SYNOPSIS



House Bills and Joint Resolutions 2019 Maryland General Assembly Session

February 1, 2019 Schedule 14

<u>PLEASE NOTE:</u> February 8 – Bill introduction deadline.

All bills must be given to the Chief Clerk by 5:00 P.M. on Thursday, February 7.

As required by House Rule 32(b), bills introduced after this date will be referred to the House Rules and Executive Nominations Committee.

HOUSE BILLS INTRODUCED FEBRUARY 1, 2019

HB 459 Delegate Chang

ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – ALCOHOL AWARENESS

Requiring in Anne Arundel County a holder of certain alcoholic beverages licenses or an individual designated by the license holder who is employed in a supervisory capacity to be certified by an approved alcohol awareness program and to be present on the licensed premises at all times when alcoholic beverages may be sold; and providing a fine of \$100 for a first offense and for each subsequent offense a fine not to exceed \$500 or a suspension or revocation of the license or both.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2019 AB, § 11-1901 - amended and § 11-1902.1 - added Assigned to: Economic Matters

Department of Legislative Services

HB 460 Harford County Delegation

HARFORD COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION – ELECTED MEMBERS – START DATE OF TERM

Altering the date on which an elected member of the Harford County Board of Education begins a term of office to be the first Monday in December after the member is elected. EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019 ED, § 3-6A-01(a) and (e) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 461 Delegate Hettleman, 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 ED, § 10-101 - amended and § 11-407.1 - added Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 462 Delegates Moon and Sydnor

MARYLAND POLICE TRAINING AND STANDARDS COMMISSION – BODY–WORN CAMERA POLICY

Requiring the Maryland Police Training and Standards Commission to include in certain policies requirements that a body–worn camera purchased or otherwise procured for use by a law enforcement officer on or after January 1, 2020, have certain video redaction software and automatically record and save 2 minutes of certain audio and video footage and that a law enforcement officer who is issued a body–worn camera activate the camera at the time of dispatch. EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2019 PS, § 3-511.1 - added Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 463 Delegate Malone, et al

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS – STANDARDS (ANTI-GERRYMANDERING OF MARYLAND'S CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS)

Proposing an amendment to the Maryland Constitution to require congressional districts to conform to certain standards and that due regard be given to natural boundaries and boundaries of political subdivisions; and submitting the amendment to the qualified voters of the State for their adoption or rejection. CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT – CONTINGENT Maryland Constitution, Art. XX, § 1 - added Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

HB 464 Delegate Hettleman, et al

PRIVATE CAREER SCHOOLS AND FOR–PROFIT INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION – DISCLOSURES AND REGULATION

Requiring private career schools and certain for-profit institutions of higher education to provide certain students with certain information 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

CL, § 13-320(b) - amended and ED, § 11-210 - added Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 465 Chair, Ways and Means Committee (By Request – 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

TP, §§ 12-110(d) and 13-404(d) - amended Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 466 Delegate Kerr, et al

PRESCRIPTION DRUG MONITORING PROGRAM – PROGRAM EVALUATION

Requiring the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program to provide prescription monitoring data to authorized users, rather than the authorized administrator, of another state's prescription drug monitoring program; repealing the termination date of the Program; repealing the requirement that the Department of Legislative Services conduct a certain evaluation of the Program under the Maryland Program Evaluation Act; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2019

HG, § 21-2A-06(b) and SG, § 8-403(b)(45) through (56) - amended and HG, § 21-2A-10 and SG, § 8-403(b)(44) - repealed Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 467 Delegate Lisanti, et al

MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION – EXCEPTION FOR LOW SPEED ELECTRIC VEHICLES – CITY OF HAVRE DE GRACE

Creating an exception to motor vehicle registration requirements under certain circumstances for low speed electric vehicles in the City of Havre de Grace; defining a "low speed electric vehicle" as a vehicle capable of a sustained speed of 20 miles per hour but not more than 25 miles per hour; providing that a person who operates a low speed electric vehicle in the City of Havre de Grace may operate the vehicle only on certain roadways and, between dusk and dawn, only if the low speed electric vehicle is equipped with certain lighting devices; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2019

TR, §§ 11-130.1 and 21-104.5 - added and § 13-402(c) - amended Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 468 Delegate Stein, et al

PUBLIC SAFETY – ACCESS TO FIREARMS – STORAGE REQUIREMENTS

Prohibiting a person from storing or leaving a loaded or unloaded firearm in a location where a child could gain access to the firearm unless the firearm is locked by a certain safety lock or is secured in a container that is capable of preventing an unintended person from gaining access to the contents; altering the definition of "child" to be an individual under the age of 18 years instead of 16 years; and providing a penalty for a violation of the Act of imprisonment not exceeding 2 years or a fine not exceeding \$1,000 or both. EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2019

CR, § 4-104 - amended Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 469 Chair, Appropriations Committee (By Request – 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 SP, § 35-302 - amended Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 470 Delegate Cullison

STATE BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS – OWNERSHIP, MANAGEMENT, OR OPERATION OF A DENTAL PRACTICE

Requiring a dental practice to be owned, managed, or operated by a licensed dentist, subject to certain exceptions; authorizing an unlicensed person to take certain actions; prohibiting an unlicensed person from receiving compensation in the form of fees negotiated with and approved by the dentist owners of the dental practice under certain circumstances; prohibiting a licensed dentist from raising a certain defense in a certain action; repealing a certain exemption from the requirements of the Maryland Dentistry Act; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020

HO, §§ 4-101(1), 4-102, and 4-315(a)(34) and (35) - amended and §§ 4-103 and 4-315(a)(36) - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 471 Delegate K. Young, et al

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

Requiring that, in addition to being licensed, an individual be certified under certain provisions of law and the Act before practicing optometry in the State within the scope of the certification; requiring certain optometrists to be certified under certain provisions of law before performing certain functions; altering the coursework requirements for certain certifications; establishing a new level of certification for licensed optometrists; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019

HO, Various Sections - amended and §§ 11-101(i) and 11-404.2 - added Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 472 Delegate Lafferty, et al

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT - ENVIRONMENTAL RIGHTS

Proposing an amendment to the Maryland Constitution to establish that every person has the right to a certain clean and healthy environment; authorizing the State, a political subdivision, and any person to enforce certain rights; establishing that every person has the right to intervene in an action brought by the State or a political subdivision of the State to protect certain rights; submitting the amendment to the qualified voters of the State for their adoption or rejection, etc.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT – CONTINGENT Maryland Constitution, Declaration of Rights, Art. 48 - added Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 473 Delegate Lafferty, et al

RESIDENTIAL LEASES – DEFINITION OF "RENT"

Defining "rent" to mean, for premises subject to a residential lease, the fixed periodic sum for use and possession of the leased premises and does not include any additional payments due from the tenant to the landlord under the lease; and providing that the provisions of any local law enacted by the General Assembly that are of comparable subject matter to the Act shall yield to the Act to avoid inconsistency or conflict.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2019 RP, § 8-401(a) - amended Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 474 Delegates Krimm and Mautz

JOINT USE OF UTILITY AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS INFRASTRUCTURE

Authorizing the initiation of a proceeding at the Public Service Commission regarding the joint use of utility and telecommunications infrastructure; authorizing the Commission to order a joint use entity to allow joint use and reasonable compensation for joint use of certain infrastructure; clarifying the jurisdiction of the Commission over certain entities; and requiring the Commission to adopt certain regulations.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2019

PU, §§ 8-701 through 8-704 - added Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 475 Queen Anne's County Delegation

QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY – ALCOHOL AWARENESS PROGRAM

Requiring a license holder in Queen Anne's County or an individual designated by the license holder who has completed training in an approved alcohol awareness program to be present at all times when alcoholic beverages may be served; and providing a fine of \$100 for a first offense and for each subsequent offense a fine not to exceed \$500 or a suspension or revocation of the license or both.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019 AB, § 27-1901 - amended and § 27-1903 - added Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 476 Queen Anne's County Delegation

QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – BEAUTY SALON AND BARBERSHOP LICENSE

Establishing a beauty salon and barbershop beer and wine license in Queen Anne's County; authorizing the Board of License Commissioners to issue the license to holders of certain beauty salon or barbershop permits; specifying that the license authorizes the license holder to sell beer or wine by the glass for on– premises consumption to a customer while the customer is provided certain services; prohibiting the license from being transferred to another location; setting the hours of sale for the license and an annual license fee of \$100; etc. EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019 AB, § 27-1001 - added Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 477 Delegate Clark, et al

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 TP, § 9-260 - amended Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 478 Delegate Kelly

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 SF, §§ 13-102 and 13-112 - amended Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 479 Delegate Ebersole, et al

EDUCATION – SALARIES OF NONCERTIFICATED PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYEES – MINIMUM LIVING SALARIES

Requiring that certain public school employees in certain areas be paid at least certain minimum living salaries; specifying the minimum living salaries that are in effect for certain time periods; increasing the minimum living salaries in effect for certain time periods based on a certain Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers; requiring that a certain minimum living salary remain the same as the salary that was in effect for a certain time period under certain circumstances; applying the Act prospectively; etc. Preliminary analysis: local government mandate EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019 ED, §§ 6-5A-01 through 6-5A-05 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 480 Delegate Luedtke, et al

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – MARYLAND BREWERY PROMOTION PROGRAM – ESTABLISHMENT

Establishing the Maryland Brewery Promotion Program in the Department of Commerce to provide grants and to conduct certain activities to promote the creation and development of Maryland breweries, visits to Maryland breweries, and the production and consumption of Maryland beer; requiring an applicant to meet certain requirements to qualify for participation in the Program; establishing the Maryland Brewery Promotion Fund to provide certain grants; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019

EC, §§ 5-1701 through 5-1705 - added and TG, § 2-301 - amended Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 481 Delegate Mosby, et al

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 CR, § 3-603 - amended Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 482 Delegate Mosby, et al

INCOME TAX CREDIT – ENDOWMENTS OF MARYLAND HISTORICALLY BLACK COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

Allowing a credit against the State income tax for a certain amount of donations to certain qualified permanent endowment funds at Bowie State University, Coppin State University, Morgan State University, or University of Maryland Eastern Shore; providing for the carryforward of the credit; requiring the Comptroller, on application of a taxpayer, to issue a tax credit certificate; requiring the application to contain certain information; applying the Act to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2018; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019 TG, § 10-749 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 483 Delegate Kipke, et al

SERVICE CONTRACTS – WORK VERIFICATION CLAUSE

Requiring that certain service contracts entered into by the State contain a certain work verification clause; requiring the work verification clause to require the contractor to use certain work verification software for a certain purpose, specify that the State is liable only for the cost of certain work that is verified in a certain manner, specify the requirements of the work verification software, and require that certain data be stored for a least 7 years and be provided to the State without cost under certain circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2019

SF, § 13-228 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 484 St. Mary's County Delegation

ST. MARY'S COUNTY – CHARITABLE OR FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN FRAUD – POLICE DISPATCHER

Altering the definition of "public safety officer" applicable to a certain prohibition against charitable or fundraising campaign fraud to include a certain police dispatcher who works at a certain public safety answering point in St. Mary's County. EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2019

CR, § 8-520 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 485 Delegate Stein

OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL – SENIOR AND VULNERABLE ADULT ASSET RECOVERY UNIT

Establishing the Senior and Vulnerable Adult Asset Recovery Unit in the Office of the Attorney General for the purpose of protecting seniors and vulnerable adults from financial crimes under § 8–801 of the Criminal Law Article; authorizing the Unit to bring civil actions for damages against certain persons; requiring the Governor, beginning in fiscal year 2021, to appropriate at least \$450,000 for the Unit; requiring the Unit to use the funds to hire new staff and investigate and assist prosecution by the Unit; etc.

This bill requires a mandated appropriation in the annual budget bill.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2019

CL, §§ 14-4201 through 14-4204 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 486 Delegate Wilson, et al

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

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019 ED, § 6-113.2 - added Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 487 Delegate Dumais

JUDICIAL ELECTIONS – RETENTION AND FREQUENCY

Proposing an amendment to the Maryland Constitution to increase the number of years between successive retention elections for judges of the Court of Appeals and Court of Special Appeals from 10 years to 12 years; proposing an amendment to the Maryland Constitution to provide for a retention election for a Judge of the Circuit Court; submitting the amendment to the qualified voters of the State for their adoption or rejection; etc.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT – CONTINGENT

Maryland Constitution, Art. IV, §§ 3 and 5A - amended and § 5B - added Assigned to: Judiciary and Ways and Means

HB 488 Delegate McIntosh

FORESTRY – MEL NOLAND FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM – ESTABLISHMENT

Establishing the Mel Noland Fellowship Program in the Department of Natural Resources to support the professional development of individuals beginning a career in forestry management; renaming a certain special fund to be the Mel Noland Woodland Incentives and Fellowship Fund; expanding the authorized uses of the Fund to include funding the Fellowship Program; requiring the Governor to appropriate \$50,000 to the Fund for certain fiscal years; requiring the Department to direct \$50,000 from the Fund to the Fellowship program; etc.

This bill requires a mandated appropriation in the annual budget bill. EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019 NR, §§ 5-301(g) and 5-307 - amended and § 5-308 - added Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 489 Delegate Krebs

CEMETERIES – PERPETUAL CARE – DISTRIBUTION FROM PERPETUAL CARE TRUST FUND

Requiring a distribution from a perpetual care trust fund made under certain circumstances to be used only for the perpetual care of the cemetery, including grounds, roads, and path maintenance and the repair and renewal of buildings; permitting a certain cemetery to select a certain method of distribution from a certain trust fund; requiring the trustee to distribute a certain income from the perpetual care trust fund if the cemetery does not select a method of distribution from the trust fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2019 BR, § 5-603 - amended Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 490 Delegate Hornberger, et al

STATE PRESCRIPTION DRUG BENEFIT PLAN – TERMINATION OF COVERAGE FOR RETIREES – EXEMPTIONS AND ALTERATIONS

Authorizing certain retirees, spouses, and dependent children to elect coverage under the State prescription drug benefit plan; altering to January 1, 2020, the date by which the State is required to discontinue coverage under the State prescription drug benefit plan for certain Medicare—eligible retirees, spouses, and dependent children; exempting certain retirees, spouses, and dependent children from the requirement for the State to terminate coverage under the State prescription drug benefit plan for certain individuals; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2019 SP, § 2-509.1 - amended

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 491 Delegate Hettleman, et al

STATE CONTRACTUAL EMPLOYEES - PAID LEAVE

Authorizing the Secretary of Budget and Management to adopt regulations providing for paid leave for State contractual employees whose unit is closed on a scheduled workday at the contractual employee's regular rate of pay. EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2019 SP, § 9-1104 - amended Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 492 Delegate Gilchrist, et al

PROCUREMENT – CARBON–INTENSIVE FOODS

Requiring the Maryland Green Purchasing Committee to publish a list of carbon–intensive foods, in consultation with the Department of the Environment and the Department of General Services, and to establish best practices for units to reduce the volume of carbon–intensive foods purchased to the maximum extent practicable as a percentage of gross food purchases; establishing as a goal for the Department of General Services a reduction, to the extent practicable, of the volume of carbon–intensive foods purchased by State procurement units; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019

SF, § 11-203(e)(5) - amended and § 14-409.1 - added Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 493 Delegate Valentino–Smith, et al

CRIMES – SOLICITATION TO COMMIT MURDER – PENALTY

Providing that the statute of limitations for the crime of solicitation to commit murder in the first degree where the death of another did not occur is 3 years; providing that a person who solicits another or conspires with another to commit murder in the first degree is guilty of a felony if the death of another occurs as a result of the solicitation or conspiracy and on conviction is subject to imprisonment not exceeding life; and providing for the prospective application of the Act.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2019 CJ, § 5-106(ff) - amended and CR, § 2-211 - added Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 494 Delegates Gilchrist and Stein

NATURAL RESOURCES – LAND TRUST GRANT FUND – GRANT AWARDS AND FUNDING

Authorizing the Maryland Environmental Trust to require, as a condition of a certain land trust grant, that the dedication of a certain easement or interest be in favor of the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation or the Department of Natural Resources; and requiring a \$5,000,000 appropriation from Program Open Space funds to the Land Trust Grant Fund in fiscal year 2021.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2019 NR, § 3-2A-08 - amended Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 495 Delegate Valentino–Smith, et al

JUVENILE LAW – INFORMAL ADJUSTMENT

Authorizing a certain court to refer a certain matter to the Department of Juvenile Services for a certain informal adjustment if it is in the best interests of the public and the child; and requiring a certain petition to be dismissed if a certain informal adjustment is successfully completed.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2019 CJ, § 3-8A-10(e) - amended Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 496 Delegate Healey, et al

DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT – PUBLIC AND NONPUBLIC SCHOOLS – INSPECTIONS FOR ENVIRONMENTAL HAZARDS

Requiring the Department of the Environment, in consultation with the State Department of Education, the Department of General Services, and Maryland Occupational Safety and Health, to adopt certain regulations under certain circumstances and to require periodic inspections for the presence of environmental hazards in each occupied public and nonpublic school facility; authorizing the Department, in consultation with the State Department of Education, to grant a waiver from the inspection requirements under certain circumstances; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019 EN, §§ 6-1601 through 6-1604 - added Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 497 Delegates Sample–Hughes and Holmes

REAL PROPERTY – SALES OF MOBILE HOME PARKS – NOTICE REQUIREMENTS

Altering the time frame of certain notices that a mobile home park owner is required to provide to each resident in the mobile home park and the Department of Housing and Community Development, and to post in a public area of the mobile home park, concerning the sale of the mobile home park, to be not less than 30 days before the date of the sale of the park.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2019 RP, § 8A-202(h) - amended Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 498 Prince George's County Delegation

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY – SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION MASTER PLAN WORKGROUP – REPORTING AND SUNSET EXTENSION PG 510–19

Requiring the Prince George's County School Construction Master Plan Workgroup to report certain findings and recommendations and to provide a status report on the implementation of certain recommendations to certain entities on or before December 31, 2019, and December 31, 2020; and extending the termination date for the Workgroup to June 30, 2021. EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2019 Chapter 416 of the Acts of 2018, §§ 1 and 2 - amended

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 499 Delegate Fraser–Hidalgo, et al

CIVIL ACTIONS – INTERSTATE PIPELINE LIABILITY ACT

Establishing that the operation of an interstate pipeline facility is an ultrahazardous and abnormally dangerous activity; establishing that a pipeline operator is strictly liable for certain damages resulting from or occurring in connection with the operation of an interstate pipeline facility in the State; establishing that a pipeline operator is not liable for damages resulting from deliberate sabotage, acts of terrorism, or an act of war; providing for the prospective application of the Act; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2019

CJ, §§ 3-2201 through 3-2204 - added and § 12-301.1(a) - amended Assigned to: Judiciary and Environment and Transportation