



# SYNOPSIS

Senate Bills and Joint Resolutions  
2019 Maryland General Assembly Session

**January 14, 2019**  
**Schedule 3**

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**PLEASE NOTE:** January 22 – Bill request deadline.  
February 1 – Bill introduction deadline.  
All bills should be given to the Secretary of the Senate's office by 5:00 P.M. on Monday, February 4.  
As required by Senate Rule 32(b), bills introduced after this date will be referred to the Senate Rules Committee.

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## **SENATE BILLS INTRODUCED January 14, 2019**

**SB 96**     **Senator Washington, et al**

BALTIMORE CITY – TAX SALES OF REAL PROPERTY – WATER LIENS (WATER TAXPAYER PROTECTION ACT OF 2019)

Repealing the authority of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City to sell certain properties to enforce a lien for unpaid charges for water and sewer service if the properties are also being sold to enforce another lien; repealing the authority of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City to sell certain places of worship to enforce a lien for unpaid charges for water and sewer service; applying the Act prospectively; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019

TP, § 14-849.1 and Chapter 714 of the Acts of 2018, § 3 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

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**SB 97**      **Senators Hough and Zirkin****FIREARMS – RIGHT TO PURCHASE, POSSESS, AND CARRY – USE OF MEDICAL CANNABIS**

Providing that a person may not be denied the right to purchase, possess, or carry a firearm solely on the basis that the person is authorized to use medical cannabis.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2019

PS, § 5-701 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 98**      **Senator Hough, et al****FAMILY LAW – CHILD CONCEIVED WITHOUT CONSENT – CHILD SUPPORT**

Providing that, subject to certain conditions, a court order to terminate the parental rights of an individual convicted of or found by clear and convincing evidence to have committed an act of nonconsensual sexual conduct against the other parent resulting in the conception of a child does not affect the individual's responsibility to pay child support; providing that a parent may not bring an action for child support against a person whose parental rights have been terminated under certain circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2019

FL, § 5-1402 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 99**      **Senator Elfreth, et al****ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – PUBLIC SAFETY – BUILDINGS USED FOR AGRITOURISM**

Adding Anne Arundel County to the list of counties that exempt agricultural buildings used for agritourism from certain building performance standards; and exempting a building used for agritourism in Anne Arundel County from a certain permit requirement under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2019

PS, § 12-508 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 100 Senator Zirkin****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: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 101 Senator Zirkin****CIVIL ACTIONS – PRELITIGATION DISCOVERY OF INSURANCE COVERAGE**

Making certain provisions of law authorizing the prelitigation discovery of certain insurance coverage information relating to claims involving vehicle accidents applicable to claims involving any tort involving death or bodily injury; providing that an insurer is required to provide a claimant with documentation of the applicable limits of coverage only in a certain automobile insurance policy, homeowner's insurance policy, or renter's insurance policy; providing for the prospective application of the Act; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2019

CJ, §§ 10-1101 through 10-1104 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 102 Senator Zirkin****COURTS – DIRECT ACTION AGAINST INSURER**

Requiring a certain insurance policy issued, sold, or delivered in the State to be construed to make the insurer directly liable, within the terms and limits of the policy, to certain third-party claimants; providing that a third-party claimant has a right of direct action against a certain insurer subject to certain requirements; authorizing a third-party claimant to bring an action against the insurer alone or the insurer and the insured jointly under certain circumstances; applying the Act prospectively; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2019

CJ, §§ 3-1702(a) thru (c) & 5-118 and IN, § 27-1001(b), (c)(1), (d)(1), & (h)(1) and (2) - amended and CJ, §§ 3-1701 & 3-1703 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 103**     **Senator Zirkin, et al****CRIMINAL LAW – ELECTRONIC HARASSMENT AND BULLYING  
(GRACE’S LAW 2.0)**

Altering prohibited actions relating to electronic harassment of minors; prohibiting a person from maliciously engaging in electronic communication under certain circumstances with the intent to induce a minor to commit suicide; prohibiting a person from using an electronic communication to maliciously engage in a certain act or in a certain course of conduct; prohibiting a person from using a computer or a computer network to engage in certain activity with the intent to intimidate, torment, or harass a minor; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2019

CR, § 3-805 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 104**     **Washington County Senators****WASHINGTON COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – WINERIES –  
SPECIAL EVENT PERMITS**

Authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Washington County to permit a holder of a Class 3 winery license or Class 4 limited winery license that has been issued a special event permit to sell for on-premises consumption naturally or artificially carbonated sparkling wine not produced by the license holder; increasing to 85 the number of times a license holder may use a special events permit in a year; authorizing the Board to allow a license holder to use a special event permit more than 85 times in a year; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2019

AB, § 31-402.1 and Chapter 432 of the Acts of 2017, § 2 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 105**     **Senator Simonaire**

MARYLAND VETERANS SERVICE ANIMAL PROGRAM – THERAPY HORSES

Altering the definition of “nonprofit training entity” for the purposes of the Maryland Veterans Service Animal Program to include an entity that uses trained therapy horses for interaction with veterans; altering the duties of a nonprofit training entity selected under the Program; and altering the circumstances under which a nonprofit training entity selected under the Program is authorized to disqualify a Program participant from participation in the Program.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2019

SG, § 9-957 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs