



SYNOPSIS

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SENATE BILLS INTRODUCED February 17, 2020

SB 1031 Senator Klausmeier

MEDICAL CANNABIS – GROWER, DISPENSARY, AND PROCESSOR AGENTS – AGE REQUIREMENT

Providing that an individual must be at least 18 years old to be registered as a medical cannabis grower agent; decreasing from 21 years old to 18 years old the minimum age an individual must be to be registered as a medical cannabis dispensary agent; and decreasing from 21 years old to 18 years old the minimum age an individual must be to be registered as a medical cannabis processor agent.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

HG, §§ 13-3306(a)(4), 13-3308(a), and 13-3310(a) - amended

Assigned to: Senate Rules

SB 1032 Senator Klausmeier

RENEWABLE ENERGY PORTFOLIO STANDARD – HYDROELECTRIC POWER

Altering from 30 to 60 megawatts the capacity of certain hydroelectric power plants in the definition of a Tier 1 renewable source for the renewable energy portfolio standard; and extending the renewable energy portfolio standard percentage derived from Tier 2 renewable sources.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

PU, §§ 7-701(r)(8) and 7-703(b)(16) through (25) - amended

Assigned to: Senate Rules

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SB 1033 Senator Peters, et al**TASK FORCE TO STUDY THE FEASIBILITY OF A BOWIE STATE UNIVERSITY LAW SCHOOL**

Establishing the Task Force to Study the Feasibility of a Bowie State University Law School; 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; requiring the Task Force to make certain recommendations to the Governor and General Assembly by December 1, 2020; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2020

Assigned to: Senate Rules

SB 1034 Senator Patterson, et al**CRIMINAL LAW – FELONY SECOND DEGREE ASSAULT – SPORTS OFFICIAL**

Prohibiting a person from intentionally causing physical injury to another if the person knows or has reason to know that the other is an official, an umpire, a referee, or a judge officiating at a sporting event; authorizing a police officer to arrest a person without a warrant if the police officer has probable cause to believe that the person has committed a certain assault; and establishing a violation of the Act is a misdemeanor with a penalty of up to 10 years in prison or a fine of up to \$2,500 or both.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

CR, § 3-203 and CP, § 2-203 - amended

Assigned to: Senate Rules

SB 1035 Senator Hester**HEMP FARMING PROGRAM – EXPANSION – PROCESSING HEMP**

Expanding the scope and purpose of the Hemp Farming Program to include monitoring and regulating the processing of hemp; requiring the Department of Agriculture, in consultation with the Governor and the Attorney General, to establish a certain plan for monitoring and regulating the processing of hemp in the State; requiring the Department of Agriculture to establish a procedure for licensing the processing of hemp in accordance with the plan; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

AG, §§ 14-302, 14-303, 14-305, 14-306, 14-308, and 14-309 - amended

Assigned to: Senate Rules

SB 1036 Senator Hester**MARYLAND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY –
CYBERSECURITY COORDINATION AND OPERATIONS OFFICE –
ESTABLISHMENT**

Establishing the Cybersecurity Coordination and Operations Office within the Maryland Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) to help improve statewide cybersecurity readiness and response; requiring the Director of MEMA to appoint an Executive Director as head of the Office; requiring the Office to be provided with sufficient staff to perform the Office's functions; requiring the Office to establish regional assistance groups to deliver or coordinate support services to political subdivisions, agencies, or regions; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

PS, § 14-101(c) - amended and § 14-104.1 - added

Assigned to: Senate Rules

SB 1037 Senator Sydnor**ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – PROHIBITED ACTS – DEFENSE TO
PROSECUTION FOR SALE TO UNDERAGE INDIVIDUALS**

Modifying certain elements required to establish a defense to serving an alcoholic beverage to an underage individual; and providing that reliance by an establishment or a seller on the results of an electronic identification scanner that verifies the identity of an individual by certain technology fulfills an element of a certain defense.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020

AB, § 6-306 - amended

Assigned to: Senate Rules

SB 1038 Senator Sydnor**JUVENILES CONVICTED AS ADULTS – SENTENCING – LIMITATIONS
AND REDUCTION (JUVENILE RESTORATION ACT)**

Authorizing a court, when sentencing a minor convicted as an adult, to impose a sentence less than the minimum term required by law; prohibiting a court from imposing a sentence of life without the possibility of parole or release for a minor; authorizing a certain individual to file a motion to reduce the duration of the individual's sentence; requiring the court to conduct a hearing on a motion to reduce the duration of a sentence; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

CP, §§ 6-235 and 8-110 - added

Assigned to: Senate Rules

SB 1039 Senator KlausmeierMARYLAND 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: Senate Rules

SB 1040 Senator Rosapepe

LOCAL TAX RELIEF FOR WORKING FAMILIES ACT OF 2020

Increasing to 3.5% the maximum rate a county may impose on an individual's Maryland taxable income for a taxable year beginning after December 31, 2021; requiring a county, with regard to any increase to its county income tax rate that is effective on or after January 1, 2022, to impose the increase on an income bracket basis; requiring a county that imposes the county income tax on an income bracket basis to set, by ordinance or resolution, certain income brackets; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020

TG, § 10-106 - amended

Assigned to: Senate Rules

SB 1041 Senator HayesCHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT – DISCLOSURE OF IDENTIFYING
INFORMATION

Requiring the Executive Director of the Social Services Administration to provide the Secretary of Health with identifying information regarding an individual who has had the individual's parental rights terminated under a certain provision of law and who has been suspected of abuse or neglect; and requiring the Department of Human Services to report by December 1, 2021, to the Governor and the General Assembly on the implementation of a plan by the State to search other state databases to identify persons responsible for abuse and neglect.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

FL, § 5-715 - amended

Assigned to: Senate Rules