



MARYLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY
DEPARTMENT OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES

Effective Dates

2018 Budget Bill – Effective March 27, 2018

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

SB 185 The President (By Request – Administration)
Chapter 570 BUDGET BILL (FISCAL YEAR 2019)

Making the proposed appropriations contained in the State Budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019, in accordance with Article III, Section 52 of the Maryland Constitution; etc.

2018 Chapters – Emergency Bills

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

SB 2

Chapter 3

Senator Feldman, et al

FAMILY LAW – CHILD CONCEIVED WITHOUT CONSENT – TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS (RAPE SURVIVOR FAMILY PROTECTION ACT)

Authorizing a court, under certain circumstances, to terminate the parental rights of an individual convicted of or found to have committed an act of nonconsensual sexual conduct against the other parent that resulted in the conception of a child; specifying that a termination of parental rights terminates completely certain rights and the parent’s responsibility to support the child, including payment of child support; requiring the court to refer an unrepresented parent to legal services or to appoint counsel; etc.

HB 1

Chapter 4

Delegate Dumais, et al

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Authorizing a court, under certain circumstances, to terminate the parental rights of an individual convicted of or found to have committed an act of nonconsensual sexual conduct against the other parent that resulted in the conception of a child; specifying that a termination of parental rights under the Act terminates completely certain rights and the parent’s responsibility to support the child, including payment of child support; requiring the court to refer an unrepresented parent to legal services or to appoint counsel; etc.

HB 1795
Chapter 6**Delegate Pena–Melnyk, et al****MARYLAND HEALTH BENEFIT EXCHANGE –
ESTABLISHMENT OF A REINSURANCE PROGRAM**

Altering the purposes of the Maryland Health Benefit Exchange Fund; providing that certain funds may be used only for the purposes of the State Reinsurance Program; requiring, rather than authorizing, the Exchange, in consultation with the Maryland Insurance Commission and as approved by the Maryland Health Benefit Exchange Board, to establish and implement a State Reinsurance Program to provide reinsurance to certain carriers; requiring that the Program be designed to mitigate the impact of certain individuals on rates; etc.

SB 1267
Chapter 7**Senator Middleton, et al****MARYLAND HEALTH BENEFIT EXCHANGE –
ESTABLISHMENT OF A REINSURANCE PROGRAM**

Requiring the Maryland Health Benefit Exchange to establish a State Reinsurance Program to provide reinsurance to carriers that offer individual health benefit plans in the State, and that is consistent with certain laws; requiring that the Program be designed to mitigate the impact of high–risk individuals on certain rates; providing that, beginning January 1, 2019, funding for reinsurance in the individual health insurance market through the Program may be made using certain funds; etc.

SB 811
Chapter 11**The President (By Request – Department of Legislative Services)****ANNUAL CURATIVE BILL**

Generally curing previous Acts of the General Assembly with possible title defects.

SB 812 **The President (By Request – Department of Legislative Services)**
Chapter 12

ANNUAL CORRECTIVE BILL

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

Section 2 Contingent on Chapter 256 of 2017 going into effect July 1, 2018

SB 687 **Senator Ferguson, et al**
Chapter 16

STATE VACANCY REFORM ACT

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

SB 729 **Senator King, et al**
Chapter 34

COUNTY BOARDS OF EDUCATION – LENGTH OF SCHOOL YEAR – ADJUSTMENTS

Authorizing a county board of education to extend the length of the school year for up to 5 school days beyond June 15 without approval from the State Board of Education; and requiring a county board to submit a written application to the State Board for permission to increase the length of the school year for more than a certain number of school days in accordance with a certain provision of law or to decrease the length of the school year.

HB 679
Chapter 35**Delegate Pena–Melnyk, et al****COUNTY BOARDS OF EDUCATION – LENGTH OF SCHOOL YEAR – ADJUSTMENTS**

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HB 1782
Chapter 37**Delegate Pena–Melnyk, et al****HEALTH INSURANCE – INDIVIDUAL MARKET STABILIZATION (MARYLAND HEALTH CARE ACCESS ACT OF 2018)**

Requiring certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, health maintenance organizations, managed care organizations, dental plans, and certain entities or persons to be subject to a certain assessment in calendar year 2019; providing the assessment's purpose to recoup the aggregate amount of a certain insurer provider fee as a bridge to stability in the individual health insurance market; requiring the Maryland Insurance Commissioner to distribute the assessment to the Maryland Health Benefit Exchange; etc.

SB 387
Chapter 38**Senator Middleton****HEALTH INSURANCE – INDIVIDUAL MARKET STABILIZATION (MARYLAND HEALTH CARE ACCESS ACT OF 2018)**

Requiring certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, health maintenance organizations, dental plan organizations, fraternal benefit organizations, managed care organizations, and certain other persons to be subject to a certain 2.75% assessment in calendar year 2019; establishing that the purpose of the assessment is to recoup a certain aggregate amount of the health insurance provider fee for certain purposes; requiring distribution of the assessment to the Maryland Health Benefit Exchange Fund; etc.

HB 677
Chapter 39

Delegate Pena–Melnyk, et al

**PUBLIC INFORMATION ACT – REQUIRED DENIALS –
PHYSICAL ADDRESSES, E–MAIL ADDRESSES, AND
TELEPHONE NUMBERS**

Requiring a custodian to deny inspection of a distribution list and a request to be added to a distribution list that identifies a physical address, an e–mail address, or a telephone number of an individual that is used by a governmental entity or an elected official for the sole purpose of periodically sending news about certain activities or sending informational notices or emergency alerts; etc.

SB 477
Chapter 40

Senator Kagan, et al

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HB 135
Chapter 64

Delegate Hill, et al

**HEALTH INSURANCE – COVERAGE FOR MALE
STERILIZATION – HIGH–DEDUCTIBLE HEALTH PLANS**

Exempting a high–deductible health plan from the prohibition on application of a deductible to coverage for male sterilization; requiring the Maryland Insurance Commissioner to forward a certain notice of determination within 5 days of receiving the notice to the Department of Legislative Services; and providing for the termination of the Act under certain circumstances.

- SB 137** **Senator Reilly, et al**
Chapter 65 **HEALTH INSURANCE – COVERAGE FOR MALE
STERILIZATION – HIGH-DEDUCTIBLE HEALTH PLANS**
- Exempting a high-deductible health plan from the prohibition on application of a deductible to coverage for male sterilization; requiring the Maryland Insurance Commissioner to forward a certain notice of determination within 5 days of receiving the notice to the Department of Legislative Services; and providing for the termination of the Act under certain circumstances.
- SB 1251** **Caroline County Senators**
Chapter 69 **PROPERTY TAX – MUNICIPAL CORPORATIONS –
ELECTRICITY GENERATION FACILITIES – NEGOTIATED
PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES**
- Authorizing a municipal corporation to enter into an agreement with the owner of an electricity generation facility that is located or locates in the municipal corporation for a negotiated payment by the owner of the facility in lieu of taxes on the facility; requiring a certain agreement between a municipal corporation and a certain electricity generation facility to provide for certain matters; etc.
- HB 334** **Baltimore County Delegation**
Chapter 79 **BALTIMORE COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – LICENSE
TRANSFERS**
- Increasing from 3 to 5 the number of years within which an application for a transfer of a certain alcoholic beverages license in Baltimore County must occur; establishing additional circumstances under which the Board of License Commissioners may approve a change of location of a certain alcoholic beverages license; etc.
- SB 306** **Senator Kasemeyer**
Chapter 80 **BALTIMORE COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – LICENSE
TRANSFERS**
- Increasing from 3 to 5 the number of years within which an application for a transfer of a certain alcoholic beverages license in Baltimore County must occur; establishing additional circumstances under which the Board of License Commissioners may approve a change of location of a certain alcoholic beverages license; etc.

- HB 113**
Chapter 147 **Delegate Branch, et al**
PUBLIC SAFETY – BALTIMORE CITY SAFE STREETS INITIATIVES – FUNDING (THE TYRONE RAY SAFE STREETS ACT)
Requiring the Governor to appropriate \$3,600,000 in the annual State budget for Baltimore City to be used only to provide grants to community-based organizations to implement Safe Streets Initiatives in Baltimore City; requiring that the funds be used to supplement, and not supplant, funds otherwise available; requiring that the Mayor of Baltimore City report to certain committees of the General Assembly by December 31 each year on the effectiveness and status of Safe Streets Initiatives and a certain summary of the grants awarded; etc.
- HB 47**
Chapter 199 **Delegate Jameson**
ELECTRONIC NICOTINE DELIVERY SYSTEMS LICENSES – MODIFICATIONS
Authorizing the holder of an electronic nicotine delivery systems retailer license to make sales to consumers through the mail, a computer network, a telephonic network, or another electronic network; authorizing the holder of an electronic nicotine delivery systems wholesaler distributor license or an electronic nicotine delivery systems wholesaler importer license to sell electronic nicotine delivery systems to vape shop vendors; authorizing licensed vape shop vendors to make certain purchases from certain distributors; etc.
- SB 90**
Chapter 200 **Senator Middleton**
ELECTRONIC NICOTINE DELIVERY SYSTEMS LICENSES – MODIFICATIONS
Authorizing the holder of an electronic nicotine delivery systems retailer license to make sales to consumers through the mail, a computer network, a telephonic network, or another electronic network; repealing an authorization relating to electronic nicotine delivery systems storage warehouses; authorizing the holder of an electronic nicotine delivery systems wholesaler distributor license or an electronic nicotine delivery systems wholesaler importer license to sell electronic nicotine delivery systems to vape shop vendors; etc.

SB 872 **Senator Mathias****Chapter 325****VEHICLE LAWS – SPECIAL EVENT ZONES – WORCESTER COUNTY**

Authorizing in Worcester County the State Highway Administration, on its own initiative or at the request of a local authority, to designate an area on a State highway as a special event zone and reduce established speed limits in the special event zone after making a certain determination; authorizing a local authority to designate an area on a highway under its jurisdiction as a special event zone and reduce established speed limits in the special event zone after making a certain determination; etc.

SB 85 **Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs**
Chapter 369 **Committee (By Request – Departmental – Human Services)****TUITION WAIVERS – FOSTER CARE RECIPIENTS – ELIGIBILITY**

Altering the eligibility requirements for tuition waivers for foster care recipients to include individuals who resided in an out-of-home placement on or after the individual's 13th birthday for at least 1 year and reunited with at least one of the individual's parents; and altering the length of time from 5 to 10 years during which certain individuals continue to be exempt from certain tuition.

SB 1259 **Senator Cassilly, et al****Chapter 370****HARFORD COUNTY DISTRICT COURTHOUSE – H. WAYNE NORMAN, JR. MEMORIAL PLAZA**

Naming a certain plaza of the Mary E.W. Risteau District Courts and Multi-Service Center in Harford County to be the H. Wayne Norman, Jr. Memorial Plaza; providing for certain funding for the implementation of the Act; and requiring a certain administrative officer to add appropriate signage to reflect the naming of the plaza.

HB 1342 Delegate Kelly, et al
Chapter 525 STATE GOVERNMENT – DISCRIMINATION AND HARASSMENT

Altering the training course that the State Ethics Commission is required to provide for regulated lobbyists and prospective regulated lobbyists; prohibiting a certain State official from unlawfully harassing or discriminating against certain individuals; requiring the Joint Ethics Committee to provide a copy of a certain complaint and notice to the Human Resources Manager of the Department of Legislative Services; requiring the Legislative Policy Committee to update a certain antiharassment policy and include a certain provision; etc.

Section 2 Effective July 1, 2019

HB 1717 Delegates Wilkins and A. Washington
Chapter 552 STATE GOVERNMENT – PROTECTION OF INFORMATION – VOTER REGISTRATION NUMBERS

Altering the definition of “personal information” for purposes of certain provisions of law governing the protection of information by government agencies to exclude voter registration numbers.

SB 611 Senator Conway, et al
Chapter 561 EDUCATION – HEALTHY SCHOOL FACILITY FUND – ESTABLISHED

Establishing the Healthy School Facility Fund to provide grants to public primary and secondary schools in the State to improve the health of school facilities; requiring the Interagency Committee on School Construction to establish award procedures to make awards distributed from the Fund not more than 45 days after receiving an application; requiring the Governor in each of fiscal years 2020 and 2021 to appropriate at least \$30,000,000 to the Fund; requiring the Comptroller to account for the Fund; etc.

Section 2 Effective July 1, 2018 Contingent on SB 519 (Ch 537) becoming effective July 1, 2018

HB 2**Chapter 598****Delegate Glenn****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.

Section 2 Effective Oct. 1, 2019

SB 1148**Chapter 615****Washington County Senators****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.

SB 616**Chapter 713****Senator Robinson****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.

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.

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.

SB 1099
Chapter 753

Senator Ferguson, et al

**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.

Section 2 Effective Oct. 1, 2018

- HB 22**
Chapter 754 **Delegate Gibson, et al**
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.
- Section 2 Effective July 1, 2018**
- SB 809**
Chapter 755 **Senators Robinson and Oaks**
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.
- Section 2 Effective July 1, 2018**
- HB 742**
Chapter 756 **Chair, Health and Government Operations 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; 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.

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.

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.

HB 1103 Delegate Hettleman**Chapter 835**

HIGHER EDUCATION – PRIVATE CAREER SCHOOLS, FOR–PROFIT INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION, AND FOR–PROFIT ONLINE DISTANCE EDUCATION PROGRAMS – REGULATION

Prohibiting certain private career schools, for–profit institutions of higher education, and certain institutions of higher education required to register with the Maryland Higher Education Commission under certain circumstances from enrolling certain students in certain programs under certain circumstances; requiring certain schools or institutions to provide to certain students certain information before the student signs an enrollment agreement, completes registration, or makes a financial commitment to the school or institution; etc.

SB 795 Senator Pinsky, et al**Chapter 836**

HIGHER EDUCATION – PRIVATE CAREER SCHOOLS, FOR–PROFIT INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION, AND FOR–PROFIT ONLINE DISTANCE EDUCATION PROGRAMS – REGULATION

Prohibiting private career schools, for–profit institutions of higher education, and certain institutions of higher education required to register with the Maryland Higher Education Commission under certain circumstances from enrolling certain students in certain programs under certain circumstances; requiring certain schools or institutions to provide to prospective students certain information before the student signs an enrollment agreement, completes registration, or makes a financial commitment to the school or institution; etc.