



SYNOPSIS

House Bills and Joint Resolutions
2019 Maryland General Assembly Session

February 4, 2019
Schedule 15

PLEASE NOTE: 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 4, 2019

HB 500 The Speaker (By Request – Department of Legislative 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

LG, §§ 4-214, 4-311(c), 9-207(c), and 9-315(c) and SG, § 2-1243(a) - amended
Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

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HB 501 Delegate K. Young, et al**CRIMES – UNATTENDED RESTRAINT OF DOGS IN EXTREME TEMPERATURES**

Prohibiting a person from leaving a dog outside and unattended by use of a restraint for longer than 30 minutes when the temperature is above 90 degrees Fahrenheit or below 32 degrees Fahrenheit; and providing penalties not to exceed 90 days or a fine of up \$1,000 or both.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2019

CR, § 10-623 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 502 Delegate Hill, et al**ENVIRONMENT – OFFICE OF RECYCLING – MATTRESSES AND BOX SPRINGS**

Requiring the Office of Recycling within the Department of the Environment to provide to local communities certain encouragement, information, and examples relating to certain programs that divert mattresses and box springs from disposal in landfills and incinerators and that recycle or reuse mattresses and box springs; and requiring the Office, in coordination with the Maryland Environmental Service, to include in a certain report certain information relating to mattresses and box springs.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2019

EN, § 9-1702(d) and (e) - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 503 Delegate Cassilly, et al**EMPLOYERS OF EX-OFFENDERS – LIABILITY FOR NEGLIGENT HIRING OR INADEQUATE SUPERVISION – IMMUNITY**

Establishing that certain employers are not liable, under certain circumstances, for negligently hiring or failing to adequately supervise an employee based on evidence that the employee has received probation before judgment for an offense or has been convicted of an offense; providing that the Act does not limit or abrogate certain other immunities or defenses; applying the Act prospectively; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2019

CJ, § 5-427 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 504 Delegate Charkoudian, et al**PURCHASE OF MOTOR VEHICLES AND BUILDING CONSTRUCTION, RENOVATION, REHABILITATION, AND MODIFICATION – SOCIAL COST OF CARBON EMISSIONS**

Requiring that, on and after July 1, 2020, certain standards for purchase of vehicles by the Department of General Services include the social cost of certain carbon emissions as part of a life-cycle cost; requiring the Department of Budget and Management to adopt certain regulations on or before January 1, 2020; requiring the Department of General Services to calculate the social cost of carbon emissions during the preliminary design phase of the construction or renovation of any building; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2019

SF, §§ 3-502 and 4-803 - amended and § 4-808.1 - added

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 505 Delegates Wivell and McKay**POSSESSION OF MEDICAL CANNABIS – LOCAL CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES AND HOME DETENTION PROGRAM – PROHIBITION**

Providing that a certain provision of law may not be construed to authorize the possession of marijuana or cannabis on the grounds of a local correctional facility or while an offender is in a home detention program; authorizing the imposition of certain penalties for the possession of marijuana or cannabis on the grounds of a local correctional facility and while an offender is in a home detention program; applying the Act prospectively; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2019

HG, § 13-3314 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 506 Delegate Valentino-Smith, et al**MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH – SPECIAL SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION PROGRAM FOR WOMEN, INFANTS, AND CHILDREN – REPORTS**

Requiring the Maryland Department of Health, after consultation with certain stakeholders, to report certain information regarding the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children to certain committees of the General Assembly on or before December 1 each year; and terminating the Act after June 30, 2022.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2019

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 507 Delegate P. Young, et al**BALTIMORE COUNTY – MOTORCYCLES – SUNDAY SALES**

Authorizing a dealer in Baltimore County to sell, barter, deliver, give away, show, or offer for sale a motorcycle or certificate of title for a motorcycle on Sunday.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2019

BR, § 18-101(g) - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 508 Delegate Brooks, et al**ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – PROHIBITED ACTS – DEFENSE TO PROSECUTION FOR SALE TO UNDERAGE INDIVIDUALS**

Modifying certain elements required to establish a defense to serving an alcoholic beverage to an underage individual; and providing that reliance by an establishment or a seller on the results of an electronic identification scanner that verifies the identity of an individual by certain technology fulfills an element of a certain defense.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019

AB, § 6-306 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 509 Delegate Carey**LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT – OVERTIME EXEMPTION – SERVICE ADVISORS**

Exempting, under certain circumstances, employers with respect to service advisors who primarily sell or service automobiles, farm equipment, trailers, or trucks from the requirement that certain employers pay overtime wages.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2019

LE, § 3-415 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 510 Delegate Cassilly, et al

COMPOSTING – FOOD WASTE – ACCEPTANCE FOR FINAL DISPOSAL

Prohibiting the owner or operator of a refuse disposal system from accepting loads of separately collected food waste for final disposal unless the owner or operator provides for the composting of the food waste.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2019

EN, §§ 9-1723 and 9-1724 - repealed and added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 511 Delegate Cassilly

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

AG, § 6-201(cc) - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 512 Delegate Ghrist, et al

PUBLIC SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION – MAXIMUM GROSS AREA ALLOWANCE FOR ENGLISH LEARNER STUDENTS

Requiring the Interagency Commission on School Construction to include in regulations for new construction or major renovations approved on or after July 1, 2019, a requirement that the State-funded maximum gross area allowance for certain English learners be equal to the State-funded maximum gross area allowance for special education students.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019

ED, § 5-303(d) - amended

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 513 Delegate Ghrist, et al**COUNTY BOARDS OF EDUCATION – ESTABLISHING REGIONAL CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION SCHOOLS – AUTHORITY AND FUNDING**

Authorizing the county boards of education in Caroline, Dorchester, Kent, Queen Anne's, and Talbot counties to establish a regional Career and Technical Education (CTE) school subject to certain requirements; requiring the State to distribute a certain amount of funds to the regional CTE school each year; requiring the State to distribute 100% of construction costs to certain county boards for a certain purpose under a certain circumstance; requiring certain county boards to use certain funds only for a certain purpose; etc.

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

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2019

ED, § 21-207 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 514 Delegates Stein and Barve**GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS REDUCTIONS – STATEWIDE GREENHOUSE GAS INVENTORY AND CARBON SEQUESTRATION**

Altering the publication requirements for the statewide greenhouse gas emissions inventory; requiring the Department of the Environment, beginning January 1, 2020, and on January 1 of each even-numbered year thereafter through 2030, to establish a greenhouse gas emissions reduction target; requiring that the target be set at a certain amount and expressed in a certain manner; providing that the Department is not required to sequester more than a certain amount of carbon dioxide emissions; etc.

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019

EN, § 2-1203 - amended and §§ 2-1214 through 2-1216 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters and Environment and Transportation

HB 515 Delegate Hornberger, et al**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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2019

LG, § 6-108.1 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 516 Delegate Smith, et al**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

SG, § 2-1220(h) - added

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 517 Delegate Stewart, et al**PEDESTRIAN SAFETY FUND ACT OF 2019**

Establishing a minimum fine of up to 2 months imprisonment or a fine of not less than \$150 and not more than \$500 or both that may be imposed for a violation of certain provisions of Maryland Vehicle Law regarding crosswalks; establishing the Pedestrian Safety Fund for the purpose of enhancing the safety and quality of pedestrian and bicycle transportation to include educational programs for bicyclists, motorists, and pedestrians, certain physical design changes, and increased enforcement of existing rules; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2019

SF, § 6-226(a)(2)(ii)112. and 113. and TR, § 21-502 - amended and SF, § 6-226(a)(2)(ii)114. and TR, § 21-502.1 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 518 Delegate Szeliga, et al**PUBLIC SAFETY – AGRITOURISM – PERMIT EXEMPTION**

Adding Baltimore County to the list of counties that exempt agricultural buildings engaged in agritourism from a permit requirement; providing for the number of people allowed to occupy a building engaged in agritourism in Baltimore County under certain circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019

PS, § 12-508 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 519 Delegate Dumais

FAMILY LAW – PARENTAGE AND ADOPTION

Providing that a child conceived by means of assisted reproduction during the marriage of the child's mother with the consent of the mother's spouse is the legitimate child of both spouses for all purposes; establishing the circumstances under which a child is the child of an individual who did not give birth to the child; establishing a certain rebuttable presumption regarding the parentage of a child born to parents who have not participated in a marriage ceremony with each other; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2019

ET, § 1-201 - repealed and ET, FL, and HG, Various Sections - amended and added

Assigned to: Judiciary and Health and Government Operations

HB 520 Delegate Lierman, et al

PRENATAL AND INFANT CARE COORDINATION – GRANT FUNDING AND TASK FORCE

Requiring the Governor to include \$5,000,000 in the annual budget beginning in fiscal year 2021 for the Maryland Prenatal and Infant Care Coordination Services Grant Program Fund; establishing the Task Force on Maryland Maternal and Child Health; requiring the Task Force to study and make recommendations regarding certain matters; requiring the Task Force to report its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly on or before November 1, 2019; etc.

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

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

HG, § 24-1502(f) - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations and Appropriations

HB 521 Delegate Queen, et al

PROCUREMENT PREFERENCES – MARYLAND CHILD CARE ACT

Requiring a unit of State government, when awarding contracts exceeding \$500,000, to give a preference to bidders or offerors that have certain on-site licensed child care centers; prohibiting a unit from giving the preference to a certain bidder or offeror over a bidder or an offeror that is a small business; and authorizing the Board of Public Works to adopt certain regulations.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2019

SF, §§ 14-701 and 14-702 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 522 Delegate Krebs**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

HG, §§ 21-301(e) and (h), 21-304(a), 21-305(b), and 21-309(a)(4) and (b)(2) - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 523 Delegate Palakovich Carr, et al**PUBLIC SCHOOLS – USE OF LEAD AMMUNITION IN SCHOOL PROGRAMS – PROHIBITION**

Prohibiting a school–approved sport, club, or course of instruction from using lead ammunition in training, practice, or athletic competition.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019

ED, § 7-446 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 524 Delegate Wilson, et al**PREVAILING WAGE RATES – PUBLIC WORK CONTRACTS – SUITS BY EMPLOYEES**

Authorizing certain employees to sue to recover the difference between certain prevailing wage rates and certain amounts under certain circumstances; providing that a certain determination by the Commissioner of Labor and Industry does not preclude certain employees from filing a certain action; and providing for the liability of certain contractors and subcontractors under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2019

SF, § 17-224 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 525 Delegate Ebersole, et alSTATE INCOME TAX – SUBTRACTION MODIFICATION –
ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION EXPENSES

Excluding from a subtraction modification certain contributions to and distributions from a certain investment plan that is used for certain elementary and secondary education expenses; and applying the Act to all taxable years beginning after December 31, 2018.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019

TG, §§ 10-207(s) and 10-208(o) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 526 Delegate Cullison, et alMEDICAL LABORATORIES – LABORATORY TESTS AND
PROCEDURES – ADVERTISING

Authorizing a person to directly or indirectly advertise for or solicit business in the State for a laboratory test or procedure ordered by a physician and performed by a medical laboratory that is certified under 42 U.S.C. § 263a; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2019

HG, § 17-215 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 527 Delegate Charkoudian, et al

PUBLIC HEALTH – COTTAGE FOOD PRODUCTS – DEFINITION

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 provisions of law and regulations adopted by the Department to retail food stores or food cooperatives.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2019

HG, § 21-301(b-2) - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 528 Delegate Smith, et al**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.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2019

PLL of Baltimore City, Art. 4, § 16-55 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 529 Delegate Crosby, et al**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

IN, § 3-103 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 530 Delegate Qi, et al**BALLOT ACCESS – VOTER REGISTRATION – AFFILIATING WITH A PARTY**

Allowing voters who have declined to affiliate with a political party to affiliate with a party at any time individuals may register to vote; requiring an election judge to follow certain procedures to determine the voter's qualification if a voter who has declined to affiliate with a political party requests to affiliate with a party during early voting; and altering provisions relating to early voting to allow voters who have declined to affiliate with a political party to affiliate with a party and be issued a ballot to vote.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2019

EL, §§ 3-303 and 3-305 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 531 Delegate Valentino–Smith, et al**STATE PERSONNEL – PAYMENT OF STATE EMPLOYEE WAGES – REPEAL OF SUNSET PROVISION**

Repealing the termination date for certain provisions of law requiring the Central Payroll Bureau of the Office of the State Comptroller to establish certain pay periods and pay certain employees at certain intervals, requiring appointing authorities to report certain payroll information to the Bureau in a certain manner, requiring the Bureau and the appointing authorities to provide certain information to each employee, establishing a certain grievance procedure, and allowing certain damages.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2019

Chapter 783 of the Acts of 2017, § 3 - amended

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 532 Delegates Stein and Guyton**PROTECTING NATURAL RESOURCES AND PRESERVING PRODUCTIVE FARMS – COMMISSION ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF A BLUEPRINT FOR SOLAR ENERGY IN MARYLAND**

Establishing the Commission on the Development of a Blueprint for Solar Energy in Maryland; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Commission; requiring the Commission to develop a certain blueprint to guide units of State and local government in evaluating proposed solar energy projects; requiring the Commission submit a certain report and blueprint to Governor and the General Assembly on or before January 1, 2020; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2019

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 533 Delegate B. Barnes, et al**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 two members 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 conduct certain activities in open session; establishing a Workgroup to Study Oversight of the University System of Maryland; terminating the Act after June 30, 2020; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019

ED, §§ 12-102 and 12-103 - amended

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 534 Delegate Ghrist, et al**PUBLIC SCHOOLS – STATE AID FOR SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION – ELIGIBLE COSTS**

Requiring the Interagency Commission on School Construction to adopt regulations that include certain land acquisition and architectural, engineering, consulting, and other planning costs as eligible public school construction or capital improvement costs that may be funded or paid by the State under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019

ED, § 5-303(a) - amended

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 535 Delegate Barve, et al**ELECTION LAW – DEADLINE FOR SELECTION OF LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR**

Proposing an amendment to the Maryland Constitution to repeal the requirement that a candidate for Governor who seeks nomination in a primary election designate a candidate for Lieutenant Governor at the time of filing a certificate of candidacy; requiring a candidate for Governor who seeks nomination in a primary election to designate a candidate for Lieutenant Governor at the time of filing a certificate of candidacy or within 21 days after the primary election; etc.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT – CONTINGENT

Maryland Constitution, Art. II, § 1B - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 536 Delegate Boteler, et al**EDUCATION – PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOLS – VIRTUAL LEARNING PROGRAMS**

Altering the definition of “public charter school” to include a virtual learning program; requiring a virtual learning program of a public charter school to employ a teacher with the same certification required by professional staff of other public schools.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019

ED, §§ 9-102, 9-102.1(a), 9-104(a)(1), and 9-105 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 537 Delegate Brooks, et al**INCOME TAX – SUBTRACTION MODIFICATION FOR VETERANS**

Allowing a \$3,000 subtraction modification under the Maryland income tax for certain veterans who are discharged or released under honorable circumstances from active military, naval, or air service of the United States; applying the Act to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2018.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019

TG, § 10-208(y) - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 538 Delegate Buckel**ALLEGANY COUNTY – VIDEO LOTTERY TERMINALS –
DISTRIBUTION OF PROCEEDS**

Repealing the alteration of the distribution of proceeds from video lottery terminals at a facility in Allegany County after 10 years of operations at the facility.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019

SG, §§ 9-1A-01(u)(3)(ii), 9-1A-26(a)(3), and 9-1A-27(b) and (c) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 539 Delegate Cassilly**ENVIRONMENT – REUSE OF WATER DIVERTED FROM SEPTIC
SYSTEMS**

Authorizing a person to use reusable diverted water on the site on which it originates for beneficial purposes, including gardening, composting, lawn watering, irrigation, and toilet and urinal flushing, in accordance with certain requirements; and defining the term “reusable diverted water” to mean water that is generated by backwashing an on-site water treatment system or using an ice maker and collected for reuse instead of discharged to an on-site sewage disposal system.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2019

EN, § 9-1113 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 540 Cecil County Delegation

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

CJ, §§ 2-309(i)(4) and 2-321(h) - amended

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 541 Delegate Cox, et al

PUBLIC SAFETY – PERMIT TO CARRY, WEAR, OR TRANSPORT A
HANDGUN – QUALIFICATIONS

Clarifying that personal protection or self-defense can qualify as a good and substantial reason to carry, wear, or transport a handgun for purposes of the issuance by the Secretary of State Police of a permit to carry, wear, or transport a handgun.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2019

PS, § 5-306(a) - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 542 Delegate Cox, et al

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

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 543 Delegate Jones, et al**MARYLAND TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION – INVESTMENTS AND OPERATIONS**

Requiring the Maryland Technology Development Corporation to recover from a business enterprise certain investments made from the Enterprise Fund if during the 3–year period following the investment award the business enterprise fails to maintain its status as a business enterprise; including in the Fund certain recovered money; and requiring the Maryland Venture Fund Authority to meet at least quarterly.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2019

EC, §§ 10-468, 10-469, and 10-478 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 544 Delegate Kipke, et al**PHARMACY BENEFITS – PROCESSING AND ADJUDICATION OF CLAIMS – RESTRICTIONS ON FEES**

Prohibiting pharmacy benefits managers and certain purchasers from directly or indirectly charging a contracted pharmacy, or holding a contracted pharmacy responsible for, fees related to the adjudication of certain claims.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019

IN, § 15-1628.2 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 545 Delegate Kipke, et al**HEALTH INSURANCE – FREEDOM OF CHOICE OF PHARMACY ACT**

Prohibiting certain carriers from prohibiting an enrollee from selecting, or limiting the ability of an enrollee to select, a pharmacy of the enrollee’s choice for the receipt of certain services; prohibiting certain carriers, under certain circumstances, from denying a pharmacy the right to participate as a contract provider under a health benefit plan if certain requirements are met or imposing on an enrollee certain payments, fees, reimbursement amounts, limitations, or conditions for certain services; etc.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2020

IN, §§ 15-805(d), 15-806, and 15-847(d) and (e) - repealed and §§ 15-2001 through 15-2005 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 546 Delegate Kipke, et al**HEALTH INSURANCE – ACCESS TO AND COVERAGE OF SPECIALTY DRUGS – DEFINITION**

Altering the definition of “specialty drug” for purposes of certain provisions of law governing access to specialty drugs through certain pharmacies to include a drug designated as a limited distribution drug, a drug that is not available in an oral or self-administered formulation, or a drug that requires special handling above and beyond refrigeration or patient counseling; etc.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2020

IN, § 15-847 - amended and § 15-847.1 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 547 Delegate Krebs, et al**STATE BOARD OF PHYSICIANS – NATUROPATHIC DOCTORS – FORMULARY CONTENT AND SCOPE OF PRACTICE**

Authorizing a certain formulary developed by the Naturopathic Doctors Formulary Council and adopted by the State Board of Physicians to include certain prescription drugs and devices; authorizing a licensed naturopathic doctor to dispense, order, or administer certain natural medicines in a certain manner; and authorizing a licensed naturopathic doctor to prescribe, dispense, and administer certain prescription drugs and medical foods in a certain manner.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2019

HO, §§ 14-5F-04.1(d) and 14-5F-14 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 548 Delegate Lierman, et al**COLLECTIVE BARGAINING – STUDENT ATHLETES**

Requiring the State Higher Education Labor Relations Board to adopt regulations authorizing and establishing the process for collective bargaining for student athletes on or before July 1, 2020.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019

SP, § 3-101(b) - amended and § 3-2A-10 - added

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 549 Delegate Lisanti, et al**ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – CLASS 1 DISTILLERY LICENSE – ON-SITE CONSUMPTION PERMIT**

Authorizing the holder of a Class 1 distillery license to sell mixed drinks made from liquor manufactured by the license holder and other ingredients for on-premises consumption; authorizing a local licensing board to grant an on-site consumption permit to the holder of a Class 1 distillery license; prohibiting the holder from using more than an aggregate of 7,750 gallons annually of liquor the holder produces for certain mixed drinks; prohibiting the permit holder from possessing more than 10 varieties of alcohol not produced by the holder; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019

AB, § 2-202 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 550 Delegate Lisanti, et al**ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – CLASS 9 LIMITED DISTILLERY LICENSE – ON-PREMISES CONSUMPTION PERMIT**

Authorizing the Comptroller to grant a Class 9 limited distillery license to the holder of an on-premises consumption permit; authorizing a local licensing board that does not issue a certain license to grant an on-premises and off-premises consumption permit; authorizing a holder of the permit to sell products the applicant produces for off-premises consumption and mixed drinks made from liquor that the holder produces and other ingredients for on-premises consumption; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019

AB, § 2-203 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 551 Delegate Lisanti, et al**ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – DISTILLERIES – FARMERS' MARKETS AND OTHER EVENTS**

Removing the limit on the number of farmers' markets at which the license holder may use a distillery off-site permit; and increasing from 6 to 32 the number of certain other events at which a distillery off-site permit may be used.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2019

AB, § 2-132.2 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 552 Delegate Malone**INTERCEPTION OF ORAL COMMUNICATION – LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER**

Providing that the failure of law enforcement to notify a certain individual that the individual is being recorded does not affect the admissibility of a certain recording.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2019

CJ, § 10-402(c)(11) - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 553 Delegate Malone**POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS – LEGAL NOTICE REQUIREMENTS – POSTING ON WEBSITES**

Authorizing a county or municipality to satisfy a requirement to publish legal notices in a newspaper of general circulation by posting the notices on the county's or municipality's website; requiring notices posted on a county or municipality website to be conspicuously displayed and to be easily accessible; requiring a county or municipality that chooses to post notices on the Internet to publish certain advance notice in a newspaper of general circulation in the county or municipality and to offer a certain mail service; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2019

LG, § 1-1313 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 554 Delegate Malone**CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – FORFEITURE PROCEEDINGS – NOTICE**

Authorizing a certain notice in a certain forfeiture proceeding to be posted for 30 consecutive days on an official website of the county in which the action is pending as an alternative to publishing the notice in a certain newspaper.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2019

CP, § 12-306 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 555 Delegate Malone**JUVENILE LAW – JUVENILE COURT JURISDICTION – ATTEMPTED CARJACKING**

Providing that the juvenile court does not have jurisdiction over a child at least 16 years old alleged to have committed attempted carjacking or attempted armed carjacking.

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CJ, § 3-8A-03(d)(4) - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 556 Delegate Hornberger**MARYLAND TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION – LIMITS OF LIABILITY**

Limiting the liability of the Maryland Transit Administration in a tort action to \$1,000,000 to a single claimant for injuries arising from a single incident or occurrence; and applying the Act prospectively.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2019

TR, § 7-702 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 557 Delegate Holmes**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 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; requiring a county or municipal corporation to enact certain laws authorizing in rem foreclosure and sale of certain real property; prohibiting a local government from filing a certain action until the Court of Appeals has adopted certain rules; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

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TP, § 14-811(a) - amended and §§ 14-811(e) and 14-873 through 14-878 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 558 Delegate Holmes**REAL PROPERTY – RESIDENTIAL LEASES – COLLECTIBLE RENT
(RENT TRANSPARENCY ACT)**

Authorizing a landlord who uses a written lease to collect certain fees and charges as rent under certain conditions; providing that the Act applies only if the written lease used by a landlord includes a certain provision and provides a certain notice; requiring a lease to include notice of the ratio utility billing system used to allocate certain charges, under certain circumstances; prohibiting a landlord from filing a complaint for repossession if the only unpaid fee or charge is for water and is under \$50; etc.

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RP, §§ 8-208 and 8-401(a) - amended and § 8-402.1(d) - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 559 Delegate Healey, et al**RAILROAD COMPANIES – CONDEMNATION AUTHORITY –
APPLICATION**

Establishing that certain authority of railroad companies to acquire property by condemnation does not apply to an entity that owns or operates a railroad powered by a magnetic levitation propulsion system, or passenger or freight transportation for which pressurized capsules or pods travel at high speed in reduced-pressure tubes.

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PU, § 5-409 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 560 Delegate Healey, et al**TRANSPORTATION – STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION –
TRAFFIC CALMING DEVICES**

Requiring the State Highway Administration to develop certain statewide standards for the construction and maintenance of traffic calming devices; requiring the Administration to publish a manual providing the statewide standards for the construction and maintenance of traffic calming devices; requiring the Administration to provide engineering services for the development, construction, and maintenance of traffic calming devices if requested by a county; etc.

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TR, § 8-637 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 561 Delegate Guyton, et al

CRIMINAL LAW – ABUSE OR NEGLECT OF A VULNERABLE ADULT
– PSYCHOLOGICAL ABUSE

Adding psychological abuse to the definition of “abuse” that applies to the prohibitions on causing certain types of abuse or neglect to a vulnerable adult.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2019

CR, § 3-604 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 562 Montgomery County Delegation

MONTGOMERY COUNTY – SALE OF RESIDENTIAL REAL PROPERTY
– SEPTIC SYSTEMS OUTREACH TOOLKIT MC 16–19

Requiring a vendor of residential real property served by a septic system in Montgomery County, on or before the execution of a contract for the sale of residential real property, to deliver certain Septic Systems Outreach Toolkit materials to each purchaser.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2019

RP, § 10-711 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation