PLEASE NOTE: The following legislation was prefiled for the 2020 Session. House Bill 2 will appear in later synopses.

**HOUSE BILLS INTRODUCED JANUARY 8, 2020**

**HB 1**  The Speaker, et al  
**BUILT TO LEARN ACT OF 2020**

Requiring or authorizing, under certain circumstances, the Maryland Stadium Authority to contract for, manage, and oversee certain public school facility projects; authorizing the Prince George’s County government and Board of Education to enter into a certain public–private partnership to enhance the delivery of public school construction projects in the county; requiring the Governor, beginning in fiscal year 2020, to include in the annual budget certain supplemental funding to be used for certain educational purposes; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate
This bill requires a mandated appropriation in the annual budget bill.
CONTINGENT – VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES
EC, ED, SF, and SG, Various Sections - amended and added and ED, §§ 5-317 and 5-324 - repealed
Assigned to: Appropriations
HB 3 Delegate D.E. Davis

BUSINESS REGULATION – FLAVORED TOBACCO PRODUCTS – PROHIBITION

Providing that licenses to manufacture, sell, buy, and store cigarettes, other tobacco products, and electronic smoking devices do not authorize the licensee to manufacture, ship, import, or sell into or within the State a tobacco product with a taste or smell of fruit, mint, candy, or other non–tobacco flavors; providing that a public statement that cigarettes, other tobacco products, or electronic smoking devices have or produce a certain smell or taste is presumptive evidence that they are flavored tobacco products: etc.
EMERGENCY BILL
BR, Various Sections - amended
Assigned to: Economic Matters and Health and Government Operations

HB 4 Delegate Atterbeary

PUBLIC SAFETY – RIFLES AND SHOTGUNS – SECONDARY TRANSACTIONS

Providing that a person who is not a certain licensee may not complete the transfer of a certain rifle or shotgun as transferor or transferee, except under certain circumstances; requiring, before a certain transfer is conducted, the transferor and transferee to meet jointly with a certain licensee and request that the licensee facilitate the transfer; requiring a licensee to take certain actions when facilitating a transfer; providing certain penalties; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020
PS, § 5-201 - amended and § 5-204.1 - added
Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 5 Delegate Chang

CRIMES – HATE CRIMES – USE OF AN ITEM OR A SYMBOL TO THREATEN OR INTIMIDATE

Prohibiting a person from placing or inscribing an item or a symbol, including an actual or depicted noose or swastika, whether temporary or permanent, on any real or personal property, public or private, without the express permission of the owner, owner’s agent, or lawful occupant of the property, with the intent to threaten or intimidate any person or group of persons; and establishing that a penalty of imprisonment not exceeding 3 years or a fine not exceeding $5,000 or both applies to a violation of the Act.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020
CR, § 10-305.1 - added
Assigned to: Judiciary
HB 6  Delegates Krebs and M. Jackson
PUBLIC SAFETY – 9-1-1 FEES – AUDITS

Requiring the Comptroller, in consultation with the Emergency Number Systems Board, rather than the Board, to adopt procedures for certain auditing surcharge collection and remittance; requiring that the procedures be consistent with certain audit and appeal procedures; authorizing the Comptroller to issue an administrative subpoena to compel compliance with a certain audit; requiring the Comptroller to develop and distribute informational materials to telephone companies and commercial mobile radio service providers; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL
PS, § 1-310 - amended
Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 7  Delegate Healey
ENVIRONMENT – PUBLIC AND NONPUBLIC SCHOOLS – INSPECTIONS FOR MOLD HAZARDS AND MOLD OR MOISTURE PROBLEMS

Requiring the Department of the Environment, in consultation with certain State agencies, to adopt regulations to require periodic inspections for the presence of mold hazards and mold or moisture problems in each occupied public or nonpublic school facility in the State; authorizing the Department of the Environment along with the State Department of Education, to grant a waiver from certain inspection requirements; requiring an annual report to the Governor and General Assembly on the findings of the inspections; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020
EN, §§ 6-1601 through 6-1604 - added
Assigned to: Ways and Means and Environment and Transportation
HB 8  Delegate Arentz

ILLEGAL DUMPING AND LITTER CONTROL LAW – YARD WASTE

Expanding the Illegal Dumping and Litter Control Law to include yard waste; establishing a penalty for a violation of the Act; prohibiting a court from imposing less than the mandatory minimum fine of $50 for a violation of the Act; and requiring a court to order a person found guilty of disposing of yard waste in violation of the Act to remove or render harmless the yard waste or reimburse the State, county, municipal corporation, or bi–county unit for its costs incurred in removing the yard waste.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020
CR, § 10-110 - amended
Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 9  Delegate Guyton, et al

MARYLAND HORSE INDUSTRY BOARD – BREEDING STABLES AND HORSE ESTABLISHMENTS – DEFINITIONS

Defining the term “breeding stable” as it relates to licensure, inspection, and regulation by the Maryland Horse Industry Board; and altering the definition of “horse establishment” to include a breeding stable.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020
AG, § 2-701 - amended
Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 10  Delegate Ebersole

PUBLIC BUILDINGS – CHANGING FACILITIES FOR ADULT DIAPERS

Requiring, except under certain circumstances, that a diaper–changing facility suitable for changing the diaper of an adult be installed in newly constructed public buildings or public restrooms, or in a public restroom that undergoes substantial renovation, after October 1, 2020; requiring certain entities to report to the Department of General Services the location of a suitable adult diaper–changing facility; requiring the Department to maintain a list of the locations of diaper–changing facilities on its website; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020
SF, §§ 2-801 through 2-803 - amended
Assigned to: Health and Government Operations
HB 11  Delegate Cardin  
JUDGES – ELECTION, RETENTION, AND MANDATORY RETIREMENT AGE  
Proposing an amendment to the Maryland Constitution to provide for retention elections for judges of the circuit courts; proposing an amendment to the Maryland Constitution altering the mandatory retirement age for certain judges under certain circumstances; 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; etc.  
CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT – CONTINGENT  
Maryland Constitution, Art. IV, §§ 3, 3A, 5A, and 41D - amended, § 18B - repealed, and §§ 5B and 18B - added  
Assigned to: Judiciary and Ways and Means

HB 12  Delegate Rogers, et al  
DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS – HOMES FOR VETERANS – VETERANS OF UNIFORMED SERVICE  
Altering the eligibility for a certain veteran to reside at a home for veterans that is supervised by the Department of Veterans Affairs to include a certain veteran of active service with a uniformed service of the United States, including the Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard, Public Health Service Commissioned Corps, and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Commissioned Officer Corps.  
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020  
SG, §§ 9-901 and 9-911 - amended  
Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 13  Delegate Hartman, et al  
SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT – PROHIBITION ON RELEASING A BALLOON INTO THE ATMOSPHERE  
Prohibiting a person from knowingly and intentionally releasing or causing to be released, or organizing the release of, a certain balloon into the atmosphere; authorizing the Department to delegate certain enforcement authority to a certain unit, officer, or official of a local government; requiring a certain unit, officer, or official of a local government with delegated enforcement authority to report certain violations to the Department; establishing a maximum civil penalty of $250 for a violation of the Act; etc.  
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020  
EN, § 9-2301 - added  
Assigned to: Environment and Transportation
HB 14  Delegate Queen

EQUAL PAY FOR EQUAL WORK – INQUIRING ABOUT WAGES – PROHIBITION ON ADVERSE ACTION

Prohibiting an employer from taking any adverse employment action against an employee for inquiring about the employee’s wages.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020
LE, § 3-304.1(a) - amended
Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 15  Delegate Harrison

PUBLIC SCHOOLS – STUDENT HEALTH – CERTIFICATE OF DENTAL HEALTH

Requiring, beginning in the 2022–2023 school year, each student enrolled in a public elementary or secondary school in the State to submit a certificate of dental health to the school on a schedule established by the Department; and requiring the State Department of Education, in consultation with the Maryland Department of Health, to adopt certain regulations and to develop and disseminate a standard form for a certificate of dental health to county boards of education and certain parents and guardians.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020
ED, § 7-402.1 - added
Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 16  Delegate Adams

SALES AND USE TAX – AIRCRAFT PARTS AND EQUIPMENT – EXEMPTION

Providing an exemption from the sales and use tax for materials, parts, and equipment used to repair, maintain, or upgrade aircraft or the avionics systems of aircraft if the materials, parts, or equipment are installed on the aircraft in certain circumstances; requiring the Comptroller to report to the General Assembly by December 31 each year on the amount of sales and use tax revenue lost from the exemption and any change to the number of aviation technicians employed in the State as a result of the exemption; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020
TG, § 11-236 - added
Assigned to: Ways and Means
HB 17 Delegate Arentz
MARYLAND AGRICULTURAL LAND PRESERVATION FOUNDATION – VALUATION OF EASEMENT

Authorizing the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation to use a fair market value determined in accordance with certain provisions of law for up to 2 years after the date on which the Foundation was first requested in writing to purchase the easement.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020
AG, § 2-511 - amended
Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 18 Delegate Carr
STATE OPERATING BUDGET – PUBLICATION OF EXPENDITURES

Requiring a public body to submit to the Department of Budget and Management a report of each expenditure by the public body; providing for the contents and format of the report; requiring that expenditures of $50,000 or greater be reported within 90 days of the expenditure and lesser amounts within 180 days; requiring the Department of Information Technology, in consultation with the Department of Budget and Management, to develop and operate a website accessible to the public at no cost through the Internet; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020
SF, § 7-407 - added
Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 19 Delegate Adams
EDUCATION – REQUIRED NUMBER OF SCHOOL DAYS OR HOURS

Altering the requirement that certain public schools be open for at least 180 days and a minimum of 1,080 hours during a 10–month period in each school year to require that the schools be open for at least 180 days or a minimum of 1,080 hours during a 10–month period in each school year; and providing that certain funding for schools may not be reduced if there are fewer than 1,080 school hours under certain circumstances.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020
ED, § 7-103 - amended
Assigned to: Ways and Means
HB 20 Delegate Chang

REAL PROPERTY – RESIDENTIAL RENTAL PROPERTY – ANNUAL EVICTION MORATORIUM

Prohibiting the enforcement of an eviction from residential rental property that serves as a tenant’s primary residence between December 18 and January 8 of the following calendar year, inclusive; and providing for the suspension of certain time limited enforcement requirements for a landlord.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

RP, § 8-406 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 21 Delegate Cardin

ABANDONED PROPERTY IN POSSESSION OF A MUSEUM

Authorizing certain museums located in the State to claim title to property that is on permanent loan or that was loaned for a certain term that has expired by giving notice that the museum is terminating the loan of the property; authorizing a museum to take possession of certain property if the lender fails to respond to a notice provided by certified mail within 60 days; authorizing a museum to acquire a certain lien for the costs of certain conservation measures taken on the property; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

CL, §§ 16-801, 16-802, and 17-401 through 17-408 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 22 Delegate Cardin

ELECTION LAW – CAMPAIGN MATERIAL – ALTERATION OF DEFINITION

Clarifying the definition of “campaign material” by providing that, to meet the definition of “campaign material”, the text, graphics, or other images contained in the material must primarily relate to campaign activity for an election; and altering the definition of “campaign material” to include certain material that relates to a political party or that is an automated or pre-recorded oral communication.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2021

EL, § 1-101(k) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means
HB 23  Dorchester County Delegation

MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION – EXCEPTION FOR GOLF CARTS – HOOPERS ISLAND

Creating an exception from motor vehicle registration requirements under certain circumstances for golf carts on Upper or Middle Hoopers Island; providing that a person who operates a golf cart on a highway on Upper or Middle Hoopers Island may operate the golf cart only on highways on which the maximum speed limit does not exceed 30 miles per hour, between dawn and dusk, and only if the golf cart is equipped with certain lighting devices; requiring a person who operates a golf cart in certain areas to keep as far right as feasible; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020
TR, § 13-402(c)(12) - amended and § 21-104.5 - added
Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 24  Dorchester County Delegation

DORCHESTER COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – CLASS C BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR LICENSE

Authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Dorchester County, rather than the Dorchester County Council, to issue a Class C beer, wine, and liquor license; altering the authorized holders of the license to include a nonprofit organization operating on certain premises known as Governors Hall at Sailwinds Park under certain circumstances rather than Sailwinds of Cambridge, Inc.; and requiring the Board, rather than the County Council, to remit the $1,000 license fee under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020
AB, § 19-903 - amended
Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 25  Delegate Holmes

CONDOMINIUMS AND HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATIONS – AMENDMENTS TO DECLARATIONS AND GOVERNING DOCUMENTS

Establishing that a provision in the declaration of a condominium or in a governing document of a homeowners association that requires any action on the part of a holder of a mortgage or deed of trust on a unit or a lot in order to make certain amendments shall be deemed satisfied if certain procedures are satisfied under certain circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020
RP, §§ 11-103(c)(1) and 11B-116 - amended
Assigned to: Environment and Transportation
HB 26  Delegate Chang

ATTENDANCE OF STUDENTS – LAWFUL ABSENCES – MENTAL ILLNESS

Specifying that a student’s absence from school due to the student’s mental illness is a lawful absence; requiring each county board of education to develop a certain attendance policy for students with mental illness that may identify a certain number of absences allowed within a marking period, semester, or school year; and requiring each county board to publish its attendance policy for students with mental illness on the county board’s website.
Preliminary analysis: local government mandate
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020
ED, § 7-301.3 - added
Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 27  Delegates Szeliga and Arikan

BALTIMORE COUNTY – SALES AND USE TAX EXEMPTION – QUALIFIED OPPORTUNITY ZONES

Providing an exemption from the sales and use tax for certain construction material or warehousing equipment purchased solely for use in a qualified opportunity zone in Baltimore County under certain circumstances; requiring a buyer claiming the exemption to provide a vendor evidence of eligibility issued by the Comptroller; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020
TG, § 11-236 - added
Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 28  Delegate Ebersole

VEHICLE LAWS – DRIVER’S LICENSES CONFISCATED FOR REAL ID COMPLIANCE – FAILURE TO POSSESS OR DISPLAY

Establishing an exception to certain requirements that an individual possess or display a driver’s license under certain circumstances if the individual’s license has been confiscated by a law enforcement officer within the previous 90 days for failure to submit certain documents to the Motor Vehicle Administration; etc.
EMERGENCY BILL
TR, § 16-112 - amended
Assigned to: Environment and Transportation
HB 29  Delegates Parrott and Hartman
SECONDHAND PRECIOUS METAL OBJECT DEALERS AND PAWNBROKERS – EXEMPTIONS FOR AUCTIONEERS

Exempting auctioneers who conduct a certain auction of secondhand precious metal objects owned by a certain estate from the licensing and regulatory requirements for secondhand precious metal object dealers and pawnbrokers; and defining the terms “auction” as a sale of real or personal property by competitive bid of prospective buyers, and “auctioneer” as a person who sells or offers to sell the real or personal property of other persons at auction, with or without receiving consideration, as a bid caller.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020
BR, §§ 12-101 and 12-102 - amended
Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 30  Delegate C. Watson, et al
CONDOMINIUMS – DISCLOSURES TO UNIT OWNERS AND PROHIBITED PROVISIONS IN INSTRUMENTS BY DEVELOPERS (SUNSET ISLAND ACT)

Clarifying that certain provisions of law relating to closed-door meetings of a board of directors of a condominium do not allow the board to withhold or agree to withhold any information about a legal agreement to which the board is a party from the unit owners; altering the applicability of a certain provision of law concerning claims against a developer or vendor; establishing that a provision in certain instruments made by a developer that prohibits a certain disclosure to unit owners is unenforceable; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020
RP, §§ 11-109.1 and 11-134.1 - amended
Assigned to: Environment and Transportation
HB 31 Delegate Queen

VEHICLE LAWS – SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATES AND FUND – HUNGER RELIEF INITIATIVES

Requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration to develop and make available for certain vehicles a special registration plate supporting hunger relief initiatives; authorizing certain persons to apply to the Administration for the special registration plate for certain classes of vehicles; requiring the owner of a vehicle assigned a special registration plate to pay certain fees; establishing the Hunger Relief Initiatives Fund; requiring that certain fees collected under the Act be used only for funding hunger relief initiatives; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020
SF, § 6-226(a)(2)(ii)121. and 122. - amended and SF, § 6-226(a)(2)(ii)123. and TR, § 13-619.4 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 32 Delegate Chang

GENERAL PROVISIONS – COMMEMORATIVE DAYS – WELCOME HOME KOREAN WAR VETERANS DAY

Providing that July 27 each year is Welcome Home Korean War Veterans Day in recognition of the service and sacrifice of Korean War veterans.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020
GP, § 7-414 - added

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

HB 33 Delegate Guyton, et al

CRIMINAL LAW – ABUSE OR NEGLECT OF A VULNERABLE ADULT – CAUSING SEVERE EMOTIONAL DISTRESS

Prohibiting a certain person from causing abuse or neglect of a vulnerable adult that causes severe emotional distress to the vulnerable adult; and altering the definition of “abuse” of a vulnerable adult by adding deceptive or misleading statements made with a malicious intent toward the vulnerable adult, destruction or harm to an animal owned by a vulnerable adult, and the malicious distribution, display, or transmission of information about the vulnerable adult on social media without permission.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020
CR, § 3-604 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary
HB 34  Delegate Palakovich Carr
CAMPAIGN FINANCE – CONTRIBUTIONS, EXPENDITURES, OR DONATIONS BY FOREIGN–INFLUENCED CORPORATIONS OR FOREIGN PRINCIPALS

Prohibiting a foreign–influenced corporation from making a contribution to a campaign finance entity or making a donation to a person that makes independent expenditures or electioneering communications; prohibiting a foreign–influenced corporation or a foreign principal from making an independent expenditure or electioneering communication; etc.
EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2021
EL, § 13-236.1 - amended
Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 35  Delegate Queen
PUBLIC SAFETY – FIREARM TELEMATICS – STUDY

Defining “firearm telematics” as an electronic sensor or equipment installed on a firearm for purposes of tracking the location of the firearm if it becomes lost or stolen; requiring the Department of State Police to study and make recommendations about firearm telematics; requiring the Department to take certain actions in conducting the study and making recommendations; and requiring the Department to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before July 1, 2021.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020
Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 36  Delegate Barron, et al
JUVENILE PROCEEDINGS – FINES, FEES, AND COSTS

Repealing certain provisions of law authorizing the juvenile court to impose certain civil fines against a child found to have committed certain violations; repealing a certain provision of law authorizing the juvenile court to impose certain court costs against a juvenile respondent or the respondent’s parent, guardian, or custodian under certain circumstances; repealing a certain provision of law authorizing the juvenile court to assess any party or parent of a child in a certain proceeding for services of a certain attorney; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020
CJ, §§ 3-8A-19(e), (h), (i), (j), and (k), 3-8A-20, and 3-8A-32 - amended, §§ 3-8A-19(g) and 3-8A-29 - repealed, and § 3-8A-29 - added
Assigned to: Judiciary
HB 37 Delegate Palakovich Carr

ELECTION LAW – REFERENCES TO ABSENTEE VOTING IN COMMUNICATIONS – MAIL–IN VOTING

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 with voters and the general public; and requiring the State Board and each local board to include in public communications regarding “mail–in voting” a statement that “mail–in voting” is referred to as absentee voting in the Annotated Code of Maryland and the Code of Maryland Regulations.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2021
EL, § 9-301 - amended
Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 38 Delegate Carr, et al

VEHICLE LAWS – FAILURE TO PAY VIDEO TOLL – REFORM OF PENALTIES

Providing that a certain civil penalty for a video toll violation may not exceed $5; reducing the penalty to $5 for certain outstanding civil citations for video toll violations assessed on or before September 30, 2020; repealing the requirement that the Motor Vehicle Administration, under certain circumstances, suspend the registration of a motor vehicle that incurs a certain toll violation; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2020
TR, §§ 21-1414(c)(1), (d)(4), and (i) and 21-1415 - amended and § 21-1414(c)(3) - added
Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 39 Delegate Arentz

QUEEN ANNE’S COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – REPEAL OF PLACE OF WORSHIP PROHIBITION

Repealing a prohibition on the Board of License Commissioners for Queen Anne’s County from issuing a license to an establishment located within 500 feet of a place of worship.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020
AB, § 27-1601 - amended
Assigned to: Economic Matters
HB 40  Delegates Barron and Henson

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 wrongfully caused or
acquiesced in wrongfully causing the unavailability of the declarant of the
statement; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020
CJ, § 10-901 - amended
Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 41  Delegate Cardin

ELECTION LAW – CAMPAIGN FINANCE VIOLATIONS – INJUNCTIVE RELIEF

Authorizing the chairman or vice chairman of the State Board of Elections to
seek injunctive relief against a violation of the campaign finance laws; repealing the authority of the Secretary of State to seek an immediate injunction against a violation of the campaign finance laws; and authorizing a candidate to seek injunctive relief against violations of the campaign finance laws by a person required to file a certain independent expenditure report or a person required to file a certain electioneering communication report.
EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2021
EL, § 13-605 - amended
Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 42  Delegate Guyton

PUBLIC INFORMATION ACT – APPLICATIONS FOR INSPECTION – RESPONSES AND TIME LIMITS

Decreasing the time periods within which a custodian is required to grant or
deny a certain application to inspect a public record and produce a public record
in response to an approved application; altering the circumstances under which
and the time period within which a custodian is required to indicate certain
information in writing or by e-mail; decreasing from 10 to 5 working days, the
time period within which a custodian who denies the application is required to
give the applicant a certain written statement; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020
GP, § 4-203 - amended
Assigned to: Health and Government Operations
HB 43 Delegate Metzgar

CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – PLEA AGREEMENT TERMS AND THE VIOLENCE PREVENTION INITIATIVE CRITERIA

Establishing that, if a court accepts a certain plea agreement with a certain sentence for a defendant charged with committing a crime of violence, the defendant shall serve the sentence imposed without reduction by diminution credits or parole, or otherwise; providing that a court or review panel may not modify a sentence imposed under a plea agreement in accordance with the Act; and providing that the Act only applies to the sentencing of a defendant for a certain crime of violence.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

CP, § 6-217.1 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 44 Delegates Krebs and M. Jackson (By Request – Commission to Advance Next Generation 9–1–1 Across Maryland)

COMMISSION TO ADVANCE NEXT GENERATION 9–1–1 ACROSS MARYLAND – EXTENSION AND ALTERATION

Requiring the Commission to Advance Next Generation 9–1–1 Across Maryland to report certain findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before December 15, 2020, and on or before December 15, 2021; and extending the termination date for the Commission by 2 years to June 30, 2022.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2020


Assigned to: Health and Government Operations
HB 45 Delegate Palakovitch Carr
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – OPPORTUNITY ZONE INCENTIVES – ALTERATION OF THE MORE JOBS FOR MARYLANDERS AND OPPORTUNITY ZONE ENHANCEMENT PROGRAMS

Altering certain terms relating to eligibility for benefits under the More Jobs for Marylanders and Opportunity Zone Enhancement programs; altering, to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2018, but before January 1, 2022, the time for which enhancements under the Opportunity Zone Enhancement Program are applicable; limiting eligibility for certain Opportunity Zone Enhancement Program benefits to investments in biotechnology and cybersecurity companies established in opportunity zones on or after March 1, 2018; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020
EC, §§ 6-801(c), 6-1001(b), 6-1002, 6-1006, and 6-1007 and TP, § 9-110(a)(6) through (8) - amended and TP, § 9-110(a)(5) - repealed
Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 46 Delegate Carr
MOTOR VEHICLE ADMINISTRATION – AUTHORITY TO SUSPEND REGISTRATION FOR VIOLATIONS RECORDED BY TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNAL MONITORING SYSTEMS – REPEAL

Repealing the Motor Vehicle Administration’s authority to suspend the registration of a motor vehicle if the owner or driver of the motor vehicle fails to pay the penalty assessed for a certain violation recorded by a traffic control signal monitoring system.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020
TR, § 21-202.1(h) - amended
Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 47 Delegate Parrott, et al
PUBLIC SAFETY – HANDGUN QUALIFICATION LICENSE – TRAINING EXEMPTION

Exempting an applicant who is a law enforcement officer with a law enforcement agency in Delaware, Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia, or Washington, D.C. from the firearms safety training course requirement for a handgun qualification license.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020
PS, § 5-117.1(e) - amended
Assigned to: Judiciary
HB 48  Delegate Carr

VIDEO TOLL VIOLATIONS – INTERCOUNTY CONNECTOR – HEARING VENUE

Requiring that a hearing on a video toll violation alleged to have occurred on the Intercounty Connector be held in Montgomery County if the person alleged to be liable resides in Montgomery County or in Prince George’s County for all other persons; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020
TR, § 26-401 - amended
Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 49  Delegate Palakovich Carr

CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – PRETRIAL RELEASE – PRETRIAL RISK ASSESSMENT INSTRUMENTS

Requiring a jurisdiction that uses a pretrial risk assessment instrument to aid in determining the eligibility for pretrial release of an individual charged with a crime to have an independent validation study of the instrument conducted at least once every 3 years; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020
CP, § 5-103 - added
Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 50  Delegate Ebersole

BALTIMORE COUNTY – VEHICLE HEIGHT MONITORING SYSTEMS

Authorizing the use of certain vehicle height monitoring systems in Baltimore County to enforce certain State and local laws restricting the presence of certain vehicles during certain times; and applying to Baltimore County certain provisions of law relating to vehicle height monitoring systems.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020
TR, § 24-111.3 - amended
Assigned to: Environment and Transportation
HB 51  Delegate Bartlett
ELECTION LAW – INDIVIDUALS RELEASED FROM CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES – VOTER REGISTRATION

Requiring a correctional facility to provide an inmate who has completed a sentence of imprisonment for a felony conviction with a voter registration form before releasing the inmate; requiring a correctional facility to inform the inmate that the inmate will have the right to vote after the inmate’s release from the correctional facility, and that the inmate must register to vote after the inmate’s release in order to exercise the right to vote; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020
EL, § 3-204.3 - added
Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 52  Delegates Parrott and Johnson
LOCAL GOVERNMENT – LEMONADE STANDS – PROHIBITION ON REGULATION BY LOCAL LAW

Prohibiting a municipality, a county, or any other political subdivision from adopting or enforcing a local law prohibiting or regulating the sale of lemonade or other nonalcoholic beverages by individuals under the age of 18 from a stand on private property.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020
LG, § 1-1314 - added
Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 53  Delegate Parrott, et al
PUBLIC HEALTH – CONTRACEPTIVE DEVICES – MINORS

Prohibiting a certain health care provider from inserting or implanting a contraceptive device, including an intrauterine device or implantable rod, into the body of a minor unless the minor’s parent or guardian provides written authorization for the minor to have the device inserted or implanted.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020
HG, § 20-103.1 - added
Assigned to: Health and Government Operations
HB 54  Delegates Carr and Moon

VEHICLE LAWS – REGISTRATION RENEWAL – LATE FEE

Authorizing the Motor Vehicle Administration to charge a late fee not exceeding $25 for registration renewals that occur more than 1 week after a registration has expired.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020
TR, § 13-910 - added
Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 55  Delegate Carr

VESSELS – CERTIFICATE OF TITLE – TRANSFER–ON–DEATH BENEFICIARY DESIGNATION

Authorizing a sole owner of a vessel to designate a beneficiary to take ownership of the vessel on the death of the owner; providing that a beneficiary may be indicated on a certificate of title for a vessel by the words “transfer–on–death” or “TOD” after the name of the registered owner; providing that designating a beneficiary does not affect ownership of a vessel until the death of the owner; authorizing the owner of a vessel to cancel or change the designation of a beneficiary without the consent of the beneficiary; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020
NR, §§ 8-715(b) and (e) and 8-720(a) - amended and § 8-715.1 - added
Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 56  Delegate Arentz

CHESAPEAKE BAY BRIDGE – RECONSTRUCTION ADVISORY GROUP AND TRAFFIC STUDY

Establishing the Chesapeake Bay Bridge Reconstruction Advisory Group; requiring the Advisory Group to hold monthly meetings and study issues associated with traffic on the Chesapeake Bay Bridge and U.S. Route 50 between the Severn River and Kent Narrows Bridges; requiring the Advisory Group to report its recommendations to the Governor and General Assembly by July 1, 2021, and each July thereafter; requiring a certain traffic management study by the Maryland Department of Transportation; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020
TR, § 4-211 - added
Assigned to: Environment and Transportation
HB 57  Delegate Chang

ANIMAL SHELTERS – STANDARDS OF OPERATION

Requiring a certain animal shelter to conform certain protocols with certain provisions of law; providing that certain provisions do not apply to an animal experiencing irremediable physical suffering; requiring an animal shelter to take reasonable steps to achieve a safe rate of 90% of impounded animals; requiring an animal shelter to make certain animals available to be reclaimed by an owner for at least a certain number of days; requiring an animal shelter to make a reasonable effort to identify an impounded animal; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020
AG, § 2-1704 - amended and AG, § 2-1705.1 and LG, § 13-110 - added
Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 58  Delegate Holmes

COOPERATIVE HOUSING CORPORATIONS, CONDOMINIUMS, AND HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATIONS – RESERVE STUDIES

Requiring the governing body of certain cooperative housing corporations, condominiums, and homeowners associations to have a study of reserves required for future major repairs and replacements conducted by a certain date and at certain 5–year intervals; requiring a certain reserve study to meet certain criteria; establishing that the governing body of a cooperative housing corporation or a homeowners association and the board of directors of a condominium have authority to increase a certain assessment; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020
CA, § 5-6B-26.1 and RP, §§ 11-109.4 and 11B-112.3 - added and RP, Various Sections - amended
Assigned to: Environment and Transportation