



SYNOPSIS

Senate Bills and Joint Resolutions
2020 Maryland General Assembly Session

January 17, 2020
Schedule 9

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 17, 2020

SB 218 Senator West

CRIMES INVOLVING CONTROLLED DANGEROUS SUBSTANCES – PENALTIES – METHAMPHETAMINE

Adding methamphetamine to a certain penalty provision applicable to certain crimes involving controlled dangerous substances; and providing a penalty of imprisonment of up to 20 years and a fine of up to \$15,000 or both for violations the Act.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

CR, § 5-609 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

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SB 219 **Senator Elfreth, et al**STATE BOAT ACT – ABANDONED OR SUNKEN VESSELS –
REMOVAL

Altering the definition of an “abandoned or sunken vessel” to mean one that has remained at a certain location for more than 30 instead of 90 days without the consent of the property owner, for purposes of certain provisions of the State Boat Act; requiring the Department of Natural Resources to take a certain abandoned or sunken vessel into custody without providing a certain notice if the Department determines that the vessel poses certain hazards or presents an obstruction to navigation; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020

NR, § 8-721 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 220 **Senator Kagan**

GAS PRICE GOUGING ACT

Altering the information about a certain measurement of certain gasoline that must be stated on a sign on the premises of a retail service station dealer to require that the highest price, or the cash price and the credit price, be stated in a clear and visible manner; authorizing a certain sign to state the highest price for a certain measurement of certain other motor fuel products; and repealing a certain exemption from a certain signage requirement for certain retail service station dealers.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

BR, § 10-315 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 221 **Senator Beidle, et al**ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – BOARD OF
LICENSE COMMISSIONERS STAFF AND COMPENSATION

Requiring the Board of License Commissioners for Anne Arundel County to employ a full-time executive director, a full-time administrator, and two full-time secretaries whose salaries are fixed by the Board within the general county classified salary schedule; and providing that the full-time executive director's salary shall be fixed within pay grade 17, the full-time administrator's salary shall be fixed within pay grade 16, and the two full-time secretaries' salaries shall be fixed within pay grade 13.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020

AB, § 11-204(b) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 222 **Senator Beidle, et al**ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION – ANNUAL
MEETING – DATE

Altering the date on which the Anne Arundel County Board of Education is required to hold its annual meeting from on or as near as possible to the second Tuesday in July to on or as near as possible to the first Wednesday in December.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020

ED, § 4-107(a) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 223 **Senator Feldman, et al**

COMMISSION ON TAX POLICY, REFORM, AND FAIRNESS

Establishing the Commission on Tax Policy, Reform, and Fairness; specifying the membership of the Commission; requiring the Commission to study and review issues related to the State's revenue structure and to make recommendations designed to promote economic development and a business-friendly environment, ensure fairness in the revenue structure, and maintain existing services; requiring the Commission to submit a final report to the Governor and the General Assembly by December 1, 2021; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2020

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 224 Senator Feldman**CLEAN ENERGY JOBS – WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT – SCOPE**

Altering the scope of apprenticeship and training programs that may receive certain support through the Clean Energy Workforce Account from the Strategic Energy Investment Fund for clean energy industry development.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2020

LE, § 11-708.1(c) and SG, § 9-20B-05(f)(10) - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 225 Senator Feldman, et al**STATE PERSONNEL – EMPLOYEE ACCOMMODATIONS – PREGNANCY AND CHILDBIRTH**

Requiring all units in the Executive, Judicial, and Legislative branches of State government, including all units with independent personnel systems, to provide certain reasonable accommodations for an employee with certain limitations caused or contributed to by pregnancy or childbirth; prohibiting units of State government, under certain circumstances, from requiring an employee to take certain leave or requiring an employee to accept certain accommodations under certain circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

SP, § 2-311 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 226 Senator Waldstreicher**HIGHWAYS – PROHIBITION ON OUTDOOR SIGNS ALONG EXPRESSWAYS – EXCEPTION**

Establishing that a certain exception to the prohibition against placing outdoor signs along expressways for on-premises signs that are placed in accordance with certain local zoning laws and ordinances applies to off-premises signs; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

TR, §§ 8-741, 8-742, and 8-744 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 227 **Senator Waldstreicher, et al**

FAMILY LAW – FINAL PROTECTIVE ORDER – EXTENSION

Specifying that, if a petitioner or person eligible for relief files a certain motion to extend the term of a final protective order during the term of the order and a hearing on the motion is not held before the order's original expiration date, the order is automatically extended and its terms remain in full force and effect until the hearing on the motion.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

FL, § 4-507 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 228 **Senator Pinsky**

PUBLIC HEALTH – COMMISSION ON UNIVERSAL HEALTH CARE

Establishing the Commission on Universal Health Care; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Commission; requiring the Commission to develop a plan for the State to establish, on or before January 1, 2023, a universal health care program to provide health benefits to all residents of the State through a single-payer system; authorizing the Commission, the Maryland Health Benefit Exchange, and the Maryland Department of Health to apply for certain waivers; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2020

HG, §§ 13-4101 through 13-4103 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 229 **Senator Lee, et al**TOLL ROADS, HIGHWAYS, AND BRIDGES – COUNTY GOVERNMENT
CONSENT REQUIREMENT – EXPANSION

Expanding to all counties in the State a prohibition on State agencies constructing within the nine Eastern Shore counties a toll road, toll highway, or toll bridge without the consent of a majority of the affected counties.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

TR, § 4-407 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 230 **Senator Lee, et al**

CRIMINAL LAW – SEXUAL CRIMES – REPEAL OF SPOUSAL DEFENSE

Repealing a certain prohibition on prosecuting a person for rape or a certain sexual offense against a victim who was the person's legal spouse at the time of the alleged rape or sexual offense.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

CR, § 3-318 - repealed

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 231 **Senator Lee, et al**

SEXUAL SOLICITATION OF A MINOR – SOLICITATION THROUGH PARENT, GUARDIAN, OR CUSTODIAN – PROHIBITION AND PENALTIES

Prohibiting a person from knowingly and with a certain intent soliciting the consent of a parent, guardian, or custodian of a minor, or a person believed to be a parent, guardian, or custodian of a minor, to engage in certain prohibited sexual acts with the minor; and establishing and altering certain penalties with the first offense receiving a penalty of imprisonment not to exceed 10 years or a fine of up to \$25,000 or both, and for a second or subsequent offense, imprisonment of up to 20 years, or a fine of up to \$50,000 or both.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

CR, § 3-324 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 232 **Senator Benson, et al**

PROCUREMENT – PREVAILING WAGE – APPLICABILITY

Repealing a certain limitation on the applicability of the Prevailing Wage Law to the construction of a public work by revising a certain definition.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

SF, § 17-201 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 233 The President (By Request – Office of the Attorney General), et al
BUSINESS REGULATION – FLAVORED TOBACCO PRODUCTS –
PROHIBITION

Providing that certain licenses to manufacture, sell, buy, and store cigarettes, other tobacco products, and electronic smoking devices do not authorize the licensee to manufacture, ship, import, or sell into or within the State a flavored tobacco product with a taste or smell of fruit, mint, candy, or other nontobacco flavors; providing that a public statement that cigarettes, other tobacco products, or electronic smoking devices have or produce a certain smell or taste is presumptive evidence that they are flavored tobacco products; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

BR, Various Sections - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 234 The President (By Request – Office of the Attorney General), et al
VEHICLE LAWS – SUSPENSION OF DRIVER’S LICENSE OR
REGISTRATION – UNPAID CITATIONS OR JUDGMENTS

Altering the requirements and procedures governing certain programs that authorize installment plan payments for certain motor vehicle traffic citations or judgment debts under certain circumstances; repealing the requirement that the Motor Vehicle Administration suspend a person’s driver’s license for failure to pay a traffic citation or request a trial; authorizing the Administration to initiate a court action for a certain civil judgment for an unpaid traffic citation under certain circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020

CJ, § 7-504.1 and TR, §§ 17-209, 26-201, 26-204, and 27-103 - amended and TR, §§ 17-204 through 17-207 - repealed

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SENATE BILL REASSIGNED January 16, 2020**SB 189** **Senators Gallion and Bailey**

STATE BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICAL EXAMINERS –
PRACTICING VETERINARY MEDICINE WITHOUT A LICENSE –
CEASE AND DESIST ORDER AND CIVIL PENALTY

Authorizing, on review and approval of the Secretary of Agriculture or the Secretary's designee, the State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners to issue a cease and desist order and impose a certain civil penalty against a person who practices, attempts to practice, or offers to practice veterinary medicine without a license; specifying that a civil penalty imposed under the Act may not exceed \$5,000 for each violation; requiring the Board to consider certain factors in setting the amount of a civil penalty; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

AG, § 2-313.2 - added

Reassigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs