



SYNOPSIS

Senate Bills and Joint Resolutions
2020 Maryland General Assembly Session

January 9, 2020
Schedule 3

PLEASE NOTE: January 17 – Bill request deadline.
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 9, 2020

SB 123 Senator Feldman

MARYLAND TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY – VIDEO STREAMING AND ARCHIVING – OPEN MEETINGS

Requiring the Maryland Transportation Authority to make available to the public on the Internet live video streaming of each open meeting of the Authority held at the Authority's headquarters or any other location where the Authority held at least 10 meetings in the preceding calendar year; requiring the Authority to make available to the public on the Internet complete and unedited archived video recordings of streamed open meetings; requiring the Authority to make the archived video recordings available for a minimum of 4 years; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

TR, § 4-211 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

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SB 124 **Senator Feldman****MARYLAND HEALTH BENEFIT EXCHANGE – ESTABLISHMENT OF A STATE–BASED HEALTH INSURANCE SUBSIDIES PROGRAM**

Requiring the Maryland Health Benefit Exchange to establish and implement a State–Based Health Insurance Subsidies Program to provide a means for individuals to reduce the amount they pay for health benefit plans in the individual health insurance market; requiring that a certain assessment of health care providers be used to fund the State Reinsurance Program and the State–Based Health Insurance Subsidies Program; requiring the Maryland Health Benefit Exchange Board to make a certain determination; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020

IN, §§ 6-102.1 and 31-107 - amended and §§ 31-122 and 31-123 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 125 **Senator Feldman****PRIVATE PASSENGER MOTOR VEHICLE INSURANCE – PROHIBITION ON CANCELLATION DUE TO TOWING OR EMERGENCY ROADSIDE COVERAGE CLAIMS**

Prohibiting an insurer from canceling, refusing to renew, or otherwise terminating coverage for a private passenger motor vehicle insurance policy based on claims made under the policy’s towing or emergency roadside coverage; authorizing an insurer to remove towing or emergency roadside service coverage from a certain policy at renewal based on the number of claims pursuant to the towing coverage; and authorizing an insurer to increase a premium of a private passenger motor vehicle insurance policy as a result of certain claims.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

IN, § 27-501(d) - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 126 Senator Reilly**ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – ENTERTAINMENT FACILITIES**

Specifying the manner in which the holder of an entertainment facility license in Anne Arundel County may sell beer, wine, and liquor; altering the scope of certain entertainment that may be performed in the licensed premises; and authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Anne Arundel County to authorize the sale of alcoholic beverages in certain areas for a promotional event under certain conditions.

EMERGENCY BILL

AB, § 11-1005 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 127 Senator Reilly**VEHICLE LAWS – CATS AND DOGS LEFT UNATTENDED – AUTHORIZED REMOVAL**

Authorizing a person to use reasonable force to remove an unattended cat or dog from a motor vehicle if the person reasonably believes that the health or safety of the dog or cat is imminently endangered, provided that the person contacts law enforcement, the fire department, or 9–1–1 before using force to remove the cat or dog, leaves contact information and notice that emergency services have been contacted, and remains with the cat or dog until law enforcement or the fire department arrives.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

TR, § 21-1004.1 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 128 Senator Simonaire, et al**LOCAL GOVERNMENT – ANIMAL CONTROL FACILITIES – ADOPTION FEE WAIVER FOR VETERANS(PETS FOR VETS ACT OF 2020)**

Requiring an animal control facility operated by a county or municipality to waive the adoption fee for a dog or cat for a veteran who presents a valid driver's license or identification card that includes a notation of veteran status; authorizing an animal control facility to limit the number of adoption fee waivers granted to an individual under the Act to one dog and one cat within a 6–month period; and applying the Act to all counties and municipalities.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

LG, § 1-1314 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 129 **Senator Simonaire**

ELECTION LAW – CAMPAIGN FINANCE – PROTECTION OF CONTRIBUTOR INFORMATION

Prohibiting a person from using contributor information from any report or statement required under provisions of law governing campaign finance for commercial solicitation purposes; and prohibiting a person from publishing contributor information from any report or statement required under provisions of law governing campaign finance in newspapers, magazines, books, or other similar media for the purpose of facilitating commercial solicitation.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

EL, § 13-106 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 130 **Senator Simonaire**

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – LICENSE REQUIREMENTS – REGISTERED VOTER AND CITIZENSHIP

Repealing requirements that an applicant for an alcoholic beverages license be a registered voter; and altering certain citizenship requirements for alcoholic beverages licenses.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020

AB, Various Sections - amended and §§ 2-407(c)(5) and 12-1402 - repealed

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 131 **Senator Simonaire**

STATE HIGHWAYS – COMMERCIAL SIGNS IN RIGHTS-OF-WAY – PENALTIES

Increasing the maximum civil penalty applicable to a violation for affixing a commercial sign to a State highway sign, signal, or marker in the State highway right-of-way to \$100 per commercial sign affixed; and clarifying certain language establishing a civil penalty for a violation of the prohibition against placing or maintaining commercial signs in a State highway right-of-way.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

TR, § 8-605 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 132 **Senator Elfreth****PROPERTY TAX – ASSESSMENT REVIEWS – AIDS IN REVIEWING PROPERTY**

Requiring, rather than authorizing, the State Department of Assessments and Taxation to use property description cards, property location maps, land classification maps, unit value maps, land use maps, zoning maps, records of new construction, sales records, building cost information, private appraisals, periodic surveys of assessment ratios, and any other material or information that the Department considers to be a reliable aid in determining real property value when conducting certain reviews of real property assessments.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2020

TP, § 2-203(d) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation