



SYNOPSIS

House Bills and Joint Resolutions
2020 Maryland General Assembly Session

January 30, 2020
Schedule 14

PLEASE NOTE: February 7 – Bill introduction deadline.
All bills must be given to the Chief Clerk by 5:00 P.M. on Thursday, February 6.
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 JANUARY 30, 2020

HB 676 Delegates Buckel and Beitzel

REAL PROPERTY – RECORDING COSTS – EXEMPTION

Adding units of State government to the list of entities that are exempt from paying certain recording costs and other fees.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

RP, § 3-603 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

Department of Legislative Services

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HB 677 Delegate Stewart, et al**CORRECTIONAL SERVICES – IMMIGRATION DETENTION – PROHIBITION (DIGNITY NOT DETENTION ACT)**

Stating certain findings of the General Assembly; prohibiting certain governmental entities from entering into agreements facilitating immigration–related detention by private entities; prohibiting governmental entities from entering into certain agreements to house immigration–related detainees; requiring governmental entities to terminate existing contracts for the detention of immigration–related detainees not later than October 1, 2021; and making the provisions of the Act severable.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020

CS, § 1-101 - amended and §§ 1-102 and 1-103 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 678 Allegany County Delegation**REAL PROPERTY – ALLEGANY COUNTY – TRANSFER OF PROPERTY ON ASSESSMENT BOOKS**

Prohibiting the transfer of property in Allegany County on the assessment books or records until certain charges due a municipal corporation have been paid as required by law, subject to certain exceptions; and requiring the certificate of a certain collecting agent and municipal corporation to be endorsed on the deed and providing that the endorsement is sufficient authority for transfer on the assessment books.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2020

RP, § 3-104(b) - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 679 Delegate Wilkins, et al**EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT – INDIVIDUALS WITHOUT QUALIFYING CHILDREN – ELIGIBILITY**

Expanding the eligibility of the Maryland earned income tax credit to allow certain individuals without qualifying children to claim the credit; providing that the amount of the credit that may be claimed by certain individuals is adjusted for inflation each year; and applying the Act to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2019.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020

TG, § 10-704 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 680 Delegate Wilkins, et al**EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT – INDIVIDUALS WITHOUT QUALIFYING CHILDREN – CALCULATION AND REFUNDABILITY**

Altering the calculation of the Maryland earned income tax credit to allow certain individuals without qualifying children to claim an increased credit; allowing certain individuals to claim a refund of the credit; and applying the Act to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2019.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020

TG, § 10-704 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 681 Delegate Parrott**COURTS – PROHIBITED INDEMNITY AND DEFENSE LIABILITY AGREEMENTS**

Prohibiting a provision in a contract or an agreement with a design professional for professional services that requires the design professional to indemnify or hold harmless certain parties unless the design professional is at fault for causing the loss, damage, or expense indemnified; prohibiting a provision in a contract or an agreement with a design professional for professional services that requires the design professional to defend certain parties against liability or certain claims; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

CJ, § 5-401(a) - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 682 Delegate Brooks, et al**INCOME TAX – SUBTRACTION MODIFICATION – RETIREMENT INCOME**

Including income from an individual retirement account or a certain annuity within a certain subtraction modification for certain retirement income if contributions to the individual retirement account or annuity consist entirely of the tax-free rollover of distributions from an employee retirement system; repealing a certain obsolete provision relating to a certain retirement plan; and applying the Act to all taxable years beginning after December 31, 2019.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020

TG, § 10-209 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 683 Delegate Hettleman**OPTIONAL RETIREMENT PROGRAM – MEMBERSHIP**

Prohibiting certain individuals who are members of the Employees' Pension System of the State Retirement and Pension System from becoming a member of the Optional Retirement Program of the State Retirement and Pension System on or after July 1, 2020.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 684 Delegate Crutchfield, et al**CIVIL ACTIONS – HEALTH CARE MALPRACTICE CLAIMS – EXPERT WITNESSES**

Authorizing an expert witness in a certain health care malpractice claim, suit, or action to testify in the form of an opinion or otherwise only if the expert's scientific, technical, or other specialized knowledge will help the trier of fact understand the evidence or determine a fact in issue, the testimony is based on sufficient facts or data, the testimony is the product of reliable principles and methods, and the expert has reliably applied the principles and methods to the facts of the case.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

CJ, § 3-2A-02 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 685 Delegate Johnson, et al**WORKERS' COMPENSATION – PERMANENT PARTIAL DISABILITY – DETENTION AND CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS AND DEPUTY SHERIFFS**

Providing for enhanced workers' compensation benefits for a Baltimore County correctional officer, a Baltimore detention officer, a Harford County deputy sheriff, a Harford County correctional officer, and a Harford County detention officer for a compensable permanent partial disability of less than 75 weeks; and providing that the Act applies only prospectively.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

LE, § 9-628(a) - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 686 Delegate Arentz, et al**QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS**

Altering the hiring authority for certain employees of the Board of License Commissioners for Queen Anne's County; and requiring the County Commissioners for Queen Anne's County to seek the advice of the Board in appointing a certain attorney.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020

AB, § 27-204 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 687 Delegate Stein, et al**AGRICULTURE – COST-SHARING PROGRAM – FIXED NATURAL FILTER PRACTICES**

Prohibiting the use of certain cost-sharing funds to fund a conservation practice that does not meet certain requirements; authorizing certain cost-sharing funds to be made available for certain fixed natural filter practices; prohibiting basing a reduction in certain cost-sharing rates on tons of soil saved or an amortization formula; requiring that certain cost-sharing funds be based on a certain rate; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

AG, §§ 8-701, 8-703(b)(2), and 8-704 and EN, § 9-1605.2(h)(2)(ii) and (i)(2)(xi) - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 688 Delegate Arentz, et al**USE OF STATE OR LOCAL HIGHWAYS – PROHIBITION OR RESTRICTION BY LOCAL AUTHORITY**

Authorizing a local authority, by resolution, to prohibit, or restrict to local traffic, the operation of vehicles on certain State or local highways if the local authority determines that the highway is congested to the point that local traffic and emergency vehicles are unable to navigate the area's highway network; authorizing a local authority to use certain devices or strategies in imposing a prohibition or restriction on highway use; prohibiting a person from driving on a highway in violation of the Act; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2020

TR, § 8-646(a) - amended and § 24-204.1 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 689 Delegates Rosenberg and Stein**MARYLAND ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT – CONSISTENCY WITH NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT**

Requiring that certain methods and procedures adopted by State agencies be consistent with the regulations implementing the National Environmental Policy Act as the regulations existed on January 1, 2020; requiring that an environmental effects report meet the requirements of the regulations implementing the National Environmental Policy Act as the regulations existed on January 1, 2020; providing for a certain contingency; etc.

CONTINGENT – EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

NR, §§ 1-303 and 1-304 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 690 Delegate Arentz, et al**QUEEN ANNE’S COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – APPLICATION ON BEHALF OF PARTNERSHIP**

Altering, in Queen Anne’s County, certain conditions required for an applicant to be issued a Class A beer, wine, and liquor license on behalf of a partnership.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020

AB, § 27-1402 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 691 Delegate Cullison**HEALTH OCCUPATIONS – NURSE PRACTITIONERS – CERTIFICATIONS OF COMPETENCY AND INCAPACITY**

Altering a requirement that a petition for guardianship of a disabled person include certain signed and verified certificates of competency by providing that the certificates may be signed and verified by a nurse practitioner and certain other health care practitioners; altering the requirements for the certification of a patient’s incapacity to make an informed decision regarding treatment to allow the second individual making the certification to be a nurse practitioner, rather than a second physician; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

ET, § 13-705(c) and HG, § 5-606 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 692 Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee (By Request – Departmental – Health)

DRUGS AND DEVICES – ELECTRONIC PRESCRIPTIONS – CONTROLLED DANGEROUS SUBSTANCES

Authorizing certain controlled dangerous substance prescriptions to be dispensed on an electronic prescription; requiring, except under certain circumstances, a certain health practitioner to issue a prescription for a controlled dangerous substance electronically; authorizing a certain health practitioner to issue a written or oral prescription for a controlled dangerous substance only under certain circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2021

CR, § 5-101(p-1) - added and CR, §§ 5-501, 5-504, and 5-701 and HG, § 21-220 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 693 Delegate Malone

PATERNITY PROCEEDINGS – COURT ORDERS – LEGAL NAME CHANGE OF CHILD

Authorizing the court to include a provision regarding the legal name change of the child in an order issued in a paternity proceeding.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

FL, § 5-1035(a) - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 694 Delegate Grammer

NATALIE M. LAPRADE MEDICAL CANNABIS COMMISSION – RENAMING AND PURPOSE

Renaming the Natalie M. LaPrade Medical Cannabis Commission to be the Natalie M. LaPrade Cannabis Commission; altering a certain intent of the General Assembly; altering the purpose of the Natalie M. LaPrade Cannabis Commission to include implementation of policies, procedures, guidelines, and regulation for any legal commercial sale of cannabis in the State; providing that the Natalie M. LaPrade Cannabis Commission is the successor of the Natalie M. LaPrade Medical Cannabis Commission; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

HG, §§ 13-3301(e), 13-3301.1, and 13-3302(a) and (c) - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 695 Delegate Washington**DIGITAL ADVERTISING GROSS REVENUES – TAXATION**

Imposing a tax on annual gross revenues derived from digital advertising services including advertisement services on a digital interface in the State; establishing a presumption that digital advertising services are provided in the State if the digital advertising services appear on a certain device of a certain user; requiring the Comptroller to distribute digital advertising gross revenues tax revenue to administer certain tax laws and the remainder to be distributed to The Blueprint for Maryland’s Future Fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020

TG, §§ 1-101(g-1), 2-4A-01, 2-4A-02, 7.5-101 thru 7.5-301, 13-402(a)(6), & 13-1001(g) - added & ED & TG, Various Sections - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 696 Delegate Malone**STATE BOAT ACT – ABANDONED OR SUNKEN VESSELS – VESSELS REMAINING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY**

Reducing, from 90 days to 60 days, the amount of time that a vessel must have been left at a certain private marina or boatyard without the consent of the owner or person in control of the property to be considered an “abandoned or sunken vessel”; and reducing, from 180 days to 90 days, the amount of time that a vessel must have been left at certain other property without the consent of the owner or person in control of the property to be considered an “abandoned or sunken vessel”.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020

NR, § 8-721(a) - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 697 Delegate Malone**INHERITANCE TAX – EXEMPTION – NIECES AND NEPHEWS**

Providing an exemption from the inheritance tax for property that passes from a decedent to or for the use of a niece or nephew of the decedent; repealing a certain exemption to the inheritance tax made obsolete by the Act; and applying the Act to decedents dying after June 30, 2020.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020

TG, § 7-203(b) - amended and § 7-203(m) - repealed

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 698 Delegate Rosenberg**FOOD SUPPLEMENT EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING PROGRAM – BENEFITS AND FUNDING**

Requiring a certain food supplement program to include the Food Supplement Employment and Training Program; requiring the food supplement program to provide Food Supplement Employment and Training Program benefits to eligible individuals for whom federal funding is not available; requiring the Governor to include \$1,000,000 in the annual budget for fiscal year 2022 and each fiscal year thereafter for the Food Supplement Employment and Training Program; etc.

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020

HU, § 5-501 - amended

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 699 Delegates Washington and Ivey**OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL – SPECIAL EDUCATION OMBUDSMAN**

Establishing the Special Education Ombudsman in the Office of the Attorney General to serve as a resource to provide information and support to parents, students, and educators regarding special education rights and services; requiring the Attorney General, and the Secretary of Budget and Management, to set the salary and qualifications for the Ombudsman; requiring the Ombudsman to submit a report with recommendations concerning the State's special education services by July 1, 2022, and each July 1 thereafter; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020

SG, §§ 6-501 through 6-506 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 700 Delegate Impallaria**HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION – STORM DRAINS – COVERS AND TASK FORCE ON PREVENTING DEBRIS FROM ENTERING STORM DRAINS**

Requiring that any new or replacement storm drain cover installed on a street or highway in the State prevent debris larger than 1 inch in height or circumference from passing through the storm drain; establishing the Task Force on Preventing Debris From Entering Storm Drains; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Task Force; prohibiting a member of the Task Force from receiving certain compensation, but authorizing the reimbursement of certain expenses; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

TR, § 8-648 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 701 Delegate Dumais (Chair, Joint Committee on Legislative Ethics)**GENERAL ASSEMBLY – LEGISLATIVE NEWSLETTERS – PUBLICATION EXPENSES AND LINKS TO SOCIAL MEDIA ACCOUNTS**

Providing that publication expenses related to unofficial legislative newsletters may be paid by an authorized candidate campaign committee, rather than a campaign account of a campaign finance entity, of an incumbent under certain circumstances; providing that an official electronic legislative newsletter may include a link to a social media account only under certain circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

EL, §§ 13-406 and 13-408 - amended and § 13-409 - repealed and GP, § 5-514.1 - added

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

HB 702 Delegate Malone**VEHICLE LAWS – RULES OF THE ROAD – LANE CHANGES**

Altering the circumstances under which a driver may move out of or into a lane by authorizing the move when the driver has reasonably determined it is safe to do so and activated the appropriate turn signal; prohibiting a person from moving a vehicle right or left on a roadway in order to change lanes unless the person gives an appropriate signal in a certain manner, subject to a certain exception; providing that a violation of the Act is not a moving violation for the purpose of assessing points; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

TR, §§ 21-309(b) and 21-604 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 703 Delegate Qi, et al

MARYLAND COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS – EMPLOYMENT DISCRIMINATION – REPORTING

Requiring the Maryland Commission on Civil Rights to include certain information in its annual report; requiring certain county offices of civil rights to report certain information relating to complaints of employment discrimination to the Commission; making the reporting requirement applicable only in Anne Arundel County, Baltimore City, Baltimore County, Howard County, Montgomery County, and Prince George's County; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

SG, § 20-207(c) - amended and § 20-208 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 704 Delegate Boyce, et al

ATTORNEY GRIEVANCE COMMISSION – DISCIPLINARY FUND – ANNUAL FEE

Providing that the annual fee payable by a lawyer employed full time by a governmental entity to the Disciplinary Fund of the Attorney Grievance Commission may not exceed \$50.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

BOP, § 10-503 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 705 Delegate Pippy, et al

CRIMES INVOLVING CONTROLLED DANGEROUS SUBSTANCES – PENALTIES – METHAMPHETAMINE

Adding methamphetamine to a certain penalty provision applicable to certain crimes involving controlled dangerous substances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

CR, § 5-609 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 706 Delegate Qi, et al**COMMISSION ON LGBTQ AFFAIRS – ESTABLISHED**

Establishing the Commission on LGBTQ Affairs in the Governor’s Office of Community Initiatives; providing for the appointment, qualifications, terms, and removal of Commission members; requiring the Commission to elect annually a chair and vice chair and to meet under certain circumstances; authorizing the Commission to appoint a director under certain circumstances; establishing that the director is a special appointment; establishing the duties of the director and the Commission; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

SG, § 9.5-101 - amended and §§ 9.5-501 through 9.5-508 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 707 Delegate Carr**STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF NURSING HOME ADMINISTRATORS – RENAMING AND LICENSURE OF ASSISTED LIVING MANAGERS**

Renaming the State Board of Examiners of Nursing Home Administrators to be the State Board of Long-Term Care Administrators; establishing a license for assisted living managers; altering the membership of the Board; altering the qualifications for certain Board members; altering the name of a certain rehabilitation committee; providing that the Board is a medical review committee under a certain provision of law; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

HO, Various Sections - amended, repealed, and added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 708 Delegate R. Watson**PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION – DISABLED VETERANS**

Expanding eligibility for a property tax exemption for the dwelling house of a disabled veteran to include veterans with a service connected disability of at least 80%; and applying the Act to all taxable years beginning after June 30, 2020.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2020

TP, § 7-208(a) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 709 Delegate Valentino–Smith, et al**HUMAN SERVICES – YOUTH SERVICES BUREAUS – FUNDING**

Repealing a requirement that the Department of Human Services identify eligible youth services bureaus and estimate the amount of State funds to allocate to each youth services bureau; requiring State matching funds for a youth services bureau to be paid directly to its private sponsor; requiring the Governor to include at least \$1,800,000 in the annual budget bill for youth services bureaus; providing for the allocation of the required funds; etc.

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020

HU, § 9-233 - amended

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 710 Delegate Cardin, et al**VEHICLE LAWS – OVERTAKING AND PASSING BICYCLES, EPAMDS, OR MOTOR SCOOTERS**

Authorizing the driver of a vehicle to drive on the left side of the roadway in a no–passing zone to overtake and pass at a safe distance a bicycle, an EPAMD, or a motor scooter traveling in the same direction if the vehicle is driven in accordance with certain provisions of law and the driver reasonably believes, based on weather, road, and vehicular or pedestrian traffic conditions, that the adjustment does not endanger, impede, or interfere with another vehicle.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

TR, §§ 21-307 and 21-1209(a) - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 711 Delegate Kaiser, et al**MARYLAND LONGITUDINAL DATA SYSTEM CENTER – INCLUSION OF OUT–OF–HOME PLACEMENT DATA**

Including placement data from State–sponsored out–of–home care organizations in the data collected, organized, managed, disaggregated, and analyzed by the Maryland Longitudinal Data System Center; altering the purpose of the Center to include generating information about children who were provided with State–sponsored out–of–home care that can be used to improve the State’s education and child welfare systems; requiring the Social Services Administration in the Department of Human Services to provide the Center with data; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

ED, §§ 24-701, 24-702, 24-703(f), 24-703.1, and 24-707(a) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 712 Delegate Boyce, et alLABOR AND EMPLOYMENT – LEAVE WITH PAY – BEREAVEMENT
LEAVE (FAMILY BEREAVEMENT ACT)

Authorizing employees of certain employers to use certain leave with pay for bereavement leave in the event of the death of an immediate family member or pet of the employee.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

LE, § 3-802 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 713 Delegate Boyce, et alOFFICE OF PERSONNEL SERVICES AND BENEFITS – STUDY OF
DIVERSITY OF EMPLOYEES IN STATE AGENCIES

Requiring the Office of Personnel Services and Benefits within the Department of Budget and Management to study the number and salaries of certain employees employed by certain State agencies in a position of grade 19 or above who are African American, Hispanic, or any other racial minority and report its findings to the Governor and a certain committee of the General Assembly on or before November 1, 2020, and June 1, 2021; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2020

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 714 Delegate KipkeANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – GIFT
BASKET PERMIT

Establishing, in Anne Arundel County, a gift basket permit; authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Anne Arundel County to issue the permit to persons whose primary business is the sale of gift baskets; authorizing a permit holder to sell and deliver gift baskets containing beer, wine, or liquor to certain individuals; requiring a permit holder to maintain certain records and submit certain reports; limiting the total annual sales from alcoholic beverages to 25% of the annual gross sales of the permit holder; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020

AB, § 11-1006.1 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 715 Delegate Williams, et al**PROHIBITED APPROPRIATIONS – MAGNETIC LEVITATION TRANSPORT**

Prohibiting the State and certain units and instrumentalities of the State from using any appropriation for a magnetic levitation transportation system in the State; prohibiting a public or private entity that receives money from the State from authorizing a permit or giving any other form of approval for a magnetic levitation transportation system in the State; and prohibiting a proposal for a magnetic levitation transportation system from using a certain right-of-way or track owned or operated by certain railroad companies.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2020

SF, § 7-240 - added

Assigned to: Appropriations and Environment and Transportation

HB 716 Delegate R. Watson, et al**GENERAL PROVISIONS – COMMEMORATIVE DAYS – TUSKEGEE AIRMEN COMMEMORATION DAY**

Requiring the Governor annually to proclaim the fourth Thursday in March as Tuskegee Airmen Commemoration Day; and requiring the proclamation to urge educational and cultural organizations to observe Tuskegee Airmen Commemoration Day through appropriate and informative programs and activities.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

GP, § 7-402 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 717 Delegate Carr, et al**PUBLIC INFORMATION ACT – REQUIRED DENIALS – DISTRIBUTION LISTS**

Requiring a custodian to deny inspection under the Public Information Act of only a certain part of a certain distribution list, rather than the full distribution list; altering a certain purpose of a distribution list for which a custodian must deny inspection; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

GP, § 4-341 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 718 Delegate LuedtkeSTATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION – EARLY LITERACY AND
DYSLEXIA PRACTICES – GUIDANCE AND ASSISTANCE

Requiring the State Department of Education to establish a certain stakeholder advisory group to develop a certain reading and dyslexia handbook; requiring the Department and the advisory stakeholder group to make a completed handbook available to the public by June 1, 2021, and to develop a list of recommended programs and materials that address certain needs; requiring the Department to update the handbook every 3 years; requiring the handbook and updates to be published and disseminated in a certain manner; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020

ED, § 8-420 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 719 Delegate Hornberger, et alHIGHER EDUCATION – TRANSFER STUDENTS – COURSES
COUNTING TOWARD CHOSEN DEGREE

Requiring the Maryland Higher Education Commission to develop and implement a certain agreement in collaboration with public institutions of higher education; and requiring a certain agreement to require public senior higher education institutions to offer transfer students from community colleges certain course offerings free of charge under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020

ED, § 11-207 - amended

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 720 Delegate Moon, et alCRIMINAL LAW – DRUG PARAPHERNALIA FOR ADMINISTRATION
– DECRIMINALIZATION

Repealing the prohibition against a person using or possessing with intent to use drug paraphernalia to inject, ingest, inhale, or otherwise introduce into the human body a controlled dangerous substance; repealing the prohibition against a person delivering or selling, or manufacturing or possessing with intent to deliver or sell drug paraphernalia under certain circumstances; repealing the prohibition against a person possessing or distributing controlled paraphernalia under certain circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

CR, §§ 5-619(c) and (d) and 5-620(a) and (b) - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 721 Delegate Stein**VEHICLE LAWS – INJURY OR DEATH OF VULNERABLE INDIVIDUAL
– PENALTIES**

Prohibiting an individual from causing the serious physical injury or death of a vulnerable individual as a result of the individual operating a vehicle in a careless or distracted manner or in violation of any provision of the Maryland Vehicle Law; defining “vulnerable individual” as a pedestrian, including certain workers and emergency services personnel, an individual walking an animal, or an individual lawfully operating certain modes of transport; establishing certain financial penalties and including community service; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

TR, § 21-901.3 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 722 Delegate Charkoudian, et al**LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT – OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND
HEALTH – HEAT STRESS STANDARDS**

Requiring the Commissioner of Labor and Industry to adopt regulations, on or before October 1, 2022, that include a certain standard establishing certain heat stress levels and to ensure that all employers comply with certain requirements with respect to occupational exposure to excessive heat; requiring certain employers to develop, implement, and maintain a certain excessive heat–related illness prevention plan for employees; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

LE, §§ 5-1201 through 5-1203 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 723 Delegate Boteler, et al**TASK FORCE TO EVALUATE EXISTING SCHOOL CIVIC LITERACY
PROGRAMS**

Establishing the Task Force to Evaluate Existing School Civic Literacy Programs; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Task Force; requiring the Task Force to evaluate existing school civic literacy programs, determine a certain strategy, and make certain recommendations for a plan for implementing a civic education program to the State Department of Education, the Governor, and the General Assembly on or before December 1, 2020; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 724 Delegate Boteler, et al**EDUCATION – PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOLS – VIRTUAL LEARNING PROGRAMS**

Altering the definition of “public charter school” to include a virtual learning program; defining “virtual learning program” as a program of instruction that provides a significant portion of its curriculum and delivers a significant portion of its instruction to its students by teachers in an interactive learning environment through the Internet; and 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.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020

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

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 725 Delegate Boteler, et al**EDUCATION – PUBLIC SCHOOLS – INSTRUCTION IN PRINT AND CURSIVE HANDWRITING**

Requiring, beginning in the 2021–2022 school year, each county board of education to require each public elementary school in the county to provide handwriting instruction that enables students to develop legible print handwriting by the end of the third grade and legible cursive handwriting by the end of the fifth grade.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020

ED, § 4-138 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 726 Delegate Bartlett, et al**CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT – CIVIL JURY TRIALS**

Increasing the amount in controversy in civil proceedings in which the right to a jury trial may be limited by legislation from more than \$15,000 to more than \$30,000; and submitting the amendment to the qualified voters of the State for their adoption or rejection.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT – CONTINGENT

Maryland Constitution, Declaration of Rights, Art. 5 and 23 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 727 Delegate Bartlett, et al**COURTS – CIVIL JURY TRIALS – AMOUNT IN CONTROVERSY**

Increasing from \$15,000 to \$30,000 the maximum amount in controversy in a civil action in which a party may not demand a jury trial; providing for the construction and application of the Act; and making the Act contingent on the passage and ratification of a certain constitutional amendment.

CONTINGENT

CJ, § 4-402(e)(1) - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 728 Delegate Hill, et al**EMPLOYMENT DISCRIMINATION AND DISCRIMINATORY HOUSING PRACTICES – TIME FOR FILING COMPLAINTS**

Extending from 6 months to 300 days the time periods within which a person claiming to be aggrieved by certain discriminatory acts is required to file a complaint with the Commission on Civil Rights; and providing that a complaint filed with a local human relations commission within certain time periods is deemed to have complied with certain provisions of the Act.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

SG, §§ 20-1004 and 20-1021(a) - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 729 Delegate Hill**HEALTH INSURANCE – PAYMENT OF CLEAN CLAIMS – TIME LIMIT**

Reducing the number of days, from 30 to 3, after the receipt of certain claims or certain information under certain circumstances within which an insurer, a nonprofit health service plan, or a health maintenance organization is required to mail or otherwise transmit certain payments or send certain notices; and altering a requirement that an insurer, a nonprofit health service plan, or a health maintenance organization pay certain interest on a certain amount of a claim under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

IN, § 15-1005 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 730 Delegate D. Barnes, et al**SALES AND USE TAX – EXEMPTION – OUT-OF-STATE NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS**

Providing an exemption from the sales and use tax for sales to out-of-state nonprofit organizations for sales made in connection with and solely for use at conferences or conventions held in the State by the nonprofit organizations, related to the mission or work of the nonprofit organizations, and attended by at least 25 individuals; and requiring an organization to file an application for an exemption certificate with the Comptroller in order to qualify for the exemption.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020

TG, § 11-204(a) and (c) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 731 Delegate Washington, et al**PURPLE LINE LIGHT RAIL PROJECT – EXCESS PROPERTY – DONATION**

Requiring the Department of Transportation, the Maryland Transit Administration, and Purple Line Transit Partners, LLC, to donate any property acquired but not used for the construction or operation of the Purple Line light rail project to the governing body of the county in which that property is located.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

TR, § 7-712 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 732 Delegates Luedtke and Pena–Melnyk**ELECTRONIC SMOKING DEVICES, OTHER TOBACCO PRODUCTS,
AND CIGARETTES – TAXATION AND REGULATION**

Applying certain provisions of tax law regulating the sale, manufacture, distribution, possession, and use of cigarettes and other tobacco products to certain electronic smoking devices; altering the definition of “other tobacco products” to include certain consumable products and the components or parts of those products and to exclude certain other products; requiring the Governor to include at least \$21,000,000 in the annual budget for fiscal year 2022 and each fiscal year thereafter for certain activities; etc.

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020

BR, §§ 16.5-101(i) and 16.7-101(c), HG, § 13-1015, and TG, Various Sections - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters and Ways and Means

HB 733 Delegate Valentino–Smith, et al**TRANSPORTATION – PRIVATE SECTOR TRANSPORTATION
PROJECTS OMBUDSMAN – ESTABLISHED**

Establishing the Private Sector Transportation Projects Ombudsman within the Department of Transportation; requiring the Secretary of Transportation to designate an Ombudsman to respond to concerns, complaints, and inquiries from residents, local government officials, and other entities regarding private sector transportation projects being developed or tested within the State; requiring the Department to provide the Ombudsman with sufficient resources to respond to all inquiries in an accurate and timely manner; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

TR, § 2-113 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 734 Delegate Grammer**HUMAN FETAL TISSUE – PROHIBITION**

Prohibiting a person from knowingly engaging in certain conduct relating to the solicitation, acquisition, receipt, and donation of certain human fetal tissue for research purposes; establishing that a person who violates the Act is guilty of a misdemeanor and is subject to a fine not to exceed \$10,000 or imprisonment of up to 1 year or both; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

HG, §§ 20-2001 through 20-2003 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 735 Allegany County Delegation**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.

EMERGENCY BILL

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 736 Delegate Brooks, et al**POLICE OFFICERS – MENTAL HEALTH – EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS**

Requiring each law enforcement agency to develop and implement an employee assistance program to protect the mental health of police officers and provide police officers access to confidential low- or no-cost mental health services; establishing certain requirements for a certain program; requiring each law enforcement agency to develop standards for annual assessments of the employee assistance program to identify deficiencies and areas for improvement; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

PS, § 3-522 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 737 Delegate Anderton, et al**LOCAL GOVERNMENTS – INCOME TAX DISPARITY GRANTS – AMOUNTS**

Altering, for fiscal years 2022 and 2023, the calculation of certain income tax disparity grants to counties and Baltimore City under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020

LG, § 16-501 and Chapter 738 of the Acts of 2016, § 2, as amended - amended

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 738 Delegates J. Lewis and Cardin**CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – MEDICAL EMERGENCY – IMMUNITY**

Altering a provision of law to specify that a person who is experiencing a medical emergency, rather than a person who reasonably believes that the person is experiencing a medical emergency, after ingesting or using alcohol or drugs is immune from criminal arrest, charge, or prosecution for a drug or alcohol-related misdemeanor if the evidence for the arrest, charge, or prosecution was obtained solely as a result of the person seeking or receiving medical assistance; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

CP, § 1-210 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 739 Delegates J. Lewis and Moon**LAW ENFORCEMENT BODY CAMERA TASK FORCE**

Establishing the Law Enforcement Body Camera Task Force; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Task Force; requiring the Task Force to study the options for economical storage of audio and video recordings made by body-worn cameras and make recommendations for storage considering the budget limitations of State, county, local, and campus law enforcement jurisdictions; requiring the Task Force to report its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly on or before December 1, 2020; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 740 Delegate J. Lewis, et al**CORRECTIONAL SERVICES – RESTRICTIVE HOUSING – DIRECT RELEASE**

Requiring the Commissioner of Correction to provide a certain inmate with a certain transitional process more than 180 days before the direct release from a facility to the community; establishing the requirements of a certain transitional process; prohibiting an inmate from being placed in restrictive housing within 180 days before release except under certain circumstances; requiring a certain inmate to receive a certain placement authorization; requiring a certain inmate to sign a certain acknowledgment of receipt; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

CS, § 9-614.2 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 741 Delegate Luedtke**PUBLIC SAFETY – EMPOWERING COMMUNITIES TO COUNTER RACIALLY MOTIVATED VIOLENT EXTREMISM PROGRAM FUND – ESTABLISHMENT**

Establishing the Empowering Communities to Counter Racially Motivated Violent Extremism Program Fund to provide grants to local governments to train individuals to recognize signs of racially motivated violent extremism and best practices for reporting and preventing racially motivated violent extremism; requiring the Executive Director of the Governor’s Office of Crime Control and Prevention to establish certain procedures for local governments to apply for grants from the Fund and to award grants from the Fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020

PS, §§ 4-1501 through 4-1503 and SF, § 6-226(a)(2)(ii)123. - added and SF, § 6-226(a)(2)(ii)121. and 122. - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 742 Delegate J. Lewis, et al**CORRECTIONS – RESTRICTIVE HOUSING – SERIOUS MENTAL ILLNESS – ASSESSMENTS (RESTRICTIVE HOUSING REFORM ACT)**

Prohibiting the placement of an inmate with a certain serious mental illness in certain restrictive housing with certain exceptions; prohibiting, under certain circumstances, the placement of a certain inmate in restrictive housing for more than 15 days; requiring a certain inmate to be provided with certain daily assessments; requiring the managing official of a correctional facility to require certain steps be taken before and during an inmate’s placement in restricting housing; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

CS, § 9-614.2 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 743 The Speaker (By Request – Administration)

UNIVERSAL SCHOOL START ACT OF 2020

Requiring, beginning in the 2020–2021 school year, a county board of education to set the start date of the school year for schools in the county not earlier than the first Tuesday after Labor Day; authorizing a county board to grant a school a certain waiver from a certain requirement for good cause as established by the State Board of Education in regulations; requiring the State Board to adopt certain regulations; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

ED, § 7-103(g) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means