



MARYLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY
DEPARTMENT OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES

Effective Dates

2019 Budget Bill – Effective March 26, 2019

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

HB 100 The Speaker (By Request – Administration)
Chapter 565 BUDGET BILL (FISCAL YEAR 2020)

Making the proposed appropriations contained in the State Budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020, in accordance with Article III, Section 52 of the Maryland Constitution; etc.

2019 Chapters – Emergency Bills

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

HB 336 **Delegate Feldmark, et al**

Chapter 1

CIVILIAN FEDERAL EMPLOYEES – UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE BENEFITS AND FEDERAL GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE LOAN FUND (FEDERAL SHUTDOWN PAYCHECK PROTECTION ACT)

Specifying that an individual who is a civilian employee of the federal government is eligible to receive unemployment benefits under certain circumstances; altering the purpose of the Catastrophic Event Account to enable the State to respond to federal civilian employee financial hardship from a full or partial federal government shutdown due to a lapse in federal appropriations; establishing a certain loan fund to provide loans to civilian employees of the federal government under certain circumstances; etc.

SB 391 **Senator Feldman, et al**

Chapter 2

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SB 579 **The President (By Request – Department of Legislative Services)**
Chapter 7

ANNUAL CURATIVE BILL

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

SB 580 **The President (By Request – Department of Legislative Services)**
Chapter 8

ANNUAL CORRECTIVE BILL

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

SB 128 **Senators Pinsky and King**
Chapter 13 **COMMUNITY CONTROL OF SCHOOL CALENDARS ACT**

Requiring county boards of education to annually set the start and end dates of the school year for schools in the county; removing a provision relating to extending the school year beyond June 15; requiring that a certain statement be mailed to voters if the Act is submitted to the qualified voters of the State at the next general election to be held in November 2020 for their approval or rejection; etc.

HB 626
Chapter 15**Delegate Krebs, et al****HEALTH CARE FACILITIES – CHANGE IN BED CAPACITY –
CERTIFICATE OF NEED EXEMPTION**

Exempting an increase or decrease in bed capacity from the certificate of need requirement if the increase or decrease will occur in a certain intermediate care facility that has a current license issued by the Secretary of Health, an existing general hospice program that has a current license issued by the Secretary, and certain notice is filed with the Maryland Health Care Commission at least 45 days before increasing or decreasing bed capacity; requiring the Commission to review a certain chapter of the State Health Plan; etc.

SB 619
Chapter 18**Senator Carter****UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND MEDICAL SYSTEM
CORPORATION – BOARD OF DIRECTORS, ETHICS, AND
AUDITS**

Requiring, by May 31, 2019, the Board of Directors of the University of Maryland Medical System Corporation to adopt a certain conflict of interest policy; requiring annual financial disclosures; requiring the Board to ensure that the Corporation continues to be a private, nonprofit, nonstock corporation; altering the composition of, and the appointment process for, the Board; prohibiting inclusion of a State or local elected official; prohibiting a member of the Board from intentionally using the prestige of office for private gain; etc.

HB 1428
Chapter 19**The Speaker, et al****UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND MEDICAL SYSTEM
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HB 420
Chapter 30**Delegate Sydnor****CRIMINAL LAW – THREAT OF MASS VIOLENCE**

Altering a certain prohibition relating to threatening to commit a certain crime of violence in order to prohibit a person from knowingly threatening to commit or threatening to cause to be committed a certain crime of violence that would place five or more people at substantial risk of death or serious physical injury if the threat were carried out.

SB 139
Chapter 31**Senator Lee, et al****CRIMINAL LAW – THREAT OF MASS VIOLENCE**

Altering a certain prohibition relating to threatening to commit a certain crime of violence in order to prohibit a person from knowingly threatening to commit or threatening to cause to be committed a certain crime of violence that would place five or more people at substantial risk of death or serious physical injury if the threat were carried out; providing that a person who violates the Act is guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction is subject to imprisonment of up to 10 years and a fine not to exceed \$10,000 or both; etc.

SB 133
Chapter 173**Senator Gallion, et al****FARM AREA MOTOR VEHICLES – REGISTRATION AND AUTHORIZED USE**

Repealing the termination date for certain provisions of law applicable to the registration and authorized use of farm area motor vehicles, including a provision increasing from 10 miles to 25 miles the radius from a farm within which a person may operate on a highway a motor vehicle registered as a farm area motor vehicle; and requiring the owner of a farm area motor vehicle to submit a certain application and documentation for registration of the vehicle.

- HB 331** **Delegate Jacobs, et al**
Chapter 174 **FARM AREA MOTOR VEHICLES – REGISTRATION AND AUTHORIZED USE**
- Repealing the termination date for certain provisions of law applicable to the registration and authorized use of farm area motor vehicles, including a provision increasing from 10 miles to 25 miles the radius from a farm within which a person may operate on a highway a motor vehicle registered as a farm area motor vehicle; etc.
- 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.
- 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.

- HB 754**
Chapter 400 **Delegate Kipke, et al**
HEALTH INSURANCE AND PHARMACY BENEFITS MANAGERS
– COST PRICING AND REIMBURSEMENT
- Providing that certain provisions of the Act apply to pharmacy benefits managers that contract with managed care organizations in the same manner as they apply to pharmacy benefits managers that contract with carriers; prohibiting a certain contract or amendment from becoming effective unless the contract or amendment is filed with the Commissioner for approval or disapproval by a certain time; requiring that each contract between a pharmacy benefits manager and a contracted pharmacy include a certain dispute resolution process; etc.
- HB 17**
Chapter 456 **Delegate Glenn, et al**
NATALIE M. LAPRADE MEDICAL CANNABIS COMMISSION –
PROCESSING AND DISPENSING MEDICAL CANNABIS
- Authorizing an institution of higher education, a related medical facility, or an affiliated biomedical research firm to file with the Natalie M. LaPrade Medical Cannabis Commission a registration to purchase medical cannabis for the purpose of conducting a bona fide research project relating to the medical uses, properties, or composition of cannabis; requiring the Commission to allow certain dispensaries and dispensary agents to acquire, possess, transfer, sell, distribute or dispense edible cannabis products; etc.
- SB 649**
Chapter 473 **Senator Klausmeier**
HEALTH CARE FACILITIES – CHANGE IN BED CAPACITY –
CERTIFICATE OF NEED EXEMPTION
- Exempting an increase or decrease in bed capacity from the certificate of need requirement if the change will occur in an intermediate care facility offering residential or intensive substance-related disorder treatment services, or an existing general hospice program, and written notice of the intent to change bed capacity is filed with the Maryland Health Care Commission at least 45 days before increasing or decreasing bed capacity; requiring the Commission to review the State Health plan on Psychiatric Services; Emergency Medical Services; etc.

- SB 950** **Senator Kagan**
Chapter 491 **CAMPAIGN FINANCE – TERMINATION OF CAMPAIGN FINANCE ENTITIES**
- Authorizing any remaining balance in the account of a certain campaign finance entity before its termination to be paid to a certain legislative party caucus committee; requiring the authorized candidate campaign committee of a candidate who dies to pay outstanding obligations, dispose of remaining funds in a certain manner, and terminate and file a final campaign finance report within 1 year after the candidate’s death; etc.
- SB 512** **Senator Ellis, et al**
Chapter 522 **GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWNS – EMPLOYEES – PROTECTIONS**
- Prohibiting a public service company from terminating electric or gas service to certain residential customers for nonpayment on a day that a government shutdown is in effect and for 7 days after the government shutdown has ended; authorizing the Public Service Commission to adopt certain regulations; requiring a certain court to stay certain proceedings for the foreclosure or repossession of certain residential property for a certain period of time under certain circumstances; etc.
- HB 589** **Delegate Barron, et al**
Chapter 534 **MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM AND MANAGED CARE ORGANIZATIONS THAT USE PHARMACY BENEFITS MANAGERS – AUDIT AND PROFESSIONAL DISPENSING FEES**
- Requiring the Maryland Medical Assistance Program to enter into a contract with an independent auditor as soon as practicable to conduct an audit of certain pharmacy benefits managers for the purpose of determining the amount of Medicaid funds used to reimburse managed care organization, pharmacy benefits managers, and pharmacies and the dollar amount of funds received by each respective party; requiring the Program to provide the results of the audit to the General Assembly on or before December 1, 2019; etc.

HB 1347**Chapter 737****Delegate Jones, et al****PRIOR AUTHORIZATIONS OF STATE DEBT – ALTERATIONS**

Amending certain prior authorizations of State Debt to alter the requirement that certain grantees provide certain matching funds; extending the deadline for certain grantees to present certain evidence that a matching fund will be presented; extending the termination date of certain grants; changing the locations of certain capital projects; altering the purposes of certain grants; changing the names of certain grantees; altering the authorized uses of certain grants; etc.

SB 260**Chapter 752****Senator Pinsky, et al****COMMUNITY COLLEGES – MARYLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE PROMISE SCHOLARSHIPS – REVISIONS**

Altering the eligibility requirements for a Maryland Community College Promise Scholarship; altering the employment requirements relating to a service obligation associated with a scholarship; requiring the Maryland Higher Education Commission's annual report to the General Assembly to include data on the number of scholarship recipients who received a baccalaureate degree from a 4-year institution in the State and the number of scholarships for which the service obligation was deferred, waived, or converted into a student loan; etc.

SB 946**Chapter 767****Senator Griffith, et al****STATE PRESCRIPTION DRUG BENEFITS – RETIREE BENEFITS – REVISIONS**

Authorizing retirees who participate in a certain prescription drug benefit plan to elect to have a spouse or dependent child covered under a certain State plan; requiring the Department of Budget and Management, on or before January 1, 2020, to establish the Maryland State Retiree Prescription Drug Coverage Program that reimburses participants for out-of-pocket costs that exceed certain limits; requiring the Department to establish a Maryland State Retiree Life-Sustaining Prescription Drug Assistance Program; etc.