

April 30, 2019

To the Members of the General Assembly

Ladies and Gentlemen:

On April 30, 2019, the Honorable Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr., Governor; the Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr., President of the Senate; and the Honorable Adrienne A. Jones, Speaker Pro Tem of the House of Delegates, signed the following pieces of legislation, which you passed:

- SB 581** **Senator Ferguson, et al**
Chapter 211 **ECONOMIC, HOUSING, AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT –
OPPORTUNITY ZONE INCENTIVES**
- Extending certain benefits under the More Jobs for Marylanders Program to businesses that locate or expand in opportunity zones in the State; establishing the Opportunity Zone Enhancement Program in the Department and providing for the administration of the tax credit enhancements offered by the Program; authorizing an additional tax credit under the historic revitalization tax credit program for certain commercial rehabilitations that qualify as opportunity zone projects; etc.
VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES
- HB 1124** **Delegate Brooks, et al**
Chapter 212 **STATE GOVERNMENT – REGULATIONS IMPACTING SMALL
BUSINESSES**
- Requiring the Department of Budget and Management to provide certain units with training on the preparation of certain economic analyses; requiring a certain promulgating unit to establish an electronic registry and to post on the registry a proposed regulation or the scope of a proposed regulation; requiring certain notification when a proposed regulation or the scope of a proposed regulation is posted; repealing provisions of law relating to the Advisory Council on the Impact of Regulations on Small Businesses; etc.
VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

HB 1246 Delegate Fraser–Hidalgo, et al

Chapter 213 **CLEAN CARS ACT OF 2019**

Expanding the vehicle excise tax credit for the purchase of certain plug–in electric drive vehicles to include the purchase of certain fuel cell electric vehicles; providing for the credit for a plug–in electric drive vehicle and a fuel cell electric vehicle; prohibiting a person from selling hydrogen as a motor fuel in the State if the hydrogen was produced by natural gas reforming; altering the name, membership, and required activities of the Maryland Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Council; etc.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

HB 595 Delegate Rogers, et al

Chapter 214 **WORKERS' COMPENSATION – MEDICAL PRESUMPTIONS**

Adding bladder, kidney, or renal cell cancer to the types of cancer that are considered occupational diseases suffered in the line of duty and are compensable in a certain manner.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2019

HB 604 Delegate D.E. Davis, et al

Chapter 215 **WORKERS' COMPENSATION – MEDICAL PRESUMPTIONS FOR DISEASES AND CANCER – ELIGIBILITY (FIREFIGHTER JESSE MCCULLOUGH'S CANCER PROTECTION LAW)**

Altering the circumstances under which firefighters, fire fighting instructors, rescue squad members, advanced life support unit members, and members of the Office of the State Fire Marshal are presumed to be suffering from an occupational disease that was suffered in the line of duty and is compensable under the workers' compensation law to encompass individuals with at least 10 years of cumulative service within the State and the cancer or leukemia has resulted in partial or total disability or death; applying the Act prospectively; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2019

SB 646

Senator Klausmeier, et al

Chapter 216

WORKERS' COMPENSATION – MEDICAL PRESUMPTIONS FOR DISEASES AND CANCER – ELIGIBILITY (FIREFIGHTER JESSE MCCULLOUGH'S CANCER PROTECTION LAW)

Altering the circumstances under which certain firefighters, fire fighting instructors, rescue squad members, advanced life support unit members, and sworn members of the Office of the State Fire Marshal are presumed to be suffering from an occupational disease that was suffered in the line of duty and is compensable under the workers' compensation law; applying the Act prospectively; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2019

HB 178

The Speaker (By Request – Administration), et al

Chapter 217

MARYLAND STADIUM AUTHORITY – OCEAN CITY CONVENTION FACILITY – RENOVATION

Authorizing the Maryland Stadium Authority to provide for the renovation of the Ocean City Convention facility; increasing, from \$17,340,000 to \$24,500,000, the amount the Board of Public Works may approve for the issuance of certain bonds related to the Ocean City Convention facility without receiving authorization by the General Assembly; altering certain contribution amounts, allocations of savings, and leasehold ownership allocations that must be contained in a certain lease or other written agreement with Ocean City; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019

SB 177

The Minority Leader (By Request – Administration), et al

Chapter 218

MARYLAND STADIUM AUTHORITY – OCEAN CITY CONVENTION FACILITY – RENOVATION

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EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019

SB 727

Senator Guzzone, et al

Chapter 219

**HEALTH – PROFESSIONAL AND VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER
INNOVATIVE CANCER SCREENING TECHNOLOGIES
PROGRAM**

Establishing the Professional and Volunteer Firefighter Innovative Cancer Screening Technologies Program in the Department of Health to provide grants to certain fire departments and volunteer fire companies to procure innovative cancer screening tests not generally conducted during routine physical exams or covered by insurance for the purpose of reducing cancer mortality among professional and volunteer firefighters; requiring the Governor for certain fiscal years to include at least \$100,000 in the budget for the Program; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019

SB 472

Senator Nathan–Pulliam, et al

Chapter 220

**GENERAL PROVISIONS – COMMEMORATIVE MONTHS –
CARIBBEAN HERITAGE MONTH**

Requiring the Governor annually to proclaim the month of August as Caribbean Heritage Month in recognition of the contributions that Caribbean Americans have made to the State; and requiring the proclamation to urge educational and cultural organizations to observe Caribbean Heritage Month in Maryland properly with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019

HB 1425

**Chair, Appropriations Committee (By Request –
Departmental – Stadium Authority)**

Chapter 221

**MARYLAND STADIUM AUTHORITY – DEVELOPMENT OF
SUPPLEMENTAL FACILITIES TO BENEFIT CAMDEN YARDS**

Authorizing the Maryland Stadium Authority to prepare certain studies and, subject to the approval of the Board of Public Works, develop certain supplemental facilities and supplemental facility sites within Baltimore City that directly or indirectly benefit the sports facilities at Camden Yards; requiring certain notice to the governing body of Baltimore City; authorizing the Authority to issue certain bonds; establishing the Supplemental Facilities Fund to pay expenses related to a supplemental facility; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019

HB 679 **The Speaker (By Request – Workplace Harassment**
Chapter 222 **Commission) and Delegate Jones**

WORKPLACE HARASSMENT – PROHIBITIONS, LIABILITY, ENFORCEMENT, AND PREVENTION TRAINING

Prohibiting certain individuals granted special access to the State legislative complex from unlawfully harassing or discriminating against certain individuals; requiring the Department of General Services, if requested, to revoke access granted to a person who violates certain provisions of the Act or a regulated lobbyist who violates a certain provision of law; providing that sexual harassment prevention training for employees of the University system of Maryland may consist of webinar, computer-based, or online training; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2019

SB 467 **Senator King**

Chapter 223 **FORESTRY – MEL NOLAND FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM – ESTABLISHMENT**

Establishing the Mel Noland Fellowship Program in the Department of Natural Resources to support students seeking careers in fields related to natural resources; requiring the Department and its managing organization each year to select one fellow in the field of natural resources management and one in the field of urban and community forestry; requiring that each fellow receive a \$20,000 stipend; renaming a certain fund to be the Mel Noland Woodland Incentives and Fellowship Fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019

SB 261 **Senator Ferguson**

Chapter 224 **ESTATES AND TRUSTS – ADMINISTRATION OF ESTATES – WAIVER OF FEES – REQUIRED**

Requiring, rather than authorizing, a register of wills to waive certain fees for the administration of an estate if certain real property subject to administration in this State is to be transferred to a certain individual or is encumbered by a lien and subject to sale under certain provisions of law, and the estate is unable to pay the fees by reason of poverty; and applying the Act prospectively.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2019

SB 484 **Senators Ferguson and Miller**

Chapter 225 **TAX LIENS – EXPIRATION**

Providing that certain tax liens on certain real property or certain personal property terminate 20 years after the date of assessment; increasing, from 4 to 20, the number of years that a lien for unpaid inheritance tax continues under certain circumstances; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019

HB 1072 **Delegate Brooks, et al**

Chapter 226 **TRANSPORTATION NETWORK COMPANIES – INSURANCE**

Authorizing the Motor Vehicle Administration to accept a certain form of security from a transportation network company in place of a certain insurance policy if the other form of security adequately provides certain benefits and if the transportation network company is an affiliate of a company that provides taxicab services and has no fewer than 26 nor more than 300 operators; requiring transportation network companies to provide evidence of certain security to the Public Service Commission under certain circumstances; etc.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2019

HB 748 **Delegate Fraser–Hidalgo**

Chapter 227 **VEHICLE LAWS – ELECTRIC LOW SPEED SCOOTERS**

Establishing that an electric low speed scooter is considered to be a bicycle for the purposes of the Maryland Vehicle Law; providing that an electric low speed scooter is not a motorized minibike, motor scooter, or motor vehicle for the purposes of the Maryland Vehicle Law; establishing that the operator of an electric low speed scooter may ride by standing on a certain platform; providing that provisions of the Maryland Vehicle Law do not prevent a local authority from regulating, in its jurisdiction, the operation of bicycles; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2019

HB 1123 **Delegate Fraser–Hidalgo, et al**

Chapter 228

AGRICULTURE – HEMP RESEARCH AND PRODUCTION

Altering the name of the Industrial Hemp Pilot Program to be the Hemp Research Pilot Program; establishing the Hemp Farming Program to promote hemp as an agricultural commodity in the State, the commercial sale of hemp products within and outside the State and to facilitate the research of hemp and hemp products; requiring the Department of Agriculture, in consultation with the Natalie M. LaPrade Medical Cannabis Commission, to adopt regulations to protect hemp growers and medical cannabis growers from the risk of cross-pollination; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2019

HB 602 **Delegate D.E. Davis**

Chapter 229

INSURANCE – INVESTMENTS OF INSURERS OTHER THAN LIFE INSURERS – REAL ESTATE

Requiring various authorized reserve real estate investments of insurers other than life insurers to be for the accommodation of business; authorizing other reserve investments to include fee-simple or improved leasehold real estate or interests in limited partnerships formed for the development or ownership of fee-simple or leasehold real estate only under certain circumstances; prohibiting the value of certain reserve investments from exceeding certain percentages of the admitted assets of the insurer; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2019

HB 522 **Delegate Krebs, et al**

Chapter 230

PUBLIC HEALTH – FOOD ESTABLISHMENTS – LICENSING

Providing that certain regulations adopted by the Maryland Department of Health establishing a certain licensing system is a rescindable, rather than nonrescindable, alternative to certain regulation; extending, from 14 to 30, the number of consecutive days of operation authorized under a license to operate a temporary food service facility before the license expires; authorizing the Department to adopt certain regulations governing excluded organizations; requiring an excluded organization to meet certain requirements; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2019

- SB 147** **Senator Klausmeier, et al**
Chapter 231 PUBLIC HEALTH – DISPOSITION OF REMAINS – FORFEITURE
OR WAIVER OF RIGHT OF DISPOSITION
- Adding an adult grandchild of a certain decedent to the list of persons who have the right to arrange for the final disposition of the body of the decedent; requiring a person to forfeit the right of final disposition of the body of a decedent and that the right pass to the next qualifying person under certain circumstances; providing that a certain person's right of disposition may be restored under certain circumstances; authorizing a person to waive the right of final disposition; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2019
- HB 218** **Delegate Krebs, et al**
Chapter 232 PUBLIC HEALTH – DISPOSITION OF REMAINS – FORFEITURE
OR WAIVER OF RIGHT OF DISPOSITION
- Adding an adult grandchild of a certain decedent to the list of persons who have the right to arrange for the final disposition of the body of the decedent; requiring a person to forfeit the right of final disposition of a decedent and that right pass to the next qualifying person under certain circumstances; providing that a certain person's right of disposition may be restored under certain circumstances; authorizing a person to waive the right of final disposition; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2019
- SB 146** **Senator Klausmeier, et al**
Chapter 233 COMMERCIAL DRIVER'S LICENSES – RECOGNITION,
PREVENTION, AND REPORTING OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING
- Requiring commercial driver's license training schools to include training on the recognition, prevention, and effective reporting of human trafficking as part of the curriculum; requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration to include content on the recognition, prevention, and effective reporting of human trafficking in its Commercial Driver's License Manual; and requiring the Administration to provide to an applicant renewing a commercial driver's license certain information from the Manual.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2019

SB 939 **Senator Klausmeier**
Chapter 237 **NATURAL RESOURCES – SHELLFISH NURSERY OPERATIONS
– WETLANDS LICENSE REQUIREMENTS**

Exempting under certain circumstances certain activities and the use of certain equipment that is associated with a shellfish nursery operation from the requirement to obtain certain licenses or permits from the Department of the Environment or the Board of Public Works; providing that the installation of a pump, pipe, or other equipment that is attached to a pier for the cultivation of shellfish seed under a certain permit is a lawful use on private wetlands under certain circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2019

HB 841 **Delegates Clark and Morgan**
Chapter 238 **AQUACULTURE – SUBMERGED AQUATIC VEGETATION –
PLACEMENT OF SHELLFISH, BAGS, NETS, AND STRUCTURES**

Authorizing a leaseholder of certain aquaculture leases to, with prior written approval from the Department of Natural Resources, place shellfish, bags, nets, and structures on submerged aquatic vegetation, subject to certain requirements and limitations; requiring the Department to submit a certain annual report to the Aquaculture Coordinating Council, the Chesapeake Bay Program, and the General Assembly on or before June 1, 2020, and each June 1 for the next 4 years thereafter; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2019

SB 292 **Senator Bailey, et al**
Chapter 239 **PROPERTY TAX CREDIT – PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICER –
DEFINITION**

Altering the definition of “public safety officer” to include certain volunteer emergency medical technicians for purposes of a certain property tax credit; and applying the Act to taxable years beginning after June 30, 2019.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2019

- HB 477** **Delegate Clark, et al**
Chapter 240 PROPERTY TAX CREDIT – PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICER –
DEFINITION
Altering the definition of “public safety officer” to include certain
volunteer emergency medical technicians for purposes of a certain
property tax credit; and applying the Act to taxable years beginning
after June 30, 2019.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2019
- HB 1350** **Delegate Clark, et al**
Chapter 241 PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENTS – CONSERVATION PROPERTY
– ALTERATION OF DEFINITION
Expanding the definition of “conservation property” for property tax
assessment purposes to include land subject to a perpetual
conservation easement, including an easement sold or donated to the
Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation, the Maryland
Environmental Trust, or a land trust as defined by certain provisions
of the Natural Resources Article or under another public conservation
or preservation program; and applying the Act to taxable years
beginning after June 30, 2019.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2019
- SB 390** **Senator Bailey, et al**
Chapter 242 NATURAL RESOURCES – SUNDAY HUNTING – ST. MARY’S
COUNTY
Authorizing the Department of Natural Resources to allow a person
to hunt game birds or mammals on a Sunday during the open season
for that game bird or mammal on private property or certain public
land in St. Mary’s County under certain circumstances.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019
- HB 588** **Delegate Hettleman, et al**
Chapter 243 CONTINUING CARE RETIREMENT COMMUNITIES –
MEDIATION – REPRESENTATION BY COUNSEL
Repealing the prohibition against a community care retirement
community provider, subscriber, or group of subscribers being
represented by counsel during a certain mediation procedure.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2019

HB 672 **Delegate Valentino-Smith, et al**

Chapter 248 HOUSING – LOCAL HOUSING GRANT PROGRAM FOR HOMELESS VETERANS AND SURVIVORS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Establishing the Local Housing Grant Program for Homeless Veterans and Survivors of Domestic Violence to provide grants for housing voucher funds to counties to house homeless veterans and survivors of domestic violence; authorizing the Governor in fiscal year 2020 to include funding in the annual budget for the Program; requiring the Department of Housing and Community Development to distribute grants to counties and establish grant application procedures; authorizing the Department to establish preferences for certain counties; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2019

SB 810 **Senator Peters**

Chapter 249 HOUSING – LOCAL HOUSING GRANT PROGRAM FOR HOMELESS VETERANS AND SURVIVORS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Establishing the Local Housing Grant Program for Homeless Veterans and Survivors of Domestic Violence to provide certain grants to counties for use to house homeless veterans and survivors of domestic violence; authorizing the Governor to include funding in the budget for FY 2020 and each fiscal year thereafter for the Program; requiring the Department of Housing and Community Development to distribute grants to counties and to establish grant application procedures; authorizing the Department to establish preferences for certain counties; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2019

- SB 478** **Senator Peters, et al**
Chapter 250 **PROPERTY TAX – VEHICLES VALUED AS STOCK IN BUSINESS
AND NOTIFICATION ON ANNEXATION**
- Requiring that, after an annexation resolution is introduced, the chief executive or the administrative officer of the municipality shall notify commercial property owners in the area to be annexed of all personal property taxes and fees imposed by the municipality and the date, time, and place of the public hearing on the annexation; providing, in the taxable year beginning July 1, 2019, up to a 100% property tax credit that a county or municipal corporation is required to grant for the property tax imposed on certain vehicles; etc.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2019
- HB 1021** **Delegate Glenn**
Chapter 251 **BUSINESS OCCUPATIONS AND PROFESSIONS – BARBERS –
ADDITIONAL STUDENTS**
- Increasing from one to three the number of students authorized to work under the supervision of a master barber.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2019
- SB 856** **Senator Zirkin, et al**
Chapter 252 **JUVENILE JUSTICE REFORM COUNCIL**
- Establishing the Juvenile Justice Reform Council; requiring the Council to develop a framework for reducing juvenile recidivism and increasing public safety and to conduct research into best practices for the treatment of juveniles who are subject to the criminal and juvenile justice systems; requiring the Council to submit an interim report on its findings and recommendations to the Governor and General Assembly on or before December 1, 2019, and a final report by December 1, 2020; etc.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2019

HB 606 **Delegate Clippinger, et al**
Chapter 253 **JUVENILE JUSTICE REFORM COUNCIL**

Establishing the Juvenile Justice Reform Council; requiring the Council, using a data-driven approach, to develop a statewide framework of policies to invest in strategies to increase public safety and reduce recidivism of youth offenders; requiring the Council to submit an interim report by December 1, 2019, and a final report of its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before December 1, 2020; etc.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2019

HB 1401 **Delegate Barve, et al**
Chapter 254 **VEHICLE LAWS – OVERWEIGHT VEHICLES – HEAVY WEIGHT
PORT CORRIDOR PERMIT**

Authorizing the Secretary of Transportation to determine that a vehicle or combination of vehicles transporting certain freight is an indivisible load authorized to obtain a certain overweight vehicle permit under certain circumstances; establishing certain conditions for a vehicle issued a permit under the Act, including a requirement to travel only on roads designated as being part of a “heavy weight port corridor”; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2019

SB 1038 **Senator Salling**
Chapter 255 **VEHICLE LAWS – OVERWEIGHT VEHICLES – HEAVY WEIGHT
PORT CORRIDOR PERMIT**

Authorizing the Secretary of Transportation to determine that a vehicle or combination of vehicles transporting certain freight is an indivisible load authorized to obtain a certain overweight vehicle permit under certain circumstances; establishing certain conditions for a vehicle issued a permit under the Act, including a requirement to travel only on roads designated as being part of a “heavy weight port corridor”; establishing a certain maximum gross vehicle weight for a vehicle with a certain permit; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2019

HB 795 Delegates Branch and Glenn

Chapter 256

**WORKERS' COMPENSATION – PERMANENT PARTIAL
DISABILITY – BALTIMORE CITY DEPUTY SHERIFFS**

Providing for enhanced workers' compensation benefits for a Baltimore City deputy sheriff for a compensable permanent partial disability of less than a certain number of weeks; and providing for the prospective application of the Act.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2019

HB 454 Delegate Kipke

Chapter 257

**SALES AND USE TAX – LIST OF TANGIBLE PERSONAL
PROPERTY AND SERVICES – PUBLICATION**

Requiring the Comptroller to publish on the Comptroller's website a comprehensive list of tangible personal property and services the sale or use of which is subject to the sales and use tax; and requiring the Comptroller to update the list at least quarterly and detail any additions, deletions, or revisions to the list.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2019

SB 247 Senator Jennings

Chapter 258

**RENTAL AND REPLACEMENT VEHICLES – AGE-BASED
SERVICE DETERMINATIONS – PROHIBITION**

Prohibiting a rental vehicle company from, solely on the basis of age, refusing to rent a vehicle to an individual or charging an individual a higher rental fee than normally charged if the vehicle owned by the individual is not in use because of a warranty repair, a recall or repair as a result of a recall; and prohibiting, under certain circumstances, an auto repair facility or a vehicle dealer from, solely on the basis of age, refusing to loan a replacement vehicle to an individual or charging an individual a higher rental fee.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2019

- HB 349** **Delegate Jacobs, et al**
Chapter 259 NATURAL RESOURCES – SPECIAL CHARTER BOAT LICENSE –
ALTERATION
- Specifying that a special charter boat license issued by the Department of Natural Resources is valid for all individuals on a single vessel operated by a certain licensed fishing guide and for certain individuals on a vessel under the guidance of a certain licensed fishing guide in tidal waters of the State.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2019
- SB 361** **Senator Hershey, et al**
Chapter 260 NATURAL RESOURCES – SPECIAL CHARTER BOAT LICENSE –
ALTERATION
- Specifying that a special charter boat license issued by the Department of Natural Resources is valid for all individuals on a single vessel operated by a certain licensed fishing guide and for certain individuals on a vessel under the guidance of a certain licensed fishing guide in tidal waters of the State.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2019
- SB 95** **Senators Simonaire and Bailey**
Chapter 261 NATURAL RESOURCES – RECREATIONAL LICENSE
DONATION PROGRAM AND FUND – PROGRAM EXTENSION
AND FUND NAME CHANGE
- Changing the name of the Recreational License Donation Fund to the Healing Hunting and Fishing Fund; extending the termination date for certain provisions of law establishing the recreational license donation program; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019
- SB 317** **Senator Reilly, et al**
Chapter 262 ESTATES AND TRUSTS – SHARE OF INTESTATE ESTATE
INHERITED BY SURVIVING SPOUSE
- Altering the share of the intestate estate of a decedent inherited by a surviving spouse under certain circumstances; and applying the Act prospectively.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2019

SB 286 **The President (By Request – Department of Legislative
Chapter 263 Services)**

DEPARTMENT OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES – PUBLICATION
OF MUNICIPAL CHARTER AMENDMENTS AND LOCAL LAWS
OF CHARTER AND CODE COUNTIES

Repealing a certain requirement that the Department of Legislative Services publish and index the titles of municipal charter amendments and local laws of charter and code counties in the Session Laws of the General Assembly; making certain conforming changes; and requiring the Department to publish the titles or the full text of municipal charter amendments and local laws of charter and code counties on the General Assembly website.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2019

SB 393 **Chair, Joint Committee on Federal Relations**

**Chapter 264 ATLANTIC STATES MARINE FISHERIES COMPACT –
AMENDMENT I – ADOPTION**

Repealing a certain contingency relating to the adoption of a certain amendment to the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Compact; entering the State into a certain amendment to the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Compact; and providing for the withdrawal of the State from the amendment.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2019

SB 140 **Washington County Senators**

**Chapter 265 WASHINGTON COUNTY – ARCHERY HUNTING – SAFETY
ZONE**

Altering the size of the safety zone to 50 yards for archery hunters in Washington County within which archery hunting may not take place except under certain circumstances; and requiring that an archery hunter in Washington County be in an elevated position when hunting any wild bird or mammal within 50 to 100 yards of certain buildings.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019

SB 26 **Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request –**
Chapter 266 **Departmental – Assessments and Taxation)**

STATE DEPARTMENT OF ASSESSMENTS AND TAXATION –
EXPEDITED DOCUMENT PROCESSING

Authorizing the State Department of Assessments and Taxation to adopt certain regulations regarding processing documents on an expedited basis and to charge certain reasonable fees.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2019

SB 59 **Chair, Budget and Taxation Committee (By Request –**
Chapter 267 **Departmental – Assessments and Taxation)**

STATE DEPARTMENT OF ASSESSMENTS AND TAXATION –
NOTICES AND ORDERS – E-MAIL

Authorizing the supervisor of assessments for a county to e-mail certain notices to the owner or resident agent of certain income producing properties if the recipient, within the past 3 years, has provided the Department of Assessments and Taxation with an e-mail address and requested to receive the notices by e-mail; authorizing the Department to send certain notices by e-mail under certain circumstances; authorizing the supervisor to serve a certain notice by e-mail under certain circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019

HB 465 **Chair, Ways and Means Committee (By Request –**
Chapter 268 **Departmental – Assessments and Taxation)**

STATE DEPARTMENT OF ASSESSMENTS AND TAXATION –
DISTRIBUTION OF RECORDATION AND TRANSFER TAX
REVENUES

Altering the distribution of revenue from certain recordation taxes and local transfer taxes collected by the State Department of Assessments and Taxation so the recordation tax collected, after deducting certain revenues, is to be distributed to the county in which the property is located.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019

SB 62 **Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental –**
Chapter 269 **Uninsured Employers’ Fund)**

UNINSURED EMPLOYERS’ FUND – SOLVENCY – STUDY

Requiring the Director of the Uninsured Employers’ Fund to report, by October 1, 2019, to the Senate Finance Committee, the House Economic Matters Committee, and the Joint Committee on Workers’ Compensation Benefit and Insurance Oversight on the solvency of the Fund and whether the General Assembly should adjust or provide authority to adjust a certain assessment; requiring the report to include a discussion of certain payments for compensation to claimants, prospective liabilities, and certain hearing loss claims; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019

SB 72 **Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request –**
Chapter 270 **Departmental – Juvenile Services)**

MEMBERSHIP – DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE SERVICES
STATE ADVISORY BOARD

Expanding the membership of the State Advisory Board for the Department of Juvenile Services; and requiring certain members appointed to the Board from the general public to meet certain requirements to include one that shall be a victim advocate.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019

HB 169 **Chair, Judiciary Committee (By Request – Departmental –**
Chapter 271 **Juvenile Services)**

STATE ADVISORY BOARD FOR JUVENILE SERVICES – DUTIES
AND ACCESS TO RECORDS

Expanding the duties of the State Advisory Board for Juvenile Services to include the examination and review of fatalities involving children under the supervision of the Department of Juvenile Services for the purpose of advising the Secretary of Juvenile Services; establishing that a prohibition against the disclosure of a court record pertaining to a certain child does not prohibit access to and confidential use of the court record by the State Advisory Board for Juvenile Services for certain purposes; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2019

SB 877 **Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs**
Chapter 272 **Committee (By Request – Departmental – Natural Resources)**

**WATERWAY IMPROVEMENT FUND – PUBLIC BOATING
CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS – FINANCING LIMITS**

Increasing from \$100,000 to \$250,000 the maximum cost of a certain construction project that may be wholly financed with funds from the Waterway Improvement Fund.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019

HB 469 **Chair, Appropriations Committee (By Request –**
Chapter 273 **Departmental – Teachers and State Employees Supplemental**
 Retirement Plans)

**SUPPLEMENTAL RETIREMENT PLANS – INVESTMENTS –
PROCUREMENT OF INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT SERVICES**

Requiring the Board of Trustees of the Maryland Teachers and State Employees Supplemental Retirement Plans to make arrangements for the safe custody of investments with one or more duly qualified custodian banks or trust companies; and exempting certain agreements with managers and custodians of assets in certain investment elections authorized under the statements of investment policy adopted by the Board from certain provisions of the procurement law.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019

HB 570 **Delegate Sample–Hughes, et al**

Chapter 274 **OUTPATIENT MENTAL HEALTH CENTERS – MEDICAL**
 DIRECTORS – TELEHEALTH

Requiring that regulations adopted under certain provisions of law regulating behavioral health programs include provisions authorizing a behavioral health program licensed as an outpatient mental health center to satisfy any regulatory requirement that a medical director be on-site through the use of telehealth by the director.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2019

SB 178 **Senator Eckardt**

Chapter 275 **OUTPATIENT MENTAL HEALTH CENTERS – MEDICAL DIRECTORS – TELEHEALTH**

Requiring that regulations adopted under certain provisions of law regulating behavioral health programs include provisions authorizing a behavioral health program licensed as an outpatient mental health center to satisfy any regulatory requirement that a medical director be onsite through the use of telehealth by the director.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2019

SB 509 **Senator Eckardt, et al**

Chapter 276 **PROPERTY TAX – IN REM FORECLOSURE AND SALE – VACANT AND ABANDONED PROPERTY**

Requiring a tax collector to withhold from tax sale certain real property designated by a county or municipal corporation for foreclosure and sale under a certain process; authorizing a county or municipal corporation to initiate an in rem foreclosure and sale of certain real property for delinquent taxes; authorizing a county or municipal corporation to enact laws authorizing in rem foreclosure and sale of certain real property; authorizing the county or municipal corporation to commence an in rem foreclosure action; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2019

SB 634 **Senators Eckardt and Hershey**

Chapter 277 **ELECTRIC COOPERATIVES – POWERS – CONDUCTING OR COMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES**

Authorizing an electric cooperative to construct, maintain, or operate or allow others to construct, maintain, or operate conducting or communications facilities for telecommunications and broadband Internet services along, on, under, or across various types of property; requiring an electric cooperative to give certain notice to certain property owners at least 60 days before constructing certain facilities in a certain electric easement or making capacity available for certain services in the electric easement; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2019

HB 808 **Delegate Ghrist, et al**

Chapter 278

WEED CONTROL – NOXIOUS WEEDS – REGULATIONS AND PENALTIES

Repealing a certain list of plants considered to be noxious weeds in the State; requiring the Secretary of Agriculture to adopt regulations to establish a list of plants considered to be noxious weeds in the State; altering a certain condition under which the Secretary may designate as a noxious weed certain plant species; specifying that certain criminal penalties apply to certain violations; requiring certain administrative penalties to be distributed to a special fund used only for the control and eradication of a noxious weed; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2019

HB 586 **Delegate Wilson**

Chapter 279

PUBLIC SAFETY – SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC SYSTEMS – LOCKOUT TAG REQUIREMENT AND STUDY

Requiring a company that installs solar photovoltaic systems to install a certain lockout tag containing a safety warning under certain circumstances; and requiring the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation to make a certain report to the House Economic Matters Committee and the Senate Finance Committee by December 1, 2019.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019

HB 685 **Delegate Wilson, et al**

Chapter 280

VIDEO LOTTERY TERMINALS – MINORITY BUSINESS PARTICIPATION GOALS – ENFORCEMENT AND REPORTING

Altering the date by which certain provisions of law relating to minority business participation goals for certain applicants or licensees are of no effect and may not be enforced from July 1, 2019, to July 1, 2020; and altering a deadline for a certain reporting requirement.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2019

- SB 421** **Senator Benson, et al**
Chapter 281 VIDEO LOTTERY TERMINALS – MINORITY BUSINESS PARTICIPATION GOALS – ENFORCEMENT AND REPORTING
- Altering the date by which certain provisions of law relating to minority business participation goals for certain applicants or licensees are of no effect and may not be enforced from July 1, 2019, to July 1, 2020; and altering a deadline for a certain reporting requirement.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2019
- HB 1189** **Delegate Carey, et al**
Chapter 282 HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE – CRITICAL MEDICAL NEEDS PROGRAM
- Establishing the Critical Medical Needs Program in the Office of Home Energy Programs of the Family Investment Administration within the Department of Human Services in recognition of the challenges with energy bills faced by individuals with critical medical needs and limited financial resources; requiring the Office to work with electric and gas companies to implement, for critically medically vulnerable individuals a hold or extension of service for those losing service and restoration where service has been terminated; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2019
- SB 425** **Senator Benson, et al**
Chapter 283 HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE – CRITICAL MEDICAL NEEDS PROGRAM
- Establishing the Critical Medical Needs Program in the Office of Home Energy Programs of the Family Investment Administration within the Department of Human Services in recognition of the challenges with energy bills faced by individuals with critical medical needs and limited financial resources; requiring the Office to work with electric and gas companies to implement, for critically medically vulnerable individuals, a hold or extension of service for those losing service and restoration where service has been terminated; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2019

HB 1065

Delegate Carey

Chapter 284

MARYLAND COMMERCIAL RECEIVERSHIP ACT

Establishing a framework for a court to oversee the management and disposition of commercial property subject to receivership; providing standards and guidelines for the appointment, authority, and termination of a receiver over receivership property; establishing duties that may be required of a receiver; establishing a procedure for the transfer of receivership property; repealing certain provisions of law regarding an assignee for the benefit of creditors; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2019

HB 145

Delegate K. Young, et al

Chapter 285

HOSPITALS – PATIENT’S BILL OF RIGHTS

Requiring each administrator of a hospital to provide patients with a certain patient’s bill of rights; requiring each administrator of a hospital to provide certain patients with an interpreter, a translator, or other accommodation to provide assistance to patients; requiring each administrator of a hospital to conspicuously post the patient’s bill of rights on the hospital’s website and in areas of the hospital accessible to patients and visitors; requiring the Department of Health to submit a certain report by January 1, 2021; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2019

SB 301

Senator Benson, et al

Chapter 286

HOSPITALS – PATIENT’S BILL OF RIGHTS

Requiring each administrator of a hospital to provide patients with a certain patient’s bill of rights; requiring each administrator of a hospital to provide certain patients with an interpreter, a translator, or other accommodation to provide assistance to patients; requiring each administrator of a hospital to conspicuously post the patient’s bill of rights on the hospital’s website and in areas of the hospital accessible to patients and visitors; requiring the Department of Health to submit a certain report by January 1, 2021; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2019

SB 707 **Senator Ready**

Chapter 287 **MOTOR VEHICLES – TEMPORARY IN-TRANSIT
REGISTRATION**

Authorizing the Motor Vehicle Administration to issue a temporary in-transit registration that allows a nonresident owner of a vehicle to operate the vehicle on a highway in the State only for the purpose of transporting the vehicle to a jurisdiction outside the State for titling and registration; establishing that the Administration or licensed title service agents may issue temporary in-transit registrations; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019

SB 136 **Senators Waldstreicher and West**

Chapter 288 **CORPORATIONS – CORPORATE RECORDS AND ELECTRONIC
TRANSMISSION**

Authorizing certain records of a corporation to be maintained by means of any information storage device, method, or electronic network or database, including a distributed electronic network or database, under certain circumstances; requiring a corporation to convert a record maintained in a certain manner into a clearly legible written form on the request of any person entitled to inspect the records; authorizing certain communications, consents, and requests to be made by means of a certain electronic transmission; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2019

SB 137 **Senators Waldstreicher and West**

Chapter 289 **CORPORATIONS – MARYLAND GENERAL CORPORATION LAW
– MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS**

Clarifying voting procedures in certain cumulative voting elections; clarifying the term of a certain director of a corporation elected to fill a vacancy; altering the authority of certain holders of stock to take or consent to certain action; altering the circumstances in which certain holders of stock may take certain action or consent to a certain action by delivering a consent in writing or by electronic transmission; clarifying the time by which a parent corporation is required to provide a certain notice in a certain merger; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2019

SB 780 **Senator Waldstreicher**
Chapter 290 **TRANSFER TAX – TRANSFERS BY GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES**

Clarifying certain provisions of law relating to the application of the transfer tax to certain instruments of writing that transfer property from or to certain governmental entities; etc.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2019

SB 381 **Senator West**
Chapter 291 **TRUSTS – MARYLAND TRUST ACT – METHODS OF NOTICE**

Authorizing a trustee to provide notice to a person under the Maryland Trust Act by first-class mail, personal delivery, or delivery to the person's delivery address; requiring a trustee to receive authorization in writing from a person entitled to receive notice before providing notice by first-class mail, postage prepaid, or by a certain facsimile transmission or e-mail; authorizing a person to revoke a trustee's authorization to provide notice by an alternative method; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2019

SB 945 **Senator Kramer**
Chapter 292 **SALES AND USE TAX – TAXABLE SERVICES – TELEPHONE ANSWERING SERVICE**

Defining "telephone answering service" for the purpose of establishing that the service is taxable under the sales and use tax only if the service consists exclusively of answering a telephone in a certain manner and transmitting messages to the customer; establishing that a telephone answering service is not a taxable service if certain acts are only incidental to and less than 5% of the service provider's total gross receipts in a calendar year; etc.
EMERGENCY BILL

SB 283 **Senator Kramer**

Chapter 293

SALES AND USE TAX – CLEANING OF COMMERCIAL OR INDUSTRIAL BUILDINGS – COMMUNITY PROPERTY EXEMPTION

Exempting from the sales and use tax the cleaning of a commercial or industrial building if the building is owned by a common ownership community or retirement community and used for certain purposes; providing that the exemption does not apply to a building or a proportionate share of a building if the building or proportionate share of the building is used for a purpose that requires the collection of the sales and use tax; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

HB 1154 **Delegate Howard, et al**

Chapter 294

MARYLAND PERSONAL INFORMATION PROTECTION ACT – SECURITY BREACH NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS – MODIFICATIONS

Altering the applicability of certain security breach investigation requirements to certain businesses; altering the applicability of certain security breach notification requirements to a certain owner or licensee of computerized data to allow notification to national information security organizations created for information-sharing and analysis of security threats, to alert and avert new or expanded breaches; prohibiting a certain business from charging a certain owner or licensee of computerized data a certain fee; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2019

SB 693 **Senator Kramer, et al**

Chapter 295

MARYLAND PERSONAL INFORMATION PROTECTION ACT – SECURITY BREACH NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS – MODIFICATIONS

Altering the applicability of certain security breach investigation requirements to certain businesses; altering the applicability of certain security breach notification requirements to a certain owner or licensee of computerized data to allow notification to national information security organizations created for information-sharing and analysis of security threats, to alert and avert new or expanded breaches; prohibiting a certain business from charging a certain owner or licensee of computerized data a certain fee; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2019

- HB 777** **Delegate Howard, et al**
Chapter 296 **COMMERCIAL LAW – CREDIT CARD PROCESSORS –
MERCHANT PROCESSING AGREEMENTS**
- Prohibiting a credit card processor from assessing or charging a fee, fine, or penalty that exceeds \$500 if a business entity cancels a merchant processing agreement in certain circumstances; prohibiting any fee, fine, or penalty if a business entity terminates a merchant processing agreement after the expiration of the initial term; requiring a merchant processing agreement to include certain information; applying the Act prospectively; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2019
- SB 5** **Senator Kagan**
Chapter 297 **PUBLIC INFORMATION ACT – 9–1–1 COMMUNICATIONS –
DENIAL OF PART OF A PUBLIC RECORD**
- Authorizing a custodian of records to grant inspection of part of a 9–1–1 communications record under certain circumstances after providing certain notice and considering certain information; requiring a custodian to grant or deny a certain application within a certain period of time; authorizing a custodian to redact certain information if a failure to do so would result in a constructive denial of the entire public record; requiring a custodian to allow inspection by the person in interest; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2019
- SB 85** **Senator Kagan (Chair, Joint Committee on the Management
of Public Funds) and Senator Reilly**
Chapter 298 **CAPITAL DEBT AFFORDABILITY COMMITTEE – ANNUAL
ESTIMATE**
- Extending from October 1 to October 20 the day by which the Capital Debt Affordability Committee must submit an estimate of the total amount of new State debt that may be authorized for the next fiscal year.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2019

- HB 1090** **Delegate Jackson, et al**
Chapter 299 9–1–1 SPECIALISTS – COMPENSATION AND BENEFITS
- Declaring that the General Assembly finds that 9–1–1 specialists are key members of the team of public safety personnel; repealing references to the term “9–1–1 public safety telecommunicator” and substituting references to the term “9–1–1 specialist” in certain provisions authorizing a certain property tax credit; etc.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2019
- SB 284** **Senators Kagan and Reilly**
Chapter 300 9–1–1 SPECIALISTS – COMPENSATION AND BENEFITS
- Declaring that the General Assembly finds that 9–1–1 specialists are key members of the team of public safety personnel; repealing references to the term “9–1–1 public safety telecommunicator” and substituting references to the term “9–1–1 specialist” in certain provisions authorizing a certain property tax credit; etc.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2019
- HB 397** **Delegates Krebs and Jackson (By Request – Commission to Advance Next Generation 9–1–1 Across Maryland), et al**
Chapter 301 PUBLIC SAFETY – 9–1–1 EMERGENCY TELEPHONE SYSTEM (CARL HENN’S LAW)
- Requiring the Emergency Number Systems Board to establish certain minimum standards for records retention guidelines for 9–1–1 audio, video, text messages, and data; requiring the Board to establish minimum standards for certain 9–1–1 systems that ensure access for individuals with disabilities; altering the purposes of the 9–1–1 Trust Fund beginning on January 1, 2020; authorizing the use of money collected from a certain 9–1–1 fee to pay costs associated with maintenance, operations, and programs approved by the Board; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019

SB 339 **Senators Kagan and Reilly (By Request – Comm to Advance**
Chapter 302 **Next Generation 9–1–1 Across Maryland), et al**

**PUBLIC SAFETY – 9–1–1 EMERGENCY TELEPHONE SYSTEM
(CARL HENN’S LAW)**

Requiring the Emergency Number Systems Board to establish certain minimum standards for records retention guidelines for 9–1–1 audio, video, text messages, and data; requiring the Board to establish minimum standards for certain 9–1–1 systems that ensure access for individuals with disabilities; altering the purposes of the 9–1–1 Trust Fund beginning on January 1, 2020; authorizing the use of money collected from a certain 9–1–1 fee to pay costs associated with maintenance, operations, and programs approved by the Board; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019

SB 265 **Senator Zucker, et al**

Chapter 303 **INCOME TAX SUBTRACTION MODIFICATION – MORTGAGE
FORGIVENESS DEBT RELIEF – EXTENSION**

Repealing the termination of a certain subtraction modification under the Maryland income tax for income from the discharge of indebtedness related to costs incurred with respect to a principal residence; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2019

SB 732 **Senator Zucker, et al**

Chapter 304 **CHILD IN NEED OF ASSISTANCE – GUARDIANSHIP BY LOCAL
DEPARTMENT – FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS**

Requiring a court to issue a certain order on request of a local department of social services that has been granted certain guardianship over a child in need of assistance to have control over the property of the child for the purpose of establishing an individual savings account, an ABLE account under certain circumstances, or a pooled special needs trust on behalf of the child; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2019

SB 517 **Senators Feldman and Hershey**

Chapter 305

**PUBLIC UTILITIES – ELECTRICITY AND NATURAL GAS
SUPPLIERS – INFORMATION**

Requiring the Public Service Commission to establish customer choice shopping websites for electric and natural gas customers; requiring the Commission to use information from electric and natural gas suppliers to maintain the information on the websites; requiring each electricity or natural gas supplier that is actively seeking residential customers in a service territory in the State to maintain at least one open offer on the Commission's website at all times; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2019

SB 574 **Senator Feldman**

Chapter 306

**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE – SMALL BUSINESS
INNOVATION RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER –
STUDY**

Requiring the Department of Commerce to conduct a study in a certain manner on issues related to federal small business innovation research and technology transfer grants; and requiring the Department to report its findings and recommendations regarding financing options for grant recipients to the General Assembly by December 31, 2019.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019

SB 891 **Senator Feldman, et al**

Chapter 307

**CONSUMER PROTECTION – RESALE OF TICKETS –
DISCLOSURES AND REFUNDS**

Prohibiting a ticket reseller from selling or offering to sell speculative tickets unless the reseller makes certain disclosures; and requiring a reseller to refund a certain deposit or other consideration within 10 days after the event for which the tickets were sold under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2019

HB 251 **Delegate Hill, et al**

Chapter 308

DEPARTMENT OF AGING – GRANTS FOR AGING–IN–PLACE PROGRAMS (NONPROFITS FOR OUR AGING NEIGHBORS ACT – “NANA”)

Authorizing the Department of Aging to make grants to certain nonprofit organizations and area agencies on aging to expand and establish certain aging–in–place programs for seniors; requiring the Department to publicize the availability of the grants at least 6 weeks before the applications are due; establishing a requirement for an equal match for certain funds; requiring the Department to notify an area agency on aging within 2 weeks after a grant award is made to a nonprofit located within the agency’s jurisdiction; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2019

SB 279 **Senator Feldman, et al**

Chapter 309

DEPARTMENT OF AGING – GRANTS FOR AGING–IN–PLACE PROGRAMS (NONPROFITS FOR OUR AGING NEIGHBORS ACT – “NANA”)

Authorizing the Department of Aging to make grants to nonprofit organizations and area agencies on aging to expand and establish certain aging–in–place programs for seniors; requiring the Department to publicize the availability of grant opportunities to eligible organizations at least 6 weeks before the applications are due; establishing a requirement for an equal match for the funds requested by a nonprofit organization or an area agency on aging in order for the nonprofit organization to receive a State grant; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2019

HB 417 **Delegate Hill, et al**

Chapter 310

WATER POLLUTION CONTROL – NOTIFICATION OF SEWER OVERFLOWS AND TREATMENT PLANT BYPASSES – ALTERATION

Repealing a requirement that a report of a sewer overflow or treatment plant bypass provided to the Department of the Environment by an owner or operator of certain sewer systems or wastewater treatment plants be made by telephone; specifying the content of the procedures that the Department, in cooperation with the Maryland Department of Health, local health departments, and local environmental health directors, is required to develop to provide public notification of a sewer overflow or treatment plant bypasses; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2019

HB 1405 **Chair, Howard County Delegation**

Chapter 311

HOWARD COUNTY – TRANSFER TAX – COLLECTION BY DIRECTOR OF FINANCE HO. CO. 30–19

Requiring the Director of Finance of Howard County, instead of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Howard County, to collect the county tax on the recordation of an instrument of writing that conveys title to real property; and repealing a requirement that the Clerk of the Circuit Court pay to the Director of Finance the proceeds of the transfer tax in a certain manner.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019

SB 852 **Senator Griffith, et al**

Chapter 312

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, LICENSING, AND REGULATION – VETERANS AND MILITARY SERVICE MEMBERS AND SPOUSES – OCCUPATIONAL LICENSES

Altering the definition of “military spouse” to include the surviving spouse of a service member who dies at any time before an application for a license; altering the definition of “veteran” to include former service members who have been discharged for more than 1 year before an application for a license; requiring units of the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation to issue a certain license to certain applicants within 60 days after receiving a completed application; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2019

- SB 879** **Senator Griffith, et al**
Chapter 313 PRIMARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION – BLACK HISTORY MONTH – HARRIET TUBMAN AND FREDERICK DOUGLASS
- Requiring public schools to devote a part of at least one day to appropriate exercises that relate to Black History Month, with an emphasis on Harriet Tubman and Frederick Douglass and the contributions they made in the fight against slavery; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2019
- SB 310** **Senator Hayes, et al**
Chapter 314 BALTIMORE CITY – UNPACKAGED CIGARETTES – PROHIBITION ON SALE
- Prohibiting a certain person from selling an unpackaged cigarette; authorizing an enforcement officer of the Tobacco Use Prevention and Cessation Program in the Baltimore City Health Department to enforce the Act in a certain manner; requiring an enforcement officer to report a violation of the Act to a State’s Attorney; and providing that issuance of a citation for violation of a certain provision of law precludes prosecution under the Act for a violation arising out of the same incident.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2019
- HB 284** **Delegate J. Lewis, et al**
Chapter 315 PROCUREMENT – SMALL BUSINESSES AND MINORITY BUSINESSES – QUALIFICATION AND CERTIFICATION (SMALL AND MINORITY BUSINESS CERTIFICATION STREAMLINING ACT OF 2019)
- Requiring the Secretary of General Services, the Secretary of Transportation, the Chancellor of the University System of Maryland, and the President of Morgan State University to adopt certain regulations by December 31, 2019, to require the qualification of a business as a small business under certain circumstances; requiring the Board of Public Works to adopt regulations providing for the certification of a business as a minority business enterprise under certain circumstances; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2019

SB 983

Senator Hayes, et al

Chapter 316

PROCUREMENT – SMALL BUSINESSES AND MINORITY BUSINESSES – QUALIFICATION AND CERTIFICATION (SMALL AND MINORITY BUSINESS CERTIFICATION STREAMLINING ACT OF 2019)

Requiring the Secretary of General Services, the Secretary of Transportation, the Chancellor of the University System of Maryland, and the President of Morgan State University to adopt certain regulations on or before December 31, 2019, to require the qualification of a business as a small business under certain circumstances; requiring the Board of Public Works to adopt regulations providing for the certification of a business as a minority business enterprise under certain circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2019

HB 1010

Delegate Atterbary, et al

Chapter 317

BREWERY MODERNIZATION ACT OF 2019

Authorizing the holder of a Class 5 brewery license to brew and bottle malt beverages at a location listed on an individual storage permit; authorizing a local licensing board to conditionally grant an applicant an on-site consumption permit or a Class D beer license that will become effective after the applicant meets certain requirements; authorizing a holder of a micro-brewery license to hold another license; altering the amount of beer that certain manufacturers may sell at retail; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019

SB 801

Senator Hayes, et al

Chapter 318

BREWERY MODERNIZATION ACT OF 2019

Authorizing the holder of a Class 5 brewery license to brew and bottle malt beverages at a location listed on an individual storage permit; authorizing a local licensing board to conditionally grant an applicant an on-site consumption permit or a Class D beer license that will become effective after the applicant meets certain requirements; authorizing a holder of a micro-brewery license to hold another license; altering the amount of beer that certain manufacturers may sell; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019

- SB 499** **Senator Hayes**
Chapter 319 **BALTIMORE CITY – BALTIMORE POLICE DEPARTMENT –
PERCENTAGE OF CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES**
- Requiring the composition of the Baltimore Police Department to consist of not less than 20% civilian employees beginning on January 1, 2022; and requiring the Department to report by January 1, 2022, and every 6 months thereafter, on the number of police officers and civilian employees employed by the Department to the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore and the Baltimore City Delegation to the General Assembly.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2019
- SB 96** **Senator Washington, et al**
Chapter 320 **BALTIMORE CITY – TAX SALES OF REAL PROPERTY – WATER
LIENS (WATER TAXPAYER PROTECTION ACT OF 2019)**
- Requiring Baltimore City to withhold from tax sale certain places of worship if the taxes on the property consist only of a lien for unpaid charges for water and sewer service; repealing the authority of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City to sell certain properties to enforce a lien for unpaid charges for water and sewer service if the properties are also being sold to enforce another lien; repealing a certain authority to sell certain real property owned by religious groups or organizations; applying the Act prospectively; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019
- SB 210** **Senator Lee**
Chapter 321 **LAW ENFORCEMENT – FEDERAL MILITARY SURPLUS
PROGRAM – EQUIPMENT ACQUISITION**
- Requiring that, on or before February 1 each year, the Department of State Police submit a report on the acquisition of equipment by law enforcement agencies through federal surplus programs within the preceding calendar year to the Governor and the General Assembly; requiring the Department to include in a prominent location on its public website a link to the Defense Logistics Agency’s report listing excess Department of Defense property transfers to law enforcement agencies; and terminating the Act after September 30, 2022.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2019

HB 1140

Delegate Chisholm, et al

Chapter 322

**WILLS – EXECUTION OF WILLS – WITNESSES AND WILLS
EXECUTED OUTSIDE THE STATE**

Prohibiting, for purposes of an attested will, a person from qualifying as a witness in the presence of the testator if the witness is in a different physical location than the testator; clarifying the conditions under which a will executed outside the State is properly executed; and providing for the prospective application of the Act.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2019

SB 212

Senator Lee

Chapter 323

**WILLS – EXECUTION OF WILLS – WITNESSES AND WILLS
EXECUTED OUTSIDE THE STATE**

Prohibiting, for purposes of an attested will, a person from qualifying as a witness in the presence of the testator if the witness is in a different physical location than the testator; clarifying the conditions under which a will executed outside the State is properly executed; and providing for the prospective application of the Act.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2019

SB 809

Senator Lee, et al

Chapter 324

**CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES – RESTRICTIVE HOUSING –
PREGNANT INMATES**

Requiring each correctional facility to have a written policy in place regarding the medical care of pregnant inmates that addresses the use of medical isolation or restrictive housing for certain purposes, during pregnancy and during a certain post-pregnancy period; establishing that a pregnant inmate may not be involuntarily placed in certain restrictive housing, with certain exceptions; providing that a certain pregnant inmate may be placed in certain restrictive housing if a certain managing official makes a certain determination; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2019

HB 1027

Chapter 325

Delegate Lopez, et al

CRIMINAL LAW – CHILD PORNOGRAPHY

Altering certain definitions applicable to certain prohibitions against possessing, distributing, and creating child pornography; prohibiting a person from knowingly possessing and intentionally retaining a certain representation showing a computer-generated image that is indistinguishable from an actual and identifiable child under the age of 16 years portrayed in a certain manner; defining “indistinguishable from an actual child”; and applying certain penalties.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2019

SB 736

Chapter 326

Senator Lee, et al

CRIMINAL LAW – CHILD PORNOGRAPHY

Altering certain definitions applicable to certain prohibitions against possessing, distributing, and creating child pornography; prohibiting a person from knowingly possessing and intentionally retaining a certain representation showing a computer-generated image that is indistinguishable from an actual and identifiable child under the age of 16 years portrayed in a certain manner; defining “indistinguishable from an actual and identifiable child”; applying certain penalties; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2019

SB 305

Chapter 327

Senator Beidle

REAL PROPERTY – HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATIONS – NUMBER OF DECLARANT VOTES

Providing that a declarant is entitled to one vote per lot that has been subdivided and recorded and has not been sold to members of the public when voting on a homeowners association matter on or after the date on which all lots that may be part of a development have been subdivided and recorded in the land records of the county in which the homeowners association is located; and altering the number of declarant votes before the date on which all lots that may be part of a development have been subdivided and recorded.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2019

SB 913

Senator Beidle

Chapter 328

**STATE RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEM –
ADMINISTRATION – RETIREE INFORMATION FOR DIRECT
MAILINGS**

Repealing a requirement that certain requests by retiree organizations to the Board of Trustees for the State Pension and Retirement System to assist the retiree organization in performing direct mailings to retirees of the State Retirement and Pension System who are members of the retiree organization or eligible to become members of the retiree organization be made once in April and once in October.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019

HB 1081

Delegate Charkoudian, et al

Chapter 329

**STATE BOARD OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTANCY – FIRM PERMITS –
ATTEST SERVICES**

Repealing a provision of law that requires a certified public accountant firm to hold a permit issued by the State Board of Public Accountancy if the firm performs certain attest services for a client with a home office in this State; and authorizing a certain firm that does not have an office in this State to perform certain attest services for a certain client in this State without a permit issued by the Board under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2019

SB 513

Senator Ellis, et al

Chapter 330

**STATE BOARD OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTANCY – FIRM PERMITS –
ATTEST SERVICES**

Repealing a provision of law that requires a certified public accountant firm to hold a permit issued by the State Board of Public Accountancy if the firm performs certain attest services for a client with a home office in this State; and authorizing a certain firm that does not have an office in this State to perform certain attest services for a certain client in this State without a permit issued by the Board under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2019

SB 607 **Senator Hester, et al**

Chapter 331 HOMEOWNER'S INSURANCE – DISCRIMINATION IN
UNDERWRITING AND RATING – STATUS AS SURVIVING
SPOUSE

Prohibiting an insurer, with respect to homeowner's insurance, from increasing the premium for an insured who becomes a surviving spouse based solely on the insured's change in marital status.
EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2020

HB 1339 **Delegate Guyton, et al**

Chapter 332 PROPERTY TAX CREDIT – ELDERLY INDIVIDUALS –
ELIGIBILITY

Authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City or the governing body of a county or municipality to provide, by law, the minimum number of years, not to exceed 40 years, that an elderly individual must live in the same dwelling in order to be eligible for a certain statewide optional property tax credit against the county or municipal corporation property tax; and applying the Act to taxable years beginning after June 30, 2019.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2019

SB 654 **Senator Hester, et al**

Chapter 333 PROPERTY TAX CREDIT – ELDERLY INDIVIDUALS –
ELIGIBILITY

Authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City or the governing body of a county or municipality to provide, by law, the minimum number of years, not to exceed 40 years, that an elderly individual must live in the same dwelling in order to be eligible for a certain statewide optional property tax credit against the county or municipal corporation property tax; and applying the Act to taxable years beginning after June 30, 2019.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2019

SB 741 **Senator Hester, et al**

Chapter 334 **SECRETARY OF PLANNING – ADAPTIVE REUSE OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES – STUDY**

Requiring the Secretary of Planning to contract with a certain consultant to conduct a certain study on the adaptive reuse of certain historic properties; authorizing the Secretary to use up to \$75,000 to pay for the costs of the study; requiring that the study identify certain factors and obstacles, develop a certain historic resource package, develop certain case studies, and provide certain recommendations; requiring a final report to be submitted by December 15, 2019, to the Secretary; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2019

SB 622 **Senator Carter**

Chapter 335 **GOVERNOR’S OFFICE OF CRIME CONTROL AND PREVENTION – CRIME FIREARMS – STUDY**

Requiring the Governor’s Office of Crime Control and Prevention to study and compile information regarding certain matters that relate to certain crime firearms; requiring the Department of State Police to provide certain information for the study; and requiring the Governor’s Office of Crime Control and Prevention to report its findings to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before December 1, 2020.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2019

HB 1192 **Delegate Valderrama, et al**

Chapter 336 **ASSEMBLY AREAS – STATE-FUNDED CONSTRUCTION OR RENOVATION – ASSISTED LISTENING SYSTEM REQUIREMENT**

Requiring certain recipients of State funds to install an assistive listening system in an assembly area during construction or renovation of the assembly area if the assembly area uses or requires the use of a public address system and a state contract has been executed; authorizing certain recipients of State funds to apply for a waiver from the requirement of a certain provision of the Act; requiring that the waiver request include a certain description; establishing the Hearing Accessibility Advisory Board; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019

SB 1014 **Senators Patterson and Benson**

Chapter 337

**ASSEMBLY AREAS – STATE-FUNDED CONSTRUCTION OR
RENOVATION – ASSISTED LISTENING SYSTEM
REQUIREMENT**

Requiring certain recipients of State funds to install an assistive listening system in an assembly area during construction or renovation of the assembly area if the assembly area uses or requires the use of a public address system and a State contract has been executed; authorizing certain recipients of State funds to apply for a waiver from the requirement of a certain provision of the Act; requiring that the waiver request include a certain description; establishing the Hearing Accessibility Advisory Board; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019

HB 48 **Delegate Grammer, et al**

Chapter 338

ESPORTS ACT

Defining an eSports competition as one involving video games, including first-person shooters, real-time strategy games, and certain multiplayer online battle arenas; authorizing an organization conducting an eSports competition to offer prize money or merchandise to winning participants in the competition; and authorizing the Comptroller to adopt certain regulations.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2019

HB 80 **Cecil County Delegation**

Chapter 339

**HORSE RACING AT FAIR HILL – UNION HOSPITAL
ALLOCATION – REPEAL**

Repealing a requirement that the Cecil County Breeders' Fair, Inc., or its successor allocate the profits earned from horse racing at the Fair Hill Natural Resources Management Area to the Union Hospital of Cecil County; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2019

- HB 130**
Chapter 340 **Delegate R. Lewis, et al**
MARYLAND TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION AND BALTIMORE CITY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION – STUDY OF DEDICATED BUS LANES
- Requiring the Maryland Transit Administration and the Baltimore City Department of Transportation to study and analyze dedicated bus lane enforcement mechanisms in use by peer transit agencies and develop a certain enforcement plan; requiring the study to include an overview of best practices and technologies, a review of potential costs, and an evaluation of the most effective methods for ensuring compliance with and enforcement of existing law; requiring a report on the findings of the study be submitted by December 31, 2019; etc.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2019
- HB 1233**
Chapter 341 **Delegate R. Lewis, et al**
ENVIRONMENT – REDUCTION OF LEAD RISK IN HOUSING – ELEVATED BLOOD LEAD LEVELS AND ENVIRONMENTAL INVESTIGATIONS (MARYLAND HEALTHY CHILDREN ACT)
- Reducing the elevated blood lead level that initiates certain case management, notification, and lead risk reduction requirements in owner-occupied and affected properties; altering certain notification requirements triggered by the results of a certain blood test; requiring the Department of the Environment to adopt certain regulations, on or before July 1, 2020, for conducting certain environmental investigations in accordance with certain requirements; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2019
- HB 190**
Chapter 342 **Delegates Lafferty and Qi**
ENVIRONMENT – FAILING ON-SITE SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEM – DEFINITION
- Defining the term “failing on-site sewage disposal system” for certain provisions of law to mean an on-site sewage disposal system or a cesspool, or a component of an on-site sewage disposal system or a cesspool, that is a threat to the public health due to certain conditions; providing that the Act may not be construed to preempt or prevail over any county ordinance, law, or rule that provides a more stringent definition of the term “failing on-site sewage disposal system”; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2019

HB 213 **Delegate Stein, et al**

Chapter 343 COWNOSE RAY FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN AND
MORATORIUM ON CONTESTS

Extending the date, to on or before December 31, 2020, by which the Department of Natural Resources is required to prepare a certain fishery management plan for the cownose ray species, subject to available funding; and continuing the prohibition on a person sponsoring, conducting, or participating in a cownose ray fishing contest in State waters until the Department prepares a fishery management plan, as required by certain provisions of law, for the cownose ray species.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2019

HB 471 **Delegate K. Young, et al**

Chapter 344 HEALTH OCCUPATIONS – REQUIREMENTS FOR THE
PRACTICE OF OPTOMETRY – MISCELLANEOUS REVISIONS

Repealing certain provisions of law requiring a therapeutically certified optometrist to refer a certain patient to an ophthalmologist under certain circumstances; repealing the authority of a therapeutically certified optometrist to prescribe certain topical therapeutic pharmaceutical agents and authorizing the prescription of therapeutic pharmaceutical agents for the prevention, management, or treatment of conditions and diseases of the eye and ocular adnexa; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2019

SB 719 **Senator Elfreth, et al**

Chapter 345 UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF MARYLAND – BOARD OF REGENTS –
TRANSPARENCY AND OVERSIGHT

Altering the membership of the Board of Regents of the University System of Maryland to include the Secretary of Commerce ex officio, one member each appointed by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House, and one additional student member; requiring the Board to make certain meetings available to the public by live and archived video streaming; requiring the Board to review certain annual financial disclosure statements; requiring the Board to provide education and training on its governance policies; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019

- HB 533** **Delegate B. Barnes, et al**
Chapter 346 UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF MARYLAND – BOARD OF REGENTS –
TRANSPARENCY AND OVERSIGHT
- Altering the membership of the Board of Regents of the University System of Maryland to include the Secretary of Commerce ex officio, one member each appointed by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House, and one additional student member; requiring the Board to make certain meetings available to the public by live and archived video streaming; requiring the Board to review certain annual financial disclosure statements; requiring the Board to provide education and training on its governance policies; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019
- HB 861** **Delegate B. Barnes (Chair, Joint Committee on Pensions)**
Chapter 347 STATE RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEM – SERVICE
CREDIT FOR UNUSED SICK LEAVE
- Making certain members of the State Retirement and Pension System eligible to receive creditable service at retirement for unused sick leave accrued by the member in certain systems in the State Retirement and Pension System under certain circumstances; providing for the calculation of the creditable service for unused sick leave accrued by certain members in certain systems; requiring a certain adjustment to the benefits of certain retirees; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019
- HB 1379** **Delegate B. Barnes**
Chapter 348 OPTIONAL RETIREMENT PROGRAM – MEMBERSHIP
- Prohibiting certain individuals who are members of the Employees' Pension System of the State Retirement and Pension System from becoming a member of the Optional Retirement Program of the State Retirement and Pension System on or after February 1, 2015.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019

HB 222 Delegate Holmes

Chapter 349

**REAL PROPERTY – RESIDENTIAL REAL ESTATE
TRANSACTIONS – ESCROW AGENTS**

Requiring an escrow agent to enter into a written agreement with the purchaser and the seller of certain residential real property when the escrow agent agrees to hold trust money in escrow for the residential real estate transaction; requiring a written agreement an escrow agent enters into with the purchaser and the seller to contain certain information; and applying the Act.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2019

HB 219 Prince George’s County Delegation

Chapter 350

**PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY – NEW HOMES – DRAINAGE
DEFECTS PG 408–19**

Requiring the governing body of Prince George’s County to establish a program to evaluate complaints of drainage defects in the county under certain circumstances; requiring the program to include certain procedures for an owner to request an evaluation of a drainage defect, for requiring the county to complete a written evaluation of alleged drainage defects, and for requiring the county to collect data regarding homebuilders who have built home with drainage defects.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

HB 225 Prince George’s County Delegation

Chapter 351

**PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY – SCHOOL FACILITIES AND
PUBLIC SAFETY SURCHARGES – MARYLAND TRANSIT
ADMINISTRATION STATION PG 415–19**

Adding an exemption from the Prince George’s County school facilities surcharge for student housing designated by Bowie State University and the governing body of Prince George’s County that is located within 1 mile of Bowie State University; authorizing the governing body of Prince George’s County, by resolution, to impose a school facilities surcharge on new residential construction and a public safety surcharge on certain new residential construction for which a building permit has been issued; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019

HB 1362

Prince George's County Delegation

Chapter 352

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE COMMISSION – ALTERATIONS AND EXTENSION PG 421–19

Altering the composition of the Prince George's County Environmental Justice Commission to include certain individuals; altering the date by which the Commission is required to report its findings on environmental justice issues in the County and recommendations to the Prince George's County House Delegation from December 31, 2018, to December 31, 2019; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2019

HB 1157

Prince George's County Delegation

Chapter 353

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY – WORKGROUP ON ALCOHOL OUTLET DENSITY ZONES PG 303–19

Establishing a Workgroup on Alcohol Outlet Density Zones in Prince George's County; authorizing the Workgroup to identify potential areas with a high concentration of off-sale retail licenses as alcohol outlet density zones, and propose as an alcohol outlet density zone any area that has 1.15 off-sale license holders or more per square mile; and requiring the Workgroup to report its recommendations to the Prince George's County House and Senate delegations and to the Board of License Commissioners for Prince George's County.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019

HB 1279

Montgomery County Delegation and Prince George's County Delegation

Chapter 354

MARYLAND–NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION – PROCUREMENT – SOURCE SELECTION MC/PG 112–19

Requiring the Maryland–National Capital Park and Planning Commission to adopt certain procurement regulations relating to source selection; authorizing the Commission to adopt regulations establishing a minority business enterprise program if it determines that there is a compelling interest to implement remedial measures to assist certain minority– and women–owned businesses; requiring the Commission to report the findings of a certain study to certain persons on or before January 1, 2020; etc.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

- HB 127** **Delegate Kelly, et al**
Chapter 355 **HEALTH INSURANCE – HEALTH BENEFIT PLANS – SPECIAL ENROLLMENT PERIOD FOR PREGNANCY**
- Requiring certain health benefit plans and certain carriers to provide a special enrollment period during which individuals who become pregnant may enroll in a health benefit plan; establishing a 90–day duration for the special enrollment period beginning on the date a pregnancy is confirmed by a health care practitioner; establishing certain effective dates of coverage; requiring the Maryland Health Benefit Exchange to report to certain legislative committees on the use of the special enrollment period by January 1, 2022; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019
- HB 478** **Delegate Kelly**
Chapter 356 **PROCUREMENT – QUALIFICATION BASED SELECTION – LAND SURVEYING SERVICES**
- Authorizing a procurement officer in the Department of General Services or the Department of Transportation to use qualification based selection as a method of procuring land surveying services; and applying certain parameters, standards, and requirements of qualification based selection to land surveying services.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2019
- SB 631** **Senator Augustine**
Chapter 357 **HEALTH INSURANCE – COVERAGE FOR MENTAL HEALTH BENEFITS AND SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER BENEFITS – TREATMENT CRITERIA**
- Requiring an insurer, nonprofit health service plan, or health maintenance organization to use the most recent treatment criteria developed by the American Society of Addiction Medicine for addictive, substance–related, and co–occurring conditions for all medical necessity and utilization management determinations for substance use disorder benefits; applying the Act to all policies, contracts, and health benefit plans issued, delivered or renewed in the State on or after January 1, 2020; etc.
EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2020

HB 599 **Delegates Kelly and Hill**

Chapter 358

HEALTH INSURANCE – COVERAGE FOR MENTAL HEALTH BENEFITS AND SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER BENEFITS – TREATMENT CRITERIA

Requiring an insurer, nonprofit health service plan, or health maintenance organization to use the most recent treatment criteria developed by the American Society of Addiction Medicine for addictive, substance-related, and co-occurring conditions for all medical necessity and utilization management determinations for substance use disorder benefits; applying the Act to all policies, contracts, and health benefit plans issued, delivered, or renewed in the State on or after January 1, 2020; etc.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2020

SB 403 **Senator Augustine, et al**

Chapter 359

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADMINISTRATION – OUTPATIENT CIVIL COMMITMENT PILOT PROGRAM – REVISIONS

Requiring the Behavioral Health Administration to allow an eligible individual to request enrollment into a certain outpatient civil commitment pilot program; requiring the Administration to allow an immediate family member of an eligible individual to request that the individual be voluntarily enrolled into a certain outpatient civil commitment pilot program; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2019

HB 427 **Delegate Barron, et al**

Chapter 360

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADMINISTRATION – OUTPATIENT CIVIL COMMITMENT PILOT PROGRAM – REVISIONS

Requiring the Behavioral Health Administration to allow an eligible individual to request enrollment into a certain outpatient civil commitment pilot program; requiring the Administration to allow an immediate family member of an eligible individual to request that the individual be voluntarily enrolled into a certain outpatient civil commitment pilot program; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2019

- HB 403** **Delegates Ebersole and P. Young**
Chapter 361 **INCOME TAX CREDIT – QUALIFIED FARMS – FOOD DONATION
PILOT PROGRAM – EXPANSION AND EXTENSION**
- Altering the definition of “qualified farms”, for purposes of a certain credit against the State income tax for certain food donations, to include farm businesses located in the State rather than in certain counties; extending the taxable years for which a qualified farm may claim the credit to 2021; reducing the maximum amount of tax certificates to be issued in a fiscal year, from \$250,000 to \$100,000; providing that a tax credit certificate may not be issued by the Department of Agriculture after December 31, 2021; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019
- HB 406** **Delegate Beitzel**
Chapter 362 **WETLANDS AND WATERWAYS PROGRAM – STATE–OWNED
LAKES – STRUCTURAL SHORELINE STABILIZATION**
- Specifying that the application fee for a structural shoreline stabilization project located on or adjacent to a State–owned lake may not exceed \$250; and requiring the Department of the Environment, in conjunction with the Department of Natural Resources, to identify up to three types of structural stabilization practices that may be implemented on or adjacent to a State–owned lake.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2019
- HB 1410** **Delegate Beitzel**
Chapter 363 **UPPER POTOMAC RIVER COMMISSION – PENSION PLANS**
- Authorizing certain trustees or officers of the Upper Potomac River Commission to invest and reinvest certain money in their custody or control in accordance with rules or procedures established by the Commission; requiring any pension plan controlled by the Commission on or after July 1, 2019, to adhere to the principles incorporated in the Uniform Management of Public Employee Retirement Systems Act that address the investment and management of funds for a public pension system; and applying the Act prospectively.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019

- HB 466** **Delegate Kerr, et al**
Chapter 364 **PRESCRIPTION DRUG MONITORING PROGRAM – PROGRAM EVALUATION**
- Requiring the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program to provide prescription monitoring data to the Office of the Attorney General on issuance of a subpoena to further a bona fide existing investigation; requiring the Program to provide prescription monitoring data to the medical director of a health care facility to give certain health care practitioners access to the prescription monitoring data in connection with the provision of medical care and dispensing of prescription drugs; etc.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2019
- HB 481** **Delegate Mosby, et al**
Chapter 365 **CRIMINAL LAW – SALE OF A MINOR – FELONY**
- Reclassifying, as a felony instead of a misdemeanor, the crime of selling, bartering, trading, or offering to sell, barter, or trade a minor for money, property, or anything else of value.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2019
- HB 510** **Delegate Cassilly, et al**
Chapter 366 **ORGANIC WASTE – ORGANICS RECYCLING – COLLECTION AND ACCEPTANCE FOR FINAL DISPOSAL**
- Prohibiting the owner or operator of a refuse disposal system from accepting loads of separately collected organic waste for final disposal unless the owner or operator provides for the organics recycling of the organic waste; authorizing that loads of separately collected food waste that are determined by an organics recycling facility to be unacceptable for recycling due to contamination may be accepted by a refuse disposal system for final disposal; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2019
- HB 511** **Delegate Cassilly**
Chapter 367 **MARYLAND COMMERCIAL FERTILIZER LAW – DEFINITION OF SOIL CONDITIONER – ALTERATION**
- Altering the definition of “soil conditioner” to include the digestate produced by anaerobic digestion for purposes of the Maryland Commercial Fertilizer Law.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2019

HB 539 **Delegates Cassilly and Wivell**
Chapter 368 **ENVIRONMENT – REUSE OF WATER DIVERTED FROM SEPTIC SYSTEMS**

Authorizing a person to use reusable diverted water on the site on which it originates for purposes such as gardening, composting, lawn watering, and irrigation in accordance with certain requirements; and defining “reusable diverted water” to mean water that is generated by backwashing an on-site potable water treatment system or using an ice maker, is collected for reuse instead of discharged to a residential on-site sewage disposal system, and contains no constituents that are harmful to public health or environment.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2019

HB 515 **Delegate Hornberger, et al**
Chapter 369 **MUNICIPALITIES – MUNICIPAL INFRACTION PROCEEDINGS – DESIGNATION OF A BUILDING INSPECTOR OR AN ENFORCEMENT OFFICER TO TESTIFY**

Authorizing a municipality to designate a qualified building inspector or enforcement officer to testify in a municipal infraction proceeding without the assistance of a prosecuting attorney; providing that a prosecuting attorney is not limited in or restricted from calling individuals to testify in a municipal infraction proceeding; and defining “qualified building inspector or enforcement officer” as persons nationally accredited and certified by the International Code Council or the National Fire Protection Association.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2019

HB 527 **Delegate Charkoudian, et al**
Chapter 370 **PUBLIC HEALTH – COTTAGE FOOD PRODUCTS – DEFINITION AND SALE**

Altering the definition of “cottage food product” to include nonhazardous food, as specified in regulations adopted by the Maryland Department of Health, that is sold in the State in accordance with certain laws and regulations to retail food stores or food cooperatives; requiring a certain label for a cottage food product for sale at a retail food store; requiring the owner of a cottage food business to complete a food safety course approved by the Department and submit the label that will be affixed to the product; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2019

- SB 290** **Senator Smith, et al**
Chapter 371 PUBLIC HEALTH – COTTAGE FOOD PRODUCTS – DEFINITION
AND SALE
- Altering the definition of “cottage food product” to include nonhazardous food, as specified in certain Department of Health regulations, that is sold in the State in accordance with certain provisions of law and regulations directly to a consumer or to retail food stores or food cooperatives; requiring cottage food products for sale at a retail food store to include a certain label with certain information; requiring a business owner to submit certain information to the Department before selling a cottage food product; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2019
- HB 542** **Delegate Cox, et al**
Chapter 372 TASK FORCE TO STUDY CRIME CLASSIFICATION AND
PENALTIES
- Establishing the Task Force to Study Crime Classification and Penalties; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Task Force; requiring the Task Force to study and make recommendations on certain issues related to the classification of and penalties for criminal and civil violations in the State; requiring the Task Force to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before December 31, 2020; etc.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2019
- HB 1198** **Delegate Cox**
Chapter 373 HUMAN TRAFFICKING – REQUIRED POSTING
- Requiring a clerk of the court to prominently post the National Human Trafficking Resource Center Hotline information sign in public information areas of each courthouse.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2019

HB 648 **Delegate Bagnall, et al**
Chapter 374 INTERSTATE PHYSICAL THERAPY LICENSURE COMPACT

Entering into the Interstate Physical Therapy Licensure Compact; stating that the goal of the Compact is to improve public access to physical therapy services; requiring a state to meet certain requirements to participate in the Compact; requiring a physical therapist to meet certain eligibility requirements to receive certain licensure and exercise a certain privilege; authorizing the State Board of Physical Therapy Examiners to charge a fee for granting a compact privilege; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2019

HB 673 **Delegate Pippy, et al**
Chapter 375 FREDERICK COUNTY – ETHICS AND CAMPAIGN ACTIVITY –
COUNTY BOARD AND COMMISSION MEMBERS AND BOARD
OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS

Prohibiting a member of the Board of License Commissioners of Frederick County or a person acting on behalf of the member, a campaign finance entity of the member, or any other campaign finance entity operated in coordination with the member from soliciting, receiving, depositing, or using a contribution while the member is serving on the Board; requiring any campaign finance entity of the member to pay all outstanding obligations before the member begins serving on the Board; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019

HB 830 **Delegate Washington**
Chapter 376 COUNTY PUBLIC CAMPAIGN FINANCING – ADMINISTRATION

Requiring the governing body of a county that exercises its authority to establish a system of public campaign financing for elective offices in the executive and legislative branches of county government to provide the funding and staff necessary for the operation, administration, and auditing of the system of public campaign financing.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2019

- HB 885** **Delegate Palakovich Carr, et al**
Chapter 377 **TRANSPORTATION – VISION ZERO – ESTABLISHMENT**
- Establishing Vision Zero; providing the purpose of the program is for planning and developing a State highway system that has zero vehicle–related deaths or serious injuries; requiring the Department of Transportation to designate a coordinator to oversee the implementation of Vision Zero; requiring the coordinator, in implementing Vision Zero, to collaborate with certain entities and include certain strategies; requiring that the funding for Vision Zero be as provided by the Governor in the State budget; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2019
- HB 968** **Delegate W. Fisher, et al**
Chapter 378 **CRIMINAL INJURIES COMPENSATION BOARD –
COMPENSATION TO CLAIMANTS**
- Altering the maximum amounts of certain compensation awardable by the Criminal Injuries Compensation Board; authorizing the Board to negotiate a settlement with a person that has provided certain funeral or death–related services; altering the time within which a claimant is required to file a claim for compensation from the Board; authorizing a claimant to file a claim with the Board electronically in a certain manner; prohibiting certain persons from engaging in certain debt collection activities under certain circumstances; etc.
EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2020
- HB 1080** **Delegate Krimm, et al**
Chapter 379 **ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – BEER FRANCHISE AGREEMENTS
– NOTICE OF NONRENEWAL OR TERMINATION**
- Specifying a certain time frame within which a certain franchisor is required to notify a franchisee of an intention to terminate or refuse to renew a beer franchise agreement; exempting certain franchisors from a prohibition against terminating or refusing to continue to renew a beer franchise agreement without good cause under certain circumstances; providing for the submission of a certain matter to arbitration and for its application and enforcement in a certain manner; etc.
EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2020

- HB 1093** **Delegate P. Young, et al**
Chapter 380 INCOME TAX – SUBTRACTION MODIFICATION – RETIREMENT
INCOME (THE JONATHAN PORTO ACT)
- Including income from certain death benefits within a certain subtraction modification allowed under the Maryland income tax for certain military retirement income; and applying the Act to all taxable years beginning after December 31, 2018.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019
- HB 1228** **Delegate Arentz, et al**
Chapter 381 STATE REAL ESTATE COMMISSION – REAL ESTATE
BROKERAGE RELATIONSHIPS, CONTINUING EDUCATION,
AND DISCLOSURES
- Requiring certain continuing education courses required by the State Real Estate Commission to include the principles of real estate brokerage relationships and disclosures; prohibiting licensees of the commission from disclosing confidential information obtained from a prospective client in anticipation of forming a brokerage relationship, unless the prospective client consents in writing to the disclosure; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2019
- HB 1231** **Delegate Adams**
Chapter 382 REAL PROPERTY – CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS –
RETENTION PROCEEDS
- Establishing that a certain remedy for the payment of an undisputed amount owed under a construction contract applies to certain retention proceeds; reducing from \$250,000 to \$100,000 the minimum contract amount for the purpose of the applicability of certain provisions of law relating to retention proceeds; and requiring undisputed retention proceeds retained by an owner be paid within 90 days after the date of substantial completion.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2019

HB 1390

Delegate Smith, et al

Chapter 383

BALTIMORE CITY – PROPERTY TAX CREDIT – LOW-INCOME EMPLOYEES

Authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City to grant, by law, a certain property tax credit against the property tax imposed on dwellings in Baltimore City that are owned by low-income employees of Baltimore City who are employed on a full-time basis, are among the 25% lowest-paid city employees, and who own a dwelling in Baltimore City; providing that the credit may not exceed the lesser of \$2,500 per dwelling or the amount of property tax imposed on the dwelling; applying the Act to taxable years beginning after June 30, 2019; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2019

Sincerely,

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Executive Director