



SYNOPSIS

House Bills and Joint Resolutions
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HOUSE BILLS INTRODUCED FEBRUARY 14, 2020

HB 1592 Delegate Acevero

STATE GOVERNMENT – PREVENTION OF GENOCIDE AND CRIMES AGAINST HUMANITY AND THE COMMISSION ON GENOCIDE PREVENTION

Requiring the State Treasurer to ensure that any shares held by the State are voted in favor of shareholder resolutions that ask companies to adopt policies of refusing to do business with governments engaging in genocide or crimes against humanity; requiring, when issuing an invitation for bids or a request for proposals, certain units of State government to require a certain bidder or offeror to disclose any company policy regarding a refusal to do business with governments that are engaged in genocide or crimes against humanity; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

SF, § 6-222(a) and (d) and SP, § 21-116 - amended and SF, §§ 6-222(g) and 13-219.1 and SG, § 9-3301 - added

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HB 1593 Delegate KellyMARYLAND INSURANCE COMMISSIONER – HEARINGS –
AUTHORITY TO DELEGATE

Authorizing the Maryland Insurance Commissioner to delegate to any Maryland Insurance Administration employee, rather than only one, who is designated by the Commissioner and admitted to the practice of law in the State the responsibility for holding certain hearings.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

IN, § 2-210 - amended

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

HB 1594 Delegate KellyPHARMACISTS – AIDS FOR THE CESSATION OF TOBACCO
PRODUCT USE

Authorizing a pharmacist who meets the requirements of certain regulations to prescribe and dispense aids for the cessation of the use of tobacco products; requiring the State Board of Pharmacy, by September 1, 2021, to adopt certain regulations; requiring the Maryland Medical Assistance Program and the Maryland Children's Health Program to provide coverage for certain services rendered by a licensed pharmacist under the Act to the same extent as certain services rendered by any other licensed health care practitioner; etc.

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HO, § 12-101(x) - amended and HG, § 15-150 and HO, § 12-513 - added

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

HB 1595 Delegate TurnerEDUCATION – VOLUNTARY ETHICAL SPECIAL EDUCATION
ADVOCATE CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

Requiring the State Department of Education to establish the Voluntary Ethical Special Education Advocate Certificate Program on or before July 1, 2021, for administration of a voluntary certificate program for ethical special education advocates; specifying qualifications and application procedures for a certificate; requiring the Department to issue a certificate to a certain applicant; authorizing an applicant to petition for judicial review of a decision of the Department that relates to issuing or renewing a certificate; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020

ED, § 8-420 - added

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

HB 1596 Delegate Turner**VIDEO LOTTERY TERMINAL PROCEEDS – LOCAL IMPACT GRANTS
– REIMBURSEMENT FOR MARYLAND ROUTE 210 PROJECTS**

Requiring, rather than authorizing, the Governor to include in the annual State budget an amount equal to the lesser of \$15,000,000 or the amount sufficient to reimburse Prince George's County for the use of local impact grant funds from video lottery terminals to pay for Maryland Route 210 infrastructure projects.

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020

SG, § 9-1A-31(b)(4) - amended

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

HB 1597 Delegate Turner**STATE PROCUREMENT – SMALL BUSINESS RESERVE PROGRAM**

Increasing to 25% the minimum percentage of a unit's total dollar value of contracts that are, to the extent practicable, to be made directly to small businesses; providing that certain preferences do not apply to certain procurement contracts; requiring a certain unit to apply a 5% percentage price preference on procurement contracts designated for the small business reserve under certain circumstances; and applying the Act prospectively.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

SF, §§ 14-501, 14-502, and 14-504 - amended

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

HB 1598 Delegate Corderman**WASHINGTON COUNTY – HOTEL RENTAL TAX – RATE AND
DISTRIBUTION OF REVENUE**

Altering the hotel rental tax rate in Washington County from 6% to \$8.50 per room per night; altering the portion of hotel rental tax revenue in Washington County so that 50% is distributed to the Hagerstown/Washington County Industrial Foundation for certain purposes; altering the uses of a certain special fund that receives a portion of hotel rental tax revenue in Washington County; requiring the Hagerstown/Washington County Industrial Foundation to make a certain report to the County Commissioners of Washington County; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020

LG, §§ 20-405(d) and 20-421 - amended

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

HB 1599 Delegate Cardin**ARREST WARRANTS ISSUED BY DISTRICT COURT COMMISSIONERS – RECALL BY JUDGE**

Authorizing a judge of the District Court or judge of a circuit court, on a finding of good cause, to recall an arrest warrant issued by a District Court commissioner.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

CJ, § 2-607(c) - amended

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

HB 1600 Delegates Patterson and Kittleman**TASK FORCE TO STUDY THE ESTABLISHMENT OF REGIONAL CENTERS FOR WOMEN VETERANS**

Establishing the Task Force to Study the Establishment of Regional Centers for Women Veterans to analyze the resources available to women veterans in the State; requiring the Task Force to make recommendations regarding ways to address identified specific needs for services for women veterans residing in the State and to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly by October 1, 2021; etc.

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HB 1601 Delegate Jalisi**GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANIES – DEPOSIT CHARGES**

Prohibiting a gas company or an electric company from imposing a certain deposit requirement on customers who are at least 65 years old and have an annual income at or below 300% of the federal poverty level; prohibiting a gas company or an electric company from terminating certain service for failure to pay all or part of a deposit under certain circumstances; and providing for the application of the Act.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

PU, § 7-305 - amended

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

HB 1602 Delegate Jalisi

FAMILY LAW – GRANDPARENT VISITATION

Altering the circumstances under which an equity court may grant visitation rights to a grandparent of a child.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

FL, § 9-102 - amended

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

HB 1603 Delegate Jalisi

MOTOR VEHICLE INSURANCE – USE OF CREDIT HISTORY IN RATING POLICIES

Prohibiting an insurer, with respect to private passenger motor vehicle insurance, from rating a risk based, in whole or in part, on the credit history of an applicant or insured in any manner; repealing certain provisions of law authorizing an insurer to use the credit history of an applicant or insured to rate a new policy of private passenger motor vehicle insurance subject to certain limitations and requirements; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

IN, § 27-501(e-2) - amended

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

HB 1604 Delegate Jalisi

CRIMINAL LAW – SMOKING MARIJUANA IN PUBLIC – PENALTY

Repealing a civil fine for smoking marijuana in public; and providing that smoking marijuana in a public place is a criminal misdemeanor subject to a fine not exceeding \$100.

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CR, § 5-601(c)(4) - repealed and § 5-601.2 - added

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