNSET EXTENSION**

Continuing the State Board of Law Examiners in accordance with the provisions of the Maryland Program Evaluation Act (sunset law) by extending to July 1, 2030, the termination provisions relating to the statutory and regulatory authority of the Board; and requiring that an evaluation of the Board and the statutes and regulations that relate to the Board be performed on or before December 15, 2027.

**EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018**

**HB 1480**        **The Speaker (By Request – Office of the Attorney General), et  
Chapter 592        al**

**CONTROLLED DANGEROUS SUBSTANCES – DISTRIBUTORS –  
REPORTING SUSPICIOUS ORDERS**

Requiring a certain distributor of controlled dangerous substances to report certain suspicious orders to the Maryland Department of Health and the Office of the Attorney General; authorizing a certain distributor to satisfy a certain reporting obligation by providing to the Department and the Office of the Attorney General copies of certain reports; and requiring that the Department and the Office of the Attorney General maintain certain reports confidentially, with a certain exception.

**EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018**

**SB 982**            **The President (By Request – Office of the Attorney General),  
Chapter 593        et al**

**CONTROLLED DANGEROUS SUBSTANCES – DISTRIBUTORS –  
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**EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018**



**SB 999**                    **Senators Peters and DeGrange**

Chapter 594                **RECORDATION TAX – EXEMPTIONS**

Altering an exemption from recordation tax to include certain transactions of an original mortgagor; altering the definitions of “business entity”, “owner”, and “ownership interest” for purposes of provisions of law exempting from the recordation tax transfers between certain related business entities; and altering an exemption from recordation tax for certain transfers of a controlling interest.  
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

**SB 1154**                   **Senator Peters, et al**

Chapter 595                **INCOME TAX – FILM PRODUCTION ACTIVITY TAX CREDIT – ALTERATIONS**

Altering the definition of “film production activity” to include each season of a television series; excluding certain activities from eligibility for the film production tax credit program; authorizing a Maryland small or independent film entity to qualify as a film production entity; prohibiting the Secretary of Commerce from issuing tax credit certificates in excess of \$10,000,000 for a single film production activity; requiring the Secretary to make 10% of the credit amount authorized available to Maryland small film entities; etc.  
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

**SB 1001**                   **Senators Peters and Rosapepe**

Chapter 596                **EMPLOYEE BENEFITS – STATE EMPLOYEE AND RETIREE HEALTH AND WELFARE BENEFITS PROGRAM AND MARYLAND SMALL BUSINESS RETIREMENT SAVINGS PROGRAM**

Altering the entities for which the State Department of Assessments and Taxation is required to waive a certain filing fee; designating the Maryland Small Business Retirement Savings Board as a body politic and corporate and an instrumentality of the State; providing that, except under certain circumstances, the Board is not subject to any law that affects governmental units; authorizing the appointing authority, rather than the Governor, to remove a member of the Maryland Small Business Retirement Savings Board; etc.  
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

- SB 1202**      **Senator Peters, et al**  
Chapter 597    HIGHER EDUCATION – RICHARD W. COLLINS III LEADERSHIP WITH HONOR SCHOLARSHIP – ESTABLISHMENT
- Establishing the Richard W. Collins III Leadership With Honor Scholarship Program; establishing eligibility criteria for the scholarship that requires an individual to be a member of the Reserve Officer Training Corps, a certain minority student, and a student at a historically black college or university; requiring the Office of Student Financial Assistance in the Maryland Higher Education Commission to award 25% of its grant money to students at Bowie State University and 75% to certain other colleges and universities; etc.  
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018
- HB 2**            **Delegate Glenn**  
Chapter 598    NATALIE M. LAPRADE MEDICAL CANNABIS COMMISSION REFORM ACT
- Altering the definition of “grower” to mean an entity that cultivates or packages medical cannabis and is authorized to provide cannabis to certain entities; establishing a Compassionate Use Fund to provide access to medical cannabis for certain individuals; altering the number of medical cannabis growers that may be licensed; requiring the Commission to report to the General Assembly beginning December 1, 2024, on the number of licenses necessary to meet the demand for medical cannabis by certain qualifying patients; etc.  
EMERGENCY BILL – VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES
- HB 1035**      **Delegate Glenn**  
Chapter 599    NATALIE M. LAPRADE MEDICAL CANNABIS COMMISSION – CERTIFYING PROVIDERS – REFERRALS
- Prohibiting referral of a patient to a certifying provider by certain persons or entities.  
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018
- SB 1063**      **Senator Conway, et al**  
Chapter 600    NATALIE M. LAPRADE MEDICAL CANNABIS COMMISSION – CERTIFYING PROVIDERS – REFERRALS
- Prohibiting referral of a patient to a certifying provider by certain persons or entities.  
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

- SB 874**            **Senator Zirkin**  
Chapter 601        NATALIE M. LAPRADE MEDICAL CANNABIS COMMISSION –  
                                 IMMUNITY
- Providing that certain immunity provisions relating to medical cannabis apply to the possession of medical cannabis; and prohibiting certain third-party vendors authorized by the Natalie M. LaPrade Medical Cannabis Commission to take certain actions from being subject to certain arrest, prosecution, or certain penalties or being denied certain rights or privileges on a certain basis.  
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018
- SB 423**            **Senator Zirkin**  
Chapter 602        CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – POSTCONVICTION – DNA TESTING  
                                 AND PETITION FOR WRIT OF ACTUAL INNOCENCE
- Clarifying the group of persons who may file a certain petition for postconviction DNA testing or a database or log search; authorizing a court to order a certain remedy under certain circumstances for certain classes of persons filing for postconviction DNA testing; establishing a standard required to file a petition for writ of actual innocence by a person convicted as a result of a guilty plea, an Alford plea, or a plea of nolo contendere; authorizing a court to order a certain remedy under certain circumstances; etc.  
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018
- HB 572**            **Delegate Rey, et al**  
Chapter 603        INCOME TAX – OYSTER SHELL RECYCLING CREDIT –  
                                 MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE AMOUNT AND SUNSET EXTENSION
- Increasing from \$750 to \$1,500 the maximum allowable amount of a credit against the State income tax that provides \$5 for each bushel of oyster shells recycled during a taxable year; extending the termination date of the credit to June 30, 2021; and providing for the application of certain provisions of the Act.  
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2018

- SB 153**            **Senator Hershey, et al**  
Chapter 604        INCOME TAX – OYSTER SHELL RECYCLING CREDIT –  
MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE AMOUNT AND SUNSET EXTENSION
- Increasing from \$750 to \$1,500 the maximum allowable amount of a credit against the State income tax that provides \$5 for each bushel of oyster shells recycled during the taxable year; extending the termination date of the credit to the end of June 30, 2023; and providing for the application of the Act.  
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2018
- SB 682**            **Senator Hershey, et al**  
Chapter 605        EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES PROVIDERS – COVERAGE  
AND REIMBURSEMENT OF SERVICES – REPORTS AND PLAN
- Requiring the Maryland Health Care Commission and the Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems, in consultation with certain entities, jointly to develop a certain statewide plan, identify a Medicare reimbursement process, study and make recommendations regarding the desirability and feasibility of reimbursement for certain emergency services, and submit certain reports on or before January 1, 2019.  
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018
- SB 1056**           **Senator Hershey, et al**  
Chapter 606        RURAL HEALTH COLLABORATIVE PILOT
- Establishing the Rural Health Collaborative Pilot in the Maryland Department of Health to lead a regional partnership in building a rural health system that enhances access to and utilization of health care services designed to meet certain goals; establishing a Rural Health Care Collaborative Executive Committee; requiring the Committee to appoint an Executive Director of the Collaborative; requiring the Collaborative to direct the establishment of certain rural health complexes; etc.  
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

**HB 284**            **Cecil County Delegation**

Chapter 607

**CECIL COUNTY – OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF – EMPLOYEES  
AND COLLECTIVE BARGAINING**

Altering the period of time for which certain employees of the Office of the Sheriff of Cecil County are required to serve a probationary period; altering which deputy sheriffs in the Office have the right to organize and collectively bargain with the Sheriff and the Cecil County Executive with regard to certain wages, benefits, and working conditions; correcting certain references to the government of Cecil County and to a certain position in the Office; etc.  
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

**HB 373**            **Cecil County Delegation**

Chapter 608

**CECIL COUNTY – HOME DETENTION AND RELEASE  
PROGRAMS**

Repealing provisions relating to a home detention program in Cecil County; authorizing the Sheriff of Cecil County to establish home detention, pretrial release, work release, and prerelease programs; requiring the Sheriff to adopt regulations necessary to implement the programs; providing that a certain condition imposed by a court supersedes a certain regulation under certain circumstances; authorizing a court to allow a certain individual to participate in a program established under the Act at a certain time; etc.  
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

**SB 563**            **Senator Serafini**

Chapter 609

**INCOME TAX CREDIT – QUALIFIED RESEARCH AND  
DEVELOPMENT EXPENSES – APPLICATION FOR AND  
PROCEDURE TO CLAIM CREDIT**

Altering the date from September 15 to November 15 by which an individual or a corporation is required to submit a certain application for a certain credit against the State income tax for certain research and development expenses incurred by the individual or corporation; altering the date from December 15 to February 15 by which the Department of Commerce shall certify the credits approved for the individual or corporation; altering the method by which the individual or corporation may claim the credit; etc.  
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

**SB 564**            **Senator Serafini**

Chapter 610        INCOME TAX CREDIT – SECURITY CLEARANCE COSTS –  
PROCEDURE TO CLAIM CREDIT

Altering the method by which an individual or a corporation may claim a credit against the State income tax for certain costs incurred to obtain federal security clearances, to rent certain spaces, and to construct or renovate certain sensitive compartmented information facilities in the State.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

**SB 647**            **Senator Madaleno, et al**

Chapter 611        EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT – INDIVIDUALS WITHOUT  
QUALIFYING CHILDREN – REPEAL OF MINIMUM AGE  
REQUIREMENT

Altering the Maryland earned income tax credit to allow certain individuals without qualifying children to claim an increased credit; applying the Act to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2017; and making the Act contingent on the taking effect of another Act.

CONTINGENT – EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

**HB 856**            **Delegate Hixson, et al**

Chapter 612        EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT – INDIVIDUALS WITHOUT  
QUALIFYING CHILDREN – REPEAL OF MINIMUM AGE  
REQUIREMENT

Altering the Maryland earned income tax credit to allow certain individuals without certain qualifying children to claim the credit; applying the Act to all taxable years beginning after December 31, 2017; and making the Act contingent on the taking effect of another Act.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

**HB 302 Delegate Hixson, et al**

Chapter 613

**INCOME TAX CREDIT – WINERIES AND VINEYARDS –  
PROCEDURES TO CLAIM CREDIT AND SUNSET EXTENSION**

Altering the method by which an individual or a corporation may claim a credit against the State income tax for certain expenses related to certain wineries and vineyards in the State; extending for 3 years to June 30, 2021, a certain termination provision for an income tax credit for certain expenses made in connection with certain wineries and vineyards in the State; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2018

**SB 848 Senator Serafini**

Chapter 614

**INCOME TAX CREDIT – WINERIES AND VINEYARDS –  
PROCEDURES TO CLAIM CREDIT AND SUNSET EXTENSION**

Altering the method by which an individual or a corporation may claim a credit against the State income tax for certain expenses related to certain wineries and vineyards in the State; extending for 3 years a certain termination provision for the credit; applying the Act to all credits certified after December 31, 2017; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2018

**SB 1148 Washington County Senators**

Chapter 615

**WASHINGTON COUNTY – ADVISORY SCHOOL DESIGN  
REVIEW COMMITTEE – REPEAL**

Repealing a provision of law requiring the Washington County Commissioners to establish an Advisory School Design Review Committee; repealing provisions establishing the Committee's duties and relating to the review of the Committee's comments and recommendations; repealing a provision requiring the Washington County Board of Education to provide a certain schedule of project milestones to the Committee; and making the Act an emergency measure.

EMERGENCY BILL

**SB 1143**      **Senator Kasemeyer**

Chapter 616

**PROPERTY TAX CREDIT – BALTIMORE COUNTY –  
LEADERSHIP THROUGH ATHLETICS, INC.**

Authorizing the governing body of Baltimore County to grant, by law, a property tax credit against the county property tax imposed on real or personal property that is owned or leased by Leadership Through Athletics, Inc.; providing that the amount of the credit under the Act shall accrue to Leadership Through Athletics, Inc. under certain circumstances; and applying the Act to taxable years beginning after June 30, 2018.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2018

**SB 1144**      **Senator Kasemeyer**

Chapter 617

**BALTIMORE COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES –  
EDUCATION CONFERENCE FACILITY/DINING SERVICE  
LICENSE**

Establishing in Baltimore County a Class B–ECF/DS beer, wine, and liquor license; authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Baltimore County to issue the license to an individual who is authorized by the University of Maryland, Baltimore County to act on its behalf and is a resident of the State; authorizing the license holder to sell beer, wine, and liquor for on–premises consumption at certain University events; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

**HB 114**      **Delegate McIntosh**

Chapter 618

**BALTIMORE CITY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – CLASS B–D–7  
LICENSES**

Altering the location at which the Board of License Commissioners for Baltimore City may issue a Class B–D–7 license on West North Avenue.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018



- HB 312**            **Delegate Davis, et al**  
Chapter 619        **CRIMINAL LAW – SCHOOL BUS DRIVER AND PUBLIC  
TRANSPORTATION WORKER – OBSTRUCTING, HINDERING,  
OR INTERFERING WITH**
- Increasing the penalties for obstructing, hindering, or interfering with a school bus driver or a certain individual who is involved in providing public transportation services under certain circumstances.  
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018
- HB 605**            **Delegate Kaiser, et al**  
Chapter 620        **STATE STUDENT LOAN REFINANCING PROGRAM –  
MARKET-SPECIFIC CONSULTANT STUDY**
- Requiring the Maryland Health and Higher Educational Facilities Authority to engage an outside consultant to conduct a market-specific study to make certain determinations related to a State student loan refinancing program in Maryland; requiring the consultant to report to the Authority and requiring the report to include certain elements; requiring the Authority to review the consultant’s report and make certain comments or recommendations to certain committees of the General Assembly; terminating the Act after June 30, 2020; etc.  
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2018
- SB 284**            **Senator Middleton, et al**  
Chapter 621        **MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM – DENTAL  
COVERAGE FOR ADULTS – PILOT PROGRAM**
- Requiring the Maryland Department of Health to apply, by September 1, 2018, to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services for an amendment to a certain waiver to implement a pilot program to provide limited dental coverage to certain individuals; requiring the Department to administer the program under certain circumstances; requiring the Department to report to the Governor and the General Assembly on the status of a certain application on or before December 1, 2018; etc.  
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

**SB 885**

**Senator Middleton**

Chapter 622

**MARYLAND AGRICULTURAL LAND PRESERVATION  
FOUNDATION – CONDEMNATION OF LAND UNDER  
EASEMENT**

Altering the statutory formula that determines the compensation required to be paid to the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Fund on condemnation of land under a certain easement held by the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation; requiring the Foundation to distribute a portion of certain compensation to a certain entity under certain circumstances; altering the definition of “economic or residential development”; and applying the Act.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 30, 2018

**SB 1140**

**Senator Middleton**

Chapter 623

**MARYLAND AGRICULTURAL LAND PRESERVATION  
FOUNDATION – DEFINITION OF CHILD**

Defining the term “child” for the purposes of the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation to mean a biological child, an adopted child, or a stepchild, not to include a foster child, a grandchild, or a descendant more remote than a grandchild; and applying the Act retroactively.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

**SB 1131**

**Senator Middleton**

Chapter 624

**MOTOR VEHICLE INSURANCE – COMMERCIAL POLICIES –  
INSURANCE IDENTIFICATION CARD**

Allowing a certain insurance identification card to be issued for a period of 12 months for a 12-month commercial motor vehicle insurance policy covering three or more vehicles even if the payment by the insured is for a period of less than 12 months.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

**HB 1723 Charles County Delegation**

Chapter 625

**CHARLES COUNTY – WORK RELEASE – COLLECTION OF INMATE EARNINGS**

Requiring an inmate participating in a work–release arrangement in Charles County to pay court–ordered restitution and certain food, lodging, electronic monitoring, and clothing costs; requiring the Charles County Sheriff to establish certain per diem rates and designate an agent to collect the costs; and requiring the Sheriff’s designee to deliver certain amounts collected to the county treasurer. EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

**HB 1456 Delegate Barve, et al**

Chapter 626

**OFFSHORE DRILLING LIABILITY ACT**

Expanding the definition of “offshore drilling activity” to mean the exploration, development, production or transportation of oil or gas on or under the outer continental shelf; establishing that an offshore drilling activity is an ultrahazardous and abnormally dangerous activity; establishing that a person that causes a spill of oil or gas while engaged in an offshore drilling activity is strictly liable for certain damages; providing that provisions concerning a certain bond do not apply to a judgment in a certain civil action; etc. EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

**HB 3 Delegate Stein, et al**

Chapter 627

**ENVIRONMENT – U.S. CLIMATE ALLIANCE – MEMBERSHIP**

Requiring the Governor to include the State as a member of the U.S. Climate Alliance on or before July 1, 2018; prohibiting the Governor from withdrawing the State from the U.S. Climate Alliance unless the General Assembly enacts a law approving the withdrawal; and requiring the Governor to report to certain committees of the General Assembly on or before December 1 each year, beginning on or before December 1, 2018, on any collaborations among Alliance members and any policies or programs that the Alliance has endorsed or undertaken. EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2018

**HB 1350**

Chapter 628

**Delegate Stein, et al**

**SEA LEVEL RISE INUNDATION AND COASTAL FLOODING –  
CONSTRUCTION, ADAPTATION, AND MITIGATION**

Altering the definition of the construction practice term “Coast Smart” to include highway facilities; requiring the Coast Smart Council in conjunction with the Department of Natural Resources and the Department of Transportation, to establish Coast Smart siting and design criteria to address sea level rise inundation and coastal flood impacts on State and local projects; requiring a local jurisdiction that experiences nuisance flooding to develop a plan to address the flooding by July 1, 2019; etc.

**EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018**

**SB 1006**

Chapter 629

**Senator Pinsky**

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**EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018**

**SB 844**

Chapter 630

**Senator Conway**

**ENVIRONMENT – NEWSPRINT RECYCLING BOARD – REPEAL  
AND TRANSFER OF AUTHORITY**

Repealing the provisions of law that establish the Newsprint Recycling Board; authorizing the Secretary of the Environment, rather than the Board, to exempt a publisher from certain recycled content requirements under certain circumstances; providing that the Secretary’s failure to act on a certain application under certain circumstances, rather than the Board’s failure to act, is an approval of the application; etc.

**EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018**

**HB 1088**

Chapter 631

**Delegate Cullison, et al**

STATE PROCUREMENT – INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY –  
NONVISUAL ACCESS

Requiring the Secretary of Information Technology, or the Secretary's designee, by January 1, 2020, to adopt new nonvisual access procurement standards that provide an individual with disabilities with nonvisual access so the individual can acquire the same information, engage in the same interactions, and enjoy the same services as users without disabilities; requiring the nonvisual access standards to be consistent with certain federal standards; requiring a certain nonvisual access clause to include a certain statement; etc.  
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

**SB 286**

Chapter 632

**Senator Conway, et al**

STATE PROCUREMENT – INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY –  
NONVISUAL ACCESS

Requiring the Secretary of Information Technology, or the Secretary's designee, on or before January 1, 2020, to adopt new nonvisual access procurement standards that provide individuals with disabilities with certain nonvisual access so the individuals have the same information, engage in the same interactions, and enjoy the same services as users without disabilities; requiring the Secretary or the Secretary's designee to establish a process for determining if certain information technology meets certain standards and for enforcing the Act; etc.  
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

**HB 1557**

Chapter 633

**Delegate Hayes, et al**

PROCUREMENT – ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES AND  
ENGINEERING SERVICES – RECIPROCAL PREFERENCE

Requiring a unit to give a certain preference under certain circumstances to a certain resident firm that is licensed or otherwise authorized to provide architectural services or engineering services in the State; requiring a certain nonresident firm to submit certain documentation concerning certain preferences to a unit at the request of the unit; requiring a unit to apply certain preferences to certain proposals in a certain manner; etc.  
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

**SB 1020**      **Senator Conway**

Chapter 634

**PROCUREMENT – ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES AND  
ENGINEERING SERVICES – RECIPROCAL PREFERENCE**

Requiring a unit to give a certain preference under certain circumstances to a certain resident firm that is licensed or otherwise authorized to provide architectural services or engineering services in the State; requiring a certain nonresident firm to submit certain documentation concerning certain preferences to a unit at the request of the unit; requiring a unit to apply certain preferences to certain proposals in a certain manner; etc.

**EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018**

**SB 399**      **Senator Conway, et al**

Chapter 635

**BALTIMORE CITY – BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS –  
LICENSE APPLICATION NEWSPAPER NOTICE**

Requiring the Board of License Commissioners for Baltimore City to publish notice of license application in two newspapers instead of three.

**EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018**

**SB 621**      **Senator Conway, et al**

Chapter 636

**REAL PROPERTY – DELETION OF OWNERSHIP RESTRICTIONS  
BASED ON RACE, RELIGIOUS BELIEF, OR NATIONAL ORIGIN**

Authorizing certain persons to execute and record a restrictive covenant modification to an unlawfully restrictive covenant in a certain manner; requiring the governing body of a homeowners association to delete any recorded covenant or restriction that restricts ownership based on race, religious belief, or national origin from the common area deeds or other declarations of property in the development on or before September 30, 2019; etc.

**EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018**

**HB 1553**      **Delegate Anderson (By Request - Baltimore City**  
Chapter 637    **Administration)**

**BALTIMORE CITY – LANDLORD AND TENANT – FALSE REPRESENTATIONS AND UNLAWFUL EVICTIONS**

Prohibiting an agent, a landlord, or an operator from making false representations or statements to tenants in violation of certain laws in Baltimore City; prohibiting certain individuals from making false representations or statements in connection with certain proceedings in Baltimore City; prohibiting certain individuals from attempting to circumvent certain rights afforded to tenants in connection with the denial of ingress to or egress from a dwelling, intentionally diminishing certain services, or penalizing certain tenants; etc.

**EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018**

**SB 826**      **Senator Conway (By Request - Baltimore City**  
Chapter 638    **Administration)**

**BALTIMORE CITY – LANDLORD AND TENANT – FALSE REPRESENTATIONS AND UNLAWFUL EVICTIONS**

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**EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018**

**HB 1548**      **Delegate Anderson (By Request - Baltimore City**  
Chapter 639   **Administration)**

BALTIMORE CITY – CONTINUING THE CREATING  
OPPORTUNITIES FOR RENEWAL AND ENTERPRISE (CORE)  
PARTNERSHIP FUND

Establishing the Continuing the CORE Partnership Fund to assist the Department of Housing and Community Development, in conjunction with the Maryland Stadium Authority and Baltimore City, in expeditiously removing blighted property within Baltimore City; requiring the Secretary to administer the Fund; specifying the contents of the Fund; authorizing the Governor to include an appropriation of \$30,000,000 in the annual budget bill for the Fund for fiscal year 2020 and \$25,000,000 for the Fund in fiscal years 2021 through 2024; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

**SB 1084**      **Senator Conway (By Request - Baltimore City**  
Chapter 640   **Administration), et al**

BALTIMORE CITY – CONTINUING THE CREATING  
OPPORTUNITIES FOR RENEWAL AND ENTERPRISE (CORE)  
PARTNERSHIP FUND

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EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018



**HB 1385**      **Delegate Anderson (By Request – Baltimore City**  
Chapter 641    **Administration)**

**BALTIMORE CITY – TOURISM IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT**

Authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore to establish by ordinance a certain Tourism Improvement District; authorizing the Mayor and City Council to designate a Tourism Improvement District Association to provide certain services; requiring the Association to establish a certain financial plan for the District; prohibiting the Mayor and City Council from authorizing certain reductions in certain existing funding; providing that certain unspent funds be refunded to certain business owners in a certain manner; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

**SB 1085**      **Senator Conway (By Request – Baltimore City**  
Chapter 642    **Administration), et al**

**BALTIMORE CITY – TOURISM IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT**

Authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore to establish by ordinance a certain Tourism Improvement District; authorizing the Mayor and City Council to designate a Tourism Improvement District Association to provide certain services; requiring the Association to establish a certain financial plan for the District; prohibiting the Mayor and City Council from authorizing certain reductions in certain existing funding; providing that certain unspent funds be refunded to certain business owners in a certain manner; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

**SB 1200**      **Senator Conway**  
Chapter 643

**BALTIMORE CITY – BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS –  
NOTICE OF LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS**

Requiring the Board of License Commissioners for Baltimore City to give notice to the Mayor of Baltimore City, the Baltimore City Council, and community and residential groups in the City that have opted to receive notices from the Board, at least 3 months before the start of the regular session of the General Assembly each year, regarding any legislative proposal the Board intends to submit to the Baltimore City delegation to the General Assembly for introduction as a bill.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

**SB 571**            **Senator Bates**

Chapter 644

MARYLAND AGRICULTURAL LAND PRESERVATION  
FOUNDATION – USE OF LAND – SIGNS AND OUTDOOR  
ADVERTISING DISPLAYS

Authorizing a landowner, without the approval of the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation, to erect and display on land subject to a certain easement a certain sign or outdoor advertising display for a certain purpose; authorizing the Foundation to authorize a landowner to erect and display on land subject to a certain easement a certain sign or outdoor advertising display for the purpose of providing certain information; applying the Act retroactively; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

**SB 1102**           **Senators Cassilly and Norman**

Chapter 645

LANDLORD AND TENANT – ACTION FOR REPOSSESSION OF  
NONRESIDENTIAL PROPERTY – SERVICE OF PROCESS

Altering certain requirements for service of process by a landlord of nonresidential property in an action for repossession for nonpayment of rent by requiring service to be directed to the sheriff for the appropriate county or municipality and authorizing service, on plaintiff's request, to be directed to any person authorized under the Maryland Rules to serve process.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

**HB 1329**           **Delegate Beidle**

Chapter 646

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EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

**SB 73**

Chapter 647

**Harford County Senators**

**HARFORD COUNTY SHERIFF – DEPUTY SHERIFFS AND  
CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS – COLLECTIVE BARGAINING**

Providing that full-time deputy sheriffs at the rank of captain and below and full-time correctional officers at the rank of captain and below in the Office of the Sheriff of Harford County have the right to organize and negotiate with the Harford County Executive and Harford County Sheriff with regard to certain wages and employee health care premium share; requiring the right to organize and negotiate to be conducted in accordance with certain provisions of the Harford County Code unless otherwise provided in the Act; etc.  
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

**HB 743**

Chapter 648

**Harford County Delegation**

**HARFORD COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – PER DIEM  
LICENSES**

Authorizing a simple majority of the members of the Board of License Commissioners for Harford County to approve or deny an application for a per diem license in a certain formal meeting or, with a certain written voting record, through oral or written contact by any method by the chair with each member of the Board; and prohibiting the Board from requiring the publication of an application for a per diem license as a prerequisite to issuing the license.  
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

**HB 1343**

Chapter 649

**Harford County Delegation**

**HARFORD COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – STADIUM  
LICENSE**

Repealing a certain restriction on an establishment for which a stadium beer, wine, and liquor license may be issued in Harford County; repealing a certain restriction on a stadium beer, wine, and liquor license in Harford County that allows an individual to serve liquor during a baseball game only in certain areas of the stadium; and repealing a certain restriction prohibiting a license holder from allowing a roving vendor to dispense beer in the stadium.  
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

**HB 1660**

Chapter 650

**Delegate Reilly, et al**

**PROPERTY TAX – ASSESSMENT RECORDS OF REAL PROPERTY AND REASSESSMENT AFTER APPEAL**

Requiring the Department of Assessments and Taxation to include in an assessment record for real property a note describing any reduction in an assessment resulting from a certain order or decision and, under certain circumstances, the specific reason for the reduction; applying certain provisions of law that relate to the authority of the Department during a reassessment of property after an appeal to certain appeals filed with a supervisor of assessments on or after October 1, 2014, but still pending a final decision; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

**SB 10**

Chapter 651

**Senator Kasemeyer (By Request – Departmental – Assessments and Taxation)**

**PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENTS – PHYSICAL INSPECTION OF PROPERTY**

Repealing a requirement that the State Department of Assessments and Taxation or the supervisor of assessments for a county value all real property once in every 3–year cycle based on a certain inspection; requiring the Department’s review of each real property assessment in every 3–year cycle to include a physical inspection under certain circumstances; and requiring the Department to perform the physical inspection within 30 days of receiving notification of an improvement to the property which adds at least \$1,000,000 in value.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2018

**SB 83**

Chapter 652

**Chair, Budget and Taxation Committee (By Request – Departmental – Assessments and Taxation)**

**PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY FRANCHISE TAX – RETURN DEADLINE**

Changing from March 15 to April 15 the date by which public service companies are required to file a franchise tax return with the State Department of Assessments and Taxation; and applying the Act to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2017.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

**SB 84**                    **Chair, Budget and Taxation Committee (By Request –**  
Chapter 653            **Departmental – Assessments and Taxation)**

**REAL PROPERTY TAX – EXEMPTION APPLICATIONS –**  
**APPROVAL AUTHORITY**

Requiring that the supervisor of assessments for a county, rather than the State Department of Assessments and Taxation, approve or reject an application for an exemption of real property from the property tax.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2018

**HB 89**                    **Chair, Ways and Means Committee (By Request –**  
Chapter 654            **Departmental – Assessments and Taxation)**

**PROPERTY TAX CREDIT – PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICERS –**  
**ADMINISTRATION**

Repealing a certain requirement that the State Department of Assessments and Taxation be responsible for certain administrative duties relating to a credit against the county or municipal corporation property tax imposed on a certain dwelling that is owned by a certain public safety officer under certain circumstances; providing that a certain property tax credit may not exceed the lesser of \$2,500 per dwelling or the amount of property tax imposed on the dwelling; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2018

**SB 98**                    **Chair, Budget and Taxation Committee (By Request –**  
Chapter 655            **Departmental – Assessments and Taxation)**

**PROPERTY TAX – PUBLIC UTILITIES – ASSESSMENT**  
**APPORTIONMENT**

Requiring the State Department of Assessments and Taxation to apportion the assessment of operating property of a public utility among the counties and municipal corporations where the operating property is located; repealing certain requirements for apportioning the assessment of operating personal property of a domestic public utility placed into service before January 1, 1968; and authorizing the Department to adopt certain regulations.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2018

**SB 8**                    **Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs**  
Chapter 656            **Committee (By Request – Departmental – Health)**

**STATE BOARD OF NURSING – MARYLAND NURSE PRACTICE  
ACT – REVISIONS**

Repealing certain provisions of law that authorize the State Board of Nursing to grant two 90-day extensions for the renewal of a certain license or certificate pending receipt of criminal history record information; repealing a provision of law that authorizes the Board to immediately suspend the licenses of certain individuals expelled from the Safe Practice Program; authorizing certain licensing boards to issue cease and desist orders or impose an encumbrance on a nurse's authority to practice in a certain state; etc.

**EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018**

**SB 17**                    **Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental –**  
Chapter 657            **Health)**

**HEALTH INFORMATION EXCHANGES – DEFINITIONS AND  
REGULATIONS**

Altering a requirement that the Maryland Health Care Commission adopt certain regulations for the privacy and security of protected health information obtained or released through a health information exchange; altering the definition of a "health information exchange" to include an entity that governs, as well as one that provides, certain processes related to health care information; repealing a certain provision of law prohibiting certain regulations from applying to certain protected health information; etc.

**EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018**

**SB 62**                    **Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs**  
Chapter 658            **Committee (By Request – Departmental – Health)**

**MARYLAND CHIROPRACTIC ACT – REVISIONS**

Repealing a requirement that the State Board of Chiropractic Examiners issue paper copies of licenses; prohibiting, under certain circumstances, an applicant for a license to practice chiropractic from being required under a certain provision of law to hold a bachelor's degree; requiring the Central Repository to provide the Board with a revised printed statement of an individual's criminal history record under certain circumstances; requiring the Board to maintain an electronic roster of each individual licensed; etc.

**EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018**

**SB 80**                    **Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs**  
Chapter 659            **Committee (By Request – Departmental – Health)**

**STATE BOARD OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY PRACTICE –  
LICENSURE – REVISIONS**

Altering a certain licensure requirement by specifying that certain examinations an applicant may pass to meet a certain examination requirement are those given by national credentialing organizations approved by the State Board of Occupational Therapy Practice; requiring the Board to maintain an electronic roster of each individual licensed by the Board; requiring the Board to make the roster available for electronic verification of licensure through the Board's website or a mobile application issued by the Board; etc.

**EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018**

**SB 105**                    **Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental –**  
Chapter 660            **Health)**

**STATE ADVISORY COUNCIL ON HEREDITARY AND  
CONGENITAL DISORDERS – MEMBERSHIP AND  
APPOINTMENTS**

Altering the membership of the State Advisory Council on Hereditary and Congenital Disorders; requiring that the Secretary of Health, rather than the Governor, make appointments to the Advisory Council; and prohibiting the Secretary from appointing voting members to the Advisory Council until a certain term expires or unless a seat is vacant.

**EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018**

**SB 108**            **Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental –**  
Chapter 661        **Health)**

REGULATION OF HEALTH CARE PROGRAMS, MEDICAL  
LABORATORIES, TISSUE BANKS, AND HEALTH CARE  
FACILITIES – REVISIONS

Repealing requirements that fees for the licensure and permitting of behavioral health programs and facilities, medical laboratories, tissue banks, and health care facilities be set by the Secretary of Health; repealing certain provisions of law regarding the renewal of certain licenses and permits for certain health programs and facilities; requiring a person acquiring a nursing home to provide the Department with written notice of the acquisition; requiring a nursing home to notify the Department of certain changes within 30 days; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

**SB 110**            **Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs**  
Chapter 662        **Committee (By Request – Departmental – Health)**

STATE BOARD OF PODIATRIC MEDICAL EXAMINERS –  
LICENSURE – QUALIFICATIONS AND EXAMINATIONS

Requiring that an applicant for a license to practice podiatry pass the National Board of Podiatric Medical Examiners licensing examination and a written examination on the statute and regulations of the State Board of Podiatric Medical Examiners; repealing the requirement that the Board notify each qualified applicant of the time and place of the examination on the Board's statutes and regulations; requiring the Board to notify each qualified applicant of the requirements of the examination on the statutes and regulations; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018



**SB 111**            **Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental –**  
Chapter 663        **Health)**

**MARYLAND HEALTH BENEFIT EXCHANGE – CRIMINAL  
HISTORY RECORDS CHECKS – CONTRACTORS WITH ACCESS  
TO FEDERAL TAX INFORMATION**

Authorizing the Maryland Health Benefit Exchange to require certain contractors with access to federal tax information to provide certain information for a certain background investigation; authorizing the Exchange to request from the Criminal Justice Information System Central Repository a State and national criminal history records check for certain contractors; authorizing the Exchange to collect and submit to the Central Repository certain fees and information from certain contractors; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2018

**SB 52**            **Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental –**  
Chapter 664        **Maryland Insurance Administration)**

**INSURANCE – MEDICARE SUPPLEMENT POLICY PLANS –  
CONFORMITY TO FEDERAL LAW**

Altering references to certain Medicare supplement policy plans to conform with certain provisions in federal law; etc.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2020

**SB 54**            **Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental –**  
Chapter 665        **Maryland Insurance Administration)**

**HEALTH INSURANCE – TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS AND  
REQUIRED CONFORMITY WITH FEDERAL LAW**

Correcting certain incorrect cross–references for purposes of certain provisions of law relating to accountable care organizations, incentive–based compensation, and the renewal of certain health benefit plans; altering the triggering events for which certain carriers are required to provide a certain open enrollment period; and altering the definition of “small employer” for purposes of certain provisions of law governing the Maryland Health Benefit Exchange.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

**SB 57**                    **Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental –**  
Chapter 666            **Maryland Insurance Administration)**

INSURANCE – MEDICAL PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY  
INSURANCE POLICIES – TECHNICAL CORRECTION

Correcting an erroneous cross-reference relating to the notice requirements to which a medical professional liability insurer that cancels a policy for nonpayment of a deductible is subject.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

**SB 78**                    **Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental –**  
Chapter 667            **Maryland Insurance Administration)**

INSURANCE – RISK RETENTION GROUPS – REVISIONS

Requiring certain domestic risk retention groups to implement certain governance standards; requiring the boards of directors of certain risk retention groups to have a majority of independent directors; establishing certain standards concerning whether a director is independent; providing that a person is deemed to have a material relationship with a certain risk retention group under certain circumstances; providing that certain persons are not considered independent until after certain events; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

**SB 86**                    **Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request –**  
Chapter 668            **Departmental – Secretary of State)**

CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS – REGISTRATION LATE FEES  
– DISTRIBUTION AND USE

Requiring \$100 of the annual fees as well as the late fees paid by a charitable organization for failure to timely file a registration that are collected by the Secretary of State to be distributed to the Charitable Enforcement Fund, to be used to support the actions of the Secretary of State and the Attorney General to carry out certain duties relating to the protection of charitable assets and the enforcement of the Maryland Solicitations Act.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

**SB 91**                    **Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request –**  
Chapter 669            **Departmental – Juvenile Services)**

**JUVENILE LAW – DISCLOSURE OF COURT RECORDS**

Establishing that a prohibition against the disclosure of court records pertaining to a certain child does not prohibit access to and confidential use of the court record by the Department of Human Services, local departments of social services, the Maryland Department of Health, or local health departments in coordination with the Department of Juvenile Services for purposes relevant to the provision of services or care; and requiring that certain disclosed records be kept confidential in accordance with certain laws.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

**SB 94**                    **Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs**  
Chapter 670            **Committee (By Request – Departmental – Natural Resources)**

**NATURAL RESOURCES – UNPROTECTED BIRDS AND MAMMALS**

Adding “pigeon” to the defined term “unprotected bird” for the purposes of the wildlife and hunting laws of the State; prohibiting a person from engaging in certain activity while hunting or pursuing unprotected birds or mammals; prohibiting a person from conducting or participating in an organized contest for prizes or monetary awards for which unprotected birds are launched by mechanical or manual means as targets for the contest participants; providing a fine of \$25 for each unprotected bird killed in violation of the Act; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2018

**HB 190**                    **Chair, Judiciary Committee (By Request – Departmental –**  
Chapter 671            **Public Safety and Correctional Services)**

**PUBLIC SAFETY – MARYLAND POLICE TRAINING AND STANDARDS COMMISSION – PSYCHOLOGICAL CONSULTATION AND EVALUATION**

Repealing the requirement that the Maryland Police Training and Standards Commission develop standards for the mandatory psychological evaluation of a certain law enforcement officer; requiring the Commission to develop standards for the mandatory psychological consultation with a certain law enforcement officer; repealing a requirement that a certain psychological evaluation for a police officer certification be conducted by a psychologist approved by the Commission; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

**HB 252**      **Chair, Environment and Transportation Committee (By**  
Chapter 672   **Request – Departmental – Agriculture) and Delegate Rey**

**LAND USE – AGRITOURISM**

Authorizing a local jurisdiction to adopt the definition of agritourism by local ordinance, resolution, law, or rule; providing for the application of the Act to charter counties; and defining “agritourism” as an activity conducted on a farm that is offered to a member of the general public or to invited guests for the purpose of education, recreation, or active involvement in the farm operation.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

**HB 694**      **Chair, Environment and Transportation Committee and**  
Chapter 673   **Chair, Economic Matters Committee (By Request –**  
                         **Departmental – Housing and Community Development)**

**PUBLIC SAFETY – BUILDING CODES – TRANSFER OF**  
**ADMINISTRATION TO DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, LICENSING,**  
**AND REGULATION**

Transferring certain responsibilities relating to the administration of certain statewide building codes from the Department of Housing and Community Development to the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation; providing for the transfer of certain functions, powers, and duties of the Department of Housing and Community Development on the effective date of the Act; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

**SB 150**      **Senator Astle**  
Chapter 674   **CITY OF ANNAPOLIS – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES –**  
                         **BOOKSTORE LICENSE**

Establishing a bookstore beer and wine license in the City of Annapolis; authorizing the Board of License Commissioners to issue the license to a certain establishment; specifying that the license authorizes the license holder to sell beer and wine to a bookstore customer for on-premises consumption during a public lecture, reading, discussion, or similar bookstore event; prohibiting the average daily receipts from the sale of alcoholic beverages at the bookstore from exceeding 17% of average daily receipts; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

**SB 1176**      **Chair, Anne Arundel County Senators**

Chapter 675      HOUSING COMMISSION OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY –  
TERMS

Reducing the terms of the members of the Housing Commission of Anne Arundel County from 5 to 4 years to run coterminous with that of the County Executive; and providing for the termination of the terms of certain members of the Housing Commission of Anne Arundel County.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

**HB 710**      **Delegates Carey and Lisanti**

Chapter 676      CONSUMER PROTECTION – CREDIT REPORT SECURITY  
FREEZES – NOTICE AND FEES

Prohibiting a consumer reporting agency from charging a fee for the placement of a security freeze requested by a consumer or a certain consumer representative; prohibiting a consumer reporting agency from charging a fee for the temporary lift or removal of a security freeze that has been placed on the consumer's credit report; and altering the contents of a certain notice that must be included with a certain summary of rights provided to a consumer.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

**SB 202**      **Senator Lee, et al**

Chapter 677      CONSUMER PROTECTION – CREDIT REPORT SECURITY  
FREEZES – NOTICE AND FEES

Prohibiting a consumer reporting agency from charging a fee for the placement of a security freeze requested by a consumer or a certain consumer representative; prohibiting a consumer reporting agency from charging a fee for the temporary lift or removal of a security freeze that has been placed on the consumer's credit report; and altering the contents of a certain notice that must be included with a certain summary of rights provided to a consumer.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

**SB 751**            **Senator Simonaire**

Chapter 678

**VEHICLE LAWS – HOV LANES – PLUG-IN ELECTRIC DRIVE  
AND HYBRID VEHICLES**

Extending the termination date to September 30, 2022, for certain provisions of law authorizing certain hybrid vehicles to use a certain high occupancy vehicle (HOV) lane regardless of the number of passengers under certain circumstances; extending the termination date to September 30, 2022 for certain provisions of law making certain requirements regarding the use of HOV lanes by plug-in electric drive vehicles applicable to qualified hybrid vehicles; etc.  
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

**HB 714**            **Delegate McMillan, et al**

Chapter 679

**VEHICLE LAWS – HOV LANES – PLUG-IN ELECTRIC DRIVE  
AND HYBRID VEHICLES**

Extending the termination date to September 30, 2022, for certain provisions of law authorizing certain hybrid vehicles to use a certain high occupancy vehicle (HOV) lane regardless of the number of passengers under certain circumstances; extending the termination date to September 30, 2022 for certain provisions of law making certain requirements regarding the use of HOV lanes by plug-in electric drive vehicles applicable to qualified hybrid vehicles; etc.  
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

**HB 1481**          **Delegate Fraser-Hidalgo, et al**

Chapter 680

**REAL PROPERTY – NEW HOME SALES – INFORMATION ON  
ENERGY-EFFICIENT OPTIONS**

Requiring, for a development with 11 or more homes to be built by the same builder, a home builder to provide a purchaser with written information on energy-efficient options, including a statement that tax credits may be available related to the energy-efficient options, available for installation in a new home; and requiring a contract for the initial sale of a new home to contain a certain acknowledgment that the purchaser was provided with certain information about energy-efficient options for the home.  
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

- SB 648**  
Chapter 681 **Senator Kelley**  
REAL PROPERTY – NEW HOME SALES – INFORMATION ON ENERGY-EFFICIENT OPTIONS
- Requiring, for a development with 11 or more homes to be built by the same builder, a home builder to provide a purchaser with written information on energy-efficient options, including a statement that tax credits may be available related to the energy-efficient options, available for installation in a new home; and requiring a contract for the initial sale of a new home to contain a certain acknowledgment that the purchaser was provided with certain information about energy-efficient options for the home.  
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018
- SB 864**  
Chapter 682 **Senator Kelley, et al**  
HEALTH – EMERGENCY EVALUEES AND INVOLUNTARILY ADMITTED OR COMMITTED INDIVIDUALS – PROCEDURES
- Requiring a health care provider to disclose certain medical and legal records without the authorization of an individual to a public defender who states in writing that the Office of the Public Defender represents the individual; requiring that only those records needed by the public defender to represent the individual shall be disclosed; requiring the records to be provided within 24 hours after a certain request; prohibiting a hearing officer from ordering the release of a certain individual on certain grounds; etc.  
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018
- SB 835**  
Chapter 683 **Senator Madaleno, et al**  
MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM – COLLABORATIVE CARE PILOT PROGRAM
- Establishing the Collaborative Care Pilot Program in the Maryland Department of Health to implement a Collaborative Care Model in primary care settings to provide health care services to recipients enrolled in HealthChoice; requiring the Department to select up to three sites for the Pilot Program; requiring the Department to collaborate with stakeholders on the development, implementation, and outcome monitoring of the Program; requiring the Governor to include in the annual budget \$550,000 for certain fiscal years; etc.  
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

**HB 1682**

Chapter 684

**Delegate Morales, et al**

**MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM –  
COLLABORATIVE CARE PILOT PROGRAM**

Establishing the Collaborative Care Pilot Program in the Maryland Department of Health to implement a Collaborative Care Model in primary care settings to provide health care services to recipients enrolled in HealthChoice; requiring the Department to select up to three sites for the Pilot Program; requiring the Department to work with stakeholders on the development, implementation, and outcome monitoring of the Program; requiring the Governor to include in the annual budget \$550,000 for certain fiscal years; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

**SB 1028**

Chapter 685

**Senator Madaleno, et al**

**HEALTH OCCUPATIONS – CONVERSION THERAPY FOR  
MINORS – PROHIBITION (YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH  
PROTECTION ACT)**

Prohibiting certain mental health or child care practitioners from engaging in conversion therapy with individuals who are minors; providing that a certain mental health or child care practitioner who engages in conversion therapy with a minor shall be considered to have engaged in unprofessional conduct subject to disciplinary action; defining “conversion therapy” as a practice or treatment by a mental health or child care practitioner that seeks to change an individual’s sexual orientation or gender identity; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

**HB 382**

Chapter 686

**Delegate Dumais**

**CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – EXPUNGEMENT – CIVIL OFFENSE**

Repealing certain statutory language to clarify that a person who has been charged with any civil offense or infraction, except a juvenile offense, may file a petition for expungement of certain records under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018



- HB 403**            **Delegate Jones, et al**  
Chapter 687        **COMMUNITY COLLEGES – FACILITIES RENEWAL GRANT PROGRAM – ESTABLISHED**
- Establishing the Community College Facilities Renewal Grant Program to provide State funds to community colleges for improvements, repairs, and deferred maintenance projects; requiring the Maryland Higher Education Commission to administer the Program; requiring the Governor to annually appropriate a certain amount in a certain budget to the Commission; requiring a certain appropriation to be in addition to the appropriation for a certain other program; establishing requirements and limitations in awarding grants; etc.  
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018
- SB 595**            **Senator King, et al**  
Chapter 688        **COMMUNITY COLLEGES – FACILITIES RENEWAL GRANT PROGRAM – ESTABLISHED**
- Establishing the Community College Facilities Renewal Grant Program to provide State funds to community colleges for improvements, repairs, and deferred maintenance projects; requiring the Maryland Higher Education Commission to administer the Program; requiring the Governor to annually appropriate a certain amount in a certain budget to the Commission; requiring a certain appropriation to be in addition to the appropriation for a certain other program; establishing requirements and limitations in awarding grants; etc.  
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018
- HB 523**            **Delegate Hettleman, et al**  
Chapter 689        **STATE PERSONNEL – EMPLOYEES IN THE SAME CLASSIFICATION – REPORT**
- Requiring the Department of Budget and Management, in consultation with the Maryland Department of Transportation, to submit to the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee and the House Appropriations Committee by January 1, 2020, a report outlining a certain plan and identifying certain information.  
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

- SB 464**            **Senator Klausmeier, et al**  
Chapter 690        STATE PERSONNEL – EMPLOYEES IN THE SAME  
CLASSIFICATION – REPORT
- Requiring the Department of Budget and Management, in consultation with the Maryland Department of Transportation, to submit to the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee and the House Appropriations Committee by January 1, 2020, a report outlining a certain plan and identifying certain information.  
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018
- SB 704**            **Senator Klausmeier, et al**  
Chapter 691        MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM –  
TELEMEDICINE – ASSERTIVE COMMUNITY TREATMENT AND  
MOBILE TREATMENT SERVICES
- Requiring the Maryland Department of Health to include psychiatrists who are providing Assertive Community Treatment or mobile treatment services to certain Maryland Medical Assistance Program recipients in the types of providers eligible to receive reimbursement for health care services that are delivered through telemedicine and provided to Program recipients; requiring the Department to submit a report to certain committees of the General Assembly on general fund expenditures for certain reimbursements by September 30, 2020; etc.  
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018
- SB 977**            **Senator Klausmeier**  
Chapter 692        BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES AND VOLUNTARY  
PLACEMENT AGREEMENTS – CHILDREN AND YOUNG  
ADULTS – REPORTS
- Requiring the Director of the Behavioral Health Administration by December 1 each year to submit a report on behavioral health services for children and young adults in the State to the Governor and the General Assembly; requiring the Social Services Administration by December 1 each year to submit a report on voluntary placement agreements for children and young adults in the State to the Governor and the General Assembly; etc.  
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

**HB 1517**      **Delegate Sample–Hughes, et al**

Chapter 693

**BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES AND VOLUNTARY  
PLACEMENT AGREEMENTS – CHILDREN AND YOUNG  
ADULTS – REPORTS**

Requiring the Director of the Behavioral Health Administration by December 1 each year to submit a report on behavioral health services for children and young adults in the State to the Governor and the General Assembly; requiring the Social Services Administration by December 1 each year to submit a report on voluntary placement agreements for children and young adults in the State to the Governor and the General Assembly; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

**HB 1216**      **Delegate Clippinger**

Chapter 694

**CAREER PREPARATION EXPANSION ACT**

Authorizing a student or a student's parent or guardian to release the student's Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery score to certain apprenticeship programs and certain employers; authorizing the State Department of Education to adopt regulations requiring the award of credit toward high school graduation for time spent in certain apprenticeship programs; authorizing a Workforce Development Sequence Scholarship to assist with the cost of participation in certain apprenticeship programs; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

**SB 978**      **Senator Klausmeier, et al**

Chapter 695

**CAREER PREPARATION EXPANSION ACT**

Authorizing a student or a student's parent or guardian to release the student's Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery score to certain apprenticeship programs and certain employers; authorizing the State Department of Education to adopt regulations requiring the award of credit toward high school graduation for time spent in certain apprenticeship programs; authorizing a Workforce Development Sequence Scholarship to assist with the cost of participation in certain apprenticeship programs; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

**HB 1528**

Chapter 696

**Delegate Clippinger**

**ELECTRIC UNIVERSAL SERVICE PROGRAM – FUNDS –  
ARREARAGE PREVENTION**

Authorizing the Department of Human Services to use certain unexpended funds to establish a certain arrearage prevention program; providing the purpose and intent of the program is a one-time grant of money to establish ongoing arrearage prevention activities in the State; providing for the Department to select certain program recipients for certain purposes; requiring the Department, for fiscal year 2019, to dedicate \$750,000 of unexpended funds in the Electric Universal Service Program to the arrearage prevention program; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

**SB 1117**

Chapter 697

**Senator Klausmeier**

**ELECTRIC UNIVERSAL SERVICE PROGRAM – FUNDS –  
ARREARAGE PREVENTION**

Authorizing the Department of Human Services to use certain unexpended funds to establish a certain arrearage prevention program; providing that the purpose and intent of the program is a one-time grant of money to establish ongoing arrearage prevention activities in the State; providing for the Department to select certain program recipients for certain purposes; requiring the Department, for fiscal year 2019, to dedicate \$750,000 of unexpended funds in the Electric Universal Service Program to the arrearage prevention program; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

**SB 501**

Chapter 698

**Senator Edwards, et al**

**STATE LAKES PROTECTION AND RESTORATION FUND –  
PURPOSE, USE, AND FUNDING – ALTERATIONS**

Altering the purpose and use of the State Lakes Protection and Restoration Fund to include State-managed lakes; requiring the Governor, beginning in fiscal year 2020 and each fiscal year thereafter, to include in the annual budget bill an appropriation of \$1,000,000 to the Fund; and requiring the Department of Natural Resources to report to the Governor and the General Assembly by December 21, 2021 on the status of the Fund, money expended, costs incurred in administration, and recommendations for the Fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

**SB 540**            **Senator Edwards**

Chapter 699

**GARRETT COUNTY – BIDS AND CONTRACTS**

Increasing from \$15,000 to \$25,000 the threshold amount of a certain contract of sale or purchase entered into by the County Commissioners of Garrett County or a county employee above which the county is required to advertise for bids.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

**SB 606**            **Senators Edwards and Serafini**

Chapter 700

**OFF-HIGHWAY RECREATIONAL VEHICLES – EXCISE TITLING TAX – OFF-HIGHWAY RECREATIONAL VEHICLE TRAIL FUND**

Establishing the Off-Highway Recreational Vehicle Trail Fund to be used to maintain and construct trails for off-highway recreational vehicles on certain land; requiring the Secretary of Natural Resources to administer the Fund; requiring the Comptroller to distribute 25% in fiscal year 2019, and 50% in fiscal year 2020 and each year thereafter, of the revenue from the excise tax imposed on certain certificates of title issued for certain off-highway recreational vehicles to the Fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

**SB 1123**           **Senator Edwards**

Chapter 701

**GARRETT COUNTY – REGULATION OF ANIMALS – ENFORCEMENT**

Repealing a requirement applicable to Garrett County that a certain animal control officer enforce certain provisions; and requiring, in Garrett County, certain provisions to be enforced by the sheriff, a deputy authorized by the sheriff, or an animal control officer appointed by the county commissioners or the county commissioner's designee.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

- HB 202**      **Delegate Morhaim, et al**  
Chapter 702    **CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – INCOMPETENCY AND CRIMINAL RESPONSIBILITY – COURT-ORDERED EVALUATION**
- Authorizing a court after a certain finding of incompetency or not criminally responsible due to a mental disorder to order the Maryland Department of Health as soon as possible after the defendant's admission, but not later than 48 hours, to evaluate a defendant, to develop a treatment plan, and to make a determination as to whether the defendant is a danger to self or others under certain circumstances; requiring a panel to convene within 9 days after a certain individual's refusal of medication for certain purposes; etc.  
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018
- SB 361**      **Senator Ready, et al**  
Chapter 703    **CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – INCOMPETENCY AND CRIMINAL RESPONSIBILITY – COURT-ORDERED EVALUATION**
- Authorizing a court after a certain finding of incompetency or not criminally responsible due to a mental disorder to order the Maryland Department of Health as soon as possible after the defendant's admission, but not later than 48 hours, to evaluate a defendant, to develop a treatment plan, and to make a determination as to whether the defendant is a danger to self or others under certain circumstances; requiring a panel to convene within 9 days after a certain individual's refusal of medication for certain purposes: etc.  
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018
- SB 362**      **Senator Ready, et al**  
Chapter 704    **VEHICLE LAWS – REGISTRATION FEE EXEMPTIONS – DISABLED VETERANS**
- Exempting vehicles leased to and personally used by certain disabled veterans from vehicle registration fees.  
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

**SB 496**                    **Senator Ready, et al**  
Chapter 705                **ENVIRONMENT – GRAYWATER – RESIDENTIAL USE**

Authorizing a person to use graywater for certain residential purposes, including household gardening, composting, lawn watering, landscape irrigation, and toilet and urinal flushing under certain circumstances and in accordance with certain requirements; defining the term “graywater” to mean used, untreated water generated by the use of and collected from a shower, bathtub, or lavatory sink; and requiring the Department of the Environment to adopt certain regulations.  
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

**HB 319**                    **Delegate Sydnor, et al**  
Chapter 706                **JUVENILE LAW – TRUANCY**

Altering to under 16 years of age rather than 18 years, the age range for which a certain charge relating to truancy is applicable; reducing the maximum terms of imprisonment from 10 to 3 days for a first conviction and 30 to 5 days for subsequent convictions under the Act; authorizing the imposition of community service on conviction of certain charges related to truancy; and altering the application of a certain affirmative defense relating to a certain truancy charge.  
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

**SB 160**                    **Senator Nathan–Pulliam, et al**  
Chapter 707                **JUVENILE LAW – TRUANCY**

Altering, to under 16 years of age rather than 18 years, the age range for which a certain charge relating to truancy is applicable; reducing the maximum terms of imprisonment from 10 to 3 days for a first conviction and 30 to 5 days for subsequent convictions under the Act; authorizing the imposition of community service on conviction of certain charges related to truancy; and altering the application of a certain affirmative defense relating to a certain truancy charge.  
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

- SB 444**            **Senator Nathan–Pulliam, et al**  
Chapter 708        **TASK FORCE ON THE SOCIAL DETERMINANTS OF HEALTH IN  
BALTIMORE CITY**
- Establishing the Task Force on the Social Determinants of Health in Baltimore City; requiring, to the extent practicable, the Task Force to reflect a certain diversity; requiring the Task Force to identify and examine certain negative social factors and develop and implement solutions to improve the circumstances in which residents of Baltimore City live, work, play, and worship; requiring the Task Force to report its findings to the Governor and the General Assembly by December 1 of each year; providing for the termination of the Act; etc.  
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018
- SB 599**            **Senator Nathan–Pulliam, et al**  
Chapter 709        **BALTIMORE COUNTY – PROPERTY TAX – CREDIT FOR  
INDIVIDUALS AT LEAST 70 YEARS OLD**
- Requiring the governing body of Baltimore County to grant a property tax credit against the county property tax imposed on a dwelling owned by a homeowner who is at least 70 years old under certain circumstances; providing for the calculation of, eligibility for, and application of the credit; authorizing a homeowner to elect not to receive the credit; providing that a homeowner who elects not to receive the credit may receive any other property tax credit provided by Baltimore County for which the homeowner is eligible; etc.  
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2018
- HB 800**            **Delegate Pena–Melnyk, et al**  
Chapter 710        **STATE BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS – LICENSURE –  
FACULTY MEMBERS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND  
SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY**
- Requiring, under certain circumstances, that a dentist who is a faculty member at the University of Maryland School of Dentistry and was trained at a foreign dental school be qualified by the State Board of Dental Examiners to take a certain examination; authorizing a dentist who passes a certain examination to apply for a general license to practice dentistry; etc.  
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018



**SB 934**

**Senator Nathan–Pulliam, et al**

Chapter 711

**STATE BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS – LICENSURE –  
FACULTY MEMBERS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND  
SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY**

Requiring, under certain circumstances, that a dentist who is a faculty member at the University of Maryland School of Dentistry and was trained at a foreign dental school be qualified by the State Board of Dental Examiners to take a certain examination; authorizing a dentist who passes a certain examination to apply for a general license to practice dentistry; etc.

**EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018**

**SB 245**

**Senators Robinson and Smith**

Chapter 712

**PROCUREMENT – SECURITY REQUIREMENTS – FORMS**

Requiring the Board of Public Works to adopt regulations to establish separate forms for procurement officers to use to require security for certain fixed–price and multiyear contracts.

**EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018**

**SB 616**

**Senator Robinson**

Chapter 713

**BALTIMORE CITY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – LICENSE  
ISSUANCE, TRANSFER, AND EXPIRATION**

Establishing a marketplace license in the 43rd alcoholic beverages district in Baltimore City; creating exceptions under which the Board of License Commissioners for Baltimore City may issue certain new Class B–D–7 licenses; authorizing the Board to issue a Class BWLT beer, wine, and liquor (on premises) tasting license to a holder of a Class A–7 license only in a certain location; specifying that certain Class B–D–7 licenses are considered to be unexpired until the end of July 1, 2019, for a certain purpose in Baltimore City; etc.

**EMERGENCY BILL**

**SB 1098**

**Senator Robinson, et al**

Chapter 714

**BALTIMORE CITY – TAX SALES – WATER LIENS**

Prohibiting the tax collector in Baltimore City from selling residential property when the tax in arrears consists only of unpaid charges for water and sewer service; authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City to enforce a lien for unpaid charges for water and sewer service if the property is being sold to enforce another lien; requiring the Baltimore City Department of Public Works to report to the members of the Baltimore City delegation to the General Assembly by October 1, 2019, on certain matters; etc.  
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

**HB 908**

**Delegate Pena–Melnyk, et al**

Chapter 715

**HEALTH INSURANCE – COVERAGE OF FERTILITY PRESERVATION PROCEDURES FOR IATROGENIC INFERTILITY**

Requiring certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations that provide certain benefits under certain insurance policies or contracts to provide coverage for certain fertility preservation procedures; providing a certain exception for a religious organization that requests and receives an exclusion from in vitro fertilization coverage; and applying the Act to all policies, contracts, and health benefit plans issued, delivered, or renewed in the State on or after January 1, 2019.  
EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2019

**SB 271**

**Senator Mathias, et al**

Chapter 716

**HEALTH INSURANCE – COVERAGE OF FERTILITY PRESERVATION PROCEDURES FOR IATROGENIC INFERTILITY**

Requiring, except under certain circumstances, certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations that provide certain benefits under certain insurance policies or contracts to provide coverage for certain fertility preservation procedures; and applying the Act to all policies, contracts, and health benefit plans issued, delivered, or renewed in the State on or after January 1, 2019.  
EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2019

**HB 744**      **Delegate Lafferty**

Chapter 717      TRANSPORTATION – COMPLETE STREETS POLICY –  
ADOPTION

Requiring certain modal administrations of the Department of Transportation to adopt a complete streets policy that provides information for the implementation of design features that accommodate and facilitate safe and convenient access and mobility to facilities by all users; specifying the requirements of a complete streets policy and recognizing that facilities differ and user needs should be balanced to ensure community enhancement; providing exceptions to certain requirements under certain circumstances; etc.  
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

**SB 850**      **Senator Mathias, et al**

Chapter 718      TRANSPORTATION – COMPLETE STREETS POLICY –  
ADOPTION

Requiring certain modal administrations of the Department of Transportation to adopt a complete streets policy that provides information for the implementation of design features that accommodate and facilitate safe and convenient access and mobility to facilities by all users; specifying the requirements of a complete streets policy and recognizing that facilities differ and user needs should be balanced to ensure community enhancement; providing exceptions to certain requirements under certain circumstances; etc.  
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

**SB 1260**      **Senator Mathias**

Chapter 719      WATERWAY IMPROVEMENT FUND – OCEAN CITY INLET  
DREDGING STUDY

Providing that the first \$300,000 received by the Waterway Improvement Fund, during fiscal year 2019, may be used only for the State portion of funding for the dredging study of the Ocean City Inlet by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; and providing for the termination of the Act.  
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

**SB 659**

**Senator Feldman**

Chapter 720

**CORPORATIONS – TRANSFER OF ASSETS AND EXCHANGE OF SHARES OF STOCK**

Repealing a certain provision of law specifying a certain processing fee for articles of transfer; repealing each provision of law regarding executing and filing articles of transfer; altering the types of actions not required by a corporation for certain transfers of assets, creations of security interests, or exchanges of shares of stocks; clarifying that a transfer of assets by a corporation occurring before October 1, 2018, is not invalid solely because of a failure to file articles of transfer with the Department; etc.

**EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018**

**HB 535**

**Delegate Lierman, et al**

Chapter 721

**TRANSPORTATION – COMPLETE STREETS PROGRAM – ESTABLISHMENT**

Establishing the Complete Streets Program to provide matching grants to certified jurisdictions to promote healthy communities; providing for program funds to be provided by the Governor in the State budget; specifying the requirements for a local government to be designated as a certified jurisdiction; authorizing a certified jurisdiction to apply for matching grants from the Program; specifying the use of matching grant funds; specifying certain requirements for a certified jurisdiction that receives a grant under the Program; etc.

**EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018**

**SB 407**

**Senator Guzzone, et al**

Chapter 722

**TRANSPORTATION – COMPLETE STREETS PROGRAM – ESTABLISHMENT**

Establishing the Complete Streets Program to provide matching grants to certified jurisdictions to promote healthy communities; providing for program funds to be provided by the Governor in the State budget; specifying the requirements for a local government to be designated as a certified jurisdiction; authorizing a certified jurisdiction to apply for matching grants from the Program; requiring the Department of Transportation to issue a report to certain committees of the General Assembly by December 1, 2020; etc.

**EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018**

**HB 1018**      **Delegate B. Barnes (Chair, Joint Committee on Pensions)**  
Chapter 723      PENSIONS – ADMINISTRATIVE AND OPERATIONAL  
EXPENSES – LIMITATION AND CALCULATION

Increasing the administrative and operational expense cap of the Board of Trustees for the State Retirement and Pension System and the State Retirement Agency for fiscal years 2019 through 2022 under certain circumstances; altering the basis for the calculation of the administrative and operational expense cap; applying the Act; and making certain sections of the Act contingent on the taking effect of another Act.

CONTINGENT – EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

**SB 784**      **Senator Guzzone (Chair, Joint Committee on Pensions)**  
Chapter 724      PENSIONS – ADMINISTRATIVE AND OPERATIONAL  
EXPENSES – LIMITATION AND CALCULATION

Increasing the administrative and operational expense cap of the Board of Trustees for the State Retirement and Pension System and the State Retirement Agency for fiscal years 2019 through 2022 under certain circumstances; altering the basis for the calculation of the administrative and operational expense cap; applying the Act; and making certain sections of the Act contingent on the taking effect of another Act.

CONTINGENT – EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

**HB 1049**      **Delegate B. Barnes**  
Chapter 725      STATE POLICE RETIREMENT SYSTEM – DEFERRED  
RETIREMENT OPTION PROGRAM – ALTERATIONS

Increasing the maximum number of years of eligibility service that certain members of the State Police Retirement System may have to participate in the Deferred Retirement Option Program (DROP) to 30; increasing the number of years that certain members of the State Police Retirement System may participate in the DROP; authorizing certain individuals, subject to certain limitations and requirements, to elect to extend their participation in the DROP; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

**SB 895**            **Senator Guzzone**

Chapter 726

**STATE POLICE RETIREMENT SYSTEM – DEFERRED  
RETIREMENT OPTION PROGRAM – ALTERATIONS**

Increasing the maximum number of years of eligibility service that certain members of the State Police Retirement System may have to participate in the Deferred Retirement Option Program (DROP) to 30; increasing the number of years that certain members of the State Police Retirement System may participate in the DROP; authorizing certain individuals, subject to certain limitations and requirements, to elect to extend their participation in the DROP; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

**HB 1012**

Chapter 727

**Delegate B. Barnes (Chair, Joint Committee on Pensions)**

**STATE RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEM – INVESTMENT  
DIVISION**

Clarifying that the compensation of the Executive Director for the State Retirement Agency and certain staff shall be as provided in the State budget; requiring the Board of Trustees for the State Retirement and Pension System to adopt criteria for setting the qualifications and compensation of the Chief Investment Officer for the System; establishing the Objective Criteria Committee of the Board of Trustees to make recommendations regarding the compensation of the Chief Investment Officer and positions in the Investment Division; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

**SB 899**

Chapter 728

**Senator Guzzone (Chair, Joint Committee on Pensions)**

**STATE RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEM – INVESTMENT  
DIVISION**

Clarifying that the compensation of the Executive Director for the State Retirement Agency and certain staff shall be as provided in the State budget; requiring the Board of Trustees for the State Retirement and Pension System to adopt criteria for setting the qualifications and compensation of the Chief Investment Officer for the System; establishing the Objective Criteria Committee of the Board of Trustees to make recommendations regarding the compensation of the Chief Investment Officer and positions in the Investment Division; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

**HB 1635**

Chapter 729

**Delegate Morhaim, et al**

**MENTAL HEALTH LAW – INVOLUNTARY ADMISSIONS – PROCEDURES**

Prohibiting a certain hearing officer from ordering the release of an individual who meets the requirements for involuntary admission under a certain provision of law on the grounds that the individual was kept at an emergency facility for more than 30 hours.  
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

**SB 947**

Chapter 730

**Senator Rosapepe**

**MENTAL HEALTH LAW – INVOLUNTARY ADMISSIONS – PROCEDURES**

Prohibiting a certain hearing officer from ordering the release of an individual who meets the requirements for involuntary admission under a certain provision of law on the grounds that the individual was kept at an emergency facility for more than 30 hours.  
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

**HB 1634**

Chapter 731

**Delegate Frick, et al**

**FINANCIAL CONSUMER PROTECTION ACT OF 2018**

Altering the definition of “unfair or deceptive trade practice” to be “unfair, abusive, or deceptive trade practice”; providing the purpose of the Act is to support enforcement by and funding of the Office of the Attorney General and the Commissioner of Financial Regulation to protect State residents when conducting financial transactions and receiving certain services; requiring the Commissioner to designate an individual as the Student Loan Ombudsman; requiring the establishment of a student loan borrower education course; etc.  
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

**SB 1068**

Chapter 732

**Senator Rosapepe, et al**

**FINANCIAL CONSUMER PROTECTION ACT OF 2018**

Altering the definition of “unfair or deceptive trade practice” to be “unfair, abusive, or deceptive trade practice”; providing that the purpose of the Act is to support enforcement by and funding of the Office of the Attorney General and the Commissioner of Financial Regulation to protect State residents when conducting financial transactions and receiving financial services; requiring the Commissioner to designate a Student Loan Ombudsman; requiring the establishment of a student loan borrower education course; etc.

**VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES**

**SB 29**

Chapter 733

**Senator Kagan**

**STATE GOVERNMENT – WEBSITES – LANGUAGE ACCESS**

Requiring each State department, agency, and program to provide equal access versions of certain websites in certain languages except under certain circumstances; repealing a certain provision of law providing that the reasonable steps certain departments, agencies, and programs are required to take related to equal access to public services for individuals with limited English proficiency include the operation and maintenance of certain equal access versions of certain websites; etc.

**EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2018**

**SB 1045**

Chapter 734

**Senator Kagan**

**STATE GOVERNMENT – GRANTS AND CONTRACTS – REIMBURSEMENT OF INDIRECT COSTS**

Requiring that the terms of a certain grant or contract allow for reimbursement of indirect costs at the same rate the nonprofit organization has negotiated and received for indirect costs under a direct federal award or negotiated and received from a nonfederal entity based on certain cost principles or, under certain circumstances, at a rate of at least a certain percent of certain costs; and applying the Act.

**EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018**



**SB 1053**

Chapter 735

**Senator Kagan**

**PROPERTY TAX CREDIT – 9–1–1 PUBLIC SAFETY  
TELECOMMUNICATORS**

Authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City or the governing body of a county or a municipal corporation to grant a property tax credit in an amount not to exceed the lesser of \$2,500 per dwelling or the amount of property tax imposed on the dwelling for certain 9–1–1 public safety telecommunicators in the county or municipal corporation where the individuals reside; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2018

**HB 251**

Chapter 736

**Delegate Kelly, et al**

**EDUCATION – FAMILY LIFE AND HUMAN SEXUALITY  
CURRICULUM – BOUNDARIES AND CONSENT**

Requiring a county board of education to provide age–appropriate instruction on the meaning of “consent” which is defined as the unambiguous and voluntary agreement between all participants in each physical act within the course of interpersonal relationships, including respect for personal boundaries; and requiring the county board to provide age–appropriate instruction on the meaning of “consent” as part of the Family Life and Human Sexuality curriculum beginning in the 2018–2019 school year.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

**SB 402**

Chapter 737

**Senator Zucker, et al**

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EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

**HB 1596**

Chapter 738

**Delegate Valderrama, et al**

**DISCLOSING SEXUAL HARASSMENT IN THE WORKPLACE  
ACT OF 2018**

Providing that, except as prohibited by federal law, a provision in certain employment contracts, policies, or agreements that waive certain rights or remedies to a claim of sexual harassment or certain retaliation is null and void as being against the public policy of the State; requiring employers with 50 or more employees to submit a certain survey to the Commission on Civil Rights; requiring the Commission to make the survey responses accessible to the public by posting certain information on the Commission's website; etc.

**EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018**

**SB 1010**

Chapter 739

**Senator Zucker, et al**

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**EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018**

**SB 1165**

Chapter 740

**Senator Waugh**

**PROCUREMENT – VETERAN-OWNED SMALL BUSINESS  
ENTERPRISE PARTICIPATION**

Altering the definition of "veteran" for purposes of certain provisions of law governing veteran-owned small business enterprise participation in procurement to include only individuals who are verified by the State Department of Veterans Affairs as having served on active duty in the armed forces of the United States, other than for training and were discharged or released under conditions other than dishonorable; etc.

**EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018**

**HB 110 St. Mary's County Delegation**

Chapter 741

**ST. MARY'S COUNTY – INMATE RELEASE PROGRAMS**

Authorizing the St. Mary's County Sheriff to establish a pretrial release program and a prerelease program; authorizing a certain inmate to leave a certain detention center for certain purposes; repealing a provision authorizing the Sheriff and the Board of County Commissioners of St. Mary's County to charge a certain inmate a certain amount or fee to pay for certain costs; requiring the Sheriff or the Sheriff's designee to collect the earnings of a certain inmate, less any payroll deduction required by law; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

**SB 450 Senators Waugh and Miller**

Chapter 742

**STATE DESIGNATIONS – STATE PALEONTOLOGY COLLECTION AND RESEARCH CENTER – CALVERT MARINE MUSEUM**

Designating the Calvert Marine Museum as the State paleontology collection and research center.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

**HB 727 Calvert County Delegation**

Chapter 743

**STATE DESIGNATIONS – STATE PALEONTOLOGY COLLECTION AND RESEARCH CENTER – CALVERT MARINE MUSEUM**

Designating the Calvert Marine Museum as the State paleontology collection and research center.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

**HB 815 Calvert County Delegation**

Chapter 744

**CALVERT COUNTY – PROCUREMENT – CONTRACTS AND BIDDING**

Increasing the minimum dollar amount of contracts from \$15,000 to \$30,000 for which the Calvert County Commissioners are required to undergo a formal bidding process; requiring a certain contract to be awarded to the most responsible offeror under certain circumstances; requiring certain emergency purchases by the County Commissioners to be published in certain newspapers for two weeks; and requiring certain contracts of duration longer than 1 year to be structured as a certain option contract.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

**SB 730**                    **Senator Smith, et al**  
Chapter 745                LOCAL GOVERNMENT – MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS –  
NO-EXCUSE ABSENTEE VOTING  
Prohibiting a municipality from requiring an individual to provide a  
certain reason in order to vote by absentee ballot.  
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2018

**HB 829**                    **Delegate A. Washington, et al**  
Chapter 746                LOCAL GOVERNMENT – MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS –  
NO-EXCUSE ABSENTEE VOTING  
Prohibiting a municipality from requiring an individual to provide a  
reason that the individual will be unable to vote in person on election  
day in order to vote by absentee ballot.  
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2018

**SB 1037**                  **Senator Smith**  
Chapter 747                MONTGOMERY COUNTY – FIRE AND EXPLOSIVE  
INVESTIGATOR – DEFINITION  
Altering a certain definition to provide that a Montgomery County  
fire and explosive investigator is an individual who is assigned full  
time to the Fire and Explosive Investigations Unit of the Montgomery  
County Fire and Rescue Service, rather than the Montgomery County  
Fire Marshal's Office.  
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

**SB 1218**                  **Senator Smith, et al**  
Chapter 748                ENDING YOUTH HOMELESSNESS ACT OF 2018  
Establishing the Ending Youth Homelessness Grant Program to  
focus on preventing and ending youth homelessness in the State and  
addressing disparities based on race, ethnicity, sexual orientation,  
and gender identity; requiring the Department of Housing and  
Community Development to administer the Program; establishing  
the Ending Youth Homelessness Grant Fund; requiring, in and after  
the third year of funding, the Department to allocate 50% of the  
money appropriated to the Fund for certain housing programs; etc.  
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

**SB 1239**

Chapter 749

**Senator Smith**

**APPOINTMENT OR DESIGNATION OF STANDBY GUARDIAN –  
ADVERSE IMMIGRATION ACTION**

Making certain provisions relating to the appointment or designation of a standby guardian of the person or property of a minor under certain circumstances applicable to the appointment or designation of a standby guardian of the person or property of a minor in the event of an adverse immigration action against a parent; authorizing a parent to designate a standby guardian by means of a written designation; providing that the appointment of a standby guardian may not be construed to require the termination of parental rights; etc.

**EMERGENCY BILL**

**SB 118**

Chapter 750

**Senator Ferguson**

**BALTIMORE CITY – BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS –  
NEW LICENSES, WAIVERS, AND LICENSE TRANSFERS**

Requiring that an appointment to the Board of License Commissioners for Baltimore City made when the Senate is not in session be subject to the advice and consent of the Senate when the Senate next convenes; authorizing the Board to issue a Class D beer, wine, and liquor license to an applicant who holds or has applied for a Class 9 limited distillery license; providing that a certain Class D beer, wine, and liquor license may be transferred only to a certain license holder; authorizing the Board to waive certain restaurant requirements; etc.

**EMERGENCY BILL**

**SB 480**

Chapter 751

**Senator Ferguson**

**BALTIMORE CITY – SOUTH BALTIMORE GATEWAY  
COMMUNITY IMPACT DISTRICT MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY –  
DISTRIBUTION OF LOCAL IMPACT GRANTS**

Specifying that the State distribute certain funding directly to the South Baltimore Gateway Community Impact District Management Authority; and providing, under certain circumstances, that the State distribute directly to the Authority not less than the 50% of the local impact grants from video lottery proceeds required to be distributed under a certain law.

**EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018**

**SB 859**

**Senator Ferguson, et al**

Chapter 752

**STATE EMPLOYEES – PARENTAL LEAVE**

Providing that certain State employees may be entitled to parental leave with pay; establishing a maximum of 60 days of parental leave that employees may use for the care and nurturing of a child immediately following the birth or adoption of the child; requiring certain State agencies to provide an employee with additional paid leave to attain 60 days of parental leave if the employee's available amount of accrued annual leave, sick leave, and personal leave is less than 60 days; etc.

**EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018**

**SB 1099**

**Senator Ferguson, et al**

Chapter 753

**BALTIMORE CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT – COMMISSION TO RESTORE TRUST IN POLICING AND AUDIT REVIEW**

Establishing the Commission to Restore Trust in Policing to review the operation of the Baltimore Police Department's Gun Trace Task Force and make recommendations on the reorganization of the Police Department and certain other matters as necessary; authorizing the Commission to conduct hearings, administer oaths, issue process to compel a witness to appear, and require a person to testify; requiring the Commission to submit a final report of its findings by December 31, 2019, to the Governor and the General Assembly; etc.

**EMERGENCY BILL**

**HB 22**

**Delegate Gibson, et al**

Chapter 754

**BALTIMORE CITY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – HOURS OF SALE – REFERENCES TO PARK HEIGHTS REDEVELOPMENT AREA**

Creating an exception from hours of sale restrictions for certain alcoholic beverages licenses issued for establishments in a certain area in Baltimore City; altering the closing hour of sale for a certain license holder in a certain area of Baltimore City; repealing certain references to the "Park Heights Redevelopment Area"; altering the time during which establishments for which certain alcoholic beverages licenses are issued in a certain area specified in the Park Heights Master Plan may sell alcoholic beverages; etc.

**EMERGENCY BILL – VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES**

**SB 809**

**Senators Robinson and Oaks**

Chapter 755

**BALTIMORE CITY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – HOURS OF SALE – REFERENCES TO PARK HEIGHTS REDEVELOPMENT AREA**

Creating an exception from hours of sale restrictions for certain alcoholic beverages licenses issued for establishments in a certain area in Baltimore City; altering the closing hour of sale for a certain license holder in a certain area of Baltimore City; repealing certain references to the “Park Heights Redevelopment Area”; altering the time during which establishments for which certain alcoholic beverages licenses are issued in a certain area specified in the Park Heights Master Plan may sell alcoholic beverages; etc.

**EMERGENCY BILL – VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES**

**HB 742**

**Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee**

Chapter 756

**STATE BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS AND THERAPISTS – SUNSET EXTENSION AND PROGRAM EVALUATION**

Continuing the State Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists in accordance with the provisions of the Maryland Program Evaluation Act (Sunset Law) by extending to July 1, 2021, the termination provisions relating to statutory and regulatory authority of the Board; requiring the Board to create an Alcohol and Drug Counselor Subcommittee; altering certain educational requirements for certain licensure; requiring the Board to report on certain matters to the Department of Legislative Services at regular intervals; etc.

**EMERGENCY BILL**

**SB 552**            **Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs**  
Chapter 757       **Committee**

STATE BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS AND  
THERAPISTS – SUNSET EXTENSION AND PROGRAM  
EVALUATION

Continuing the State Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists in accordance with the provisions of the Maryland Program Evaluation Act (Sunset Law) by extending to July 1, 2021, the termination provisions relating to statutory and regulatory authority of the Board; prohibiting a certain number of individuals appointed as certain members of the Board from holding a certain credential; requiring the Board to create an Alcohol and Drug Counselor Subcommittee to perform certain functions; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

**HB 24**            **Delegate Jackson**  
Chapter 758

PUBLIC SAFETY – MARYLAND POLICE TRAINING AND  
STANDARDS COMMISSION FUND – ESTABLISHMENT

Requiring the Comptroller to pay annually \$2,000,000 of certain court costs collected by the District Court to the Maryland Police Training and Standards Commission Fund; establishing the Maryland Police Training and Standards Commission Fund to provide funding for activities and training by the Commission; requiring the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services to administer the Fund; requiring the State Treasurer to hold the Fund and the Comptroller to account for the Fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

**HB 64**            **Delegate Jackson**  
Chapter 759

BUSINESS OCCUPATIONS – REAL ESTATE APPRAISERS –  
PAYMENT BY REAL ESTATE APPRAISAL MANAGEMENT  
COMPANIES

Requiring an appraisal management company to pay the appraiser for each appraisal or valuation assignment, except under certain circumstances; decreasing from 60 to 45 the number of days after the completion of each certain appraisal or valuation assignment during which an appraisal management company must pay the appraiser, except under certain circumstances; and authorizing the Commission to bring disciplinary action for violation of a certain provision of law.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018



- HB 33**  
Chapter 760 **Delegate Lam, et al**  
GUARDIANSHIP OF DISABLED PERSONS – VOLUNTARY  
ADMISSION TO MENTAL FACILITY  
Authorizing a certain disabled person to apply for voluntary admission to a mental facility if the person submits a formal written application and either a physician and a psychologist, two physicians, or a physician and a psychiatric nurse practitioner provide a certain certification; requiring the facility to notify the guardian of the person of a disabled person that the disabled person has been admitted to the facility and of a certain request for discharge from the facility; etc.  
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018
- HB 1393**  
Chapter 761 **Baltimore County Delegation**  
BALTIMORE COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – INTEREST  
IN MULTIPLE LICENSES  
Specifying that a certain prohibition against a person having an interest in more than one alcoholic beverages license issued by the Board of License Commissioners for Baltimore County does not apply to a license issued for a hotel that has at least 100 rooms.  
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018
- HB 1395**  
Chapter 762 **Baltimore County Delegation**  
BALTIMORE COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES –  
AUTHORIZATION FOR ISSUING AN ADDITIONAL CLASS B  
LICENSE – REPEALED  
Repealing the authorization for the Board of License Commissioners for Baltimore County to issue an additional Class B beer, wine, and liquor license for premises used as a restaurant that meets certain requirements.  
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2018
- HB 1396**  
Chapter 763 **Baltimore County Delegation**  
BALTIMORE COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – CLASS B  
BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR LICENSE  
Repealing a certain restriction on the person to whom the Board of License Commissioners for Baltimore County may issue a Class B beer, wine, and liquor license.  
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

**HB 1410**      **Baltimore County Delegation**

Chapter 764

**BALTIMORE COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES LICENSES – EXPIRATION**

Extending, in Baltimore County, the time period to 1 year after which an alcoholic beverages license expires when the license holder has closed the business or stopped active alcoholic beverages business operations at the premises; establishing that submission of a certain request for a hardship extension automatically extends the life of a license for 2 years; clarifying that a hardship extension may not prolong the life of an inactive license for more than the total of the 2-year extension and a certain suspension period; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

**HB 1575**      **Baltimore County Delegation**

Chapter 765

**BALTIMORE COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – MULTIPLE CLASS B LICENSES**

Authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Baltimore County to allow a person to obtain a certain interest in one or more licenses issued in another jurisdiction or state and a certain number of Class B beer, wine, and liquor licenses that the Board issues; repealing requirements that a certain restaurant have a minimum dining seating capacity and a certain cocktail lounge or bar seating capacity; increasing to 49% the sales in alcoholic beverages a restaurant for which a license is issued is required to have; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

**HB 108**      **Delegate Lafferty**

Chapter 766

**DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – BALTIMORE REGIONAL NEIGHBORHOOD INITIATIVE PROGRAM – APPLICATION REQUIREMENT**

Repealing the requirement that an application to the Department of Housing and Community Development for funds under the Baltimore Regional Neighborhood Initiative Program contain a local government resolution of support or letter of support; and providing for the prospective application of the Act.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2018

- HB 130**            **Delegate Beidle, et al**  
Chapter 767        VIDEO LOTTERY TERMINAL PROCEEDS – LOCAL IMPACT GRANTS – DISTRIBUTION TO COMMUNITIES NEAR LAUREL RACE COURSE
- Repealing the termination of a distribution of certain local impact grant funds from video lottery terminal proceeds to communities within 3 miles of the Laurel Race Course.  
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018
- HB 230**            **Delegate Korman, et al**  
Chapter 768        REGIONAL GREENHOUSE GAS INITIATIVE – WITHDRAWAL – LEGISLATIVE APPROVAL REQUIRED (REGIONAL GREENHOUSE GAS INITIATIVE EXTENSION ACT)
- Altering the circumstances under which the State may withdraw from the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative by requiring the General Assembly to enact a law approving the withdrawal.  
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018
- HB 993**            **Delegate Korman, et al**  
Chapter 769        MARYLAND PENSION RISK MITIGATION ACT
- Requiring that, consistent with certain fiduciary duties, the investment policy manual adopted by the Board of Trustees for the State Retirement and Pension System include certain policies and address certain details regarding the management of certain risks in the investment of State Retirement and Pension System assets; requiring the Board of Trustees to submit a report on its risk assessment of the investments of the several systems by January 31, 2019, and every year thereafter; etc.  
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018
- HB 417**            **Prince George’s County Delegation and Montgomery County Delegation**  
Chapter 770        WASHINGTON SUBURBAN SANITARY COMMISSION – FUNDING ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY ACT PG/MC 111–18
- Requiring the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission to develop and operate a website by July 1, 2020, that includes certain information about certain payees and certain payments; and specifying certain requirements for the website.  
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

**HB 447**      **Delegate Barron, et al**

Chapter 771

**PRETRIAL SERVICES PROGRAM GRANT FUND –  
ESTABLISHMENT**

Establishing the Pretrial Services Program Grant Fund to provide grants to eligible counties to establish or improve pretrial services programs; requiring the Executive Director of the Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention to administer the Fund; providing for the uses, purposes, sources of funding, investment of money, and auditing of the Fund; requiring certain distributions from the Fund to be used to supplement and not supplant certain other funds; establishing the requirements for a certain pretrial services program; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

**HB 517**      **Delegate Hill, et al**

Chapter 772

**PRESCRIPTION DRUG MONITORING PROGRAM – DATA  
REQUEST EXEMPTION – SURGICAL PROCEDURES**

Altering a certain provision of law to exempt a prescriber from being required to request certain data from the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program if the opioid or benzodiazepine is prescribed or dispensed to an individual to treat or prevent acute pain for not more than 14 days following any surgical procedure, rather than only surgical procedures in which general anesthesia was used; and making the Act subject to a certain contingency.

CONTINGENT – EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

**HB 784**      **Delegates Impallaria and Reilly**

Chapter 773

**ELECTRIC FACILITIES – CONSTRUCTION OF OVERHEAD  
TRANSMISSION LINES – ADDITIONAL NOTICE  
REQUIREMENTS**

Requiring the Public Service Commission to provide certain notice of an application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity on its website and social media platforms; requiring a certain applicant to identify whether a certain overhead transmission line is located on certain sites or on land subject to a certain easement under certain circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2018

**HB 822**      **Delegate Krimm**

Chapter 774

**PERSONNEL AND PENSIONS – PHASED RETIREMENT PLAN**

Requiring, by July 1, 2019, the Department of Budget and Management and the State Retirement Agency to finalize the development of recommendations for a phased retirement plan; requiring the Department and the Agency to consider certain options and work with certain representatives in developing the recommendations; requiring, by July 1, 2019, the Department and the Agency to submit recommendations to the Department of Legislative Services and certain committees of the General Assembly and the Joint Committee on Pensions; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

**HB 1254**      **Delegate A. Washington**

Chapter 775

**EDUCATION – SCHOOL DISCIPLINE – DATA COLLECTION**

Requiring the State Department of Education to disaggregate the information in any student discipline data reports by race, ethnicity, gender, disability status, eligibility for free or reduced price meals or an equivalent measure of socioeconomic status, and English language proficiency; requiring that special education data in a certain student discipline data report be disaggregated by race, ethnicity, and gender; and requiring the Department to collect certain data on alternative school discipline practices.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

**HB 236**      **Prince George’s County Delegation**

Chapter 776

**PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY – AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMMISSION PG 408–18**

Establishing the Affordable Housing Commission for Prince George’s County; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Commission; requiring the Commission to review certain procedures and practices and use certain information to examine the state of affordable housing in the county; requiring the Commission to report its findings and recommendations to certain persons on or before January 1, 2019; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

**HB 238 Prince George's County Delegation**

Chapter 777

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY – VEHICLE LAWS – AUTHORITY TO TOW VEHICLES PG 418–18

Prohibiting the governing body of Prince George's County and the police department in Prince George's County from using other persons, equipment, or facilities for removing, preserving, and storing vehicles under State and local law except under certain circumstances; and altering the definition of "police department" to include an appropriate agency or department designated by the County Executive of Prince George's County for purposes of provisions relating to the towing of abandoned vehicles in Prince George's County.

EMERGENCY BILL

**HB 239 Prince George's County Delegation**

Chapter 778

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY – SALES OF RESIDENTIAL REAL PROPERTY – COMMUNITY AMENITIES – ADVERTISING PG 412–18

Altering requirements relating to advertising for the sale of residential real property in a community development in Prince George's County that will include a certain community amenity; requiring a copy of any recreational facilities agreement recorded with the Prince George's County Planning Department to be made available to prospective purchasers in a certain location; requiring certain information to be displayed in a certain manner in a certain office of a community development; and applying the Act prospectively.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

**HB 183 Prince George's County Delegation**

Chapter 779

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE COMMISSION PG 411–18

Establishing the Prince George's County Environmental Justice Commission; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Commission; requiring the Commission to study and make recommendations regarding certain environmental justice issues and other matters; requiring the Commission to reports its findings and recommendations to the Prince George's County House Delegation on or before December 31, 2018; terminating the Act after June 30, 2019; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2018

**HB 903**            **Delegate Parrott**

Chapter 780

**WASHINGTON COUNTY – HIGHWAY PARKING – PROHIBITION  
ON PROLONGED PARKING OF INOPERABLE OR DISABLED  
VEHICLE**

Prohibiting the parking of a disabled, inoperable, or immobilized vehicle on a public street for more than 7 days in Washington County; requiring that certain notice be posted on a vehicle parked in violation of the Act prior to towing the vehicle; requiring that certain notice be provided following the impounding of a vehicle under the Act; establishing a certain penalty of up to \$500; providing for the application of the Act; etc.

**EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018**

**HB 990**            **Delegate McMillan, et al**

Chapter 781

**HOMESTEAD PROPERTY TAX CREDIT – NOTIFICATION ON  
ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY**

Requiring the State Department of Assessments and Taxation to mail a certain notice about the homestead tax credit to each individual who acquires residential real property within a reasonable period of time after the individual acquires the property by recorded deed and indicates in a certain manner that the property will be the individual's principal residence; specifying the contents of the notice; and requiring the Department to ensure that the information it provides is accurate and up-to-date.

**EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018**

**HB 1368**           **Delegates McMillan and Dumais**

Chapter 782

**GROUNDS FOR DIVORCE – 12-MONTH SEPARATION – ORAL  
AMENDMENT TO APPLICATION FOR DIVORCE**

Establishing that the “filing of the application for divorce”, for purposes of a provision of law authorizing a court to decree an absolute divorce on the grounds of a 12-month separation when the parties have met certain conditions before the filing of the application for divorce, includes an oral amendment made by a party with the consent of the other party at a hearing on the merits in open court to a previously filed application for limited or absolute divorce.

**EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018**

**HB 1023**  
Chapter 783

**Delegate Clippinger, et al**

**JUVENILE LAW – WITNESSES – BODY ATTACHMENT**

Authorizing the juvenile court, in a certain case in which jurisdiction is transferred from a court exercising criminal jurisdiction, to issue body attachments for witnesses as provided by a certain Maryland Rule.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

**HB 1042**  
Chapter 784

**Delegate B. Barnes**

**LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS’ PENSION SYSTEM – BENEFIT CAP INCREASE**

Altering the maximum benefit from 60% to 65% that a member of the Law Enforcement Officers’ Pension System may receive for the normal service retirement allowance.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

**HB 1094**  
Chapter 785

**Delegates Rosenberg and Waldstreicher**

**DISTRIBUTION OF ELECTRONIC CIGARETTES TO MINORS – PROHIBITION AND PENALTIES**

Prohibiting under criminal law a person that distributes tobacco products for commercial purposes from distributing to a minor an electronic nicotine delivery system; prohibiting under criminal law certain persons from purchasing for or selling an electronic nicotine delivery system to a minor; prohibiting under criminal law certain minors from using, possessing, obtaining, or attempting to obtain an electronic nicotine delivery system; establishing a criminal penalty for distribution of nicotine delivery systems to minors; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

**HB 1096**  
Chapter 786

**Delegate Waldstreicher, et al**

**STATE GOVERNMENT – VETERAN EMPLOYMENT AND TRANSITION SUCCESS PROGRAM**

Establishing the Veteran Employment and Transition Success Program to provide grants to assist transitioning veterans in obtaining a certification, license, or registration under the Health Occupations Article; requiring the Department of Veterans Affairs to adopt certain regulations; establishing the Veteran Employment and Transition Success Fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018



- HB 1257**      **Delegate Rosenberg**  
Chapter 787      RESIDENTIAL LEASES – LEASE OPTION AGREEMENTS –  
REQUIRED STATEMENTS
- Requiring a lease option agreement to purchase improved residential property, if executed on or after July 1, 2018, to state in capital letters and in close proximity to the tenant's signature that the agreement is an integral part of the lease and is governed by Title 8 of the Real Property Article and a tenant or prospective tenant shall have all applicable rights and remedies provided under that title.  
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018
- HB 1228**      **Delegates Kelly and A. Miller**  
Chapter 788      EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM – SEXUAL  
HARASSMENT REPORTING
- Requiring certain Equal Employment Opportunity Program reports to include certain information about sexual harassment policies, prevention training, and complaints.  
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018
- HB 1245**      **Delegate McKay, et al**  
Chapter 789      TASK FORCE ON THE CANAL PLACE PRESERVATION AND  
DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
- Establishing the Task Force on the Canal Place Preservation and Development Authority to determine how to alter the powers of the Authority as a State agency in order to align the mission and purpose of the Canal Place Heritage Area with that of other certified heritage areas; requiring the Task Force to consult with certain entities and study and make recommendations on certain matters; requiring the Department of General Services to conduct a certain appraisal for a certain purpose; etc.  
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2018

- HB 1297**      **Delegates Aumann and Frick**  
Chapter 790      **COMMERCIAL LAW – CONSUMER LOANS AND CREDIT – MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS**
- Authorizing a lender to elect to make a certain loan to a borrower under certain circumstances; providing that certain provisions of law do not apply to certain loans under certain circumstances; prohibiting an unlicensed person from making a covered loan; providing that certain loans are void and unenforceable under certain circumstances; prohibiting certain persons from collecting or attempting to collect in a certain manner certain money or enforcing or attempting to enforce a certain contract in a certain manner; etc.  
EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2019
- HB 1423**      **Delegate Hettleman, et al**  
Chapter 791      **STATE PERSONNEL – SEXUAL HARASSMENT PREVENTION TRAINING – REQUIRED**
- Requiring each State employee to complete at least a cumulative 2 hours of in-person or virtual, interactive training on sexual harassment prevention within 6 months after the employee’s initial appointment and every 2-year period thereafter; requiring that the training include certain information; requiring the Equal Employment Opportunity Coordinator to enforce certain requirements for certain units of the Executive Branch; authorizing the Coordinator to recommend that a performance audit or review be conducted; etc.  
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018
- HB 1448**      **Delegate Vallario**  
Chapter 792      **CLERKS OF THE COURTS – TRAFFIC FINES – INSTALLMENT PAYMENTS**
- Allowing the District Court or a circuit court to authorize the clerk of the court to approve an individual installment plan agreement for the payment of certain fines for traffic offenses under certain circumstances; authorizing a certain defendant to apply to the clerk of the court to make certain installment payments; requiring the clerk of the court to notify the Motor Vehicle Administration if a defendant fails to make an installment payment; providing for the content and posting of certain agreements; etc.  
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

**HB 1468**

Chapter 793

**Delegate Beidle**

**TRANSIT – JOB ACCESS AND REVERSE COMMUTE (JARC) PROGRAM**

Establishing the Job Access and Reverse Commute Program in the Maryland Transit Administration; authorizing the Administration to make certain grants under the Program to certain providers for certain employment and commuter projects; providing for the distribution of funds under the Program; requiring the Administration to conduct certain solicitations before accepting grant applications under the Program; requiring the Governor to provide up to \$400,000 annually in the State budget for the Program; etc.  
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

**HB 1506**

Chapter 794

**Delegate Kramer**

**OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL – SECURITIES COMMISSIONER – ASSET RECOVERY FOR EXPLOITED SENIORS**

Authorizing the Securities Commissioner of the Division of Securities of the Office of the Attorney General to bring a civil action for damages against a certain person that violates certain provisions of law on behalf of a certain person; authorizing the Commissioner to recover certain damages; authorizing the Commissioner to recover certain costs under certain circumstances; providing that a certain criminal conviction is not a prerequisite for maintenance of an action under the Act; and applying the Act.  
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

**HB 1542**

Chapter 795

**Delegate Lisanti, et al**

**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE – EMPLOYMENT IN THE STATE’S DEFENSE INDUSTRY – STUDY**

Requiring, subject to the receipt of certain funding, the Department of Commerce, in conjunction with the Department of Veterans Affairs and the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation, to conduct a study on employment in the State’s defense industry; specifying the minimum requirements of the study; requiring the Department of Commerce to consult with certain entities; requiring the Department of Commerce to report, on or before June 30, 2019, to the General Assembly on the findings of the study; etc.  
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

**HB 1597**      **Delegate Sydnor**

Chapter 796

OCCUPATIONAL LICENSES OR CERTIFICATES –  
APPLICATION DETERMINATIONS – USE OF CRIMINAL  
HISTORY – REPORTS

Requiring certain Executive Branch Departments to report to the Governor and the General Assembly by October 1, 2018, regarding how many applications for occupational licenses and certificates were received during the preceding 5 years, how many of these applicants had a certain criminal record, how much time had passed since the criminal conviction, how many applications were denied based on the applicant's crime record, and under which provision of law the license was denied.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2018

**HB 1598**      **Delegate Krebs**

Chapter 797

MASSAGE THERAPISTS – LICENSES AND REGISTRATIONS –  
EDUCATION AND DISPLAY REQUIREMENTS

Altering the educational requirements to qualify for a license to practice massage therapy; altering the educational requirements to qualify to be registered to practice massage therapy; and requiring each holder of a license or registration to practice massage therapy to display the license or registration conspicuously where the holder is engaged in practice.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

**HB 1696**      **Delegate Reznik**

Chapter 798

TASK FORCE TO STUDY ACCESS TO HOME HEALTH CARE FOR  
CHILDREN AND ADULTS WITH MEDICAL DISABILITIES AND  
REPORT ON HOME- AND COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICES

Establishing the Task Force to Study Access to Home Health Care for Children and Adults with Medical Disabilities; requiring the Task Force to make recommendations on improving access to home health care in all areas of the State and on reimbursement rates; requiring the Task Force to report to certain committees of the General Assembly by November 30, 2018; requiring the Maryland Department of Health to compare reimbursement rates and certain requirements and report its findings to the General Assembly by November 30, 2018; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

**HB 1747**      **Delegate Reznik**

Chapter 799

**RESIDENTIAL CHILD CARE PROGRAMS – STATEMENT OF  
NEED – EXCEPTIONS**

Providing that the Department of Human Services and the Department of Juvenile Services are not required to issue a statement of need before granting a license to a residential child care program if there is no placement available in an existing licensed program that can provide certain services; providing that a statement of need is not required to relocate an existing residential child care program if the existing site requires rehabilitation that is impractical or infeasible and certain other requirements are met; etc.

**EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018**

Sincerely,

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