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April 8, 2003

To the Members of the General Assembly

Ladies and Gentlemen:

On April 8, 2003, the Honorable Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr., Governor; the Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr., President of the Senate; and the Honorable Michael E. Busch, Speaker of the House of Delegates, signed the following pieces of legislation which you passed:

[HB 803](#)
[Chapter 1](#)

**Maryland Health Insurance Plan and Senior Prescription Drug Program --
Modifications and Clarifications**

Altering the responsibilities of the Health Services Cost Review Commission with respect to funding for the Maryland Health Insurance Plan; clarifying the fiscal year used in calculating the funding for the Plan; authorizing the Plan administrator to use premiums collected from enrollees to pay specified claims; requiring the administrator to deposit premiums in a specified account and to keep specified records; requiring the administrator to deposit a specified amount in the Maryland Health Insurance Plan Fund; etc.
Delegate Hurson, et al

[HB 1100](#)
[Chapter 2](#)

Health Insurance Coverage Availability Act of 2003

Making specified health insurance coverage available to specified individuals who lose coverage under specified circumstances and are eligible for a specified federal tax credit; making specified health insurance coverage available to specified individuals who lose coverage under a specified plan; providing that specified provisions of the Act apply to specified Medicare supplement policies; etc.
Delegate Pendergrass, et al

[SB 450](#)
[Chapter 3](#)

Short--Term Prescription Drug Subsidy Plan -- Enrollment

Altering the limitation on enrollment in the Short--Term Prescription Drug Subsidy Plan.
Senator Middleton, et al

[HB 211](#)
[Chapter 4](#)

Short--Term Prescription Drug Subsidy Plan -- Enrollment

Altering the limitation on enrollment in the Short--Term Prescription Drug Subsidy Plan.
Delegate Bromwell, et al

[SB 1](#)
[Chapter 5](#)

Public Safety

Adding a new article to the Annotated Code of Maryland, to be designated and known as the "Public Safety Article", to revise, restate, and recodify the laws of the State relating to public safety, including laws relating to the State Police, the State Fire Marshal, the State Militia, law enforcement generally, fire and rescue and emergency services, firearms, fireworks and explosives, elevator and boiler safety, and building and material codes; etc.

The President (Department of Legislative Services -- Code Revision)

SB 96
Chapter 6

Vehicle Laws -- Dealer's Surety Bond -- Trailers and Semitrailers

Requiring a specified surety bond for motor vehicle dealers licensed to sell trailers or semitrailers over 15 feet in length.

Chairman JPR (Dept)

SB 102
Chapter 7

Income Tax -- Assessment of Income Tax on Amended Returns

Providing that the Comptroller shall make an assessment of income tax arising out of an amended return and related to changes made by the amended items in the return within 3 years after the date that the amended return is filed.

Chairman B&T (Dept)

SB 103
Chapter 8

Migratory Game Bird Stamps

Altering the Maryland migratory game bird stamp required to be purchased by a person hunting migratory game birds.

Chairman EHE (Dept)

SB 105
Chapter 9

Vehicle Law -- Commercial Driver's License and Instructional Permit -- Minimum Age

Altering the minimum age requirement to obtain a commercial driver's license or a commercial driver's instructional permit for specified purposes.

Chairman JPR (Dept)

SB 109
Chapter 10

Motor Vehicle Administration -- Identification Cards -- Cancellation

Authorizing the Motor Vehicle Administration to cancel an identification card under specified circumstances; and requiring the holder to immediately surrender a canceled identification card to the Administration.

Chairman JPR (Dept)

SB 110
Chapter 11

Property Tax -- Constant Yield Tax Rate -- Amendment

Altering the deadline for the Department of Assessments and Taxation to amend a constant yield tax rate; and authorizing the Department to amend a constant yield tax rate to reflect a significant loss of taxable base, as determined by the Director of the Department of Assessments and Taxation.

Chairman B&T (Dept)

SB 115
Chapter 12

Boating Accidents

Increasing the minimum damage amount before a specified boating accident is required to be reported to the Department of Natural Resources; and requiring that a specified boating accident involving two or more vessels, regardless of the amount of damage to property, be reported to the Department.

Chairman EHE (Dept)

SB 139
Chapter 13

Citations -- Format and Printing

Excepting from the offenses for which the Chief Judge of the District Court is required to design arrest -- citation forms, specified offenses by juveniles and other violations as expressly provided by law; requiring the Chief Judge to cause the District Court to print uniform motor vehicle citation forms and specified other uniform statewide citation forms; requiring that citations for specified violations be in a format prescribed by the State Court Administrator; etc.

Chairman JPR (Maryland Judicial Conference)

SB 141
Chapter 14

Clerks of Circuit Courts -- Statutory Fee for Administering Oath of Office

Repealing the statutory authorization for a clerk of a circuit court to collect a fee of \$.10 for administering an oath for specified offices.

Chairman JPR (Maryland Judicial Conference)

SB 148
Chapter 15

Health Insurance -- Medical Clinical Trials -- Reporting Requirements

Repealing specified reporting requirements for medical clinical trials covered by carriers.

Chairman FIN (Dept)

SB 186
Chapter 16

Criminal Injuries Compensation -- Awards for Lost Earnings and Injury Resulting in Permanent Total Disability

Providing that the parent or guardian of a specified victim may be eligible for a specified award as a result of caring for the victim; allowing an additional award of up to \$25,000 to a victim if the injury to the victim results in the determination of permanent total disability; etc.

Chairman JPR (Dept)

SB 192
Chapter 17

Public Safety Article -- Cross--References and Corrections

Correcting cross--references to the Public Safety Article in the Annotated Code of Maryland; adding to the Criminal Procedure Article specified cross--references to the Public Safety Article; and correcting errors in the Public Safety Article.

The President (Department of Legislative Services -- Code Revision)

SB 277
Chapter 18

Garrett County -- Real Property -- Disposition

Authorizing the Board of County Commissioners of Garrett County to dispose of surplus real property by private negotiations if a public sale for the property fails to yield any bids; and requiring the County Commissioners to adopt regulations for implementing the Act.

Senator Hafer

SB 284
Chapter 19

Public Records -- Motor Vehicle Records -- Access by Hospitals

Requiring the custodian of Motor Vehicle Administration records to disclose to a hospital, for hospital security purposes, personal information relating to the ownership of vehicles parked on hospital property.

Senator Jimeno

SB 305
Chapter 20

Annual Curative Bill

Generally curing previous Acts of the General Assembly with possible title or other defects.

The President (Department of Legislative Services)

SB 306
Chapter 21

Annual Corrective Bill

Correcting specified errors and omissions in various articles of the Annotated Code and in specified uncodified laws; establishing that the Act is not intended to affect any law other than to correct technical errors; ratifying and validating specified corrections made by the publisher of the Annotated Code; applying and construing the Act; etc.

The President (Department of Legislative Services)

SB 313
Chapter 22

Election Law -- Parties Using an Open Primary -- Notice to State Board

Requiring a political party to notify the State Board of Elections at least 6 months before the primary election if the party will allow voters not affiliated with the party to vote in its primary election.

Senator Stone (Chairman Ethics and Election Law Subcommittee)

SB 332
Chapter 23

State Contributory Law Enforcement Officers' Pension System -- Transfers of Service Credit

Authorizing transfers of service credit to and from the State Contributory Law Enforcement Officers' Pension System under specified circumstances; requiring individuals who transfer service credit from a contributory system to the State Contributory Law Enforcement Officers' Pension System to meet specified requirements, including depositing a certain amount of money, at 4 %

interest, into the annuity savings fund of the Law Enforcement Officers' Pension System; etc.

Senator Kasemeyer (Chairman Joint Committee on Pensions)

SB 356
Chapter 24

Frederick County -- Alcoholic Beverages -- Stadium License

Authorizing the Frederick County Board of License Commissioners to issue a stadium on-sale license to a specified person; authorizing the holder of a stadium license to sell beer and light wine during events in a stadium under specified conditions; setting a license fee of \$2,000; etc.

Senator Brinkley

SB 357
Chapter 25

State Retirement and Pension System -- Retirement Benefits -- Board of License Commissioners of Washington County

Allowing specified retirees to receive a normal service retirement benefit from the Employees' Retirement System under specified circumstances; allowing specified retirees who are receiving a normal service retirement from the Employees' Retirement System to receive a normal service retirement benefit from the Employees' Pension System under specified circumstances; etc.

Senator Munson

SB 459
Chapter 26

Caroline County -- Adkins Arboretum Loan of 2001

Amending Chapter 231 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2001, the Caroline County -- Adkins Arboretum Loan of 2001, to extend the time by which the Board of Trustees of Adkins Arboretum, Ltd. must provide a matching fund to June 1, 2005.

Senators Colburn and Pipkin

SB 461
Chapter 27

Dorchester County -- Correctional Services -- Inmate Welfare Fund

Providing that the chief financial officer for Dorchester County or the managing official of the local correctional facility as designated by Dorchester County shall separately hold and account for the inmate welfare fund; providing that the chief financial officer for Dorchester County or the managing official of the local correctional facility as designated by Dorchester County shall pay out money from the inmate welfare fund as approved in the county budget; etc.

Senator Colburn

SB 642
Chapter 28

Carroll County -- Public Facilities Bonds

Authorizing and empowering the County Commissioners of Carroll County, from time to time, to borrow not more than \$23,000,000 in order to finance the construction, improvement, or development of specified public facilities in Carroll County, and to effect such borrowing by the issuance and sale at public or private sale of its general obligation bonds; etc.

Carroll County Senators

SB 681
Chapter 29

Baltimore City -- Marvellous Works Outreach Center Loan of 2001

Amending Chapter 698 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2001, Baltimore City --

Marvellous Works Outreach Center Loan of 2001, to alter the date by which the grantee is required to provide a matching fund, from June 1, 2003 to June 1, 2004.
Senator Hughes

SB 682
Chapter 30

Prince George's County -- Kettering Largo Boys & Girls Club Storage Facility Loan of 2001

Amending Chapter 326 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2001, the Prince George's County -- Kettering Largo Boys & Girls Club Storage Facility Loan of 2001, to allow the matching fund to consist of real property and to extend the date by which the Board of Directors of the Kettering Largo Boys & Girls Club must expend a matching fund.
Senator Currie

HB 88
Chapter 31

Frederick County -- Annual Tax Sales -- Notice

Altering the requirement in Frederick County that specified information regarding annual tax sales be published in specified newspapers at specified times; making the Act an emergency measure; etc.
Frederick County Delegation

HB 109
Chapter 32

Prince George's County -- Palmer Park Boys and Girls Club Loan of 2001

Amending Chapter 680 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2001 to extend the time by which the Board of Directors of the Palmer Park Boys and Girls Club, Inc. shall provide a matching fund, for the Prince George's County -- Palmer Park Boys and Girls Club Loan of 2001, from June 1, 2003 to June 1, 2004.
Delegate Howard, et al

HB 168
Chapter 33

Calvert County -- Fire, Rescue, and Emergency Medical Services -- Length of Service Award Program

Providing that specified Calvert County volunteer fire, rescue, and emergency medical services members shall receive specified length of service award program credits during specified pending workers' compensation claims in specified circumstances.
Calvert County Delegation

HB 175
Chapter 34

Calvert County -- Public Facilities Bonds

Authorizing and empowering the County Commissioners of Calvert County, from time to time, to borrow not more than \$7,260,000 in order to finance the construction, improvement, or development of specified public facilities in Calvert County, and to effect such borrowing by the issuance and sale at public or private sale of its general obligation bonds; etc.
Calvert County Delegation

HB 200
Chapter 35

Insurance -- Regulation of Insurance Producers

Altering provisions regarding the reporting of appointments and terminations of insurance producers to the Maryland Insurance Administration; repealing specified fees; authorizing the Maryland Insurance Commissioner to appoint specified advisory boards and review continuing education courses; requiring insurers to maintain information regarding appointments and terminations of insurance producers; etc.
Chairman ECM (Dept)

HB 201
Chapter 36

Commercial Law -- Disposition of Abandoned Property -- Notice Requirement of Holder

Requiring all holders of property subject to the abandoned property law to provide written notice by first-class mail to owners not more than 120 days or less than 30 days before the filing of the report required by CL, § 17--310; and clarifying that the notice requirement

applies to banking or financial organizations or business associations holding specified abandoned property.

Chairman ECM (Dept)

HB 203
Chapter 37

Frederick County -- Public Facilities Bonds

Authorizing and empowering the County Commissioners of Frederick County to borrow not more than \$101,000,000 in order to finance the cost of specified public facilities in Frederick County and to effect such borrowing by the issuance and sale at public or private sale of its general obligation bonds; etc.

Frederick County Delegation

HB 242
Chapter 38

Allegany County -- Property Tax Credit -- Carver Community Center, Inc.

Authorizing the governing body of Allegany County or of a municipal corporation in Allegany County to grant a property tax credit against the county or municipal corporation property tax imposed on property owned by the Carver Community Center, Incorporated.

Allegany County Delegation

HB 270
Chapter 39

Employees' Pension System -- Additional Service Credit -- Town of Oakland

Providing individuals who were employees of the Town of Oakland on June 30, 2000, and remain employees on June 30, 2003, with a specified amount of additional service credit in the Employees' Pension System; and prohibiting individuals who were not employees of the Town of Oakland on June 30, 2000, and remain employees on June 30, 2003, from receiving a specified amount of additional service credit in the Employees' Pension System.

Garrett County Delegation

HB 339
Chapter 40

Baltimore City -- Sheriff's Office -- Appointed Positions

Creating one appointed position of assistant sheriff in the Baltimore City Sheriff's office; and repealing the existing positions of administrative officer II sheriff and fiscal associate II sheriff.

Delegate Harrison

HB 498
Chapter 41

Health Insurance -- Medicare Supplement Contracts -- Availability

Requiring specified carriers to make available specified Medicare supplement policies during a 6--month period following a specified enrollment in Medicare.

Chairman HGO (Dept)

HB 562
Chapter 42

Western Maryland Code Counties -- Hotel Rental Tax

Authorizing a code county in the Western Maryland class to set a hotel rental tax rate greater than 3% but not exceeding 8% with the unanimous consent of the county commissioners for the county; requiring that specified revenue attributable to the hotel rental tax be distributed to the general fund of the code county in the Western Maryland class instead of to municipal corporations under specified circumstances; requiring a code county in the Western Maryland class to prepare a specified annual report; etc.

Allegany County Delegation

HB 591
Chapter 43

Cecil County -- Public Facilities Bonds

Authorizing and empowering the County Commissioners of Cecil County to borrow not more than \$11,500,000 in order to finance the cost of the construction and improvement of specified public facilities in Cecil County and to effect that borrowing by the issuance and sale at public or private sale of its general obligation bonds; etc.

Cecil County Delegation

HB 616
Chapter 44

Charles County -- Homeowners Association Commission -- Resolution of Covenant Disputes

Authorizing Charles County to establish a homeowners association commission with the authority to hear and resolve disputes regarding the enforcement of the recorded covenants and restrictions of a homeowners association by providing alternative dispute resolution services, including binding arbitration.

Charles County Delegation

HB 618
Chapter 45

Charles County -- State's Attorney -- Authority to Appoint Staff and Set Salaries

Authorizing the State's Attorney for Charles County to appoint deputy State's Attorneys; repealing a provision of law limiting the State's Attorney to appointing the number of assistant State's Attorneys approved by the senior resident Circuit Court judge; and requiring that, subject to the approval of the County Commissioners of Charles County, the State's Attorney shall set the salaries of deputy State's Attorneys, assistant State's Attorneys, and specified other assistants.

Charles County Delegation

HB 628
Chapter 46

Tax Sales -- Worcester County -- Auctioneer's Fee

Providing that the auctioneer's fee in Worcester County allowed as an expense relating to a tax sale of property is the greater of \$8 for each property or \$300, to be allocated pro rata among the properties sold.

Delegates Bozman and Conway

HB 693
Chapter 47

Washington County -- Correctional Services -- Home Detention and Pretrial and Work Release Programs

Requiring the Sheriff of Washington County to establish pretrial release and work release programs in addition to a home detention program and adopt regulations for each program; authorizing the court to recommend individuals in the Sheriff's custody who meet eligibility criteria and have no other pending charges in any jurisdiction to participate in a program; establishing that an individual incarcerated for or previously convicted of a crime of violence is not eligible to participate in a program; etc.

Washington County Delegation

HB 701
Chapter 48

Talbot County -- Building Excise Tax

Authorizing the County Council of Talbot County to fix and impose, by ordinance, a building excise tax on all types of building construction; requiring the County Council to specify in the ordinance the types of building construction subject to the tax, the criteria and formulas used to assess the tax, and the tax rates; requiring that the tax rates not exceed a specified amount; etc.

Delegates Schisler and Eckardt

HB 799
Chapter 49

Child in Need of Assistance Proceedings -- Permanency Plan Review Hearings

Requiring a court, at a hearing to review a permanency plan for a child, to document in its order whether reasonable efforts have been made to finalize the permanency plan that is in effect.

Chairman JUD (Dept)

HB 829
Chapter 50

Allegany County and City of Cumberland -- Property Tax Credit -- New Construction

Authorizing the governing body of Allegany County or of the City of Cumberland to grant a property tax credit against the county or municipal corporation tax imposed on new construction; etc.

Allegany County Delegation

HB 941
Chapter 51

Carroll County -- Retirement and Pensions and Group Insurance

Authorizing the County Commissioners of Carroll County to establish and maintain a general system of pensions and retirement and group insurance for the officers and employees of Carroll County.
Carroll County Delegation

HB 1008
Chapter 52

Estates and Trusts -- Recovery by Minor in Tort -- Appointment of Trustee

Increasing the amount of net recovery to a minor in a claim in tort above which appointment of a trustee for the minor shall be made by issuing a check made payable to the order of the trustee, from \$2,000 to \$5,000; providing that the Act apply to specified recoveries in tort on or after October 1, 2003, and to specified trusts in existence on or after October 1, 2003, for which a petition for guardianship of the property of a minor is filed.
Delegate Gordon

Sincerely,

Karl S. Aro
Executive Director



April 22, 2003

To the Members of the General Assembly

Ladies and Gentlemen:

On April 22, 2003, the Honorable Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr., Governor; the Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr., President of the Senate; and the Honorable Michael E. Busch, Speaker of the House of Delegates, signed the following pieces of legislation which you passed:

HB 860
Chapter 53

State Government -- Department of Juvenile Services -- Charles H. Hickey, Jr. School Program

Renaming the Department of Juvenile Justice to be the Department of Juvenile Services; renaming the Secretary of Juvenile Justice to be the Secretary of Juvenile Services; renaming the State Advisory Board for Juvenile Justice to be the State Advisory Board for Juvenile Services; renaming the Department of Juvenile Justice Summer Opportunity Pilot Program to be the Department of Juvenile Services Summer Opportunity Pilot Program; and making conforming changes throughout the Code.
The Minority Leader (Administration), et al

SB 4
Chapter 54

District Court -- Small Claim Actions

Increasing to \$5,000 the minimum amount in controversy in civil cases over which the District Court and the circuit courts have concurrent jurisdiction and in which appeals from the District Court must be heard on the record; increasing to \$5,000 the maximum amount in controversy over which the District Court has exclusive jurisdiction; increasing to \$2,500 the maximum amount in controversy for which formal pleadings are prohibited; etc.
Senator Greenip, et al

SB 7
Chapter 55

Creation of a State Debt -- Aging School Program -- Qualified Zone Academy Bonds

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt in the amount of \$9,043,000, the proceeds to be

used as a grant to the Interagency Committee on School Construction for the allocation to eligible school systems under the Aging School Program for the repair, renovation, and capital improvements of qualified zone academies, subject to the requirement that the grantee document the provision of a required federal matching fund; etc.

Senator Miller

SB 8
Chapter 56

Crimes -- Counterfeiting United States Currency

Prohibiting a person, with intent to defraud, from manufacturing, counterfeiting, or causing, aiding, or assisting in counterfeiting United States currency; prohibiting a person, with intent to defraud, from making, scanning, recording, reproducing, transmitting, or possessing certain images of United States currency; establishing specified penalties for a violation of the Act; etc.

Senator Colburn, et al

HB 202
Chapter 57

Crimes -- Counterfeiting United States Currency

Prohibiting a person, with intent to defraud, from manufacturing, counterfeiting, or causing, aiding, or assisting in counterfeiting United States currency; prohibiting a person, with intent to defraud, from making, scanning, recording, reproducing, transmitting, or possessing specified images of United States currency; establishing specified penalties; etc.

Delegate Lee, et al

SB 10
Chapter 58

State Board of Dental Examiners -- Subpoenas -- Authority

Altering the law so as to authorize an officer or the administrator of the State Board of Dental Examiners, instead of the secretary of the Board, to sign subpoenas before the Board may issue subpoenas.

Senator Hafer

SB 39
Chapter 59

Health Insurance -- Coverage for Home Visits After Mastectomy or Surgical Removal of a Testicle -- Extension of Sunset

Extending the September 30, 2003 termination date for insurance coverage for specified home visits following a mastectomy or surgical removal of a testicle.

Senator Teitelbaum, et al

SB 85
Chapter 60

Injured Workers' Insurance Fund -- Risk Based Capital -- Exemption from Excessive Premium Growth Charge

Exempting the Injured Workers' Insurance Fund from the excessive premium growth charge or other penalty associated with premium growth in any risk based capital calculation; providing for the termination of a specified exemption; etc.

Senator Astle

SB 97
Chapter 61

Motor Fuel Tax -- Special Fuels -- Tax Payment

Exempting special fuel containing dye and sold for uses other than in a licensed motor vehicle from the motor fuel tax.

Chairman B&T (Dept)

SB 100
Chapter 62

Personnel and Pensions -- Maryland Transit Administration Retirees -- Health Benefits

Adding Maryland Transit Administration pension plan retirees to the list of retirees who are eligible for specified health insurance benefits.

Chairman B&T (Dept)

SB 106
Chapter 63

Workers' Compensation -- Subsequent Injury Fund -- Assessment

Repealing the termination date of an assessment of 6.5% payable to the Subsequent Injury

Fund.
Chairman FIN (Dept)

SB 112
Chapter 64

Recordation and Transfer Tax -- Land Trusts -- Exemption

Exempting specified instruments of writing that transfer specified conservation easements and fee simple interests from recordation and State and county transfer taxes under specified circumstances.

Chairman B&T (Dept)

SB 113
Chapter 65

Property Tax -- Damaged Property

Altering the calculation of property tax abatements for damaged property by prorating the amount due according to the month the damage occurred.

Chairman B&T (Dept)

SB 126
Chapter 66

General Obligation Bonds -- Accounting for Proceeds

Requiring the Comptroller to establish the State and Local Facilities Loan Fund, a premium and expense account, and accounts and subaccounts for accounting purposes; requiring the Comptroller to credit, expend, and account for proceeds from the sale of State Bonds in a specified manner; authorizing specified uses of bond proceeds; allowing the Comptroller to restate prior expenditures of bond proceeds; authorizing bond proceeds to be transferred to and expended from the State and Local Facilities Loan Fund; etc.

Senator Lawlah (Joint Committee on the Management of Public Funds), et al

SB 135
Chapter 67

Criminal Law -- Identity Fraud -- Penalties

Increasing from \$5,000 to \$25,000 the maximum fine for a person knowingly, willfully, and with fraudulent intent possessing, obtaining, or helping another person to possess or obtain any personal identifying information of an individual without consent in order to use, sell, or transfer the information to get a benefit, credit, good, service, or other thing valued at \$500 or more in the name of the individual; etc.

Senator Forehand

HB 598
Chapter 68

Criminal Law -- Identity Fraud -- Penalties

Increasing from \$5,000 to \$25,000 the maximum fine for a person knowingly, willfully, and with fraudulent intent possessing, obtaining, or helping another person to possess or obtain any personal identifying information of an individual without consent in order to use, sell, or transfer the information to get a benefit, credit, good, service, or other thing of value of a specified value or greater in the name of the individual; etc.

Delegate Lee, et al

SB 167
Chapter 69

Insurance -- Premium Finance Agreements

Providing that a premium finance agreement, in addition to financing the premium of a surplus lines insurance contract, may include specified premium receipts taxes and fees charged by a surplus lines broker; and altering the manner in which a finance charge is computed.

Senator Astle

SB 171
Chapter 70

Family Law -- Marriage Ceremonies -- Solicitation

Repealing the prohibition against erecting or maintaining an information booth or advertisement that is intended to help solicit the performance of a marriage ceremony.

Senator Jacobs, et al

SB 175

Income Tax -- Claims for Refunds

Chapter 71

Allowing a claim for refund or credit for overpayment of income tax attributable to a right to a reduction in a person's Maryland income tax that is established by a decision or by an appeal of a decision of an administrative board to be filed within 1 year after the date of a final decision of the board or court; and providing that specified claims for refund or credit for overpayment of income tax filed prior to July 1, 2003, may not be denied on the basis of late filing of the claim under specified circumstances.

Senator Mooney

HB 737

Chapter 72

Income Tax -- Claims for Refunds

Allowing a claim for refund or credit for overpayment of income tax attributable to a right to a reduction in a person's Maryland income tax that is established by a decision or by an appeal of a decision of an administrative board to be filed within 1 year after the date of a final decision of the board or court; and providing that specified claims for refund or credit for overpayment of income tax filed prior to July 1, 2003, may not be denied on the basis of late filing of the claim under specified circumstances.

Delegate Hogan, et al

SB 188

Chapter 73

Certified Public Accountancy -- Limited Permits -- Firm Ownership by Nonlicensees

Authorizing specified individuals who are not licensed to practice certified public accountancy to have an ownership interest in a firm issued a limited permit for the practice of certified public accountancy by the State Board of Public Accountancy.

Chairman EHE (Dept)

SB 189

Chapter 74

Retirement -- Optional Retirement Program -- Health Insurance Benefits for Retirees, Surviving Spouses, and Dependent Children

Clarifying how eligibility for participation in the State health insurance benefit program is determined for specified optional retirement program retirees, surviving spouses, and dependent children.

Chairman B&T (Dept)

SB 198

Chapter 75

Harford County -- County Board of Education and Superintendent of Schools

Repealing the requirement that the Harford County Board of Education provide public notice that the county board will conduct an evaluation of the county superintendent by a specified date; repealing the requirement that the county board conduct an evaluation of the county superintendent and share the findings of the evaluation with the county superintendent by a specified date; and repealing the county superintendent's reappointment notification requirement to the county board.

Harford County Senators

SB 245

Chapter 76

State Retirement and Pension System -- Military Service Credit -- Maryland National Guard Members

Authorizing members of the State Retirement and Pension System who are members of the Maryland National Guard and activated under Title 10 of the United States Code to receive 4 months of service credit for a full year of military service as a member of the Maryland National Guard; and providing for a specified limit to the military service credit.

Senator Mooney

SB 260

Chapter 77

Baltimore County -- Democratic Party Central Committee -- Composition and Election

Altering the composition of the Baltimore County Democratic Party Central Committee; determining the next election for members of the Baltimore County Democratic Party Central Committee; and clarifying the term of office for the current members of the Baltimore County Democratic Party Central Committee.

Senator Stone, et al

SB 276
Chapter 78

Garrett County -- Board of License Commissioners -- Subpoena Power

Authorizing the Board of License Commissioners of Garrett County to subpoena records or papers pertaining to a business or establishment that is licensed for alcoholic beverages.
Senator Hafer

SB 278
Chapter 79

Garrett County -- Alcoholic Beverages -- Beer Tasting

Broadening the scope of the wine tasting license in Garrett County to allow beer tasting under specified circumstances.
Senator Hafer

SB 321
Chapter 80

Real Property -- Ground Rents -- Reimbursement for Costs and Expenses

Prohibiting a landlord from receiving reimbursement for costs and expenses related to the collection of past due ground rent unless specified notice requirements are met; etc.
Senator Conway, et al

SB 331
Chapter 81

Optional Retirement Program -- Supplemental Annuities

Clarifying the authority of higher education institutions to invest supplemental retirement plan funds and administer supplemental retirement plans under the Internal Revenue Code; providing higher education institutions with indemnification by the State; and providing for the application of the Act.
Senator Kasemeyer

SB 333
Chapter 82

Individual Deferred Annuities -- Minimum Nonforfeiture Amount -- Interest Rate on Accumulations

Reducing from 3% to 1.5% the interest rate applied to specified accumulations used to determine the minimum nonforfeiture amount under specified annuity contracts; providing for the termination of the Act; etc.
Senators Astle and Klausmeier

SB 335
Chapter 83

General Assembly -- Joint Technology Oversight Committee

Repealing the termination date of the Joint Technology Oversight Committee of the General Assembly.
Senator Teitelbaum

SB 360
Chapter 84

Elderly Persons -- Conversion of Existing Accommodations to a Continuing Care Retirement Community

Authorizing existing accommodations to convert to a continuing care retirement community; modifying requirements for specified feasibility studies; establishing minimum occupancy or reservation requirements in order to qualify for conversion; etc.
Senator Brinkley

SB 367
Chapter 85

Task Force on the Marketing of Grain and Other Agricultural Products

Establishing the Task Force on the Marketing of Grain and Other Agricultural Products; providing for specified membership; requiring the Governor to appoint specified members and to designate the chairman; requiring the Department of Agriculture to provide staff; requiring the Task Force to evaluate options and develop strategies for the marketing of grain, to examine specified costs and funding sources, to solicit and encourage specified participation, and to report to specified persons by December 31, 2003; etc.
Senator Dyson, et al

SB 416
Chapter 86

Land Use -- Planning Commissions -- Membership

Altering the number of members that may be on planning commissions created under a specified statutory law.

Senator Pipkin

SB 421
Chapter 87

Natural Resources -- Complimentary Hunting Licenses -- Hunting Stamps

Requiring a specified gratis hunting license issued to a Maryland resident under the age of 16 to include all applicable hunting stamps, except for migratory game bird stamps and bonus deer stamps; requiring that a specified complimentary hunting license issued to a specified person include all applicable hunting stamps, except for migratory game bird stamps and bonus deer stamps; and altering a provision to provide that a specified complimentary hunting license is not required to be a consolidated hunting license.

Senator Hafer

SB 435
Chapter 88

Job--Related Substance Abuse Testing -- Specimens -- Definition

Adding saliva derived from the human body to the list of specimens that may be used for job--related substance abuse testing.

Senator Giannetti

SB 453
Chapter 89

Sexual Offenses -- Reputation and Opinion Evidence and Evidence of Prior Sexual Conduct -- Admissibility

Expanding the application to specified sexual offenses and applying to sexual crimes against both males and females, the sexual abuse of a minor, the sexual abuse of a vulnerable adult, and lesser included crimes a prohibition against admitting in a prosecution reputation and opinion evidence relating to a victim's chastity or abstinence; etc.

Senator Forehand, et al

SB 462
Chapter 90

Dorchester County -- Alcoholic Beverages -- Board of License Commissioners

Requiring that the Board of License Commissioners for Dorchester County be served by an inspector and a recording secretary with the approval of the County Council; requiring that the inspector and recording secretary be employees of the county as provided for in the county budget; authorizing the Board to appoint legal counsel with the approval of the County Council; etc.

Senator Colburn

HB 939
Chapter 91

Dorchester County -- Alcoholic Beverages -- Board of License Commissioners

Requiring that the Board of License Commissioners for Dorchester County be served by an inspector and a recording secretary with the approval of the County Council; requiring that the inspector and recording secretary be employees of the county as provided for in the county budget; authorizing the Board to appoint legal counsel with the approval of the County Council; etc.

Dorchester County Delegation

SB 473
Chapter 92

Procurement -- Percentage Price Preference for Recycled Materials -- Chicken Litter

Including processed and pasteurized chicken litter in the percentage price preference for recycled materials.

Senators Colburn and Stoltzfus

SB 477
Chapter 93

Small Business Health Insurance Affordability Act

Specifying the manner in which small group health insurance benefits must be offered to employers; lowering the rate cap for small group health insurance benefits; requiring the Maryland Health Care Commission and the Maryland Insurance Administration to conduct

an analysis of and make recommendations on aspects of the administrative cost of health plans in the small group market; etc.

Senator Astle

SB 480
Chapter 94

Task Force to Study the Financial Impact of Retired Military Service Personnel on the Economy of the State

Establishing a Task Force to Study the Financial Impact of Retired Military Service Personnel on the Economy of the State; providing for the composition of the Task Force; requiring the Task Force to report to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before December 1, 2003; etc.

Senator Astle, et al

SB 504
Chapter 95

Electricity -- Universal Service Program -- Extension and Funding

Continuing the electric universal service charge at a specified level for specified purposes; providing assistance for the retirement of specified arrearages for specified electric customers; authorizing the waiver of a specified income eligibility limitation for specified electric customers; requiring the Public Service Commission to make recommendations based on specified factors in a report each year to the General Assembly; etc.

Senator Klausmeier, et al

SB 507
Chapter 96

Maryland Parole Commission -- Membership

Increasing from eight to ten the number of appointed members of the Maryland Parole Commission.

Senator DeGrange, et al

SB 513
Chapter 97

Criminal Law -- Altering the Results of a Drug or Alcohol Screening Test -- Penalties

Prohibiting a person, with intent to defraud or alter the outcome of a drug or alcohol screening test, from altering bodily fluid, substituting a bodily fluid sample with another, or possessing or using a bodily fluid adulterant; prohibiting a person, with intent to defraud or alter the outcome of a drug or alcohol screening test, from selling, distributing, offering to sell or distribute, or transporting into the State, bodily fluids or bodily fluid adulterants; etc.

Senator Harris

SB 514
Chapter 98

Alcoholic Beverages -- Sale of Out--of--State Wine

Making a specified service charge rate payable to specified wholesalers or retail dealers who participate in the handling of direct wine shipment for a personal consumer; etc.

Senator Harris

HB 621
Chapter 99

Alcoholic Beverages -- Sale of Out--of--State Wine

Making a specified service charge rate payable to specified wholesalers or retail dealers under specified circumstances; and generally relating to the direct sale of wine from outside the State to consumers in the State.

Delegate McIntosh

SB 525
Chapter 100

Upper Shore Regional Council

Adding a new article to the Annotated Code of Maryland to be designated and known as the Upper Shore Regional Council; establishing the Council as a regional planning and development agency for Cecil, Kent, and Queen Anne's counties; providing for the function and dissolution of the Council; providing for membership and terms of the Council; etc.

Senators Pipkin and Jacobs

SB 547

Small Rural Electric Cooperatives -- Reporting, Compliance, and Exemption

Chapter 101

Authorizing specified small rural electric cooperatives to satisfy requirements for reporting specified information to the Public Service Commission by submitting copies of reports submitted to other federal and state units; authorizing the submission of specified estimates prepared using specified formulas for specified purposes; exempting these small rural electric cooperatives from a specified long--range planning requirement; etc.
Senator Stoltzfus, et al

SB 553
Chapter 102

Assisted Living Facilities -- Certification -- Third Party Accreditation Programs
Authorizing the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to accept all or part of a specified accrediting report as meeting the State licensing requirements for the renewal of a license to operate an assisted living facility program; etc.
Senator Teitelbaum, et al

SB 595
Chapter 103

Property Tax Credit -- Surviving Spouse of a Law Enforcement Officer
Authorizing the governing body of a county or municipal corporation to grant, by law, a county or municipal corporation property tax credit for a dwelling house owned by a surviving spouse of an individual who died as a result of an injury or disease incurred during the course of employment as a law enforcement officer under specified circumstances.
Senator Schrader, et al

HB 731
Chapter 104

Property Tax Credit -- Surviving Spouse of a Law Enforcement Officer
Authorizing the governing body of a county or municipal corporation to grant, by law, a county or municipal corporation property tax credit for a dwelling house owned by a surviving spouse of an individual who died as a result of an injury or disease incurred during the course of employment as a law enforcement officer under specified circumstances.
Delegate Bates, et al

SB 599
Chapter 105

Automotive--Related Industries -- Regulation -- Repeal of Sunset Provision
Repealing the termination of specified provisions of law relating to the regulation of specified automotive--related industries, including motor vehicle auction businesses, vehicle storage facilities, automotive repair facilities, automotive dismantlers and recyclers, and scrap processors.
Senator Stone

SB 601
Chapter 106

Life Insurance -- Separate Investment Accounts -- Asset Holding Requirements
Requiring life insurers that offer specified investment accounts to hold assets that equal or exceed specified reserve requirements; requiring that assets held for specified investment accounts be valued in accordance with specified provisions of the Insurance Article; and generally relating to asset holding requirements for separate investment accounts that provide a fixed guaranteed return that is not subject to market value adjustment.
Senator Astle

SB 633
Chapter 107

Workers' Compensation -- Occupational Disease -- Baltimore City Deputy Sheriffs
Extending the presumption of a compensable occupational disease under the workers' compensation law to include Baltimore City deputy sheriffs who suffer from heart disease or hypertension resulting in partial or total disability or death under specified circumstances; requiring that workers' compensation benefits received under the Act are in addition to specified retirement benefits, subject to a specified adjustment; requiring specified Baltimore City deputy sheriffs to submit specified medical reports; etc.
Senator McFadden

SB 669

Health -- General -- Anatomy Board -- Powers and Duties

Chapter 108

Repealing the Anatomy Board's powers and duties to adopt regulations for the operation of a surgical laboratory within the Board's facilities and to adopt regulations to implement improved anatomical methods to further medical study.

Senator Dyson

SB 726
Chapter 109

Property Tax -- Procedure -- Holders of Certificates of Sale

Repealing a provision of law authorizing a holder of certificates of sale to include and join several certificates of sale in one proceeding; altering a provision of law authorizing a holder of a certificate of sale to be reimbursed for attorney's fees; etc.

Senator Lawlah

SB 733
Chapter 110

Homeland Security -- Protection of Building Records

Expanding the circumstances under which a custodian may deny inspection of public records relating to public security to include records of public facilities and privately owned or operated buildings, structures, or facilities; providing that a custodian may not deny inspection of specified records relating to specified buildings, building inspections, and citations; etc.

Senator Garagiola, et al

SB 734
Chapter 111

Health Occupations -- State Board of Social Work Examiners -- License

Establishing that licensing requirements relating to the practice of social work do not apply to individuals who are licensed in any other state or possess specified qualifications, have an application pending before the State Board of Social Work Examiners, and meet specified requirements established in regulations; prohibiting a specified individual from practicing social work without a license for more than 6 months; etc.

Senator Conway

HB 5
Chapter 112

Anne Arundel County Board of Education -- Appointment of Members -- Legislative Districts

Altering the legislative districts from which Anne Arundel County Board of Education members are appointed; authorizing incumbent members of the County Board as of June 1, 2003 to complete their terms; etc.

Anne Arundel County Delegation

HB 9
Chapter 113

Education -- Liability for Education Costs -- Exemptions for Out--of--State Adoption Agencies

Exempting out--of--state agencies that place children for adoption from liability for the costs of the education of those children, under specified circumstances.

Delegate Brown, et al

HB 23
Chapter 114

Somerset County -- Board of Education -- Terms

Providing for staggered terms of office for the members of the Somerset County Board of Education.

Delegate Elmore, et al

HB 32
Chapter 115

Criminal Law -- Candy--Like Products Containing Tobacco -- Minors

Adding candy--like products that contain tobacco to the definition of tobacco products prohibited to be sold to or possessed by a minor.

Delegate Gordon, et al

HB 39
Chapter 116

Housing and Community Development -- Radium Pilot Grant Program

Creating a Radium Pilot Grant Program within the Department of Housing and Community

Development; establishing conditions under which a county that participates in the Program and the Department may award grants to residential well owners; establishing criteria for a well owner to be eligible for a grant under the Program; authorizing the Department to adopt regulations to implement the Program; requiring the Department to establish a specified formula for awarding grants; etc.

Delegate Leopold, et al

HB 91
Chapter 117

Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation -- Allegany and Garrett Counties -- Natural Gas Rights

Requiring that regulations and procedures adopted by the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation for the establishment and monitoring of agricultural districts may not require, in Garrett County or Allegany County, a natural gas rights owner or lessee to subordinate its interest to the Foundation's interest if the Foundation determines that exercise of the gas rights will not interfere with an agricultural operation on district land; etc.

Delegate Edwards, et al

HB 107
Chapter 118

Child Support Enforcement -- Earnings Withholding

Requiring that, when a court orders immediate service of an earnings withholding order, the court order payments through the State disbursement unit; making specified conforming changes; making the Act an emergency measure; etc.

Delegate Jones

HB 114
Chapter 119

Insurance -- Reinsurance -- Ceding Insurers

Altering the circumstances under which credit, as an asset or deduction from liability, may be allowed to a ceding insurer for reinsurance; repealing a provision of law that prohibits the Maryland Insurance Commissioner from approving or accepting reinsurance by a ceding domestic insurer under specified circumstances; requiring specified payments made by a reinsurer to be made directly to the ceding insurer or its domiciliary receiver except under specified circumstances; etc.

Delegate Fulton

HB 115
Chapter 120

Social Security Numbers -- Mandatory Inclusion on Marriage and Recreational Fishing License Applications

Requiring a person applying for a marriage license to provide the Social Security numbers of each party to be married who has a Social Security number; requiring placement of the Social Security numbers in a specified electronic file; prohibiting placement in a public record; prohibiting disclosure of a Social Security number as part of a marriage license application or a specified fishing license application, except under specified circumstances; etc.

Delegate Jones

HB 116
Chapter 121

Criminal Records -- Expungement after Pardon -- Time of Filing

Repealing the waiting period before a person may file a petition for expungement of criminal records after the person receives a full and unconditional pardon from the Governor.

Delegate Arnick

HB 124
Chapter 122

Worcester County -- Board of Education -- Eligibility to Serve

Permitting a school bus contractor to be eligible to serve as a member of the Worcester County Board of Education; etc.

Delegates Bozman and Conway

HB 126

Wicomico County -- Alcoholic Beverages -- Licenses, Sales, and Wine Festival

Chapter 123

Increasing a specified annual alcoholic beverages license fee in Wicomico County; repealing the ban on Sunday sales of specified alcoholic beverages; establishing a special WCWF license for the sale of wine at the Wicomico County Wine Festival; etc.
Delegate Cane, et al

HB 146
Chapter 124

Worcester County -- Alcoholic Beverages -- Sunday Sales

Altering in Worcester County the time at which specified licensed premises may open for the sale of specified alcoholic beverages on Sunday.
Delegates Bozman and Conway

HB 159
Chapter 125

Licensing -- Cosmetology -- Examination Requirements

Requiring an applicant for a cosmetology license to pass an examination consisting of written and practical parts; authorizing an applicant to take a written examination after completing at least 1,380 of the 1,500 hours of required training; and authorizing a specified applicant to take the written and practical parts of an examination during one administration of the examination.
Delegate Cadden, et al

HB 164
Chapter 126

Health Occupations -- Medical Review Committees

Expanding the category of medical review committees to include a center designated as the Maryland Patient Safety Center by the Maryland Health Commission; providing for the termination of the Act under specified circumstances; etc.
Delegate McHale

HB 169
Chapter 127

Worcester County -- Liquor Control Board -- Borrowing Limit

Increasing the amount of money that the Liquor Control Board of Worcester County may borrow to \$3,000,000.
Delegates Bozman and Conway

HB 193
Chapter 128

State Fire Marshal -- Issuance of Explosives Licenses and Blaster's Permits -- Criminal History Records Checks

Requiring the State Fire Marshal to require criminal history records checks before issuing explosives licenses or a blaster's permit; specifying the procedures and fees to obtain criminal history records checks for applicants for explosives licenses or a blaster's permit; requiring the State Fire Marshal to deny a specified application under specified circumstances; clarifying the application procedure for explosives licenses and a blaster's permit; etc.
Chairman JUD (Dept)

HB 214
Chapter 129

Criminal Law -- Sales and Use Tax and Admissions and Amusement Tax Offenses -- Statute of Limitations

Altering the statute of limitations for specified sales and use tax and admissions and amusement tax offenses by extending the time by which a prosecution for these offenses must be prosecuted from 1 year to 3 years after the date on which the offense was committed.
Chairman JUD (Dept)

HB 220
Chapter 130

Garrett County -- Alcoholic Beverages -- Sunday Sales

Authorizing in Garrett County holders of specified special alcoholic beverages licenses to engage in Sunday sales in specified areas of the county; clarifying that specified license fees apply only to holders of specified licenses; etc.
Garrett County Delegation

HB 237
Chapter 131

Dentistry -- Licensure Requirements -- Pediatric Specialist

Authorizing the State Board of Dental Examiners to waive education requirements for applicants for a limited license to practice dentistry who do not hold specified degrees, if specified conditions are met, including the applicant's being contractually obligated to provide pediatric dental services for at least a specified number of years in a public health dental clinic or specified health centers; providing that a limited license shall expire and be surrendered to the Board under specified circumstances; etc.

Delegates Donoghue and Oaks

HB 243
Chapter 132

Howard County Board of Education -- Application of the State Open Meetings Act -- Clarification Ho. Co. 7--03

Clarifying the application of the State Open Meetings Act to specified actions of the Howard County Board of Education; clarifying that the County Board may take specified actions in a closed session in accordance with specified provisions of the State Open Meetings Act; providing for the termination of the Act; etc.

Howard County Delegation

HB 259
Chapter 133

Health Occupations -- Licensed Clinical Marriage and Family Therapists -- Reciprocity

Requiring the Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists to grant a license to an applicant for a license to practice clinical marriage and family therapy if the applicant is a State resident, is licensed or certified as a marriage and family therapist in another state whose requirements are equivalent to or exceed the requirements of this State, submits an application to the Board, and pays the application fee set by the Board; requiring the Board to adopt regulations; etc.

Delegate Hubbard

HB 257
Chapter 134

State Board of Podiatric Medical Examiners -- Revisions -- Licensure and Penalties

Requiring the members of the State Board of Podiatric Medical Examiners to have peer review experience as a qualification for membership; requiring that an applicant for licensure who has practiced in another state submit specified proof of practice; altering the circumstances under which the Board may issue a license to an individual on nonrenewal or inactive status; etc.

Delegate Hubbard

HB 260
Chapter 135

Motor Vehicles -- Salvage Vehicles -- Distribution of Fees

Altering the distribution by the Motor Vehicle Administration of fees charged for specified inspections of salvage vehicles to require distribution to the Auto Theft Unit of the Department of State Police rather than the Vehicle Theft Prevention Fund.

Delegate Glassman

HB 272
Chapter 136

Vital Statistics -- Certificate of Birth Resulting in Stillbirth

Requiring the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene to establish procedures for the issuance of a certificate of birth resulting in stillbirth; requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to make available a certificate of birth resulting in stillbirth to specified parents; etc.

Delegate Sophocleus, et al

HB 276
Chapter 137

Allegany County -- Education -- Transportation of Students

Repealing the limitations on the transportation of specified students by school bus in Allegany County.

Allegany County Delegation

HB 313
Chapter 138

Child Support Enforcement -- Financial Institution -- Definition

Altering the definition of financial institution in a provision requiring a financial institution to provide specified information and assistance to the Child Support Enforcement Administration; establishing that an institution--affiliated party is not required to provide specified information or assistance to the Administration under specified circumstances; and providing specified immunity from civil liability or criminal penalty for an institution--affiliated party.

Delegate Jones

HB 317
Chapter 139

Tri--County Council for Western Maryland -- Membership

Altering the qualifications of the voting members of the General Assembly on the Tri--County Council for Western Maryland; repealing specified provisions regarding the terms of office for all the members of the General Assembly on the Tri--County Council for Western Maryland; etc.

Garrett County Delegation, Allegany County Delegation, and Washington County Delegation

HB 324
Chapter 140

Garrett County -- Procurement -- Contracts

Authorizing the County Commissioners of Garrett County to purchase goods and services through specified contracts between vendors and specified government organizations; and generally relating to Garrett County procurement contracts.

Garrett County Delegation

HB 333
Chapter 141

Courts -- Criminal Cases -- State's Right of Appeal

Authorizing the State to appeal from a final judgment in a criminal case if the State alleges that the trial judge imposed or modified a sentence in violation of the Maryland Rules.

Delegate Amedori, et al

HB 334
Chapter 142

Dentists and Dental Hygienists -- Licensure -- Examination Requirements

Requiring a dentist or dental hygienist licensed in another state who has passed a regional board to pass specified examinations given by or designated by the Board of Dental Examiners to be granted licensure in this State; requiring a dentist or dental hygienist licensed in another state who has not passed a regional board to meet specified requirements to be granted licensure in this State; etc.

Delegate Donoghue

HB 343
Chapter 143

Hospitals -- HIV Testing -- Health Care Providers and First Responders

Requiring designated hospital infectious disease/communicable disease officers to order tests to be conducted in a specified manner and in accordance with specified recommendations on blood samples or other body fluids of hospital patients for the presence of antibodies to the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV); establishing an exception for HIV tests conducted under the Act to the requirement that informed consent be obtained before conducting an HIV test; etc.

Delegate Morhaim, et al

HB 352
Chapter 144

St. Mary's County -- Alcoholic Beverages -- Exemption for Outdoor Motor Sports Facilities

Exempting in St. Mary's County outdoor motor sports facilities in Mechanicsville or Budds Creek that hold an alcoholic beverages license from the prohibition against a license holder allowing a person to drink on the licensed premises any alcoholic beverages not purchased

from the license holder on the premises.
St. Mary's County Delegation

HB 353
Chapter 145

St. Mary's County -- Public Facilities Bonds

Authorizing and empowering the County Commissioners of St. Mary's County to borrow not more than \$25,000,000 in order to finance the construction, improvement, or development of specified public facilities in St. Mary's County, and to effect such borrowing by the issuance and sale at public or private sale of its general obligation bonds; etc.
St. Mary's County Delegation

HB 356
Chapter 146

**New Prince George's County Board of Education -- Student Member -- Voting Rights
PG 403--03**

Authorizing the student member of the New Prince George's County Board of Education to vote on matters that are unrelated to capital and operating budgets, school closings, reopenings, boundaries, collective bargaining decisions, student disciplinary matters, teacher and administrator disciplinary matters, and other personnel matters; authorizing the Prince George's Regional Association of Student Governments to establish procedures for the election of the student member; etc.
Prince George's County Delegation

HB 357
Chapter 147

Milk Products -- Length of Sell--By Period

Requiring the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene to adopt regulations that establish the sell--by period for specified milk products.
Delegate Stull, et al

HB 360
Chapter 148

Mental Health -- Early Childhood Mental Health Services -- Pilot Program

Establishing the Early Childhood Mental Health Services Pilot Program; requiring the pilot program to provide mental health screening and consultation for specified children; specifying that the pilot program may include formal training for child care providers, therapeutic nursery programs, family support initiatives, crisis intervention services, specified recruiting programs, and specified mental health consultation; requiring specified agencies to submit a specified report; making the Act subject to a specified contingency; etc.
Delegate Rosenberg

HB 386
Chapter 149

Disease Prevention -- Hepatitis C Advisory Council

Establishing a State Advisory Council on Hepatitis C to review, recommend changes to, and solicit funds to implement a specified hepatitis C prevention plan; specifying the membership, terms, removal, chairman, and purpose of the Advisory Council; requiring the Advisory Council to issue specified reports on or before specified dates; and requiring the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene to staff the Hepatitis C Advisory Council.
Delegate Nathan--Pulliam, et al

HB 407
Chapter 150

Allegany County -- Alcoholic Beverages -- License Fees

Altering in Allegany County fees for specified Class A, Class B, Class C, and Class D alcoholic beverages licenses in Allegany County.
Allegany County Delegation

HB 430
Chapter 151

Kent County -- Special Maryland Wine License Privilege

Authorizing in Kent County the Board of License Commissioners to issue a special Maryland Wine License Privilege to specified applicants; and authorizing a holder of the Privilege to sell bottled wine under specified circumstances.
Delegate Walkup, et al

HB 432
Chapter 152

Calvert County -- Code of Public Local Laws -- Legalization

Legalizing the 2002 edition of the Code of Public Local Laws of Calvert County, being Article 5 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland, published under the direction of the Board of County Commissioners of Calvert County; and making provisions for the publication, sale, and distribution of the Code of Public Local Laws of Calvert County.
Calvert County Delegation

HB 444
Chapter 153

General Obligation Bonds -- Termination of Authorization

Providing for the termination of authority to spend specified appropriations for specified capital expenditures after 7 years; establishing exceptions to the termination of authority; clarifying that the authority to spend specified appropriations terminates if a matching fund requirement is not met; prescribing specified language requiring the expenditure or encumbrance of bond proceeds within 7 years to be included in enabling acts; etc.
Delegate Heller (Joint Committee on the Management of Public Funds), et al

HB 451
Chapter 154

Prince George's County -- Special Class C Beer and Beer and Wine Licenses -- Fees PG 305--03

Altering from \$25 to \$50 the daily license fee for special Class C beer and beer and wine licenses in Prince George's County; etc.
Prince George's County Delegation

HB 455
Chapter 155

Prince George's County -- Board of License Commissioners -- Alcoholic Beverages Inspectors PG 300--03

Altering the number of full--time alcoholic beverages inspectors appointed by the Prince George's County Board of License Commissioners from two to three.
Prince George's County Delegation

HB 456
Chapter 156

Prince George's County -- Class B--ECF/DS Beer, Wine and Liquor License -- Annual Fee PG 301--03

Altering from \$4,400 to \$6,750 the annual license fee for the Prince George's County Class B--Education Conference Facility/Dining Service (ECF/DS) beer, wine and liquor license.
Prince George's County Delegation

HB 458
Chapter 157

Prince George's County -- Alcoholic Beverages Violations -- Maximum Fine PG 302--03

Altering from \$5,000 to \$12,500 the maximum fine that the Prince George's County Board of License Commissioners may impose for specified alcoholic beverages violations instead of or in addition to specified other penalties.
Prince George's County Delegation

HB 459
Chapter 158

Prince George's County -- Special Class C Beer, Wine and Liquor License -- Fees PG 304--03

Altering from \$50 to \$150 the license fee for a special Class C beer, wine and liquor license in Prince George's County; etc.
Prince George's County Delegation

HB 460
Chapter 159

Prince George's County -- Alcoholic Beverages Districts -- Conformity to Legislative Districting Plan PG 309--03

Altering specified alcoholic beverages districts in Prince George's County so that they are coterminous with specified legislative districts or parts of districts contained in the State legislative districting plan ordered by the Maryland Court of Appeals.

HB 467
Chapter 160

Community Associations -- Civil Liability

Limiting the civil liability of specified community associations and their agents under specified circumstances; and authorizing specified community associations to register with the Secretary of State.

Delegate Sophocleus, et al

HB 469
Chapter 161

**State Department of Education -- Division of Library Development and Services --
Distrib of Accessible Information to Disabled Individuals**

Requiring the Department of Budget and Management, in consultation with the Governor's Advisory Board for Telecommunications Relay and the Governor's Office for Individuals with Disabilities, to enter an agreement with the State Department of Education, Division of Library Development and Services; providing for an annual payment to be made equal to the cost of distribution of accessible information; requiring the Division to provide eligible individuals with access to an audio news and information service; etc.

Delegate Benson, et al

HB 518
Chapter 162

Baltimore City -- Marvellous Works Outreach Center Loan of 2001

Altering the date by which the Board of Directors of Marvellous Works Outreach Center, Inc., is required to provide a matching fund, from June 1, 2003, to June 1, 2004, pursuant to Chapter 698 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2001, Baltimore City -- Marvellous Works Outreach Center Loan of 2001.

Delegate Marriott, et al

HB 532
Chapter 163

Family Law -- Central Registry -- Exception

Prohibiting a central registry of information regarding child abuse or neglect investigations, maintained by the Department of Human Resources, from including an individual's identity when an allegation or finding of neglect involves a child with a mental disorder or developmental disability who is released from a hospital or other facility, and the individual fails to take the child home due to a reasonable fear for the safety of the child or child's family.

Delegates Zirkin and Morhaim

HB 536
Chapter 164

**Department of Juvenile Justice -- Summer Opportunity Pilot Program -- Extension of
Sunset**

Repealing a restriction that limits the Summer Opportunity Pilot Program to not more than three counties; clarifying that the Program fund consists of moneys appropriated in the State budget as well as money from other sources; and extending the Program to May 31, 2008.

Delegate Zirkin, et al

HB 544
Chapter 165

Crimes -- Visual Surveillance -- Private Place

Expanding the definition of "private place" for the purposes of the prohibition against visually observing, with prurient interest, an individual without the consent of that individual, to include a room where a person has a reasonable expectation of privacy under specified circumstances; etc.

Delegate McComas, et al

HB 567
Chapter 166

**Talbot County -- Applicants for Alcoholic Beverages Licenses -- Criminal History
Records Check**

Requiring the Board of Liquor License Commissioners of Talbot County to require an applicant for a new alcoholic beverages license or for a transfer of an existing alcoholic

beverages license to be fingerprinted and be the subject of a State and national criminal history records check; etc.

Delegates Schisler and Eckardt

HB 588
Chapter 167

Criminal Law -- Child Abuse and Child Sexual Abuse -- Increased Penalties

Prohibiting a parent or other person with permanent or temporary care or custody or responsibility for the supervision of a minor from causing abuse resulting in severe physical injury or death to the minor; altering specified penalties for child abuse; establishing the offenses of child abuse in the first and second degrees; increasing specified penalties for child sexual abuse; establishing specified penalties for subsequent convictions of specified offenses; etc.

Delegate O'Donnell

HB 596
Chapter 168

Dorchester County -- Board of Education -- Election of Members

Providing that members of the Dorchester County Board of Education shall be elected; establishing a procedure for the election of members to the Dorchester County Board of Education; establishing a specified term of office for elected members; providing for the removal of members under specified circumstances; providing for specified student nonvoting members; providing a procedure for filling a vacancy on the County Board; providing for the election of the president and vice president of the County Board; etc.

Delegates Eckardt and Schisler

HB 632
Chapter 169

Frederick County -- Alcoholic Beverages Licenses -- Maryland Ensemble Theatre

Renaming a specified special Class C on--sale beer and wine license in Frederick County to be the special Class C (Maryland Ensemble Theatre) on--sale beer and wine license.

Frederick County Delegation

HB 679
Chapter 170

Natural Resources -- Expanded Deer Management

Authorizing the Department of Natural Resources to include specified Sundays as part of specified deer hunting seasons; limiting Sunday deer hunting to privately owned lands under specified circumstances; providing that the provisions of law authorizing Sunday deer hunting do not apply in specified urban areas; requiring the Department to report and make recommendations on or before January 15, 2004, to specified committees of the General Assembly regarding aspects of its deer management plans; etc.

Delegate Boutin, et al

HB 685
Chapter 171

Vehicle Laws -- Drivers' Licenses -- Suspension, Revocation, or Refusal for Epilepsy

Repealing specified provisions relating to the suspension or revocation of, or refusal to issue or renew, an individual's driver's license because the individual's driving may be adversely affected by the individual's epilepsy.

Delegate Mandel, et al

HB 708
Chapter 172

Alcoholic Beverages -- Light Wine

Altering the definition of light wine that is applicable to specified alcoholic beverages provisions of law by increasing to 15.5% the maximum allowable percentage of alcohol by volume; altering for specified counties the maximum allowable percentage of alcohol by volume for light wine; etc.

Delegate Arnick

HB 711
Chapter 173

Insurance -- Offers of Educational or Promotional Materials or Articles of Merchandise

Prohibiting a person from knowingly offering, promising, or giving valuable consideration

not specified in a policy of insurance other than life insurance, health insurance, or annuities except for educational materials, promotional materials, or articles of merchandise that cost less than \$10; etc.

Delegate Harrison

HB 735
Chapter 174

Calvert and St. Mary's Counties -- Shellfish -- Harvesting by Wharf Owners

Allowing in specified counties the owner of wharves or other structures on or about the water to have the exclusive use of a specified area to grow and harvest shellfish; and providing for the ownership of oysters in Howard, Calvert, St. Mary's, and Talbot counties if the oysters are grown in specified containers that are attached to the piers and wharves.

Delegate O'Donnell, et al

HB 740
Chapter 175

St. Mary's County -- Alcoholic Beverages -- License Applications

Making applicable to the Alcohol Beverage Board of St. Mary's County the requirements that the Board must consider specified factors before approving an application for an alcoholic beverages license, that the application must be disapproved if specified findings are made, and that the application must be approved if the findings are not made.

St. Mary's County Delegation

HB 806
Chapter 176

Washington County -- Alcoholic Beverages -- Pouring License Fees

Altering specified pouring license fees in Washington County.

Washington County Delegation

HB 817
Chapter 177

The Task Force to Study Alternative Living Arrangements for Children in Out--of--Home Placement

Establishing the Task Force to Study Alternative Living Arrangements for Children in Out--of--Home Placement; providing for the membership of the Task Force; requiring the Governor to designate a chairman of the Task Force; requiring the Department of Juvenile Justice to staff the Task Force; etc.

Delegate O'Donnell, et al

HB 819
Chapter 178

Education -- Lead Poisoning Tests -- Administering and Reporting

Requiring specified entities to cooperate with the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to adopt specified regulations regarding immunization and blood tests for lead poisoning; requiring a parent or legal guardian of a child to provide specified documentation certifying that the child has undergone specified testing; requiring specified programs or schools to report the name, last known address, and telephone number of each child for whom specified documentation is not provided; etc.

Delegate Oaks, et al

HB 821
Chapter 179

Juvenile Causes -- Treatment Service Plans

Requiring a juvenile counselor to meet with a specified child and the child's parent, guardian, or legal custodian in making a treatment service plan; requiring a juvenile counselor, in specified circumstances, to document when and why a parent, guardian, or legal custodian is unable or refuses to meet; and requiring that a treatment service plan include specific goals and specified information.

Delegate O'Donnell, et al

HB 907
Chapter 180

Natural Resources -- Forest and Tree Management -- Assistance to Nonprofit Corporations

Authorizing the Department of Natural Resources to provide, under specified circumstances, State or federal financial assistance and technical assistance to nonprofit corporations that

participate in specified urban and community forestry programs; and authorizing the Department to provide specified grants to and enter into specified contracts with specified nonprofit corporations under the Green Shores Program.

Delegate McIntosh, et al

HB 929
Chapter 181

Worcester County -- Worcester County Development Center Loan of 2001

Amending Chapter 482 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2001, the Worcester County - Worcester County Development Center Loan of 2001, to extend to June 1, 2005, the time by which the Board of County Commissioners of Worcester County must provide a matching fund.

Delegates Bozman and Conway

HB 931
Chapter 182

Worcester County -- Agricultural Preservation Advisory Board -- Membership

Increasing the membership of an agricultural preservation advisory board and the number of members who meet specified requirements in Worcester County; shortening the terms of members of the agricultural preservation advisory board in Worcester County; etc.

Delegates Bozman and Conway

HB 954
Chapter 183

Natural Resources -- Hunting Wild Waterfowl -- Susquehanna Flats

Altering specified distances that a person must be from shore when hunting wild waterfowl in the Susquehanna Flats while the person is standing in water on the natural bottom, in a boat that is drifting or being sculled, or in a boat that is anchored.

Delegate Boutin, et al

HB 957
Chapter 184

Carroll County -- Alcoholic Beverages -- Servers in Restaurants

Repealing in Carroll County a specified condition under which a person 18 years old or older may serve and sell alcoholic beverages in restaurants; and allowing a person 18 years old or older to deliver alcoholic beverages in restaurants.

Carroll County Delegation

HB 958
Chapter 185

Carroll County -- Disposition of Personal Property

Increasing from \$100 to \$250 the amount of personal property that the Board of County Commissioners of Carroll County may dispose of by specified means.

Carroll County Delegation

HB 960
Chapter 186

Carroll County -- Alcoholic Beverages Licenses -- Wine Tasting and Beer Tasting

Repealing in Carroll County the prohibition against holders of a wine tasting license or of a beer tasting license to exercise specified privileges during the Maryland Wine Festival.

Carroll County Delegation

HB 961
Chapter 187

Carroll County -- Maryland Wine Festival -- License Fee

Increasing to \$200 the fee for the Maryland Wine Festival (MWF) license in Carroll County.

Carroll County Delegation

HB 986
Chapter 188

Washington County -- Advertising Intent to Lease Real Property

Altering the requirements of the County Commissioners of Washington County to advertise their intent to lease real property under specified circumstances; making stylistic changes; and generally relating to advertising the intent of the Washington County Commissioners to lease real property.

Washington County Delegation

HB 992

Real Property -- Prerequisites to Recording

Chapter 189

Altering specified provisions of law regarding prerequisites to transferring specified property on the assessment books or records; and providing that specified provisions of law regarding transferring specified property on the assessment books or records do not apply in Baltimore City in specified circumstances.

Delegate Krysiak

HB 1016
Chapter 190

Baltimore City -- Pimlico Road Arts and Community Center Loan of 2001

Altering the date by which the grantee is required to provide a matching fund, from June 1, 2003, to June 1, 2005, pursuant to Chapter 411 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2001, Baltimore City -- Pimlico Road Arts and Community Center Loan of 2001.

Delegate Marriott, et al

HB 1026
Chapter 191

Board of Community College Trustees for Washington County -- Residency Requirement

Requiring the trustees of the Board of Community College Trustees for Washington County to reside in Washington County at the time they are appointed to the Board; requiring the trustees of the Board of Community College Trustees for Washington County to remain residents of Washington County while serving as trustees on the Board; and providing for the application of the Act.

Washington County Delegation

HB 1027
Chapter 192

Washington County -- Animal Control Enabling Law

Altering the type of animal control authority for Washington County to be a quasi--judicial deliberative body; establishing specified duties of the animal control authority; transferring specified duties of the animal control authority to an appropriate private agency or department of county government; authorizing the County Commissioners for Washington County to adopt an animal control ordinance to designate an appropriate private agency or department of county government to carry out specified duties; etc.

Washington County Delegation

HB 1037
Chapter 193

Life Insurers -- Board of Directors -- Investments Practices

Repealing a provision of law related to investment and loan practices of life insurers; requiring the board of directors of a life insurer to adopt a specified plan for acquiring and holding investments and engaging in investment practices; requiring the plan to specify guidelines related to the investment and financial needs of a life insurer; etc.

Delegate Bromwell

HB 1042
Chapter 194

Task Force to Study the Availability of Audiology and Speech--Language Services

Establishing the Task Force to Study the Availability of Audiology and Speech--Language Services; specifying the composition, powers, and duties of the Task Force; providing for the staffing of the Task Force; requiring the Task Force to report its findings and recommendations to specified committees of the General Assembly by a specified date; providing for the termination of the Act; etc.

Delegate Heller, et al

HB 1044
Chapter 195

St. Mary's and Calvert Counties -- Alcoholic Beverages -- Out--of--State Licensees

Prohibiting in St. Mary's County and Calvert County the issuance of a specified license, except by way of renewal, to specified entities holding an alcoholic beverages license in any other state or Washington, D.C.

St. Mary's County Delegation

HB 1050

Motor Vehicle Law -- Railroad Grade Crossing Violations and Penalties

Chapter 196

Establishing violations for operators of commercial motor vehicles and their employers related to railroad grade crossings; requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration to disqualify an individual who is convicted of specified violations from driving a commercial motor vehicle for a specified period of time; etc.

Chairman ENV (Dept)

HB 1061

Chapter 197

Maryland Election Modernization Fund

Establishing a Maryland Election Modernization Fund.

Chairman W&M (Dept)

HB 1137

Chapter 198

Harford County -- Circuit Court -- Attorney Appearance Fee

Increasing the attorney appearance fee payable to the Clerk of Circuit Court for Harford County to \$20.

Harford County Delegation

HB 1141

Chapter 199

Frederick County -- Special Beer Festival License

Authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Frederick County to issue a special beer festival license; requiring the Board to approve one weekend annually under specified conditions for the special beer festival in the county; etc.

Frederick County Delegation

HB 1150

Chapter 200

Washington County -- Taxes -- Space for Recreation Vehicles and Camping Shelters

Increasing from 3% to 6% the rate of tax authorized in Washington County relating to the rental, leasing, or use of any space, facilities, or accommodations for a recreational vehicle or camping shelter in a trailer park or mobile home court or park; providing that the tax applies to any recreational vehicle or camping shelter intended and used for temporary occupancy for a period not exceeding 30 days; and requiring that the tax be distributed in the same manner as the hotel rental tax.

Washington County Delegation

HB 1177

Chapter 201

Garrett County -- Sanitary District -- Governing Body

Abolishing the sanitary commission of Garrett County; requiring the County Commissioners of Garrett County to govern the sanitary district in Garrett County; and making the Act an emergency measure.

Delegate Edwards

Sincerely,

Karl S. Aro
Executive Director



May 13, 2003

To the Members of the General Assembly

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Pursuant to Article III, Section 52(6) of the Constitution of Maryland, House Bill 40 of 2003 has become Chapter 202 of the Acts of 2003.

HB 40
Chapter 202

Budget Bill (Fiscal Year 2004)

Making the proposed appropriations contained in the State Budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2004, in accordance with Article III, Section 52 of the Maryland Constitution; etc.
The Speaker (Administration)

On May 13, 2003, the Honorable Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr., Governor; the Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr., President of the Senate; and the Honorable Michael E. Busch, Speaker of the House of Delegates, signed the following pieces of legislation which you passed:

HB 935
Chapter 203

Budget Reconciliation and Financing Act of 2003

Transferring to the General Fund specified amounts from specified special funds and nonbudgeted funds in fiscal 2003 and 2004; making various changes to statutory funding requirements and revenue distribution provisions; increasing service fees; etc.
The Minority Leader (Administration)

HB 140
Chapter 204

Creation of a State Debt -- Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loan of 2003 and Other Consolidated Capital and Bond Loans

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt in the amount of \$742,470,000 for specified purposes; altering provisions of prior capital budgets; etc.
The Speaker (Administration)

SB 2
Chapter 205

Public School Construction -- Use of Solar Energy -- Pilot Program

Requiring the Interagency Council on Public School Construction to encourage local boards of education to study, design, and construct or renovate energy efficient school buildings that use solar energy systems that meet some electrical needs of those buildings; requiring the Council to provide program grants for specified purposes at existing public schools or in new or renovated school building projects; authorizing a local board to apply to the Council for grants to purchase and install a solar energy system; etc.
Senator Pinsky

SB 31
Chapter 206

Informal Kinship Care -- Consent to Health Care on Behalf of a Child

Authorizing a relative providing informal kinship care to consent to health care on behalf of a child under specified circumstances; requiring a specified relative to file a specified affidavit at the Department of Human Resources, Social Services Administration; etc.
Senator Kelley, et al

SB 32
Chapter 207

Education -- Children in Informal Kinship Care Relationships

Providing for the funding of the education of a child in an informal kinship care relationship due to a serious family hardship under specified circumstances; requiring a child in an informal kinship care relationship to receive an appropriate education; etc.
Senator Kelley, et al

SB 34
Chapter 208

Somerset County -- Ferry Company -- Franchise

Authorizing the County Commissioners of Somerset County to grant a franchise for a ferry company to operate between Somerset County and Reedville, Virginia on an exclusive basis; requiring the County Commissioners to review a specified proposed business and financial plan and authorizing them to adopt specified regulations; providing that a ferry company granted a franchise under the Act has a specified period of time in which to exercise the franchise, after which the franchise is null and void; etc.
Senator Stoltzfus

HB 42

Somerset County -- Ferry Company -- Franchise

Chapter 209

Authorizing the County Commissioners of Somerset County, notwithstanding any anticompetitive effect, to grant a franchise for a ferry company to operate between Somerset County and Reedville, Virginia, on an exclusive basis; requiring the County Commissioners to review the proposed business and financial plan of the ferry company before the franchise may be granted; etc.
Delegate Elmore, et al

SB 56
Chapter 210

Education -- High School Diplomas -- World War II and Korean Conflict Veterans
Allowing an honorably discharged veteran of World War II or the Korean Conflict to apply to specified county boards of education to obtain a high school diploma if the individual withdrew from a specified full--time public or private high school under specified circumstances.
Senator Hooper, et al

SB 92
Chapter 211

Local Fire and Police System -- Reemployment of Retirees
Exempting from a specified offset of an allowance retirees of the Local Fire and Police System who are reemployed by specified employers; and altering the requirements for the reemployment of retirees of the Local Fire and Police System.
Senator Kasemeyer (Chairman Joint Committee on Pensions)

SB 95
Chapter 212

Asbestos Violations -- Criminal Penalties and Standard of Proof
Altering the conditions for the assessment of misdemeanor criminal penalties for asbestos violations; and altering the intent standard for a criminal prosecution for specified asbestos violations; etc.
Chairman JPR (Dept)

SB 130
Chapter 213

Maryland African American Museum Corporation -- Board of Directors -- New Members
Altering to 37 the number of members of the Maryland African American Museum Corporation Board of Directors; authorizing the Governor to appoint to the Board of Directors up to five members from outside the State under specified circumstances; establishing that a quorum at board meetings consists of a majority of members then serving; providing for 4--year terms; and providing for new members of the Maryland African American Museum Corporation Board of Directors.
Senator McFadden

HB 106
Chapter 214

Maryland African American Museum Corporation -- Board of Directors -- New Members
Altering to 37 the number of members of the Maryland African American Museum Corporation Board of Directors; authorizing the Governor to appoint to the Board of Directors up to 5 members from outside the State under specified circumstances; establishing that a quorum at board meetings consists of a majority of members then serving; providing for 4--year terms; and generally relating to new members of the Maryland African American Museum Corporation Board of Directors.
Delegate Harrison, et al

SB 131
Chapter 215

Sheriffs -- Disposal of Property -- Holding Period
Altering the period of time prescribed under specified guidelines, that specified property is required to be in the possession of the sheriff before the sheriff is required to give notice of the sale of the property to specified persons and specified lienholders; etc.
Senator Brinkley

SB 154
Chapter 216

Criminal Procedure -- Criminal Justice Information System

Altering the ex officio membership of the Criminal Justice Information Advisory Board; designating the Director of the Maryland Justice Analysis Center to serve as an ex officio member of the Advisory Board; requiring the fingerprinting of a defendant under specified circumstances; etc.

Senator Jimeno

SB 178
Chapter 217

Residential Child Care Programs -- State--Funded Operators -- Licensing Provisions

Requiring a licensed operator of a residential child care program who receives State funding to meet specified academic needs of a child in the operator's care; exempting specified licensed operators from specified requirements; requiring specified group homes to comply with these provisions; and requiring the department that licenses the group home to notify specified group homes of these provisions.

Senator Kelley

SB 193
Chapter 218

Vehicle Laws -- Traffic Control Signal Monitoring Systems -- Yellow Signals

Requiring agencies primarily responsible for traffic control at intersections with traffic control signal monitoring systems to ensure that a yellow light is displayed at specified time intervals in accordance with regulations adopted by the State Highway Administration; etc.

Senator Della, et al

SB 197
Chapter 219

Harford County -- Highways -- Prohibition on Use for Solicitation

Prohibiting a person in Harford County from standing in a roadway, median divider, or intersection to solicit money or donations from the occupant of a vehicle.

Senators Jacobs and Harris

SB 224
Chapter 220

Board of Physician Quality Assurance -- Office--Based, Medication--Assisted Opioid Addiction Therapy

Requiring the Board of Physician Quality Assurance to establish or designate a training program for physicians wishing to apply for a waiver to practice office--based, medication--assisted opioid addiction therapy; requiring the Board to inform physicians about the availability of specified training and experience; requiring the Board, in cooperation with the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Administration, to develop outreach for a specified purpose; etc.

Senator Hollinger

SB 225
Chapter 221

Health Occupations -- Dental Hygienists -- Supervised Practice in a Private Dental Office

Authorizing a dental hygienist practicing with a general license to practice under the supervision of a licensed dentist who is not on the premises while the authorized dental hygiene services are being performed; authorizing a dental hygienist practicing under a general license to practice dental hygiene under the supervision of a licensed dentist in a private dental office; requiring a private dental office supervising a dental hygienist to ensure specified licensing requirements are met; etc.

Senators Hollinger and Schrader

SB 244
Chapter 222

Election Law -- Presidential Election Procedures -- Deadlines

Altering specified deadlines and procedures relating to specified candidates as presidential or vice presidential nominees; altering the withdrawal deadline and the deadline for naming a replacement candidate for specified candidates; specifying a period in which a petition candidate may file as a presidential nominee; specifying a date by which a political party must certify its presidential electors to the State Board; etc.

Senator Stone (Chairman Ethics and Election Law Subcommittee)

SB 247
Chapter 223

Forest, Park, and Wildlife Rangers -- Jurisdiction -- Pilot Program

Expanding, for a specified time, the law enforcement jurisdiction of specified forest, park, and wildlife rangers to include specified roadways at specified times; etc.
Senator Hafer, et al

SB 252
Chapter 224

Health Insurance -- Task Force to Study Access to Mental Health Services

Establishing the Task Force on Access to Mental Health Services; specifying the duties and members of the Task Force; requiring the members of the Task Force to select a chairman of the Task Force; requiring the Task Force to invite the participation of and solicit commentary from specified interested parties; requiring the Task Force to submit reports to the Governor and the General Assembly by specified dates; providing for the termination of the Act; etc.
Senator Teitelbaum, et al

SB 258
Chapter 225

Maryland Condominium Act -- Meetings of Council of Unit Owners -- Quorum

Authorizing an additional meeting of the council of unit owners of a condominium to be called under specified conditions if the number of persons present in person or by proxy at a properly called meeting is insufficient to constitute a quorum; requiring notice of the additional meeting to be delivered or mailed to each unit owner at a specified address; and providing that the unit owners present at the additional meeting constitute a quorum.
Senator Green, et al

SB 262
Chapter 226

Estates and Trusts -- Lawful Investments -- Corporate Fiduciary

Authorizing a corporate fiduciary to invest in securities of, or interests in, a closed--end management type investment company or investment trust registered under the federal Investment Company Act of 1940 under specified circumstances; etc.
Senators Garagiola and Giannetti

SB 267
Chapter 227

Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation -- Occupational and Professional Licensing Design Boards

Exempting individuals who perform interior design services from the Maryland Architects Act; requiring specified boards within the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation to jointly publish a newsletter on the Department website; requiring the chairmen of specified boards within the Department to meet on an annual basis; etc.
Senator Hollinger (Chairman EHE Committee)

SB 268
Chapter 228

State Board of Social Work Examiners -- Sunset Extension and Program Evaluation

Continuing the State Board of Social Work Examiners in accordance with the provisions of the Maryland Program Evaluation Act (Sunset Law) by extending the termination of provisions relating to authority of the Board to July 1, 2014; requiring the Board and the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to submit a report to specified committees on or before October 1, 2003; etc.
Senator Hollinger (Chairman EHE Committee)

SB 299
Chapter 229

Employees' and Teachers' Retirement and Pension Systems -- Vested Allowance -- Lump--Sum Payment

Allowing individuals who are former members of the Employees' and Teachers' Retirement and Pension Systems and who are eligible to receive a vested retirement allowance, to elect to receive a lump--sum payment of the vested retirement allowance if their monthly vested allowance is less than \$50.
Senator Kasemeyer (Chairman Joint Committee on Pensions)

SB 300
Chapter 230

Task Force to Study the State's Retiree Health Insurance Liabilities -- Extension of Final Reporting Date

Altering the date by which the Task Force to Study the State's Retiree Health Insurance Liabilities is required to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly.

Senator Kasemeyer (Chairman Joint Committee On Pensions)

SB 301
Chapter 231

Natural Resources -- Maryland Provisional Chesapeake Bay Charter Boat Permit

Requiring the Department of Natural Resources to establish a Maryland Provisional Chesapeake Bay Charter Boat Permit; authorizing the Department to issue a charter boat permit under specified circumstances; providing that the permit is valid under specified circumstances and nontransferable; providing that a person in possession of a permit is not required to possess a specified commercial fishing guide license; providing for the application of specified penalties; etc.

Senator Stoltzfus, et al

SB 307
Chapter 232

Estates -- Personal Representatives -- Election for Modified Administration

Providing that a personal representative of an estate may file an election for modified administration of the estate if the residuary legatees and heirs at law of the estate are exempt from an inheritance tax under specified circumstances; and requiring that the trustees of each trust created in a will of a decedent be limited to specified persons in order for a personal representative to file an election for modified administration of an estate under specified circumstances.

Senator Giannetti

SB 310
Chapter 233

Estates -- Modified Administration -- Final Report and Distribution -- Extension

Providing that the initial time periods for filing a final report and for making distribution of an estate in a modified administration of the estate are extended for 90 days on consent for extension signed by the personal representative and each interested person and filed within 10 months from the date of appointment; etc.

Senator Giannetti

SB 312
Chapter 234

Estates -- Elective Share

Providing that the net estate and property allocable to an elective share of a surviving spouse shall be valued in a specified manner; providing that an elective share includes specified income; providing for an adjustment of an elective share under specified circumstances; altering the period during which an election for an elective share shall be made; etc.

Senator Giannetti

SB 319
Chapter 235

General Obligation and County Debt -- Variable Interest Rate Bonds and Interest Rate Exchange Agreements

Authorizing specified State bonds to be sold at a private, negotiated sale; allowing State bonds to be issued in a variable interest rate form; authorizing the Treasurer to appoint and contract with and specify the rights and duties of specified agents; authorizing the Board of Public Works to designate and sell State bonds as variable interest rate bonds; setting a limit on the aggregate par value of outstanding variable interest rate State bonds; etc.

Senator Lawlah (Joint Committee on the Management of Public Funds), et al

SB 334
Chapter 236

Maryland Medbank Program -- Administration, Extension, and Funding

Extending the termination date of the Maryland Medbank Program; requiring the Program to be administered by Medbank of Maryland, Inc.; requiring Medbank of Maryland, Inc. to contract with specified entities to operate the Program; providing that the Program shall be

funded entirely by the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene; etc.
Senator Teitelbaum, et al

SB 341
Chapter 237

Health Occupations -- Dentists and Dental Hygienists -- Volunteer Licenses

Establishing a volunteer dentist's license and a volunteer dental hygienist's license; authorizing specified dentists and dental hygienists to qualify for a volunteer dentist's license to practice dentistry and a volunteer dental hygienist's license to practice dental hygiene; making the Act contingent on the taking effect of another Act; etc.

Senator Frosh

SB 346
Chapter 238

Baltimore City -- Tax Sales -- Abandoned Property

Altering provisions regarding proceedings to foreclose the right of redemption following a tax sale of abandoned property in Baltimore City to provide the City discretion to request a deficiency judgment; prohibiting a person from filing to reopen a judgment foreclosing rights of redemption with respect to abandoned property in Baltimore City based on inadequate notice; etc.

Senator McFadden (Baltimore City Administration)

SB 361
Chapter 239

Frederick County and Frederick City -- Environmental Noise Standards -- Fairgrounds -- Exemption

Exempting specified fairs and other events in Frederick County and Frederick City from the authority of the Department of the Environment to adopt environmental noise standards, sound level limits, and noise control rules and regulations.

Senators Brinkley and Mooney

SB 363
Chapter 240

Criminal Procedure -- DNA -- Postconviction Review and Felony Convictions

Expanding the definition of "law enforcement agency" to include specified additional agencies; clarifying the definition of "biological evidence"; clarifying the definition of "scientific identification evidence"; clarifying under what circumstances a court may order DNA testing; etc.

Senator Miller, et al

SB 368
Chapter 241

Appeals -- Removal of Personal Representative -- Successor Personal Representative or Special Administrator

Providing that an appeal from a final order of an orphans' court or a circuit court removing a personal representative does not stay an order appointing a successor personal representative or special administrator; and providing that a successor personal representative shall have the powers of a special administrator during specified appeals.

Senator Giannetti

SB 376
Chapter 242

Health -- Pharmacies -- Electronic Reimbursement by the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene

Authorizing a pharmacy that is required to submit a request for payment electronically to the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene under the Maryland Medical Assistance Program to receive reimbursement electronically; providing that the Act does not apply to a person providing pharmacy benefit manager services; etc.

Senators Klausmeier and Hollinger

SB 380
Chapter 243

Drunk and Drugged Driving -- Subsequent Offender Penalties -- Out--of--State Crimes

Providing that, for application of specified subsequent offender penalties for specified alcohol-- and drug--related driving offenses, a conviction for a crime committed in another

state or federal jurisdiction that would be a violation of specified drunk and drugged driving laws if committed in this State shall be considered a prior offense.

Senator Jacobs, et al

HB 94
Chapter 244

Drunk and Drugged Driving -- Subsequent Offender Penalties -- Out-of-State Crimes

Providing that, for application of specified subsequent offender penalties for specified alcohol-- and drug--related driving offenses, a conviction for a crime committed in another state or federal jurisdiction that would be a violation of specified drunk and drugged driving laws if committed in this State shall be considered a prior offense.

Delegate Boutin, et al

SB 387
Chapter 245

Department of Health and Mental Hygiene -- Selling and Dispensing of Contact Lenses and Replacement Contact Lenses

Requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to adopt regulations that govern the selling and dispensing of specified contact lenses; etc.

Chairman EHE (Dept)

SB 405
Chapter 246

Drunk Driving -- Subsequent Offenders -- Penalties

Limiting the circumstances under which specified home detention is included within the meaning of "imprisonment"; repealing mandatory minimum penalty options for community service for persons convicted of specified subsequent alcohol--related driving offenses; altering specified provisions authorizing specified court ordered alcohol programs to include specified alcohol programs certified by specified agencies in adjacent states or approved by the court; etc.

Senators Jimeno and Forehand

SB 423
Chapter 247

Property Tax -- Full Value Assessments -- Corrective

Clarifying and correcting specified local laws relating to the assessment and taxation of property as the result of the transition to full value assessments; correcting a limit on debt to reflect the changes in computation of assessments; declaring the intent of the General Assembly; and providing for the application of the Act.

Senator Currie (Department of Legislative Services)

SB 427
Chapter 248

Drunk and Drugged Driving -- Conditions of Probation

Requiring a court that suspends a sentence or stays a judgment of conviction and places a defendant on probation for alcohol-- or drug--related driving offenses to require participation in treatment programs under specified circumstances; requiring the imposition of probation if a judgment of conviction is stayed for alcohol-- or drug-- related driving offenses under specified circumstances; authorizing a court to prohibit a defendant from operating a motor vehicle unless it is equipped with an alcohol ignition interlock system; etc.

Senator Giannetti

SB 438
Chapter 249

Vehicle Laws -- Dealer Processing and Freight Charges

Increasing from \$25 to \$100 the maximum vehicle dealer processing charge for a vehicle sale; expanding the scope of a dealer processing charge to include charges for retaining specified documentation and compliance with federal and State privacy laws; requiring a dealer processing charge to be reasonable and to reflect expenses generally incurred; requiring a dealer, on request, to provide a written disclosure of services included in a dealer processing charge; etc.

Senator Giannetti

SB 458
Chapter 250

Children with Disabilities -- Voluntary Placements

Granting exclusive, original jurisdiction to the juvenile court over a specified hearing; establishing venue for the filing of a petition for a voluntary placement disposition hearing; etc.

Senator Jacobs

SB 466
Chapter 251

**Juvenile Law -- Prohibition Against Possession of Portable Pagers on School Property -
- Repeal**

Repealing the prohibition against possessing a portable pager on public school property; etc.
Senator Colburn

SB 500
Chapter 252

Department of Health and Mental Hygiene -- State Board of Physicians

Renaming the State Board of Physician Quality Assurance (Board) to be the State Board of Physicians (Board); continuing the Board in accordance with the provisions of the Maryland Program Evaluation Act by extending the termination of the Board until July 1, 2007; adding members to the Board; requiring the Board to enter into a written contract with a nonprofit entity or entities to provide investigation, physician rehabilitation, and peer review services; etc.

Senator Hollinger

SB 501
Chapter 253

Baltimore County -- Alcoholic Beverages -- Class B (SB) Licenses

Repealing the termination provision relating to the transfer of 10 Class B (SB) restaurant--service bar beer, wine and liquor (on--sale) licenses into the "Pikesville Revitalization Area" or the "Pikesville Town Center" in Baltimore County.

Senators Hollinger and Brochin

SB 515
Chapter 254

Elevator Renovators and Refinishers

Establishing elevator renovator licenses; establishing fees for the licenses; requiring the Elevator Safety Review Board to adopt regulations regarding elevator renovators; requiring specified elevator renovators to hold a license by a specified date; and making the Act an emergency measure.

Senator Harris

SB 564
Chapter 255

**Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation -- Guidelines for Easement
Rankings**

Including specified guidelines as required bases for a county governing body to rank specified easement applications; requiring the Foundation, in consultation with specified county governing bodies, to adopt specified guidelines that include consideration of specified factors; etc.

Senators Middleton and Dyson

SB 569
Chapter 256

**Civil Damages -- State Compensation for Erroneous Conviction and Imprisonment --
Financial and Other Appropriate Counseling**

Authorizing the Board of Public Works to grant a reasonable amount for any financial or other appropriate counseling for an individual who is erroneously convicted, sentenced, and imprisoned under State law for a crime the individual did not commit if the individual received a specified pardon from the Governor; etc.

Senators Hughes and Gladden

SB 577
Chapter 257

Harford County -- Alcoholic Beverages Deluxe Restaurant License -- Aberdeen

Authorizing in Harford County the issuance of a specified number of Class BDR (deluxe restaurant) beer, wine and liquor licenses under specified conditions; making specified

technical changes; etc.
Senator Jacobs

SB 626
Chapter 258

Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation -- Easements -- Lot Exclusions and Allowable Economic Activity

Clarifying the range of uses and activities allowed on property with an agricultural land preservation easement; reducing the number of lots allowed to be excluded from an easement; authorizing a specified number of unrestricted lots to be excluded from an easement; establishing criteria and conditions for excluding an unrestricted lot from an easement; and authorizing the exclusion of existing dwellings as a specified lot.
Senator Middleton, et al

SB 672
Chapter 259

Health Insurance -- Provider Panels -- Lists of Providers

Altering the manner in which health insurance carriers are required to provide to enrollees and prospective enrollees a list of providers on the carrier's provider panel and information on providers who are no longer accepting new patients.
Senator Teitelbaum

SB 676
Chapter 260

Maryland Medical Assistance Program -- Maryland Pharmacy Access Hotline

Requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to establish a specified hotline; requiring the Department to distribute to Maryland Medical Assistance Program recipients specified information about the hotline; requiring the Department to notify specified health care providers about the hotline; etc.
Senator Gladden

SB 687
Chapter 261

Health Maintenance Organizations -- Patient Access to Choice of Provider

Requiring health maintenance organizations to allow for the designation by a member of a certified nurse practitioner as a primary care provider in specified circumstances; requiring that members who select a certified nurse practitioner be provided with the name and contact information of the certified nurse practitioner's collaborating physician; providing that health maintenance organizations are not required to include certified nurse practitioners on a specified provider panel; etc.
Senator Hollinger, et al

SB 688
Chapter 262

Maternal Mortality Review Program -- Termination Provision -- Repeal

Repealing the termination provision of the Maternal Mortality Review Program.
Senator Hollinger

SB 702
Chapter 263

City of Annapolis -- Alcoholic Beverages Licensing -- Enforcement

Authorizing the City of Annapolis to provide that violations of specified provisions of law are municipal infractions; altering the penalty for the violation of specified provisions of law; authorizing the Annapolis Police Department to serve specified summonses; etc.
Senator Astle

HB 1083
Chapter 264

City of Annapolis -- Alcoholic Beverages Licensing -- Enforcement

Authorizing the City of Annapolis to provide that violations of specified provisions of law are municipal infractions; altering the penalty for the violation of specified provisions of law; etc.
Anne Arundel County Delegation

SB 722
Chapter 265

Juvenile Causes -- Facilities Used for Detention -- Children Awaiting Placement After Disposition

Requiring the Department of Juvenile Justice to submit specified reports if a child remains in a facility used for detention for the specific act for which the child has been adjudicated delinquent for more than 25 days after the court has made a disposition on a specified petition; etc.

Senator Klausmeier

SB 744
Chapter 266

Consolidation of Rural Development Programs

Renaming the Forvm for Rural Maryland to be the Rural Maryland Council; expanding the Council's membership; altering and expanding the Council's Executive Board membership; placing the Council, for administrative and budgetary reasons, under the Maryland Department of Agriculture and requiring the Department to provide funding, staff, and resources for the Council; transferring from the Board of Public Works to the Council the administration of the Maryland Agricultural Education and Rural Development Assistance Fund; etc.

Senator Middleton, et al

SB 746
Chapter 267

Volunteer Police, Fire, Rescue, and Emergency Medical Services Personnel Subtraction Modification Program -- Active Military Service and Civilian Support Personnel

Providing that an individual who serves on active duty in the armed forces of the United States or is a civilian or a member of the merchant marine during the taxable year and meets specified other criteria may qualify for subtraction modifications allowed for specified qualifying volunteer police, fire, rescue, and emergency medical services personnel; and applying the Act to tax years after 2002.

Senator Miller

SB 759
Chapter 268

Motor Carrier Safety Regulations -- Applicability of Medical and Certification Requirements

Repealing a provision prohibiting the Motor Vehicle Administration from applying specified federal medical examination and certification requirements to a driver who operates specified vehicles; and altering a provision prohibiting the Administration from applying specified federal medical examination and certification requirements to specified intrastate drivers to make the prohibition applicable only before October 1, 2023 and to persons who meet specified requirements.

Senator Ruben

SB 765
Chapter 269

Unemployment Insurance Funding Task Force

Establishing an Unemployment Insurance Funding Task Force; providing for the membership and duties of the Task Force; providing for the appointment of a chairperson of the Task Force; providing for staffing of the Task Force; prohibiting a member of the Task Force from receiving specified compensation; authorizing a member of the Task Force to receive reimbursement for specified expenses; requiring the Task Force to report to the General Assembly on or before December 1, 2003; etc.

Senator Middleton

HB 17
Chapter 270

Maryland Pharmacy Assistance Program -- Eligibility

Altering the asset test and income limits for participation in the Maryland Pharmacy Assistance Program; and correcting an obsolete reference to the short--term prescription drug subsidy plan.

Delegate Donoghue

HB 48
Chapter 271

Somerset County Code of Public Local Laws -- Legalization

Legalizing the 1994 and 2003 editions of the Code of Public Local Laws of Somerset

County, being Article 20 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland.
Delegate Elmore

HB 50
Chapter 272

Somerset County -- Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners
Consolidating and clarifying the provisions of the Somerset County Code relating to the clerk to the Board of County Commissioners; providing that the term of the clerk is 4 years and runs concurrently with the term of office of the county commissioners; etc.
Delegate Elmore

HB 61
Chapter 273

Qualified Hybrid Vehicles -- Exemption from Motor Vehicle Emissions Test and Inspection Requirements
Exempting specified qualified hybrid vehicles from motor vehicle emissions inspection requirements under a specified circumstance; requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration to adopt specified regulations; and providing for the termination of the Act.
Delegate Hubbard

HB 67
Chapter 274

Vehicle Laws -- Firefighters and Other Emergency Services Personnel -- Exemption from Driver Licensing Requirements
Exempting a member or employee of a fire department, rescue squad, emergency medical services unit, or volunteer fire company from specified driver licensing requirements if a member or employee is driving an emergency vehicle under specified circumstances; requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration to adopt regulations that establish training and testing requirements; etc.
Delegate Conway, et al

HB 97
Chapter 275

District Court -- Civil Jurisdiction -- Dishonored Checks and Other Instruments
Clarifying that the District Court of Maryland has exclusive original civil jurisdiction in an action for damages for a dishonored check or other instrument regardless of the amount in controversy; and providing that in an action for damages for a dishonored check or instrument a defendant is entitled to demand a transfer of the action from the District Court to a circuit court under specified circumstances.
Delegates Amedori and Hogan

HB 122
Chapter 276

Courts -- Subsequent Injury Fund -- Effect of Impleading in Workers' Compensation Appeal
Limiting a requirement of mandatory suspension of further proceedings in a workers' compensation appeal in a circuit court or the Court of Special Appeals and remand of a case to the Workers' Compensation Commission if an impleader of the Subsequent Injury Fund is filed to circumstances in which the impleader is filed at least 60 days before a scheduled trial; authorizing a circuit court or the Court of Special Appeals, for good cause shown, to suspend further proceedings and remand a case to the Commission under specified circumstances; etc.
Chairman JUD (Maryland Judicial Conference)

HB 125
Chapter 277

Public Drainage Associations
Authorizing a public drainage association to impose specified assessments on land owned by the State or a political subdivision of the State; and authorizing public drainage associations to establish specified land classifications as a basis for specified assessments.
Delegate Cane, et al

HB 131
Chapter 278

Carroll County -- Agricultural Land Preservation -- Easements -- Dwelling House
Requiring the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation to release 1 acre to a

landowner who originally sold an easement or to a subsequent landowner in Carroll County for the purpose of constructing a dwelling house under specified circumstances; prohibiting a landowner from subdividing a dwelling house from the property covered by the easement; etc.

Delegate Stocksdale, et al

HB 157
Chapter 279

Calvert County -- Agricultural Land Preservation Program -- General Obligation Installment Purchase Agreements -- Maximum Aggregate Purchase Price

Increasing the maximum aggregate purchase price of general obligation installment purchase agreements that the County Commissioners of Calvert County are authorized and empowered to enter into to acquire under specified criteria transfer development rights in tracts or parcels of agricultural and forestry land located in Calvert County as part of the County's Agricultural Land Preservation Program; etc.

Calvert County Delegation

HB 161
Chapter 280

Calvert County -- Compensation Review Board -- Membership and Duties

Requiring that at least one member of the Calvert County Compensation Review Board must have served on the previous Board; requiring the Board to review specified salaries and laws and make specified recommendations to the Calvert County Commissioners by a specified date in specified years; and providing that the Act does not apply to the salary or compensation of the incumbent officers or officials of Calvert County.

Calvert County Delegation

HB 174
Chapter 281

Department of the Environment -- Noise Control and Pollution

Encouraging a political subdivision to consider compliance with specified standards before acting on a proposed variance request or change in zoning classification; altering the membership of the Environmental Noise Advisory Council; requiring the Department of the Environment to conduct hearings and prepare or solicit specified input before proposing any changes in a specified statute or regulation; etc.

Delegates Morhaim and Kach

HB 179
Chapter 282

Frederick County -- Alcoholic Beverages -- Board of License Commissioners

Altering the annual compensation of members of the Board of License Commissioners in Frederick County; and authorizing the Board of License Commissioners to summon witnesses and subpoena records or papers pertaining to a licensed business or establishment.

Frederick County Delegation

HB 191
Chapter 283

Lobbyist Registration Fund -- Registration Fees and Reversion of Unused Funds

Increasing the registration fee for specified regulated lobbyists from \$20 to \$50; requiring that any unused balance in the Lobbyist Registration Fund at the end of any fiscal year revert to the General Fund of the State; etc.

Chairman ENV (Dept)

HB 192
Chapter 284

Vehicle Laws -- Transfer of Registration -- Temporary Registration Permit

Extending from 45 to 60 days the period during which registration plates transferred to a vehicle may be used under a temporary registration permit issued by a licensed motor vehicle dealer.

Chairman ENV (Dept)

HB 219
Chapter 285

Garrett County -- Personal Property -- Disposition

Enabling the Garrett County Commissioners to dispose of surplus supplies, equipment, or other personal property by public auction, public sale, or trade--in.

Garrett County Delegation

HB 224
Chapter 286

Code Counties -- Western Maryland -- Penalties for Violations of Rules and Regulations Regarding Junkyards, Dumps, and Other Facilities

Authorizing the county commissioners in a code county in western Maryland to declare that violations of specified rules and regulations regarding junkyards, dumps, and other similar facilities are civil infractions.

Allegany County Delegation

HB 233
Chapter 287

Criminal Procedure -- Extension of Probation -- Payment of Restitution

Authorizing a circuit court or the District Court to extend for specified periods the defendant's probation beyond a specified time period if the extension is only for making restitution.

Delegate Simmons

HB 278
Chapter 288

Public Watershed Associations -- Fees, Assessments, and Taxes on Land Owned by a Unit of State or Local Government

Requiring that a unit of State or local government that owns specified land benefitted or damaged by a public watershed association pay specified fees, assessments, and taxes under specified circumstances.

Delegate Bozman, et al

HB 335
Chapter 289

Community Access Program Grants -- Coordination of Health Care Provider Reimbursements -- Pilot Programs

Authorizing Community Access Program grant recipients to establish a pilot program to coordinate health care provider reimbursements; providing for the enrollment requirements of the pilot program; providing for specified notice requirements; limiting participation in a pilot program to specified employers; providing that a pilot program is not subject to regulation by the Maryland Insurance Commissioner; requiring a pilot program to make a specified annual report; providing that the Act terminates on June 30, 2005; etc.

Delegate Donoghue

HB 344
Chapter 290

Potomac River Fisheries Commission -- Dredging of Oysters and Oyster Repletion Fees

Expanding the authority of the Potomac River Fisheries Commission to regulate the power dredging of oysters; authorizing the Commission to levy oyster repletion fees; and making the Act subject to the Governor's issuance of a specified proclamation.

Delegate Wood, et al

HB 354
Chapter 291

St. Mary's County -- Code of Public Local Laws -- Legalization

Legalizing the 2002 edition of the Code of Public Local Laws of St. Mary's County, being Article 19 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland, published under the direction of the Board of County Commissioners of St. Mary's County; making provisions for the publication, sale, and distribution of the Code of Public Local Laws of St. Mary's County; and generally relating to the legalization of the Code of Public Local Laws of St. Mary's County.

St. Mary's County Delegation

HB 371
Chapter 292

Procurement -- Security for Construction Contracts -- Retainage

Limiting the retainage that may be specified in a construction contract awarded by a public body under specified circumstances; authorizing a public body to withhold payments in addition to retainage under specified circumstances; requiring a public body to release

specified retainage to a contractor within 120 days after either the completion of the contract or the resolution of a specified dispute of contract claim; etc.

Delegate Hubbard, et al

HB 396
Chapter 293

Frederick County -- Human Relations Commission -- Remedial Relief

Authorizing the Board of County Commissioners of Frederick County by ordinance to authorize the Human Relations Commission to provide remedial relief, including equitable relief and monetary damages, under specified circumstances; and authorizing the Board by ordinance to provide for the enforcement of subpoenas, decisions, and orders of the Commission, and to authorize specified persons to appeal a decision or order of the Commission under specified circumstances.

Frederick County Delegation

HB 398
Chapter 294

Montgomery County -- Highway Project Funding -- Restrictions MC 309--03

Altering the property on which the Department of Transportation may not spend any further funds for the construction of a new highway, arterial, freeway, or expressway in Montgomery County; providing that a specified prohibition does not preclude construction of specified roadway crossings or trails; etc.

Montgomery County Delegation

HB 410
Chapter 295

Health Insurance -- Private Review Agents -- Examination of Pharmacy Benefit Managers

Requiring the Insurance Commissioner to conduct an examination of pharmacy benefit managers registered as private review agents; requiring that the examination be conducted in a specified manner and at least once every 3 years; requiring that the expense of the examination be paid in a specified manner; requiring that the reports of the examination be issued in a specified manner; etc.

Delegates Goldwater and Bromwell

HB 420
Chapter 296

Pesticide Registration -- Fees and Retention of Unexpended Funds

Reducing the amount of unexpended funds that may be retained in a specified special fund at the end of a fiscal year; and increasing the fee for registering a pesticide with the Secretary of Agriculture from \$60 to \$100.

Chairman ENV (Dept)

HB 433
Chapter 297

Task Force on the Needs of Persons with Co--Occurring Mental Illness and Substance Abuse Disorders

Establishing a Task Force on the Needs of Persons with Co--Occurring Mental Illness and Substance Abuse Disorders; providing for the composition of the Task Force; requiring the Task Force to elect a chairman and vice--chairman from among the Task Force's members; requiring the Mental Hygiene Administration and the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Administration to provide staffing for the Task Force; prohibiting members from receiving compensation, but entitling members to reimbursement of expenses; etc.

Delegate Nathan--Pulliam, et al

HB 438
Chapter 298

Vessel Excise Tax -- Liability -- Corporations and Companies

Extending personal liability for the vessel tax and specified interest and penalties to specified officers, members, managers, and partners of corporations, limited liability companies, and limited liability partnerships; providing that a vessel excise tax assessment by the Department of Natural Resources is prima facie correct; etc.

Chairman W&M (Dept)

HB 447
Chapter 299

Prince George's County -- Telecommunications Tax -- Exemption PG 409--03
Exempting specified telephone lifeline service from the sales and use tax on telecommunications service in Prince George's County; etc.
Prince George's County Delegation

HB 465
Chapter 300

**Baltimore City Health Department -- Designation of Nonprofit and Quasi--
Governmental Entities -- Alcohol and Drug Abuse Administration Funds**
Authorizing the Baltimore City Health Department to designate nonprofit and quasi--
governmental entities in Baltimore City to receive funds from the Alcohol and Drug Abuse
Administration; authorizing the Baltimore City Health Department to revoke a designation
except in specified circumstances; requiring the Administration to disburse funds directly to
designated nonprofit or quasi--governmental entities; etc.
Delegate Marriott (Baltimore City Administration)

HB 471
Chapter 301

Corporations -- Miscellaneous Provisions
Providing that stock issued prior to the time the articles supplementary with respect to the
stock are effective shall cease to be voidable at the time the articles supplementary become
effective; providing that a right or liability accrued by reason of the issuance of the stock
prior to the time the articles supplementary are effective shall be extinguished at the time the
articles supplementary become effective under specified circumstances; etc.
Delegate Doory

HB 473
Chapter 302

Corporations -- Investment Companies
Providing that under specified circumstances specified debts, liabilities, obligations, and
expenses existing with respect to a particular class or series of stock of an investment
company are enforceable only against the assets associated with that class or series; and
exempting transfers of assets by open--end investment companies from requirements for
stockholder approval and articles of transfer unless the charter or bylaws of the open--end
investment company provide otherwise.
Delegate Doory

HB 478
Chapter 303

Money Follows the Individual Act
Prohibiting the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene from denying an individual access
to a home-- and community--based services waiver for services under specified
circumstances; providing that nothing in the Act is intended to result in a specified reduction
in federal funds; etc.
Delegate Hubbard, et al

HB 496
Chapter 304

**Business and Economic Development -- Maryland Economic Development Assistance
Fund**
Expanding the authorized uses of financial assistance from the Maryland Economic
Development Assistance Fund to include development and carrying costs under specified
circumstances; altering the requirements governing feasibility studies that may be funded by
the Fund; altering the requirements concerning investments from the Fund; defining a
specified term; etc.
Chairman ECM (Dept)

HB 499
Chapter 305

Maryland Insurance Administration -- Disability Benefits -- Adoption of Regulations
Requiring the Maryland Insurance Commissioner to adopt regulations establishing a process
to be used by specified insurers for handling disability benefit claims under specified
circumstances; requiring specified insurers under specified circumstances to provide an
insured with a process to dispute an insurer's disability benefit decision; providing that

regulations establishing a process to be used by insurers offering individual disability benefit policies may not take effect until July 1, 2004; etc.

Chairman HGO (Dept), et al

HB 523
Chapter 306

Juvenile Causes -- Juvenile Counselors -- Monitoring

Requiring a juvenile counselor for a child committed to an individual or to a public or private agency or institution to visit the child at the child's placement no less than once every month if the placement is in the State; and authorizing the juvenile court to order more frequent visits.

Delegate Zirkin, et al

HB 541
Chapter 307

Task Force to Study the Mentoring and Monitoring of Children in the Custody of or Under the Supervision of the Department of Juvenile Justice

Establishing the Task Force to Study the Mentoring and Monitoring of Children in the Custody of or Under the Supervision of the Department of Juvenile Justice; and requiring the Task Force to report its findings to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before October 1, 2004.

Delegate Zirkin, et al

HB 550
Chapter 308

Family Law -- Reporting of Out--of--State Child Abuse and Neglect

Requiring the reporting of out--of--state child abuse and neglect under specified circumstances; specifying the procedures for the reporting of out--of--state child abuse and neglect; requiring a local department of social services to forward a report of out--of--state child abuse or neglect to an out--of--state agency under specified circumstances; establishing that specified reporting requirements apply only to specified persons in this State; etc.

Delegates Menes and Hixson

HB 552
Chapter 309

Department of Aging -- Continuing Care Retirement Communities -- Regulation

Authorizing the Department of Aging to consider specified agreements entered into by specified persons when determining whether a specified sales requirement has been met under specified circumstances; etc.

Delegate Donoghue, et al

HB 557
Chapter 310

Correctional Officers' Retirement System -- Baltimore City Jail Employees -- Early Service Retirement

Allowing current Baltimore City jail employees who were employed by Baltimore City for 5 years as Baltimore City jail employees and who are now members of the Correctional Officers' Retirement System to retire early with a service retirement allowance; etc.

Delegates Marriott and Fulton

HB 559
Chapter 311

Streamlined Sales and Use Tax Agreement

Acknowledging the Streamlined Sales and Use Tax Agreement as adopted by the Streamlined Sales and Use Tax Project on November 12, 2002; requiring the Comptroller to prepare and submit a report regarding changes to the State's laws, regulations, or policies needed to bring the State into compliance with the Agreement and other changes recommended by the Comptroller; etc.

Delegate Hixson, et al

HB 564
Chapter 312

Department of Human Resources -- Child Support Enforcement Privatization Pilot Program and Demonstration Sites -- Established

Establishing the Child Support Enforcement Privatization Pilot Program; requiring the Secretary of Human Resources to provide a specified report to the Governor and the General

Assembly by a specified date; establishing specified rights for specified employees; authorizing the Pilot Program to conduct a conciliation conference; requiring the Secretary to establish specified demonstration sites according to a specified schedule; providing for the termination of the Act; etc.

Delegate Branch, et al

HB 593
Chapter 313

Criminal Law -- Stalking -- Included Acts

Clarifying a specified intent element in the crime of stalking; modifying a specified defined term; requiring that a specified person know or reasonably should have known that specified conduct would place another in reasonable fear of serious bodily injury, death, or of specified offenses being committed; etc.

Delegate Petzold, et al

HB 620
Chapter 314

Housing -- Community Legacy Program -- Neighborhood Intervention Projects

Altering the purposes of a community legacy project to include the financing of a neighborhood intervention project for the rehabilitation or demolition of properties located in stable neighborhoods; limiting the amount of financial assistance that may be awarded for a neighborhood intervention project; imposing specified duties on sponsors of neighborhood intervention projects; etc.

Delegate McIntosh, et al

HB 630
Chapter 315

Medical Assistance Program -- Employed Persons with Disabilities Program

Requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to implement the Employed Persons with Disabilities Program by July 1, 2005, subject to specified limitations; requiring the Department to consult with the Coalition for Work Incentives Improvement prior to adopting regulations that develop the eligibility criteria for the Program; etc.

Delegate Frush, et al

HB 651
Chapter 316

Division of Labor and Industry and Associated Boards and Councils -- Sunset Extension and Program Evaluation

Continuing the Division of Labor and Industry, the Amusement Ride Safety Advisory Board, provisions concerning the employment of minors, the Wage and Hour Law, the State Mediation and Conciliation Service, the Maryland Occupational Safety and Health Advisory Board, the Advisory Council on Prevailing Wage Rates, and the Apprenticeship and Training Council in accordance with the provisions of the Maryland Program Evaluation Act (Sunset Law) by extending to a specified date the termination of provisions; etc.

Chairman ECM

HB 653
Chapter 317

Washington County -- Massage Therapists and Massage Practitioners

Providing that it is a misdemeanor for a person to provide a massage or offer to provide a massage to another person for compensation in Washington County unless the person providing the massage is a certified massage therapist or a registered massage practitioner; authorizing the Board of County Commissioners of Washington County to adopt ordinances or regulations relating to massage establishments and the practice of massage therapists and practitioners in Washington County; etc.

Washington County Delegation

HB 684
Chapter 318

Pharmacists -- Practice -- Information on Generic Drug Option

Requiring a pharmacist or the pharmacist's designee, who is under the direct supervision of the pharmacist, to inform retail consumers of generically equivalent drugs; and requiring a pharmacist to inform retail consumers of the approximate cost difference of generically equivalent drugs as compared to brand name drugs; etc.

Delegate Haynes, et al

HB 690
Chapter 319

Workers' Compensation -- Continuation of Death Benefits -- Wholly Dependent Spouses -- Partly Self--Supporting Spouses

Altering the payments to a surviving spouse who is wholly dependent at the time of the covered employee's death but who later becomes partly self--supporting; providing that the combined payments to a surviving spouse who was wholly dependent at the time of the covered employee's death but who later becomes partly self--supporting may not exceed a specified amount under specified circumstances; etc.

Delegate Kach

HB 697
Chapter 320

Telecommunication and Computer Network Access -- Task Force on Broadband Communications Deployment in Underserved Rural Areas

Establishing a Task Force on Broadband Communications Deployment in Underserved Rural Areas; providing for the membership, duties, and staffing of the Task Force; requiring the Task Force to report to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before specified dates, with a final report on or before June 30, 2005; etc.

Delegate Walkup, et al

HB 700
Chapter 321

Health Insurance -- Private Review Agents -- Certification

Authorizing the Insurance Commissioner to consider applicants to be private review agents as having met a particular certification requirement if the applicant has obtained a utilization management accreditation from a specified organization; authorizing the Commissioner to adopt specified regulations; etc.

Delegates Pendergrass and Murray

HB 705
Chapter 322

Victims' Rights -- Crime -- Definition

Altering the definition of crime in provisions relating to the authority of a court to enter a judgment of restitution and the State Board of Victim Services.

Delegate Vallario, et al

HB 729
Chapter 323

Health Insurance -- Behavioral Health Care Services -- Reports

Requiring carriers that own or contract with managed behavioral health care organizations to include information on behavioral health care providers in lists of providers on the carrier's provider panel; requiring a carrier that contracts with a managed behavioral health care organization to require that organization to provide a report on direct behavioral health care expenses that the carrier is required to make publicly available; etc.

Delegate Barve, et al

HB 733
Chapter 324

Circuit Courts -- Military Discharge Papers -- Limitation on Inspections and Certified Copies

Requiring a clerk of a circuit court to deny inspection of the book and index containing the record of a person's military discharge papers kept by the clerk except to specified persons or in accordance with a subpoena or court order, or in specified circumstances to specified persons for good cause shown; etc.

Delegate O'Donnell

HB 738
Chapter 325

Vehicle Laws -- Pedestrian Right--of--Way -- Crosswalks

Requiring the driver of a vehicle to stop when a pedestrian crossing a roadway in a crosswalk is approaching from an adjacent lane on the opposite half of the roadway.

Delegate Boteler, et al

HB 786
Chapter 326

State Personnel -- Department of Agriculture -- Employees in Soil Conservation Districts -- Grants

Authorizing a soil conservation district or a specified county to supplement the salary of employees assigned to work for the soil conservation district by making specified grants; etc.
Delegate Boutin, et al

HB 794
Chapter 327

Intrastate Hazardous Liquid Pipelines -- Operations and Reporting

Requiring the Public Service Commission to include an engineer specializing in the storage of and the transportation of hazardous liquid materials by pipeline qualifications on its staff; requiring the Commission to establish and adopt by regulation specified methods and best practices for intrastate hazardous liquid pipeline facilities; requiring intrastate hazardous liquid pipeline operators to report specified information to the Commission and the National Response Center; etc.
Delegate Bohanan

HB 814
Chapter 328

Environment -- Application for Landfill or Incinerator Permit -- Notice

Altering the members of the General Assembly to whom an applicant for a permit for a landfill system or incinerator is required to give specified notice; including specified county chief executives among those to whom an applicant for a permit for a landfill system or incinerator is required to give specified notice; etc.
Delegate Parrott, et al

HB 847
Chapter 329

Calvert County -- Competitive Bidding -- Exceptions

Providing that, in Calvert County, when the county is acting as the general contractor, specified purchases or contracts for less than a specified amount may be awarded after obtaining a specified number of quotes and need not comply with specified competitive bidding procedures.
Calvert County Delegation

HB 849
Chapter 330

St. Mary's County -- Citizens Nursing Home Board -- Membership

Providing that the number of members that shall serve on the Citizens Nursing Home Board in St. Mary's County may be at least 10 but no more than 15; and providing for the appointment of new members of the Board in a specified manner.
St. Mary's County Delegation

HB 861
Chapter 331

Baltimore County -- Property Tax -- Credit -- The Maryland State Game and Fish Protective Association, Inc.

Authorizing the governing body of Baltimore County to grant, by law, a property tax credit against the county tax imposed on real property owned by the Maryland State Game and Fish Protective Association, Inc.
Delegates Redmer and Boteler

HB 876
Chapter 332

Motor Vehicle Administration -- Identification Cards for Children -- Expiration Date

Altering the number of years an identification card remains effective for a person under the age of 16 years; providing for a delayed effective date; clarifying language; etc.
Delegate Rudolph

HB 881
Chapter 333

Washington County -- Prospective County Employees -- Criminal History Records Checks and Background Investigations

Permitting the County Administrator of Washington County to request State and national criminal history records checks or background investigations for prospective employees of Washington County under specified circumstances; requiring the County Administrator of

Washington County to pay specified fees to an independent private investigation agency under specified circumstances; authorizing the County Commissioners to adopt specified regulations; etc.

Washington County Delegation

HB 887
Chapter 334

Real Property -- Abandoned Land -- Certificate of Reservation for Public Use

Providing that, with respect to abandoned land, a certificate of reservation for public use remains in effect until a unit of State government or a court of competent jurisdiction determines that a person who has claimed legal title to the land has established legal title to the land; authorizing a person who claims legal title to abandoned land for which a certificate of reservation for public use has been issued to file a specified written claim under specified circumstances; etc.

Allegany County Delegation

HB 888
Chapter 335

Maryland Military Installation Strategic Planning Council

Establishing the Maryland Military Installation Strategic Planning Council; providing for the membership, purposes, and staffing of the Council; requiring the Council to report to specified persons by a specified date; and providing for the effective date and termination of the Act.

Delegate Bohanan, et al

HB 891
Chapter 336

Prince George's County -- State's Attorney's Office -- Composition and Salaries PG 311--03

Altering the number of assistant State's Attorney positions in the State's Attorney's office; and increasing the maximum salaries of the deputy State's Attorneys, the assistant State's Attorneys, and the administrative assistant in the State's Attorney's office.

Prince George's County Delegation

HB 893
Chapter 337

Department of the Environment -- Open--Pit Strip Mining -- Application for Permit

Requiring the Department of the Environment to review an application for an open--pit mining permit in a timely manner; requiring the Department to take a specified action for a permit within specified time periods for a new permit, permit revisions, or a specified revised application; authorizing the Department to provide for a specified extension by providing specified notice to an applicant prior to specified dates; etc.

Allegany County Delegation

HB 894
Chapter 338

Health Insurance -- Reimbursement for Provider Services -- Professional Counselors and Therapists

Requiring reimbursement under policies, contracts, or certificates of health insurance for services of professional counselors, marriage and family therapists, or alcohol and drug counselors under specified circumstances.

Delegates Hubbard and Donoghue

HB 900
Chapter 339

Montgomery County Fire and Explosive Investigators -- Warrantless Arrest Power MC 311--03

Authorizing a Montgomery County fire and explosive investigator to make an arrest without a warrant under specified circumstances for the commission of specified felonies and specified other crimes; defining a specified term; etc.

Montgomery County Delegation

HB 909
Chapter 340

State Personnel Management System -- Department of Juvenile Justice -- Teachers

Removing specified teachers from a provision of law that establishes that specified

individuals who are employed by institutions managed by the Department of Juvenile Justice are in the management service or are special appointments in the State Personnel Management System; and clarifying that specified teachers are in the management service or are special appointments in the State Personnel Management System.

Delegate C Davis

HB 921
Chapter 341

Land Use -- Planning Commissions -- Membership

Altering the number of members that may be on planning commissions created under a specified statutory law.

Delegate Sossi

HB 923
Chapter 342

Vehicle Laws -- Local Regulation of Parking -- Motorcycles

Prohibiting a political subdivision, in the exercise of its authority to regulate parking, from adopting or enforcing an ordinance or regulation that prohibits the parking of more than one motorcycle in a space served by a single parking meter.

Delegate Owings

HB 925
Chapter 343

Natural Resources -- Land Preservation and Recreation Plan

Requiring the Department of Natural Resources and the Department of Planning to jointly approve a local land preservation and recreation plan according to guidelines prepared by the Departments; altering the frequency by which a local governing body revises its local land preservation and recreation plan; requiring the local land preservation and recreation plan to be submitted one year prior to the revision of the Maryland Land Preservation and Recreation Plan; etc.

Delegate Edwards

HB 950
Chapter 344

Maryland Pharmacy Assistance Program -- Copayment

Altering the copayment for the Maryland Pharmacy Assistance Program to require a \$2.50 copayment for a generic drug or a brand name drug on a specified preferred drug list and a \$7.50 copayment for a brand name drug not on a specified preferred drug list.

Delegate Hammen, et al

HB 1009
Chapter 345

Nursing Facilities -- Maryland Medical Assistance Program -- Payment for Reserved Beds

Altering the time period requirement governing a leave of absence from a nursing facility; repealing the requirement that the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene make a specified payment to a nursing facility for a reserved bed; providing that a payment from the Department to a nursing facility for a reserved bed may not include payment for nursing services; providing that the Act applies retroactively to July 1, 2002; making the Act an emergency measure; etc.

Delegate Hammen

HB 1043
Chapter 346

Information Technology -- Procurement -- St. Mary's College of Maryland

Providing that specified provisions of law concerning changes relating to or the purchase, lease, or rental of information technology do not apply to St. Mary's College of Maryland. Southern Maryland Delegation and Delegate Rawlings

HB 1047
Chapter 347

Department of the Environment -- Hazardous Waste Facilities -- Public Comment

Requiring the Hazardous Waste Facilities Siting Board to seek the comments of residents who live within 1 mile of the proposed site at least 90 days before the issuance of the required certificate of public necessity by the Board.

Delegate C Davis

HB 1054
Chapter 348

Real Property -- Mortgage or Deed of Trust -- Enforcement of Release

Establishing a 45--day period after a loan secured by a mortgage or deed of trust has been paid in full for the holder to take action for the release and recordation of the satisfaction of the mortgage or deed of trust; requiring the holder, in an action where the borrower prevails in requiring delivery of a release, to pay the costs and expenses of the action, including reasonable attorney's fees; and providing specified exemptions from paying specified costs.
Delegate Minnick

HB 1065
Chapter 349

Health Services Cost Review Commission -- Appointment of Members

Requiring the Governor, when appointing members of the Health Services Cost Review Commission to fill vacancies, to make appointments, when appropriate, that would promote diversity within the Commission by race, gender, and geography.
Delegate Conway, et al

HB 1079
Chapter 350

Calvert County -- Economic Development Incentive Fund

Authorizing the Board of County Commissioners for Calvert County, by ordinance, to establish an Economic Development Incentive Fund, establish guidelines for the administration of the Fund, administer the Fund, and authorize the Calvert County Department of Finance to manage the money used by the Fund, subject to the approval of the Board; requiring a Fund established under the Act to offer direct loans and grants of money; etc.
Calvert County Delegation

HB 1080
Chapter 351

Charles County -- Alcoholic Beverages -- Out--of--State Licensees

Prohibiting the issuance of specified alcoholic beverages licenses in Charles County to a holder of an alcoholic beverages license in another state or the District of Columbia under specified circumstances.
Delegate Mitchell, et al

HB 1088
Chapter 352

Washington County -- Alcoholic Beverages Licenses -- Out--of--State Restriction

Prohibiting in Washington County specified alcoholic beverages licenses from being issued, except by renewal, to persons, corporations, or limited liability companies that hold an alcoholic beverages license in any other state or Washington, D.C.
Washington County Delegation, et al

HB 1109
Chapter 353

Procurement -- Minority Business Enterprises -- Effect of Personal Net Worth on Eligibility

Providing for the continued participation under specified contracts of specified minority business enterprises owned by individuals whose personal net worth exceeds \$750,000 and counting that continued participation toward specified program and contract goals; requiring the certification agency to conduct a specified study and to submit a specified report on or before a specified date; etc.
Delegate Patterson, et al

HB 1128
Chapter 354

Workers' Compensation -- Students in Unpaid Work--Based Learning Experiences

Providing workers' compensation coverage to students in unpaid work--based learning experiences; establishing the components of the unpaid work--based learning experience; designating the employer of the student for purposes of workers' compensation coverage; requiring the participating employer where the student is placed in an unpaid work--based learning experience to secure specified workers' compensation coverage; etc.
Delegate Taylor, et al

HB 1153
Chapter 355

Insurance -- Maryland Property Insurance Availability Act

Altering the maximum limit of liability on specified real or personal property under the program of operation adopted by the Governing Committee of the Joint Insurance Association; and altering the number of buildings subject to the maximum limit of liability.
Delegate Wood, et al

Sincerely,

Karl S. Aro
Executive Director



May 22, 2003

To the Members of the General Assembly

Ladies and Gentlemen:

On May 22, 2003, the Honorable Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr., Governor; the Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr., President of the Senate; and the Honorable Michael E. Busch, Speaker of the House of Delegates, signed the following pieces of legislation which you passed:

SB 772
Chapter 356

Health Insurance -- Nonprofit Health Service Plans -- Reform

Altering provisions relating to the regulation of nonprofit health service plans; establishing the mission of nonprofit health service plans; establishing a Joint Nonprofit Health Service Plan Oversight Committee; prohibiting the acquisition of a specified nonprofit health service plan for five years after the effective date of the Act; etc.
Senator Middleton, et al

HB 1179
Chapter 357

Health Insurance -- Nonprofit Health Service Plans -- Reform

Altering provisions relating to the regulation of nonprofit health service plans; establishing the mission of a nonprofit health service plan; establishing a Joint Nonprofit Health Service Plan Oversight Committee; prohibiting the acquisition of a specified nonprofit health service plan for five years after the effective date of the Act; etc.
Delegate Pendergrass, et al

SB 75
Chapter 358

Public Charter School Act of 2003

Establishing the Maryland Public Charter School Program; defining "public charter school"; establishing the primary public charter granting authority in a county board of education; establishing the secondary public charter granting authority in the State Board of Education acting in its appeal review capacity or as the public chartering authority for a restructured school under specified circumstances; establishing public charter school application requirements; establishing an appeals process; etc.
Senator Dyson, et al

SB 43
Chapter 359

State Designations -- Thoroughbred Horse as the State Horse

Designating the Thoroughbred horse as the State horse.
Senator Green

SB 68

Civil Actions -- Child Sexual Abuse -- Statute of Limitations

Chapter 360

Extending the statute of limitations for civil child sexual abuse actions to 7 years of the date that the victim attains the age of majority.
Senator Kelley, et al

SB 108
Chapter 361

Comptroller -- Report on Fees

Altering the date from October 1 to December 1 when the Comptroller must submit a specified report to the Governor and the General Assembly.
Chairman B&T (Dept)

SB 116
Chapter 362

Certified Public Accountancy -- Examinations

Requiring the State Board of Public Accounting to adopt regulations that establish the passing score for a certain licensing examination; authorizing the Board to send specified examination answers to the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants by electronic transmission; and repealing the statutorily set passing score for the examination.
Chairman EHE (Dept)

SB 160
Chapter 363

Banking Institutions -- Truncated Accounts

Repealing specified provisions of law requiring banking institutions offering truncated checking accounts to also offer customers a specified checking account plan and to provide specified information to a customer opening a truncated checking account; requiring a banking institution that returns check facsimilies instead of original checks to return, under specified circumstances, specified check facsimilies at no additional cost to the customer; etc.

Senator Astle

SB 179
Chapter 364

Credit Regulation -- Credit Grantor Revolving Credit Provisions -- Amendment of Plan Agreement

Repealing a requirement that a credit grantor give a specified notice to a borrower when the credit grantor amends an agreement governing a revolving credit plan if the amendment has the effect of altering the manner of computing specified fees and charges; repealing a requirement that the credit grantor send a second notice of a specified amendment of a plan agreement to the borrower; repealing a requirement that the Commissioner of Financial Regulation approve the form of a specified notice; etc.
Senator Kelley, et al

SB 204
Chapter 365

Baltimore County -- Alcoholic Beverages -- Towson Revitalization District

Authorizing the Baltimore County Board of License Commissioners to transfer and issue three specified alcoholic beverages licenses in the Towson Revitalization District.
Senators Brochin and Hollinger

SB 209
Chapter 366

Maryland Medical Assistance Program -- Reimbursement for Outpatient Mental Health Treatment -- Dual Eligibility

Requiring the Maryland Medical Assistance Program to reimburse specified providers the entire Program fee for the outpatient mental health treatment of individuals with dual eligibility; defining "dual eligibility" and "provider"; requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to submit a report demonstrating that specified funds have been used for the purpose of funding the Act; etc.
Senators Hogan and Hollinger

SB 213
Chapter 367

Election Law -- Election Judges -- Administrative Leave for State Employees

Specifying that a State employee who serves as an election judge is entitled to use 8 hours of administrative leave under specified circumstances, in addition to receiving the compensation

paid to election judges.

Senator Stone (Chairman Ethics and Election Law Subcommittee)

SB 221
Chapter 368

Real Estate Brokers -- Advertisements and Reciprocity

Altering the deadline by which specified names and trade names must be displayed in a specified manner in order for the licensed real estate salespersons or licensed associate real estate brokers to advertise; requiring both a nonresident real estate broker and a nonresident real estate salesperson to meet specified conditions in order to engage in a commercial real estate transaction in the State; etc.

Senator Conway

SB 223
Chapter 369

Right to Breast--Feed

Permitting a woman to breast--feed her child in any public or private place under specified circumstances; and prohibiting restrictions on breast--feeding.

Senator Hollinger, et al

SB 282
Chapter 370

Vehicle Laws -- Suspension of Driver's License -- Theft of Motor Fuel

Authorizing for a first offense, and requiring for a second or subsequent offense, the Motor Vehicle Administration to suspend, for 30 days, the driver's license of a person who is convicted of theft for failure to pay for motor fuel after the motor fuel was dispensed into a vehicle; requiring a court to notify the Motor Vehicle Administration of specified violations involving the theft of motor fuel; etc.

Senator Jimeno, et al

SB 283
Chapter 371

Consumer Protection -- Maryland Consumer Protection Act -- Private Rights of Action

Altering the scope of the Maryland Consumer Protection Act to exclude specified private rights of action concerning the professional services of specified health care providers.

Senator Jimeno, et al

SB 286
Chapter 372

Commercial Law -- Uniform Commercial Code -- Title 9 -- Miscellaneous

Altering the definitions of "agricultural lien" and "health--care--insurance receivable" under Title 9 of the Uniform Commercial Code; establishing that a sale by an individual of an account that is a right to payment of winnings in a lottery or other game of chance is automatically perfected; clarifying the date on which certain financing statements lapse; etc.

Senator Kelley

SB 287
Chapter 373

Nonnative Aquatic Organisms -- State of Nuisance -- Abatement and Summary Abatement Procedures

Authorizing the Secretary of Natural Resources to adopt regulations to prohibit the importation, possession, or introduction of specified nonnative aquatic organisms; specifying that the provisions of the Act are not applicable to specified aquaculture operations or activities; authorizing the Department of Natural Resources to enter and inspect specified property for a specified purpose; authorizing the Department to seize and dispose of specified nuisance organisms; etc.

Senator Frosh, et al

SB 339
Chapter 374

Maryland Debt Management Services Act

Prohibiting a person from providing debt management services to specified consumers unless licensed by the Commissioner of Financial Regulation or exempt from licensing under the Act; authorizing the Commissioner to take specified actions to carry out the Act; requiring the Commissioner by regulation to establish specified fees; establishing a Debt Management

Services Fund; establishing qualifications for an applicant for a license; etc.
Senator Hogan, et al

HB 640
Chapter 375

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Prohibiting a person from providing debt management services to specified consumers unless licensed by the Commissioner of Financial Regulation or exempt from licensing under the Act; authorizing the Commissioner to take specified actions to carry out the Act; requiring the Commissioner by regulation to establish specified fees; establishing a Debt Management Services Fund; establishing qualifications for an applicant for a license; etc.
Delegate McIntosh, et al

SB 383
Chapter 376

Alcohol-- or Drug--Related Offenses -- Prohibition on Driving (John's Law)

Prohibiting a person who is arrested for specified alcohol-- or drug--related offenses from driving a motor vehicle for a specified period; providing for an assessment of points against an individual and specified penalties for a violation of the Act; etc.
Senator Ruben, et al

SB 400
Chapter 377

Criminal Procedure -- Counterfeiting, Forgery, and Credit Card Offenses -- Concurrent Jurisdiction of Trial Courts

Providing that the District Court has jurisdiction that is concurrent with a circuit court in criminal cases involving counterfeiting, forgery, and credit card crimes.
Senator Giannetti

SB 428
Chapter 378

Criminal Procedure -- Custodial Confinement as a Condition of Probation or Suspension of Sentence

Expanding the authority of the courts throughout the State to impose a sentence of custodial confinement or imprisonment as a condition of probation or suspension of sentence; and generally relating to the authority of the courts to impose a sentence of custodial confinement or imprisonment as a condition of probation or suspension of sentence.
Senators Giannetti and Green

SB 432
Chapter 379

Election Law -- Compliance With Federal Law

Adopting provisions relating to the casting and canvassing of provisional ballots to comply with the requirements of the federal "Help America Vote Act of 2002"; designating the State Board of Elections as the official office required to provide specified information in accordance with the Uniform Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act; etc.
Senator Stone (Chairman Ethics and Election Law Subcommittee)

SB 433
Chapter 380

Election Law -- Miscellaneous Technical and Clarifying Corrections

Making technical and clarifying corrections to the State election law; repealing a provision relating to the certification of specified election results by the State Board; repealing a provision relating to the transmission of specified campaign finance reports by specified persons to the campaign finance entities of candidates; etc.
Senator Stone (Chairman Ethics and Election Law Subcommittee)

SB 499
Chapter 381

College Savings Plans of Maryland

Establishing the College Savings Plans of Maryland; establishing the Maryland Prepaid College Trust; specifying the purpose of the College Savings Plans of Maryland; changing the name of the Maryland Higher Education Investment Board to the College Savings Plans of Maryland Board; altering the duties and responsibilities of the Board; providing that the College Savings Plans, the Board, and investment accounts are not subject to specified provisions of law; etc.

HB 30
Chapter 382

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Establishing the College Savings Plans of Maryland; establishing the Maryland Prepaid College Trust; specifying the purpose of the College Savings Plans of Maryland; changing the name of the Maryland Higher Education Investment Board to the College Savings Plans of Maryland Board; altering the duties and responsibilities of the Board; providing that the College Savings Plans, the Board, and investment accounts are not subject to specified provisions of law; etc.

Delegate Leopold

SB 467
Chapter 383

Municipal Corporations -- Proposed Annexation Resolutions -- Notice and Hearing Requirements

Altering the number of times, from not fewer than four to not fewer than two, that notice of the submission to the voters of a municipal corporation of a resolution for proposed annexation of a total area of 25 acres of land or less must be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the municipal corporation under specified circumstances; and altering the time frame within which a public hearing shall be set on a resolution for proposed annexation of a total area of 25 acres of land or less.

Senator Colburn

SB 476
Chapter 384

State Board for Professional Land Surveyors

Repealing the authority of the State Board for Professional Land Surveyors to issue specified limited and temporary licenses to practice land surveying; eliminating a specific waiting period and right to a conference after failing a licensing examination a specified number of times; repealing specified provisions related to the procedures of the Board; granting the Board authority to issue specified retired status licenses; and generally relating to the practice of professional land surveying.

Senator Colburn

SB 479
Chapter 385

Maryland Trauma and Emergency Medical Response System -- Funding and Structure

Establishing the Maryland Trauma Physician Services Fund; specifying the manner in which expenditures may be made from the Fund; specifying criteria and parameters for developing reimbursement methodology; requiring trauma physicians and trauma centers seeking reimbursement from the Fund to apply in a specified manner; requiring the Maryland Health Care Commission and the Health Services Cost Review Commission to adopt regulations that specify information trauma physicians and trauma centers must submit to receive money from the Fund; etc.

Senators Astle and Lawlah

SB 492
Chapter 386

Task Force to Study Efficiency in Procurement

Establishing a Task Force to Study Efficiency in Procurement; providing for the membership, purposes, and staffing of the Task Force; requiring the Task Force to report to specified persons by a specified date; and providing for the effective date and termination of the Act.

Senator Pipkin

SB 495
Chapter 387

Corporations -- Directors and Stockholders -- Meetings, Notices, and Consents

Providing that specified actions by the board of directors of a Maryland corporation, a committee of the board, or the stockholders of the corporation may be taken by a specified consent given in writing or by electronic transmission and filed in paper or electronic form in specified locations; providing that meetings of the board of directors of a Maryland

corporation may be held by means of remote communication; etc.
Senator Garagiola

SB 498
Chapter 388

Public School Facilities

Extending the Aging Schools Program; modifying the requirements for the content of a plan; extending for 1 year specified requirements relating to the State and local share of costs for school construction projects in Baltimore City; altering a specified requirement for the local appropriation for school construction in Baltimore City; modifying the membership and charge of the Task Force to Study Public School Facilities; altering the date by which the Task Force must submit a final report to the Governor and General Assembly; etc.
Senators Hogan and McFadden (Task Force to Study Public School Facilities)

SB 505
Chapter 389

State Employees -- Military Administrative Leave

Authorizing the provision of military administrative leave for specified State employees who are on active military duty on a specified date or are activated for military duty on or after a specified date; requiring specified employees to use military administrative leave or specified paid leave; etc.
Senators Harris and Mooney

SB 518
Chapter 390

Cecil County -- Board of Education -- Selection of Members

Requiring that members of the Cecil County Board of Education be elected; establishing a procedure for the election of members of the Cecil County Board of Education; establishing a specified term of office for elected members; submitting the Act to a referendum vote of the legally qualified voters of Cecil County in November 2004 on the question of whether to have an elected or appointed school board; etc.
Cecil County Senators

SB 522
Chapter 391

Administrative Procedure Act -- Contested Cases -- Time Limit for Making Final Decision

Requiring the final decision maker in a contested case under the Administrative Procedure Act to make the final decision within 90 days after exceptions to the proposed decision are filed or arguments are presented to the final decision maker, whichever is later, except as otherwise provided by law or by agreement of the parties.
Senator Haines

SB 524
Chapter 392

Department of Human Resources -- Child Support Enforcement Privatization Pilot Program and Demonstration Sites -- Established

Establishing the Child Support Enforcement Privatization Pilot Program; requiring the Secretary of Human Resources to provide a specified report to the Governor and the General Assembly by a specified date; establishing specified rights for specified employees; authorizing the Pilot Program to conduct a conciliation conference; requiring the Secretary to establish specified demonstration sites according to a specified schedule; authorizing the Secretary to sever specified contracts under specified circumstances; etc.
Senator Pipkin, et al

SB 530
Chapter 393

Real Estate Licensees -- Continuing Education Certificate of Completion

Requiring the Real Estate Commission to accept from a licensee as evidence of completion of continuing education courses the certificate of completion, a photocopy of the certificate, an electronic mail certificate, or a photocopy of an electronic mail certificate.
Senator Della

SB 550

Nursing Homes -- Third Party Liability Reviews and Audits

Chapter 394

Requiring nursing homes that receive payment from the Medical Assistance Program to provide specified financial information to the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene on a quarterly basis; requiring the Department to conduct third party liability reviews of specified financial information of nursing homes that receive payment from the Medical Assistance Program; etc.

Senator Teitelbaum, et al

SB 590
Chapter 395

Housing Authority of Baltimore City -- Collective Bargaining

Authorizing the Housing Authority of Baltimore City to recognize and engage in collective bargaining with the exclusive bargaining representatives of specified employee bargaining units; specifying the collective bargaining powers of the Housing Authority of Baltimore City; authorizing the Housing Authority of Baltimore City to engage in binding third--party arbitration concerning disputes and grievances under specified circumstances; etc.

Senator Conway, et al

SB 614
Chapter 396

Architects -- Continuing Education

Requiring a licensee to complete specified continuing education requirements for renewal of an architect's license; requiring an architect to complete specified continuing education requirements for reinstatement of an architect's license; providing for specified exceptions to meeting specified continuing education requirements for renewal of an architect's license; establishing specified criteria for approval by the State Board of Architects of a continuing education course or activity; etc.

Senator Stone

HB 779
Chapter 397

Architects -- Continuing Education

Requiring a licensee to complete specified continuing education requirements for renewal of an architect's license; requiring an architect to complete specified continuing education requirements for reinstatement of an architect's license; providing for specified exceptions to meeting specified continuing education requirements for renewal of an architect's license; establishing specified criteria for approval by the State Board of Architects of a continuing education course or activity; etc.

Delegate Love

SB 638
Chapter 398

Vehicle Laws -- Special and Commemorative License Plates -- Renewal Fee and Sunset

Establishing a renewal fee for the Chesapeake Bay Commemorative License Plate in addition to the annual registration fee; altering the termination date for the Chesapeake Bay Commemorative License Plate; providing the manner in which the renewal fee is established, collected, and distributed in connection with the registration plate; providing that moneys collected for the renewal fee may not be used for specified purposes subject to a specified exception; etc.

Senator Astle

SB 652
Chapter 399

Insurers -- Assets and Investments -- Location

Altering the exceptions to the types of assets that domestic insurers with their home or executive offices in the State are required to keep in the State; repealing the 15% limitation on the amount of admitted assets that a domestic insurer may keep outside of the State; and altering the conditions under which the reserve investments of a life insurer may include derivative transactions.

Senator Astle

SB 658
Chapter 400

Life Insurance -- Prohibited Use of Terrorism Exclusions

Prohibiting delivery or issuance for delivery in the State of a group policy of life insurance if

the policy, under specified circumstances, excludes or restricts liability for death that is a result of terrorism; etc.

Chairman FIN (Dept)

SB 706
Chapter 401

Higher Education -- St. Mary's College of Maryland -- Governing Authority

Providing that the authority of the Board of Trustees of St. Mary's College of Maryland may not be superseded by any State agency or office in specified management affairs except by a provision of law that specifically references the College.

Senator Miller, et al

SB 715
Chapter 402

Minority Business Enterprises -- State Contracts

Requiring specified units of State government to comply with specified provisions regarding State procurement from minority business enterprises; requiring the Board of Public Works to keep a record of the number of waivers requested and the number of waivers granted and to submit a copy of the record to the General Assembly; etc.

Senator Conway

SB 721
Chapter 403

State Retirement and Pension System -- Board of Trustees

Removing specified trustees from the Board of Trustees for the State Retirement and Pension System over a specified period of time; adding additional trustees to the Board of Trustees for the State Retirement and Pension System who meet specified criteria; providing that specified trustees may continue to serve on the Board of Trustees for the State Retirement and Pension System if they retire within a specified period of time, while serving on the Board of Trustees; etc.

Senator Kasemeyer (Chairman Joint Committee on Pensions)

SB 732
Chapter 404

Maryland Health Care Commission -- Hospice Care

Restricting the jurisdictions in which a purchaser of a general hospice may provide home-based hospice services; prohibiting the Maryland Health Care Commission from issuing a certificate of need or a determination pursuant to an acquisition under specified circumstances; etc.

Senator Middleton, et al

HB 12
Chapter 405

Criminal Procedure -- Sexual Offender Registration -- Change of Name

Requiring a registrant who is granted a legal change of name by a court to send written notice to the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services within 7 days after the change is granted; clarifying that a registration statement must include a registrant's full name, including any suffix; requiring a supervising authority to explain to a registrant the requirement to give notice of a name change; requiring the Department to give notice to specified entities of a registrant's change of name; etc.

Delegate Boschert

HB 29
Chapter 406

Election Law -- Study Commission on Public Funding of Campaigns in Maryland -- Sunset Extension

Establishing a new termination date for the Study Commission on Public Funding of Campaigns in Maryland; altering the date by which the Commission must make a specified report; making a stylistic change; etc.

Delegate V Clagett, et al

HB 34
Chapter 407

State Acupuncture Board -- Sunset Extension and Program Evaluation -- Licensure Requirements

Continuing the State Acupuncture Board in accordance with the provisions of the Maryland

Program Evaluation Act (Sunset Law) by extending to July 1, 2015, the termination provisions relating to the statutory and regulatory authority of the Board; requiring that an evaluation of the Board and the statutes and regulations that relate to the Board be performed on or before July 1, 2014; altering specified licensure requirements to include the achievement of a specified status; etc.

The Speaker (Department of Legislative Services)

HB 103
Chapter 408

Business and Economic Development -- Maryland Small Business Development Financing Authority -- Guaranty Fund

Authorizing the Maryland Small Business Development Financing Authority to utilize the Guaranty Fund to guarantee specified loans used for refinancing existing debt.

Delegate Harrison, et al

HB 149
Chapter 409

Vera's Law

Requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to develop guidelines for nursing homes that elect to use electronic monitoring with specified consent; and requiring the Department to report on the guidelines to the Senate Finance Committee and the House Health and Government Operations Committee of the General Assembly on or before December 1, 2003.

Delegate Goldwater, et al

HB 156
Chapter 410

Calvert County -- Property Tax Credit -- Members of Volunteer Fire and Rescue Companies

Authorizing the governing body of Calvert County to grant, by law, a tax credit against the county property tax imposed on real property that is owned by members of volunteer fire and rescue companies; authorizing the governing body of Calvert County to provide, by law, for the amount, duration, and criteria for qualifying for the tax credit under the Act; and providing for the application of the Act.

Calvert County Delegation

HB 163
Chapter 411

Recordation Tax -- Refinancing Instrument -- Exemption for Spouses

Altering the exemption from the recordation tax for a mortgage or deed of trust that secures the refinancing of real property to include refinancing by the original mortgagor and the mortgagor's spouse; making the Act an emergency measure; etc.

Delegates Healey and Moe

HB 182
Chapter 412

Maryland Energy Administration -- Procurement -- Federal Energy Grants and Cooperative Agreements

Exempting the Maryland Energy Administration from specified requirements of the procurement law when applying for and implementing specified federal grants and cooperative agreements relating to energy conservation, energy efficiency, or renewable energy projects; requiring the Maryland Energy Administration to report to the General Assembly by a specified date; etc.

Chairman HGO (Dept), et al

HB 198
Chapter 413

Public Service Commission -- Expenses

Authorizing the Public Service Commission to retain, in the Public Utility Regulation Fund, a specified annual assessment collected from public utility companies; requiring the Commission to deduct specified retained funds from a specified appropriation for a specified fiscal year; and providing for the effective date of the Act.

Chairman ECM (Dept)

HB 223
Chapter 414

Garrett County -- Animal Control -- Civil and Criminal Penalties

Establishing that the County Commissioners of Garrett County may impose civil penalties for violations of specified animal control ordinances in Garrett County; authorizing the County Commissioners in Garrett County to provide for the prosecution of a violation of a specified animal control ordinance in a specified manner and to a specified extent; and providing that a specified criminal penalty does not apply in Garrett County.
Garrett County Delegation

HB 256
Chapter 415

Smart Growth -- Priority Funding Areas -- Designation by Two or More Counties

Authorizing the governing bodies of two or more counties to designate a priority funding area under State smart growth laws; requiring that the area designated be located in contiguous parts in each of the designating counties; etc.
Delegates Leopold and Rosenberg

HB 287
Chapter 416

Public General Laws -- Evidence of the Law

Establishing that the Michie Code and the West Code are evidence of the Public General Laws of Maryland; establishing that the code of public general laws compiled and maintained by the Department of Legislative Services is evidence of the law; and altering the duties of the Department with respect to the codified laws of the State; etc.
Delegate Sophocleus, et al

HB 290
Chapter 417

Carroll County -- Board of County Commissioners

Expanding the membership of the Board of County Commissioners of Carroll County; providing for the election of commissioners by commissioner district; requiring the County Commissioners to appoint a commission redistricting committee at specified intervals; prescribing the composition and staffing of the committee; requiring the committee to recommend commissioner districts and provisions for staggered terms of office of County Commissioners to the Carroll County legislative delegation to the General Assembly; etc.
Carroll County Delegation

HB 307
Chapter 418

Education -- Gifted and Talented Students

Altering the definition of "gifted and talented student"; specifying findings made by the General Assembly; and generally relating to gifted and talented students.
Delegate Hubbard, et al

HB 346
Chapter 419

Family Law -- Grounds for Absolute Divorce

Adding cruelty of treatment toward a minor child of the complaining party and excessively vicious conduct toward the minor child of a complaining party as grounds for an absolute divorce; and providing that recrimination is not a bar to obtaining a divorce on any of the specified absolute divorce grounds; etc.
Delegate Dumais, et al

HB 358
Chapter 420

Somerset, Wicomico, and Worcester Counties -- School Buses -- Length of Operation

Altering the length of time a school bus may be operated in Somerset, Wicomico, and Worcester Counties from 12 to 15 years; providing for the termination of the Act; etc.
Delegates Bozman and Conway

HB 361
Chapter 421

Maryland Uniform Athlete Agents Act

Adopting the Maryland Uniform Athlete Agents Act; establishing a method for the service of process for specified individuals under specified circumstances; establishing a method for the issuance of subpoenas under specified circumstances; prohibiting an individual from acting as an athlete agent under specified circumstances; establishing a method of licensure as an

athlete agent for specified individuals; etc.
Delegate Rosenberg

HB 376
Chapter 422

Sunset Review -- State Board of Nursing -- Electrology Practice Committee
Repealing specified provisions of law relating to the State Board of Electrologists; establishing the Electrology Practice Committee within the State Board of Nursing; specifying the membership, terms, powers, and duties of the Committee; prohibiting the practice of electrology without a license; providing that the Committee is subject to the provisions of the Maryland Program Evaluation Act; etc.
Delegate Hurson (Chairman HGO Committee)

HB 382
Chapter 423

Montgomery County -- Oakmont Special Taxing Area -- Compensation of Citizens' Committee Members MC 306--03
Repealing the maximum limitation on the amount of compensation that members of the Oakmont Citizens' Committee may receive; providing that the Act does not apply to the salary or compensation of the incumbent members; etc.
Montgomery County Delegation

HB 383
Chapter 424

Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission -- Collective Bargaining and Binding Arbitration MC/PG 109--03
Establishing collective bargaining rights for specified employees of the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC); establishing specified bargaining units; outlining matters concerning representation; providing for dispute resolution; establishing collective bargaining and binding arbitration; requiring the labor relations administrator to provide, and the Commission to post, specified notice of specified elections at a specified time; etc.
Montgomery County Delegation and Prince George's County Delegation

HB 394
Chapter 425

Maryland--National Capital Park and Planning Commission -- Minority Business Enterprise Utilization Program MC/PG 112--03
Extending through September 30, 2008, the authority of the Maryland--National Capital Park and Planning Commission (MNCPPC) to establish and administer a Minority Business Enterprise Utilization Program for the award of contracts for goods, services, and construction under specified circumstances; and establishing an annual reporting requirement by the MNCPPC on the results of the Minority Business Enterprise Utilization Program.
Montgomery County Delegation and Prince George's County Delegation

HB 399
Chapter 426

Montgomery County -- Matthew Henson State Park -- Expansion MC 305--03
Expanding the boundaries of Matthew Henson State Park; excepting a specified parcel of land from inclusion in Matthew Henson State Park; directing a transfer of parcels of land from the State Highway Administration to the Maryland--National Capital Park and Planning Commission; requiring the consent of the Commission for a specified transfer of land; prohibiting Montgomery County from issuing a sediment control permit for specified land unless specified conditions are met; etc.
Montgomery County Delegation

HB 401
Chapter 427

Montgomery County -- Deputy Clerk or Sheriff -- Oath of Office
Requesting that every deputy clerk or sheriff in Montgomery County take and sign the oath or affirmation prescribed by Article I, § 9 of the Maryland Constitution.
Delegate Barkley

HB 405
Chapter 428

Medicaid Reimbursement -- Community--Based Services for Children with Disabilities
Requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to apply to the Centers for

Medicare and Medicaid Services for an amendment to the State Medical Assistance Program to allow the Department to receive specified federal matching funds for part of specified residential care costs; requiring the Governor to include specified funds in the budget under specified conditions for the Subcabinet for Children, Youth, and Families Resource Fund to create a specified interagency pool; etc.
Delegate Hammen, et al

HB 424
Chapter 429

Baltimore City -- Condemnation -- Immediate Possession and Title -- Distressed Property

Authorizing proceedings for condemnation and immediate taking of specified properties in Baltimore City; clarifying that Baltimore City shall assure that an owner--occupant or tenant who is displaced under the Act is offered specified assistance and payments under specified circumstances; granting exclusive original civil jurisdiction of a specified proceeding to the District Court in specified circumstances; etc.
Delegate Rosenberg, et al

HB 442
Chapter 430

Natural Resources -- Task Force to Study the Feasibility of Licensing Boaters -- Establishment

Establishing the Task Force to Study the Feasibility of Licensing Boaters in the State; providing for the membership of the Task Force; requiring the Task Force to study specified policy, administrative, security, and economic issues surrounding the establishment of a State boating license and to make appropriate recommendations; requiring the Task Force to report to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before December 1, 2003; etc.
Delegate Owings, et al

HB 487
Chapter 431

Prince George's County -- Public School Facilities Surcharge PG 414--03

Altering the circumstances under which the County Council for Prince George's County is required to impose a public school facilities surcharge; altering the amount of the public school facilities surcharge for Prince George's County; and authorizing the County Council for Prince George's County to impose a public school facilities surcharge in specified municipal corporations under specified circumstances.
Prince George's County Delegation

HB 489
Chapter 432

State Treasurer -- Deposit of Physical Securities

Altering the location where the State Treasurer is required to deposit physical securities from a box or vault in financial institutions in Annapolis or Baltimore, to a box or vault in the offices of the Treasurer.
Delegate Heller (Joint Committee on the Management of Public Funds), et al

HB 490
Chapter 433

Education -- Juvenile Justice Alternative Education Pilot Program

Requiring the Department of Education to oversee the juvenile justice alternative education program; requiring the State Board of Education to organize a specified program with the advice of the Juvenile Justice Alternative Education Program Advisory Board; providing for the composition of the Juvenile Justice Alternative Education Program Advisory Board; etc.
Delegate Frush

HB 497
Chapter 434

Business and Economic Development -- Maryland Economic Development Assistance Fund and Maryland Competitive Advantage Financing Fund

Expanding the permitted uses of funds from the Maryland Economic Development Assistance Fund (MEDAF) to include expenditures for specified projects in areas declared to be federal disaster areas; expanding the list of industry sectors eligible to receive MEDAF funds; and providing for the eligibility of specified businesses for funding from the Maryland

Competitive Advantage Financing Fund.
Chairman ECM (Dept)

HB 521
Chapter 435

Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation -- Real Estate Appraisers -- Baltimore City -- Reports

Requiring licensed or certified real estate appraisers to file quarterly reports containing the address and appraised value of certain residential real estate in Baltimore City with the State Commission of Real Estate Appraisers and Home Inspectors or the Baltimore City Department of Housing and Community Development; requiring the reports to be open for inspection only to representatives of government agencies for investigation of fraudulent practices; etc.

Delegate Marriott (Baltimore City Administration)

HB 595
Chapter 436

State Retirement and Pension System -- Board of Trustees -- Membership

Altering the composition of the Board of Trustees for the State Retirement and Pension System; requiring that one of the trustees be a retiree of either the Teachers' Retirement System or Teachers' Pension System at the time of the trustee's election to the Board; prohibiting specified trustees from being employees of the State Retirement Agency; etc.

Delegate Proctor, et al

HB 605
Chapter 437

Maryland Health Care Commission -- Evaluation of Mandated Health Insurance Services

Repealing the duty of the Maryland Health Care Commission to make an evaluation and file a report when the full cost of mandated health insurance services reaches 2.2% of the State's average annual wage; requiring the Commission to conduct an evaluation of existing mandated health insurance services and make recommendations to the General Assembly; requiring the evaluation to include specified assessments and a specified comparison of mandated health insurance services; etc.

Delegate Hammen

HB 619
Chapter 438

Charles County -- Bingo -- Prizes and Hours of Operation

Increasing in Charles County specified limits on prize money for bingo; and limiting the hours of bingo operations in a specified way.

Charles County Delegation

HB 641
Chapter 439

Motor Vehicle Liability Insurance -- Valuation of Motor Vehicles

Requiring the Maryland Insurance Commissioner to adopt regulations that establish standards and procedures for the settlement of claims involving the total loss of a specified motor vehicle and the determination of the motor vehicle's total loss value.

Delegates Kach and Hutchins

HB 656
Chapter 440

Health Maintenance Organizations -- Definition of Covered Service

Providing that a service covered by a health maintenance organization be rendered by specified providers under specified circumstances or pursuant to a referral approval; providing for an exception for trauma care; defining a specified term; providing for the effective date of specified provisions of the Act; and providing for the termination of specified provisions of the Act.

Delegate Pendergrass, et al

HB 668
Chapter 441

Mental Hygiene Administration -- Emergency Evaluation -- Standards and Content

Modifying the standards for emergency evaluations of individuals with mental disorders under specified circumstances; authorizing specified health professionals and peace officers

to base the petition for emergency evaluation on specified information; and modifying the required elements of a petition for emergency evaluation.

Delegate Nathan--Pulliam, et al

HB 702
Chapter 442

Darrell Putman Compassionate Use Act

Allowing specified individuals in specified marijuana prosecutions to introduce, and requiring the court to consider as a mitigating factor, specified evidence related to medical necessity under specified circumstances; establishing specified penalties under specified circumstances; etc.

Delegate Morhaim, et al

HB 706
Chapter 443

Public Safety -- Mandatory Supervision -- Diminution Credits and Sentences

Broadening the prohibition against awarding specified diminution credits to a specified inmate to apply to an inmate who is convicted and sentenced to imprisonment for any crime committed while on mandatory supervision that is revoked.

Delegate Vallario, et al

HB 715
Chapter 444

Sediment Control, Stormwater Management, and Wetlands Programs -- Violations -- Criminal and Civil Penalties

Altering the amounts of criminal penalties applicable to specified sediment control, stormwater management, and tidal wetlands violations; authorizing specified courts to order restoration of specified areas in the event of criminal violations of sediment control and stormwater management programs; altering the amounts of civil penalties applicable to sediment control violations; etc.

Delegate Hubbard, et al

HB 719
Chapter 445

Department of the Environment -- Paint Retailers -- Printed Information on Lead Risk Reduction

Requiring a retailer to display in specified areas a specified poster that includes information about the dangers and hazards of lead poisoning and other specified information; requiring the Department of the Environment to develop and provide specified posters to retailers; etc.

Delegate Oaks, et al

HB 722
Chapter 446

Environment -- Report by Local Government Agency -- Noncompliance with Lead Risk Reduction Provisions

Requiring a local government agency to report to the Department of the Environment any known noncompliance of a specified property with specified lead risk reduction provisions.

Delegate Rosenberg, et al

HB 761
Chapter 447

Task Force to Study the Reorganization of the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene

Establishing the Task Force to Study the Reorganization of the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene; providing for the membership, chairman, and staff for the Task Force; providing for the duties of the Task Force; requiring the Task Force to submit a specified report on or before a specified date; providing for the termination of the Act; etc.

Delegate Hurson, et al

HB 762
Chapter 448

Medicaid Modernization Act of 2003

Establishing the Primary Adult Care Network within the Medical Assistance Program; providing for the purpose of the Network; requiring the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene to administer the Network as allowed by federal law or waiver; requiring the Network to provide a specified health care benefit package to adults; requiring the

Department to use information obtained in a comprehensive review to apply for a federal waiver to implement the Network; etc.

Delegate Hurson, et al

HB 774
Chapter 449

Higher Education -- Educational Excellence Awards -- Funding

Requiring at least \$2 million appropriated for specified student financial assistance programs to be allocated to institutions of higher education in the State to fund Educational Excellence Awards.

Delegate Griffith, et al

HB 778
Chapter 450

Education -- Baltimore County -- Public School Employees

Altering the definition of "public school employee" as it applies to provisions that relate to organizations of employees in Baltimore County; establishing a specified unit of administrative and supervisory certificated and supervisory noncertificated employees; authorizing only three nonsupervisory units in addition to a specified supervisory unit established by the Act; providing that a specified organization shall be deemed the designated representative for a specified unit; etc.

Delegate Minnick

HB 780
Chapter 451

Emergency Telephone System -- Wireless Enhanced 911 Service

Requiring the establishment of wireless enhanced 911 service in the State; altering the membership of the Emergency Number Systems Board; requiring the Board to establish guidelines and, with input from counties, an implementation schedule for the deployment of wireless enhanced 911 service; etc.

Delegate McIntosh, et al

HB 838
Chapter 452

Vehicle Laws -- Drivers' Licenses -- Licensing Documentation

Requiring an applicant for a driver's license to state on the driver's license application the social security number of the applicant under specified circumstances; requiring an applicant who does not have a social security number to provide a specified documentation in the application for the driver's license; etc.

Delegate Vallario, et al

HB 883
Chapter 453

Health Care Services Disparities Prevention Act

Declaring the intent of the General Assembly; authorizing specified institutions of higher education in the State to include courses in the curriculum or offer special seminars on health care services disparities of specified minority populations; requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, in consultation with the Maryland Healthcare Foundation, to develop and implement a plan to reduce health care disparities; etc.

Delegate Nathan--Pulliam, et al

HB 884
Chapter 454

Work, Not Welfare, and Qualifying Employees with Disabilities Tax Credits

Extending the termination provisions and dates of applicability for specified tax credits allowed to employers that hire qualified employment opportunity employees or qualifying individuals with disabilities.

Delegate Marriott

HB 889
Chapter 455

Tobacco Product Manufacturers -- Nonparticipating Manufacturers -- Escrow Requirements

Requiring tobacco product manufacturers whose cigarettes are sold in the State to periodically submit specified certifications, reports, and notices to the Attorney General; requiring the Attorney General to maintain a directory of cigarettes approved for stamping

and sale; prohibiting the stamping or selling or importing of cigarettes not in the directory for sale in the State; requiring manufacturers to appoint an agent for the service of process; etc.

Delegate Wood

HB 937
Chapter 456

Election Law -- Employee Membership Entities -- Collection and Transmittal of Campaign Contributions by Employer

Requiring an employer who withholds an employee's dues to an employee membership entity to also collect any contributions specified by the employee for one or more affiliated political action committees, as specified by the employee, of the employee membership entity, and then transmit the contributions to the employee membership entity in accordance with specified requirements.

Delegate Wood

HB 940
Chapter 457

Carroll County -- Length of Service Award Program -- Funds

Requiring the County Commissioners of Carroll County to provide service award payments to specified volunteer firemen from a specified special fund; requiring that the special fund be established as an endowment; and specifying that specified provisions of law regarding specified investments of money made by counties do not apply to the deposit and investment of money in a specified special fund.

Carroll County Delegation

HB 948
Chapter 458

Maryland School for the Blind -- Funding

Requiring each county board of education to pay a specified amount to the Maryland School for the Blind each year; requiring county governing bodies to include children sent to the Maryland School for the Blind in specified enrollment used for calculating specified required local funds; etc.

Delegate Proctor

HB 968
Chapter 459

Academic Facilities Bonding Authority

Authorizing the University System of Maryland to issue \$33,085,000 in bonds for specified academic facilities; requiring specified information to be provided to the budget committees of the General Assembly with a specified review and comment period before funds may be expended for a specified project; etc.

Chairman APP (Dept)

HB 970
Chapter 460

Commission on Environmental Justice and Sustainable Communities

Establishing the Commission on Environmental Justice and Sustainable Communities; providing for the membership and terms of the Commission; requiring the Governor to designate the chairman of the Commission; providing for the duties of the Commission; requiring the Commission to submit a specified report on or before a specified date each year; etc.

Delegate C Davis

HB 974
Chapter 461

Health Maintenance Organizations -- Patient Access to Choice of Provider

Requiring health maintenance organizations to allow for the designation by a member of a certified nurse practitioner as a primary care provider in specified circumstances; requiring that members who select a certified nurse practitioner be provided with the name and contact information of the certified nurse practitioner's collaborating physician; providing that health maintenance organizations are not required to include certified nurse practitioners on a specified provider panel; etc.

Delegate Goldwater, et al

HB 1000
Chapter 462

Allegany County -- Paper Gaming -- Regulation

Establishing in Allegany County a licensing procedure for specified for profit businesses and qualified organizations to engage in paper gaming and for persons to sell paper gaming devices to licensees; authorizing the Board of County Commissioners to impose specified paper gaming taxes on licensees; establishing a Special Gaming Fund to benefit fire and rescue departments and to pay for specified school costs; etc.

Allegany County Delegation

HB 1025
Chapter 463

Washington County -- Highways -- Prohibition on Use for Solicitations

Authorizing the County Commissioners of Washington County to prohibit the use of a controlled access highway in the county's jurisdiction by a person soliciting money, donations, employment, business, or a ride from an occupant of a vehicle on the controlled access highway; and prohibiting, in Washington County, a person from standing in a roadway, median divider, or intersection to solicit money or donations from an occupant of a vehicle.

Washington County Delegation

HB 1030
Chapter 464

Real Property -- Redemption of Ground Rents

Authorizing a tenant to apply to redeem a ground rent if the landlord does not respond to notice by paying the redemption amount into a fund held by the State Department of Assessments and Taxation; requiring the Department to post a specified notice on its website for a specified period of time before issuing a certificate verifying that the redemption has been paid in full; requiring the certificate to be recorded in the land records; etc.

Delegate Weir, et al

HB 1049
Chapter 465

Baltimore City -- Foreclosure Sales of Interests in Land -- Recordation of Ratification

Requiring a person that makes a foreclosure sale under a mortgage or a deed of trust of an interest in land in Baltimore City that is ratified to cause to be recorded in the land records a copy of the final order of ratification, including specified information.

Delegate McIntosh

HB 1051
Chapter 466

Environment -- Brownfields -- Environmental Restoration and Development

Providing that specified owners of specified real property that is contiguous to specified contaminated or potentially contaminated property are not considered as owners or operators of specified contaminated property under specified circumstances; authorizing the Department of the Environment to impose a lesser application fee on specified applications to the Voluntary Cleanup Program; establishing a process for specified incomplete applications to the Program; etc.

Delegate McIntosh

HB 1055
Chapter 467

State Government -- Forms Management -- Extension of Implementation Date for School Data

Extending the implementation date for the applicability of specified standards for data collection forms for schools, school systems, and the State Department of Education.

Delegate Rawlings

HB 1059
Chapter 468

Washington County Growth Management Act of 2003

Authorizing the County Commissioners of Washington County to fix and impose, by ordinance, a building excise tax on all types of building construction and a transfer tax on specified instruments of writing; authorizing the governing body of Washington County to grant a property tax credit against the county property tax imposed on renovated or

rehabilitated business real property under specified circumstances; etc.
Washington County Delegation

HB 1068
Chapter 469

Baltimore City -- Police Jurisdiction -- Parks

Altering the jurisdiction of special enforcement officers of Baltimore City to include enforcement of specified laws pertaining to parks; altering the jurisdiction of special traffic enforcement officers of Baltimore City to include property controlled by the Department of Recreation and Parks of Baltimore City; etc.
Delegate Hammen, et al

HB 1074
Chapter 470

Ethics Law -- Executive Units -- Offices of Sheriff and State's Attorney

Including in the definition of "executive unit" in the public ethics laws, employees of the offices of the sheriffs and State's Attorneys in the counties and Baltimore City; and providing for an exception to the required filing of a financial disclosure statement.
Delegate Sophocleus

HB 1075
Chapter 471

Procurement -- Exemptions -- Maryland Developmental Disabilities Administration

Excluding specified procurements by the Developmental Disabilities Administration of the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene from specified requirements of the procurement law; providing that specified provisions of the minority business enterprise law apply to specified procurements by the Administration; etc.
Delegate Sophocleus, et al

HB 1125
Chapter 472

Private Passenger Motor Vehicle Insurance -- Underwriting Standards -- Statistical Validation

Clarifying a provision of current law relating to underwriting standards for private passenger motor vehicle insurance by providing that specified underwriting standards include a conviction of the named insured or a covered driver of a violation of specified prohibitions against driving while under the influence of alcohol or alcohol per se or while impaired by drugs, drugs and alcohol, or specified controlled dangerous substances; etc.
Delegate Burns

HB 1130
Chapter 473

Washington County -- Gaming Commission -- Tip Jar Gaming

Prohibiting the Washington County Gaming Commission from distributing to each applicant per application in any year more than \$100,000 deposited in a fund containing gross profits from tip jar gaming; prohibiting the Commission from distributing more than \$50,000 in the fund for each distribution, if the Commission makes two distributions during a year; etc.
Washington County Delegation

HB 1148
Chapter 474

Code Home Rule Counties -- Development Excise Taxes

Increasing from \$750 to \$2,000 per lot the maximum development excise tax that a code home rule county is authorized to impose; and terminating the Act at the end of June 30, 2004.
Delegates Eckardt and Schisler

HB 1152
Chapter 475

Baltimore City -- Community Benefits Districts -- Charles Village Community Benefits District, Management Authority -- Continued Authority

Declaring that the intent of the General Assembly is to affirm that the Charles Village Community Benefits District, Management Authority has been in continuous effect since June 1, 1994, and that the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore had the authority in 2002 to renew and extend the existence of the District, Management Authority through June 30, 2003; etc.

Article II, Section 17(c), of the Constitution of Maryland states:

Section 17.

(c) Any bill presented to the Governor within 6 days (Sundays excepted), prior to adjournment of any session of the General Assembly, or after such adjournment, shall become law without the Governor's signature unless it is vetoed by the Governor within 30 days after its presentment.

Having chosen to not sign Senate Bill 54 after formal presentment and to let the provisions of Article II, Section 17(c) determine the effectiveness of the legislation, this bill will become law without the Governor's signature as of midnight, May 24, 2003 and is assigned the following Chapter number:

SB 54
Chapter 476

Task Force to Study Pinhole Leaks in Copper Plumbing

Establishing a Task Force to Study Pinhole Leaks in Copper Plumbing; specifying the membership and duties of the Task Force; providing for the appointment of the chairman of the Task Force; providing for the staffing of the Task Force; prohibiting a member of the Task Force from receiving compensation for serving on the Task Force; authorizing a member of the Task Force to receive reimbursement for specified expenses; requiring that a report be submitted to the General Assembly by December 31, 2004; etc.
Senators Frosh and Ruben

Sincerely,

Karl S. Aro
Executive Director



Vetoed Bills

To the Members of the General Assembly

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Below is a list of legislation passed by the General Assembly and vetoed by the Honorable Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr., Governor. The reasons for the vetoes are indicated. Please note that the bills that were vetoed for policy reasons were vetoed on May 21, 2003 and the bills that were vetoed as duplicative were vetoed on May 22, 2003.

HOUSE BILLS

HB 6
Duplicative

Alcohol-- or Drug--Related Offenses -- Prohibition on Driving (John's Law)

Prohibiting a person who is arrested for specified alcohol-- or drug--related offenses from driving a motor vehicle within 12 hours after arrest; and providing for an assessment of points against an individual and specified criminal penalties for a violation of the Act.
Delegates Boschert and Bronrott

HB 18
Duplicative

District Court -- Small Claim Actions

Altering the minimum amount in controversy in civil cases over which the District Court of Maryland and the circuit courts have concurrent jurisdiction; altering the amount of a small claim action in the District Court; altering the amount in controversy in a civil action in the District Court in which formal pleadings are prohibited; altering the minimum amount in

controversy in civil cases in which appeals from the District Court are required to be heard on the record; providing for the application of the Act; etc.
Delegate Menes, et al

HB 25

Duplicative

Health Insurance -- Task Force to Study Access to Mental Health Services

Establishing the Task Force on Access to Mental Health Services; specifying the duties and members of the Task Force; requiring the members of the Task Force to select a chairman of the Task Force; requiring the Task Force to invite the participation of and solicit commentary from specified interested parties; requiring the Task Force to submit reports to the Governor and the General Assembly by specified dates; providing for the termination of the Act; etc.
Delegate Hammen, et al

HB 41

Duplicative

Caroline County -- Adkins Arboretum Loan of 2001

Amending Chapter 231 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2001, the Caroline County -- Adkins Arboretum Loan of 2001, to extend the time by which the Board of Trustees of Adkins Arboretum, Ltd. must provide a matching fund to June 1, 2005.
Caroline County Delegation

HB 49

Duplicative

Vehicle Laws -- Suspension of Driver's License -- Theft of Motor Fuel

Authorizing for a first offense, and requiring for a second or subsequent offense, the Motor Vehicle Administration to suspend, for 30 days, the driver's license of a person who is convicted of theft for failure to pay for motor fuel after the motor fuel was dispensed into a vehicle; requiring a court to notify the Motor Vehicle Administration of specified violations involving the theft of motor fuel; etc.
Delegate Kelly, et al

HB 57

Duplicative

Clerks of Circuit Courts -- Statutory Fee for Administering Oath of Office

Repealing the statutory authorization for a clerk of a circuit court to collect a fee of \$.10 for administering an oath for specified offices.
Chairman JUD (Maryland Judicial Conference)

HB 81

Duplicative

Task Force to Study the Financial Impact of Retired Military Service Personnel on the Economy of the State

Establishing a Task Force to Study the Financial Impact of Retired Military Service Personnel on the Economy of the State; providing for the composition of the Task Force; requiring the Task Force to report to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before December 1, 2003; etc.
Delegate Boschert, et al

HB 82

Duplicative

Job--Related Substance Abuse Testing -- Specimens -- Definition

Adding saliva derived from the human body to the list of specimens that may be used for job--related substance abuse testing.
Delegate Brown

HB 98

Policy

State Designations -- Walking as the State Exercise

Designating walking as the State exercise.
Delegate Bronrott, et al

HB 99

Duplicative

Estates -- Modified Administration -- Final Report and Distribution -- Extension

Providing that the initial time periods for filing a final report and for making distribution of an estate in a modified administration of the estate are extended for 90 days on consent for extension signed by the personal representative and each interested person and filed within

10 months from the date of appointment; etc.
Delegate Vallario

HB 108

Duplicative

Citations -- Format and Printing

Excepting from the offenses for which the Chief Judge of the District Court is required to design arrest -- citation forms, specified offenses by juveniles and other violations as expressly provided by law; requiring the Chief Judge to cause the District Court to print uniform motor vehicle citation forms and specified other uniform statewide citation forms; requiring that citations for specified violations be in a format prescribed by the State Court Administrator; etc.

Chairman JUD (Maryland Judicial Conference)

HB 117

Duplicative

Banking Institutions -- Truncated Accounts

Repealing provisions of law requiring banking institutions offering truncated checking accounts to also offer customers a specified checking account plan and to provide specified information to a customer opening a truncated checking account; requiring a banking institution that returns check facsimiles instead of original checks to a customer who has requested the return of a check for specified purposes to return to the customer, on the customer's request, check facsimiles at no additional cost to the customer; etc.

Delegate Love, et al

HB 143

Duplicative

Maryland Medbank Program -- Administration, Extension, and Funding

Extending the termination date of the Maryland Medbank Program; requiring the Maryland Medbank Program to be administered by Medbank of Maryland, Inc.; requiring Medbank of Maryland, Inc. to contract with specified entities to operate the Program; providing that the Program shall be funded entirely by the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene; etc.

Delegate Donoghue, et al

HB 154

Duplicative

Harford County -- Highways -- Prohibition on Use for Solicitation

Prohibiting in Harford County a person from standing in a roadway, median divider, or intersection to solicit money or donations of any kind from an occupant of a vehicle.

Harford County Delegation

HB 170

Duplicative

Dorchester County -- Correctional Services -- Inmate Welfare Fund

Providing that the chief financial officer for Dorchester County or the managing official of the local correctional facility as designated by Dorchester County shall separately hold and account for the inmate welfare fund; providing that the chief financial officer for Dorchester County or the managing official of the local correctional facility as designated by Dorchester County shall pay out money from the inmate welfare fund as approved in the county budget; etc.

Dorchester County Delegation

HB 181

Duplicative

Sheriffs -- Disposal of Property -- Holding Period

Altering from 6 months to 90 days the period of time prescribed under specified guidelines that abandoned or recovered property is required to be in the possession of the sheriff before the sheriff is required to give specified notice of the sale of the property to specified persons and lienholders; etc.

Delegate Glassman, et al

HB 196

Duplicative

Sexual Offenses -- Reputation and Opinion Evidence and Evidence of Prior Sexual Conduct -- Admissibility

Expanding the application to specified sexual offenses and applying to sexual crimes against

both males and females, the sexual abuse of a minor, the sexual abuse of a vulnerable adult, and lesser included crimes a prohibition against admitting in a prosecution reputation and opinion evidence relating to a victim's chastity or abstinence; etc.
Delegate Menes, et al

HB 204

Duplicative

Howard County -- Probation After Judgment -- Imprisonment Ho. Co. 5--03

Authorizing a court in Howard County to impose a sentence of imprisonment as a condition of probation after judgment.
Howard County Delegation

HB 207

Duplicative

Estates and Trusts -- Lawful Investments -- Corporate Fiduciary

Authorizing a corporate fiduciary to invest in securities of, or interests in, a closed--end management type investment company or investment trust registered under the federal Investment Company Act of 1940 under specified circumstances.
Delegate Brown

HB 215

Duplicative

Frederick County and Frederick City -- Environmental Noise Standards -- Fairgrounds -- Exemption

Exempting specified county fairs and other events in Frederick County and Frederick City from the authority of the Department of the Environment to adopt environmental noise standards, sound level limits, and noise control rules and regulations.
Frederick County Delegation

HB 230

Duplicative

Health Occupations -- Dental Hygienists -- Supervised Practice in a Private Dental Office

Authorizing a dental hygienist practicing with a general license to practice under the supervision of a licensed dentist who is not on the premises while the authorized dental hygiene services are being performed; authorizing a dental hygienist practicing under a general license to practice dental hygiene under the supervision of a licensed dentist in a private dental office; requiring a private dental office supervising a dental hygienist to ensure specified licensing requirements are met; etc.
Delegate Morhaim, et al

HB 234

Duplicative

Local Fire and Police System -- Reemployment of Retirees

Exempting from a specified offset of an allowance specified retirees of the Local Fire and Police System who are reemployed by specified employers; altering requirements for the reemployment of specified retirees of the Local Fire and Police System; etc.
Allegany County Delegation

HB 239

Duplicative

Appeals -- Removal of Personal Representative -- Successor Personal Representative or Special Administrator

Providing that an appeal from a final order of an orphans' court or a circuit court removing a personal representative does not stay an order appointing a successor personal representative or special administrator; and providing that a successor personal representative shall have the powers of a special administrator during specified appeals.
Delegates Simmons and Vallario

HB 240

Duplicative

Estates -- Elective Share

Providing that the net estate and property allocable to an elective share of a surviving spouse shall be valued in a specified manner; providing that an elective share includes specified income; providing for an adjustment of an elective share under specified circumstances; altering the period during which an election for an elective share shall be made; etc.

Delegates Simmons and Vallario

HB 245

Duplicative

Residential Child Care Programs -- State--Funded Operators -- Licensing Provisions
Requiring a licensed operator of a residential child care program who receives State funding to meet specified academic needs of a child in the operator's care; exempting specified licensed operators from specified requirements; requiring specified group homes to comply with these provisions; and requiring the department that licenses the group home to notify specified group homes of these provisions.

Delegate Jones, et al

HB 253

Policy

Higher Education -- Resident Tuition Charges -- Immigrant Students and US Military Personnel and Dependents

Establishing that specified individuals, other than specified nonresident aliens, shall be exempt from paying nonresident tuition at specified public institutions of higher education under specified circumstances; prohibiting specified institutions of higher education from awarding degrees to specified individuals under specified circumstances; etc.

Delegate Hixson, et al

HB 262

Duplicative

Optional Retirement Program -- Supplemental Annuities

Clarifying the authority of higher education institutions to invest supplemental retirement plan funds and administer supplemental retirement plans under the Internal Revenue Code; providing higher education institutions with indemnification by the State; and providing for the application of the Act.

Delegates Rosenberg and James

HB 284

Duplicative

Estates -- Personal Representatives -- Election for Modified Administration

Providing that a personal representative of an estate may file an election for modified administration of the estate if the residuary legatees and heirs at law of the estate are exempt from an inheritance tax under specified circumstances; and requiring that the trustees of each trust created in a will of a decedent be limited to specified persons in order for a personal representative to file an election for modified administration of an estate under specified circumstances.

Delegate Vallario

HB 294

Duplicative

Consumer Protection -- Maryland Consumer Protection Act -- Private Rights of Action

Altering the scope of the Maryland Consumer Protection Act to exclude specified private rights of action concerning the professional services of specified health care providers.

Delegate Sophocleus

HB 310

Duplicative

State Board of Social Work Examiners -- Sunset Extension and Program Evaluation

Continuing the State Board of Social Work Examiners in accordance with the provisions of the Maryland Program Evaluation Act (Sunset Law) by extending the termination of provisions relating to authority of the Board to July 1, 2014; requiring the Board and the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to submit a report to specified committees on or before October 1, 2003; etc.

Delegate Hurson (Chairman HGO Committee)

HB 325

Duplicative

Procurement -- Percentage Price Preference for Recycled Materials -- Chicken Litter

Including processed and pasteurized chicken litter in the percentage price preference for recycled materials.

Delegate Conway, et al

HB 331
Duplicative

Credit Regulation -- Credit Grantor Revolving Credit Provisions -- Amendment of Plan Agreement

Repealing a requirement that a credit grantor give a specified notice to a borrower when the credit grantor amends an agreement governing a revolving credit plan if the amendment has the effect of altering the manner of computing specified fees and charges; repealing a requirement that the credit grantor send a second notice of a specified amendment of a plan agreement to the borrower; repealing a requirement that the Commissioner of Financial Regulation approve the form of a specified notice; etc.

Delegate Moe, et al

HB 332
Duplicative

Frederick County -- Alcoholic Beverages -- Stadium License

Authorizing the Frederick County Board of License Commissioners to issue a stadium on-sale license to a specified person; authorizing the holder of a stadium license to sell beer and light wine during events in a stadium under specified conditions; and setting a license fee of \$2,000.

Frederick County Delegation

HB 347
Duplicative

Drunk and Drugged Driving -- Conditions of Probation

Requiring a court that suspends a sentence or stays a judgment of conviction and places a defendant on probation for alcohol-- or drug--related driving offenses to require participation in treatment programs under specified circumstances; requiring the imposition of probation if a judgment of conviction is stayed for alcohol-- or drug-- related driving offenses under specified circumstances; authorizing a court to prohibit a defendant from operating a motor vehicle unless it is equipped with an alcohol ignition interlock system; etc.

Delegate Dumais, et al

HB 350
Duplicative

Baltimore County -- Democratic Party Central Committee -- Composition and Election

Altering the composition of the Baltimore County Democratic Party Central Committee; determining the next election for members of the Baltimore County Democratic Party Central Committee; and clarifying the term of office for the current members of the Baltimore County Democratic Party Central Committee.

Delegate Minnick, et al

HB 363
Duplicative

Maryland Medical Assistance Program -- Maryland Pharmacy Access Hotline

Requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to establish a specified hotline; requiring the Department to distribute to Maryland Medical Assistance Program recipients specified information about the hotline; requiring the Department to notify specified health care providers about the hotline; requiring the Department to develop a methodology to track the number and type of calls received by the hotline; etc.

Delegate Rosenberg, et al

HB 368
Duplicative

Property Tax -- Full Value Assessments -- Corrective

Clarifying and correcting specified local laws relating to the assessment and taxation of property as the result of the transition to full value assessments; correcting a limit on debt to reflect the changes in computation of assessments; declaring the intent of the General Assembly; and providing for the application of the Act.

Delegate Hixson (Department of Legislative Services)

HB 374
Duplicative

Commercial Law -- Uniform Commercial Code -- Title 9 -- Miscellaneous

Altering the definitions of "agricultural lien" and "health--care--insurance receivable" under Title 9 of the Uniform Commercial Code; establishing that a sale by an individual of an

account that is a right to payment of winnings in a lottery or other game of chance is automatically perfected; clarifying the date on which certain financing statements lapse; etc.
Delegate McHale

HB 375

Duplicative

Harford County -- County Board of Education and Superintendent of Schools

Repealing the requirement that the Harford County Board of Education provide public notice that the county board will conduct an evaluation of the county superintendent by a specified date; repealing the requirement that the county board conduct an evaluation of the county superintendent and share the findings of the evaluation with the county superintendent by a specified date; and repealing the county superintendent's reappointment notification requirement to the county board.

Harford County Delegation

HB 389

Duplicative

Natural Resources -- Complimentary Hunting Licenses -- Hunting Stamps

Requiring a specified gratis hunting license issued to a Maryland resident under the age of 16 to include all applicable hunting stamps, except for migratory game bird stamps and bonus deer stamps; requiring that a specified complimentary hunting license issued to a specified person include all applicable hunting stamps, except for migratory game bird stamps and bonus deer stamps; and altering a provision to provide that a specified complimentary hunting license is not required to be a consolidated hunting license.

Delegate Edwards

HB 391

Duplicative

Small Rural Electric Cooperatives -- Reporting, Compliance, and Exemption

Authorizing specified small rural electric cooperatives to satisfy requirements for reporting specified information to the Public Service Commission by submitting copies of reports submitted to specified other units; authorizing the submission of specified estimates prepared using specified formulas for specified purposes; exempting these small rural electric cooperatives from a long--range planning requirement; etc.

Delegate Edwards

HB 418

Duplicative

Injured Workers' Insurance Fund -- Risk Based Capital -- Exemption from Excessive Premium Growth Charge

Exempting the Injured Workers' Insurance Fund from the excessive premium growth charge or other penalty associated with premium growth in any risk based capital calculation; providing for the termination of a specified exemption; etc.

Delegates Wood and Minnick

HB 443

Duplicative

Housing Authority of Baltimore City -- Collective Bargaining

Authorizing the Housing Authority of Baltimore City to recognize and engage in collective bargaining with the exclusive bargaining representatives of specified employee bargaining units; specifying the collective bargaining powers of the Housing Authority of Baltimore City; authorizing the Housing Authority of Baltimore City to engage in binding third--party arbitration concerning disputes and grievances under specified circumstances; etc.

Delegate Marriott

HB 454

Duplicative

Vehicle Laws -- Dealer Processing and Freight Charges

Increasing from \$25 to \$100 the maximum vehicle dealer processing charge for a vehicle sale; expanding the scope of a dealer processing charge to include retaining specified documentation and compliance with federal and State privacy laws by the dealer; requiring a dealer processing charge to be reasonable and to reflect expenses generally incurred; requiring a dealer, on request, to provide a written disclosure of services included in a dealer processing charge; etc.

Delegate Barve

HB 463

Duplicative

Prince George's County -- Criminal Procedure -- Probation Before Judgment PG 308--03

Including Prince George's County among those counties in which the court is authorized to impose a sentence of imprisonment as a condition of probation before judgment.
Prince George's County Delegation

HB 493

Duplicative

Vehicle Laws -- Special and Commemorative License Plates -- Renewal Fee and Sunset

Establishing a renewal fee for the Chesapeake Bay Commemorative License Plate in addition to the annual registration fee; altering the termination date for the Chesapeake Bay Commemorative License Plate; providing the manner in which the renewal fee is established, collected, and distributed in connection with the registration plate; providing that moneys collected for the renewal fee may not be used for specified purposes subject to a specified exception; etc.

Delegate Montgomery, et al

HB 547

Duplicative

Task Force on the Marketing of Grain and Other Agricultural Products

Establishing the Task Force on the Marketing of Grain and Other Agricultural Products; providing for specified membership; requiring the Governor to designate the chairman; requiring the Department of Agriculture to provide staffing; requiring the Task Force to evaluate options and develop strategies for the marketing of grain, to examine specified costs and funding sources, to solicit and encourage specified participation, and to report to specified persons by December 31, 2003; etc.

Delegate Stern, et al

HB 549

Duplicative

Corporations -- Directors and Stockholders -- Meetings, Notices, and Consents

Providing that specified actions by the board of directors of a Maryland corporation, a committee of the board, or the stockholders of the corporation may be taken by a specified consent given in writing or by electronic transmission and filed in paper or electronic form in specified locations; providing that meetings of the board of directors of a Maryland corporation may be held by means of remote communication; etc.

Delegate Feldman, et al

HB 551

Duplicative

Life Insurance -- Separate Investment Accounts -- Asset Holding Requirements

Requiring life insurers that offer specified investment accounts to hold assets that equal or exceed specified reserve requirements; requiring that assets held for specified investment accounts be valued in accordance with specified provisions of the Insurance Article; and generally relating to asset holding requirements for separate investment accounts that provide a fixed guaranteed return that is not subject to market value adjustment.

Delegate Donoghue

HB 553

Duplicative

Nursing Homes -- Third Party Liability Reviews and Audits

Requiring nursing homes that receive payment from the Medical Assistance program to provide specified financial information to the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene on a quarterly basis; requiring the Department to conduct third party liability reviews of specified financial information of nursing homes that receive payment from the Medical Assistance program; etc.

Delegate Murray, et al

HB 556

Duplicative

Baltimore City -- Tax Sales -- Abandoned Property

Altering provisions regarding proceedings to foreclose the right of redemption following a

tax sale of abandoned property in Baltimore City to provide the City discretion to request a deficiency judgment; prohibiting a person from filing to reopen a judgment foreclosing rights of redemption with respect to abandoned property in Baltimore City based on inadequate notice; etc.

Delegate Marriott (Baltimore City Administration)

HB 563

Policy

Montgomery County -- Local Vehicle Surcharge -- Transportation Fund MC 303--03

Authorizing the County Council for Montgomery County to impose a local surcharge not to exceed a specified amount on specified motor vehicles owned by Montgomery County residents; providing that the aggregate surcharge imposed on the owner of specified rental vehicles may not exceed a specified amount annually; requiring Montgomery County to deposit specified money in a special fund to be used to finance specified transportation--related initiatives in Montgomery County; etc.

Montgomery County Delegation

HB 566

Duplicative

Forest, Park, and Wildlife Rangers -- Jurisdiction -- Pilot Program

Expanding, for a specified time, the law enforcement jurisdiction of specified forest, park, and wildlife rangers to include specified roadways at specified times; requiring the Department of Natural Resources to report on the implementation of the Act by September 30, 2005; etc.

Delegate Schisler

HB 575

Duplicative

Criminal Procedure -- DNA -- Postconviction Review and Felony Convictions

Expanding the definition of "law enforcement agency" to include additional agencies; clarifying the definition of "biological evidence"; clarifying the definition of "scientific identification evidence"; clarifying under what circumstances a court may order DNA testing; requiring a court to make specified orders to specified law enforcement agencies when it orders DNA testing; authorizing a court to make specified orders regarding DNA testing when it orders DNA testing; etc.

Delegates Anderson and Vallario

HB 576

Duplicative

Cecil County -- Board of Education -- Selection of Members

Requiring that members of the Cecil County Board of Education be elected; establishing a procedure for the election of members of the Cecil County Board of Education; establishing a specified term of office for elected members; submitting the Act to a referendum vote of the legally qualified voters of Cecil County in November 2004, the question of whether to have an elected or appointed school board; etc.

Cecil County Delegation

HB 633

Policy

Frederick County Commissioners -- Zoning and Planning -- Public Ethics

Establishing ethics requirements that relate to planning and zoning proceedings and apply to members of the Frederick County Board of County Commissioners and specified other persons; prohibiting campaign contributions by persons with planning and zoning interests before the Board; prohibiting a Board member who has accepted a prohibited contribution from participating in related planning and zoning proceedings; requiring the disclosure of related ex parte communications; establishing penalties; etc.

Frederick County Delegation

HB 635

Policy

Education -- Early Childhood Educational and Developmental Programs

Authorizing early childhood educational and developmental programs to enter specified agreements to promote specified programs; providing that the purpose of the agreement is to collaborate and develop a plan to provide specified information to specified parents;

requiring the State Department of Education to assist in developing the agreement, monitor and review results from the agreement, and submit a specified annual report; and requiring the Governor to include specified funding in the State budget.

Delegate Hixson, et al

HB 649

Duplicative

Natural Resources -- Maryland Provisional Chesapeake Bay Charter Boat Permit

Requiring the Department of Natural Resources to establish a Maryland Provisional Chesapeake Bay Charter Boat Permit; authorizing the Department to issue a charter boat permit under specified circumstances; providing that the permit is valid under specified circumstances and nontransferable; providing that a person in possession of a permit is not required to possess a specified commercial fishing guide license; providing for the application of certain penalties; etc.

Delegate Wood

HB 659

Policy

Environment -- Task Force on Water Resource Management -- Establishment

Establishing the Task Force on Water Resource Management; providing for the membership of the Task Force; requiring the Task Force to examine management, development, conservation, and protection issues relevant to ground and surface water, perform assessments, and make findings, recommendations, and cost estimates; and requiring the Task Force to submit specified reports to the Governor and the General Assembly.

Delegate V Clagett, et al

HB 662

Duplicative

Upper Shore Regional Council

Adding a new article to the Annotated Code of Maryland to be designated and known as the Upper Shore Regional Council; establishing the Council as a regional planning and development agency for Cecil, Kent, and Queen Anne's counties; providing for the function and dissolution of the Council; providing for membership and terms of the Council; etc.

Delegate Walkup, et al

HB 673

Duplicative

State Board for Professional Land Surveyors

Repealing the authority of the State Board for Professional Land Surveyors to issue specified limited and temporary licenses to practice land surveying; eliminating a specific waiting period and right to a conference after failing a licensing examination a specified number of times; repealing specified provisions related to the procedures of the Board; granting the Board authority to issue specified retired status licenses; and generally relating to the practice of professional land surveying.

Delegate Love, et al

HB 675

Duplicative

Maryland Medical Assistance Program -- Reimbursement for Outpatient Mental Health Treatment -- Dual Eligibility

Requiring the Maryland Medical Assistance Program to reimburse specified providers the entire Program fee for the outpatient mental health treatment of individuals with dual eligibility; defining "dual eligibility" and "provider"; requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to submit a report demonstrating that specified funds have been used for the purpose of funding the Act; etc.

Delegate Hubbard, et al

HB 717

Duplicative

Insurance -- Premium Finance Agreements

Providing that a premium finance agreement, in addition to financing the premium of a surplus lines insurance contract, may include specified premium receipts taxes and fees charged by a surplus lines broker; and altering the manner in which a finance charge is computed.

Delegate Barve, et al

HB 736

Duplicative

Workers' Compensation -- Occupational Disease -- Baltimore City Deputy Sheriffs

Extending the presumption of a compensable occupational disease under the workers' compensation law to include Baltimore City deputy sheriffs who suffer from heart disease or hypertension resulting in partial or total disability or death under specified circumstances; requiring that workers' compensation benefits received under the Act are in addition to specified retirement benefits, subject to a specified adjustment; requiring specified Baltimore City deputy sheriffs to submit specified medical reports; etc.

Delegate McHale, et al

HB 747

Policy

Maryland Energy Efficiency Standards Act

Requiring the Maryland Energy Administration to adopt regulations by January 1, 2004, to establish minimum energy efficiency standards for specified new products sold in the State; prohibiting specified new products from being sold, offered for sale, or installed in the State on or after specified dates unless the products meet the minimum energy efficiency standards; authorizing the Administration to delay the effective date of standards in specified circumstances; etc.

Delegate Bronrott, et al

HB 753

Policy

Taxes and Revenues

Imposing the insurance premiums tax on health maintenance organizations and managed care organizations; providing that premiums to be taxed include specified amounts paid to a health maintenance organization and a managed care organization; imposing a specified surcharge on the Maryland taxable income of corporations for specified taxable years; etc.

Delegate Hixson, et al

HB 797

Duplicative

Electricity -- Universal Service Program -- Extension and Funding

Continuing the electric universal service charge at a specified level for specified purposes; providing assistance for the retirement of specified arrearages for specified electric customers; authorizing the waiver of a specified income eligibility limitation for specified electric customers; requiring the Public Service Commission to make recommendations based on specified factors in a report each year to the General Assembly; etc.

Delegate D Davis, et al

HB 798

Duplicative

Elevator Renovators and Refinishers

Establishing an elevator renovator contractor license and an elevator renovator mechanic license; establishing fees for the licenses; requiring the Elevator Safety Review Board to adopt specified regulations; and requiring specified elevator renovators to hold a license by June 1, 2004.

Chairman ECM (Dept)

HB 804

Duplicative

Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation -- Guidelines for Easement Rankings

Including specified guidelines as required bases for a county governing body to rank specified easement applications; requiring the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation, in consultation with specified county governing bodies, to adopt specified guidelines; etc.

Delegate James

HB 805

Duplicative

Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation -- Easements -- Lot Exclusions and Allowable Economic Activity

Clarifying the range of uses and activities allowed on property with an agricultural land preservation easement; reducing the number of lots allowed to be excluded from an easement; authorizing a specified number of unrestricted lots to be excluded from an easement; establishing criteria and conditions for excluding an unrestricted lot from an easement; and authorizing the exclusion of existing dwellings as a specified lot.
Delegate James

HB 812

Policy

Retirement and Pensions -- Baltimore City Child Support Enforcement Employees
Providing service credit to specified members of the State Retirement and Pension System for the time the members were employed by a private vendor to provide child support enforcement services in Baltimore City; requiring specified members to deposit into a fund an amount of money equal to the contribution payments that the member and employer would have paid had the member been a State employee; and reducing a retiree's allowance if the retiree has not paid the money into the fund.
Delegate Gaines, et al

HB 816

Duplicative

State Employees -- Military Administrative Leave
Authorizing the provision of military administrative leave for specified State employees who are on active military duty on a specified date or are activated for military duty on or after a specified date; etc.
Delegate Frank, et al

HB 824

Duplicative

Assisted Living Facilities -- Certification -- Third Party Accreditation Programs
Authorizing the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to accept all or part of a specified accrediting report as meeting the State licensing requirements for the renewal of a license to operate an assisted living facility program; etc.
Delegate Mandel, et al

HB 834

Duplicative

Criminal Procedure -- Custodial Confinement as a Condition of Probation or Suspension of Sentence
Expanding the authority of the courts throughout the State to impose a sentence of custodial confinement or imprisonment as a condition of probation or suspension of sentence.
Delegates Hutchins and Vallario

HB 852

Duplicative

Maryland Condominium Act -- Meetings of Council of Unit Owners -- Quorum
Authorizing an additional meeting of the council of unit owners of a condominium to be called under specified conditions if the number of persons present in person or by proxy at a properly called meeting is insufficient to constitute a quorum; requiring a specified notice of the additional meeting to be delivered or mailed to each unit owner at a specified address; etc.
Delegate Bobo, et al

HB 862

Duplicative

Criminal Procedure -- Counterfeiting of Orders for Money or Goods -- Concurrent Jurisdiction of Trial Courts
Providing that the District Court has jurisdiction that is concurrent with a circuit court in criminal cases involving counterfeiting of orders for money or goods under specified circumstances.
Delegate Carter, et al

HB 865

Policy

Prince George's County -- Maryland--National Capital Park and Planning Commission -- Commissioners MC/Prince George's 121--03
Altering the date on which a commissioner of the Maryland--National Capital Park and

Planning Commission from Prince George's County is appointed; applying provisions regarding conflicts of interest to commissioners from Prince George's County; providing for the termination of the terms of specified commissioners of the Maryland--National Capital Park and Planning Commission; etc.

Montgomery County Delegation and Prince George's County Delegation

HB 868
Duplicative

**Juvenile Law -- Prohibition Against Possession of Portable Pagers on School Property -
- Repeal**

Repealing a prohibition against the possession of portable pagers on public school property; and declaring the intent of the General Assembly.

Delegate Schisler

HB 873
Policy

Education -- Study Commission on Educators' Time and Paperwork

Establishing a Study Commission on Educators' Time and Paperwork; specifying the composition, powers, and duties of the Commission; providing a specified staff for the Commission; requiring the Commission to report to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before a specified date; and providing for the termination of the Act.

Delegate Barkley, et al

HB 879
Policy

State Government -- State Law Enforcement Officers -- Application for Lost Pay and Attorneys' Fees

Eliminating a requirement to have the Attorney General or the Attorney General's designee make a determination of an applicant's good faith under specified circumstances; authorizing the Board of Public Works to approve payment of lost wages and reasonable attorneys' fees resulting from a specified suspension without pay to an applicant from a State law enforcement agency under specified circumstances; etc.

Delegate Vallario, et al

HB 943
Duplicative

Municipal Corporations -- Proposed Annexation Resolutions -- Notice and Hearing Requirements

Altering the number of times, from not fewer than four times to not fewer than two times, that notice of the submission to the voters of a municipal corporation of a proposed annexation resolution for 25 acres of land or less must be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the municipal corporation under specified circumstances; and altering the time frame within which a public hearing shall be set on a proposed annexation resolution for 25 acres of land or less.

Delegate Conway, et al

HB 965
Duplicative

Insurers -- Assets and Investments -- Location

Altering the exceptions to the types of assets that domestic insurers with their home or executive offices in the State are required to keep in the State; repealing the 15% limitation on the amount of admitted assets that a domestic insurer may keep outside of the State; and altering the conditions under which the reserve investments of a life insurer may include derivative transactions.

Delegate McHale

HB 981
Duplicative

Maternal Mortality Review Program -- Termination Provision -- Repeal

Repealing the termination provision of the Maternal Mortality Review Program.

Delegate Stern

HB 1001
Policy

Natural Resources -- State Boat Act -- Excise Tax

Exempting specified transfers from the vessel excise tax; providing that specified vessels in

use for a specified amount of time are exempt from the tax; providing that the Department of Natural Resources may issue a certificate of number to a vessel under specified conditions; etc.

Delegate Edwards

HB 1082

Duplicative

Homeland Security -- Protection of Building Records

Expanding the circumstances under which a custodian may deny inspection of public records relating to public security to include records of public facilities and privately owned or operated buildings, structures, or facilities; providing that a custodian may not deny inspection of specified records relating to specified buildings, building inspections, and citations; etc.

Delegate V Clagett

HB 1147

Duplicative

Consolidation of Rural Development Programs

Renaming the Forum for Rural Maryland to be the Rural Maryland Council; expanding the Council's membership; altering and expanding the Council's Executive Board membership; placing the Council, for administrative and budgetary reasons, under the Maryland Department of Agriculture and requiring the Department to provide funding, staff, and resources for the Council; transferring from the Board of Public Works to the Council the administration of the Maryland Agricultural Education and Rural Development Assistance Fund; etc.

Delegate Conway, et al

HB 1156

Duplicative

Maryland Parole Commission -- Membership

Increasing from eight to ten the number of appointed members of the Maryland Parole Commission.

Delegate Vallario

SENATE BILLS

SB 28

Duplicative

Prince George's County -- Criminal Procedure -- Probation Before Judgment

Including Prince George's County as a county in which the court is authorized to impose a sentence of imprisonment as a condition of probation before judgment.

Senators Green and Miller

SB 40

Duplicative

Election Law -- Study Commission on Public Funding of Campaigns in Maryland -- Sunset Extension

Establishing a new termination date for the Study Commission on Public Funding of Campaigns in Maryland; altering the date by which the Commission must make a specified report; making a stylistic change; etc.

Senator Pinsky, et al

SB 42

Duplicative

Circuit Courts -- Military Discharge Papers -- Limitation on Inspections and Certified Copies

Requiring a clerk of a circuit court to deny inspection of the book and index containing the record of a person's military discharge papers kept by the clerk except to specified persons in accordance with a subpoena or court order, or in specified circumstances to specified persons for good cause shown; limiting the provision by a clerk of a circuit court of a certified copy of the record of specified military discharge papers to specified persons in accordance with a subpoena or court order; etc.

Senator Green

SB 45

Duplicative

Prince George's County -- Palmer Park Boys and Girls Club Loan of 2001

Amending Chapter 680 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2001 to extend the time by which the Board of Directors of the Palmer Park Boys and Girls Club, Inc. shall provide a matching fund, for the Prince George's County -- Palmer Park Boys and Girls Club Loan of 2001, from June 1, 2003 to June 1, 2004.

Senator Exum

SB 51

Duplicative

Business and Economic Development -- Maryland Small Business Development Financing Authority -- Guaranty Fund

Authorizing the Maryland Small Business Development Financing Authority to utilize its Guaranty Fund to guarantee up to 80 percent of the principal and interest of a long--term loan made by a financial institution to an applicant to refinance existing debt of the applicant.

Senator Exum, et al

SB 78

Policy

Retirement and Pensions -- Baltimore City Child Support Enforcement Employees

Providing service credit to specified members of the State Retirement and Pension System for the time the members were employed by a private vendor to provide child support enforcement services in Baltimore City; requiring specified members to deposit into a fund an amount of money equal to the contribution payments that the member and employer would have paid had the member been a State employee; and reducing a retiree's allowance if the retiree has not paid the money into the fund.

Senators Della and McFadden

SB 90

Policy

Motor Vehicles -- Certificate of Title -- Rebuilt Salvage

Requiring that a certificate of title to a vehicle contain a conspicuous notation that the vehicle is "rebuilt salvage" whenever an insurance company's application for a salvage certificate for the vehicle contains a statement that the cost to repair the vehicle for highway operation was equal to or less than its fair market value prior to its sustaining damage.

Senator Della

SB 99

Duplicative

State Acupuncture Board -- Sunset Extension and Program Evaluation -- Licensure Requirements

Continuing the State Acupuncture Board in accordance with the provisions of the Maryland Program Evaluation Act (Sunset Law) by extending to July 1, 2015 the termination provisions relating to the statutory and regulatory authority of the Board; requiring that an evaluation of the Board and the statutes and regulations that relate to the Board be performed on or before July 1, 2014; altering specified licensure requirements to include the achievement of a specified status; etc.

The President (Department of Legislative Services)

SB 118

Duplicative

Criminal Procedure -- Counterfeiting of Orders for Money or Goods -- Concurrent Jurisdiction of Trial Courts

Providing that the District Court has jurisdiction that is concurrent with a circuit court in criminal cases involving counterfeiting of orders for money or goods under specified circumstances.

Senator Green

SB 122

Policy

Procurement -- Debarment -- Violations of Law

Authorizing the debarment of a person from entering into a contract with the State if, within the preceding 5 years, the person has been criminally convicted of any violations of federal

or State labor laws, civil rights laws, or environmental protection laws or has committed multiple violations of specified laws and as a result been subject to multiple and distinct findings of civil liability; etc.

Senator Della

SB 133

Duplicative

Criminal Law -- Child Abuse and Child Sexual Abuse -- Increased Penalties

Prohibiting a parent or other person with permanent or temporary care or custody or responsibility for the supervision of a minor from causing abuse resulting in severe physical injury or death to the minor; altering specified penalties for child abuse; establishing the offenses of child abuse in the first and second degrees; increasing specified penalties for child sexual abuse; establishing specified penalties for subsequent convictions of specified offenses; etc.

Senator Brochin, et al

SB 140

Duplicative

Courts -- Subsequent Injury Fund -- Effect of Impleading in Workers' Compensation Appeal

Limiting a requirement of mandatory suspension of further proceedings in a workers' compensation appeal in a circuit court or the Court of Special Appeals and remand of a case to the Workers' Compensation Commission if an impleader of the Subsequent Injury Fund is filed to circumstances in which the impleader is filed at least 60 days before a scheduled trial in the circuit court or a hearing in the Court of Special Appeals; etc.

Chairman JPR (Maryland Judicial Conference)

SB 153

Policy

Task Force to Study Health Regulations for Bed and Breakfast Operators

Establishing a Task Force to Study Health Regulations for Bed and Breakfast Operators; providing for the composition, chairman, and staff of the Task Force; providing that the members of the Task Force may not receive compensation, but may be reimbursed for specified expenses under the Standard State Travel Regulations; providing for the duties of the Task Force; requiring the Task Force to report to the Governor and to the General Assembly; providing for the termination of the Act; etc.

Senator Middleton

SB 165

Duplicative

Insurance -- Reinsurance -- Ceding Insurers

Altering the circumstances under which credit, as an asset or deduction from liability, may be allowed to a ceding insurer for reinsurance; repealing a provision of law that prohibits the Maryland Insurance Commissioner from approving or accepting reinsurance by a ceding domestic insurer under specified circumstances; requiring specified payments made by a reinsurer to be made directly to the ceding insurer or its domiciliary receiver except under specified circumstances; etc.

Senator Astle

SB 180

Duplicative

Public General Laws -- Evidence of the Law

Establishing that the Michie Code and the West Code are evidence of the Public General Laws of Maryland; establishing that the code of public general laws compiled and maintained by the Department of Legislative Services is evidence of the law; and altering the duties of the Department with respect to the codified laws of the State; etc.

Senator Giannetti, et al

SB 206

Duplicative

Qualified Hybrid Vehicles -- Exemption from Motor Vehicle Emissions Test and Inspection Requirements

Exempting specified qualified hybrid vehicles from motor vehicle emissions inspection requirements under a specified circumstance; requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration to

adopt specified regulations; and providing for the termination of the Act.
Senators Grosfeld and Britt

SB 240
Duplicative

**State Department of Education -- Division of Library Development and Services --
Distribution of Accessible Information to Disabled Individuals**

Requiring the Department of Budget and Management, in consultation with the Governor's Advisory Board for Telecommunications Relay and the Governor's Office for Individuals with Disabilities, to enter an agreement with the State Department of Education, Division of Library Development and Services, providing for an annual payment to be made equal to the cost of distribution of accessible information; requiring the Division to provide eligible individuals with access to an audio news and information service; etc.
Senator Conway, et al

SB 241
Duplicative

Health Occupations -- Licensed Clinical Marriage and Family Therapists -- Reciprocity

Requiring the Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists to grant a license to an applicant for a license to practice clinical marriage and family therapy if the applicant is a State resident, is licensed or certified as a marriage and family therapist in another state whose requirements are equivalent to or exceed the requirements of this State, submits an application to the Board, and pays the application fee set by the Board; requiring the Board to adopt regulations; etc.
Senators Conway and Jacobs

SB 248
Duplicative

Potomac River Fisheries Commission -- Dredging of Oysters and Oyster Repletion Fees

Expanding the authority of the Potomac River Fisheries Commission to regulate the power dredging of oysters; authorizing the Commission to levy oyster repletion fees; and making the Act subject to the Governor's issuance of a specified proclamation.
Senator Middleton

SB 249
Duplicative

Family Law -- Grounds for Absolute Divorce

Adding cruelty of treatment toward a minor child of the complaining party and excessively vicious conduct toward a minor child of a complaining party as grounds for an absolute divorce; and providing that recrimination is not a bar to obtaining a divorce on any of the specified absolute divorce grounds.
Senator Grosfeld, et al

SB 269
Duplicative

Sunset Review -- State Board of Nursing -- Electrology Practice Committee

Repealing specified provisions of law relating to the State Board of Electrologists; establishing the Electrology Practice Committee within the State Board of Nursing; specifying the membership, terms, powers, and duties of the Committee; prohibiting the practice of electrology without a license; providing that the Committee is subject to the provisions of the Maryland Program Evaluation Act; etc.
Senator Hollinger (Chairman EHE Committee)

SB 273
Duplicative

Mental Hygiene Administration -- Emergency Evaluation -- Standards and Content

Modifying the standards for emergency evaluations of individuals with mental disorders under specified circumstances; authorizing specified health professionals and peace officers to base the petition for emergency evaluation on specified information; and modifying the required elements of a petition for emergency evaluation.
Senator Grosfeld, et al

- SB 293**
Duplicative
Baltimore City -- Sheriff's Office -- Appointed Positions
Creating one appointed position of assistant sheriff in the Baltimore City Sheriff's office; and repealing the existing positions of administrative officer II sheriff and fiscal associate II sheriff.
Senator McFadden
- SB 303**
Duplicative
Division of Labor and Industry and Associated Boards and Councils -- Sunset Extension and Program Evaluation
Continuing the Division of Labor and Industry, the Amusement Ride Safety Advisory Board, provisions concerning the employment of minors, the Wages and Hours Law, the State Mediation and Conciliation Service, the Maryland Occupational Safety and Health Advisory Board, the Advisory Council on Prevailing Wage Rates, and the Apprenticeship and Training Council in accordance with the provisions of the Maryland Program Evaluation Act (Sunset Law) by extending to a specified date the termination provisions; etc.
Chairman FIN
- SB 314**
Duplicative
Motor Vehicle Liability Insurance -- Valuation of Motor Vehicles
Requiring the Maryland Insurance Commissioner to adopt regulations that establish standards and procedures for the settlement of claims involving the total loss of a specified motor vehicle and the determination of the motor vehicle's total loss value; etc.
Senator Stone
- SB 320**
Duplicative
Department of the Environment -- Noise Control and Pollution
Encouraging a political subdivision to consider compliance with specified standards before acting on a proposed variance request or change in zoning classification; altering the membership of the Environmental Noise Advisory Council; requiring the Department of the Environment to conduct hearings and prepare or solicit specified input before proposing any changes in a specified statute or regulation; etc.
Senator Conway
- SB 352**
Duplicative
Criminal Law -- Stalking -- Included Acts
Clarifying a specified intent element in the crime of stalking; modifying a specified defined term; requiring that a specified person know or reasonably should have known that specified conduct would place another in reasonable fear of serious bodily injury or death or of specified offenses; etc.
Senator Green, et al
- SB 365**
Duplicative
Public Safety -- Mandatory Supervision -- Diminution Credits and Sentences
Broadening the prohibition against awarding specified diminution credits to a specified inmate to apply to an inmate who is convicted and sentenced to imprisonment for any crime committed while on mandatory supervision that is revoked.
Senator Miller
- SB 366**
Duplicative
Victims' Rights -- Crime -- Definition
Altering the definition of crime in provisions relating to the authority of a court to enter a judgment of restitution and the State Board of Victim Services.
Senator Miller
- SB 385**
Duplicative
Montgomery County -- Deputy Clerk or Sheriff -- Oath of Office
Requiring that every deputy clerk or sheriff in Montgomery County take and sign the oath or affirmation prescribed by Article I, § 9 of the Maryland Constitution.
Senator Ruben

- SB 386**
Duplicative
Medical Assistance Program -- Employed Persons with Disabilities Program
Requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to implement the Employed Persons with Disabilities Program by July 1, 2005, subject to specified limitations; requiring the Department to consult with the Coalition for Work Incentives Improvement prior to adopting regulations that develop the eligibility criteria for the Program; etc.
Senator Ruben, et al
- SB 393**
Duplicative
Sediment Control, Stormwater Management, and Wetlands Programs -- Violations -- Criminal and Civil Penalties
Altering the amounts of criminal penalties applicable to specified sediment control, stormwater management, and tidal wetlands violations; authorizing specified courts to order restoration of specified areas in the event of criminal violations of sediment control and stormwater management programs; altering the amounts of civil penalties applicable to sediment control violations; instituting a civil penalty applicable to tidal wetlands violations; etc.
Senator Pinsky, et al
- SB 394**
Policy
Maryland Energy Efficiency Standards Act
Requiring the Maryland Energy Administration to adopt regulations by January 1, 2004, to establish specified minimum energy efficiency standards for specified new products sold in the State; prohibiting specified new products from being sold, offered for sale, or installed in the State on or after specified dates unless the products meet the minimum energy efficiency standards; authorizing the Administration to delay the effective date of standards in specified circumstances; etc.
Senator Pinsky, et al
- SB 407**
Duplicative
Courts -- Criminal Cases -- State's Right of Appeal
Authorizing the State to appeal from a final judgment in a criminal case if the State alleges that the trial judge imposed or modified a sentence in violation of the Maryland Rules.
Senator Jimeno
- SB 408**
Duplicative
Child Support Enforcement -- Earnings Withholding
Requiring that, when a court orders immediate service of an earnings withholding order, the court order payments through the State disbursement unit; making the Act an emergency measure; and generally relating to child support enforcement.
Senator Jimeno
- SB 414**
Duplicative
Dentists and Dental Hygienists -- Licensure -- Examination Requirements
Requiring a dentist or dental hygienist licensed in another state who has passed a regional board to pass certain examinations given by or designated by the Board of Dental Examiners to be granted licensure in this State; requiring a dentist or dental hygienist licensed in another state who has not passed a regional board to meet specified requirements to be granted licensure in this State; etc.
Senator Pinsky
- SB 441**
Duplicative
Frederick County -- Annual Tax Sales -- Notice
Altering the requirement in Frederick County that specified information regarding annual tax sales be published in specified newspapers at specified times; making the Act an emergency measure; etc.
Frederick County Senators

- SB 451**
Duplicative
Natural Resources -- Land Preservation and Recreation Plan
Requiring the Department of Natural Resources and the Department of Planning to jointly approve a local land preservation and recreation plan according to guidelines prepared by the Departments; altering the frequency by which a local governing body revises its local land preservation and recreation plan; requiring the local land preservation and recreation plan to be submitted one year prior to the revision of the Maryland Land Preservation and Recreation Plan; etc.
Senators Middleton and Dyson
- SB 455**
Policy
Vehicle Laws -- Speed Monitoring Systems -- Radar Cameras
Authorizing specified law enforcement agencies to mail a citation to the owner of a motor vehicle that is recorded by a speed monitoring system to be in violation of specified laws regarding the operation of a motor vehicle in excess of specified speed limits; providing for the distribution of specified penalties; establishing the Homeland Security Fund to be financed by enforcement of specified speed limit laws and specified additional sources; etc.
Senator Forehand
- SB 464**
Duplicative
Dorchester County -- Board of Education -- Election of Members
Providing that members of the Dorchester County Board of Education shall be elected; establishing a procedure for the election of members to the Dorchester County Board of Education; establishing a specified term of office for elected members; providing for the removal of members under specified circumstances; providing for specified student nonvoting members; providing a procedure for filling a vacancy on the County Board; providing for the election of the president and vice president of the County Board; etc.
Senator Colburn
- SB 468**
Duplicative
Wicomico County -- Alcoholic Beverages -- Licenses, Sales, and Wine Festival
Increasing a specified annual alcoholic beverages license fee in Wicomico County; repealing the ban on Sunday sales of specified alcoholic beverages; establishing a special WCWF license for the sale of wine at the Wicomico County Wine Festival; etc.
Senator Colburn
- SB 486**
Duplicative
Kent County -- Special Maryland Wine License Privilege
Authorizing in Kent County the Board of License Commissioners to issue a special Maryland Wine License Privilege to specified applicants; and authorizing a holder of the Privilege to sell bottled wine under specified circumstances.
Senator Pipkin
- SB 487**
Duplicative
Telecommunication and Computer Network Access -- Task Force on Broadband Communications Deployment in Underserved Rural Areas
Establishing a Task Force on Broadband Communications Deployment in Underserved Rural Areas; providing for the membership and duties of the Task Force; requiring the Task Force to report to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before specified dates; encouraging the Department of Business and Economic Development and the Department of Budget and Management to undertake specified actions; etc.
Senator Pipkin
- SB 506**
Duplicative
Cecil County -- Public Facilities Bonds
Authorizing and empowering the County Commissioners of Cecil County to borrow not more than \$11,500,000 in order to finance the cost of the construction and improvement of specified public facilities in Cecil County and to effect that borrowing by the issuance and sale at public or private sale of its general obligation bonds; etc.

- SB 519**
Duplicative
Disease Prevention -- Hepatitis C Advisory Council
Establishing a State Advisory Council on Hepatitis C to review, recommend changes to, and solicit funds to implement a specified hepatitis C prevention plan; specifying the membership, terms, removal, chairman, and purpose of the Advisory Council; requiring the Advisory Council to issue certain reports on or before certain dates; requiring the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene to staff the Hepatitis C Advisory Council; providing for the termination of the Act; etc.
Senator Britt, et al
- SB 532**
Policy
Baltimore City -- Alcoholic Beverages -- Licensed Premises Near Churches or Schools
Altering the application of a prohibition against the granting of a new alcoholic beverages license within 300 feet of the nearest church or school from the 47th Legislative District to be the 46th or 47th Legislative Districts as listed in the Baltimore Directory of 1986 issued by the Board of Supervisors of Elections of Baltimore City; etc.
Senator Della
- SB 549**
Duplicative
Emergency Telephone System -- Wireless Enhanced 911 Service
Requiring the establishment of wireless enhanced 911 service in the State; altering the membership of the Emergency Number Systems Board; requiring the Board to establish guidelines and, with input from counties, an implementation schedule for the deployment of wireless enhanced 911 service; etc.
Senator Teitelbaum, et al
- SB 554**
Duplicative
Medicaid Reimbursement -- Community--Based Services for Children with Disabilities
Requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to apply to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services for an amendment to the State Medical Assistance Program to allow the Department to receive specified federal matching funds for part of the nonroom--and--board portion of specified residential care costs; requiring that the Governor include specified funds in the budget under specified conditions for the Subcabinet for Children, Youth, and Families Resource Fund to create an interagency pool; etc.
Senators Teitelbaum and Grosfeld
- SB 558**
Policy
Education -- Study Commission on Educators' Time and Paperwork
Establishing a Study Commission on Educators' Time and Paperwork; specifying the composition, powers, and duties of the Commission; providing a specified staff for the Commission; requiring the Commission to report to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before a specified date; and providing for the termination of the Act.
Senator Pinsky, et al
- SB 563**
Duplicative
Natural Resources -- Task Force to Study the Feasibility of Licensing Boaters -- Establishment
Establishing the Task Force to Study the Feasibility of Licensing Boaters in the State; providing for the membership of the Task Force; requiring the Task Force to study specified policy, administrative, security, and economic issues surrounding the establishment of a State boating license and to make appropriate recommendations; requiring the Task Force to report to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before December 1, 2003; etc.
Senator Middleton
- SB 568**
Duplicative
Higher Education -- Educational Excellence Awards -- Funding
Requiring at least \$2 million appropriated annually for specified student financial assistance

programs to be allocated to institutions of higher education in the State to fund Educational Excellence Awards.

Senators Pinsky and Lawlah

SB 588

Policy

**State Board of Examiners for Audiologists, Hearing Aid Dispensers, and Speech--
Language Pathologists -- Membership**

Decreasing the number of Board members to 11; providing for the termination of the term of office of specified Board members; etc.

Senator Conway

SB 591

Duplicative

Procurement -- Security for Construction Contracts -- Retainage

Limiting the retainage that may be specified in a construction contract awarded by a public body under specified circumstances; authorizing a public body to withhold payments in addition to retainage under specified circumstances; requiring a public body to release specified retainage to a contractor within 120 days after either the completion of the contract or the resolution of a specified dispute or contract claim; etc.

Senator Conway, et al

SB 600

Duplicative

Life Insurers -- Board of Directors -- Investments Practices

Repealing a provision of law related to investment and loan practices of life insurers; requiring the board of directors of a life insurer to adopt a specified plan for acquiring and holding investments and engaging in investment practices; requiring the plan to specify guidelines related to the investment and financial needs of a life insurer; etc.

Senator Astle

SB 603

Duplicative

**Tobacco Product Manufacturers -- Nonparticipating Manufacturers -- Escrow
Requirements**

Requiring tobacco product manufacturers whose cigarettes are sold in the State to periodically submit specified certifications, reports, and notices to the Attorney General; requiring the Attorney General to maintain a directory of cigarettes approved for stamping and sale; prohibiting the stamping or selling or importing of cigarettes not in the directory for sale in the State; requiring manufacturers to appoint an agent for the service of process; etc.

Senator Kelley

SB 618

Duplicative

Housing -- Community Legacy Program -- Neighborhood Intervention Projects

Altering the purposes of a community legacy project to include the financing of a neighborhood intervention project for the rehabilitation or demolition of properties located in stable neighborhoods; limiting the amount of federal assistance that may be awarded for a neighborhood intervention project; imposing specified obligations on sponsors of neighborhood intervention projects; etc.

Senator Conway

SB 619

Duplicative

Maryland School for the Blind -- Funding

Requiring each county board of education to pay a specified amount to the Maryland School for the Blind each year; requiring county governing bodies to include children sent to the Maryland School for the Blind in a specified enrollment used for calculating specified required local funds; etc.

Senator Hogan

SB 632

Duplicative

**Insurance -- Offers of Educational or Promotional Materials or Articles of
Merchandise**

Prohibiting a person from knowingly offering, promising, or giving valuable consideration not specified in a policy of insurance other than life insurance, health insurance, or annuities except for educational materials, promotional materials, or articles of merchandise that cost less than \$10; etc.

Senator Astle

SB 650

Duplicative

Vehicle Laws -- Local Regulation of Parking -- Motorcycles

Prohibiting a political subdivision, in the exercise of its authority to regulate parking, from adopting or enforcing an ordinance or regulation that prohibits the parking of more than one motorcycle in a space served by a single parking meter.

Senator Astle, et al

SB 655

Duplicative

Real Property -- Redemption of Ground Rents

Authorizing a tenant to apply to redeem a ground rent if the landlord does not respond to notice by paying the redemption amount into a fund held by the State Department of Assessments and Taxation; requiring the Department to post a specified notice on its website for a specified period of time before issuing a certificate verifying that the redemption has been paid in full; requiring the certificate to be recorded in the land records; etc.

Senator Klausmeier

SB 678

Duplicative

Real Property -- Mortgage or Deed of Trust -- Enforcement of Release

Establishing a 45--day period after a loan secured by a mortgage or deed of trust has been paid in full for the holder to take action for the release and recordation of the satisfaction of the mortgage or deed of trust; requiring the holder, in an action where the borrower prevails in requiring delivery of a release, to pay the costs and expenses of the action, including reasonable attorney's fees; and providing specified exemptions from paying specified costs.

Senator Gladden

SB 703

Duplicative

Task Force to Study the Availability of Audiology and Speech--Language Services

Establishing the Task Force to Study the Availability of Audiology and Speech--Language Services for children in kindergarten through grade 12 in the public schools in the State; specifying the composition, powers, and duties of the Task Force; requiring the Task Force to report its findings and recommendations to specified committees of the General Assembly by December 1, 2003; etc.

Senator Britt, et al

SB 724

Duplicative

Motor Vehicle Law -- Railroad Grade Crossing Violations and Penalties

Establishing violations for operators of commercial motor vehicles and their employers related to railroad grade crossings; requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration to disqualify an individual who is convicted of specified violations from driving a commercial motor vehicle for a specified period of time; etc.

Senator Ruben

SB 725

Duplicative

Private Passenger Motor Vehicle Insurance -- Underwriting Standards -- Statistical Validation

Clarifying a provision of current law relating to underwriting standards for private passenger motor vehicle insurance by providing that specified underwriting standards include a conviction of the named insured or a covered driver of a violation of specified prohibitions against driving while under the influence of alcohol or alcohol per se, or while impaired by drugs, drugs and alcohol, or specified controlled dangerous substances.

Senator Kelley

SB 767
Duplicative
Garrett County -- Sanitary District -- Governing body
Abolishing the Sanitary Commission of Garrett County; requiring the County Commissioners of Garrett County to govern the sanitary district in Garrett County; and making the Act an emergency measure.
Senator Hafer

SB 769
Duplicative
Baltimore City -- Pimlico Road Arts and Community Center Loan of 2001
Altering the date by which the grantee is required to provide a matching fund, from June 1, 2003, to June 1, 2005, pursuant to Chapter 411 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2001, Baltimore City -- Pimlico Road Arts and Community Center Loan of 2001.
Senator Hughes

Sincerely,

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