



MARYLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY
DEPARTMENT OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES

Effective Dates

2020 Budget Bill – Effective March 18, 2020

(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.”)

SB 190 **The President (By Request – Administration)**
Chapter 19 **BUDGET BILL (FISCAL YEAR 2021)**

Making the proposed appropriations contained in the State Budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021, in accordance with Article III, Section 52 of the Maryland Constitution; etc.

2020 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.)

SB 251 **Senator Pinsky**

Chapter 10

ELECTION LAW – SPECIAL ELECTIONS – CALENDAR REVISIONS

Altering the deadline by which a certificate of candidacy for an office to be filled by a special election is required to be filed; establishing the filing deadline for a certificate of candidacy for a special election of a write-in candidate; providing that a certain individual may not file a certificate of candidacy if there are 64 days or fewer before the date of the election; establishing a filing deadline for a certificate of nomination; providing that a certain judicial review be sought by a certain date; etc.

SB 1079 **The President (By Request – Administration)**

Chapter 12

STATE BUDGET – REVENUE STABILIZATION ACCOUNT TRANSFERS – CORONAVIRUS

Allowing the Governor to transfer by budget amendment up to \$50,000,000 from the Revenue Stabilization Account to fund costs associated with the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19); requiring the Governor to provide the Legislative Policy Committee with at least 7 days for review before transferring the funds; requiring, within 60 days of the release of funds, the Department of Budget and Management to submit a report to the Legislative Policy Committee and the General Assembly on the use of the funds per unit of State government; etc.

SB 1080 **The President and Senator Lam****Chapter 13**

STATE GOVERNMENT – STATE OF EMERGENCY AND CATASTROPHIC HEALTH EMERGENCY – AUTHORITY OF GOVERNOR AND UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE BENEFITS (COVID–19 PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY PROTECTION ACT OF 2020)

Authorizing the Governor to take certain actions as a result of the issuance by the Governor on March 5, 2020, of the proclamation declaring a state of emergency for the duration of a certain emergency; providing that a certain alternative workweek may allow an employee to work certain hours or shifts; requiring that an employee authorized to work an alternative workweek is considered a full–time employee; etc.

HB 1663 **The Speaker****Chapter 14**

STATE GOVERNMENT – STATE OF EMERGENCY AND CATASTROPHIC HEALTH EMERGENCY – AUTHORITY OF GOVERNOR AND UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE BENEFITS (COVID–19 PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY PROTECTION ACT OF 2020)

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- HB 448**
Chapter 15 **Delegate Rosenberg, et al**
HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONERS – TELEHEALTH AND SHORTAGE
- Authorizing certain health care practitioners to establish a practitioner–patient relationship through telehealth interactions; requiring a health care practitioner providing telehealth services to be held to the same standards of practice that are applicable to in–person settings and, if clinically appropriate, provide or refer a patient for in–patient services or another type of telehealth service; prohibiting a health care practitioner from prescribing a certain opiate through telehealth except under certain circumstances; etc.
- SB 402**
Chapter 16 **Senators Kagan and Lam**
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- Authorizing certain health care practitioners to establish a practitioner–patient relationship through telehealth interactions; requiring a health care practitioner providing telehealth services to be held to the same standards of practice that are applicable to in–person settings and, if clinically appropriate, provide or refer a patient for in–patient services or another type of telehealth service; prohibiting a health care practitioner from prescribing a certain opiate through telehealth except under certain circumstances; etc.
- HB 1208**
Chapter 17 **Delegate Shetty, et al**
TELEHEALTH – MENTAL HEALTH AND CHRONIC CONDITION MANAGEMENT SERVICES – COVERAGE AND PILOT PROGRAM
- Requiring the Maryland Medical Assistance Program, subject to a certain limitation, to provide mental health services appropriately delivered through telehealth to a patient in the patient’s home setting; requiring the Maryland Department of Health to apply, on or before December 1, 2020, to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services for an amendment to certain waivers to implement a pilot program to provide certain telehealth services to recipients under the Maryland Medical Assistance Program; etc.

- SB 502**
Chapter 18 **Senators Hershey and Ferguson**
TELEHEALTH – MENTAL HEALTH AND CHRONIC CONDITION MANAGEMENT SERVICES – COVERAGE AND PILOT PROGRAM
- Requiring the Maryland Medical Assistance Program to provide, subject to a certain limitation, mental health services appropriately delivered through telehealth to a patient in the patient’s home setting; altering the definition of telehealth as it applies to certain entities; requiring the Maryland Department of Health to apply to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services for an amendment to certain waivers to implement a pilot program to provide telehealth services under the Maryland Medical Assistance Program; etc.
- HB 37**
Chapter 36 **Delegate Palakovich Carr**
ELECTION LAW – ABSENTEE VOTING – REFERENCES IN PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS AND PREPAID POSTAGE FOR RETURN OF BALLOTS
- Requiring the State Board of Elections and each local board of elections to refer to absentee ballots as “mail-in” ballots and absentee voting as “mail-in voting” in all communications; requiring the State Board and each local board to include in public communications a statement that “mail-in voting” is referred to as absentee voting in the Maryland Constitution, the Annotated Code of Maryland and the Code of Maryland Regulations; making provision for absentee ballots to include prepaid return postage; etc.
- SB 145**
Chapter 37 **Senator Hester**
ELECTION LAW – ABSENTEE VOTING – REFERENCES IN PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS AND PREPAID POSTAGE FOR RETURN OF BALLOTS
- Requiring the State Board of Elections and each local board of elections to refer to absentee ballots as “mail-in ballots” and absentee voting as “mail-in voting” in all communications; requiring the State Board and each local board to include in public communications a statement that “mail-in voting” is referred to as absentee voting in the Maryland Constitution, the Annotated Code of Maryland, and the Code of Maryland Regulations; making provision for absentee ballots to include prepaid return postage; etc.

- HB 911**
Chapter 597 **Delegate Gilchrist, et al**
NATURAL RESOURCES – FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLANS – OYSTERS
- Altering the date from June 1, 2019, to April 1, 2020, by which the Department of Natural Resources is required to convene in a certain manner the Oyster Advisory Commission; altering the version of the fishery management plan for oysters that the Department is required to develop before taking certain management action governing oyster sanctuaries; requiring the Department to include certain information in the interim report to be submitted by August 1, 2021, to the Governor and the General Assembly; etc.
- SB 808**
Chapter 598 **Senator Elfreth**
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- HB 330**
Chapter 599 **Anne Arundel County Delegation**
ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – PETITION OF SUPPORT
- Repealing, in Anne Arundel County, the requirement that certain applicants for certain local alcoholic beverages licenses include a petition of support with the license application.
- SB 57**
Chapter 600 **Senator Simonaire, et al**
ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – PETITION OF SUPPORT
- Repealing, in Anne Arundel County, the requirement that certain applicants for certain local alcoholic beverages licenses include a petition of support with the license application.

- HB 536** **Anne Arundel County Delegation**
Chapter 601 ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – LIQUOR LICENSES – TRANSFER
OF LICENSE
- Authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Anne Arundel County to allow an approved applicant to transfer an alcoholic beverages license to other premises within one-half mile of the premises for which the license was issued if the premises is substantially destroyed by fire, explosion, or catastrophe, taken by condemnation, taken by the exercise of the power of eminent domain, or no longer leased by the license holder due to the delay of a court case or other administrative process delay; and applying the Act retroactively.
- HB 106** **Delegate Krebs, et al**
Chapter 602 HEALTH OCCUPATIONS – MORTICIANS AND FUNERAL
DIRECTORS – APPRENTICESHIPS
- Increasing the cap, from 2 to 4 years, that an applicant for a mortician or funeral director license may spend as an apprentice except under certain circumstances; requiring certain applicants and licensed apprentices to submit to the Maryland State Board of Morticians and Funeral Directors a certain letter from the Director of the Mortuary Science program in which the applicant is enrolled; requiring the practical experience for an apprentice to include at least 1,000 hours in a funeral establishment under supervision; etc.
- SB 439** **Senator Klausmeier**
Chapter 603 HEALTH OCCUPATIONS – MORTICIANS AND FUNERAL
DIRECTORS – APPRENTICESHIPS
- Increasing the cap, from 2 to 4 years, that an applicant for a mortician or funeral director license may spend as an apprentice except under certain circumstances; requiring certain applicants and licensed apprentices to submit to the Maryland State Board of Morticians and Funeral Directors a certain letter from the Director of the Mortuary Science program in which the applicant is enrolled; requiring the practical experience for an apprentice to include at least 1,000 hours in a funeral establishment under supervision; etc.

- HB 6**
Chapter 604 **Delegate Krebs, et al**
PUBLIC SAFETY – 9–1–1 FEES – AUDITS
- Requiring telephone companies and commercial mobile radio service (CMRS) providers to keep records of 9–1–1 fees collected and remitted for at least four years after the fees are remitted; requiring the Comptroller, in consultation with the Emergency Number Systems Board, to adopt procedures for auditing surcharge collection and remittance by telephones companies and CMRS providers; providing the Comptroller is entitled to .5% of the fees to cover the expense of conducting audits; authorizing the Comptroller to adopt certain regulations; etc.
- SB 61**
Chapter 605 **Senators Kagan and Reilly**
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- HB 999**
Chapter 606 **Delegate Sample–Hughes, et al**
MEMBER–REGULATED COOPERATIVES – ESTABLISHMENT
(RURAL BROADBAND FOR THE EASTERN SHORE ACT OF 2020)
- Establishing a process for an electric cooperative to operate as a member–regulated cooperative in a certain area; requiring a cooperative’s board of directors to hold a certain meeting and forums and provide a certain notice and information to the cooperative’s members on whether to operate as a member–regulated cooperative; requiring a member–regulated cooperative to report to certain committees of the General Assembly on the status of the deployment of broadband Internet service to the cooperative’s members; etc.

HB 40
Chapter 607 **Delegate Barron, et al**
CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – EVIDENCE – CAUSING
UNAVAILABILITY OF WITNESS

Altering the standard of proof by which the court must make a certain finding relating to the admission in evidence, during certain criminal trials, of a statement offered against a party who caused the unavailability of the declarant of the statement under certain circumstances; etc.

SB 64
Chapter 608 **Senator Lee**
CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – EVIDENCE – CAUSING
UNAVAILABILITY OF WITNESS

Altering certain provisions relating to the admission in evidence, during certain criminal trials, of a statement offered against a party who caused the unavailability of the declarant of the statement under certain circumstances.

HB 789
Chapter 609 **Washington County Delegation**
WASHINGTON COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES –
WINERIES – SPECIAL EVENT PERMITS

Establishing a special event permit in Washington County; authorizing a holder of a Class 3 winery license or a Class 4 limited winery license in the county to sell beer, wine produced by the holder, certain sparkling wine, and liquor for on-premises consumption at certain events under the permit; requiring a license holder to purchase certain alcoholic beverages from a licensed retailer; requiring a license holder to keep receipts of purchase of alcoholic beverages for 1 year after the date of purchase; etc.

- HB 28**
Chapter 610 **Delegate Ebersole**
VEHICLE LAWS – DRIVER’S LICENSES CONFISCATED FOR REAL ID COMPLIANCE – ISSUANCE AND DISPLAY OF RECALL NOTICE
- Authorizing certain individuals to satisfy the requirement to possess and display a driver’s license while driving a motor vehicle by carrying and displaying a certain recall notice issued under the Act within the previous 60 days; requiring a law enforcement officer who confiscates an individual’s driver’s license for certain reasons to provide the holder of the license with a certain recall notice; and requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration to develop the form for the recall notice and provide the form to law enforcement agencies.
- HB 56**
Chapter 611 **Delegate Arentz, et al**
CHESAPEAKE BAY BRIDGE – RECONSTRUCTION ADVISORY GROUP AND TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES PROJECTS
- Establishing the Chesapeake Bay Bridge Reconstruction Advisory Group for the purpose of providing the Maryland Transportation Authority with an independent, citizen-informed perspective on the Authority’s operations at the Chesapeake Bay Bridge; requiring the Advisory Group to assist the Authority in assessing potential concerns and educating the public about certain activity; prohibiting the State or a reporting agency from transferring ownership, operation or management of existing transportation facilities to a certain entity; etc.
- HB 560**
Chapter 612 **Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee**
STATE BOARD OF PHYSICIANS AND ALLIED HEALTH ADVISORY COMMITTEES – SUNSET EXTENSION AND PROGRAM EVALUATION
- Continuing the State Board of Physicians and the related allied health advisory committees by extending to July 1, 2030, the termination provisions relating to statutory and regulatory authority of the State Board of Physicians and the committees; altering the reasons for which a disciplinary panel of the Board is authorized to deny a certain license or refuse to renew or reinstate an applicant’s license under certain circumstances; altering the content of a certain annual report by the Board; etc.
- Contingency – Section 2 only**

SB 395 Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs
Chapter 613 Committee

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ADVISORY COMMITTEES – SUNSET EXTENSION AND
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Contingency – Section 2 only

HB 652 Delegate Kipke, et al

Chapter 614 MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM AND HEALTH
INSURANCE – SPECIALTY DRUGS – DEFINITION

Prohibiting the Secretary of Health from considering certain drugs to be specialty drugs for the purposes of providing services under the Maryland Medical Assistance Program; altering the definition of “specialty drug” for the purpose of excluding prescription drugs prescribed to treat certain conditions from the authority of certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations to require certain drugs be obtained through a certain pharmacy and to provide coverage through a managed care system; etc.

SB 931 **Senator Hayes****Chapter 615****MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM AND HEALTH INSURANCE – SPECIALTY DRUGS – DEFINITION**

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HB 671 **Delegate Shetty, et al****Chapter 616****HEALTH SAVINGS ACCOUNTS – ESTABLISHMENT AND APPLICATION OF TRUST LAW**

Authorizing the establishment of a certain health savings account; providing that certain provisions of law do not apply to certain health savings accounts; providing that a health savings account is established on the first day that an individual becomes covered under a high deductible health plan; requiring a health savings account to be opened with a trustee or custodian within a certain time period; and clarifying that a health savings account is established regardless of certain circumstances.

SB 507 **Senator West****Chapter 617****HEALTH SAVINGS ACCOUNTS – ESTABLISHMENT AND APPLICATION OF TRUST LAW**

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HB 735 **Allegheny County Delegation****Chapter 618****TASK FORCE ON THE CANAL PLACE PRESERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY – REESTABLISHMENT**

Reestablishing the Task Force on the Canal Place Preservation and Development Authority, which was originally established by Chapter 789 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2018; providing for the composition, chair, staffing, and purpose of the Task Force; prohibiting a member of the Task Force from receiving certain compensation, but authorizing the reimbursement of certain expenses; requiring the Task Force to consult with certain entities and study and make recommendations on certain matters; etc.

SB 421 **Senator Edwards****Chapter 619****TASK FORCE ON THE CANAL PLACE PRESERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY – REESTABLISHMENT**

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HB 959 **Delegate Pendergrass, et al****Chapter 620****HEALTH INSURANCE – CONSUMER PROTECTIONS**

Authorizing the Maryland Insurance Commissioner to enforce certain provisions of law under certain applicable powers; requiring the Commissioner to adopt certain regulations under certain circumstances that are consistent with certain federal regulations, rules, and guidance; prohibiting certain carriers from excluding or limiting certain benefits or denying certain coverage because a certain health condition was present on a certain date; etc.

SB 872 **Senator Feldman, et al****Chapter 621** **HEALTH INSURANCE – CONSUMER PROTECTIONS**

Authorizing the Maryland Insurance Commissioner to enforce certain provisions of law under certain applicable powers; requiring the Commissioner to adopt certain regulations under certain circumstances that are consistent with certain federal regulations, rules, and guidance; prohibiting certain carriers from excluding or limiting certain benefits or denying certain coverage because a certain health condition was present on a certain date; etc.

HB 1493 **Delegate Hartman, et al****Chapter 622** **WORCESTER COUNTY – SPECIAL EVENT ZONES – PROHIBITIONS**

Prohibiting a person from engaging in exhibition driving within a special event zone in Worcester County; prohibiting a person from committing certain violations of the Maryland Vehicle Law within a special event zone in Worcester County; defining the term “exhibition driving” to include the operation of a vehicle in a manner that produces abrupt acceleration or deceleration, skidding, swerving, raucous engine noise, gear grinding, or wheels losing contact with the ground; establishing certain penalties for violations of the Act; etc.

SB 878 **Senator Carozza, et al****Chapter 623** **WORCESTER COUNTY – SPECIAL EVENT ZONES – PROHIBITIONS**

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- HB 617**
Chapter 624 **Delegate Johnson, et al**
PUBLIC AND NONPUBLIC SCHOOLS – MEDICAL CANNABIS –
POLICY FOR ADMINISTRATION DURING SCHOOL HOURS AND
EVENTS (CONNOR AND RAINA’S LAW)
- Authorizing a parent or legal guardian of a medical cannabis patient under the age of 18 years to designate not more than two additional adults to be a caregiver, in addition to the parent or legal guardian; specifying that the definition of “caregiver” does not include designated school personnel; authorizing a qualified patient under the age of 18 years to obtain medical cannabis from certain designated school personnel; exempting certain caregivers and school personnel from certain penalties related to the administration of cannabis; etc.
- SB 604**
Chapter 625 **Senator Feldman, et al**
PUBLIC AND NONPUBLIC SCHOOLS – MEDICAL CANNABIS –
POLICY FOR ADMINISTRATION DURING SCHOOL HOURS AND
EVENTS (CONNOR AND RAINA’S LAW)
- Authorizing a parent or legal guardian of a medical cannabis patient under the age of 18 years to designate not more than two additional adults to be a caregiver, in addition to the parent or legal guardian; specifying that the definition of “caregiver” does not include designated school personnel; authorizing a qualified patient under the age of 18 years to obtain medical cannabis from certain designated school personnel; exempting certain caregivers and school personnel from certain penalties related to the administration of cannabis; etc.
- SB 126**
Chapter 626 **Senator Reilly**
ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES –
ENTERTAINMENT FACILITIES
- Specifying the manner in which the holder of an entertainment facility license in Anne Arundel County may sell beer, wine, and liquor; altering the scope of certain entertainment that may be performed in the licensed premises; authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Anne Arundel County to authorize the sale of alcoholic beverages for a promotional event in certain areas adjacent to the entertainment facility; authorizing the Board to revoke a certain license after a finding that a certain activity has occurred; etc.

SB 748 **The President (By Request – Department of Legislative Services)**
Chapter 627

ANNUAL CURATIVE BILL

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

SB 749 **The President (By Request – Department of Legislative Services)**
Chapter 628

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.