



MARYLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY
DEPARTMENT OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES

Effective Dates

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SB 767
Chapter 33

Senator Smith

**CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – SEXUAL ASSAULT EVIDENCE
COLLECTION KITS – ANALYSIS**

Requiring that a sexual assault evidence collection kit be submitted to a forensic laboratory for analysis unless a certain requirement is met; requiring that a victim who wishes to remain anonymous and not file a criminal complaint be informed that the victim may initiate a criminal complaint at a future time; requiring a certain law enforcement agency that receives a sexual assault evidence collection kit to submit the kit and all requested associated reference standards for forensic analysis within 30 days of receipt of the kit; etc.

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HB 1096
Chapter 34

Delegate Hettleman, et al

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SB 29 **Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental –**
Chapter 102 **Maryland Insurance Administration)**

**INSURANCE – LICENSURE OF INSURANCE PRODUCERS AND
PUBLIC ADJUSTERS – CONTINUING EDUCATION
REQUIREMENTS**

Requiring insurance producers and public adjusters to complete the continuing education required under certain provisions of law not later than 15 days before the expiration of the license; requiring that certain regulations require providers of continuing education to submit evidence of course completion to the Commissioner within 10 days after completing a course of continuing education; requiring the Commissioner to report on the effectiveness of certain course offerings to certain legislative committees by December 31, 2019; etc.
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SB 607 **Senator Hester, et al**
Chapter 331 **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.

SB 631 **Senator Augustine**
Chapter 357 **HEALTH INSURANCE – COVERAGE FOR MENTAL HEALTH**
BENEFITS AND SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER BENEFITS –
TREATMENT CRITERIA

Requiring an insurer, nonprofit health service plan, or health maintenance organization to use the most recent treatment criteria developed by the American Society of Addiction Medicine for addictive, substance-related, and co-occurring conditions for all medical necessity and utilization management determinations for substance use disorder benefits; applying the Act to all policies, contracts, and health benefit plans issued, delivered or renewed in the State on or after January 1, 2020; etc.

HB 599 Delegates Kelly and Hill**Chapter 358****HEALTH INSURANCE – COVERAGE FOR MENTAL HEALTH BENEFITS AND SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER BENEFITS – TREATMENT CRITERIA**

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HB 968 Delegate W. Fisher, et al**Chapter 378****CRIMINAL INJURIES COMPENSATION BOARD – COMPENSATION TO CLAIMANTS**

Altering the maximum amounts of certain compensation awardable by the Criminal Injuries Compensation Board; authorizing the Board to negotiate a settlement with a person that has provided certain funeral or death-related services; altering the time within which a claimant is required to file a claim for compensation from the Board; authorizing a claimant to file a claim with the Board electronically in a certain manner; prohibiting certain persons from engaging in certain debt collection activities under certain circumstances; etc.

HB 1080 Delegate Krimm, et al**Chapter 379****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.

HB 1284**Chapter 402****Delegate Luedtke****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 action 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 up to 60 business days of unpaid organ donation leave in a 12-month period under certain circumstances; etc.

Section 1 only**HB 1003****Chapter 471****Delegate Valderrama, et al****VEHICLE LAWS – RENTAL VEHICLES – SECURITY**

Establishing that the owner of a rental vehicle may satisfy a certain insurance requirement by maintaining a certain security that is secondary to any other valid and collectible coverage under certain circumstances and subject to a certain exception; providing that security maintained by the owner of a rental vehicle or replacement vehicle is primary under certain circumstances; requiring the owner of a rental vehicle to provide a certain notice to the renter of the rental vehicle; etc.

SB 436**Chapter 472****Senator Klausmeier, et al****VEHICLE LAWS – RENTAL VEHICLES – SECURITY**

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HB 193 **Delegate Barron, et al****Chapter 533****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.

HB 751 **Delegate Hill****Chapter 549****HEALTH INSURANCE – PRIOR AUTHORIZATION – REQUIREMENTS**

Requiring certain insurers, health service plans, and health maintenance organizations to allow a health care provider to indicate whether a prescription drug is to be used to treat a chronic condition; prohibiting an entity from requesting a reauthorization for a repeat prescription for 1 year or for the standard course of treatment for the chronic condition being treated, whichever is less; requiring a certain entity to maintain a certain database for prior authorizations that are filed electronically; etc.

HB 1209 **Delegate Kaiser, et al****Chapter 730****PROPERTY TAX – COLLECTION OF UNPAID TAXES AND TAX SALES**

Establishing a State Tax Sale Ombudsman in the State Department of Assessments and Taxation; authorizing the governing body of a county or a municipal corporation to withhold from tax sale a dwelling owned by a homeowner who meets certain criteria; requiring certain notices sent to property owners whose properties are subject to tax sale to include a certain summary of the tax sale process and certain information concerning the State Tax Sale Ombudsman; etc.

2018 Chapters – Effective January 1, 2020

HB 1662

Chapter 237

Delegate Kramer, et al

BUSINESS REGULATION – RETAIL PET STORES

Prohibiting retail pet stores from offering for sale, transferring, or disposing of cats or dogs; repealing certain provisions of law that authorize the sale of certain cats and dogs and set forth the requirements for a retail pet store that offers to sell certain cats or dogs under certain circumstances; stating the intent of the General Assembly that animal welfare organizations initiate contact with retail pet stores to facilitate the showcasing of dogs and cats for adoption or for purchase from local breeders; etc.

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HB 1283

Chapter 450

Delegate Kelly, et al

HEALTH INSURANCE – PRESCRIPTION CONTRACEPTIVES – COVERAGE FOR SINGLE DISPENSING

Altering, from a 6-month to a 12-month period, the length for which a certain insurer, nonprofit health service plan, and health maintenance organization is required to provide coverage for a single dispensing of a supply of prescription contraceptives; providing that a certain provision of the Act may not be construed to require a provider to prescribe, furnish, or dispense contraceptives for 12 months at one time; etc.

HB 1766

Chapter 462

Delegate Bromwell, et al

SENIOR PRESCRIPTION DRUG ASSISTANCE PROGRAM – SUNSET EXTENSION AND REPEAL OF SUBSIDY FOR MEDICARE PART D COVERAGE GAP

Extending to December 31, 2024, the termination date of the Senior Prescription Drug Assistance Program; altering the period of time during which the subsidy required under the Program may not exceed a certain amount; repealing the requirement that the Program annually provide a certain subsidy of up to the full amount of the Medicare Part D coverage gap; etc.

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SB 1208 **Senator Klausmeier, et al****Chapter 463****SENIOR PRESCRIPTION DRUG ASSISTANCE PROGRAM –
SUNSET EXTENSION AND REPEAL OF SUBSIDY FOR
MEDICARE PART D COVERAGE GAP**

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Section 2 only**SB 52** **Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental –**
Chapter 664 **Maryland Insurance Administration)****INSURANCE – MEDICARE SUPPLEMENT POLICY PLANS –
CONFORMITY TO FEDERAL LAW**

Altering references to certain Medicare supplement policy plans to conform with certain provisions in federal law; etc.