

May 24, 2019

To the Members of the General Assembly

Ladies and Gentlemen:

On May 24, 2019, the Honorable Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr., Governor, vetoed the following pieces of legislation passed by the General Assembly; the reasons for the vetoes are indicated:

HB 66
Policy

Delegate Stein, et al

RAILROAD COMPANY – MOVEMENT OF FREIGHT – REQUIRED CREW

Prohibiting a train or light engine used in the movement of freight in the same rail corridor as a high-speed passenger or commuter train from being operated in the State unless it has at least two crew members; establishing certain penalties; providing that a railroad company is solely responsible for certain actions of its agents or employees; prohibiting a county or municipal corporation from enacting and enforcing more stringent measures; requiring certain notice be made to the Department of Legislative Services; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2019

SB 252
Policy

Senator Hayes

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EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2019

HB 262
Policy

Delegate Luedtke, et al

HIGHER EDUCATION – TUITION RATES – EXEMPTIONS

Altering the circumstances under which certain individuals are exempt from paying the out-of-state tuition rate at public institutions of higher education; altering the circumstances under which certain individuals are eligible to pay the resident tuition rate at a public senior higher education institution or the in-county rate at a community college; requiring certain individuals to retain a certain tuition status until the individual is awarded a certain degree under certain circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019

SB 537
Policy

Senator Lam, et al

HIGHER EDUCATION – TUITION RATES – EXEMPTIONS

Altering the circumstances under which certain individuals are exempt from paying the out-of-state tuition rate at public institutions of higher education; altering the circumstances under which certain individuals are eligible to pay the resident tuition rate at a public senior higher education institution or the in-county rate at a community college; requiring certain individuals to retain a certain tuition status until the individual is awarded a certain degree under certain circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019

HB 720
Policy

Delegate Barve, et al

NATURAL RESOURCES – FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLANS – OYSTERS

Requiring the Department of Natural Resources to convene the Oyster Advisory Commission, in coordination with the University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science, on or before June 1, 2019; requiring the Department, in coordination with the University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science and the Commission, to develop a package of consensus recommendations regarding the fishery management plan for oysters; requiring the Commission to develop certain recommendations to achieve certain oyster management goals; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2019

SB 830
Policy

Senator Elfreth

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EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2019

HB 891
Policy

Delegate Haynes, et al

STATE PERSONNEL – GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES

Expanding the application of provisions of law governing grievance procedures for certain employees; requiring a grievant to complete certain forms in sufficient detail that will allow for the expeditious resolution of the grievance; applying a certain definition of “grievance” to a certain requirement that the Department of Transportation adopt certain regulations relating to employee grievance procedures; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2019

Sincerely,

Victoria L. Gruber
Executive Director

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HB 994
Policy

Delegate Mosby, et al

LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT – CRIMINAL RECORD SCREENING PRACTICES (BAN THE BOX)

Prohibiting employers who employ 15 or more full-time employees from requiring an applicant for employment, before the first in-person interview, to disclose certain information regarding the criminal record of the applicant except under certain circumstances; authorizing the Commissioner of Labor and Industry to conduct an investigation to determine whether the Act has been violated on receipt of a written complaint of an applicant or employee; authorizing the Commissioner to assess a certain civil penalty; etc.
EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2020

SB 839
Policy

Senators Carter and Smith

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EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2020

HB 1281

Policy

Delegate Lierman

TRANSPORTATION – BIKEWAYS NETWORK PROGRAM AND CENTRAL MARYLAND REGIONAL TRANSIT PLAN

Codifying the Bikeways Network Program to provide grant support for bicycle network development activities; requiring the Department of Transportation to establish certain eligibility criteria; requiring the Governor to provide at least \$3,800,000 each year from the Transportation Trust Fund for the Program; requiring the Maryland Transit Administration to present a draft transit plan 45 days before finalization to include provisions for reliable transit services to enable certain residents to access certain job opportunities; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019

HB 1343

Policy

Delegates Atterbeary and Rosenberg

PUBLIC SAFETY – HANDGUN PERMIT REVIEW BOARD – REPEAL

Repealing the Handgun Permit Review Board in the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services; providing the process by which a person who is denied a certain handgun permit or renewal of a permit or whose permit is revoked or limited by the Secretary of State Police may appeal the decision to the Office of Administrative Hearings; requiring the Office of Administrative hearings to make a certain annual report to the Governor and the General Assembly by January 1, 2019, through January 1, 2022; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

SB 1000

Policy

Senator Beidle, et al

PUBLIC SAFETY – HANDGUN PERMIT REVIEW BOARD – REPEAL

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EMERGENCY BILL

SB 751

Policy

Senator Lam

GOVERNOR'S APPOINTMENTS OFFICE, APPOINTING
AUTHORITIES, AND THE SECRETARY OF BUDGET AND
MANAGEMENT – DUTIES AND REPORTS

Prohibiting certain appointing authorities from delegating the authority to make the final decision on the appointment or termination of certain employees; requiring the Appointments Office, by December 31, 2019, and each December 31 thereafter, to submit a report to the Joint Committee on Fair Practices and State Personnel Oversight on the Office's activities regarding employees under the jurisdiction of an appointing authority; requiring the Office of the Attorney General to provide a certain hotline or e-mail address for certain purposes; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019

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SB 35

Duplicative

Senator Young

STATE PERSONNEL – PROFESSIONAL SERVICE – MARYLAND SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF – TEACHERS

Requiring that teachers employed by the Maryland School for the Deaf are in the professional service in the State Personnel Management System.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019

SB 36

Duplicative

Senator Lam

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

SB 41

Duplicative

Senator McCray

OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE AUDITS – AUDITS OF THE BALTIMORE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Requiring the Office of Legislative Audits to conduct an audit of the Baltimore Police Department to evaluate the effectiveness and efficiency of the financial management practices of the Department beginning July 1, 2020, and at least once every 6 years thereafter; and requiring the Office of Legislative Audits to provide information regarding the audit process to the Baltimore Police Department.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2019

SB 132

Duplicative

Cecil County Senators

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

SB 143

Duplicative

Senator Young, et al

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; continuing the prohibition on a person sponsoring, conducting, or participating in a certain cownose ray fishing contest in State waters until the Department prepares a certain fishery management plan for the cownose ray species.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2019

- SB 153** **Senator Griffith (Chair, Joint Committee on Pensions)**
Duplicative **ALTERNATE CONTRIBUTORY PENSION SELECTION –
RETURN TO EMPLOYMENT**
- Allowing an individual to resume participation in the Alternate Contributory Pension Selection in the Employees' Pension System or Teachers' Pension System if the individual has been separated from employment and has accrued a certain amount of eligibility service; providing for the retroactive application of the Act; requiring certain service credit earned in the Reformed Contributory Pension Benefit to be credited to the Alternate Contributory Pension Selection; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019
- SB 158** **Senator Guzzone**
Duplicative **MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH – COMMUNITY
DENTAL CLINICS GRANT PROGRAM**
- Establishing the Community Dental Clinics Grant Program; authorizing the Board of Public Works, on the recommendation of the Secretary of Health, to make grants under the Program to counties, municipal corporations, and nonprofit organizations for the purpose of supporting the provision of dental services by community dental clinics; requiring the Governor to include funding in the State operating budget bill or capital budget bill for the Program beginning in fiscal year 2021 and each fiscal year thereafter; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2019
- SB 179** **Senator Griffith (Chair, Joint Committee on Pensions)**
Duplicative **OPTIONAL RETIREMENT PROGRAM – REGULATIONS**
- Requiring the Board of Trustees for the State Retirement and Pension System to adopt and maintain a written plan document for the optional retirement program; and authorizing the Board of Trustees to adopt certain regulations.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019

SB 185

Duplicative

Senator Feldman

LIFE INSURANCE – LIFE OF A MINOR – STATEMENT ON DISCLOSURE

Altering a certain requirement that a life insurer include, in a certain manner, a certain statement on an application or an endorsement for a policy of life insurance on the life of a minor to allow the life insurer to include the statement on a certain disclosure; and applying the Act to policies of life insurance on the life of a minor issued or delivered in the State on or after January 1, 2020.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2020

SB 192

Duplicative

Senator Kelley, et al

ESTATES AND TRUSTS – ELECTIVE SHARE OF SURVIVING SPOUSE

Repealing certain provisions of law relating to a surviving spouse making an election to take a certain share of the net estate of the decedent; providing that the purpose of the Act is to ensure that the surviving spouse is reasonably provided for during the surviving spouse's lifetime; providing that a surviving spouse may take a certain elective share amount of a certain estate subject to election; establishing the priority to be used in determining the sources from which a certain elective share amount is payable; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

SB 195

Duplicative

Senator Kelley, et al

PUBLIC HEALTH – PRESCRIPTION DRUG MONITORING PROGRAM – REVISIONS

Requiring, instead of authorizing, the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program to review prescription monitoring data for indications of a possible misuse or abuse of a monitored prescription drug; requiring the Program to report the possible misuse or abuse to the prescriber or dispenser of the monitored prescription drug and to provide certain education to the prescriber or dispenser; authorizing the Program to refer a certain violation of law or breach of professional standards to the Office of Controlled Substances Administration; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2019

SB 201

Senator Pinsky

Duplicative

UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND UNIVERSITY COLLEGE –
RENAMING

Renaming the University of Maryland University College to be the University of Maryland Global Campus; requiring the publisher of the Annotated Code of Maryland, in consultation with and subject to the approval of the Department of Legislative Services, to correct cross-references and terminology rendered incorrect by the Act; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019

SB 303

Senator Kagan

Duplicative

STATE ACUPUNCTURE BOARD – PRACTICE OF
ACUPUNCTURE – DEFINITION AND EDUCATION
REQUIREMENTS

Requiring an applicant to have graduated from at least a master's level program in acupuncture, or its equivalent, approved by certain entities to qualify for a license to practice acupuncture; altering the authority of the State Acupuncture Board to find certain programs to be equivalent to certain courses for licensure requirements; providing that certain provisions of the Act may be construed to apply only prospectively; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2019

SB 306

Senator Griffith (Chair, Joint Committee on Pensions)

Duplicative

STATE RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEM – MARYLAND
PENSION ADMINISTRATION SYSTEM – MEMBER
CONTRIBUTIONS

Requiring a participating employer to submit supporting payroll data to the State Retirement Agency regarding a member's contributions at the time contributions are paid to the Board of Trustees for the State Retirement and Pension System; and providing, for violations of the Act, a 10% penalty of the member contribution due, 10% a year interest on delinquent member contributions until paid, a \$250 penalty for each payroll for which supporting data is not submitted, and 10% a year interest on a certain penalty assessed under certain circumstances.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019

SB 399

Duplicative

Senator Pinsky, et al

CONSUMER PROTECTION – PRIVATE CAREER SCHOOLS AND FOR-PROFIT INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION – DISCLOSURES

Requiring private career schools and certain for-profit institutions of higher education to provide students with information on the placement rate for the program, capability for professional licensure on completion of the program, and median earnings of certain former students before the student signs an enrollment agreement, completes registration, or makes a financial commitment; requiring certain information to be displayed in a certain manner and on the school's or institution's websites; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019

SB 400

Duplicative

Senator Pinsky, et al

MARYLAND HIGHER EDUCATION COMMISSION – PRIVATE NONPROFIT INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION – REGULATION (PRIVATE NONPROFIT INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION PROTECTION ACT OF 2019)

Requiring the Maryland Higher Education Commission to determine whether a reportable incident constitutes private inurement if a private nonprofit institution of higher education engages in a reportable incident; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2019

SB 404

Duplicative

Senator Lam

STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH – MARYLAND SCHOOL-BASED HEALTH CENTER STANDARDS – REVISION

Requiring the State Department of Education and the Maryland Department of Health to revise the Maryland School-Based Health Center Standards to repeal the requirements that a school-based health center have a medical director who is a physician and have a physician consultant who is available to discuss clinical issues as needed and to authorize a licensed physician or nurse practitioner to serve as a clinical director or clinical consultant of a school-based health center.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019

SB 438 **The President (By Request – Department of Legislative Services)**
Duplicative

SECURITY SYSTEMS TECHNICIANS – SUNSET EXTENSION

Continuing the licensing and regulation of security systems technicians in accordance with the provisions of the Maryland Program Evaluation Act (sunset law) by extending to July 1, 2031, the termination provisions relating to the statutory and regulatory authority of the Secretary of State Police to license and regulate security systems technicians; and requiring that an evaluation of the licensing and regulation of security systems technicians be performed on or before December 15, 2028.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2019

SB 440 **The President (By Request – Department of Legislative Services)**
Duplicative

STATE BOARD OF COSMETOLOGISTS – SUNSET EXTENSION

Continuing the State Board of Cosmetologists in accordance with the provisions of the Maryland Program Evaluation Act (sunset law) by extending to July 1, 2024, the termination provisions relating to the statutory and regulatory authority of the Board; and requiring that an evaluation of the Board and the statutes and regulations that relate to the Board be performed on or before December 15, 2021.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2019

SB 447 **Senator Pinsky, et al**
Duplicative

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; altering the types of therapeutic pharmaceutical agents a therapeutically certified optometrist is authorized to administer or prescribe; etc.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

SB 523

Duplicative

Senators Beidle and Feldman

**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

SB 541

Duplicative

Senator Lam, et al

**EDUCATION – PERSONNEL MATTERS – CHILD SEXUAL
ABUSE AND SEXUAL MISCONDUCT PREVENTION**

Requiring county boards of education, nonpublic schools, and certain contracting agencies to require an applicant for a position involving direct contact with minors to submit certain information; requiring the county board, nonpublic school, or contracting agency to conduct a review of the employment history of a certain applicant before hiring the applicant; requiring the county board, nonpublic school, or contracting agency to check certain eligibility of an applicant for a substitute position involving direct contact with minors; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019

SB 652

Duplicative

Senator Young

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

- SB 694** **Senator Kramer, et al**
Duplicative **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, or 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; requiring that certain information be provided in a certain manner in a merchant processing agreement; applying the Act prospectively; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2019
- SB 695** **Senator Kramer**
Duplicative **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
- SB 701** **Senator Kramer**
Duplicative **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

- SB 704**
Duplicative **Senator Feldman, et al**
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
- SB 705**
Duplicative **Senator Feldman, et al**
ORGAN DONATION – PROHIBITION ON DISCRIMINATION BY
INSURER AND UNPAID LEAVE
- Prohibiting certain insurers, based solely on the status of an applicant or individual status as an organ donor, from taking certain actions relating to certain insurance policies; prohibiting certain insurers from prohibiting an applicant or individual from donating an organ as a condition of insurance; providing that certain employees are entitled to a certain number of business days of unpaid organ donation leave in a 12-month period under certain circumstances; etc.
VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES
- SB 728**
Duplicative **Senator Guzzone**
TAXATION OF ONLINE SALES – MARKETPLACE
FACILITATORS AND SELLERS OF OTHER TOBACCO
PRODUCTS
- Altering the distribution of certain sales and use tax revenue; altering the definition of “vendor”, under the sales and use tax, to include certain marketplace facilitators and marketplace sellers; requiring a marketplace facilitator to collect the sales and use tax on certain sales to a buyer in the State; providing that a marketplace facilitator is not liable for a failure to collect certain sales and use taxes except under certain circumstances; requiring certain out-of-state sellers to pay the tobacco tax on certain items; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2019

SB 733

Duplicative

Senator Zucker, et al

**STATE BOARD OF PHYSICIANS – REGISTERED
CARDIOVASCULAR INVASIVE SPECIALISTS**

Authorizing a licensed physician, under certain circumstances and in accordance with certain regulations, to delegate certain duties to a registered cardiovascular invasive specialist assisting in the physician's performance of a fluoroscopy; establishing that the hospital in which a certain laboratory is located and the physician delegating the acts are responsible for ensuring that certain requirements are met; authorizing the State Board of Physicians to impose a certain civil penalty; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2019

SB 747

Duplicative

Senator Lam, et al

**EDUCATION – REMOVAL OF COUNTY SUPERINTENDENTS –
PROCEDURES**

Requiring the State Superintendent of Schools to provide a county superintendent of schools, if the State Superintendent plans to remove the county superintendent, with the reason for removal, documentation to support the case for removal, and the opportunity to request a hearing within 10 days; authorizing a county board of education to remove a county superintendent in a certain manner; and authorizing a county superintendent to appeal a certain decision by the county board to the State Board.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019

SB 752

Duplicative

Senator Lam

**FOOD SUPPLEMENT PROGRAM – RESTAURANT MEALS
PROGRAM**

Renaming the food stamp program to be the food supplement program; establishing a Restaurant Meals Program (RMP) within the food supplement program in the Department of Human Services to expand food access to certain individuals; providing that a certain household is eligible to participate in the RMP if the household is eligible for certain State and federal benefits and lacks a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence and includes certain persons; requiring a restaurant to meet certain requirements to participate; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019

[SB 770](#)

Duplicative

Senator Smith

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

[SB 807](#)

Duplicative

Senator Patterson

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

[SB 827](#)

Duplicative

Senator Griffith (Chair, Joint Committee on Pensions)

STATE POLICE RETIREMENT SYSTEM – EMPLOYMENT OF RETIREES – CLARIFICATIONS

Clarifying certain provisions of law related to the employment of certain individuals who are receiving certain allowances from the State Police Retirement System.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019

- SB 829** **Senator Griffith (Chair, Joint Committee on Pensions)**
Duplicative 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; providing a certain adjustment to the benefits of certain retirees; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019
- SB 916** **Senator Lam**
Duplicative PHYSICIANS – DISPENSING PERMIT EXEMPTION – TOPICAL MEDICATION
- Providing that certain provisions of law do not prohibit a certain licensed physician from dispensing a topical medication; authorizing a physician to dispense a certain topical medication if the physician meets certain requirements; authorizing the State Board of Physicians to issue a written permit to certain physicians under certain circumstances; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2019
- SB 1012** **Senator Feldman**
Duplicative PUBLIC HEALTH – DEATH CERTIFICATES – COMPLETION AND CAUSE OF DEATH REPORT
- Authorizing a physician designated by the State Anatomy Board to complete a certificate of death under certain circumstances; requiring a certain physician to enter certain information in a certain section of a death certificate; and requiring the State Anatomy Board to send to the Secretary of Health a report of the cause of death for entry on a certain death certificate if the State Anatomy Board receives information about the cause of death from certain individuals.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2019

HB 64 **Delegate B. Barnes (Chair, Joint Committee on Pensions)**
Duplicative STATE RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEM – DESIGNATION
OF BENEFICIARY

Altering a requirement for designating a beneficiary of a member, former member, or retiree of the State Retirement and Pension System; providing an option for a member, former member, or retiree to designate a beneficiary through the State Retirement Agency’s secure access participant portal with an electronic signature; altering the definition of “designated beneficiary”; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019

HB 71 **Delegate Korman, et al**
Duplicative STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS – OPEN MEETINGS – VIDEO
STREAMING AND RECORDING (STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS
TRANSPARENCY ACT)

Requiring the State Board of Elections, in consultation with the Department of Information Technology, to make publicly available on the Internet each meeting agenda made available at least 24 hours in advance of each meeting, live video streaming, and unedited archived video recordings of open meetings; requiring the State Board to prepare written minutes after each meeting; requiring the Department to provide the staff to the State Board necessary to stream live video of the open meetings of the State Board; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2019

HB 78 **Delegate Wilkins, et al**
Duplicative CORRECTIONAL SERVICES – INMATES – LABOR

Requiring the Commissioner of Correction to include in an annual report certain statistics on job classifications for inmate labor, certain daily wage scales, and the total number of inmates currently employed at certain facilities; and requiring the Division of Correction to include in a report regarding Maryland Correctional Enterprises certain similar statistics regarding inmate employment and wages.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2019

- HB 81**
Duplicative **Delegate Wilkins, et al**
PROPERTY TAX CREDIT – SURVIVING SPOUSE OF VETERAN
Altering eligibility for a credit authorized against the county or municipal corporation property tax for the surviving spouses, who are at least 65 years of age, of certain veterans; providing that surviving spouses who are under the age of 65 and have not remarried may continue to receive the tax credit if the surviving spouses qualified for and received the tax credit before June 1, 2019; and applying the Act to taxable years beginning after June 30, 2019.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2019
- HB 113**
Duplicative **Delegate Moon, et al**
CRIMINAL LAW – GAMING – CIVIL OFFENSE
Altering the penalty for certain conduct relating to betting, wagering, or gambling; making certain conduct relating to betting, wagering, or gambling a civil offense; establishing that adjudication of a violation under a certain provision of the Act is not a criminal conviction for any purpose and does not impose any of the civil disabilities that may result from a criminal conviction; altering certain penalties; authorizing a certain police officer to issue a certain citation under certain circumstances; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2019
- HB 132**
Duplicative **Delegate Reznik, et al**
EDUCATION – ROBOTICS GRANT PROGRAM – ALTERATIONS
Expanding the eligibility requirements for the Robotics Grant Program to include certain nonprofit organizations providing certain youth with an out-of-school time experience that focuses on personal and workforce development, to support existing robotics programs and to increase the number of robotics programs in the State; and requiring the Governor to increase the annual appropriation for the Program to at least \$350,000.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019

- HB 138**
Duplicative **Delegate Moon, et al**
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; and 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.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2019
- HB 161**
Duplicative **Delegate Mosby, et al**
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 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 the certain authority to sell certain real property owned by religious groups or organizations; applying the Act prospectively; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019
- HB 191**
Duplicative **Delegate Sydnor, et al**
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 201 **Delegate Korman, et al**

Duplicative

MARYLAND TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION – STATE EMPLOYEES – FREE RIDERSHIP (TRANSIT BENEFIT FOR STATE EMPLOYEES)

Requiring the Maryland Transit Administration to provide ridership services on transit vehicles to any permanent employee in any unit of the Executive Branch of State government, including a unit with an independent personnel system; prohibiting the Administration from collecting fees or reimbursement for certain transit services; and requiring the Maryland Department of Transportation and the Department of Budget and Management to report to certain committees of the General Assembly on the cost and feasibility of expanding the program.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019

HB 215 **Delegates Jackson and Krebs**

Duplicative

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

HB 266 **Delegate B. Barnes (Chair, Joint Committee on Pensions)**

Duplicative

STATE RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEM – DESIGNATED BENEFICIARY CHANGE – RESCISSION

Authorizing certain retirees of the State Retirement and Pension System to rescind a request to change a designated beneficiary by sending certain notice to the State Retirement Agency before a certain allowance payment normally becomes due; and allowing a retiree who rescinds a certain change of designated beneficiary in a timely manner to receive the allowance payable prior to the change of designated beneficiary, without a certain retroactive adjustment.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019

- HB 268** **Delegate Beitzel, et al**
Duplicative MARYLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE PROMISE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM – ALTERATIONS TO THE AWARD OF SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS
- Defining “local promise scholarship” as a community college scholarship program in effect on July 1, 2018, that provides a scholarship to any high school senior who is eligible for enrollment at the community college; and specifying that if an award recipient is eligible for a local promise scholarship, an award under the Maryland Community College Promise Scholarship program shall be credited to the tuition of a scholarship recipient before the award of a local promise scholarship; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019
- HB 343** **Delegate Lopez, et al**
Duplicative SCHOOL BUS MONITORING CAMERAS – CIVIL PENALTY – SUNSET REPEAL
- Repealing the June 30, 2019, termination date for a provision of law that increased from \$250 to \$500 the civil penalty for a violation recorded by a school bus monitoring camera for failure to stop for a school vehicle operating alternately flashing red lights.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2019
- HB 364** **Delegate Bagnall, et al**
Duplicative HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONERS – MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS ON ANESTHETIZED OR UNCONSCIOUS PATIENTS
- Prohibiting health care practitioners and certain students and trainees from performing certain examinations on a patient who is under anesthesia or unconscious unless informed consent has been obtained from the patient, the examination is within the standard of care, the patient is unconscious and the examination is required for diagnostic or treatment purposes, or an emergency exists, it is impractical to obtain the patient’s consent, and the examination is required for diagnostic or treatment purposes; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2019

HB 380 **Delegate Walker**

Duplicative

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

HB 416 **Chair, Joint Committee on Federal Relations**

Duplicative

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

HB 488 **Delegate McIntosh**

Duplicative

FORESTRY – MEL NOLAND FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM – ESTABLISHMENT

Establishing the Mel Noland Fellowship Program in the Department of Natural Resources to support students seeking careers in natural resources fields as they matriculate and graduate from institutions of higher education; requiring the Department and its managing organization to select one fellow in the field of natural resources management and one in urban and community forestry yearly; 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

- HB 528** **Delegate Smith, et al**
Duplicative **BALTIMORE CITY – POLICE DISTRICTS – REDISTRICTING**
- Requiring the Police Commissioner of Baltimore City, following each decennial census of the United States, to prepare a plan for the adjustment of the geographic boundaries and composition of each Baltimore City police district and the reallocation of the resources and personnel of the Baltimore City Police Department among the districts using certain information; requiring the Commissioner to present the plan to the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City within 1 year of the issuance of the decennial census data; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2019
- HB 529** **Delegate Crosby, et al**
Duplicative **INSURANCE – FORMATION OF DOMESTIC INSURERS –
NUMBER OF DIRECTORS**
- Reducing to 5 the minimum number of members of the board of directors that a domestic financial guaranty insurance company that is prohibited from issuing new policies must have on its board of directors.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2019
- HB 540** **Cecil County Delegation**
Duplicative **CECIL COUNTY – CORRECTIONAL DEPUTY SHERIFFS –
COLLECTIVE BARGAINING**
- Authorizing a full-time sworn correctional deputy sheriff in the Office of the Sheriff of Cecil County at the rank of lieutenant and below to take part in or refrain from taking part in forming, joining, supporting, or participating in a labor organization and certain activities relating to the labor organization for the purpose of engaging in collective bargaining with the Sheriff and the County Executive of Cecil County; etc.
CONTINGENT – EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2019

HB 574 **Carroll County Delegation**

Duplicative

CARROLL COUNTY – PUBLIC FACILITIES BONDS

Authorizing and empowering the County Commissioners of Carroll County, from time to time, to borrow not more than \$28,500,000 in order to finance the construction, improvement, or development of certain public facilities in Carroll County, including water and sewer projects, to finance loans for fire or emergency–related equipment, buildings, and other facilities of volunteer fire departments in the County, and to effect such borrowing by the issuance and sale at public or private sale of its general obligation bonds; etc.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2019

HB 608 **Delegate D.E. Davis**

Duplicative

INSURANCE – PRINCIPLE–BASED RESERVES

Altering the exemptions that the Maryland Insurance Commissioner may provide to certain domestic insurance companies from certain reserve requirements; authorizing the Commissioner to exempt a certain domestic insurance company from certain requirements if the company meets the life principle–based reserve exemption criteria in the valuation manual; and repealing certain exemptions to certain reserve requirements.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2019

HB 650 **Delegates Korman and Barve**

Duplicative

ENERGY STORAGE PILOT PROJECT ACT

Requiring the Public Service Commission to establish an energy storage pilot program; providing that the cumulative size of the projects under the program shall be between 5 and 10 megawatts, with a minimum of 15 megawatt–hours; requiring the Commission to require each investor–owned electric company to solicit offers to develop energy storage projects for various commercial and regulatory models; requiring each investor–owned electric company to submit applications for projects from at least two models; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2019

HB 689

Duplicative

Delegates Carey and D.E. Davis

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 the Commission to include a customer choice education section on its website; requiring each electricity or natural gas supplier that is actively seeking customers in a service territory to maintain at least one open offer on the Commission’s website; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2019

HB 735

Duplicative

Delegate Healey, et al

TECHNICAL STUDY ON CHANGES IN FOREST COVER AND TREE CANOPY IN MARYLAND

Requiring the Harry R. Hughes Center for Agro–Ecology, in consultation with the Departments of Natural Resources, Environment, Planning, and Agriculture and the Chesapeake Bay Program to conduct a technical study to review changes in forest cover and tree canopy in the State; providing for the scope of the study; and requiring the Harry R. Hughes Center for Agro–Ecology to submit a report of the findings of the technical study to the Governor and the General Assembly by December 1, 2019.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2019

HB 761

Duplicative

Delegate Patterson, et al

HEALTH – SICKLE CELL DISEASE – STEERING COMMITTEE AND SERVICES

Altering the duties of the Statewide Steering Committee on Services for Adults with Sickle Cell Disease to include the provision of certain resources for detecting sickle cell disease and supporting individuals with sickle cell disease; authorizing the Maryland Department of Health to provide certain services relating to sickle cell disease in consultation with the Steering Committee; requiring the Department to provide certain services through community–based organizations to the extent practicable; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2019

- HB 809**
Duplicative **Delegate Palakovich Carr, et al**
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 either by an automated system or by a live operator, taking messages, and transmitting messages to the customer; and 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.
EMERGENCY BILL
- HB 810**
Duplicative **Delegate Kelly, et al**
INCOME TAX – CHILD AND DEPENDENT CARE TAX CREDIT – ALTERATIONS
- Increasing the maximum income limits on eligibility for a certain credit against the State income tax for certain child and dependent care expenses; making the credit refundable, subject to certain income limits; increasing, each year, certain income eligibility and refundability thresholds by a certain cost-of-living adjustment; applying the Act to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2018; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019
- HB 860**
Duplicative **Delegate B. Barnes (Chair, Joint Committee on Pensions)**
EMPLOYEES’, TEACHERS’, AND CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS’ SYSTEMS – ACTIVE MEMBERS – DEATH BENEFITS
- Providing certain survivor benefits to surviving children of certain members of the State Retirement and Pension System; providing for the payment of a certain allowance to surviving children of a member when there is no surviving spouse; providing for the distribution of a certain allowance to surviving children; allowing certain surviving children to participate in the State Employee and Retiree Health and Welfare Benefits program; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019

- HB 934** **Delegate D.E. Davis**
Duplicative **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 953** **The Speaker (By Request – Department of Legislative
Services)**
Duplicative **STATE BOARD OF BARBERS – SUNSET EXTENSION**
- Continuing the State Board of Barbers in accordance with the provisions of the Maryland Program Evaluation Act (sunset law) by extending to July 1, 2024, the termination provisions relating to the statutory and regulatory authority of the Board; and requiring that an evaluation of the Board and the statutes and regulations that relate to the Board be performed on or before December 15, 2021.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2019
- HB 1099** **The Speaker (By Request – Department of Legislative
Services)**
Duplicative **STATE ATHLETIC COMMISSION – SUNSET EXTENSION**
- Continuing the State Athletic Commission in accordance with the provisions of the Maryland Program Evaluation Act (sunset law) by extending to July 1, 2031, the termination provisions relating to the statutory and regulatory authority of the Commission; and requiring that an evaluation of the Commission and the statutes and regulations that relate to the Commission be performed on or before December 15, 2028.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2019

- HB 1115** **Delegate Solomon, et al**
Duplicative COMMUNITY COLLEGES – WORKFORCE READINESS GRANT PROGRAM – ESTABLISHED
- Establishing the Workforce Readiness Grant Program to provide matching grants to a community college to improve the community college’s technology; authorizing each community college to accept certain donations that further the purpose of the Program; authorizing the Governor, in fiscal years 2022 and 2024, to appropriate for each community college supplemental funding equal to the lesser of \$250,000 for each campus of each community college or the amount of certain donations in certain fiscal years; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019
- HB 1186** **Delegate Ebersole**
Duplicative NONPUBLIC SCHOOLS – FIRE DRILL REQUIREMENTS – STATE FIRE PREVENTION CODE
- Requiring each nonpublic school in the State to hold fire drills in accordance with the State Fire Prevention Code, keep records of the fire drills, and send copies of the records to the State Board of Education.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019
- HB 1249** **Delegate Reznik, et al**
Duplicative PILOT PROGRAM – ALLEGED RAPE, SEXUAL OFFENSE, OR CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE – HIV POSTEXPOSURE PROPHYLAXIS
- Establishing the Pilot Program for Preventing HIV Infection for Rape Victims to be administered by the Governor’s Office of Crime Control and Prevention and to provide a victim of an alleged rape or sexual offense or a victim of alleged child sexual abuse treatment and follow-up care for postexposure prophylaxis for the prevention of HIV infection; providing that payments made to certain health care providers from the Criminal Injuries Compensation Board may not exceed a total of \$750,000 annually; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2019

HB 1305

Delegate Ivey

Duplicative

**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

HB 1388

Delegate Crutchfield, et al

Duplicative

LONG-TERM CARE INSURANCE – ANNUAL NOTICE

Requiring certain carriers to provide each insured under a policy or contract of long-term care insurance in the State an annual notice, in writing or electronically, containing the insured's policy form number and the carrier's customer service telephone number.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2019

Sincerely,

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Executive Director