



SYNOPSIS

Senate Bills and Joint Resolutions
2020 Maryland General Assembly Session

January 23, 2020
Schedule 13

PLEASE NOTE: January 31 – Bill introduction deadline.

All bills should be given to the Secretary of the Senate's office by 5:00 P.M. on Monday, February 3.

As required by Senate Rule 32(b), bills introduced after this date will be referred to the Senate Rules Committee.

SENATE BILLS INTRODUCED January 23, 2020

SB 333 Senator Kelley, et al

CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – CHARGING PROCEDURES AND DOCUMENTS – CITATION

Modifying the circumstances under which a police officer is required to charge by citation for certain misdemeanor or local ordinance violations that have an imprisonment penalty of up to 90 days; modifying the categories of offenses for which a police officer is authorized to charge by citation to include possession of a controlled dangerous substance other than marijuana; and modifying the circumstances under which a police officer may charge a defendant by citation.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

CP, § 4-101(c) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

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SB 334 **Senators Augustine and Hester**

HEALTH INSURANCE – COVERAGE FOR MENTAL HEALTH BENEFITS AND SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER BENEFITS – TREATMENT CRITERIA

Requiring certain carriers, on or before March 1 each year, to submit a report to the Maryland Insurance Commissioner to demonstrate the carrier's compliance with the federal Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act; requiring a carrier, on or before March 1 each year, to submit a report to the Commissioner on certain data for certain benefits by certain classification; establishing the Parity Enforcement and Education Fund to provide funds to support and conduct outreach to inform certain consumers of certain rights; etc.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

IN and SF, Various Sections - added and amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 335 **Senator Peters, et al**

CRIMINAL LAW – HATE CRIMES – HARASSMENT AND DESTRUCTION OF PROPERTY

Altering the basis on which a certain person is prohibited from taking certain actions against a certain group.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

CR, § 10-304 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 336 **Senator Guzzone**

INCOME TAX – SUBTRACTION MODIFICATION – CATASTROPHE SAVINGS ACCOUNTS

Allowing a subtraction modification under the Maryland income tax for certain deposits into certain catastrophe savings accounts and the interest earnings of the account; providing for the maximum amount that may be maintained in a catastrophe saving account; requiring an account holder that withdraws funds from an account for an ineligible purpose to add the funds back to the account holder's federal adjusted gross income and pay a 2.5% penalty; prohibiting a taxpayer from establishing more than one catastrophe savings account; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020

TG, §§ 10-205(m) and 10-208(y) - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 337 **Senator Eckardt****SPLASH PADS – LIFEGUARDS**

Prohibiting the State, the governing body of a county, or a municipality from requiring a lifeguard to be present at a splash pad when the splash pad is in use.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020

PS, § 1-601 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 338 **Senator Edwards****ALLEGANY COUNTY – VIDEO LOTTERY TERMINALS –
DISTRIBUTION OF PROCEEDS**

Repealing the alteration of the distribution of proceeds from video lottery terminals at a facility in Allegany County after 10 years of operations at the facility; and altering the distribution of proceeds from video lottery terminals at a facility in Allegany County.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020

SG, §§ 9-1A-01(u)(3)(ii), 9-1A-26(a)(3), and 9-1A-27(b) and (c) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 339 **Senator Reilly****STATE EMPLOYEE AND RETIREE HEALTH AND WELFARE
BENEFITS PROGRAM – PARTICIPATION**

Requiring certain employment with Anne Arundel Community College to be included in the calculation of State service to determine eligibility to participate as a retiree in the State Employee and Retiree Health and Welfare Benefits Program if the individual was participating in a certain optional retirement plan and retired from the University System of Maryland; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020

SP, § 2-509(a) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 340 **Senators West and Lam****BALTIMORE COUNTY – NUISANCE ACTIONS – COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION STANDING**

Altering the definitions of “community association” and “local code violation” for purposes of certain provisions of law authorizing community associations to seek judicial relief for nuisance abatement in Baltimore County; and repealing a provision of law requiring a certain court to determine in what amount and under what conditions a bond must be filed by a community association in a certain nuisance action.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

RP, § 14-125 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 341 **Senator Griffith, 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 National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Commissioned Officer Corps.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020

SG, §§ 9-901 and 9-911 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 342 **Senator Bailey****AQUACULTURE – LEASES IN WATER COLUMN – RIPARIAN RIGHT OF FIRST REFUSAL**

Establishing that a riparian property owner or lessee shall have the right of first refusal to apply for and, if approved, obtain a water column lease, or an aquaculture lease for use in the water column in an Aquaculture Enterprise Zone, applicable to a certain area that fronts the riparian property, subject to certain standards and requirements; requiring a person other than the riparian owner who applies for a certain lease in an area subject to a right of first refusal to provide a certain notice of the lease application; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2020

NR, §§ 4-11A-05 and 4-11A-08 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 343 **Senators Bailey and Miller****CALVERT COUNTY – PUBLIC FACILITIES BOND**

Authorizing and empowering the County Commissioners of Calvert County, from time to time, to borrow not more than \$46,881,848 to finance the construction, improvement, or development of certain public buildings, roads, and facilities in Calvert County, as herein defined, and to effect such borrowing by the issuance and sale at public or private sale of its general obligation bonds in like par amount; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2020

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 344 **Chair, Budget and Taxation Committee (By Request – Departmental – University System of Maryland)****UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF MARYLAND – ACADEMIC FACILITIES BONDING AUTHORITY**

Approving certain projects for the acquisition, development, and improvement of certain academic facilities for the University System of Maryland; approving the issuance of bonds by the University System of Maryland in a total principal amount of \$20,000,000 for financing the projects; providing that the bonds issued under the authority of the Act are not a debt or obligation of the State or any of its subdivisions; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2020

Assigned to: Senate Rules

SB 345 **Senator Kagan****HOMEOWNER’S INSURANCE – WEATHER-RELATED CLAIMS AND NOTICE OF CANCELLATION OR NONRENEWAL**

Repealing a certain exception that allowed an insurer to cancel or refuse to renew coverage for homeowner’s insurance based on weather-related claims if there were three or more weather-related claims within the preceding 3-year period; and requiring that a certain written notice of intention to cancel or not renew a homeowner’s insurance policy include a form adopted by the Maryland Insurance Commissioner that allows the insured to protest the proposed action and request a hearing 30 days after the mailing date of the notice.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

IN, § 27-501(i) - amended and § 27-602(c)(6) - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 346 **Senator Beidle, et al****ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – MULTIPLE LICENSES**

Altering the types of licenses subject to certain restrictions on the number of certain licenses a license holder may hold in Anne Arundel County; altering certain restrictions on the licenses a holder may hold by direct or indirect interest in the county; repealing certain restrictions on certain license holders being issued another license in the county; repealing certain locational requirements for certain additional licenses; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020

AB, § 11-1607 - amended and § 11-1609 - repealed

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 347 **Senator Ready, et al****PUBLIC SAFETY – CERTIFICATION OF POLICE OFFICERS**

Providing that employment by a business licensed as a certain cannabis dispensary, grower, or processor does not constitute involvement in the illegal distribution, production, cultivation, transportation, or sale of a controlled dangerous substance for police officer certification or recertification under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

PS, § 3-209.2 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 348 **Senator Kelley****PUBLIC ETHICS – OFFICIALS AND LOBBYISTS – REPORTING OF CEREMONIAL GIFTS AND AWARDS OF INSIGNIFICANT MONETARY VALUE**

Providing that an official need not disclose the acceptance of a ceremonial gift or award of insignificant monetary value on a financial disclosure statement; and providing that a regulated lobbyist need not allocate and report by name the individual recipients of ceremonial gifts and awards of insignificant monetary value on a lobbying activities report.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

GP, §§ 5-607(e) and 5-705(c) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 349 **Senator Patterson, et al**

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: Budget and Taxation

SB 350 **Senator Patterson, et al**

STATE REAL ESTATE COMMISSION – CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS – ETHICS AND PROFESSIONALISM

Altering the subject matter of the continuing education ethics course required for the renewal of a license to provide real estate brokerage services by the State Real Estate Commission to include the practice of flipping, fraudulent real estate practices, and professionalism, including a discussion relating to conflict resolution and a licensee’s duty to respect the public, peers, and property.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

BOP, § 17-315(b) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 351 **Senator Gallion, et al**

AGRICULTURE – FARMERS MARKETS – ADVERTISING, LABELING, AND ENFORCEMENT (FARMERS MARKET INTEGRITY ACT)

Prohibiting a person from using the term “farmers market” to describe certain venues; prohibiting a person from selling farm and food products at a farmers market unless 75% of the products offered were grown or processed by the person or under the supervision of the person; authorizing a person operating or coordinating a farmers market to impose more stringent requirements than the provisions of the Act; establishing the Farmers Market Review Panel; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Panel; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

AG, §§ 10-2101 through 10-2104 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 352 **Senator Carozza**

SOMERSET COUNTY – TAX EXEMPTION FOR MANUFACTURING
PROPERTY – DURATION

Repealing the 5–year limitation on the maximum duration that a tax exemption
for certain manufacturing property in Somerset County may be granted.

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PLL of Somerset Co, Art. 20, § 11-101 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation