

April 3, 2008

To the Members of the General Assembly

Ladies and Gentlemen:

On April 3, 2008, the Honorable Martin O'Malley, 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 that you passed:

SB 216 Senator Pugh and the President (By Request – Administration), et al

Chapter 1 **REAL PROPERTY – RECORDATION OF INSTRUMENTS SECURING MORTGAGE LOANS AND FORECLOSURE OF MORTGAGES AND DEEDS OF TRUST ON RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY**

Requiring a mortgage, deed of trust, or other instrument securing a mortgage loan on residential property to contain specified information when recorded in the land records; prohibiting an action to foreclose a mortgage or deed of trust on residential property from being filed until the later of 90 days after default or 45 days after a notice of intent to foreclose is sent, except under specified circumstances; requiring personal service of a specified order or complaint, with specified exceptions; making the Act an emergency measure; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

HB 365 The Speaker (By Request – Administration), et al

Chapter 2 REAL PROPERTY – RECORDATION OF INSTRUMENTS SECURING MORTGAGE LOANS AND FORECLOSURE OF MORTGAGES AND DEEDS OF TRUST ON RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY

Requiring a mortgage, deed of trust, or other instrument securing a mortgage loan on residential property to contain specified information when recorded in the land records; prohibiting an action to foreclose a mortgage or deed of trust on residential property from being filed until the later of 90 days after default or 45 days after a notice of intent to foreclose is sent, except under specified circumstances; requiring personal service of a specified order or complaint, with specified exceptions; making the Act an emergency measure; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

SB 217 The President (By Request – Administration), et al

Chapter 3 REAL PROPERTY – MARYLAND MORTGAGE FRAUD PROTECTION ACT

Prohibiting a person from committing mortgage fraud; authorizing the Attorney General or the Commissioner of Financial Regulation to seek an injunction to prohibit a violation of specified provisions of the Act; authorizing the Attorney General and the State’s Attorney to conduct the criminal investigation and prosecution of mortgage fraud under provisions of the Act; authorizing a private right of action for a violation of provisions of the Act; imposing penalties for a violation of provisions of the Act; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

HB 360 The Speaker (By Request – Administration), et al

Chapter 4 REAL PROPERTY – MARYLAND MORTGAGE FRAUD PROTECTION ACT

Prohibiting a person from committing mortgage fraud; authorizing the Attorney General or the Commissioner of Financial Regulation to seek an injunction to prohibit a violation of specified provisions of the Act; authorizing the Attorney General and the State’s Attorney to conduct the criminal investigation and prosecution of mortgage fraud under provisions of the Act; authorizing a private right of action for a violation of provisions of the Act; imposing penalties for a violation of provisions of the Act; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

SB 218 The President (By Request – Administration), et al

Chapter 5 PROTECTION OF HOMEOWNERS IN FORECLOSURE –
PROHIBITION ON FORECLOSURE RESCUE TRANSACTIONS –
ENFORCEMENT

Altering the applicability of specified provisions relating to the protection of homeowners in foreclosure; altering the contents of a foreclosure consulting contract; prohibiting a foreclosure consultant from engaging in or arranging a foreclosure rescue transaction or receiving a commission or money under specified circumstances; requiring a foreclosure consultant to be licensed as a real estate broker and to provide research on the value of a home to a homeowner; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

HB 361 The Speaker (By Request – Administration), et al

Chapter 6 PROTECTION OF HOMEOWNERS IN FORECLOSURE –
PROHIBITION ON FORECLOSURE RESCUE TRANSACTIONS –
ENFORCEMENT

Altering the applicability of specified provisions relating to the protection of homeowners in foreclosure; altering the contents of a foreclosure consulting contract; prohibiting a foreclosure consultant from engaging in or arranging a foreclosure rescue transaction or receiving a commission or money under specified circumstances; requiring a foreclosure consultant to be licensed as a real estate broker and to provide research on the value of a home to a homeowner; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

Sincerely,

Karl S. Aro
Executive Director

April 8, 2008

To the Members of the General Assembly

Ladies and Gentlemen:

On April 8, 2008, the Honorable Martin O'Malley, 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 that you passed:

SB 270 The President (By Request – Administration), et al

Chapter 7 CREDIT REGULATION – MORTGAGE LENDING AND OTHER
EXTENSIONS OF CREDIT

Prohibiting a lender from requiring or authorizing the imposition of prepayment charges in connection with specified mortgage loans; prohibiting lenders and credit grantors from making specified mortgage loans without giving due regard to the borrower's ability to repay the loans; repealing provisions of law that establish a presumption about a borrower's ability to repay a loan; requiring a specified representation by a mortgage broker to be contained in a finder's fee agreement; etc.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

HB 363 The Speaker (By Request – Administration), et al

Chapter 8 CREDIT REGULATION – MORTGAGE LENDING AND OTHER
EXTENSIONS OF CREDIT

Prohibiting a lender from requiring or authorizing the imposition of prepayment charges in connection with specified mortgage loans; prohibiting lenders and credit grantors from making specified mortgage loans without giving due regard to the borrower's ability to repay the loans; repealing provisions of law that establish a presumption about a borrower's ability to repay a loan; requiring a specified representation by a mortgage broker to be contained in a finder's fee agreement; providing for the effective dates of the Act; etc.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

HB 362 The Speaker (By Request – Administration) and Delegate Cardin

Chapter 9 REORGANIZATION OF STATE GOVERNMENT – DEPARTMENT OF
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Reorganizing the State government by establishing a Department of Information Technology as a principal unit of the Executive Branch; providing for the qualifications, appointment, powers, duties, and salary of the Secretary of Information Technology; requiring the Secretary to provide an annual report on technology development projects to the Department of Legislative Services; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008

SB 46 Senators Forehand and Jones

Chapter 10 BUDGET FINANCING ACT

Altering the distribution of the sales and use tax revenue; altering the State income tax rate for specified income of individuals for specified taxable years; altering the definition of "taxable service" under the sales and use tax to repeal the tax on computer services; providing exemptions under the sales and use tax for specified custom computer software services under specified circumstances and for specified optional computer software maintenance contracts under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008

SB 7 **Senator Astle**

Chapter 11 TASK FORCE TO STUDY THE BOATING INDUSTRY IN
MARYLAND

Altering the date by which the Task Force to Study the Boating Industry in Maryland is required to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly from June 30, 2008, to December 31, 2008; and extending the termination date of the Task Force from July 31, 2008, to June 30, 2009.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2008

HB 17 **Delegate Sossi**

Chapter 12 TASK FORCE TO STUDY THE BOATING INDUSTRY IN
MARYLAND

Altering the date by which the Task Force to Study the Boating Industry in Maryland is required to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly from June 30, 2008, to December 31, 2008; and extending the termination date of the Task Force from July 31, 2008, to June 30, 2009.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2008

SB 10 **The President (By Request – Department of Legislative Services – Code
Revision)**

Chapter 13 CRIMINAL PROCEDURE ARTICLE ADDITIONS – CROSS–
REFERENCES AND CORRECTIONS

Correcting specified cross–references to new Title 15 and new Title 16 of the Criminal Procedure Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland that revise provisions of law that relate to the Office of the State Prosecutor, the Office of the State’s Attorney, and the Office of the Public Defender.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

SB 28 **Senator Forehand**

Chapter 14 **ALL–TERRAIN VEHICLE SAFETY TASK FORCE**

Establishing an All–Terrain Vehicle Safety Task Force; providing for the membership and duties of the Task Force; requiring the Task Force to select a chair from among its members; requiring the Task Force to make findings and recommendations regarding ATV ownership, safety equipment, educating consumers, locations for ATV use, training for ATV owners, and safety awareness; requiring an interim report to the Governor and General Assembly by December 15, 2008, and a final report by May 31, 2009; etc.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2008

SB 37 **The President (By Request – Department of Legislative Services – Code Revision)**

Chapter 15

CRIMINAL PROCEDURE ARTICLE ADDITIONS

Adding three new titles to the Criminal Procedure Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, to be designated and known as “Title 14. Office of the State Prosecutor”, “Title 15. Office of the State’s Attorney”, and “Title 16. Office of the Public Defender”; revising, restating, and recodifying specified laws applicable to the Office of the State Prosecutor, the Office of the State’s Attorney, and the Office of the Public Defender; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

SB 57 **Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request – Maryland Judicial Conference)**

Chapter 16

CHILD WELFARE – PERMANENCY PLANNING AND INTERSTATE PLACEMENT OF FOSTER CHILDREN

Altering the factors a juvenile court is required to consider in making specified findings in permanency planning and review hearings; increasing, from 7 to 10, the number of days’ notice a local department of social services is required to give to specified persons before permanency planning and review hearings; requiring the court to consult with the child on the record in an age appropriate manner at least every 12 months at a permanency planning or review hearing; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

SB 104 Senator Stoltzfus

Chapter 17 **WORKING WATERFRONT COMMISSION – REPORTING AND SUNSET EXTENSION**

Altering the date by which the Working Waterfront Commission must make a specified report; and altering the termination date of the Commission.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2008

SB 144 Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee (By Request – Departmental – Labor, Licensing and Regulation)

Chapter 18 **STATE BOARD OF COSMETOLOGISTS – MAKEUP ARTIST SERVICES**

Repealing provisions relating to the licensure and regulation of makeup artist services by the State Board of Cosmetologists.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

SB 147 Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee (By Request – Departmental – Archives, Maryland State)

Chapter 19 **STATE ARCHIVES – RECORDS AND OTHER SERVICES – FEES**

Authorizing the State Archivist to establish reasonable fees for the care and preservation of records and other services; providing that these fees may be in specified forms; requiring a specified percentage of these fees to be deposited in the Archives Endowment Account of the State Archives Fund; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

SB 177 Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Budget and Management)

Chapter 20 **STATE PERSONNEL – ACCRUAL AND CARRYOVER OF ANNUAL LEAVE**

Increasing from 50 to 75 days and from 400 to 600 hours the number of days and hours of annual leave that State employees may accumulate and carry over from one calendar year to the next calendar year; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

SB 178 **Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Public Safety and Correctional Services)**
Chapter 21

PUBLIC SAFETY – EMERGENCY NUMBER SYSTEMS BOARD – MEMBERSHIP

Increasing the membership of the Emergency Number Systems Board to include a representative of the geographical information systems in the State and an additional representative of emergency management services.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008

SB 179 **Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Labor, Licensing and Regulation)**
Chapter 22

STATE RACING COMMISSION – MILE THOROUGHBRED RACING – PAYMENT OF TAXES

Extending from 3 days to 7 days the period within which a mile thoroughbred licensee must pay pari-mutuel taxes to the State Racing Commission after each racing day.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008

SB 186 **Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee (By Request – Departmental – General Services)**
Chapter 23

DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES – SMALL PROCUREMENT PROCESS

Altering the maximum amount of a procurement contract that may be eligible for the small procurement process for construction contracts of \$50,000 or less sought to be awarded by the Department of General Services.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008

SB 191 **Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee (By Request – Departmental – Ethics, State Commission on)**
Chapter 24

STATE ETHICS COMMISSION – ELECTRONIC FILING UNDER OATH OR AFFIRMATION – ELECTRONIC SIGNATURE

Clarifying that, for purposes of specified financial disclosure statements and reports filed electronically with the State Ethics Commission, certain oaths and affirmations must be made by electronic signature that subjects the individual making the electronic signature to the penalties of perjury.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

SB 192 **Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Insurance Administration, Maryland)**
Chapter 25

MARYLAND HEALTH INSURANCE PLAN – APPLICATION OF INSURANCE FRAUD LAW

Providing that specified provisions of law relating to fraudulent insurance acts that apply to insurers also apply to the Maryland Health Insurance Plan. EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

SB 195 **Chair, Budget and Taxation Committee (By Request – Departmental – Baltimore City Community College) and Senator McFadden**
Chapter 26

LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS' PENSION SYSTEM – BALTIMORE CITY COMMUNITY COLLEGE – POLICE OFFICERS

Providing for the membership in the Law Enforcement Officers' Pension System of specified police officers employed by the Baltimore City Community College who have specified powers granted to police officers; requiring that the College operating budget for 2009 include an appropriation for transferring the police officers into the Law Enforcement Officers' Pension System; etc. EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008

SB 200 **Senators Dyson and Middleton**

Chapter 27 COMMISSION TO STUDY SOUTHERN MARYLAND TRANSPORTATION NEEDS

Authorizing the Commission to Study Southern Maryland Transportation Needs to reconvene for specified purposes; altering the date for the Commission to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly; and altering the date for the termination of the Commission. EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2008

HB 507 **Southern Maryland Delegation**

Chapter 28 COMMISSION TO STUDY SOUTHERN MARYLAND TRANSPORTATION NEEDS

Authorizing the Commission to Study Southern Maryland Transportation Needs to reconvene for specified purposes; altering the date for the Commission to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly; and altering the date for the termination of the Commission. EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2008

SB 250 **Senator Stone (By Request – Committee to Revise Article 27 – Crimes and Punishments)**
Chapter 29

CRIMINAL LAW – FORGERY OF SIGNATURE AND COUNTERFEIT DOCUMENTS – PROHIBITION

Prohibiting a person from writing, signing, or possessing specified counterfeited documents; prohibiting a person from forging, falsifying, or counterfeiting the signature of specified persons; establishing specified penalties; providing that a specified crime is not covered by the 1-year statute of limitations for a misdemeanor; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB 550 **Delegate Rosenberg (By Request – Committee to Revise Article 27 – Crimes and Punishments)**
Chapter 30

CRIMINAL LAW – FORGERY OF SIGNATURE AND COUNTERFEIT DOCUMENTS – PROHIBITION

Prohibiting a person from writing, signing, or possessing specified counterfeited documents; prohibiting a person from forging, falsifying, or counterfeiting the signature of specified persons; establishing specified penalties; providing that a specified crime is not covered by the 1-year statute of limitations for a misdemeanor; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

SB 252 **Senator Astle**

Chapter 31 **ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – PROSPECTIVE OR CURRENT EMPLOYEES OR VOLUNTEERS – CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORDS CHECKS**

Changing the requirements for the Personnel Officer of Anne Arundel County to request State and national criminal records checks from the Criminal Justice Information System Central Repository for a prospective or current employee or volunteer; requiring the Personnel Officer to submit specified items to the Central Repository; requiring the Central Repository to forward the criminal history information to the prospective or current employee or volunteer and the Personnel Officer; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

SB 324 Senator Forehand (Chair, Joint Committee on Federal Relations)

Chapter 32 WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT COMMISSION –
APPOINTMENT OF VIRGINIA MEMBER

Altering the agency of the Commonwealth of Virginia from which the Governor of Virginia is required to appoint the Virginia member of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Commission; and making the Act subject to a specified contingency.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2008

HB 739 Delegate Heller (Chair, Joint Committee on Federal Relations), et al

Chapter 33 WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT COMMISSION –
APPOINTMENT OF VIRGINIA MEMBER

Altering the agency of the Commonwealth of Virginia from which the Governor of Virginia is required to appoint the Virginia member of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Commission; and making the Act subject to a specified contingency.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2008

SB 347 Senators Middleton and Astle

Chapter 34 CREDIT REGULATION – CREDIT GRANTOR PROVISIONS – FEES,
CHARGES, AND PENALTIES

Clarifying that specified fees may be collected by a credit grantor at any time; providing that specified penalties do not apply for specified acts or omissions arising from conformity to or reliance on specified opinions, interpretations, or approvals by specified persons under specified circumstances; providing that specified provisions of the Act may not be construed to limit specified penalties or limit specified powers of the Commissioner of Financial Regulation or the courts under specified circumstances; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

HB 852 Delegate Davis, et al

Chapter 35 CREDIT REGULATION – CREDIT GRANTOR PROVISIONS – FEES, CHARGES, AND PENALTIES

Clarifying that specified fees may be collected by a credit grantor at any time; providing that specified penalties do not apply for specified acts or omissions arising from conformity to or reliance on specified opinions, interpretations, or approvals by specified persons under specified circumstances; providing that specified provisions of the Act may not be construed to limit specified penalties or limit specified powers of the Commissioner of Financial Regulation or the courts under specified circumstances; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

SB 601 The President (By Request – Department of Legislative Services)

Chapter 36 ANNUAL CORRECTIVE BILL

Correcting specified errors and omissions in various articles of the Annotated Code and Public Local Laws 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.

EMERGENCY BILL

SB 620 The President (By Request – Department of Legislative Services)

Chapter 37 ANNUAL CURATIVE BILL

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

EMERGENCY BILL

SB 713 Senator Astle, et al

Chapter 38 VEHICLE LAWS – EQUIPMENT ON MOTORCYCLES – AUXILIARY LIGHTING

Authorizing the use of specified auxiliary lighting on a motorcycle.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2008

HB 1168 Delegate Kramer, et al

Chapter 39 VEHICLE LAWS – EQUIPMENT ON MOTORCYCLES – AUXILIARY LIGHTING

Authorizing the use of specified auxiliary lighting on a motorcycle.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2008

HB 87 Chair, Judiciary Committee (By Request – Maryland Judicial Conference)

Chapter 40

DISTRICT COURT – COMMISSIONERS – JURISDICTION

Authorizing a District Court commissioner to exercise the powers of that office in any county to which the commissioner is assigned by the Chief Judge of the District Court or a designee of the Chief Judge of the District Court; authorizing the Chief Judge of the District Court or a designee of the Chief Judge of the District Court to assign a commissioner to serve temporarily in any county; repealing specified limitations on an assignment of a District Court commissioner; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB 88 Delegate Vallario

Chapter 41 MARYLAND UNIFORM INTERSTATE DEPOSITIONS AND DISCOVERY ACT

Enacting the Maryland Uniform Interstate Depositions and Discovery Act; establishing procedures for requesting and issuing a subpoena in this State to compel witness testimony at a deposition, document discovery, or inspection of premises in a case filed in a foreign jurisdiction; establishing that specified Maryland Rules apply to subpoenas issued under the Act; repealing existing provisions of law relating to foreign depositions; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB 113 Delegate Elmore

Chapter 42 SOMERSET COUNTY – REGULATION OF DOGS AND CATS – VIOLATIONS OF ORDINANCES AND REGULATIONS

Authorizing the County Commissioners of Somerset County to impose civil and criminal penalties for violations of specified regulations relating to dogs and cats; and authorizing the County Commissioners of Somerset County to provide that violations of specified dog and cat control ordinances may be prosecuted in a specified manner.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB 116 Delegate Hubbard, et al

Chapter 43 MENTAL HYGIENE – EMERGENCY EVALUATION PETITIONS –
LICENSED CLINICAL MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPISTS

Adding licensed clinical marriage and family therapists to the professionals authorized to diagnose a mental disorder for purposes of seeking an emergency evaluation of an individual; authorizing licensed clinical marriage and family therapists to petition for an emergency evaluation and to sign and submit the emergency evaluation to peace officers; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB 132 Delegate Elmore

Chapter 44 SOMERSET COUNTY – SALE OF CHARLIE SWIFT ROAD

Authorizing the County Roads Board of Somerset County to sell Charlie Swift Road in the Lawson Election District in Somerset County without public sale and when the property is no longer needed for public use; providing for a specified description of the property that is the subject of the sale authorized by the Act; and providing that the County Roads Board may arrange the terms, conditions, and amount of consideration for and execute and acknowledge any deeds or instruments necessary to complete any sale made in accordance with the Act.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB 133 Delegate Bohanan

Chapter 45 COMMISSION TO DEVELOP THE MARYLAND MODEL FOR
FUNDING HIGHER EDUCATION – MEMBERSHIP AND EXTENSION
OF SUNSET

Modifying the membership of the Commission to Develop the Maryland Model for Funding Higher Education; altering the date by which the Commission must submit a final report to the Governor and General Assembly; making the Act an emergency measure; and extending the termination date of the Commission.

EMERGENCY BILL

HB 163 **Howard County Delegation**

Chapter 46 HOWARD COUNTY – APPOINTED ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE
HEARING BOARD – QUALIFICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP HO. CO.
15–08

Altering the qualifications for membership on the Appointed Alcoholic Beverage Hearing Board in Howard County; and prohibiting a member of the Hearing Board from being employed by the Howard County government.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008

HB 167 **Howard County Delegation**

Chapter 47 HOWARD COUNTY – INSTALLATION OF MULTIUSE SEWERAGE
SYSTEMS HO. CO. 11–08

Authorizing the governing body of Howard County to enact local laws governing the installation and use of multiuse sewerage systems.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008

HB 170 **Delegates Mathias and Conway**

Chapter 48 WORCESTER COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – SERVICE OF
NOTICE OF CHARGES

Requiring in Worcester County that a notice of charges of complaint in measures affecting alcoholic beverages licenses be served in a specified manner; and requiring a copy of the notice of charges or a specified letter to be mailed to a licensee under specified circumstances.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008

HB 171 **Delegates Mathias and Conway**

Chapter 49 WORCESTER COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES LICENSES –
FINES FOR LATE RENEWALS

Specifying that the Worcester County Board of License Commissioners may receive late applications for alcoholic beverages license renewals during April; and authorizing the Board to impose a \$50 fine for each day an application is late.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008

HB 173 Delegate Elmore

Chapter 50 **SOMERSET COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – DEATH OF LICENSEE**

Adding Somerset County to the list of counties that, on the death of specified alcoholic beverages licensees, issue a license under specified circumstances to the surviving spouse, the surviving partners for the benefit of the partnership, or the senior surviving officer for the benefit of the corporation without further proceedings for the balance of the current license year.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008

HB 180 Allegany County Delegation

Chapter 51 **ALLEGANY COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION – MEMBERSHIP**

Increasing from seven to nine the membership of the Allegany County Planning Commission.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB 198 Delegate Elmore

Chapter 52 **SOMERSET COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – LICENSES, FEES, AND FINES**

Authorizing a holder of a Class D beer and light wine license in Somerset County to sell beer and wine for both on- and off-sale consumption; altering the fee for a special beer, beer and light wine, or beer and wine and liquor license; and raising from \$2,000 to \$4,000 the maximum fine for a violation of alcoholic beverages laws that is cause for license suspension.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2008

HB 214 Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee (By Request – Departmental – Health and Mental Hygiene)

Chapter 53

BOTTLED WATER – STANDARD OF IDENTITY AND LABELING REQUIREMENTS – OUT-OF-STATE REGISTRATION OF BOTTLED WATER AND SOFT DRINKS

Requiring bottled water to meet specified federal standards of identity; requiring specified labeling requirements to conform to specified federal regulations; repealing the out-of-state registration requirements for bottled water and soft drinks; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB 219 **Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee (By Request – Departmental – Health and Mental Hygiene)**
Chapter 54

BEDDING LAW – REPEAL

Repealing the bedding law in the State.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB 223 **Chair, Environmental Matters Committee (By Request – Departmental – Natural Resources)**
Chapter 55

ENDANGERED AND THREATENED SPECIES – INCIDENTAL TAKING – DELMARVA FOX SQUIRREL

Authorizing the Secretary of Natural Resources to issue a permit sanctioning an incidental taking of the Delmarva fox squirrel; requiring the applicant to submit a specified conservation plan and the Secretary to make specified findings before issuing a permit; authorizing the Secretary to adopt regulations; etc.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2008

HB 226 **Chair, Environmental Matters Committee (By Request – Departmental – Natural Resources)**
Chapter 56

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES – REGULATION OF BAIT

Requiring the Department of Natural Resources to adopt regulations defining which species may be harvested, imported, transported, sold, or used as bait; repealing specified provisions of law governing the application process for a live bait dealer's license; repealing specified restrictions on live bait dealers and live bait purchasers; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB 227 **Chair, Environmental Matters Committee (By Request – Departmental – Agriculture)**
Chapter 57

AGRICULTURE – ANIMAL HEALTH – ADMINISTRATIVE PENALTIES

Altering and extending the authority of the Secretary of Agriculture to impose penalties on any person who violates animal health requirements.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB 228 **Chair, Environmental Matters Committee (By Request – Departmental
Chapter 58 – Agriculture)**

**STATE BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICAL EXAMINERS –
HOSPITAL INSPECTIONS**

Altering the required frequency for inspections of veterinary hospitals from once every year to once every 2 years by the State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB 229 **Chair, Environmental Matters Committee (By Request – Departmental
Chapter 59 – Natural Resources)**

FISHING – RECIPROCAL ANGLER’S LICENSES

Clarifying that the Act applies to specified license holders who must be residents of the states issuing the specified licenses; clarifying that residents of specified states holding specified licenses may fish in specified nontidal waters of the Potomac River without a State license, subject to a specified condition; repealing the right of a person holding a valid Pennsylvania license to fish in specified waters; identifying specified waters where specified individuals may fish without a State license; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2008

HB 231 **Chair, Environmental Matters Committee (By Request – Departmental
Chapter 60 – Housing and Community Development)**

**DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT –
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION – RENTAL
ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS**

Repealing the Rental Allowance Program; establishing a specified Rental Allowance Program and rental assistance programs in the Department of Housing and Community Development; requiring the Department to administer the Rental Allowance Program to assist specified households under specified circumstances; authorizing the Department to establish and administer specified rental assistance programs for specified households; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008

HB 237 **Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee (By Request –
Chapter 61 Departmental – Health and Mental Hygiene)**

MARYLAND AIDS DRUG ASSISTANCE PROGRAM – SPECIAL FUND

Clarifying that rebates received by the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene from the AIDS Drug Assistance Program are distributed to a nonlapsing special fund, the unspent balances of which do not revert to the General Fund of the State.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008

HB 273 **Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee (By Request –
Chapter 62 Departmental – Disabilities)**

ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY GUARANTEED LOAN PROGRAM AND FUND – CHANGES

Changing the names of the Assistive Technology Guaranteed Loan Program and Assistive Technology Guaranteed Loan Fund; authorizing the Board of Directors of the Program to provide a borrower with a specified interest rate by either guaranteeing the loan or subsidizing the interest under specified circumstances; repealing a limitation on the total aggregate amount of guarantees provided from the Fund; authorizing the Board to annually set the total aggregate amount of loan guarantees to be provided from the Fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008

HB 277 **Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee (By Request –
Chapter 63 Departmental – Insurance Administration, Maryland)**

MARYLAND INSURANCE COMMISSIONER – ADOPTION OF REGULATIONS APPLICABLE IN AN EMERGENCY – REQUIRED

Applying specified provisions of law to health maintenance organizations; requiring the Maryland Insurance Commissioner to adopt regulations that may be applied in emergencies or disasters; authorizing the regulations to apply to any person regulated by the Commissioner and to address specified activities; requiring that in order to activate a specified regulation, the Commissioner must issue a bulletin containing specified information; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB 287 Anne Arundel County Delegation

Chapter 64 ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – DEPARTMENT OF DETENTION FACILITIES EMPLOYMENT APPLICANTS – POLYGRAPH EXAMINATIONS

Exempting from the prohibition against an employer requiring or demanding, as a condition of employment, that an individual submit to or take a lie detector or similar test, individuals who apply for employment with the Anne Arundel County Department of Detention Facilities either as correctional officers or in any other capacity that involves direct contact with an inmate in the Department.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB 305 Howard County Delegation

Chapter 65 HOWARD COUNTY – ENABLING LEGISLATION – SEWERAGE SYSTEM PERFORMANCE BOND HO. CO. 12-08

Authorizing the Howard County governing body to require the recipient of a permit to install a multiuse sewerage system to post a performance bond before installing the multiuse sewerage system.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008

HB 309 Chair, Environmental Matters Committee (By Request – Departmental – Housing and Community Development)

Chapter 66 DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – DISASTER RELIEF HOUSING PROGRAM

Establishing a Disaster Relief Housing Program within the Department of Housing and Community Development for the purpose of providing financial assistance to specified families and nonprofit entities in specified disaster areas for specified purposes; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB 325 Delegate Elmore

Chapter 67 **SOMERSET COUNTY – COUNTY ROADS BOARD – AUTHORITY TO SELL COUNTY ROADS**

Authorizing the County Roads Board of Somerset County to sell any County road in Somerset County without public sale and when the property is no longer needed for public use; and providing that the County Roads Board may arrange the terms, conditions, and amount of consideration for and execute and acknowledge any deeds or instruments necessary to complete any sale made in accordance with the Act.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB 350 Chair, Appropriations Committee (By Request – Departmental – Budget and Management)

Chapter 68 **STATE EMPLOYEES' HEALTH INSURANCE ADVISORY COUNCIL – REPEAL**

Repealing the State Employees' Health Advisory Council and its functions and duties.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008

HB 394 Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee (By Request – Departmental – Health and Mental Hygiene)

Chapter 69 **STATE POSTMORTEM EXAMINERS COMMISSION – OFFICE OF THE CHIEF MEDICAL EXAMINER – POSTMORTEM EXAMINERS LAW**

Altering and expanding requirements for the staff of the State Postmortem Examiners Commission; requiring the Chief Medical Examiner, the deputy chief medical examiners, and specified assistant medical examiners to be certified in a specified medical specialty by a specified board; authorizing the Commission to appoint forensic investigators; requiring the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner to orally report findings and deliver a copy of an autopsy report under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB 395 **Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee (By Request – Departmental – Insurance Administration, Maryland)**
Chapter 70

HEALTH INSURANCE CARRIERS – FINANCIAL REPORTING

Repealing a requirement that specified managed care organizations file a specified consolidated financial statement with the Maryland Insurance Commissioner; requiring each managed care organization to file with the Commissioner a report on the managed care organization's financial condition on or before a specified date each year; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB 402 **St. Mary's County Delegation**

Chapter 71 **ST. MARY'S COUNTY – TRANSFER TAX – TERMINATION PROVISION**

For the purpose of extending to July 1, 2020, the termination provision relating to the authority of the County Commissioners of St. Mary's County to impose a real property transfer tax.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008

HB 405 **Chair, Economic Matters Committee (By Request – Departmental – Insurance Administration, Maryland)**
Chapter 72

HOMEOWNER'S INSURANCE – LOSS FROM WATER AND SEWER BACKUP – OFFER OF COVERAGE

Clarifying the time at which an offer of coverage for loss that is caused by or results from water that backs up through sewers and drains must be given by insurers that issue or deliver homeowner's insurance policies; requiring insurers that sell homeowner's insurance policies to offer the coverage; requiring the offer to be made in a specified manner; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB 406 **Chair, Economic Matters Committee (By Request – Departmental – Business and Economic Development)**
Chapter 73

BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – FINANCING TRANSACTIONS

Authorizing the Department of Business and Economic Development to expend funds and take specified actions to protect the interests of the Department in specified transactions; authorizing the Department to receive specified repayments and returns on specified investments without triggering new financing requirements; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008

HB 416 **Chair, Economic Matters Committee (By Request – Departmental – Labor, Licensing and Regulation)**
Chapter 74

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE – STATE COLLECTION OF THE FEDERAL UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE TAX

Authorizing the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation to directly collect from employers the federal unemployment insurance tax under specified circumstances; requiring that funds derived from the collection of the tax be used only for the programs and services administered by the Office of Unemployment Insurance and the Office of Employment Services; providing for a specified review by the Joint Committee on Unemployment Insurance Oversight; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB 445 **St. Mary's County Delegation**

Chapter 75 **PROPERTY TAX CREDITS – ST. MARY'S COUNTY – LAND PRESERVATION EASEMENTS**

Altering authority for the governing body of St. Mary's County to grant a property tax credit against the county property tax imposed on specified property that is subject to specified preservation programs; and applying the Act to tax years beginning after June 30, 2008.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2008

HB 462 **Delegate Pendergrass**

Chapter 76 **HEALTH INSURANCE – SMALL GROUP MARKET – SELF-EMPLOYED INDIVIDUALS – SUNSET EXTENSION**

Extending the termination date of a provision relating to health insurance policies for self-employed individuals in the small group market.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008

HB 467 **Calvert County Delegation**

Chapter 77 **CALVERT COUNTY – PUBLIC FACILITIES BONDS**

Authorizing and empowering the County Commissioners of Calvert County, from time to time, to borrow not more than \$8,895,000 in order to finance the construction, improvement, or development of public facilities in Calvert County, and to effect such borrowing by the issuance and sale of its general obligation bonds; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2008

HB 471 St. Mary's County Delegation

Chapter 78 ST. MARY'S COUNTY – PUBLIC FACILITY BONDS

Authorizing and empowering the County Commissioner's of St. Mary's County to borrow not more than \$35,000,000 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.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2008

HB 510 Delegate Pendergrass, et al

Chapter 79 HEALTH CARE DECISIONS ACT – ADVANCE DIRECTIVES – ELECTRONIC DOCUMENTS AND ELECTRONIC SIGNATURES

Establishing, for purposes of the Health Care Decisions Act, that an electronic signature shall have the same effect as a manual signature, if the electronic signature meets specified requirements; authorizing a competent individual to make an electronic advance directive; authorizing an advance directive to be revoked electronically; defining the terms “electronic signature” and “signed”; altering the definition of “advance directive” to include electronic documents; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB 585 Delegate Pena–Melnyk, et al

Chapter 80 NURSING HOMES – SAFE PATIENT LIFTING

Requiring nursing homes to establish a safe patient lifting workgroup composed of specified members on or before December 1, 2008; requiring the workgroup to establish a safe patient lifting policy on or before July 1, 2009; requiring the workgroup to consider specified factors while developing a safe patient lifting policy; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB 634 Washington County Delegation

Chapter 81 WASHINGTON COUNTY – BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS – ANNUAL AUDIT

Requiring the Board of License Commissioners of Washington County to engage an independent certified public accounting firm to conduct an audit to express an opinion on the fair presentation of the financial statements of the Board; and requiring the firm by November 1 after the close of each fiscal year to provide copies of the audit report to specified persons.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008

HB 637 Washington County Delegation

Chapter 82 WASHINGTON COUNTY – COUNTY CLERK

Altering the duties of the County Clerk of Washington County; repealing a provision requiring the County Clerk to receive from the Tax Collector of Washington County specified interest coupons on the bonded indebtedness of the county and specified bonds due and redeemed by the Tax Collector; repealing a requirement that the County Clerk cancel specified coupons and bonds; repealing a requirement that the County Clerk make a specified report to the County Commissioners of Washington County; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB 689 Delegate Barnes, et al

Chapter 83 ACCESS TO PUBLIC RECORDS – PERMISSIBLE DENIALS – PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION

Authorizing a custodian of a record kept by a public institution of higher education that contains personal information relating to a student, former student, or applicant to require that a request to inspect a record be made in writing and sent by first-class mail; and authorizing the custodian to deny inspection of the part of the record containing personal information if the information is requested for commercial purposes.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB 697 Delegate Hubbard

Chapter 84 HEALTH OCCUPATIONS – STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF NURSING HOME ADMINISTRATORS – MINIMUM AGE REQUIREMENT

Altering the minimum age for licensure as a nursing home administrator.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB 700 Delegate Schuler, et al

Chapter 85 WORKERS' COMPENSATION – PERMANENT PARTIAL DISABILITY – COMPENSATION

Increasing the maximum weekly benefit for a permanent partial disability claim that is awarded to a covered employee for a period of less than 75 weeks; and providing for the application of the Act.
EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2009

HB 703 Delegates Malone and DeBoy

Chapter 86 **ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – SPECIAL BREWERY PROMOTIONAL
EVENT PERMIT**

Establishing a special brewery promotional event permit; authorizing the Office of the Comptroller to issue a permit to a holder of a Class 5 manufacturer's license; authorizing a permit holder to provide beer samples and sell beer at a promotional event under specified circumstances; specifying restrictions on the frequency and duration of promotional events; providing for a \$25 per-event fee; and requiring a permit application be filed with the Office at least 15 days before the event.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2008

**HB 705 Chair, Appropriations Committee (By Request – Departmental – State
Police)**

Chapter 87

**DEPARTMENT OF STATE POLICE – SCHOOL BUS SAFETY
ENFORCEMENT FUND – TRANSFER TO GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF
CRIME CONTROL AND PREVENTION**

Transferring the administration of the School Bus Safety Enforcement Fund from the Department of State Police to the Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention; transferring the functions of the Secretary of State Police relating to the School Bus Safety Enforcement Fund to the Executive Director of the Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008

**HB 750 Chair, Economic Matters Committee (By Request – Departmental –
Insurance Administration, Maryland)**

Chapter 88

**INSURANCE – NOTICE OF CANCELLATION OF BINDERS OR
POLICIES – CERTIFICATE OF MAIL**

Requiring that a specified notice of cancellation of specified binders or policies of insurance be sent by certificate of mail.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB 751 **Chair, Economic Matters Committee (By Request – Departmental – Labor, Licensing and Regulation)**
Chapter 89

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS – REGULATORY REFORMS

Substituting a notice requirement for an application by a banking institution or credit union to install an automated teller machine; establishing an exception to the notice requirement; increasing the minimum amount of capital required to charter specified commercial banks; altering a civil penalty imposed on a banking institution or other–state bank for failing to make a specified report or failing to submit specified proof; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB 787 **Carroll County Delegation**

Chapter 90 **NOISE CONTROL – CARROLL COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS – ENFORCEMENT PROHIBITION**

Prohibiting Carroll County or a political subdivision of Carroll County from enforcing any noise control ordinance, rule, or regulation against a Carroll County public school that violates the ordinance, rule, or regulation between the hours of 8 a.m. and 9:30 p.m.; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008

HB 790 **Delegate Montgomery, et al**

Chapter 91 **DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE – CHILD ABUSE MEDICAL PROVIDERS INITIATIVE**

Altering the name of a specified initiative in the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene; altering the duties of the Child Abuse Medical Providers (Maryland CHAMP) faculty; authorizing Maryland CHAMP to receive specified information from and consult with the Department; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB 827 **Montgomery County Delegation**

Chapter 92 **MONTGOMERY COUNTY – DEPARTMENT OF LIQUOR CONTROL – SALE OF ITEMS AT DISPENSARIES AND RETAIL OUTLETS MC 817–08**

Authorizing specified retail dispensary stores and retail outlets in Montgomery County to sell items commonly associated with the serving or consumption of alcoholic beverages, such as bottle openers, corkscrews, drink mixes, and lime juice; and prohibiting the stores and outlets from selling snack foods and soft drinks.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2008

HB 828 **Montgomery County Delegation**

Chapter 93 MONTGOMERY COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES –
 ADDITIONAL CLASS B LICENSES MC 818–08

Repealing minimum capital investment and seating capacity requirements for obtaining in Montgomery County an additional Class B beer, wine and liquor (on–sale) license for restaurants.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008

HB 840 **Delegate Myers, et al**

Chapter 94 WASHINGTON COUNTY – DEER HUNTING ON PRIVATE
 PROPERTY – SUNDAYS

Authorizing a person in Washington County to hunt deer on specified Sundays on private property with a bow and arrow during October and November; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB 859 **Chair, Economic Matters Committee (By Request – Departmental –
Chapter 95 Insurance Administration, Maryland)**

PROPERTY AND CASUALTY INSURANCE POLICIES – COVERAGE
FOR ADDITIONAL LIVING EXPENSES

Prohibiting specified language limiting coverage for additional living expenses incurred by an insured as a result of a covered loss in a policy of homeowner's, fire, farmowner's, or dwelling insurance; specifying that specified language in a policy of homeowner's, fire, farmowner's, or dwelling insurance is void; providing that specified actions by an insurer are not prohibited under the Act; authorizing the Maryland Insurance Commissioner to require that an insurer provide specified coverage for living expenses; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB 899 **Carroll County Delegation**

Chapter 96 CARROLL COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – SPECIAL CLASS
 C LICENSE FOR ARTS CENTER

Authorizing the Carroll County Board of License Commissioners to issue a special Class C beer, wine and liquor license to an arts center in Westminster under specified conditions.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008

HB 929 Prince George's County Delegation and Montgomery County Delegation
Chapter 97

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY ENERGY TAX – WSSC PG/MC 115–08

Providing that, notwithstanding any other provision of law, the sale or use of energy or fuel used by the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission in Prince George's County is not exempt from the Prince George's County energy tax; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008

HB 933 Prince George's County Delegation and Montgomery County Delegation
Chapter 98

MARYLAND–NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION PARK POLICE – WORKERS' COMPENSATION – LYME DISEASE PRESUMPTION PG/MC 101–08

Applying the occupational disease presumption under the workers' compensation law to park police officers employed by the Maryland–National Capital Park and Planning Commission (MNCPPC) who contract Lyme disease under specified circumstances; providing that a specified presumption only applies for a specified period of time under specified circumstances; and providing that officers who are eligible for benefits under the Act shall receive the benefits in addition to specified retirement benefits, subject to a specified adjustment.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB 938 Montgomery County Delegation

MONTGOMERY COUNTY – DEER HUNTING ON PRIVATE LANDS – EFFECTIVE DATE MC 804–08
Chapter 99

Repealing the termination date for removing Montgomery County from the list of counties in which deer hunting on private lands on specified Sundays is prohibited; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB 941 Prince George's County Delegation and Montgomery County Delegation

Chapter 100

MARYLAND–NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION – MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE UTILIZATION PROGRAM PG/MC 110–08

Extending through a specified date the authority of the Maryland–National Capital Park and Planning Commission to establish and administer a Minority Business Enterprise Utilization Program for the award of contracts for goods, services, and construction under specified circumstances.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2008

HB 945 Montgomery County Delegation

Chapter 101 MONTGOMERY COUNTY – OAKMONT SPECIAL TAXING AREA – COMPETITIVE BIDDING MC 820–08

Altering the threshold amount above which the Oakmont Citizens' Committee is required to advertise for bids for the purchase of materials or contract for work; providing for an exception to advertising for competitive bids under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB 946 Montgomery County Delegation

Chapter 102 MONTGOMERY COUNTY – HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES COMMISSION – SERVICE CONTRACTS MC 814–08

Providing that before the Housing Opportunities Commission of Montgomery County may solicit a specified service contract, the Executive Director of the Commission must provide specified certification; requiring the Commission to compare specified costs under specified circumstances; authorizing the certified representative of an adversely affected Commission employee to submit a proposal in response to a specified solicitation; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB 963 Carroll County Delegation

Chapter 103 CARROLL COUNTY – BOARD OF EDUCATION – COMPENSATION

Altering the compensation of the Chairman and the other members of the Board of Education of Carroll County.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008

HB 972 **Chair, Environmental Matters Committee (By Request – Departmental
Chapter 104 – Natural Resources)**

FOREST CONSERVATION – REPORTING AND ENFORCEMENT

Requiring specified local authorities to report enforcement activity relating to forest conservation requirements to the Department of Natural Resources within 15 days after commencement of the enforcement activity; and requiring specified enforcement activities to be included in the Department's annual forest conservation report.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB 976 **Chair, Environmental Matters Committee (By Request – Departmental
Chapter 105 – Agriculture)**

**MARYLAND AGRICULTURAL LAND PRESERVATION PROGRAM –
LOT RELEASES**

Requiring that releases from easement restrictions issued by the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation (MALPF) include a statement acknowledging the status of adjacent farmland; and altering the size of lots that may be released from easement restrictions by MALPF under specified circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB 977 **Chair, Environmental Matters Committee (By Request – Departmental
Chapter 106 – Environment)**

**CONTROLLED HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES – DISCHARGE OR
RELEASE – REPORTING REQUIREMENTS**

Requiring a person who possesses evidence of a release of a hazardous substance under specified circumstances to report the finding immediately to the Department of the Environment; requiring the Department to adopt regulations by June 30, 2009, to determine the reportable threshold of a release of a hazardous substance; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB 1005 Delegate Conway, et al

Chapter 107 SOMERSET COUNTY, WICOMICO COUNTY, AND WORCESTER COUNTY – SCHOOL BUSES – LENGTH OF OPERATION – SUNSET REPEAL

Repealing the termination date for a provision of law that authorizes conventional school buses that meet specified criteria to be operated in Somerset, Wicomico, and Worcester counties for a specified length of time.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008

HB 1011 Prince George’s County Delegation

Chapter 108 PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY SCHOOL FACILITIES SURCHARGE – EXEMPTION PG 414–08

Authorizing an exemption from the school facilities surcharge in Prince George’s County for construction of a single–family dwelling unit that is to replace on the same lot a previously existing single–family dwelling unit destroyed by fire, explosion, or a natural disaster.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB 1015 Prince George’s County Delegation

Chapter 109 WORKERS’ COMPENSATION – PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS PG 328–08

Providing for enhanced workers’ compensation benefits for specified Prince George’s County correctional officers for a permanent partial disability award for less than a specified number of weeks.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB 1021 Prince George’s County Delegation

Chapter 110 PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – THEME PARK LICENSE PG 319–08

Establishing a Class B (TP) beer, wine and liquor theme park license in Prince George’s County; specifying an annual fee of \$3,900; providing that the license privileges be exercised only at a theme park in Mitchellville; specifying that the license entitles the holder to sell beer, wine, and liquor by the drink in specified locations for consumption on the premises only; specifying that the license is a 7–day license; requiring the applicant for the license to file specified items with the Board of License Commissioners; etc.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2008

HB 1064 Delegates Conway and Mathias

Chapter 111 CONVENTION CENTER – BOND AUTHORITY

Curing a previous Act of the General Assembly, erroneously enacted as part of the Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loan of 2007, by repealing and reenacting without amendments a provision of law to provide for an increase in the total principal amount of bonds that may be issued by the local governing body of a code county; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB 1079 Delegate Feldman, et al

Chapter 112 CONSUMER PROTECTION – HALAL FOOD PRODUCTS

Requiring specified persons that represent to the public that any unpackaged food that is sold or served is halal to prominently and conspicuously display on the premises a specified disclosure statement; requiring the Division of Consumer Protection of the Office of the Attorney General to develop and make available a form for the disclosure statements; requiring the disclosure statement to contain specified information; prohibiting the false representation of food as halal; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB 1085 Washington County Delegation

Chapter 113 WASHINGTON COUNTY – REGULATION OF SPECIAL EVENTS

Prohibiting persons, corporations, partnerships, associations, and entities from holding specified events without first obtaining a special event permit; authorizing the Board of County Commissioners of Washington County to adopt regulations by ordinance or resolution concerning special event permit applications, processes, fees, penalties, appeal procedures, and exceptions; and exempting specified events from the provisions of the Act.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB 1156 Delegates Kaiser and Dumais

Chapter 114 LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT – PAY DISPARITY DATA – REPORTING

Authorizing the Commissioner of Labor and Industry to collect specified employee data; authorizing the Commissioner to analyze specified records to study pay disparity issues; requiring the Commissioner to provide a specified report to the General Assembly; and terminating the Act at the end of December 31, 2013.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB 1225 **Montgomery County Delegation**

Chapter 115 MONTGOMERY COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – LICENSES HELD BY REVENUE AUTHORITY FOR PUBLIC GOLF COURSES MC 807–08

Authorizing the Executive Director of the Montgomery County Revenue Authority or the Executive Director’s designee to hold specified alcoholic beverages licenses for the limited use of public golf courses that are under the jurisdiction of the Revenue Authority; requiring that specified licenses be signed by the Executive Director or the designee of the Executive Director; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008

HB 1443 **Chair, Appropriations Committee (By Request – Departmental – Human Resources)**

Chapter 116 DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES – REORGANIZATION

Repealing the Community Services Administration in the Department of Human Resources; repealing provisions of law relating to the Administration’s purposes, personnel, powers, and duties; transferring the Office of Home Energy Programs and the Energy Assistance Program to the Family Investment Administration; placing the Commission on Responsible Fatherhood in the Department, rather than the Child Support Enforcement Administration, for specified purposes; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

HB 1581 **Delegate Harrison, et al**

Chapter 117 PRIVATE PASSENGER MOTOR VEHICLE INSURANCE, HOMEOWNER’S INSURANCE, AND PERSONAL INSURANCE – RENEWALS OF POLICIES – TRANSFERS OF POLICYHOLDERS BETWEEN INSURERS

Providing that, with respect to private passenger motor vehicle insurance policies and homeowner’s insurance policies, the transfer of a policyholder between insurers within a specified insurance holding company system is a renewal under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

To the Members of the General Assembly
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Sincerely,

Karl S. Aro
Executive Director

April 17, 2008

To the Members of the General Assembly

Ladies and Gentlemen:

On April 17, 2008, the Honorable Martin O'Malley, 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 piece of legislation that you passed:

HB 1627 The Speaker (By Request – Administration), et al

Chapter 118 ELECTION LAW – SPECIAL CONGRESSIONAL ELECTION

Altering the dates by which the Governor must issue a proclamation following a vacancy in the office of Representative in Congress; specifying circumstances in which a special primary election is not required; specifying procedures for nomination of candidates to a special general election when a special primary election is not held; providing for the resolution of specified conflicts of law; making the Act an emergency measure; providing for the termination of the Act; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

Sincerely,

Karl S. Aro
Executive Director

April 24, 2008

To the Members of the General Assembly

Ladies and Gentlemen:

On April 24, 2008, the Honorable Martin O'Malley, 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 that you passed:

HB 1253 The Speaker (By Request – Administration), et al

**Chapter 119 CHESAPEAKE AND ATLANTIC COASTAL BAYS CRITICAL AREA
PROTECTION PROGRAM – ADMINISTRATIVE AND
ENFORCEMENT PROVISIONS**

Authorizing the Maryland Home Improvement Commission to deny, reprimand, suspend, or revoke home improvement licenses for failure to comply with specified requirements in the Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays Critical Area; authorizing the Home Builder Registration Unit to deny, reprimand, suspend, or revoke a homebuilder's registration or impose a civil penalty on a registrant for failure to comply with critical area legal terms and requirements; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008

SB 213 The President (By Request – Administration), et al

Chapter 120 CHESAPEAKE AND ATLANTIC COASTAL BAYS 2010 TRUST FUND AND NONPOINT SOURCE FUND

Altering the Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays 2010 Trust Fund and its purposes; stating the intent of the General Assembly; providing for the uses of the Fund; establishing in statute the BayStat Program and BayStat Subcabinet; requiring the Program to distribute funds from the Trust Fund to the BayStat Subcabinet agencies; requiring the BayStat Subcabinet agencies to administer the funds; authorizing the BayStat Subcabinet agencies to distribute to an administrative cost account an amount to administer grant programs; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008

HB 369 The Speaker (By Request – Administration), et al

Chapter 121 CHESAPEAKE AND ATLANTIC COASTAL BAYS 2010 TRUST FUND AND NONPOINT SOURCE FUND

Altering the Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays 2010 Trust Fund and its purposes; stating the intent of the General Assembly; providing for the uses of the Fund; establishing in statute the BayStat Program and BayStat Subcabinet; requiring the Program to distribute funds from the Trust Fund to the BayStat Subcabinet agencies; requiring the BayStat Subcabinet agencies to administer the funds; authorizing the BayStat Subcabinet agencies to distribute to an administrative cost account an amount to administer grant programs; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008

SB 204 The President (By Request – Administration), et al

Chapter 122 MARYLAND TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION – TRANSIT-ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT

Establishing that specified transit-oriented development of specified property located near transit stations is a transportation purpose that is essential for the attainment of specified objectives; providing for the construction of provisions of the Act; and declaring the intent of the General Assembly for local governments to coordinate with the Maryland Transit Administration on specified land-use planning, financing, and other critical design elements.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB 373 The Speaker (By Request – Administration), et al

Chapter 123 MARYLAND TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION – TRANSIT-ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT

Establishing that the realization of specified transit-oriented development of specified property located near transit stations is a transportation purpose that is essential for the attainment of specified objectives; providing for the construction of specified provisions of the Act; declaring the intent of the General Assembly for local governments to coordinate with the Maryland Transit Administration on land-use planning elements and other critical design elements; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

SB 208 The President (By Request – Administration), et al

Chapter 124 HIGH PERFORMANCE BUILDINGS ACT

Requiring specified buildings constructed or renovated solely with State funds to be high performance buildings under specified circumstances; requiring the Department of Budget and Management and the Department of General Services to establish jointly a waiver process; requiring specified new schools that receive State public school construction funds to be constructed to be high performance buildings; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008

SB 209 The President (By Request – Administration), et al

Chapter 125 RENEWABLE PORTFOLIO STANDARD PERCENTAGE REQUIREMENTS – ACCELERATION

Altering the renewable energy portfolio standard by increasing the percentages of electricity sales that must be met in specified years through the accumulation of renewable energy credits from specified sources, subject to a specified limitation; redefining a specified renewable energy credit; increasing the maximum allowable alternative compliance payment, subject to a specified limitation; etc.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

HB 375 The Speaker (By Request – Administration), et al

Chapter 126 RENEWABLE PORTFOLIO STANDARD PERCENTAGE
REQUIREMENTS – ACCELERATION

Altering the renewable energy portfolio standard by increasing the percentages of electricity sales that must be met in specified years through the accumulation of renewable energy credits from specified sources, subject to a specified limitation; redefining a specified renewable energy credit; increasing the maximum allowable alternative compliance payment, subject to a specified limitation; etc.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

SB 268 The President (By Request – Administration), et al

Chapter 127 REGIONAL GREENHOUSE GAS INITIATIVE – MARYLAND
STRATEGIC ENERGY INVESTMENT PROGRAM

Repealing the Maryland Renewable Energy Fund and establishing the Maryland Strategic Energy Investment Program in the Maryland Energy Administration; establishing the purpose of the Program; establishing the duties of the Administration under the Program; establishing the Maryland Strategic Energy Investment Fund; providing that the Fund is a special, nonlapsing fund not subject to a specified law; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2008

HB 368 The Speaker (By Request – Administration), et al

Chapter 128 REGIONAL GREENHOUSE GAS INITIATIVE – MARYLAND
STRATEGIC ENERGY INVESTMENT PROGRAM

Repealing the Maryland Renewable Energy Fund and establishing the Maryland Strategic Energy Investment Program in the Maryland Energy Administration; establishing the purpose of the Program; establishing the duties of the Administration under the Program; establishing the Maryland Strategic Energy Investment Fund; providing that the Fund is a special, nonlapsing fund not subject to a specified law; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2008

SB 417 **Senator Edwards, et al**

Chapter 129 PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION – ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND CONSERVATION PROGRAMS AND SERVICES – CUSTOMER NOTIFICATION AND REPORT

Requiring electric companies and gas companies to notify affected customers of energy efficiency and conservation charges and benefits at least annually on the company's website or included with billing information; requiring the Public Service Commission to report to the General Assembly on the status of energy efficiency and conservation programs by February 1, 2009, and every 2 years thereafter; making the Act an emergency measure; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

HB 608 **Delegate Kelly, et al**

Chapter 130 PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION – ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND CONSERVATION PROGRAMS AND SERVICES – CUSTOMER NOTIFICATION AND REPORT

Requiring electric companies and gas companies at least annually to provide affected customers with notice of specified energy efficiency and conservation charges and benefits by publication on the company's website and by inclusion with billing information; requiring the Public Service Commission to report to the General Assembly by February 1, 2009, and every 2 years thereafter on the status of programs and services to encourage and promote energy efficiency and conservation; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

HB 374 **The Speaker (By Request – Administration), et al**

Chapter 131 EMPOWER MARYLAND ENERGY EFFICIENCY ACT OF 2008

Establishing the State goal of achieving a 15% reduction in per capita electricity consumption and peak demand by the end of 2015; requiring the Public Service Commission to calculate per capita electricity consumption and peak demand each year and report the calculations to the General Assembly as part of its annual report; requiring specified municipal electric utilities and specified rural electric cooperatives to include energy efficiency and conservation measures as part of their service; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2008

HB 377 The Speaker (By Request – Administration), et al

Chapter 132 SOLAR AND GEOTHERMAL TAX INCENTIVE AND GRANT PROGRAM

Altering the grant amounts awarded under the Solar Energy Grant Program and the Geothermal Heat Pump Grant Program in the Maryland Energy Administration; authorizing the Administration to adjust the grant amounts under the programs under specified circumstances; exempting from the sales and use tax a sale of specified geothermal equipment and solar energy equipment; exempting from the State and local property tax specified solar energy property; requiring that geothermal property be assessed at a specified value; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008

SB 1013 Senator Middleton

Chapter 133 PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION – NUCLEAR DECOMMISSIONING, ELECTRIC INDUSTRY RESTRUCTURING, AND ACQUISITION AND FINANCING APPROVALS

Authorizing the Public Service Commission to exercise authority as set forth in provisions of federal law under specified circumstances; providing for the construction of provisions of the Act; granting the circuit court jurisdiction to enforce provisions of law; authorizing the Commission to authorize the taking, holding, or acquiring of specified capital stock of a gas and electric company by a stock corporation or public utility under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2008

SB 203 The President (By Request – Administration)

Chapter 134 DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, LICENSING, AND REGULATION – CONSOLIDATION OF WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT FUNCTIONS – TRANSFER OF ADULT EDUCATION AND LITERACY SERVICES AND EDUCATION PROGRAMS FOR CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES

Consolidating workforce development functions by transferring adult education and literacy services and education and training programs for correctional facilities that are administered by the State Department of Education to the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation; creating and renaming units within the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation; establishing the Workforce Creation and Adult Education Transition Council; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008

SB 348 **Senator Middleton**

Chapter 135 RENEWABLE ENERGY PORTFOLIO STANDARD – TIER 1
RENEWABLE SOURCE – POULTRY LITTER

Expanding the definition of a Tier 1 renewable source to include poultry litter-to-energy; altering the definition of a Tier 2 renewable source to exclude the incineration of poultry litter; providing that poultry litter-to-energy is eligible for inclusion in meeting the Tier 1 renewable energy portfolio standard only if the source is connected with the electric distribution grid serving Maryland; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB 1166 **Delegate Davis, et al**

Chapter 136 RENEWABLE ENERGY PORTFOLIO STANDARD – TIER 1
RENEWABLE SOURCE – POULTRY LITTER

Expanding the definition of a Tier 1 renewable source to include poultry litter-to-energy; altering the definition of a Tier 2 renewable source to exclude the incineration of poultry litter; providing that poultry litter-to-energy is eligible for inclusion in meeting the Tier 1 renewable energy portfolio standard only if the source is connected with the electric distribution grid serving Maryland; and repealing a specified requirement to determine whether sufficient poultry litter is available.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB 1337 **Delegate Stein, et al**

Chapter 137 MARYLAND CLEAN ENERGY CENTER

Establishing a Maryland Clean Energy Center; providing for the powers, purposes, and duties of the Center; establishing a Board of Directors of the Center, with specified membership, powers, duties, and officers; providing for the staffing of the Center; providing for the application of specified laws to the Center; authorizing the Center to exercise specified powers; requiring the Center to act as a clearinghouse of information regarding clean energy for specified purposes; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB 117 Delegate Hecht, et al

Chapter 138 REAL PROPERTY – SOLAR COLLECTOR SYSTEMS –
RESTRICTION ON USE AND SOLAR EASEMENT

Providing that a restriction on use regarding land use may not impose unreasonable limitations on the installation of a solar collector system; authorizing a property owner who has installed or intends to install a solar collector system to negotiate to obtain a solar easement in writing; exempting a restriction on use on specified historic properties from applicability of the Act; defining “restriction on use”; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB 140 Delegate Ross, et al

Chapter 139 INCOME TAX – CREDIT FOR CELLULOSIC ETHANOL
TECHNOLOGY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

Allowing a credit against the Maryland income tax for specified cellulosic ethanol technology research and development expenses paid or incurred by an individual or corporation; providing for applications to the Department of Business and Economic Development for approval of the credit and certification by the Department to taxpayers of approved credit amounts; limiting the total amount of credits that the Department may approve for any calendar year to \$250,000; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008

SB 565 Senator Garagiola, et al

Chapter 140 INCOME TAX CREDIT – BIO-HEATING OIL

Allowing an individual or corporation to claim a credit against the State income tax for heating oil with a blend of at least 5% biodiesel that is purchased for space or water heating; requiring the Maryland Energy Administration to adopt specified regulations, to provide the Comptroller with specified information, and to conduct a specified public relations campaign; providing for the termination of the Act; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008

SB 442 **Senator Frosh, et al**

Chapter 141 ENVIRONMENT – CLEAN AIR PERMIT FEES

Altering the circumstances under which specified moneys in the Maryland Clean Air Fund must be deposited in the General Fund; increasing the maximum amount of a specified fee; increasing the cap on a specified fee for 2008 and 2009; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB 1056 **Delegate George, et al**

Chapter 142 ENVIRONMENT – WATER MANAGEMENT ADMINISTRATION – WETLANDS AND WATERWAYS PROGRAM FEES

Establishing specified application fees for applications related to activities in wetlands and waterways; making specified permits subject to a specified application fee refund process; exempting specified persons and activities from the application fees; establishing the Wetlands and Waterways Program Fund; clarifying specified provisions of the Tidal Wetlands Compensation Fund; requiring the Department of the Environment to conduct reviews and submit reports and a plan; defining terms; altering definitions; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008

SB 823 **Carroll County Senators**

Chapter 143 CARROLL COUNTY – GREEN BUILDING TAX CREDIT

Authorizing the governing body of Carroll County to grant, by law, a green building tax credit against the county property tax imposes on specified nonresidential properties on which a person installs specified environmentally friendly technologies; requiring the governing body to establish specified eligibility criteria for the tax credit; requiring the governing body to establish the amount of the tax credit; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

SB 101 **Senator Gladden**

Chapter 144 REAL PROPERTY – HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATIONS –
AMENDMENT OF GOVERNING DOCUMENTS

Authorizing the governing documents of homeowners associations created before January 1, 1960, to be amended once every 5 years, or more frequently if allowed by the governing document, by the affirmative vote of lot owners having at least two-thirds of the votes in the development, or by a lower percentage if required in the governing document; and defining “governing document”.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB 1129 **Delegate Rosenberg, et al**

Chapter 145 REAL PROPERTY – HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATIONS –
AMENDMENT OF GOVERNING DOCUMENTS

Authorizing the governing documents of homeowners associations created before January 1, 1960, to be amended once every 5 years, or more frequently if allowed by the governing document, by the affirmative vote of lot owners having at least two-thirds of the votes in the development, or by a lower percentage if required in the governing document; defining “governing document”; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

SB 117 **Senator Stone, et al**

Chapter 146 BALTIMORE COUNTY – STATE’S ATTORNEY – SALARY

Establishing that the salary of the State’s Attorney for Baltimore County, beginning with the term of the State’s Attorney elected in 2010, is \$194,276; providing that for the year beginning January 1, 2012, and each year thereafter until January 1, 2023, the salary be increased by 1%; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008

HB 123 **Delegate Bromwell**

Chapter 147 BALTIMORE COUNTY – STATE’S ATTORNEY – SALARY

Establishing that the salary of the State’s Attorney for Baltimore County, beginning with the term of the State’s Attorney elected in 2010, is \$194,276; providing that for the year beginning January 1, 2012, and each year thereafter until January 1, 2023, the salary be increased by 1%; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008

SB 121 **Senator Astle**

Chapter 148 ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – HEALTH DEPARTMENT – LICENSE FEES FOR FOOD ESTABLISHMENTS

Requiring the Anne Arundel County Council to provide for a license fee schedule based on anticipated costs of licensing, inspecting, and regulating food establishments; and adding Anne Arundel County to the list of counties that are exempt from limitations on the amount a county may charge for specified fees for obtaining a license to operate a food establishment.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

SB 131 **Senator King, et al**

Chapter 149 MUNICIPAL CORPORATIONS – HOTEL RENTAL TAX

Authorizing a municipal corporation to impose a tax on charges for sleeping accommodations paid to hotels in the municipal corporation, subject to specified limitations; authorizing a municipal corporation to set the tax rate, not to exceed 2%; authorizing a municipal corporation to provide for the administration and collection of the tax, to provide for additional exemptions from the tax, and to impose penalties for failure to collect, report, or pay the tax; requiring a specified municipal corporation to make a specified distribution; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

SB 132 **Senator Simonaire, et al**

Chapter 150 REAL ESTATE SALESPERSONS – QUALIFICATIONS FOR LICENSURE – EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

Including remote access satellite, closed-circuit video, computer (including transmission over the Internet and the World Wide Web), home study, or any other delivery system approved by the State Real Estate Commission as satisfying the education requirements for licensure as a real estate salesperson; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB 566 Delegate McConkey, et al

Chapter 151 **REAL ESTATE SALESPERSONS – QUALIFICATIONS FOR LICENSURE – EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS**

Including remote access satellite, closed-circuit video, computer (including transmission over the Internet and the World Wide Web), home study, or any other delivery system approved by the State Real Estate Commission as satisfying the education requirements for licensure as a real estate salesperson; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

SB 141 Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee (By Request – Departmental – Higher Education Commission)

Chapter 152 **MARYLAND GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM – QUALIFICATIONS**

Expanding eligibility under the Maryland Graduate and Professional Scholarship Program to include students attending an institution of higher education offering a first professional degree in pharmacy.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

SB 180 Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee (By Request – Departmental – Lottery)

Chapter 153 **STATE LOTTERY – PURCHASING, SELLING, OR CASHING LOTTERY TICKETS OR PRIZES**

Prohibiting the purchasing, selling, or cashing of lottery tickets or prizes validated for payment by the State Lottery Agency under specified circumstances; and prohibiting a licensed agent of the State Lottery Agency from paying a prize winner less than the lawful amount or seeking a specified payment, reimbursement, or cashing fee under specified circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

SB 181 **Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee (By**
Chapter 154 **Request – Departmental – Labor, Licensing and Regulation)**

STATE REAL ESTATE COMMISSION – SUMMARY SUSPENSION OF LICENSE – GROUNDS

Authorizing the State Real Estate Commission to suspend summarily a license if the licensee has been convicted of a felony or fails within 10 days after the conviction or within 10 days following release from incarceration, whichever is later, to disclose that the licensee has been convicted of a felony; and making the Act an emergency measure.

EMERGENCY BILL

SB 183 **Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee (By**
Chapter 155 **Request – Departmental – Education)**

PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION – REPEAL OF REQUIREMENT FOR A COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW

Repealing specified uncodified provisions relating to a comprehensive review of the Prince George’s County Board of Education by a consultant.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008

SB 184 **Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee (By**
Chapter 156 **Request – Departmental – Education)**

FAMILY LAW – CHILD CARE CENTERS – EMERGENCY SUSPENSIONS

Requiring the licensee or holder of a letter of compliance to cease operation of a child care center immediately upon delivery of an emergency suspension notice; repealing a provision requiring a stay of an emergency suspension under specified circumstances; authorizing the licensee or letter holder to request a hearing before the State Superintendent of Schools; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

SB 187 **Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee (By**
Chapter 157 **Request – Departmental – Higher Education Commission)**

INSTITUTIONS OF POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION – CERTIFICATE OF APPROVAL

Authorizing the Maryland Higher Education Commission to require an application fee from institutions of postsecondary education seeking certification to operate in the State.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

SB 193 **Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee (By Request – Departmental – Human Resources)**
Chapter 158

FAMILY LAW – SOCIAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION – DEFINITION

Expanding the definition of “Administration” for purposes of provisions of law relating to foster care and child care to include any other units within the State Department of Human Resources to which the Secretary of Human Resources has delegated in writing specified responsibilities.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008

SB 194 **Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Human Resources)**
Chapter 159

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES – NEW HIRES REGISTRY QUARTERLY REPORT – REPEAL

Repealing a provision requiring the Department of Human Resources to establish a task force to evaluate the burden on employers resulting from the development of a new hire registry, to report on its findings to the General Assembly by a specified date, and to report quarterly to the Joint Committee on Welfare Reform.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008

SB 196 **Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Labor, Licensing and Regulation)**
Chapter 160

STATE COMMISSION OF REAL ESTATE APPRAISERS AND HOME INSPECTORS – HOME INSPECTORS – LICENSING, DISCLOSURE, AND INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

Altering specified licensing requirements for a home inspector licensed by the State Commission of Real Estate Appraisers and Home Inspectors; requiring home inspectors to maintain specified amounts of general liability insurance; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

SB 197 **Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Labor, Licensing and Regulation)**
Chapter 161

HARNESS RACING – MARYLAND STANDARDBRED RACE FUND

Repealing the requirement that the State Racing Commission cancel a Maryland Standardbred Fund race if there are fewer than two separate qualified entries in the race.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008

SB 198 **Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request – Departmental – Human Resources)**
Chapter 162

FAMILY LAW – CHILD SUPPORT COLLECTION FEE

Increasing the amount of child support payments that a family is required to receive before the Child Support Enforcement Administration is authorized to deduct a specified collection fee; altering the termination date of a provision that authorizes the Child Support Enforcement Administration to deduct an annual collection fee from child support payments in specified cases; and requiring the Secretary of Human Resources to notify the Department of Legislative Services if a specified federal requirement is repealed.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

SB 259 **Senators Middleton and Edwards (Joint Subcommittee on Program Open Space/Agricultural Land Preservation), et al**
Chapter 163

PROGRAM OPEN SPACE – ATTAINMENT OF ACQUISITION GOALS – INCREASED ALLOCATION FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Altering the amount a local government can spend on development projects after it has attained its acquisition goals under Program Open Space; and terminating the Act at the end of May 31, 2010.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2008

SB 287 **Senator Stoltzfus, et al**

Chapter 164 **STATE DESIGNATIONS – SMITH ISLAND CAKE – STATE DESSERT**

Designating Smith Island cake as the State dessert.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB 315 **Delegate Elmore, et al**

Chapter 165 **STATE DESIGNATIONS – SMITH ISLAND CAKE – STATE DESSERT**

Designating Smith Island cake as the State dessert.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

SB 294 **Senator Garagiola, et al**

Chapter 166 CRIMINAL LAW – CRIMES AGAINST A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER – DEFINITION OF LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

Altering the definition of a law enforcement officer to include an officer employed by the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) for specified crimes against law enforcement officers.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB 348 **Delegates Waldstreicher and Feldman**

Chapter 167 CRIMINAL LAW – CRIMES AGAINST A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER – DEFINITION OF LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

Altering the definition of a law enforcement officer for specified crimes against law enforcement officers.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

SB 304 **Senator Middleton**

Chapter 168 STATEWIDE ADVISORY COMMISSION ON IMMUNIZATIONS – INFLUENZA VACCINES – STUDY

Requiring the Statewide Advisory Commission on Immunizations to study the current availability and anticipated future availability of single-dose influenza vaccines for use in the State and evaluate the cost differential between single-dose and multi-dose influenza vaccines; and requiring the Commission to report its findings to committees of the General Assembly by December 1, 2008.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2008

HB 586 **Delegates Kullen and Kipke**

Chapter 169 STATEWIDE ADVISORY COMMISSION ON IMMUNIZATIONS – INFLUENZA VACCINES – STUDY

Requiring the Statewide Advisory Commission on Immunizations to study the current availability and anticipated future availability of single-dose influenza vaccines for use in the State and evaluate the cost differential between single-dose and multi-dose influenza vaccines; and requiring the Commission to report its findings to committees of the General Assembly by December 1, 2008.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2008

SB 308 **Senator Pinsky**

Chapter 170 TOWN OF BERWYN HEIGHTS EMPLOYEES – PARTICIPATION IN THE EMPLOYEES’ PENSION SYSTEM

Requiring specified employees of the Town of Berwyn Heights to participate in the Employees’ Pension System of the State of Maryland as of the date that the Town begins participating in the System; providing that membership in the System is optional for specified employees; providing for specified employees of the Town to receive service credit for specified prior service; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008

HB 986 **Delegate Gaines, et al**

Chapter 171 TOWN OF BERWYN HEIGHTS EMPLOYEES – PARTICIPATION IN THE EMPLOYEES’ PENSION SYSTEM

Requiring specified employees of the Town of Berwyn Heights to participate in the Employees’ Pension System of the State of Maryland on or after the date that the Town of Berwyn Heights begins participating in the System; providing that membership in the System is optional for specified employees; providing for specified employees of the Town of Berwyn Heights to receive service credit for specified prior service; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008

SB 326 **Senator Miller**

Chapter 172 CALVERT COUNTY – SHERIFF – PENSIONS

Permitting an individual who has served as Sheriff of Calvert County to participate in the Calvert County Employees’ Savings Plan.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

SB 419 **Senator Glassman**

Chapter 173 AGRICULTURE – WILD POLLINATORS PROGRAM

Establishing, subject to funding in the State budget, the Maryland Wild Pollinators Program for the purpose of increasing awareness of wild pollinators and the availability of noninvasive plants that are pollinator friendly; requiring the Department of Agriculture to increase awareness among nurseries and land managers of noninvasive plants that are pollinator friendly and to provide specified grants under the Program; and providing for the termination of the Act.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB 208 Delegate Riley, et al

Chapter 174 AGRICULTURE – WILD POLLINATORS PROGRAM

Establishing, subject to funding in the State budget, the Maryland Wild Pollinators Program for the purpose of increasing awareness of wild pollinators and the availability of noninvasive plants that are pollinator friendly; requiring the Department of Agriculture to provide grants under the Program to increase the availability of seed and nursery stock for noninvasive plants that are pollinator friendly; and providing for termination of the Act at the end of September 30, 2010.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

SB 428 Senator Pinsky, et al

Chapter 175 EDUCATION – MILITARY RECRUITERS – STUDENT CONTACT INFORMATION – OPPORTUNITY TO OPT OUT

Requiring public schools to provide notice to specified students or the parents or guardians of the students about the right not to release student contact information to military recruiters; requiring public schools to include the notice in a specified format, size, and type on the card requesting emergency contact information for the student; requesting the student or the parent or guardian of the student to indicate if the student's contact information is not to be released to military recruiters; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

SB 431 Senator Pinsky, et al

Chapter 176 TASK FORCE TO STUDY A NO NET LOSS OF FOREST POLICY

Requesting that the Governor establish a Task Force to Study a No Net Loss of Forest Policy; requiring the Task Force to develop a plan and draft legislation; requiring the Task Force to submit the plan and the draft legislation to the Governor and General Assembly on or before December 1, 2008; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2008

SB 444 **Senator King, et al**

Chapter 177 CORPORATE INCOME TAX – REPORTING AND STUDY

Altering the membership of the Maryland Business Tax Reform Commission; limiting to specified taxable years a requirement for specified corporations engaged in manufacturing to submit specified reports as part of their income tax returns; altering a definition and repealing definitions; altering reporting requirements and limiting reporting requirements to taxable years beginning before January 1, 2011; repealing penalty provisions and authorizing the Comptroller to develop and implement a penalty system; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008

HB 664 **Delegate Barve, et al**

Chapter 178 CORPORATE INCOME TAX – REPORTING AND STUDY

Altering the membership of the Maryland Business Tax Reform Commission; limiting to specified taxable years a requirement for specified corporations engaged in manufacturing to submit specified reports as part of their income tax returns; altering a definition and repealing definitions; altering reporting requirements and limiting reporting requirements to taxable years beginning before January 1, 2011; repealing penalty provisions and authorizing the Comptroller to develop and implement a penalty system; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008

SB 456 **Senator Astle**

Chapter 179 SALES AND USE TAX – ENERGY STAR PRODUCT EXEMPTIONS –
BOILERS

Altering the definition of “Energy Star product” for the purpose of specified tax-free periods to include boilers under a sales and use tax exemption for specified appliances that meet or exceed specified applicable energy efficiency guidelines.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008

HB 985 Delegate V. Clagett, et al

Chapter 180 SALES AND USE TAX – ENERGY STAR PRODUCT EXEMPTIONS –
BOILERS

Altering the definition of “Energy Star product” for the purpose of specified tax-free periods to include boilers under a sales and use tax exemption for specified appliances that meet or exceed specified applicable energy efficiency guidelines.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008

SB 458 Senator Astle, et al

Chapter 181 TOURISM PROMOTION ACT OF 2008

Requiring the Maryland Tourism Development Board to provide grants to the destination marketing organizations and financial assistance to the Office of Tourism Development; requiring the Comptroller, on or before August 1 each year, to make a specified calculation regarding specified annual sales and use tax revenues collected on the retail sale of tourist-oriented goods and services under specified codes after consultation with the Department of Business and Economic Development; etc.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

SB 459 Senator Middleton, et al

Chapter 182 TASK FORCE TO REVIEW PHYSICIAN SHORTAGES IN RURAL
AREAS

Creating a Task Force to Review Physician Shortages in Rural Areas; requiring the Task Force to study recruitment and retention of primary care physicians in rural areas, funding of programs to encourage physician practice in rural areas, federal and State programs relating to physician geographic distribution, and financial and tax incentives for specified physicians, and to make recommendations; requiring the University of Maryland School of Medicine to develop a Rural Residency Track Pilot Program; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2008

SB 492 **Senator Frosh, et al**

Chapter 183 VEHICULAR CROSSINGS – USE BY PEDESTRIANS AND BICYCLES
– AUTHORIZATION

Authorizing the use of specified vehicular crossings under the jurisdiction of the Maryland Transportation Authority by pedestrians and bicycles when authorized by the Chairman of the Maryland Transportation Authority.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

SB 496 **Senator Della**

Chapter 184 BALTIMORE CITY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES LICENSES –
RESTAURANTS IN BUSINESS PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT

Authorizing the Board of Liquor License Commissioners of Baltimore City to issue up to three Class B beer, wine and liquor restaurant licenses in a business planned unit development in ward 24, precinct 5 of the 46th alcoholic beverages district; and requiring the restaurants to have a minimum capital investment of \$700,000, a seating capacity for 75 to 150 persons, and average daily receipts from the sale of food that are at least 65% of the total daily receipts of the restaurant.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008

SB 511 **Senators Middleton and Conway**

Chapter 185 HEALTH OCCUPATIONS – DENTAL HYGIENE STUDENTS –
EXCEPTION FROM LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS WHILE
PARTICIPATING IN APPROVED EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

Providing that a specified licensure requirement does not apply to specified students of dental hygiene while engaged in specified approved educational programs in dental hygiene.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

SB 533 **Senator Muse, et al**

Chapter 186 TASK FORCE TO STUDY HOW TO IMPROVE FINANCIAL LITERACY IN THE STATE

Creating a Task Force to Study How to Improve Financial Literacy in the State; requiring the Task Force to study the ability of consumers to understand basic financial concepts and the problems created by a lack of financial literacy or knowledge; requiring the Task Force to make recommendations regarding how to address specified problems and the utility of requiring financial literacy education as part of primary and secondary education; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008

HB 1242 **Delegate Stein, et al**

Chapter 187 TASK FORCE TO STUDY HOW TO IMPROVE FINANCIAL LITERACY IN THE STATE

Creating a Task Force to Study How to Improve Financial Literacy in the State; requiring the Task Force to study the ability of consumers to understand basic financial concepts and the problems created by a lack of financial literacy or knowledge; requiring the Task Force to make recommendations regarding how to address specified problems and the benefits and drawbacks of requiring financial literacy education as part of primary and secondary education; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008

SB 546 **Senators Forehand and Miller**

Chapter 188 STATE GOVERNMENT – COMMEMORATIVE DAYS – MARYLAND CHARTER DAY AND ANNAPOLIS CHARTER DAY

Requiring the Governor annually to proclaim June 20 as Maryland Charter Day; and requiring the Governor annually to proclaim December 17 as Annapolis Charter Day.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2008

HB 957 **Delegate V. Clagett**

Chapter 189 STATE GOVERNMENT – COMMEMORATIVE DAYS – MARYLAND CHARTER DAY AND ANNAPOLIS CHARTER DAY

Requiring the Governor annually to proclaim June 20 as Maryland Charter Day; and requiring the Governor annually to proclaim December 17 as Annapolis Charter Day.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2008

SB 551 Senator Gladden

Chapter 190 CHILDREN IN NEED OF ASSISTANCE – CUSTODY DETERMINATIONS – PROHIBITION AGAINST CONSIDERATION OF DISABILITIES

Prohibiting a court, in determining whether to grant custody and guardianship of a child in need of assistance to a relative or a nonrelative, from considering a disability of the relative or nonrelative, unless the court finds that the disability causes a condition that is detrimental to the best interests of the child.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

SB 556 Senator Gladden

Chapter 191 CORPORATIONS – OBJECTING STOCKHOLDERS – RIGHT TO FAIR VALUE OF STOCK

Altering the circumstances under which a stockholder of a Maryland corporation who objects to specified transactions may demand and receive the fair value of the stockholder's stock; authorizing a stockholder to demand the fair value of stock listed on a national securities exchange under specified circumstances; altering the definition of "beneficial owner" under the Maryland Business Combination Act to exclude, under specified circumstances, a person that holds a revocable proxy from a stockholder; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2008

SB 571 Senator Astle

Chapter 192 SURETY INSURERS – FAILURE TO PAY BAIL BOND JUDGMENT – PENALTIES

Providing that a surety insurer that is precluded or removed from a specified list by a circuit court due to failure to timely resolve or satisfy specified bail bond forfeitures shall be subject to specified penalties; and requiring a clerk of a circuit court to notify the Maryland Insurance Commissioner of the names of specified surety insurers and specified bond forfeitures at a specified time.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

SB 590 **Senator Pinsky, et al**

Chapter 193 ENVIRONMENT – STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS

Altering the statute of limitations for prosecution of and suits for violations of specified laws relating to the environment; and applying the Act prospectively.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB 1193 **Delegates McIntosh and Hucker**

Chapter 194 ENVIRONMENT – STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS

Altering the statute of limitations for prosecution of and suits for violations of specified laws relating to the environment; and applying the Act prospectively.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

SB 602 **Senator Pinsky**

Chapter 195 DIRECT BILLING OF ANATOMIC PATHOLOGY SERVICES

Requiring specified clinical laboratories, physicians, or group practices that provide anatomic pathology services to specified patients to present or cause to be presented claims, bills, or demands for payment to specified individuals and entities, subject to limitations; prohibiting specified health care practitioners from directly or indirectly charging, billing, or otherwise soliciting payment for anatomic pathology services unless specified requirements are met; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB 1089 **Delegate Donoghue**

Chapter 196 DIRECT BILLING OF ANATOMIC PATHOLOGY SERVICES

Requiring specified clinical laboratories, physicians, or group practices that provide anatomic pathology services to specified patients to present or cause to be presented claims, bills, or demands for payment to specified individuals and entities, subject to limitations; prohibiting specified health care practitioners from directly or indirectly charging, billing, or otherwise soliciting payment for anatomic pathology services unless specified requirements are met; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

SB 674 **Senator Brinkley**

Chapter 197 WATER RESOURCES – GROUNDWATER APPROPRIATION OR USE
– PRIORITY FUNDING AREAS

Authorizing the Maryland Department of the Environment, when appropriating groundwater of the State in Carroll, Fredrick, or Washington counties, to give priority to a public water system that provides water to a municipal corporation under specified circumstances or to a priority funding area established on or before January 1, 2000, under § 5–7B–02(7) of the State Finance and Procurement Article; authorizing the Department to adopt regulations; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB 1423 **Delegate Hecht, et al**

Chapter 198 WATER RESOURCES – GROUNDWATER APPROPRIATION OR USE
– PRIORITY FUNDING AREAS

Authorizing the Maryland Department of the Environment, when appropriating groundwater of the State in Carroll, Frederick, or Washington counties, to give priority to a public water system that provides water to a municipal corporation under specified circumstances or to a priority funding area established on or before January 1, 2000, under § 5–7B–02(7) of the State Finance and Procurement Article; authorizing the Department to adopt regulations; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

SB 677 **Senator Garagiola, et al**

Chapter 199 NURSING FACILITIES – ACCOUNTABILITY MEASURES – PAY–
FOR–PERFORMANCE

Requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to develop a plan for accountability measures to use in a pay–for–performance program; delaying a requirement that revenues be distributed to nursing facilities; requiring that a plan for accountability measures to use in a pay–for–performance program include specified items; and requiring the Department to submit a plan to the General Assembly.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008

HB 809 **Delegate James, et al**

Chapter 200 NURSING FACILITIES – ACCOUNTABILITY MEASURES – PAY-FOR-PERFORMANCE

Requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to develop a plan for accountability measures to use in a pay-for-performance program; delaying a requirement that revenues be distributed to nursing facilities; requiring that a plan for accountability measures to use in a pay-for-performance program include specified items; and requiring the Department to submit a plan to the General Assembly.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008

SB 722 **Senator Klausmeier, et al**

Chapter 201 PHARMACY BENEFITS MANAGERS – REGISTRATION

Requiring a pharmacy benefits manager to register with the Maryland Insurance Commissioner before providing pharmacy benefits management services in the State; requiring an applicant for registration to file an application on a specified form and pay to the Commissioner a specified fee; requiring the Commissioner to register each pharmacy benefits manager that meets the specified requirements; providing for the expiration and renewal of a registration; prohibiting a pharmacy benefits manager from taking specified actions; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB 419 **Delegate Elliott, et al**

Chapter 202 PHARMACY BENEFITS MANAGERS – REGISTRATION

Requiring a pharmacy benefits manager to register with the Maryland Insurance Commissioner before providing pharmacy benefits management services in the State; requiring an applicant for registration to file an application on a specified form and pay to the Commissioner a specified fee; requiring the Commissioner to register each pharmacy benefits manager that meets the specified requirements; providing for the expiration and renewal of a registration; prohibiting a pharmacy benefits manager from taking specified actions; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

SB 723 **Senator Klausmeier, et al**

Chapter 203 PHARMACY BENEFITS MANAGERS – THERAPEUTIC INTERCHANGES

Prohibiting a pharmacy benefits manager or its agent from requesting a therapeutic interchange unless specified conditions are met; defining “therapeutic interchange” as “any change from one prescription drug to another”; requiring a pharmacy benefits manager or its agent to obtain authorization to make a therapeutic interchange and to make disclosures to a prescriber; requiring a pharmacy benefits manager or its agent to disclose information to a beneficiary with the prescription drug dispensed; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB 343 **Delegate Kipke, et al**

Chapter 204 PHARMACY BENEFITS MANAGERS – THERAPEUTIC INTERCHANGES

Prohibiting a pharmacy benefits manager or its agent from requesting a therapeutic interchange unless specified conditions are met; defining “therapeutic interchange” as “any change from one prescription drug to another”; requiring a pharmacy benefits manager or its agent to obtain authorization to make a therapeutic interchange and to make disclosures to a prescriber; requiring a pharmacy benefits manager or its agent to disclose information to a beneficiary with the prescription drug dispensed; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

SB 724 **Senators Klausmeier and Della**

Chapter 205 PHARMACY BENEFITS MANAGERS – DISCLOSURES

Requiring a pharmacy benefits manager, before entering into a contract with a purchaser, to provide a potential purchaser with information regarding manufacturer payments and to offer to provide the purchaser with a report of manufacturer payments earned by the pharmacy benefits manager; providing that the Act does not diminish the authority of the Office of the Attorney General or the Maryland Insurance Commissioner to obtain information relating to a pharmacy benefits manager and use the information in any proceeding; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB 120 Delegate Bromwell, et al

Chapter 206 PHARMACY BENEFITS MANAGERS – DISCLOSURES

Requiring a pharmacy benefits manager to provide a potential purchaser with information regarding manufacturer payments and to offer to provide the purchaser with a report of manufacturer payments earned by the pharmacy benefits manager; providing that the Act does not diminish the authority of the Office of the Attorney General or the Maryland Insurance Commissioner to obtain and use specified information; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

SB 742 Senator Zirkin

Chapter 207 HUMAN SERVICES – RESIDENTIAL CHILD CARE PROGRAM – BILL OF RIGHTS

Providing that a contract awarded or renewed between a specified agency and a provider of a residential child care program shall require the provider to conspicuously post a “Residents’ Bill of Rights” in the facility of the provider that includes specified rights; requiring a provider of a residential child care program to develop and, on placement, provide to residents and their parents or legal guardians a handbook of the policies of the provider and the contracting agency as they relate to specified issues; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

SB 757 Senator Colburn

Chapter 208 WETLANDS – CONSTRUCTION OF STRUCTURE ON PIER – EXCEPTION

Authorizing the Board of Public Works to issue a license for construction of a dwelling unit or other non–water dependent structure on a pier located on State wetlands under specified circumstances; authorizing the Secretary of the Environment to issue a permit for the construction of a dwelling unit or other non–water dependent structure on a pier located on private wetlands under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2008

HB 1266 Delegate Cane, et al

Chapter 209 WETLANDS – CONSTRUCTION OF STRUCTURE ON PIER – EXCEPTION

Authorizing the Board of Public Works to issue a license for construction of a dwelling unit or other non–water dependent structure on a pier located on State wetlands under specified circumstances; authorizing the Secretary of the Environment to issue a permit for the construction of a dwelling unit or other non–water dependent structure on a pier located on private wetlands under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2008

SB 760 Senator Stone

Chapter 210 PROPERTY TAX CREDIT – RESIDENCE OF HOMEOWNER’S FAMILY MEMBER

Authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City or the governing body of a county or of a municipal corporation to grant, by law, a tax credit against the county or municipal corporation property tax imposed on family assistance dwellings; authorizing the county or municipal corporation to provide, by law, for the amount and duration of the credit and specified other provisions to carry out the credit; defining “family assistance dwelling”; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2008

SB 764 Senator Conway

Chapter 211 STATE BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS NOMINATION AND DISCIPLINARY PROCESSES – TASK FORCE ON THE DISCIPLINE OF HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS AND IMPROVED PATIENT CARE

Requiring the State Board of Dental Examiners to conduct a solicitation and balloting process and submit to the Governor specified lists of nominees for membership on the Board; requiring that the Board develop guidelines that to the extent possible will result in a specified Board composition reflecting the diversity of the State; establishing a Task Force on the Discipline of Health Care Professionals and Improved Patient Care; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008

HB 811 Delegate Nathan–Pulliam, et al

Chapter 212 STATE BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS NOMINATION AND DISCIPLINARY PROCESSES – TASK FORCE ON THE DISCIPLINE OF HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS AND IMPROVED PATIENT CARE

Requiring the State Board of Dental Examiners to conduct a solicitation and balloting process and submit to the Governor specified lists of nominees for membership on the Board; requiring that the Board develop guidelines that to the extent possible will result in a specified Board composition reflecting the diversity of the State; requiring the Board to adopt specified regulations; establishing the Task Force on the Discipline of Health Care Professionals and Improved Patient Care; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008

SB 766 Senator Conway

Chapter 213 MARYLAND ANATOMICAL GIFT DONOR REGISTRY

Establishing that a donor may make a gift by authorizing that a statement or symbol be included on a donor registry; requiring the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene to contract with and provide compensation to a specified nonprofit entity for the establishment, maintenance, and operation of a donor registry; defining “donor” as an individual whose body or part is the subject of an anatomical gift; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB 906 Delegate Morhaim, et al

Chapter 214 MARYLAND ANATOMICAL GIFT DONOR REGISTRY

Establishing that a donor may make a gift by authorizing that a statement or symbol be included on a donor registry; requiring the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene to contract with and provide compensation to a specified nonprofit entity for the establishment, maintenance, and operation of a donor registry; defining “donor” as an individual whose body or part is the subject of an anatomical gift; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

SB 767 **Senator Conway**

Chapter 215 HEALTH OCCUPATIONS – BOARD OF PHARMACY – REMOTE
AUTOMATED MEDICATION SYSTEMS

Requiring the Board of Pharmacy to adopt regulations to authorize pharmacists to dispense medication from a remote location for the benefit of a health care facility that uses a remote automated medication system; requiring a pharmacist to be responsible for the accountability of medications in the system; requiring a pharmacist who is not physically present where the remote automated medication system is located to have access to the system by electronic and visual means for specified purposes; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2008

HB 1387 **Delegate Mizeur, et al**

Chapter 216 HEALTH OCCUPATIONS – BOARD OF PHARMACY – REMOTE
AUTOMATED MEDICATION SYSTEMS

Requiring the Board of Pharmacy to adopt regulations to authorize pharmacists to dispense medication from a remote location for the benefit of a health care facility that uses a remote automated medication system; requiring a pharmacist to be responsible for the accountability of medications in the system; requiring a pharmacist who is not physically present where the remote automated medication system is located to have access to the system by electronic and visual means for specified purposes; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2008

SB 780 **Carroll County Senators**

Chapter 217 CARROLL COUNTY – PUBLIC FACILITIES BONDS

Authorizing and empowering the County Commissioners of Carroll County, from time to time, to borrow not more than \$120,000,000 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; prohibiting the County from financing specified costs associated with a Criminal Justice Building, subject to a contingency; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2008

SB 783 **Senator Zirkin**

Chapter 218 **RESIDENTIAL CHILD CARE PROGRAMS – CERTIFICATION OF
RESIDENTIAL CHILD CARE PROGRAM PROFESSIONALS**

Renaming the State Board for Certification of Residential Child Care Program Administrators to be the State Board for Certification of Residential Child Care Program Professionals; altering the membership of the Board; requiring an individual to be certified before the individual may perform specified responsibilities as a residential child and youth care practitioner in residential child care programs; specifying the qualifications of certificates; specifying applications procedures; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

SB 795 **Senator DeGrange**

Chapter 219 **PRIOR AUTHORIZATIONS OF STATE DEBT TO FUND CAPITAL
PROJECTS – ALTERATIONS**

Amending specified prior Acts of the General Assembly that authorized creation of State Debt through the issuance, sale, and delivery of general obligation bonds, the proceeds of which were designated for funding specified capital projects; requiring specified loan proceeds to be encumbered by the Board of Public Works or expended for specified purposes by a specified date; altering the grantees under specified projects; altering and expanding the authorized uses of specified grants; etc.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2008

SB 797 **Senators Astle and Kittleman**

Chapter 220 **LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT – WAGE PAYMENT ON
TERMINATION OF EMPLOYMENT – ACCRUED LEAVE**

Requiring that employers give notice of accrued leave benefits to employees; specifying that an employer with a specified written policy is not required to pay accrued leave to an employee on termination of employment under specified circumstances; etc.
EMERGENCY BILL

SB 822 **Carroll County Senators**

Chapter 221 **CARROLL COUNTY – DISTRIBUTION OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS
TO MINORS – PROHIBITION AND PENALTIES**

Prohibiting specified distributions of specified tobacco products, cigarette rolling papers, and tobacco-related coupons to minors in Carroll County; authorizing specified defenses to a violation of the Act; and establishing specified civil penalties.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

SB 826 **Senators Conway and Harrington**

Chapter 222 **HIV TESTING – INFORMED CONSENT AND TREATMENT**

Altering requirements for health care providers to obtain informed consent for HIV testing; establishing procedures for referral for treatment and supportive services for individuals who test positive; requiring specified health care providers to notify pregnant women that they will be tested for HIV infection as part of routine tests; requiring specified health care providers to advise pregnant women that they have the right to refuse the test for HIV infection without penalty; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008

HB 991 **Delegate Pena–Melnyk, et al**

Chapter 223 **HIV TESTING – INFORMED CONSENT AND TREATMENT**

Altering requirements for health care providers to obtain informed consent for HIV testing; establishing procedures for referral for treatment and supportive services for individuals who test positive; requiring specified health care providers to notify pregnant women that they will be tested for HIV infection as part of routine tests; requiring specified health care providers to advise pregnant women that they have the right to refuse the test for HIV infection without penalty; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008

SB 828 **Senator Conway**

Chapter 224 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE – BIRTH DEFECTS RESEARCH – MEDICAL INFORMATION

Requiring the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene to appoint epidemiologists and parents or guardians of children with birth defects to a committee that makes specified reports to the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene concerning children born with birth defects; requiring hospitals to submit specified reports to the Department within 1 month after the date of release of the child’s mother from the hospital; allowing guardians of children with birth defects to be appointed to a specified committee; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

SB 831 **Senator Colburn**

Chapter 225 ENVIRONMENT – BAY RESTORATION FUND – AUTHORIZED USES OF FUND

Authorizing specified fee revenue collected for the Bay Restoration Fund to be used to award grants or loans for specified costs related to specified community sewerage systems; defining “community sewerage system” as a publicly or privately owned sewerage system that serves at least two lots; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB 581 **Delegate Costa, et al**

Chapter 226 ENVIRONMENT – BAY RESTORATION FUND – AUTHORIZED USES OF FUND

Authorizing specified fee revenue collected for the Bay Restoration Fund to be used to award grants or loans for specified costs related to specified community sewerage systems; defining “community sewerage system” as a publicly or privately owned sewerage system that serves at least two lots; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

SB 848 **Senator Conway**

Chapter 227 **STATE BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS – MEMBERSHIP – QUALIFICATIONS**

Increasing to 12 the number of members on the State Board of Social Work Examiners; requiring one member of the Board to be primarily engaged in social worker education at a social work program accredited by the Council on Social Work Education and to be nominated from a list of names submitted by the deans and directors of the Maryland social work education programs, subject to an exception; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

SB 859 **Senator Kasemeyer**

Chapter 228 **BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION TO STUDY RETIREE HEALTH CARE FUNDING OPTIONS – EXTENSION OF REPORTING AND TERMINATION DATES**

Requiring the Blue Ribbon Commission to Study Retiree Health Care Funding Options to issue an interim report to the Governor and the General Assembly by December 31, 2008; extending the date to December 31, 2009, by which the Commission is required to submit a final report; and extending the termination date of the Blue Ribbon Commission to Study Retiree Health Care Funding Options to the end of June 30, 2010.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008

HB 1233 **Delegate Griffith, et al**

Chapter 229 **BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION TO STUDY RETIREE HEALTH CARE FUNDING OPTIONS – EXTENSION OF REPORTING AND TERMINATION DATES**

Requiring the Blue Ribbon Commission to Study Retiree Health Care Funding Options to issue an interim report of its findings by December 31, 2008, and a final report on findings and recommendations by December 31, 2009; and extending the termination date of the Blue Ribbon Commission to Study Retiree Health Care Funding Options from July 1, 2009, to July 1, 2010.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008

SB 860 **Senator Glassman**

Chapter 230 FOREST AND PARK WARDENS – RESPONSIBILITIES

Repealing a requirement that a forest or park warden take specified actions on learning of a forest fire; requiring a forest or park warden who sees a forest fire or who receives a request by a fire company to assist with a fire plow or provide incident command expertise at the scene; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB 1473 **Delegate Malone**

Chapter 231 FOREST AND PARK WARDENS – RESPONSIBILITIES

Repealing a requirement that a forest or park warden take specified actions on learning of a forest fire; requiring a forest or park warden who sees a forest fire or who receives a request by a fire company to assist with a fire plow or provide incident command expertise at the scene; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

SB 889 **Senator Dyson**

Chapter 232 NURSE PRACTITIONERS – AUTHORITY TO CERTIFY

Authorizing a nurse practitioner to certify that a specified minor is pregnant or has given birth under specified circumstances; authorizing a nurse practitioner or a nurse midwife to provide specified information about the birth of a child for purposes of filing a birth certificate; authorizing a nurse practitioner to complete and sign a specified death certificate under specified circumstances; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB 1140 **Delegate Kullen, et al**

Chapter 233 NURSE PRACTITIONERS – AUTHORITY TO CERTIFY

Authorizing a nurse practitioner to certify that a specified minor is pregnant or has given birth under specified circumstances; authorizing a nurse practitioner or a nurse midwife to provide specified information about the birth of a child for purposes of filing a birth certificate; authorizing a nurse practitioner to complete and sign a specified death certificate under specified circumstances; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

SB 900 **Senator Klausmeier**

Chapter 234 EXHIBITORS – LICENSURE – NATIONAL CONVENTION
EXEMPTION

Specifying that the exemption from the trader's license requirement imposed on exhibitors applies to exhibitors that provide the promoter with an affidavit stating that the exhibitor has not participated in more than three shows, not including participation in a specified national show, in addition to the current annual income requirements.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2008

HB 1386 **Delegate Rudolph**

Chapter 235 EXHIBITORS – LICENSURE – NATIONAL CONVENTION
EXEMPTION

Specifying that the exemption from the trader's license requirement imposed on exhibitors applies to exhibitors that provide the promoter with an affidavit stating that the exhibitor has not participated in more than three shows, not including participation in a specified national show, in addition to the current annual income requirements.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2008

SB 903 **Senator Kelley**

Chapter 236 TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY ADVISORY BOARD – SUNSET –
REPEAL

Repealing the termination date of the Traumatic Brain Injury Advisory Board.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008

SB 909 **Senator Middleton**

Chapter 237 MARYLAND AGRICULTURAL LAND PRESERVATION
FOUNDATION – BOARD OF TRUSTEES – YOUNG FARMER

Expanding the membership of the board of trustees of the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation to include a member appointed by the Governor from a list of three nominees submitted by the Young Farmers Advisory Board; requiring nominees submitted by the Young Farmers Advisory Board to meet specified requirements; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2008

SB 916 **Senator Middleton**

Chapter 238 MARYLAND TRAUMA PHYSICIAN SERVICES FUND –
REIMBURSEMENT AND GRANTS

Requiring specified costs incurred by specified trauma centers to maintain specified surgeons on-call to be reimbursed from the Maryland Trauma Physicians Services Fund at a specified rate under specified circumstances; specifying the maximum number of hours that specified trauma centers are eligible per year for reimbursement; increasing a cap on reimbursement from the Fund to specified physicians; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008

SB 920 **Senator Brinkley, et al**

Chapter 239 TASK FORCE TO STUDY STATEWIDE GYPSY MOTH
INFESTATION

Establishing a Task Force to Study Statewide Gypsy Moth Infestation; providing for the membership of the Task Force; providing that the Governor shall designate the chair of the Task Force; providing for the staffing of the Task Force; providing for the duties of the Task Force; and requiring the Task Force to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before August 31, 2009.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

SB 941 **Senator Stoltzfus**

Chapter 240 NATURAL RESOURCES – SOMERS COVE MARINA COMMISSION

Establishing the Somers Cove Marina Commission; providing that the Commission is a body politic and corporate and an instrumentality of the State; authorizing the Commission to take specified actions under specified circumstances; providing for the membership and terms of members of the Commission; prohibiting a member of the Commission from receiving compensation; authorizing a member to receive specified reimbursement; requiring the Commission, on November 1, 2013, to report findings and recommendations to the General Assembly; etc.

EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 1, 2008

HB 1463 Delegate Conway, et al

Chapter 241 NATURAL RESOURCES – SOMERS COVE MARINA COMMISSION

Establishing the Somers Cove Marina Commission; providing that the Commission is a body politic and corporate and an instrumentality of the State; authorizing the Commission to take specified actions under specified circumstances; providing for the membership and terms of members of the Commission; prohibiting a member of the Commission from receiving compensation; requiring the Department of Natural Resources and the Commission, on November 1, 2013, to report findings and recommendations to the General Assembly; etc.

EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 1, 2008

SB 960 Senator Klausmeier

Chapter 242 STATE BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC AND MASSAGE THERAPY EXAMINERS – LICENSURE OF MASSAGE THERAPISTS

Renaming the State Board of Chiropractic Examiners to be the State Board of Chiropractic and Massage Therapy Examiners; providing for the licensure of massage therapists by the Board; increasing the number of the members of the Board; adding a specified number of licensed chiropractor members and licensed massage therapist members to the Board; requiring the Governor to appoint massage therapist members with the advice and consent of the Senate from a specified list submitted by a specified association; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB 1563 Delegate Hubbard

Chapter 243 STATE BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC AND MASSAGE THERAPY EXAMINERS – LICENSURE OF MASSAGE THERAPISTS

Renaming the State Board of Chiropractic Examiners to be the State Board of Chiropractic and Massage Therapy Examiners; providing for the licensure of massage therapists by the Board; increasing the number of the members of the Board; adding a specified number of licensed chiropractor members and licensed massage therapist members to the Board; requiring the Governor to appoint massage therapist members with the advice and consent of the Senate from a specified list submitted by a specified association; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

SB 974 **Senator Middleton**

Chapter 244 HEALTH SERVICES COST REVIEW COMMISSION – AVERTED
UNCOMPENSATED CARE – ASSESSMENT

Requiring the Health Services Cost Review Commission to assess an amount in hospital rates to reflect a reduction in hospital uncompensated care and to operate and administer the Maryland Health Insurance Plan; requiring, for the portion of the assessment related to an expansion of health care coverage, the Commission to ensure that the assessment amount not exceed specified savings and requiring each hospital to remit its assessment amount to the Health Care Coverage Fund; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008

HB 1587 **Delegate Hammen, et al**

Chapter 245 HEALTH SERVICES COST REVIEW COMMISSION – AVERTED
UNCOMPENSATED CARE – ASSESSMENT

Requiring the Health Services Cost Review Commission to assess an amount in hospital rates to reflect a reduction in hospital uncompensated care and to operate and administer the Maryland Health Insurance Plan; requiring, for the portion of the assessment related to an expansion of health care coverage, the Commission to ensure that the assessment amount not exceed specified savings and requiring each hospital to remit its assessment amount to the Health Care Coverage Fund; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008

SB 987 **Senator Haines**

Chapter 246 CARROLL COUNTY – SPECIAL BEER FESTIVAL – LICENSE FEE

Reducing the fee for a special beer festival license in Carroll County to \$50.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2008

SB 1000 **Senator Harrington**

Chapter 247 DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES – COMMUNITY PARKS
AND PLAYGROUNDS PROGRAM

Declaring the intent of the General Assembly that it is State policy to both restore existing park and green space systems and create new park and green space systems in the municipal corporations and Baltimore City; establishing a Community Parks and Playgrounds Program; authorizing the Program to provide grants; requiring the Secretary of Natural Resources to adopt regulations; providing that funding may be provided from the General Fund and from the sale of State general obligation bonds; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB 1604 **Delegate Carr, et al**

Chapter 248 DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES – COMMUNITY PARKS
AND PLAYGROUNDS PROGRAM

Declaring the intent of the General Assembly that it is State public policy to both restore existing park and green space systems and create new park and green space systems in the municipal corporations and Baltimore City; establishing a Community Parks and Playgrounds Program; authorizing the Program to provide specified grants; providing for the administration of the Program; requiring the Secretary of Natural Resources to adopt regulations to carry out the Program; providing for specified funding; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB 5 **Kent County Delegation**

Chapter 249 KENT COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – CLASS A LIGHT
WINE LICENSES

Adding Kent County to the list of counties in which a Class A light wine license may be issued to a holder of a Class 3 manufacturer's license or a Class 4 manufacturer's license.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008

HB 36 Delegate Bohanan

Chapter 250 JUDGES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM – EMPLOYMENT ON FACULTY OF PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION

Establishing that a specified limitation on earnings and reduction of retirement allowance for retired judges does not apply to a retiree who is employed as a member of the faculty of a public institution of higher education in the State.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008

HB 115 Delegate Tarrant, et al

Chapter 251 MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS AND MARYLAND CHILDREN'S HEALTH PROGRAM – STATEMENTS ON STATE-ISSUED CHECK STUBS

Requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to collaborate with the Office of the Comptroller or the Office of the State Treasurer to form a statement advising individuals who cannot afford health insurance that they may be eligible to enroll in specified medical assistance programs or the Maryland Children's Health Program and print the statement on specified State-issued check stubs; requiring that the statement include specified contact information; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB 139 Delegate Stukes, et al

Chapter 252 TASK FORCE TO STUDY ISSUES RELATED TO STUDENTS SUBJECT TO MULTIPLE SUSPENSIONS

Establishing a Task Force to Study Issues Related to Students Subject to Multiple Suspensions; establishing the membership, duties, and designation of the chair of the Task Force; requiring that the Task Force study and report on the feasibility and the fiscal impact of mandating that local school systems throughout the State establish student services teams to provide case management to students who incur one or more suspensions in a school year that result in the student's absence for 10 or more school days; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2008

HB 142 Delegate Morhaim

Chapter 253 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE – REVIEW OF REPORTS AND COMMISSIONS

Requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to review specified reports as well as boards, commissions, councils and committees operated by the Department and to present findings to the Governor and General Assembly on or before December 1, 2008; providing that the review does not include health occupations boards under the Department's jurisdiction; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB 148 Delegate Beitzel

Chapter 254 GARRETT COUNTY – TOBACCO PRODUCTS – DISTRIBUTION TO MINORS

Prohibiting a person from distributing specified tobacco-containing and tobacco-related products to a minor in Garrett County; and establishing a civil infraction and a civil penalty.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB 190 Howard County Delegation

Chapter 255 ANNUAL FINANCIAL AUDIT – FILING DATE

Altering the date by which a county, municipal corporation, or taxing district must file its annual financial audit with the Department of Legislative Services.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB 216 Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee (By Request – Departmental – Health and Mental Hygiene)

Chapter 256 HEREDITARY AND CONGENITAL DISORDERS – NEWBORN SCREENING

Establishing in the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene a specified system for screening newborn infants for hereditary and congenital disorders; establishing the Department's public health laboratory as the sole laboratory authorized to perform the screening tests; requiring the Department to establish protocols for obtaining specimens for testing; requiring the Department to determine screening tests to be performed; requiring the Department to conduct a study and submit a report by December 1, 2008; etc.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

HB 217 **Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee (By Request –
Chapter 257 Departmental – Health and Mental Hygiene)**

VITAL RECORDS – COPIES TO COUNTY REGISTRARS OF VITAL RECORDS

Authorizing the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene to provide a copy of an original birth certificate to the registrar of vital records of the county or Baltimore City where the birth took place; requiring the Secretary, under specified circumstances, to provide original specified vital records to the registrar of vital records of the county in which the subjects of the records reside or resided; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB 230 **Chair, Environmental Matters Committee (By Request – Departmental
Chapter 258 – Transportation)**

VEHICLE LAWS – SCHOOL CROSSING GUARDS – AUTHORITY TO DIRECT TRAFFIC

Authorizing a school crossing guard who meets specified qualifications to stop or otherwise direct vehicles and pedestrians on a highway or on school grounds under specified circumstances; requiring drivers to obey the directions of a school crossing guard exercising authority under the Act; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB 238 **Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee (By Request –
Chapter 259 Departmental – Insurance Administration, Maryland)**

MARYLAND HEALTH INSURANCE PLAN – STATUS, OPERATION, AND REGULATION

Transferring the Maryland Health Insurance Plan from the Maryland Insurance Administration and establishing the Plan as an independent unit of the State government; altering the composition of the Board of Directors of the Plan; requiring the Board to develop a specified certificate of coverage; requiring the Insurance Commissioner to regulate the Plan; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB 239 **Anne Arundel County Delegation**

Chapter 260 ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY AND CITY OF ANNAPOLIS – FIRE AND EXPLOSIVE INVESTIGATORS – QUALIFICATIONS

Altering the definition of “Anne Arundel County or City of Annapolis fire and explosive investigator” to include additional qualifications.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB 256 Cecil County Delegation

Chapter 261 CECIL COUNTY – PUBLIC FACILITIES BONDS

Authorizing and empowering the County Commissioners of Cecil County to borrow not more than \$5,000,000 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.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2008

HB 257 Delegate Kullen, et al

Chapter 262 PHARMACY BENEFITS MANAGERS – CONTRACTS WITH PHARMACIES AND PHARMACISTS

Requiring a pharmacy benefits manager to disclose specified information to a pharmacy or pharmacist at the time of entering into a contract with the pharmacy or pharmacist and also at a specified time before a contract change; requiring a pharmacy benefits manager to establish a process for review of a failure to pay the contractual reimbursement amount of specified claims; making provisions of law applicable to health maintenance organizations; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB 265 Chair, Judiciary Committee (By Request – Departmental – Public Safety and Correctional Services)

Chapter 263

FAMILY LAW – EMERGENCY PLACEMENT OF CHILDREN – CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORDS CHECKS

Authorizing the local department of social services to request a federal name-based criminal history records check on specified individuals if a child is placed in an emergency out-of-home placement; requiring a local department of social services to submit a complete set of fingerprints for specified individuals to the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services when the placement of a child is denied as a result of a name-based criminal history records check; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB 272 **Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee (By Request –
Chapter 264** **Departmental – Insurance Administration, Maryland)**

MEDICAL STOP–LOSS INSURANCE

Authorizing medical stop–loss insurance to be sold, issued, or delivered in the State only by specified carriers that hold specified certificates of authority; prohibiting medical stop–loss insurers from issuing, delivering, or offering policies of medical stop–loss insurance if the policies have specified attachment points below specified amounts; making medical stop–loss insurers subject to specified sanctions under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2008

HB 289 **Delegate Pendergrass**

Chapter 265 **TASK FORCE ON HEALTH CARE ACCESS AND REIMBURSEMENT
– EXTENSION**

Extending the date on which the Task Force on Health Care Access and Reimbursement is required to submit its final report and recommendations; and extending the termination date of the Task Force.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2008

HB 312 **Delegate Morhaim, et al**

Chapter 266 **PROCUREMENT – SECURITY REQUIREMENTS – EXTENSION OF
SUNSET PROVISION**

Altering the format of specified affidavits required to be attached to specified bid security; altering a reporting requirement included in a specified Act relating to security requirements for procurement; and altering the termination provision of a specified Act relating to security requirements for procurement.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB 335 **Cecil County Delegation**

Chapter 267 **CECIL COUNTY – WASTE DISPOSAL – NORTHEAST MARYLAND
WASTE DISPOSAL AUTHORITY**

Authorizing Cecil County to become a participating county in the Northeast Waste Disposal Authority by the Board of County Commissioners filing a resolution of participation with the Secretary of State and the Department of Legislative Services.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB 353 Delegate Rosenberg, et al

Chapter 268 **CRIMINAL LAW – DESTRUCTION OF FUNERARY OBJECTS – RESTITUTION**

Requiring a person who violates the prohibition against destroying funerary objects to pay for the restoration of any damaged or defaced real or personal property in a cemetery to the owner of the property or the owner of the cemetery.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB 382 Cecil County Delegation

Chapter 269 **CECIL COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – RESTAURANTS – PERCENTAGE OF RECEIPTS FROM FOOD SALES**

Reducing to 25% the minimum percentage of annual receipts from the sale of food required of a restaurant licensed to sell alcoholic beverages in Cecil County.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008

HB 393 Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee (By Request – Departmental – Health and Mental Hygiene)

Chapter 270 **COMMUNICABLE DISEASES OR CONDITIONS – REPORTING**

Requiring a physician with reason to suspect that a patient has a condition or a disease, with specified exceptions, that endangers public health and that has been designated by the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene as reportable, to submit a report to a specified county health officer; authorizing the Secretary to disseminate nonindividually identifiable information under specified circumstances; repealing the list of the diseases or conditions that are reportable by a medical laboratory director; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB 404 Chair, Economic Matters Committee (By Request – Departmental – Insurance Administration, Maryland)

Chapter 271 **INSURANCE FRAUD – REQUIRED DISCLOSURE STATEMENTS**

Requiring insurers to disclose specified information regarding insurance fraud in a specified manner on specified applications for insurance and specified claim forms; providing that the lack of a specified statement does not constitute a defense in specified proceedings; providing exceptions to a specified disclosure requirement; defining “claim form”; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB 409 **Chair, Economic Matters Committee (By Request – Departmental – Labor, Licensing and Regulation)**
Chapter 272

MARYLAND HOME IMPROVEMENT COMMISSION – HOME IMPROVEMENT GUARANTY FUND – CLAIMS

Raising the maximum amount of money that the Maryland Home Improvement Commission may award from the Home improvement Guaranty Fund to 1 claimant for acts or omissions of 1 contractor from \$15,000 to be \$20,000; raising the maximum amount of a specified total claim for which the Commission may issue specified orders from \$2,500 to be \$5,000; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB 415 **Chair, Economic Matters Committee (By Request – Departmental – Labor, Licensing and Regulation)**
Chapter 273

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, LICENSING, AND REGULATION – OCCUPATIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSING DESIGN BOARDS – FEE-SETTING AUTHORITY

Altering termination provisions relating to the State Occupational and Professional Licensing Design Boards' Fund; repealing specified provisions related to fees that are no longer applicable; and generally relating to the authority of the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation, the State Board of Architects, the State Board of Certified Interior Designers, the State Board of Examiners of Landscape Architects, the State Board for Professional Engineers, and the State Board for Professional Land Surveyors to set fees.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008

HB 458 **Delegate G. Claggett**

Chapter 274 STATE PERSONNEL – EXECUTIVE PAY PLANS – REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

Altering a requirement that the Secretary of Budget and Management provide a report to the Department of Legislative Services on Executive Pay Plan employees; requiring the Secretary of Transportation to provide a report to the Department of Legislative Services on Executive Pay Plan employees under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008

HB 478 **Chair, Environmental Matters Committee and Chair, Judiciary
Chapter 275** **Committee (By Request – Departmental – Transportation)**

**MOTOR VEHICLE ADMINISTRATION – COMMERCIAL DRIVERS’
LICENSES**

Prohibiting the Motor Vehicle Administration from expunging specified driving records under specified circumstances; expanding the circumstances under which an individual is subject to disqualification from holding a commercial driver’s license; providing that, on termination of a disqualification period of less than 1 year for holding a driver’s license, the holder of the license may apply for reinstatement; altering the definition of “commercial motor vehicle”; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB 525 **Delegate Kullen, et al**

Chapter 276 **ADVISORY COUNCIL ON PRESCRIPTION DRUG MONITORING –
STUDY**

Establishing an Advisory Council on Prescription Drug Monitoring in the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene; requiring the Council to study the establishment of a prescription drug monitoring program; requiring the Council to make recommendations to the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene for establishing a prescription drug monitoring program that electronically collects and stores data concerning monitored prescription drugs; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2008

HB 543 **Delegate Stull, et al**

Chapter 277 **AGRICULTURE – MARYLAND DAIRY FARMER EMERGENCY
TRUST FUND**

Establishing the Maryland Dairy Farmer Emergency Trust Fund; establishing the purpose and uses of the Fund; requiring the Secretary of Agriculture to administer the Fund; requiring that unspent or unencumbered funds in excess of \$15,000,000 revert to the General Fund; and authorizing the Governor to include an appropriation for the Fund each fiscal year.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008

HB 576 **Chair, Ways and Means Committee (By Request – Departmental – Education)**
Chapter 278

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILIES – LOCAL COORDINATING COUNCILS – MEMBERSHIP

Removing the local office of the division of rehabilitation services from the required membership of local coordinating councils for services to children with special needs; and adding a nonvoting representative of the local office of the division of rehabilitative services to represent individuals who are 16 years old or older.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB 580 **Delegate Oaks, et al**

Chapter 279 **PHARMACY BENEFITS MANAGERS – PHARMACY AND THERAPEUTICS COMMITTEES**

Establishing requirements for a pharmacy and therapeutics committee of a pharmacy benefits manager; requiring a pharmacy benefits manager to ensure that its pharmacy and therapeutics committee has specified policies and procedures; authorizing the Maryland Insurance Commissioner to adopt regulations; making specified provisions of law applicable to health maintenance organizations; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB 591 **Delegate Elmore**

Chapter 280 **SOMERSET COUNTY – PROPERTY TAX CREDIT FOR ASSESSMENT INCREASES**

Authorizing the governing body of Somerset County or the governing body of a municipal corporation in Somerset County to grant, by law, a tax credit against the county or municipal corporation property tax imposed on qualifying real property; and authorizing the county or municipal corporation to provide, by law, for the amount of the credit and other provisions to carry out the credit.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2008

HB 612 Delegate Kullen, et al

Chapter 281 PROPERTY TAX CREDIT – COMMERCIAL WATERFRONT PROPERTY

Authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City or the governing body of a county or of a municipal corporation to grant, by law, a tax credit against the county or municipal corporation property tax imposed on specified commercial waterfront property; authorizing the county or municipal corporation to provide, by law, for the amount and duration of the credit and other provisions to carry out the credit; defining “commercial waterfront property”; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2008

HB 626 Delegate Niemann

Chapter 282 BUSINESS REGULATION – MARYLAND REAL ESTATE BROKERS ACT – VIOLATIONS AND PENALTIES

Increasing the maximum penalties that may be imposed for specified violations of the Maryland Real Estate Brokers Act; adding provisions of the Maryland Real Estate Brokers Act for which a violation is subject to specified criminal penalties; and providing that a person who violates the Maryland Real Estate Brokers Act is subject to specified provisions about statute of limitations and in banc review.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB 629 Chair, Environmental Matters Committee (By Request – Departmental – Transportation)

Chapter 283 STATE ETHICS LAW – ARCHITECTURAL AND ENGINEERING SERVICES – PROCUREMENT

Repealing the termination date on provisions that authorize persons who do not have design responsibilities and are not involved in the construction phase of architectural and engineering procurements on behalf of the State to be part of teams bidding on specified construction projects.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008

HB 630 **Chair, Environmental Matters Committee (By Request – Departmental
Chapter 284 – Natural Resources)**

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES – NONNATIVE
NUISANCE ORGANISMS – REGULATORY MANAGEMENT
AUTHORITY

Authorizing the Secretary of Natural Resources to adopt regulations to manage nonnative nuisance organisms in the State, subject to specified exceptions; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008

HB 638 **Allegany County Delegation**

Chapter 285 WESTERN MARYLAND CODE COUNTIES – JUNKYARD
ABATEMENT – LIENS ON PROPERTY

Providing that, in a county in the Western Maryland class that has adopted code home rule, any unpaid charges imposed on an owner of property as a result of the county abating a violation of specified rules or regulations relating to junkyards shall be a lien against the real property where the violation occurred; requiring a specified lien to be recorded in the office of the clerk for the county where a specified violation occurred; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB 645 **Delegate Beidle, et al**

Chapter 286 MARYLAND CONTRACT LIEN ACT – FORECLOSURE OF LIENS –
TIME PERIOD

Altering the period within which an action to foreclose a lien created under the Maryland Contract Lien Act shall be brought from 3 to 12 years; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB 648 **Delegate Riley, et al**

Chapter 287 BUSINESS REGULATION – BOAT SALES

Requiring a boat broker to place specified moneys received in anticipation of a boat purchase into a boat broker trust account until the moneys are disbursed or returned to specified persons; requiring a boat broker trust account to be separate from a boat broker's operating account; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB 651 **Chair, Ways and Means Committee (By Request – Departmental –
Chapter 288** **Juvenile Services)**

DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE SERVICES EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS – PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL REHABILITATIVE INSTITUTIONS – REPEAL

Repealing the requirement for private residential rehabilitative institutions to develop and implement a specified educational program; repealing the requirement for a specified educational program to be approved by the State Department of Education before the program is implemented; repealing the operating requirements of a private residential rehabilitative institution; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB 652 **Chair, Ways and Means Committee (By Request – Departmental –
Chapter 289** **Education)**

EDUCATION – PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYEES – CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS

Prohibiting a county board of education from knowingly hiring or retaining any individual who has been convicted of specified crimes.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB 680 **Delegate Ross, et al**

Chapter 290 **ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT DISTRICTS – TAX BENEFITS –
JEWELRY AND CLOTHING DESIGNERS**

Extending the definition of artistic work to include the creation or design of original jewelry or clothing for the purpose of specified tax benefits available in specified arts and entertainment districts; providing for the effective date of specified provisions of the Act; and providing for the termination of specified provisions of the Act.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008

HB 706 **Chair, Appropriations Committee (By Request – Departmental –
Chapter 291** **Juvenile Services)**

DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE SERVICES – YOUTH WELFARE FUNDS

Establishing youth welfare funds in Department of Juvenile Services facilities; providing for the contents and uses of youth welfare funds under the Act; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2008

HB 743 Delegate Feldman

Chapter 292 MARYLAND GENERAL CORPORATION LAW – ALTERING AND UPDATING CORPORATE PROCEDURES AND MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

Repealing a provision of law requiring a corporation to give specified written notice of the amount, time, and place of payment on subscriptions for stock to each subscriber; repealing a specified provision of law requiring that a call by the board of directors for payment on subscriptions be uniform as to all stock of the same class; clarifying that stockholders of a corporation formed on or after October 1, 1995, do not have specified preemptive rights unless the charter expressly grants the rights; etc.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2008

HB 752 Chair, Economic Matters Committee (By Request – Departmental – Labor, Licensing and Regulation)

Chapter 293 FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS – REGULATION, FEES, AND ASSESSMENTS

Establishing the Banking Institution and Credit Union Regulation Fund as a continuing, nonlapsing special fund; specifying the contents and purposes of the Fund; repealing, altering, and establishing specified fees; altering the annual assessment paid by specified banking institutions; altering the date by which the assessment must be paid; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008

HB 763 Howard County Delegation

Chapter 294 HOWARD COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS – TESTING AND INSPECTION OF WELL WATER FOR BACTERIA HO. CO. 10-08

Requiring the Howard County Board of Education to test and inspect the well water for bacteria at each public school in the county that uses well water; and requiring the County Board to post the results of each well water test and inspection on its website.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB 823 **Montgomery County Delegation**

Chapter 295 MONTGOMERY COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES –
PERFORMING ARTS FACILITY MC 806–08

Decreasing to 1,500 the minimum capacity requirement to be met by a performing arts facility in Montgomery County before a special Class B–BWL alcoholic beverages license may be issued.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008

HB 824 **Montgomery County Delegation**

Chapter 296 MONTGOMERY COUNTY – FIRE AND EXPLOSIVE
INVESTIGATOR – QUALIFICATIONS MC 805–08

Repealing the requirement that an individual must have attained the rank of fire rescue lieutenant or higher to become a fire and explosive investigator in Montgomery County; altering the definition of “Montgomery County fire and explosive investigator” to include specified additional qualifications; and correcting specified language.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB 864 **St. Mary’s County Delegation**

Chapter 297 ST. MARY’S COUNTY – LOANS – PURCHASE OF NEW
EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT

Altering the percentage of the purchase price of specified new fire fighting, rescue, and emergency medical services machinery and equipment that St. Mary’s County may loan to specified persons under specified circumstances.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB 878 **Washington County Delegation**

Chapter 298 WASHINGTON COUNTY – REGULATION OF ELECTRICIANS AND
THE PROVISION OF ELECTRICAL SERVICES

Providing that the compensation of each member of the Board of Electrical Examiners and Supervisors shall be in an amount approved by the County Commissioners of Washington County; requiring the Board to adopt specified rules and regulations for the examining and licensing of master electricians, restricted electricians, and apprentice and journeyman electricians in Washington County and for the conduct of specified hearings by the Board under specified circumstances; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB 883 **Chair, Judiciary Committee (By Request – Departmental – Public
Chapter 299 Safety and Correctional Services)**

**CORRECTIONAL SERVICES – ELIGIBILITY FOR PAROLE –
MEDICAL PAROLE**

Establishing medical parole as a form of release from incarceration for inmates who, as a result of a medical or mental health condition, disease, or syndrome, pose no danger to public safety; establishing procedures for requesting medical parole; requiring the Maryland Parole Commission to consider specified information before granting medical parole; providing for the return to custody of a medical parolee under specified circumstances; providing for victim notification and participation in medical parole proceedings; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB 910 **Delegate Reznik, et al**

**Chapter 300 HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS – DISCLOSURE OF MEDICAL
RECORDS – CHILDREN IN NEED OF ASSISTANCE PROCEEDINGS**

Authorizing health care providers to disclose specified medical records without the authorization of persons in interest in accordance with compulsory process in Children in Need of Assistance proceedings under specified circumstances; altering the content of a specified notice; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB 923 **Delegate Elmore, et al**

**Chapter 301 STATE BOARD OF NURSING – TEMPORARY LICENSES AND
TEMPORARY PRACTICE LETTERS – EXTENSIONS**

Providing that temporary licenses and temporary practice letters issued by the State Board of Nursing may be extended for specified periods of time under specified circumstances.

EMERGENCY BILL

HB 928 Prince George's County Delegation and Montgomery County Delegation
Chapter 302

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY – PEOPLE'S ZONING COUNSEL – APPEALS PG/MC 118–08

Authorizing the People's Zoning Counsel in Prince George's County to appeal final actions on an application for a subdivision of land, special exception, variance, or site plan on behalf of a citizens' association if the People's Zoning Counsel reasonably believes that the final action was arbitrary or capricious.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB 930 Prince George's County Delegation and Montgomery County Delegation
Chapter 303

MARYLAND–WASHINGTON REGIONAL DISTRICT – BOUNDARIES – CITY OF LAUREL PG/MC 124–08

Altering a provision of law so as to provide that the boundaries of the Maryland–Washington Regional District include all of Prince George's County except the City of Laurel as its boundaries are defined as of July 1, 2008.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008

HB 973 Chair, Environmental Matters Committee (By Request – Departmental – Environment)
Chapter 304

WATER MANAGEMENT ADMINISTRATION – LIVING SHORELINE PROTECTION ACT OF 2008

Requiring specified erosion protection projects to include specified nonstructural shoreline stabilization measures, with specified exceptions; requiring the Department of the Environment, in consultation with the Department of Natural Resources, to adopt regulations; and requiring regulations to include a waiver process.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB 974 **Chair, Environmental Matters Committee (By Request – Departmental
Chapter 305 – Transportation)**

**MOTOR VEHICLE ADMINISTRATION – REQUIRED SECURITY –
SUSPENSION OF REGISTRATION FOR VIOLATION**

Altering the condition under which the Motor Vehicle Administration will suspend the registration of a vehicle for a lapse of required security; and specifying when the suspension may take effect.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB 1050 **The Speaker (By Request – Department of Legislative Services – Code
Chapter 306 Revision)**

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Adding a new article to the Annotated Code of Maryland, to be designated and known as the “Economic Development Article”, to revise, restate, and recodify the laws of the State relating to the Department of Business and Economic Development and its component parts and programs; revising, restating, and recodifying the laws of the State relating to specified independent economic development units and programs; revising, restating, and recodifying the laws of the State relating to specified economic development financing programs; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB 1051 **The Speaker (By Request – Department of Legislative Services – Code
Chapter 307 Revision)**

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – CROSS-REFERENCES,
CORRECTIONS, AND MODIFICATIONS**

Correcting specified cross-references to the Economic Development Article in the Annotated Code of Maryland; correcting specified cross-references, errors, and omissions in and relating to the Economic Development Article; clarifying the application of specified provisions; repealing obsolete and redundant provisions, including provisions related to specified industrial development bonds, the dissolution of specified units, and compliance with requirements; altering reporting dates; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB 1083 Washington County Delegation

Chapter 308 WASHINGTON COUNTY – MAINTENANCE OF SIDEWALKS

Clarifying the powers of the Washington County Board of County Commissioners with regard to the maintenance of sidewalks in Washington County; and authorizing the County Commissioners to adopt regulations.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB 1139 Delegate Kullen

Chapter 309 CALVERT COUNTY – REGULATION AND PROTECTION OF ANIMALS

Repealing a requirement that a dog warden and his deputies enforce specified laws relating to the regulation of animals in Calvert County; authorizing, in Calvert County, the sheriff or any deputy authorized by the sheriff or an animal control officer appointed by the County Commissioners of Calvert County or the County Commissioners' designee to enforce specified laws relating to the regulation of animals; authorizing the creation of an Animal Matters Hearing Board; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB 1151 Delegates Mathias and Conway

Chapter 310 WORCESTER COUNTY – PROPERTY TAX CREDIT – HISTORICALLY OPERATED AMUSEMENT PARK

Authorizing the governing body of Worcester County or a municipal corporation in Worcester County to grant, by law, a property tax credit for real property used for a historically operated amusement park; authorizing the county or municipal corporation to provide, by law, for the amount and duration of the credit and for provisions necessary to carry out the credit; applying the Act to tax years beginning after June 30, 2008; etc.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2008

HB 1171 Delegate Eckardt, et al

Chapter 311 CRIMES – ALTERING RESULTS OF DRUG OR ALCOHOL SCREENING TEST – SYNTHETIC URINE

Altering the definition of “bodily fluid adulterant” for purposes of the prohibition against altering the results of a drug or alcohol screening test to include synthetic urine.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB 1210 Delegate Krebs, et al

Chapter 312 HIGHER EDUCATION – CREDIT CARDS – STUDENT APPLICANTS

Requiring institutions of higher education to develop specified policies regarding credit card marketing activities and merchandising conducted on the campus of an institution of higher education by credit card issuers; providing for specified exemptions from requirements; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB 1214 Delegate Hecht, et al

Chapter 313 MARYLAND NOT-FOR-PROFIT DEVELOPMENT CENTER PROGRAM

Establishing the Maryland Not-For-Profit Development Center Program in the Department of Business and Economic Development; requiring the Program to provide specified training and technical assistance services to specified not-for-profit entities; establishing the Maryland Not-For-Profit Development Center Program Fund; requiring the Department to designate a specified number of organizations to implement the Program and providing specified criteria for the designations; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB 1258 Delegate Carter, et al

Chapter 314 BALTIMORE CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS – HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS – VOTER EDUCATION

Declaring the intent of the General Assembly that teachers of Baltimore City public high school students inform students about the federal, State, and Baltimore City election processes and the importance of exercising the right to vote and registering to vote.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB 1265 Delegates Frush and Vallario

Chapter 315 CRIMINAL LAW – UNAUTHORIZED REMOVAL OF PROPERTY – ELEMENTS OF CRIME

Repealing the requirement that a person enter or be on the premises of another for a conviction of the crime of taking and carrying away from the premises or out of the custody of another or use of the other, or the other's agent, or a governmental unit, any property without the permission of the owner of the property.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB 1280 **Delegate V. Turner, et al**

Chapter 316 PUBLIC HEALTH DENTAL HYGIENE ACT

Altering the authorization of a general license to practice dental hygiene to include the application of sealants or fluoride agents under general supervision in specified facilities; providing that a specified waiver is not required to practice dental hygiene under general supervision in accordance with specified provisions of law; increasing the types of facilities a general license to practice dental hygiene authorizes a dental hygienist to practice in under general supervision; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB 1287 **Delegate Haynes, et al**

Chapter 317 WORKFORCE SHORTAGE STUDENT ASSISTANCE GRANTS – PUBLIC SERVANTS – PARREN J. MITCHELL PUBLIC SERVICE SCHOLARSHIP

Establishing the Parren J. Mitchell Public Service Scholarship in the Workforce Shortage Student Assistance grants program; requiring the Maryland Higher Education Commission to select and offer grants to students who plan to pursue a career in workforce shortage fields, including students who plan to become school teachers, nurses, child care providers, physical and occupational therapists, and service providers in the field of mental health, developmental disabilities, child welfare, and juvenile justice; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB 1338 **Delegate Beitzel**

Chapter 318 GARRETT COUNTY – PUBLIC FACILITIES BONDS

Authorizing the County Commissioners of Garrett County to borrow not more than \$21,000,000 to finance specified projects in Garrett County and to issue general obligation bonds to finance the projects; empowering the County to levy taxes to pay for the bonds; authorizing the County to enter into specified agreements; allowing the County to issue bonds on which the interest or income may be taxable; providing an exemption from taxation for specified bonds; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2008

HB 1407 Delegate Mizeur, et al

Chapter 319 BIRTH OPTIONS PRESERVATION STUDY

Requiring the State Board of Nursing and the State Board of Physicians to conduct a joint study on a requirement for a specified agreement between a certified nurse–midwife and a licensed physician; requiring that the Boards collaborate with specified entities; requiring that the study include a review of specified standards and specified recommendations; and requiring the Boards to report findings to committees of the General Assembly on or before December 1, 2009.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2008

HB 1433 Chair, Appropriations Committee (By Request – Departmental – Stadium Authority)

Chapter 320

MARYLAND STADIUM AUTHORITY – BALTIMORE CONVENTION CENTER

Extending the date by which the Maryland Stadium Authority and Baltimore City are obligated to contribute to pay a specified percentage of the operating deficits of the Baltimore Convention Center and to pay a specified amount to a specified capital improvement reserve fund for a specified period; extending the date after which Baltimore City is to be solely responsible for all operating deficits and capital improvements for the Baltimore Convention Center; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2008

HB 1436 Delegate Weir, et al

Chapter 321 NATURAL RESOURCES – FISHING RESTRICTIONS – POT AND NET SETTING

Prohibiting a person from setting a fish pot, fyke net, or connected line of fyke nets within 500 feet in any direction of any other net or connected line of nets; limiting to 1,500 feet the length of a fyke net or a line of fyke nets; limiting the application of a specified distance restriction; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB 1464 **Chair, Appropriations Committee (By Request – Departmental – Human Resources)**
Chapter 322

STATE PERSONNEL – BALTIMORE CITY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES LEGAL SERVICES DIVISION – TRANSFER OF PERSONNEL

Transferring contractual employees of the Baltimore City Department of Social Services, Legal Services Division, to the Department of Human Resources; requiring that a Position Identification Number be created for each transferred employee; providing for the classification of transferred employees in the State Personnel Management System; and adding an attorney employed by the State to those attorneys required to represent a local department of social services.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008

HB 1482 **Harford County Delegation**

Chapter 323 HARFORD COUNTY – DEER HUNTING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY – SUNDAYS

Removing Harford County from the list of counties in which deer hunting on private property on the first Sunday of the bow hunting season in November and the first Sunday of the deer firearms season is prohibited; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB 1493 **Delegate Kullen**

Chapter 324 CALVERT COUNTY – AUTHORIZATION TO HARVEST SEAFOOD AND ENGAGE IN THE SEAFOOD INDUSTRY

Authorizing the governing body of Calvert County to adopt an ordinance, resolution, or regulation or take other action to authorize a person to engage in specified activities related to the seafood industry and to harvest seafood; clarifying that the governing body of Calvert County is required to hold a public hearing and obtain the written consent of the Secretary of Natural Resources before adopting a specified ordinance, resolution, or regulation; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB 1504 Delegate Eckardt, et al

Chapter 325 DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES – SHELL DREDGING – PERMIT APPLICATION

Requiring the Department of Natural Resources to apply for a permit to dredge buried oyster shells; and requiring the Department to apply for permits to dredge buried oyster shells on or before December 1, 2008, if the Oyster Advisory Committee recommends the application based on its work, including a review of the findings of the draft Environmental Impact Statement concerning evaluation of oyster restoration alternatives for the Chesapeake Bay.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB 1506 Delegate Walker, et al

Chapter 326 TASK FORCE TO STUDY THOROUGHBRED HORSE RACING AT ROSECROFT RACEWAY

Establishing a Task Force to Study Thoroughbred Horse Racing at Rosecroft Raceway; providing for the membership, appointment of members, chair, and staff of the Task Force; providing for reimbursement of expenses for members of the Task Force; requiring the Task Force to study the feasibility of conducting thoroughbred horse racing at Rosecroft Raceway, submit a report, and make specified recommendations by December 31, 2008; and terminating the Task Force on December 31, 2008. EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2008

HB 1514 Delegate Hucker

Chapter 327 STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION – BOARD OF REVIEW – REPEAL

Repealing provisions of law relating to the Board of Review of the State Department of Transportation; and abolishing the Board of Review of the State Department of Transportation.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB 1517 Delegate Donoghue

Chapter 328 **RESPIRATORY CARE PRACTITIONERS, RADIATION THERAPISTS, RADIOGRAPHERS, NUCLEAR MEDICINE TECHNOLOGISTS, AND RADIOLOGIST ASSISTANTS – VARIOUS CHANGES**

Repealing the authority of the State Board of Physicians to place respiratory care practitioners on inactive status and issue temporary licenses to respiratory care practitioners; altering qualifications for consumer members on specified committees; altering licensure, renewal, and reinstatement requirements for respiratory care practitioners, radiation therapists, radiographers, and nuclear medicine technologists; requiring that radiologist assistants be licensed by the Board; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB 1522 Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee (By Request – Departmental – Health and Mental Hygiene)

Chapter 329

MARYLAND HEALTH CARE PROVIDER RATE STABILIZATION FUND – ALLOCATIONS TO AND DISBURSEMENTS FROM THE MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM ACCOUNT

Altering the allocation by the Maryland Insurance Commissioner of specified revenue in the Maryland Health Care Provider Rate Stabilization Fund to the Medical Assistance Program Account; requiring the Commissioner to allocate up to \$300,000 in the Fund to the Office of the Comptroller in specified years for a specified purpose; providing that specified revenue in the Fund after fiscal year 2011 shall accrue to the Medical Assistance Program Account; declaring the intent of the General Assembly; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008

HB 1572 Delegates Mathias and Conway

Chapter 330 **WORCESTER COUNTY – PROPERTY TAX CREDITS – AMUSEMENT PARKS**

Authorizing the governing body of a municipal corporation in Worcester County to grant, by law, a property tax credit for specified real property known as the Ocean City Amusement and Fishing Pier; authorizing the governing body of Worcester County or of a municipal corporation in Worcester County to grant, by law, a property tax credit for specified real property used for the operation of an amusement park; applying the Act to tax years beginning after June 30, 2008; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2008

HB 1589 **Chair, Economic Matters Committee (By Request – Departmental – Insurance Administration, Maryland)**
Chapter 331

INSURANCE PRODUCERS – LICENSING REQUIREMENTS

Authorizing the Maryland Insurance Commissioner to waive specified requirements for an insurance producer license for applicants who have been conferred specified professional designations; altering the number of hours of continuing education that an insurance producer is required to receive in a renewal period; requiring an insurance producer to receive a specified number of hours of continuing education in ethics for each renewal period; etc.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

HB 1624 **Delegate Cane, et al**

Chapter 332 **MILK PRODUCTS – FARMSTEAD CHEESE PRODUCTION**

Providing an exception to a specified prohibition on the imposition of specified fees by the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene for specified services; establishing a Laboratory Testing Fund for farmstead cheese laboratory testing purposes; authorizing the Secretary to establish a 5-year pilot farmstead cheese program under specified circumstances; authorizing the Secretary to issue up to five milk processor–farmstead cheese producer permits under the pilot program; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

SB 854 **Senator Jones, et al**

Chapter 333 **TAX SALES – MINIMUM TAX DUE – REDEMPTION PAYMENTS – REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES ON REDEMPTION**

Altering from \$100 to \$250 the minimum amount of total annual taxes due on a property which a collector may withhold from a tax sale; requiring a collector to send a notice to a specified person within 60 days after a property is sold at a tax sale; altering the manner by which a person redeeming a property shall pay the collector specified expenses and fees; providing that specified sums expended to conserve or stabilize a property become part of the redemption amount; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

HB 1211 Delegate Oaks, et al

Chapter 334 TAX SALES – MINIMUM TAX DUE – REDEMPTION PAYMENTS – REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES ON REDEMPTION

Altering from \$100 to \$250 the minimum amount of total annual taxes due on a property that a collector may withhold from a tax sale; requiring a collector to send notice to a specified person within 60 days after a property is sold at a tax sale; altering the manner by which a person redeeming a property shall pay the collector specified expenses and fees; providing that specified sums expended to conserve or stabilize a property become part of the redemption amount; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

Pursuant to Article III, Section 52(6) of the Maryland Constitution, the following bill has been assigned a chapter number:

SB 90 The President (By Request – Administration)

Chapter 335 BUDGET BILL (FISCAL YEAR 2009)

Making the proposed appropriations contained in the State Budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2009, in accordance with Article III, Section 52 of the Maryland Constitution; etc.

Sincerely,

Karl S. Aro
Executive Director

May 13, 2008

To the Members of the General Assembly

Ladies and Gentlemen:

On May 13, 2008, the Honorable Martin O'Malley, 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 that you passed:

SB 150 The President (By Request – Administration)

Chapter 336 CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – MARYLAND CONSOLIDATED CAPITAL BOND LOAN OF 2008, AND THE MARYLAND CONSOLIDATED CAPITAL BOND LOANS OF 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, AND 2007

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt in the amount of \$893,870,000, the proceeds to be used, subject to specified restrictions and reporting requirements, for the acquisition, building, construction, demolition, planning, renovation, conversion, replacement, and capital equipping of specified State projects, and for grants to specified subdivisions and other organizations for specified purposes, subject to the requirement that specified grantees provide and expend specified matching funds; etc.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

SB 211 The President (By Request – Administration), et al

Chapter 337 PUBLIC SAFETY – STATEWIDE DNA DATA BASE SYSTEM –
CRIMES OF VIOLENCE AND BURGLARY – SAMPLE
COLLECTIONS ON CHARGE – POSTCONVICTION DNA TESTING

Adding DNA samples and DNA records to a provision of law; requiring a court to advise a specified defendant that the defendant may be entitled to expunge specified records under specified circumstances; authorizing a petitioner to move for a new trial on the grounds that the conviction was based on unreliable scientific identification evidence under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2009

SB 206 The President (By Request – Administration), et al

Chapter 338 BRAC COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT ACT

Authorizing the creation of BRAC Revitalization and Incentive Zones in the State; establishing eligibility criteria for the Zones and factors to be considered by the Secretary of Business and Economic Development in approving the Zones; providing that specified benefits provided in designated enterprise zones do not apply to a business entity on land or within improvements owned by the federal government, the State, a county, or a municipal corporation unless specified conditions are met; etc.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

SB 39 Senator Dyson, et al

Chapter 339 JOINT COMMITTEE ON BASE REALIGNMENT AND CLOSURE –
ADDITIONAL MEMBERS

Increasing the membership of the Joint Committee on Base Realignment and Closure from 12 to 16.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB 152 Delegate Rudolph

Chapter 340 JOINT COMMITTEE ON BASE REALIGNMENT AND CLOSURE –
ADDITIONAL MEMBERS

Increasing the membership of the Joint Committee on Base Realignment and Closure from 12 to 16.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB 704 **Chair, Appropriations Committee (By Request – Departmental –
Chapter 341 Higher Education Commission)**

**HIGHER EDUCATION INVESTMENT FUND – EXPENDITURES –
BASE REALIGNMENT AND CLOSURE PROCESS**

Authorizing moneys from the Higher Education Investment Fund to be used for initiatives to address higher education needs related to the Base Realignment and Closure process.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008

SB 214 **The President (By Request – Administration), et al**

Chapter 342 DIVESTITURE FROM IRAN AND SUDAN

Requiring the Board of Trustees for the State Retirement and Pension System to review specified investment holdings to determine the extent to which funds are invested in companies doing business in Iran or Sudan; requiring the Board of Trustees to provide written notice to specified companies; requiring specified companies to provide specified comments to the Board of Trustees within a specified period of time; requiring the Board of Trustees to take divestment action with regard to specified investments; etc.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2009

SB 9 **Senator Rosapepe**

**Chapter 343 PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – BEER
KEG SALES – REGISTRATION FORM**

Requiring a person who sells beer in kegs at retail in Prince George’s County to complete a specified registration form with specified information and to record on the copy of the registration form the purchaser’s identification number and the date the number was issued; defining “identification number”; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008

SB 12 **Senator McFadden**

**Chapter 344 INCOME TAX – SUBTRACTION MODIFICATION – UNITED STATES
COAST GUARD AUXILIARY – REQUIREMENTS**

Altering the required length of active membership for an individual to be eligible for a subtraction modification under the Maryland income tax for service in the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary; repealing obsolete language; applying the Act to tax years after 2007; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008

SB 16 **Senator Simonaire, et al**

Chapter 345 CRIMES – SEXUAL OFFENDERS – SENTENCING

Clarifying that an adult who has been convicted for a second time of first degree rape or sexual offense involving a victim under the age of 13 years is subject to the mandatory minimum sentence provided for the crime.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

SB 31 **Senator Rosapepe**

Chapter 346 PUBLIC UTILITY COMPANIES – BUS SERVICE PROVIDED BY UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND, COLLEGE PARK – EXEMPTION FROM MOTOR CARRIER PERMIT REQUIREMENT

Providing that a motor carrier permit is not required for a shuttle bus service operated by the University of Maryland, College Park for its students that also is used to provide, in exchange for payment by the municipal corporation in which the University is located, transportation service to the residents of the municipal corporation; requiring the Department of Transportation Services in the University of Maryland, College Park to report to committees of the General Assembly by December 31, 2010; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008

HB 340 **Delegate Pena–Melnyk, et al**

Chapter 347 PUBLIC UTILITY COMPANIES – BUS SERVICE PROVIDED BY UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND, COLLEGE PARK – EXEMPTION FROM MOTOR CARRIER PERMIT REQUIREMENT

Providing that a motor carrier permit is not required for a shuttle bus service operated by the University of Maryland, College Park for its students that also is used to provide, in exchange for payment by the municipal corporation in which the University is located, transportation service to the residents of the municipal corporation; requiring the Department of Transportation Services in the University of Maryland, College Park to report to committees of the General Assembly by December 31, 2010; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008

SB 33 **Senator Muse, et al**

Chapter 348 PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY – BOARD OF EDUCATION

Repealing specified provisions of law relating to the composition of specified school board districts in Prince George's County; requiring the elected members of the Prince George's County Board of Education to be elected from specified school board districts; providing for the boundaries of specified school board districts; requiring candidates to live in specified school board districts and be registered voters; providing for the terms of the elected members of the County Board; etc.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

HB 1041 **Prince George's County Delegation**

Chapter 349 PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY – BOARD OF EDUCATION PG 401–08

Repealing specified provisions of law relating to the composition of specified school board districts in Prince George's County; requiring the elected members of the Prince George's County Board of Education to be elected from specified school board districts; providing for the boundaries of specified school board districts; requiring candidates to live in specified school board districts and be registered voters; providing for the terms of the elected members of the County Board; etc.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

SB 44 **Senator Stone**

Chapter 350 CRIMINAL LAW – DOGFIGHT AND COCKFIGHT ATTENDANCE – PENALTIES

Altering penalties for knowingly attending a deliberately conducted dogfight or a deliberately conducted cockfight.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB 719 **Delegate Malone, et al**

Chapter 351 CRIMINAL LAW – DOGFIGHT AND COCKFIGHT ATTENDANCE – PENALTIES

Altering penalties for knowingly attending a deliberately conducted dogfight or a deliberately conducted cockfight.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

SB 56 **Senator Zirkin, et al**

Chapter 352 SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY – ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Requiring the inclusion of specified additional information in a registration statement for the sex offender registry.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB 18 **Delegate Smigiel, et al**

Chapter 353 SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY – ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Requiring the inclusion of specified additional information in a registration statement for the sex offender registry.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

SB 60 **Senators Kelley and Jones (Task Force to Study Identity Theft), et al**

Chapter 354 IDENTITY FRAUD – PROHIBITIONS, EVIDENCE, AND PENALTIES

Prohibiting the intentional, willful, and unauthorized copying, attempt to copy, possessing, or attempt to possess all or part of the contents of a computer database accessed in a specified manner; providing penalties for specified violations; increasing the penalty for a person who commits identity fraud where the benefit, credit, good, service, or other thing of value that is the subject of the offense has a value of \$500 or greater; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB 1113 **Delegate Lee, et al**

Chapter 355 IDENTITY FRAUD – PROHIBITIONS, EVIDENCE, AND PENALTIES

Prohibiting the intentional, willful, and unauthorized copying, attempt to copy, possessing, or attempt to possess all or part of the contents of a computer database accessed intentionally, willfully, or without authorization; providing that specified penalties apply to a specified violation; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

SB 61 **Senator Kelley, et al**

Chapter 356 COMMISSION TO STUDY THE TITLE INSURANCE INDUSTRY IN MARYLAND

Establishing the Commission to Study the Title Insurance Industry in Maryland; providing for the membership, staffing, and purposes of the Commission; prohibiting Commission members from receiving compensation for serving on the Commission; requiring the Commission to make recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly by December 15, 2009, on changes to State laws relating to the title insurance industry; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008

HB 600 **Delegate Taylor, et al**

Chapter 357 COMMISSION TO STUDY THE TITLE INSURANCE INDUSTRY IN MARYLAND

Establishing the Commission to Study the Title Insurance Industry in Maryland; providing for the membership, staffing, and purposes of the Commission; prohibiting Commission members from receiving compensation for serving on the Commission; requiring the Commission to report findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly by December 15, 2009; providing for the termination of the Act; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008

SB 62 **Harford County Senators**

Chapter 358 HARFORD COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – REPEAL OF CLASS BDR LICENSES – ADDITIONAL CLASS B LICENSES

Repealing in Harford County the Class BDR (deluxe restaurant) beer, wine and liquor license and all of the privileges, location restrictions, requirements, and other provisions associated with the Class BDR license; specifying when an indirect ownership is presumed to exist; and increasing the maximum number of Class B licenses to 9 that may be issued to an individual for the use of specified persons.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008

SB 76 **Senator Conway, et al**

Chapter 359 CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – CUSTODIAL INTERROGATION –
RECORDATION

Establishing that it is State public policy that a law enforcement unit that regularly uses one or more interrogation rooms with the capability to create audiovisual recordings of custodial interrogations shall make reasonable efforts to create an audiovisual recording of a custodial interrogation of a criminal suspect in connection with a case involving murder, rape, or sexual offense in the first or second degree, whenever possible; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB 6 **Delegate Anderson, et al**

Chapter 360 CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – CUSTODIAL INTERROGATION –
RECORDATION

Establishing that it is State public policy that a law enforcement unit that regularly uses one or more interrogation rooms with the capability to create audiovisual recordings of custodial interrogations shall make reasonable efforts to create an audiovisual recording of a custodial interrogation of a criminal suspect in connection with a case involving murder, rape, or sexual offense in the first or second degree, whenever possible; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

SB 77 **Senator Kelley, et al**

Chapter 361 EDUCATION – CHILDREN IN INFORMAL KINSHIP CARE
RELATIONSHIPS

Requiring a superintendent of schools of a county to allow a child to attend a public school in a school attendance area other than the school in the school attendance area where the child is domiciled with the child's parent or legal guardian if the child lives with a relative in the school attendance area in an informal kinship care relationship due to a serious family hardship and the relative verifies the informal kinship care relationship through a sworn affidavit; requiring affidavits to contain a specified notice; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB 169 Delegate Jones, et al

Chapter 362 EDUCATION – CHILDREN IN INFORMAL KINSHIP CARE RELATIONSHIPS

Requiring a superintendent of schools of a county to allow a child to attend a public school in a school attendance area other than the school in the school attendance area where the child is domiciled with the child's parent or legal guardian if the child lives with a relative in the school attendance area in an informal kinship care relationship due to a serious family hardship and the relative verifies the informal kinship care relationship through a sworn affidavit; requiring affidavits to contain a specified notice; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

SB 88 Senator Edwards

Chapter 363 ALLEGANY COUNTY – WORKERS' COMPENSATION – STUDENTS IN UNPAID WORK-BASED LEARNING EXPERIENCES

Authorizing the Allegany County Board of Education to waive the requirement that a participating employer reimburse the county for the cost of workers' compensation insurance coverage for students placed in unpaid work-based learning experiences.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008

SB 94 Senator Miller, et al

Chapter 364 PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY – PROPERTY TAX CREDITS – AGRICULTURAL LAND PRESERVATION PROGRAMS

Authorizing the governing body of Prince George's County to grant a property tax credit against the county property tax imposed on specified agricultural property; providing for the repayment of tax credits under specified circumstances; authorizing the governing body of Prince George's County to provide procedures and other provisions necessary to enforce the repayment of specified tax credits; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2008

HB 1018 Prince George's County Delegation

Chapter 365 PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY – PROPERTY TAX CREDITS –
AGRICULTURAL LAND PRESERVATION PROGRAMS PG 421–08

Authorizing the governing body of Prince George's County to grant a property tax credit against the county property tax imposed on specified agricultural property; providing for the repayment of tax credits under specified circumstances; authorizing the governing body of Prince George's County to provide procedures and other provisions necessary to enforce the repayment of specified tax credits; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2008

SB 95 Senator Miller, et al

Chapter 366 MARYLAND–NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING
COMMISSION – PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY AGRICULTURAL
PRESERVATION EASEMENT PROGRAM

Establishing the Prince George's County Agricultural Preservation Easement Program; providing for the purposes of the Program; requiring the Prince George's County Soil Conservation District to administer the Program subject to specified regulations; authorizing the Prince George's County Council to enact specified ordinances relating to agricultural preservation; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

SB 96 Senator Pugh, et al

Chapter 367 EDUCATION – TRUANCY RATES – POSITIVE BEHAVIORAL
INTERVENTIONS AND SUPPORT PROGRAMS AND BEHAVIOR
MODIFICATION PROGRAMS

Requiring a county board of education to require a school that has a truancy rate that exceeds specified standards to implement a positive behavioral interventions and support program or an alternative, research-based, positive, and effective behavior modification program in collaboration with the State Department of Education; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008

HB 285 Delegate Kaiser, et al

Chapter 368 EDUCATION – TRUANCY RATES – POSITIVE BEHAVIORAL INTERVENTIONS AND SUPPORT PROGRAMS AND BEHAVIOR MODIFICATION PROGRAMS

Requiring a county board of education to require a school that has a truancy rate that exceeds specified standards to implement a positive behavioral interventions and support program or an alternative, research-based, positive, and effective behavior modification program in collaboration with the State Department of Education; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008

SB 118 Senator Conway

Chapter 369 ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – BEER MANUFACTURER AND DISTRIBUTOR AGREEMENTS – OBLIGATION OF SUCCESSOR MANUFACTURER

Requiring a successor beer manufacturer who terminates an agreement with a beer distributor to remunerate the beer distributor a sum equal to the fair market value calculated from the date of the termination for the sale of the beer; requiring a successor beer manufacturer to give notice to a surviving beer distributor before termination of specified agreements; repealing a definition; and defining a term.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB 205 Delegate Love, et al

Chapter 370 ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – BEER MANUFACTURER AND DISTRIBUTOR AGREEMENTS – OBLIGATION OF SUCCESSOR MANUFACTURER

Requiring a successor beer manufacturer who terminates an agreement with a beer distributor to remunerate the beer distributor a sum equal to the fair market value calculated from the date of the termination for the sale of the beer; requiring a successor beer manufacturer to give notice to a surviving beer distributor before termination of specified agreements; repealing a definition; and defining a term.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

SB 158 **Senator Raskin, et al**

Chapter 371 FARM-TO-SCHOOL PROGRAM – ACTIVITIES AND PROMOTIONAL EVENTS

Establishing the Jane Lawton Farm-to-School Program in the Department of Agriculture; establishing the purposes of the Program; requiring the Program to establish specified promotional events to promote State agriculture and farm products to children through school meal and classroom programs; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB 696 **Delegate Hixson, et al**

Chapter 372 FARM-TO-SCHOOL PROGRAM – ACTIVITIES AND PROMOTIONAL EVENTS

Establishing the Jane Lawton Farm-to-School Program in the Department of Agriculture; establishing the purposes of the Program; requiring the Program to establish specified promotional events to promote State agriculture and farm products to children through school meal and classroom programs; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

SB 174 **Senators Astle and Pipkin**

Chapter 373 MOTOR VEHICLES – TOWING AND TOWED VEHICLES – PROCEDURES AND EQUIPMENT

Altering the requirements for the procedures that must be followed and the equipment that must be used when one vehicle tows another vehicle in specified circumstances; authorizing the Motor Vehicle Administration to adopt specified regulations; increasing a penalty; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB 1119 **Delegates Ali and Sossi**

Chapter 374 MOTOR VEHICLES – TOWING AND TOWED VEHICLES – PROCEDURES AND EQUIPMENT

Altering the requirements for the procedures that must be followed and the equipment that must be used when one vehicle tows another vehicle in specified circumstances; authorizing the Motor Vehicle Administration to adopt specified regulations; increasing a penalty; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

SB 238 **Senator Stone, et al**

Chapter 375 JUVENILES – ARRESTS FOR REPORTABLE OFFENSES –
EXPANSION OF NOTIFICATION

Expanding provisions relating to the required notification to a local public school superintendent of the arrest of a public school student for a reportable offense to apply to the notification to a specified nonpublic school official of the arrest of a nonpublic school student for a reportable offense; and providing for the confidentiality of information obtained by the nonpublic school official.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB 75 **Delegate Shewell, et al**

Chapter 376 JUVENILES – ARRESTS FOR REPORTABLE OFFENSES –
EXPANSION OF NOTIFICATION

Expanding provisions relating to the required notification to a local public school superintendent of the arrest of a public school student for a reportable offense to apply to the notification to a specified nonpublic school official of the arrest of a nonpublic school student for a reportable offense; providing for the confidentiality of information obtained by the nonpublic school official; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

SB 260 **Senator Edwards**

Chapter 377 GARRETT COUNTY – COUNTY COMMISSIONERS –
AGRICULTURAL DISTRICTS

Requiring the Board of Garrett County Commissioners to adopt specified rules, regulations, and procedures in accordance with specified requirements for the establishment of agricultural districts in Garrett County; prohibiting specified rules, regulations, and procedures from requiring a natural gas rights owner or lessee to subordinate its interest to the Commissioners' interest under specified circumstances; prohibiting the purchase of specified easements in Garrett County under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

SB 264 **Senator Pugh, et al**

Chapter 378 HIGH SCHOOL DROPOUTS – ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION PROGRAMS AND GED REQUIREMENTS

Requiring, to the extent possible, representatives of county boards of education to provide information concerning alternative education programs and GED program requirements and testing locations to specified individuals; providing for the application of the Act; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB 953 **Delegate Hixson, et al**

Chapter 379 HIGH SCHOOL DROPOUTS – ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION PROGRAMS AND GED REQUIREMENTS

Requiring, to the extent possible, representatives of local boards of education to provide information concerning alternative education programs and GED program requirements and testing locations to specified individuals; providing for the application of the Act; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

SB 271 **Senator Stone (By Request – Committee to Revise Article 27 – Crimes and Punishments)**

Chapter 380 ADMISSIBILITY OF EVIDENCE – INTERCEPTED COMMUNICATIONS – ELECTRONIC

Repealing a provision of law excluding a specified radio portion of specified telephone communications from the definition of “electronic communication”; prohibiting the admissibility of the contents of an intercepted electronic communication or information derived from an intercepted electronic communication as evidence in specified proceedings if the disclosure of the communication or information would be in violation of specified provisions of law; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB 869 Delegates Carter and Vallario (By Request – Committee to Revise
Chapter 381 **Article 27 – Crimes and Punishments), et al**

ADMISSIBILITY OF EVIDENCE – INTERCEPTED COMMUNICATIONS – ELECTRONIC

Repealing a provision of law excluding a specified radio portion of telephone communications from a definition of “electronic communication”; prohibiting the admissibility of the contents of an intercepted electronic communication or information derived from an intercepted electronic communication as evidence in specified proceedings if the disclosure of the communication or information would be in violation of specified provisions of law; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

SB 274 Senators Stone and Della

Chapter 382 **VEHICLE LAWS – AUTOMOTIVE DISMANTLERS AND RECYCLERS AND SCRAP PROCESSORS – NOTICE OF VEHICLE ACQUISITION**

Altering the procedures that an automotive dismantler and recycler or scrap processor must follow to give notice to the Motor Vehicle Administration that the automotive dismantler and recycler or scrap processor has acquired title to a vehicle; providing an exception; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2008

HB 717 Delegate Malone

Chapter 383 **VEHICLE LAWS – AUTOMOTIVE DISMANTLERS AND RECYCLERS AND SCRAP PROCESSORS – NOTICE OF VEHICLE ACQUISITION**

Altering the procedures that an automotive dismantler and recycler or scrap processor must follow to give notice to the Motor Vehicle Administration that the automotive dismantler and recycler or scrap processor has acquired title to a vehicle; providing an exception; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2008

SB 276 **Senator Stone, et al**

Chapter 384 MARYLAND QUIET VEHICLES AND PEDESTRIAN SAFETY TASK FORCE

Establishing a Maryland Quiet Vehicles and Pedestrian Safety Task Force; providing for the membership, duties, and staffing of the Task Force; prohibiting a member of the Task Force from receiving compensation; authorizing a member of the Task Force to receive specified reimbursement; requiring the Task Force to study the effects of vehicle sound on pedestrian safety, and technology available to enhance safety of blind pedestrians; requiring the Task Force report findings to the General Assembly by December 31, 2008; etc.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2008

HB 1160 **Delegate Malone, et al**

Chapter 385 MARYLAND QUIET VEHICLES AND PEDESTRIAN SAFETY TASK FORCE

Establishing a Maryland Quiet Vehicles and Pedestrian Safety Task Force; providing for the membership, duties, and 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 specified reimbursement; requiring the Task Force to study the effects of vehicle sound on pedestrian safety, and technology available to enhance safety of blind pedestrians; requiring the Task Force to report to the General Assembly by December 31, 2008; etc.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2008

SB 281 **Senators Dyson and Harrington**

Chapter 386 AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROGRAMS – WAIVER OR MODIFICATION OF FEES AND CHARGES – ENABLING AUTHORITY FOR COUNTIES AND MUNICIPALITIES

Authorizing counties and municipalities to support, foster, or promote an affordable housing program for individuals or families of low or moderate income by waiving or modifying specified fees and charges for construction or rehabilitation of specified housing units under specified circumstances; requiring the Department of Housing and Community Development to report to the General Assembly by October 1, 2010, on the extent of waivers or modification of fees and charges; providing for termination of the Act; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB 742 Delegate Carr, et al

Chapter 387 AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROGRAMS – WAIVER OR MODIFICATION OF FEES AND CHARGES – ENABLING AUTHORITY FOR COUNTIES AND MUNICIPALITIES

Authorizing counties and municipalities to support, foster, or promote an affordable housing program for individuals or families of low or moderate income by waiving or modifying specified fees and charges for construction or rehabilitation of specified housing units under specified circumstances; requiring the Department of Housing and Community Development to report to the General Assembly by October 1, 2010, on the extent of waivers or modification of fees and charges; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

SB 301 Senator Conway, et al

Chapter 388 PROCUREMENT – SMALL BUSINESS RESERVE PROGRAM – ELIGIBILITY MODIFICATIONS

Adding the Maryland Transportation Authority and the Department of Information Technology as designated procurement units under the Small Business Reserve Program; altering the definition of “small business” by increasing specified maximum average gross sales requirements and adding a category of services; requiring a report to committees of the Maryland General Assembly on whether the Act has negatively impacted specified categories of small businesses; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB 561 Delegate Morhaim, et al

Chapter 389 PROCUREMENT – SMALL BUSINESS RESERVE PROGRAM – ELIGIBILITY MODIFICATIONS

Adding the Maryland Transportation Authority and the Department of Information Technology as designated procurement units under the Small Business Reserve Program; altering the definition of “small business” by increasing specified maximum average gross sales requirements and adding a category of services; requiring a report to committees of the Maryland General Assembly on whether the Act has negatively impacted specified categories of small businesses; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

SB 313 **Senator Stone, et al**

Chapter 390 REAL PROPERTY – CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS – RETENTION PROCEEDS

Providing that if a contractor has furnished 100% security to guarantee performance and 100% security to guarantee payment for labor and materials, the retention proceeds may not exceed 5% of the contract price; providing that retention proceeds may exceed a specified percentage of payments if contractors reasonably determine that the performance of subcontractors provides reasonable grounds for withholding specified amounts; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

SB 314 **Senators Currie and Kasemeyer**

Chapter 391 STATE EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY CREDIT – SUNSET EXTENSION

Extending by 1 year termination provisions and dates of applicability for specified tax credits allowed to employers that hire specified qualified employment opportunity employees; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008

SB 375 **Senator McFadden (Chair, Joint Committee on Pensions), et al**

Chapter 392 STATE RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEM – IMPOSITION OF ADMINISTRATIVE FEES ON EMPLOYERS

Authorizing the Board of Trustees of the State Retirement and Pension System to adopt regulations to impose administrative fees on participating employers that fail to provide information to the State Retirement Agency with regard to the enrollment of eligible employees in the State Retirement and Pension System.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008

SB 387 **Senator Stone, et al**

Chapter 393 CRIMINAL LAW – POSSESSING STOLEN PROPERTY

Providing that in a prosecution for theft by possessing stolen property, it is not a defense that the property was provided by law enforcement as part of an investigation, if the property was described to the defendant as being obtained through the commission of theft.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB 282 Delegates Simmons and Kramer

Chapter 394 CRIMINAL LAW – POSSESSING STOLEN PROPERTY

Providing that in a prosecution for theft by possessing stolen property, it is not a defense that the property was provided by law enforcement as part of an investigation under specified circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

SB 392 Senator Forehand, et al

Chapter 395 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE – ENFORCEMENT OF PROTECTIVE ORDER

Authorizing a judge to order a law enforcement officer to use all reasonable and necessary force to enforce a temporary custody provision of a final protective order.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB 183 Delegate Dumais, et al

Chapter 396 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE – ENFORCEMENT OF PROTECTIVE ORDER

Authorizing a judge to order a law enforcement officer to use all reasonable and necessary force to enforce a temporary custody provision of a final protective order.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

SB 393 Senator Forehand, et al

Chapter 397 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE – PERMANENT PROTECTIVE ORDER AFTER CONVICTION AND IMPRISONMENT

Requiring the court to issue a new final protective order against an individual under specified circumstances; limiting the relief that a court is authorized to grant in a final protective order issued under the Act; establishing that a final protective order issued under the Act is permanent unless terminated at the request of the victim; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB 182 Delegate Dumais, et al

Chapter 398 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE – PERMANENT PROTECTIVE ORDER
AFTER CONVICTION AND IMPRISONMENT

Requiring the court to issue a new final protective order against an individual under specified circumstances; limiting the relief that a court is authorized to grant in a final protective order issued under the Act; establishing that a final protective order issued under the Act is permanent unless terminated at the request of the victim; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

SB 422 Senator McFadden (Chair, Joint Committee on Pensions), et al

Chapter 399 DEFERRED RETIREMENT OPTION PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS –
APPLICATION OF LINE OF DUTY DISABILITY BENEFITS

Limiting the circumstances under which retirees of the State Police Retirement System or the Law Enforcement Officers' Pension System who are participating in the Deferred Retirement Option Program may apply for line of duty disability retirements.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008

SB 437 Senator Jones, et al

Chapter 400 STATE DESIGNATIONS – WALKING AS THE STATE EXERCISE

Designating walking as the State exercise.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB 1311 Delegate Bronrott, et al

Chapter 401 STATE DESIGNATIONS – WALKING AS THE STATE EXERCISE

Designating walking as the State exercise.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

SB 457 **Senator Astle**

Chapter 402 **TASK FORCE ON EDUCATIONAL ISSUES AFFECTING MILITARY CHILDREN**

Establishing a Task Force on Educational Issues Affecting Military Children; establishing the membership and staffing of the Task Force; requiring the Task Force to evaluate and make recommendations regarding efforts that would ease the transition of children of military families to Maryland schools; requiring the Task Force to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before December 1, 2008; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2008

HB 784 **Delegate Kaiser, et al**

Chapter 403 **TASK FORCE ON EDUCATIONAL ISSUES AFFECTING MILITARY CHILDREN**

Establishing a Task Force on Educational Issues Affecting Military Children; establishing the membership and staffing of the Task Force; requiring the Task Force to evaluate and make recommendations regarding efforts that would ease the transition of children of military families to Maryland schools; requiring the Task Force to submit a report to the Governor and the General Assembly by December 1, 2008; terminating the Act at the end of May 31, 2009; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2008

SB 473 **Senator Garagiola, et al**

Chapter 404 **PUBLIC SCHOOLS – YOUTH RISK BEHAVIOR SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM – PASSIVE PARENTAL CONSENT**

Requiring the State Department of Education to require local school systems to utilize passive parental consent before administering the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance System survey; requiring local school systems to provide parents with specified statements and forms; requiring that for the year during which the survey will be conducted, denial of permission forms be part of the card that requests emergency contact information; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB 536 Delegate Dumais

Chapter 405 PUBLIC SCHOOLS – YOUTH RISK BEHAVIOR SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM – PASSIVE PARENTAL CONSENT

Requiring the State Department of Education to require local school systems to utilize passive parental consent before administering the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance System survey; requiring local school systems to provide parents with specified statements and forms; requiring that for the academic year during which the survey will be conducted, denial of permission forms be part of a request for emergency contact information; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

SB 476 Senator Madaleno

Chapter 406 DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT – HEALTH AND WELFARE BENEFITS PROGRAM – INFORMATION FROM AND LIABILITY OF HEALTH INSURANCE CARRIERS

Requiring specified health insurance carriers to provide specified information to the Department of Budget and Management, at the request of the Department, about individuals who are eligible for benefits under the State Employee and Retiree Health and Welfare Benefits Program or are Program recipients; requiring the carriers to accept the Program's right of recovery and the assignment to the Program of specified rights; providing for an exception to provisions of the Act; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2008

HB 1045 Delegate Gaines, et al

Chapter 407 DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT – HEALTH AND WELFARE BENEFITS PROGRAM – INFORMATION FROM AND LIABILITY OF HEALTH INSURANCE CARRIERS

Requiring specified health insurance carriers to provide specified information to the Department of Budget and Management, at the request of the Department, about individuals who are eligible for benefits under the State Employee and Retiree Health and Welfare Benefits Program or are Program recipients; requiring the carriers to accept the Program's right of recovery and the assignment to the Program of specified rights; providing for an exception to provisions of the Act; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2008

SB 480 **Senator DeGrange, et al**

Chapter 408 STATE RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEM – MEMBERSHIP AND SYSTEM STUDY

Altering criteria for consideration by an actuarial consulting firm for a study of the State Retirement and Pension System; altering the membership of the Correctional Officers' Retirement System to include correctional laundry officers and specified employees of Maryland Correctional Enterprises; etc. EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008

HB 554 **Delegate Haynes, et al**

Chapter 409 STATE RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEM – MEMBERSHIP AND SYSTEM STUDY

Altering criteria for consideration by an actuarial consulting firm for a study of the State Retirement and Pension System; altering the membership of the Correctional Officers' Retirement System to include correctional laundry officers and specified employees of Maryland Correctional Enterprises; etc. EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008

SB 493 **Senator Frosh**

Chapter 410 LAWYERS – PAYMENT OF TAXES AND UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE CONTRIBUTIONS

Repealing a requirement that the Client Protection Fund verify that a lawyer has paid or provided for payment of all undisputed taxes and unemployment insurance contributions before accepting an annual fee from the lawyer; requiring the Fund to provide a specified list of lawyers to the Comptroller; authorizing the Comptroller to refer the matter to Bar Counsel if a lawyer does not make payment or provide for payment within a specified time after receiving notice of a delinquency from the Comptroller; etc. EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2008

SB 506 **Senator Rosapepe, et al**

Chapter 411 **TASK FORCE ON THE PRESERVATION OF HERITAGE LANGUAGE SKILLS IN MARYLAND**

Establishing a Task Force on the Preservation of Heritage Language Skills in Maryland; providing for the membership and duties of the Task Force; providing for the selection of a chair of the Task Force; requiring the State Department of Education to provide staff for the Task Force; prohibiting members of the Task Force from receiving specified compensation; authorizing a member to receive specified reimbursement; requiring the Task Force to report findings and recommendations by January 1, 2009; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008

HB 610 **Delegate Pena–Melnyk, et al**

Chapter 412 **TASK FORCE ON THE PRESERVATION OF HERITAGE LANGUAGE SKILLS IN MARYLAND**

Establishing a Task Force on the Preservation of Heritage Language Skills in Maryland; providing for the membership and duties of the Task Force; providing for the selection of a chair of the Task Force; requiring the State Department of Education to provide staff for the Task Force; prohibiting members of the Task Force from receiving specified compensation; authorizing a member to receive specified reimbursement; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008

SB 514 **The President (By Request – Department of Legislative Services)**

Chapter 413 **STATE BOARD OF LAW EXAMINERS – SUNSET EXTENSION AND PROGRAM EVALUATION**

Continuing the State Board of Law Examiners in accordance with the provisions of the Maryland Program Evaluation Act (Sunset Law) by extending to July 1, 2019, the termination provisions relating to the statutory and regulatory authority of the Board; increasing the maximum Bar examination fee that the Court of Appeals may impose on an applicant; stating that it is the intent of the General Assembly that the expenditures associated with the State Board of Law Examiners be covered by fee revenue to the extent possible; etc.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2008

SB 527 **Chair, Budget and Taxation Committee**

Chapter 414 SPENDING MANDATE AND REVENUE DEDICATION RELIEF ACT

Altering a requirement that the State budget include an appropriation to pay rent to counties for space occupied by clerks of the circuit courts; altering the calculation of specified State aid to libraries; repealing a requirement that the Governor provide funds in the budget for a specified interagency pool of funds to provide specified services; altering the distribution of the motor fuel tax revenue for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2008; etc.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

SB 531 **Senators Muse and Forehand**

Chapter 415 COURTS – IMMUNITY FROM LIABILITY – LEAVING UNHARMED NEWBORN – TIME PERIOD

Increasing from 3 days to 10 days the time period within which a person may leave an unharmed newborn with a responsible adult and be immune from civil liability or criminal prosecution for the act.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB 1394 **Delegate Valderrama, et al**

Chapter 416 COURTS – IMMUNITY FROM LIABILITY – LEAVING UNHARMED NEWBORN – TIME PERIOD

Increasing from 3 days to 10 days the time period within which a person may leave an unharmed newborn with a responsible adult and be immune from civil liability or criminal prosecution for the act.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

SB 540 **Chair, Budget and Taxation Committee**

Chapter 417 TRANSFER OF SPECIAL FUND BALANCES

Requiring that on or before June 1, 2008, the Governor shall transfer \$100,000,000 from the Dedicated Purse Account to the General Fund for the purpose of defraying the future costs associated with retirement benefits for State employees; repealing the Joseph Fund Account within the State Reserve Fund, the Joseph Fund Board, and related provisions of law; requiring that a specified balance in the Joseph Fund Account be transferred to the Revenue Stabilization Account of the State Reserve Fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2008

SB 548 **Senator Gladden**

Chapter 418 REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUSTS – DEFINITION AND SHARE INFORMATION

Altering the definition of “real estate investment trust” to clarify that the term means an unincorporated “business” trust or association formed under specified provisions of law; requiring a real estate investment trust, on request of the shareholder, to send without charge a written statement containing specified information for shares issued without certificates; etc.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2008

HB 154 **Delegate Feldman**

Chapter 419 REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUSTS – DEFINITION AND SHARE INFORMATION

Altering the definition of “real estate investment trust” to clarify that the term means an unincorporated “business” trust or association formed under specified provisions of law; requiring a real estate investment trust, on request of the shareholder, to send without charge a written statement containing specified information for shares issued without certificates; etc.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2008

SB 557 **Senator Gladden**

Chapter 420 LEAD POISONING PREVENTION ACT OF 2008

Requiring a specified application form for a contractor license to require a specified lead paint abatement accreditation number and accreditation expiration date if the applicant provides specified lead paint abatement services; requiring a licensee applying for a license renewal to submit to the Maryland Home Improvement Commission a specified lead paint abatement accreditation number and expiration date if the licensee performs specified lead paint abatement services; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB 589 Delegate Oaks, et al

Chapter 421 LEAD POISONING PREVENTION ACT OF 2008

Requiring a specified application form for a contractor license to require specified lead paint abatement accreditation number and accreditation expiration date if the applicant provides specified lead paint abatement services; requiring a specified licensee applying for a license renewal to submit to the Maryland Home Improvement Commission a specified lead paint abatement accreditation number and expiration date if the licensee performs specified lead paint abatement services; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

SB 568 Senators Stone and Della

Chapter 422 MOTOR VEHICLES – CERTIFICATES OF TITLE AND SALVAGE CERTIFICATES

Altering the statements that describe the condition of a salvaged vehicle that specified entities are required to include with an application for a salvage certificate; expanding the categories of vehicle title brands that the Motor Vehicle Administration may apply to a salvage vehicle to include brands for flood and cosmetic damage; altering specified vehicle title brands; prohibiting the Administration from issuing a certificate of title for a vehicle if the salvage certificate for the vehicle bears a specified brand; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

SB 578 Senator Forehand

Chapter 423 VEHICLE LAWS – MEDICAL ADVISORY BOARD – USE OF CONFIDENTIAL RECORDS AND REPORTS

Authorizing the Motor Vehicle Administration to use specified information in the records of the Medical Advisory Board for the purpose of driver safety research, whether performed unilaterally or in collaboration with another medical research entity, provided that personal information is not disclosed; and authorizing the Administration to contract with third parties to assist with driver safety research.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB 766 **Delegate Malone**

Chapter 424 VEHICLE LAWS – MEDICAL ADVISORY BOARD – USE OF
CONFIDENTIAL RECORDS AND REPORTS

Authorizing the Motor Vehicle Administration to use specified information in its records for the purpose of driver safety research, provided that personal information is not published or disclosed; authorizing the Administration to contract with third parties to assist with driver safety research; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

SB 584 **Senator Della, et al**

Chapter 425 BALTIMORE CITY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ACT OF 2008

Increasing specified alcoholic beverages license fees and establishing other alcoholic beverages license fees in Baltimore City; revising and restating specified provisions concerning the issuance and transfer of specified licenses in specified areas of the City; updating specified obsolete references; increasing the salaries of the chairman and other members of the Board of Liquor License Commissioners; changing the positions and altering the salary grade level for specified Board employees; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2008

SB 600 **Senator Conway, et al**

Chapter 426 SCHOOLS – EARLY INTERVENTION – HEARING AND VISION
SCREENINGS

Altering a timeframe for when county boards of education and county health departments are required to provide hearing and vision screenings to specified students; authorizing further screenings in accordance with policies adopted by a county board of education or a county health department; requiring county boards of education and county health departments to provide specified forms; requiring parents or guardians to report specified information to the county board or the county health department; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB 653 Delegate Hixson, et al

Chapter 427 SCHOOLS – EARLY INTERVENTION – HEARING AND VISION SCREENINGS

Altering a timeframe for when county boards of education and county health departments are required to provide hearing and vision screenings to specified students; authorizing further screenings in accordance with policies adopted by a county board of education or a county health department; requiring county boards of education and county health departments to provide specified forms; requiring parents or guardians to report specified information to the county board or the county health department; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

SB 613 Senator Munson

Chapter 428 CITY OF HAGERSTOWN – FIRE AND EXPLOSIVES INVESTIGATORS – AUTHORITY

Providing that under specified circumstances, a City of Hagerstown fire and explosive investigator operating in the City of Hagerstown has the same authority as the State Fire Marshal and a full-time investigative and inspection assistant in the Office of the State Fire Marshal to make arrest without a warrant and to exercise specified powers of arrest; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008

HB 745 Delegate Donoghue

Chapter 429 CITY OF HAGERSTOWN – FIRE AND EXPLOSIVES INVESTIGATORS – AUTHORITY

Providing that under specified circumstances, a City of Hagerstown fire and explosive investigator operating in the City of Hagerstown has the same authority as the State Fire Marshal and a full-time investigative and inspection assistant in the Office of the State Fire Marshal to make arrests without a warrant and to exercise specified powers of arrest; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008

SB 614 **Senator Raskin, et al**

Chapter 430 DEATH PENALTY – MARYLAND COMMISSION ON CAPITAL PUNISHMENT

Establishing a Maryland Commission on Capital Punishment; providing for the membership of the Commission; providing for the chair of the Commission; authorizing the Commission to hold public hearings; providing for the staffing of the Commission; requiring specified entities to cooperate with the Commission; providing for the funding of the Commission; providing that a member of the Commission may not receive compensation but is entitled to specified reimbursement; requiring the Commission to issue a report by December 15, 2008; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008

HB 1111 **Delegate Dumais**

Chapter 431 DEATH PENALTY – MARYLAND COMMISSION ON CAPITAL PUNISHMENT

Establishing a Maryland Commission on Capital Punishment; providing for the membership of the Commission; providing for the chair of the Commission; authorizing the Commission to hold public hearings; providing for the staffing of the Commission; requiring specified entities to cooperate with the Commission; providing for the funding of the Commission; providing that a member of the Commission may not receive compensation but is entitled to specified reimbursement; requiring the Commission to issue a report by December 15, 2008; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008

SB 622 **Senator Brinkley, et al**

Chapter 432 BUSINESS REGULATION – STATIONARY ENGINEERS – BOILERS

Altering the scope of stationary engineer services that are subject to specified licensing requirements; altering the types of boilers specified stationary engineers are authorized oversee; providing that the Maryland Stationary Engineers Act and specified regulations may not supersede authority of the Board of Boiler Rules; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB 808 Delegate Weldon, et al

Chapter 433 BUSINESS REGULATION – STATIONARY ENGINEERS – BOILERS

Altering the scope of stationary engineer services that are subject to specified licensing requirements; altering the types of boilers specified stationary engineers are authorized to oversee; providing that the Maryland Stationary Engineers Act and specified regulations may not supersede authority of the Board of Boiler Rules; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

SB 650 Senator DeGrange

Chapter 434 EMPLOYMENT AGENCIES – BONDING – ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY

Authorizing the Commissioner of Labor and Industry to initiate investigations and investigate complaints relating to alleged violations of specified bonding requirements by employment agencies; requiring the Commissioner to provide a specified notice; and authorizing the Commissioner to impose a penalty under specified circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB 866 Delegate Beidle

Chapter 435 EMPLOYMENT AGENCIES – BONDING – ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY

Authorizing the Commissioner of Labor and Industry to initiate investigations and investigate complaints relating to alleged violations of specified bonding requirements by employment agencies; requiring the Commissioner to provide a specified notice; and authorizing the Commissioner to impose a penalty under specified circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

SB 685 Senators Rosapepe and Peters

Chapter 436 PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY – ROADSIDE SOLICITATION OF MONEY OR DONATIONS – PROHIBITION

Prohibiting a person from standing in a highway in Prince George’s County to solicit money or donations from the occupant of a vehicle; prohibiting an adult from encouraging or allowing a child to stand in a highway in Prince George’s County to solicit money or donations from the occupant of a vehicle; providing for the issuance of a warning to a first-time offender; providing for a penalty for subsequent offenses; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB 1010 Prince George's County Delegation

Chapter 437 PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY – ROADSIDE SOLICITATION OF MONEY OR DONATIONS – PROHIBITION PG 409–08

Prohibiting a person from standing in a highway in Prince George's County to solicit money or donations from the occupant of a vehicle; prohibiting an adult from encouraging or allowing a child to stand in a highway in Prince George's County to solicit money or donations from the occupant of a vehicle; providing for the issuance of a warning to a first-time offender; providing for a penalty for subsequent offenses; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

SB 686 Senator Rosapepe, et al

Chapter 438 TASK FORCE TO STUDY THE PROCUREMENT OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES BY STATE AGENCIES

Establishing a Task Force to Study the Procurement of Health and Social Services by State Agencies; providing for the membership and duties of the Task Force; providing for the designation of a chair of the Task Force; authorizing the Task Force to establish specified subcommittees; requiring the departments represented on the Task Force to provide staff for the Task Force; prohibiting members of the Task Force from receiving compensation; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008

HB 527 Delegate Reznik, et al

Chapter 439 TASK FORCE TO STUDY THE PROCUREMENT OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES BY STATE AGENCIES

Establishing a Task Force to Study the Procurement of Health and Social Services by State Agencies; providing for the membership and duties of the Task Force; providing for the designation of a chair of the Task Force; authorizing the Task Force to establish specified subcommittees; requiring the departments represented on the Task Force to provide staff for the Task Force; prohibiting members of the Task Force from receiving compensation; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008

SB 701 **Senator Jones, et al**

Chapter 440 INSURANCE PRODUCERS – LIFE AND HEALTH INSURANCE EXAMINATIONS – ANNUAL REPORT

Requiring the Maryland Insurance Commissioner or a designee on or before April 1 of each year to prepare and publish a report that summarizes statistical information that relates to life and health insurance producer examinations administered during the preceding calendar year; requiring the report to include specified information about specified examinees in a specified manner; requiring the Commissioner or a designee to submit the report to specified legislative committees; providing for termination of the Act; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB 1100 **Delegate Tarrant, et al**

Chapter 441 INSURANCE PRODUCERS – LIFE AND HEALTH INSURANCE EXAMINATIONS – ANNUAL REPORT

Requiring the Maryland Insurance Commissioner or a designee of the Commissioner on or before April 1 of each year to prepare and publish a specified report that relates to life and health insurance producer examinations administered during the preceding calendar year; requiring the report to include specified information about specified examinees in a specified manner; providing for the termination of the Act; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

SB 710 **Senator Lenett**

Chapter 442 ENVIRONMENT – PHOSPHORUS – DISHWASHING DETERGENT

Altering the date by which specified persons are prohibited from using, selling, manufacturing, or distributing for sale household dishwashing detergent that contains greater than 0.5 percent phosphorus by weight from January 1, 2010, to July 1, 2010.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

SB 712 **Senator Haines, et al**

Chapter 443 VEHICLE LAWS – FAILURE TO YIELD RIGHT-OF-WAY – PENALTIES FOR DEATH OR SERIOUS BODILY INJURY

Establishing that if a person fails to yield the right-of-way in violation of specified provisions of law and the violation contributes to an accident that results in the death or serious bodily injury of another, the person is subject to a specified fine and the Motor Vehicle Administration is authorized to suspend the person's license for a specified period of time; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008

SB 718 **Senator Klausmeier**

Chapter 444 LEAD RISK REDUCTION – ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY – COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS

Authorizing a person who intends to acquire a property that is considered to be affected under specified lead risk reduction provisions to submit a compliance plan to the Department of the Environment; requiring a person who has acquired, or will acquire, an affected property to give specified notice and information at a specified time; establishing a process and fee for submitting an application for a compliance plan; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

SB 735 **Senator Miller, et al**

Chapter 445 COORDINATING EMERGING NANOBIO TECHNOLOGY RESEARCH (CENTR) IN MARYLAND PROGRAM

Establishing a specified grant program to be administered by the Maryland Technology Development Corporation for specified nanobiotechnology research projects; establishing the purposes of the Program; establishing types of grants to be awarded under the Program; requiring the Corporation to adopt regulations; requiring the Corporation to include specified information in its annual report to the General Assembly; expressing legislative intent related to funding provided to implement the Act; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB 1409 Delegate Mizeur, et al

Chapter 446 **COORDINATING EMERGING NANOBIO TECHNOLOGY RESEARCH (CENTR) IN MARYLAND PROGRAM**

Establishing a specified grant program to be administered by the Maryland Technology Development Corporation for specified nanobiotechnology research projects; establishing the purposes of the Program; establishing types of grants to be awarded under the Program; requiring the Corporation to adopt regulations; requiring the Corporation to include specified information in its annual report to the General Assembly; expressing legislative intent related to funding provided to implement the Act; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

SB 744 Senator Pugh

Chapter 447 **TASK FORCE ON HEALTH CARE ACCESS AND REIMBURSEMENT – ADDITIONAL DUTIES**

Altering the charge to the Task Force on Health Care Access and Reimbursement to develop specified recommendations, including whether there is a need to provide incentives for physicians and other health care providers to be available to provide care on evenings and weekends, and the ability of primary care physicians to be reimbursed for mental health services performed within their scope of practice; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2008

HB 818 Delegate Tarrant, et al

Chapter 448 **TASK FORCE ON HEALTH CARE ACCESS AND REIMBURSEMENT – ADDITIONAL DUTIES**

Altering the charge to the Task Force on Health Care Access and Reimbursement to develop specified recommendations, including whether there is a need to provide incentives for physicians and other health care providers to be available to provide care on evenings and weekends, and the ability of primary care physicians to be reimbursed for mental health services performed within their scope of practice; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2008

SB 762 **Senator Conway**

Chapter 449 REAL ESTATE LICENSEES – RECORD KEEPING

Requiring a real estate broker to keep specified records for a specified period of time; authorizing a licensee to keep and store specified records in a specified manner under specified circumstances; and requiring a real estate broker to make specified records available to the State Real Estate Commission in a specified manner under specified circumstances.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB 1316 **Delegate Vaughn, et al**

Chapter 450 REAL ESTATE LICENSEES – RECORD KEEPING

Requiring a real estate licensee to keep specified records for a specified period of time; authorizing a licensee to keep and store specified records in a specified manner under specified circumstances; and requiring a real estate licensee to make specified records available to the State Real Estate Commission in a specified manner under specified circumstances.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

SB 773 **Senators Pugh and McFadden**

Chapter 451 STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION – ADULT EDUCATION AND FAMILY LITERACY SERVICES

Requiring the State Department of Education each year by August 1 to compile a list by county of adult education and family literacy services offered to the public; and requiring the Department to distribute the list to specified local school officials and to post the list on its public website.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

SB 775 **Senator Pugh, et al**

Chapter 452 MARYLAND MEDBANK PROGRAM – FUNDING

Authorizing specified funds of the Senior Prescription Drug Assistance Program of the Maryland Health Insurance Plan to be transferred and appropriated to the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to provide funding, not to exceed \$425,000, for the Maryland Medbank Program.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008

HB 514 **Delegate Donoghue, et al**

Chapter 453 MARYLAND MEDBANK PROGRAM – FUNDING

Authorizing specified funds of the Senior Prescription Drug Assistance Program of the Maryland Health Insurance Plan to be transferred and appropriated to the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to provide funding, not to exceed \$425,000, for the Maryland Medbank Program.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008

SB 782 **Senator Zirkin**

Chapter 454 RESIDENTIAL CHILD CARE PROGRAMS – STATEMENT OF NEED

Requiring a statement of need for developing, operating, establishing, relocating, or expanding a residential child care program; requiring that, before an application is submitted or a license is granted, the Department of Human Resources or the Department of Juvenile Services shall issue a statement of need to a program in a county; requiring members of the Departments to adopt regulations; requiring the Departments to consider specialized mental, physical, and behavioral health and developmental needs of children in the region; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

SB 789 **Senator Forehand**

Chapter 455 VEHICLE LAWS – CHILD SAFETY SEATS – AGE AND WEIGHT REQUIREMENTS

Expanding a requirement relating to use of child safety seats to include specified trucks; altering requirements for the use of child safety seats to require a person transporting a child under age 8 to secure the child in a child safety seat, subject to specified exceptions; adding height to the list of reasons that a physician may use to certify that the use of a child safety seat by a particular child is impractical; etc.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 30, 2008

SB 793 **Senators Glassman and Jacobs**

Chapter 456 HARFORD COUNTY – SPECIAL TAXING DISTRICTS – CREATION

Authorizing Harford County to exercise specified powers concerning the creation of special taxing districts, the levying of specified taxes, and the issuing of specified bonds for developing and financing specified infrastructure improvements under specified circumstances; authorizing Harford County to create a special taxing district only in specified areas; requiring that a local law creating a special taxing district be enacted in a specified manner; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2008

SB 796 **Senators Astle and Pipkin**

Chapter 457 MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT REPORTS – ACCESS

Prohibiting a person, for personal gain, from accessing a specified motor vehicle accident report for the purpose of soliciting another person to sue or to retain a lawyer to represent the other person; providing for a penalty; repealing provisions of law concerning access to and disclosure of a specified motor vehicle accident report; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

HB 488 **Delegate Davis, et al**

Chapter 458 MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT REPORTS – ACCESS

Prohibiting a person who is not a lawyer, for personal gain, from accessing a motor vehicle accident report for the purpose of soliciting another person to sue or to retain a lawyer to represent the other person; providing for a penalty; repealing specified provisions of law; making the Act an emergency measure; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

SB 799 **Senator Exum, et al**

Chapter 459 FAMILY INVESTMENT PROGRAM RECIPIENTS – CHILD-SPECIFIC BENEFIT – REPEAL

Repealing provisions prohibiting the payment of an increment in temporary cash assistance benefits as a result of the birth of a child 10 or more months after the recipient's initial application for benefits.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB 1356 Delegates Branch and Conway

Chapter 460 FAMILY INVESTMENT PROGRAM RECIPIENTS – CHILD–SPECIFIC BENEFIT – REPEAL

Repealing provisions prohibiting the payment of an increment in temporary cash assistance benefits as a result of the birth of a child 10 or more months after the recipient’s initial application for benefits.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

SB 840 Senators Colburn and Haines

Chapter 461 BOILER AND PRESSURE VESSEL SAFETY – INSPECTIONS – ANTIQUE BOILERS OR PRESSURE VESSELS

Authorizing inspections of specified antique boilers or pressure vessels to be made by private inspectors under specified circumstances; requiring private inspectors who make specified inspections to file a report with the Chief Boiler Inspector; requiring the Chief Boiler Inspector to issue a certificate to the owner or user of specified antique boilers or pressure vessels under specified circumstances; and defining “private inspector”.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2008

HB 1274 Delegate Haddaway, et al

Chapter 462 BOILER AND PRESSURE VESSEL SAFETY – INSPECTIONS – ANTIQUE BOILERS OR PRESSURE VESSELS

Authorizing inspections of specified antique boilers or pressure vessels to be made by private inspectors under specified circumstances; requiring private inspectors who make specified inspections to file a report with the Chief Boiler Inspector; and requiring the Chief Boiler Inspector to issue a certificate to the owner or user of specified antique boilers or pressure vessels under specified circumstances; and defining “private inspector”.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2008

SB 847 **Senators Conway and Gladden**

Chapter 463 **TASK FORCE ON THE MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PROGRAM AND EQUITY INVESTMENT CAPITAL**

Establishing a Task Force on the Minority Business Enterprise Program and Equity Investment Capital; providing for the composition and staffing of the Task Force; requiring the Task Force to study how to facilitate the acquisition of investment equity capital by minority business enterprises in Maryland in a specified manner; requiring the Task Force to report its recommendations and draft legislation to the Governor and General Assembly on or before December 1, 2009; and providing for the termination of the Act.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

SB 849 **Senator Rosapepe**

Chapter 464 **FITNESS AND ATHLETICS EQUITY FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES ACT**

Requiring county boards of education to ensure that students with disabilities have equal opportunities to participate in physical education programs and try out for and, if selected, to participate in mainstream athletic programs; providing for exceptions; requiring county boards to provide specified accommodations; requiring county boards to develop specified policies and procedures; requiring county boards to provide opportunities for students with disabilities to participate in specified competition; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008

HB 1411 **Delegate Kaiser, et al**

Chapter 465 **FITNESS AND ATHLETICS EQUITY FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES ACT**

Requiring county boards of education to ensure that students with disabilities have equal opportunities to participate in physical education programs and try out for, and, if selected, to participate in mainstream athletic programs; providing for exceptions; requiring county boards to provide specified accommodations; requiring county boards to develop specified policies and procedures; requiring county boards to provide opportunities for students with disabilities to participate in specified competition; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008

SB 885 **Senator Madaleno, et al**

Chapter 466 THE JANE E. LAWTON LOAN PROGRAM

Establishing the Jane E. Lawton Conservation Loan Program; establishing the Jane E. Lawton Conservation Fund to finance the Program; consolidating specified programs administered by the Maryland Energy Administration into the Program; consolidating specified funds into the Fund; providing for the management and composition of the Fund; providing the powers and duties of the Administration with respect to the Program; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008

HB 1301 **Delegate Frick, et al**

Chapter 467 THE JANE E. LAWTON LOAN PROGRAM

Establishing the Jane E. Lawton Conservation Loan Program; establishing the Jane E. Lawton Conservation Fund to finance the Program; consolidating specified programs administered by the Maryland Energy Administration into the Program; consolidating specified funds into the Fund; providing for the management and composition of the Fund; providing the powers and duties of the Administration with respect to the Program; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008

SB 911 **Senators McFadden and Jones**

Chapter 468 BALTIMORE CITY LAND BANK AUTHORITY

Authorizing Baltimore City to establish a land bank authority by ordinance; requiring an ordinance establishing an authority to include specified articles of incorporation; requiring specified articles of incorporation to be filed, accepted, and amended in a specified manner; authorizing Baltimore City to take specified actions by ordinance; providing for the disposition of property and obligations of the authority on termination; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

SB 914 **Senator Muse**

Chapter 469 HANDGUN ROSTER BOARD – MEMBERSHIP

Clarifying that one of the appointed members of the Handgun Roster Board shall be a representative of an organization that advocates against handgun violence.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2008

SB 934 **Senator Harrington, et al**

Chapter 470 PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY – TAX INCREMENT FINANCING –
APPLICATION OF BOND PROCEEDS

Authorizing Prince George's County to apply the proceeds from the issuance of specified bonds to the installation of infrastructure improvements for the purpose of encouraging redevelopment in specified areas.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

SB 945 **Senator Kasemeyer**

Chapter 471 LOCAL GOVERNMENTS – POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS –
INVESTMENT OF FUNDS

Authorizing a political subdivision of the State or a unit of a political subdivision of the State to enter into agreements with third party contractors or vendors for the management or investment of specified money intended for specified postemployment benefits; providing that an agreement entered into under the Act includes the authority to create specified investments and accounts; authorizing the governing authority of any local government to direct its financial officer to remit funds to the State Treasurer; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008

HB 1585 **Delegate Griffith, et al**

Chapter 472 LOCAL GOVERNMENTS – POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS –
INVESTMENT OF FUNDS

Authorizing a political subdivision of the State or a unit of a political subdivision of the State to enter into agreements with third party contractors or vendors for the management or investment of specified money intended for specified postemployment benefits; providing that an agreement entered into under the Act includes the authority to create specified investments and accounts; authorizing the governing authority of any local government to direct its financial officer to remit specified funds to the State Treasurer; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008

SB 955 **Senator Harrington**

Chapter 473 **TASK FORCE ON STUDENT PHYSICAL FITNESS IN MARYLAND
PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

Establishing a Task Force on Student Physical Fitness in Maryland Public Schools; providing for the membership and chair of the Task Force; requiring the State Department of Education to provide staff for the Task Force; requiring the Task Force to study the advisability of requiring all public schools in the State to provide a minimum amount of physical activity or physical education to students each week; requiring the Task Force to report to the Governor and the General Assembly by November 20, 2008; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008

SB 959 **Senator Middleton, et al**

Chapter 474 **SLOT MACHINES – DEFINITION**

Altering the definition of “slot machine” to include a machine, apparatus, or device that makes a specified award to a user through the reading of a game of chance or the delivery of a game of chance; providing that the definition of “slot machine” does not include a machine, apparatus, or device that makes a specified award in a specified manner; authorizing the continued use of specified instant bingo machines under specified circumstances; limiting the number of slot machines for a specified location; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008

SB 969 **Senator Della**

Chapter 475 **STATE BOARD OF STATIONARY ENGINEERS – LICENSING
EXEMPTION – RESOURCE RECOVERY FACILITY OPERATORS**

Exempting from the requirement to be licensed by the State Board of Stationary Engineers specified resource recovery facility operators who provide stationary engineer services under specified circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB 1561 **Delegate Krysiak**

Chapter 476 **STATE BOARD OF STATIONARY ENGINEERS – LICENSING
EXEMPTION – RESOURCE RECOVERY FACILITY OPERATORS**

Exempting from the requirement to be licensed by the State Board of Stationary Engineers specified resource recovery facility operators who provide stationary engineer services under specified circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

SB 983 **Senator DeGrange**

Chapter 477 MARYLAND HOUSING FUND – UNALLOCATED RESERVES – TRANSFERS

Transferring specified unallocated reserves of the Maryland Housing Fund at the end of any fiscal year to the Homeownership Programs Fund, the Rental Housing Programs Fund, and the Special Loan Programs Fund, beginning in fiscal year 2010; and requiring a specified transfer of funds on or before June 30, 2008.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2008

SB 984 **Senators DeGrange and Jones**

Chapter 478 BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS – NOTIFICATION – CAPITAL LEASES

Prohibiting the Board of Public Works from approving specified leases without a certification by the Capital Debt Affordability Committee or approval of the General Assembly in the budget.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2008

HB 1596 **Delegate Jones**

Chapter 479 BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS – NOTIFICATION – CAPITAL LEASES

Prohibiting the Board of Public Works from approving specified leases without a certification by the Capital Debt Affordability Committee or approval of the General Assembly in the budget.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2008

SB 1008 **Senator Middleton**

Chapter 480 HOME BUILDERS – SALES REPRESENTATIVE REGISTRATION AND HOME BUILDER GUARANTY FUND

Repealing a requirement that an individual who sells any real estate as a sales agent for a home builder be licensed by the State Real Estate Commission; renaming the Home Builder Registration Unit in the Consumer Protection Division of the Office of the Attorney General to be the Home Builder and Home Builder Sales Representative Registration Unit; requiring the Unit to maintain a list of specified registered sales representatives; requiring specified home builders to disclose specified information to a prospective home buyer; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB 1557 Delegate Vaughn, et al

Chapter 481 HOME BUILDERS – SALES REPRESENTATIVE REGISTRATION AND HOME BUILDER GUARANTY FUND

Repealing a requirement that an individual who sells any real estate as a sales agent for a home builder be licensed by the State Real Estate Commission; renaming the Home Builder Registration Unit in the Consumer Protection Division of the Office of the Attorney General to be the Home Builder and Home Builder Sales Representative Registration Unit; requiring the Unit to maintain a list of specified registered sales representatives; requiring specified home builders to disclose specified information to a prospective home buyer; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

SB 1009 Senator Edwards

Chapter 482 GARRETT COUNTY CODE OF PUBLIC LOCAL LAWS – LEGALIZATION

Legalizing the 2005 edition of the Code of Public Local Laws of Garrett County prepared under the direction of the Board of County Commissioners of Garrett County.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008

HB 62 Delegate Hubbard, et al

Chapter 483 LEAD–CONTAINING CHILDREN’S PRODUCTS – PROHIBITION

Prohibiting the manufacture, sale, offer for sale, importation, or distribution of specified lead–containing children’s products by any means, including through a sales outlet or the Internet; providing that provisions of the Act do not apply to specified electronic devices, specified distribution operations or activities, or specified vehicles, products, parts, or equipment; requiring the Department of the Environment to give notices under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008

HB 63 Delegate Branch

Chapter 484 ELEVATOR SAFETY REVIEW BOARD FUND

Establishing the Elevator Safety Review Board Fund; providing for the purpose, administration, composition, use, investments, and expenditures of the Fund; providing that the Fund is a special, nonlapsing fund; requiring fees collected for elevator inspections, registrations of third-party qualified elevator inspectors, and elevator mechanic and contractor licenses to be paid into the Fund; providing that specified balances in the Fund at the end of each fiscal year revert to the General Fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB 74 Delegate Healey, et al

Chapter 485 MARYLAND HOUSING REHABILITATION PROGRAM – LOANS TO MEMBERS OF COOPERATIVE HOUSING CORPORATIONS

Authorizing the Department of Housing and Community Development to make housing assistance program loans of more than \$5,000 to a housing cooperative member if the loan is secured by a perfected security interest in the member's cooperative interest; authorizing the Department to take specified actions in connection with these loans; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB 83 Delegate Branch, et al

Chapter 486 STATE HOLIDAY – AMERICAN INDIAN HERITAGE DAY

Making the Friday after Thanksgiving Day a legal holiday named American Indian Heritage Day; and providing that a paid holiday for State employees on the Friday after Thanksgiving Day is for American Indian Heritage Day.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB 114 Delegate Kullen, et al

Chapter 487 ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLE SAFETY TASK FORCE

Establishing an All-Terrain Vehicle Safety Task Force; providing for the membership, duties, selection of a chair, and staffing of the Task Force; requiring the Task Force to identify and study major issues related to All-Terrain Vehicle safety; requiring the Task Force to make an interim report of findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly by December 15, 2008, and a final report by May 31, 2009; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2008

HB 149 Delegate Dumais

Chapter 488 FAMILY LAW – COUNSEL FOR MINOR – PAYMENT OF FEES

Authorizing a court to impose against one or more parties specified counsel fees for the representation of a minor child in specified proceedings.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB 199 Delegate Rice, et al

Chapter 489 PUBLIC SCHOOLS – BULLYING, HARASSMENT, AND INTIMIDATION – POLICY AND DISCIPLINARY STANDARDS

Requiring the State Board of Education to develop a model policy prohibiting bullying, harassment, and intimidation in schools; requiring that the model policy include specified information; requiring county boards of education to establish policies prohibiting bullying, harassment, and intimidation in schools based on the model policy; defining “bullying, harassment, or intimidation”; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008

HB 213 Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee (By Request – Departmental – Budget and Management)

Chapter 490

PERSONAL RECORDS – COLLECTION OF PERSONAL INFORMATION

Altering a requirement that the Secretary of Budget and Management report annually to the General Assembly on specified personal records.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB 221 Delegate Gaines, et al

Chapter 491 VEHICLE LAWS – MOTORCYCLES – DEFINITION

Altering the definition of “motorcycle” under the Maryland Vehicle Law; and making the Act an emergency measure.
EMERGENCY BILL

HB 225 **Chair, Environmental Matters Committee (By Request – Departmental – State Police)**
Chapter 492

MOTOR VEHICLES – SALVAGE VEHICLE INSPECTION FEE – COLLECTION AND PAYMENT

Authorizing the Automotive Safety Enforcement Division of the Department of State Police to collect fees charged for specified salvage inspections; requiring specified fees collected by the Motor Vehicle Administration or the Department for salvage inspections to be paid to the Automotive Safety Enforcement Division for specified purposes; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB 254 **Frederick County Delegation**

Chapter 493 **ANNUAL FINANCIAL AND AUDIT REPORTS – FILING DATE**

Authorizing Frederick County to file its annual financial report with the Maryland Department of Legislative Services by the first day of January after the close of the fiscal year; altering the date by which a specified audit report must be submitted by a county, municipal corporation, or taxing district to the Legislative Auditor; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB 263 **Chair, Judiciary Committee (By Request – Departmental – Public Safety and Correctional Services)**
Chapter 494

POLICE TRAINING COMMISSION – MEMBERSHIP AND CHAIRMAN

Replacing the Deputy Secretary of the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services with the Secretary of the Department as a member of the Police Training Commission; and designating the Secretary of State Police as chair of the Commission.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB 330 **St. Mary’s County Delegation**

Chapter 495 **ST. MARY’S COUNTY – ASSISTANT SHERIFF**

Replacing the rank of Captain with that of Assistant Sheriff in the Sheriff’s Office of St. Mary’s County.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB 359 Delegate Conway, et al

Chapter 496 **LOCAL CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES – INMATE HEALTH CARE EXPENSES – PAYMENT RATES TO HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS**

Providing that liability for payment to a health care provider for specified health care expenses of specified inmates may not exceed the lower of specified rates; and providing that a county may elect to declare specified provisions of the Act inapplicable to the county by filing a declaration with the county health officer; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008

HB 407 Chair, Economic Matters Committee (By Request – Departmental – Labor, Licensing and Regulation)

Chapter 497

COMMISSIONER OF LABOR AND INDUSTRY – BOILER AND PRESSURE VESSEL SAFETY – AUTHORIZED INSPECTION AGENCIES

Authorizing insurers, owners who employ special inspectors, and the Commissioner of Labor and Industry to contract with authorized inspection agencies for specified boiler and pressure vessel inspections; authorizing inspection agencies to request special inspector commissions; requiring the Commissioner to establish specified insurance requirements by regulation; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB 408 Chair, Economic Matters Committee (By Request – Departmental – Business and Economic Development)

Chapter 498

BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – QUALIFIED DISTRESSED COUNTIES

Altering the definition of “qualified distressed county” for specified purposes, including the Maryland Economic Development Assistance Authority and Fund and the One Maryland Economic Development Tax Credit; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008

HB 417 **Chair, Economic Matters Committee (By Request – Departmental – Labor, Licensing and Regulation)**
Chapter 499

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS – COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS AND INFORMATION SHARING WITH GOVERNMENT AGENCIES

Authorizing the Commissioner of Financial Regulation to enter into cooperative and information sharing agreements and to exchange specified information with specified federal or state government agencies; providing for an exemption to the Commissioner's authority; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008

HB 424 **Delegates Shank and Dumais**

Chapter 500 **OFFICE OF THE STATE PROSECUTOR – SUBPOENA AUTHORITY**

Authorizing the State Prosecutor for a limited purpose to issue a subpoena to a person to produce specified records or documents; specifying the rights of a person served with a subpoena and the requirements the State Prosecutor shall meet when a subpoena is served; authorizing the State Prosecutor to report to the circuit court of the county having jurisdiction the failure of a person to obey a subpoena; and authorizing the court to grant relief.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB 428 **Harford County Delegation**

Chapter 501 **HARFORD COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – CAFE LICENSE**

Authorizing in Harford County a Class B Cafe beer and wine license; specifying an annual license fee of \$1,575; specifying that the license entitles the holder to sell beer and wine for consumption on and off the premises; specifying that the license is a 7-day license with an on-premises wine tasting privilege for every day of the year; prohibiting the Liquor Control Board from issuing more than five licenses; authorizing the license to be issued only if specified conditions are met; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2008

HB 429 **Harford County Delegation**

Chapter 502 **PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX – REFUNDS AND REPORTS – INTEREST**

Providing that a county may pay a claim for a refund of personal property tax without interest within 180 days after the claim is approved under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2008

HB 440 Delegate Rosenberg, et al

Chapter 503 **PROCUREMENT – SERVICE CONTRACTS – NOTICE TO EXCLUSIVE REPRESENTATIVES**

Requiring that notice of employee rights be given to exclusive representatives of specified employees at specified points in the procurement process; providing that a violation of a specified provision does not constitute grounds to challenge or appeal procurement awards and processes; altering notice requirements included in specified plans of assistance for State employees who will be adversely affected by specified service contracts; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB 452 Delegate Niemann, et al

Chapter 504 **LANDLORD AND TENANT – SUMMARY EJECTMENT – DECEASED TENANT**

Authorizing a landlord to bring an action for summary ejectment against a deceased, intestate tenant without next of kin; requiring a landlord bringing a summary ejectment action to state in a written complaint filed in the District Court of the county where the property is situated that, to the best of the landlord's knowledge, the tenant is deceased, intestate, and without next of kin; establishing notice and service of process requirements; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB 459 Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee

Chapter 505 **STATE BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS AND THERAPISTS – SUNSET EXTENSION AND REVISIONS**

Increasing the number of members on the State Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists; requiring a specified number of members to be professional counselors, marriage and family therapists, and alcohol and drug counselors; repealing a requirement that the licensed professional counselor Board members be employed in specified areas; repealing the position of drug and alcohol counselor advisor to the Board; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB 481 Delegate Griffith (Chair, Joint Committee on Pensions)

Chapter 506 STATE RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEMS – INVESTMENTS

Removing restrictions placed on the Board of Trustees for the State Retirement and Pension System with regard to investing the assets of the several systems of the State Retirement and Pension System in nondividend paying common stocks; requiring that a majority of the Comptroller, Treasurer, and Secretary of Budget and Management, in their capacity as members of the Board of Trustees, approve the sales and purchases of real estate; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008

HB 482 Delegate Griffith (Chair, Joint Committee on Pensions)

Chapter 507 STATE POLICE RETIREMENT SYSTEM – SURVIVOR BENEFITS

Increasing the survivor benefit for surviving spouses and minor children of retirees of the State Police Retirement System from 50% to 80% of the retiree's allowance at the time of the retiree's death; and repealing a supplemental survivor benefit for surviving spouses of retirees of the State Police Retirement System.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008

HB 494 Delegate Hubbard, et al

Chapter 508 LICENSED COUNSELORS AND THERAPISTS – APPRAISAL ACTIVITIES – TRAINING REQUIREMENTS

Repealing a specified requirement that the Board of Examiners of Psychologists and the State Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists jointly approve specified training for licensed counselors and therapists; and authorizing licensed counselors and therapists to engage in specified appraisal activities that include the use of specified instruments if specified training has been completed.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB 515 Anne Arundel County Delegation

Chapter 509 ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEES – NOT-FOR-PROFIT ENTITIES

Authorizing the County Council of Anne Arundel County to enact an ordinance to grant exemptions from or credits against development impact fees for development by not-for-profit entities that have been in existence for at least 3 years; and requiring the ordinance to set the amount of, establish the conditions of eligibility for, and adopt procedures for the exemptions or credits.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB 578 Delegate Pena–Melnyk, et al

Chapter 510 HEALTH INSURANCE – COVERAGE FOR AMINO ACID-BASED ELEMENTAL FORMULA

Requiring specified insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations to provide coverage for amino acid-based elemental formula for the diagnosis and treatment of specified allergies, syndromes, and conditions under specified circumstances; authorizing a private review agent, acting on behalf of an insurer, nonprofit health service plan, or health maintenance organization to review the ordering physician's determination of medical necessity in accordance with provisions of law; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB 595 Delegates Mathias and Conway

Chapter 511 WORCESTER COUNTY – OFFICE OF THE STATE'S ATTORNEY

Altering specified personnel policies of the Office of the State's Attorney of Worcester County; altering the salary of the State's Attorney; providing that salaries, compensation, employee benefits, and expenses of the Office be subject to the annual budget process and approval of the county commissioners; specifying that employees of the Office are not employees of the county; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB 639 Washington County Delegation

Chapter 512 WASHINGTON COUNTY – BOARD OF EDUCATION – VACANCIES

Altering the method of appointing individuals to fill vacancies on the Board of Education of Washington County; establishing a Washington County School Board nominating Commission; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB 646 Delegate Beidle, et al

Chapter 513 CONDOMINIUMS – PROPERTY INSURANCE DEDUCTIBLE – UNIT OWNER RESPONSIBILITY

Altering the maximum amount of a specified property insurance deductible that a unit owner of a condominium may be responsible for from \$1,000 to \$5,000; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB 684 Delegate Stukes, et al

Chapter 514 TASK FORCE TO STUDY MOTOR VEHICLE TOWING PRACTICES

Establishing the Task Force to Study Motor Vehicle Towing Practices in the State; providing for the membership of the Task Force; requiring the Task Force to study issues relevant to motor vehicle towing practices in the State; requiring the Task Force to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before December 31, 2008; providing for the staff of the Task Force; providing for the termination of the Act; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2008

HB 707 Chair, Appropriations Committee (By Request – Departmental – State Police)

Chapter 515

DEPARTMENT OF STATE POLICE – STATE AID FOR POLICE PROTECTION FUND – TRANSFER TO GOVERNOR’S OFFICE OF CRIME CONTROL AND PREVENTION

Transferring the administration of the State Aid for Police Protection Fund from the Department of State Police to the Governor’s Office of Crime Control and Prevention; transferring the functions of the Secretary of State Police relating to the Fund to the Executive Director of the Governor’s Office of Crime Control and Prevention; stating the intent of the General Assembly that the Governor’s Office of Crime Control and Prevention administer the Fund with existing resources; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008

HB 720 Delegate Griffith (Chair, Joint Committee on Pensions)

Chapter 516 STATE RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEM – REEMPLOYMENT OF RETIREES

Exempting from a specified offset of a retirement allowance retired judges who are members of the Employees' Retirement System or the Employees' Pension System; requiring local school superintendents to make reimbursements for failing to file certification of reemployed retirees with the State Retirement and Pension System and the State Department of Education by a specified date; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008

HB 721 Chair, Ways and Means Committee (By Request – Departmental – Business and Economic Development)

Chapter 517 JOB CREATION TAX CREDIT – TERMINATION PROVISIONS

Altering to January 1, 2014, the termination date applicable to the job creation tax credit program; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008

HB 723 Chair, Ways and Means Committee (By Request – Departmental – Business and Economic Development)

Chapter 518 BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – BIOTECHNOLOGY INVESTMENT INCENTIVE ACT

Altering eligibility criteria and requirements for claiming a credit against the State income tax for investments in specified biotechnology businesses; prohibiting the certification of credits for investments in a single company for any fiscal year in excess of 15% of the total appropriations to a specified reserve fund for the fiscal year; providing for recapture of the credit under specified circumstances; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008

HB 725 Delegate Rudolph, et al

Chapter 519 STATE RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEM – LINE OF DUTY DEATH BENEFITS

Providing that specified minor children and dependent parents of a State employee who at the time of death was a member of the State Retirement and Pension System and who was killed while employed by the State are entitled to enroll and participate in the State Employee and Retiree Health and Welfare Benefits Program under specified circumstances; etc.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2008

HB 744 **Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee (By Request –
Chapter 520** **Departmental – Public Safety and Correctional Services)**

**CORRECTIONAL SERVICES – MARYLAND CORRECTIONAL
ENTERPRISES – CONSTRUCTION SERVICES – TRAINING**

Allowing Maryland Correctional Enterprises to develop specified training programs to provide specified construction and construction-related services to specified correctional facilities; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008

HB 782 **Delegate Branch, et al**

Chapter 521 **GOVERNOR’S OFFICE OF COMMUNITY INITIATIVES –
REORGANIZATION OF VARIOUS STATE ENTITIES**

Establishing statutorily the Governor’s Office of Community Initiatives; transferring various entities to the Governor’s Office of Community Initiatives; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008

HB 786 **Delegate Dumais**

Chapter 522 **MARYLAND UNIFORM INTERSTATE FAMILY SUPPORT ACT –
REVISION**

Revising the Maryland Uniform Interstate Family Support Act; clarifying that the remedies provided under the Interstate Family Support Act do not affect the availability of remedies under other specified laws; altering specified provisions concerning the authority of a tribunal of the State to exercise personal jurisdiction over a nonresident individual in a proceeding to establish, modify, or enforce a support order or to determine parentage; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB 844 **Delegate Myers, et al**

Chapter 523 **VEHICLE LAWS – REGISTRATION PLATES – MOTORCYCLES**

Specifying the dimensions of a motor vehicle registration plate issued for a motorcycle to be 7 inches wide by 4 inches high.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB 847 Delegate Schuler

Chapter 524 VEHICLE LAWS – FALSIFYING DOCUMENTS AND
REGISTRATION PLATES – ARREST

Authorizing a police officer to arrest an individual without a warrant for a violation of specified provisions of law related to falsifying vehicle-related documents and registration plates.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB 865 Delegate Morhaim, et al

Chapter 525 PROCUREMENT – EMARYLAND MARKETPLACE – USE

Requiring specified persons to use eMaryland Marketplace to advertise for a specified procurement and to publish notice of an award of a specified contract; prohibiting an unintentional violation from constituting grounds to challenge or appeal the award of a procurement or the process through which a procurement was conducted; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2008

HB 882 Chair, Judiciary Committee (By Request – Departmental – Juvenile Services)

Chapter 526 JUVENILE SERVICES – RELEASE OF CONFIDENTIAL
INFORMATION

Authorizing a law enforcement agency to release to the public photographs and identifying information of a child who has escaped from a detention center for juveniles or a secure residential facility for juveniles, for the purposes of facilitating apprehension of the child and ensuring public safety.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB 940 Prince George's County Delegation and Montgomery County Delegation
Chapter 527

WASHINGTON SUBURBAN SANITARY COMMISSION AND MARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION – APPOINTMENTS – INTERVIEWS AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PG/MC 102-08

Authorizing, rather than requiring, the county executives of Montgomery County and Prince George's County or their designees to interview each applicant for appointment or reappointment to the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC); requiring the county executives or a designee to interview applicants selected for appointment to the WSSC; requiring the County Executive of Prince George's County or a designee to provide specified information to the Prince George's County Council; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB 975 Chair, Environmental Matters Committee (By Request – Departmental – Housing and Community Development)
Chapter 528

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – AUTHORIZATION FOR SALES OF STATE-FUNDED MORTGAGES OR OTHER OBLIGATIONS – SERVICING RIGHTS

Authorizing the Department of Housing and Community Development to sell specified mortgages or other obligations at a public or private sale, under specified circumstances; authorizing the Department of Housing and Community Development and the Community Development Administration to retain servicing rights for specified mortgages or other obligations after they are sold and to charge a specified fee for servicing the mortgages or other obligations; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008

HB 1002 Delegates Conway and Mathias

Chapter 529 ELECTION LAW – WORCESTER COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE

Repealing provisions relating to the staggering of terms of the members of the Worcester County Democratic Party Central Committee.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2008

HB 1057 Delegate King

Chapter 530 COMMERCIAL LAW – AUTOMOTIVE REPAIR FACILITIES – INVOICES, WRITTEN ESTIMATES, AND FORMS FOR AUTHORIZATION OF REPAIRS

Requiring an invoice, a written estimate for repair work, and a form for authorization of repairs from an automotive repair facility to state that while a customer's motor vehicle is on the premises of the automotive repair facility, the automotive repair facility may not be responsible for any damage to the customer's motor vehicle under specified circumstances, and that the customer should ask a representative of the automotive repair facility about the extent of its responsibility, including the extent of insurance coverage; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB 1087 Washington County Delegation

Chapter 531 WASHINGTON COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – CATERING, STADIUM, AND SIDEWALK CAFÉ LICENSES

Establishing a caterer's license, stadium license, and sidewalk cafe license in Washington County; authorizing the Board of License Commissioners of Washington County to issue specified licenses to specified persons; specifying the privileges conferred by the licenses; requiring licensees to meet requirements; specifying fees and the hours of sale for licenses; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008

HB 1090 Delegates Morhaim and Harrison

Chapter 532 STATE BOARD OF MORTICIANS – FAMILY SECURITY TRUST FUND AND PRE-NEED CONTRACTS

Establishing the Family Security Trust Fund; requiring the State Board of Morticians to administer the Fund and to build the Fund to a specified monetary level; requiring the Board to order a specified payment of a specified claim related to pre-need funds from the Fund in a specified manner; establishing the Family Security Trust Fund Advisory Committee; repealing a specified annual pre-need reporting requirement; etc.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

HB 1115 Washington County Delegation

Chapter 533 WASHINGTON COUNTY – BUILDING EXCISE TAX

Altering the criteria that must be met for the County Commissioners to impose a building excise tax for construction in Washington County; altering limitations for imposing a building excise tax in Washington County; repealing exemptions to the Washington County building excise tax; altering reporting requirements for the County Commissioners; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008

HB 1159 Delegate Manno, et al

Chapter 534 HOMEOWNERS' TAX FAIRNESS IN EMINENT DOMAIN PROCEEDINGS ACT

Authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City or the governing body of a county to exempt from recordation tax an instrument of writing that transfers specified improved residential real property to individuals who previously owned property that was acquired for public use; providing that a specified recordation tax exemption may apply to the county or Baltimore City transfer tax; providing for specified limitations for the exemption from recordation tax and transfer tax; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008

HB 1176 Delegate Pena–Melnyk, et al

Chapter 535 PUBLIC HEALTH – COMMITTEE ON CHILDHOOD OBESITY

Establishing a Committee on Childhood Obesity to provide specified recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly; specifying the membership, chair, and staff of the Committee; requiring the Committee to study childhood obesity and report to the Governor and the General Assembly by December 1, 2009, on insurance reimbursements for diagnosis and treatment, statewide data, public awareness, obesity screenings, and best and promising practices to address childhood obesity.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008

HB 1296 Delegate Feldman

Chapter 536 CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS – LICENSED OUT–OF–STATE
CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS – PRACTICE PRIVILEGE

Providing that an individual who practices certified public accountancy whose principal place of business is outside the State is, under specified circumstances, exempt from specified licensure laws of the State for certified public accountants and is considered to have qualifications that are substantially equivalent to a certified public accountant licensed in the State; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB 1309 Delegate McHale

Chapter 537 BUSINESS REGULATION – MOLD REMEDIATION SERVICES –
LICENSING

Requiring specified persons to be licensed by the Maryland Home Improvement Commission to provide mold remediation services; requiring the Commission to adopt regulations; providing that the Act does not limit the rights of specified individuals to engage in specified mold remediation; establishing the purpose of the Act; providing for the powers and duties of the Commission in licensing and regulating mold remediation service providers; requiring specified fees to be paid into the General Fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB 1326 Delegate Rosenberg, et al

Chapter 538 ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND – ESTATES AND TRUSTS
ARTICLE – DEDICATED TO ROGER D. REDDEN

Dedicating the Estates and Trusts Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland to the memory of Roger D. Redden.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB 1350 Delegates Stein and Kach

Chapter 539 CONSUMER PROTECTION – ADVERTISEMENT OF REBATE FOR
CONSUMER GOODS

Requiring that if a merchant advertises a rebate for consumer goods that is available only if the consumer mails in the rebate form, the advertisement must state clearly that the rebate is only available by mail.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB 1353 Delegate Rudolph, et al

Chapter 540 OMNIBUS COASTAL PROPERTY INSURANCE REFORM ACT

Prohibiting an insurer that issues a policy of homeowner's insurance from adopting an underwriting standard that requires a specified deductible unless the insurer has made a specified filing and obtained approval from the Commissioner; providing that if an insurer has adopted a specified underwriting standard, the deductible may be applicable only during a specified time; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB 1400 Delegate Wood, et al

Chapter 541 WORKERS' COMPENSATION – COVERED EMPLOYEES – STATE GOVERNMENT VOLUNTEER WORKERS

Providing that a volunteer worker for a unit of State government is a covered employee under the Maryland Workers' Compensation Act; specifying that, for specified purposes, the State is the employer of a specified volunteer worker; and limiting the benefits provided to a volunteer worker to specified medical services and treatment.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008

HB 1426 Chair, Environmental Matters Committee (By Request – Departmental – Transportation)

Chapter 542

VEHICLE LAWS – LEARNER'S INSTRUCTIONAL PERMITS

Increasing from 1 year to 2 years the period in which a learner's instructional permit is valid; and repealing exceptions in law allowing a student driver who is at least 15 years of age to drive on Maryland highways without obtaining a learner's instructional permit under specified circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB 1432 Delegate Ivey, et al

Chapter 543 ELECTION LAW – CAMPAIGN FINANCE – AFFIDAVIT AND SIGNATURE

Clarifying that a specified limit applies only to raising contributions in the cumulative amount of \$1,000 or more or making expenditures in the cumulative amount of \$1,000 or more during a specified period, regardless of the balance of the campaign account; exempting a campaign finance entity from a requirement to file an annual campaign finance report under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008

HB 1441 Delegate Anderson (By Request – Baltimore City Administration)

Chapter 544 BALTIMORE CITY – TAX INCREMENT FINANCING AND SPECIAL TAX DISTRICTS – MEDCO

Providing that a special fund established with respect to a tax increment financing development district in Baltimore City may be used to pay or reimburse the Mayor and City Council under specified circumstances for debt service on debt instruments issued by the Maryland Economic Development Corporation for specified purposes; providing that a special fund established with respect to a special taxing district in Baltimore City may under specified circumstances be used for specified purposes; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008

HB 1444 Chair, Appropriations Committee (By Request – Departmental – University System of Maryland)

Chapter 545 ACADEMIC FACILITIES BONDING AUTHORITY

Approving specified projects for the acquisition, development, and improvement of specified academic facilities for the University System of Maryland; authorizing the University System of Maryland to issue bonds, in a total principal amount of \$16,000,000, to finance specified projects; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2008

HB 1479 Prince George's County Delegation

Chapter 546 PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – CONVENTION CENTER LICENSE PG 331–08

Establishing a Class B–CC (convention center) beer, wine and liquor license in Prince George's County; specifying that a license may be issued only to a specified establishment that is equipped with specified rooms and facilities; providing for a \$20,000 annual license fee; specifying hours of sale; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

HB 1513 Delegate Hucker

Chapter 547 MARYLAND AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST – BOARD OF TRUSTEES – MEMBERSHIP

Removing the representative of the Maryland Center for Community Development from the membership of the Maryland Affordable Housing Trust; and increasing to four the number of voting trustees who are representatives of the public that the Governor is authorized to appoint.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB 1534 Chair, Appropriations Committee (By Request – Departmental – College Savings Plans of Maryland)

Chapter 548 COLLEGE SAVINGS PLANS OF MARYLAND

Authorizing the College Savings Plans of Maryland Board to establish the Maryland Broker–Dealer College Investment Plan for the purpose of providing a broker–dealer distributed vehicle that would allow contributions to an investment account established for meeting higher education expenses of the account's qualified designated beneficiary; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB 1550 Delegate Busch, et al

Chapter 549 DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES POLICE – JURISDICTION, AUTHORITY, AND RESPONSIBILITY

Granting the Department of General Services Police full jurisdiction and authority for the enforcement of specified laws as they relate to specified properties, including the surrounding areas of specified properties in Annapolis and Baltimore City; authorizing the Secretary of General Services to establish a specified police force to protect people and property in specified areas; repealing limitations relating to concurrent authority; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

HB 1562 Delegate Rudolph, et al

Chapter 550 CECIL COUNTY – SPECIAL TAXING DISTRICTS – CREATION

Authorizing Cecil County to exercise specified powers concerning the creation of special taxing districts, the levying of specified taxes, and the issuing of bonds for developing and financing infrastructure improvements under specified circumstances; authorizing Cecil County to create a special taxing district only in specified areas; authorizing the governing body of Cecil County to consider, at a public hearing, elements of a proposed development that would benefit from the creation of a special taxing district; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2008

HB 1564 Delegates Haddaway and Eckardt

Chapter 551 REAL PROPERTY – TALBOT COUNTY – RECORDATION OF COUNTY RIGHT-OF-WAY PLATS

Including Talbot County in the provisions of law in which the clerks of the circuit courts for specified counties are required to receive, index, and file county right-of-way plats.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB 1566 Delegate Beitzel

Chapter 552 GARRETT COUNTY – LOCAL TAX – DATE OF PAYMENT

Altering the date the County Commissioners of Garrett County are required to make payments of the revenue from specified local taxes to specified volunteer fire departments.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2008

HB 1602 Delegate Malone, et al

Chapter 553 COMMISSION TO STUDY THE IMPACT OF IMMIGRANTS IN MARYLAND

Establishing a Commission to Study the Impact of Immigrants in Maryland; providing for the membership and duties of the Commission; requiring that members appointed to the Commission reflect diversity of the State; requiring the University of Maryland, College Park to provide staff for the Commission; requiring the Commission, to the extent possible and for each item of study in its report, to make the distinction between persons who are in lawful immigration status and those who are not in lawful immigration status; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2008

HB 1607 Anne Arundel County Delegation

Chapter 554 ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – BOARD OF EDUCATION AND SCHOOL BOARD NOMINATING COMMISSION

Requiring the Department of Legislative Services to provide staff for the School Board Nominating Commission of Anne Arundel County; and repealing the provision that the increase in the salary or compensation of the President and the members of the Anne Arundel County Board of Education does not apply to the incumbent President or the incumbent members of the County Board.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008

Sincerely,

Karl S. Aro

Executive Director

May 22, 2008

To the Members of the General Assembly

Ladies and Gentlemen:

On May 22, 2008, the Honorable Martin O'Malley, 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 that you passed:

SB 210 The President (By Request – Administration), et al

Chapter 555 MARYLAND VETERANS BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

Establishing behavioral health service coordination among the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, the Maryland Department of Veterans Affairs, the Maryland National Guard, and the Maryland Defense Force for veterans of the Afghanistan or Iraq conflicts; requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to seek reimbursement for specified services; creating the Veterans Behavioral Health Advisory Board; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2008

HB 372 The Speaker (By Request – Administration), et al

Chapter 556 MARYLAND VETERANS BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

Establishing behavioral health service coordination among the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, the Maryland Department of Veterans Affairs, the Maryland National Guard, and the Maryland Defense Force for veterans of the Afghanistan or Iraq conflicts; requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to seek reimbursement for specified services; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2008

SB 906 The President (By Request – Administration), et al

Chapter 557 SENIOR PRESCRIPTION DRUG ASSISTANCE PROGRAM –
SUBSIDY FOR MEDICARE PART D COVERAGE GAP AND SUNSET
EXTENSION

Requiring a specified nonprofit health service plan to transfer \$4,000,000 to the separate account for the Senior Prescription Drug Assistance Program within the Maryland Health Insurance Plan; authorizing the corporation not to make the transfer under specified circumstances; requiring the Program to provide a subsidy for the Medicare Part D coverage gap, subject to the availability of funds; extending to December 31, 2010, the termination date of the Senior Prescription Drug Assistance Program; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB 1492 The Speaker (By Request – Administration), et al

Chapter 558 SENIOR PRESCRIPTION DRUG ASSISTANCE PROGRAM –
SUBSIDY FOR MEDICARE PART D COVERAGE GAP AND SUNSET
EXTENSION

Requiring a specified nonprofit health service plan to transfer \$4,000,000 to the separate account for the Senior Prescription Drug Assistance Program within the Maryland Health Insurance Plan; authorizing the corporation not to make the transfer under specified circumstances; requiring the Program to provide a subsidy for the Medicare Part D coverage gap, subject to the availability of funds; extending to December 31, 2010, the termination date of the Senior Prescription Drug Assistance Program; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

SB 1 Senator Lenett

Chapter 559 MARYLAND YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL

Establishing the Maryland Youth Advisory Council; providing for the appointment, selection, membership, terms, and duties of the Council; establishing an executive board; providing for the development of an application process; requiring the Council to work with the State Department of Education regarding the granting of school credit for Council service; requiring the Council to hold public meetings, conduct public hearings, propose legislation, and conduct a public awareness campaign; etc.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2008

SB 3 **Senator Simonaire, et al**

Chapter 560 FALLEN SOLDIER PRIVACY ACT OF 2008

Prohibiting a person from knowingly using the name, portrait, picture, or image of a specified deceased soldier for specified purposes without prior consent from specified individuals; defining the term “soldier”; establishing a penalty; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB 64 **Delegate Kipke**

Chapter 561 FALLEN SOLDIER PRIVACY ACT OF 2008

Prohibiting a person from knowingly using the name, portrait, picture, or image of a specified deceased soldier for specified purposes without prior consent from specified individuals; defining the term “soldier”; establishing a penalty; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

SB 45 **Senator Lenett**

Chapter 562 STATE ADVISORY COUNCIL ON QUALITY CARE AT THE END OF LIFE – MEMBERSHIP

Altering the membership of the State Advisory Council on Quality Care at the End of Life to include the Secretary of Disabilities or the Secretary’s designee and one representative of the hospital industry; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB 118 **Delegates Frush and Hubbard**

Chapter 563 STATE ADVISORY COUNCIL ON QUALITY CARE AT THE END OF LIFE – MEMBERSHIP

Increasing the membership of the State Advisory Council on Quality Care at the End of Life to include the Secretary of Disabilities or the Secretary’s designee and one representative of the hospital industry; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

SB 154 Senator Colburn

Chapter 564 DORCHESTER COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ACT OF 2008

Repealing the off-sale privilege of a Class B beer and light wine license in Dorchester County on or after July 1, 2008; authorizing a holder of a Class B (on-sale and off-sale) beer and light wine license that is issued on or before June 30, 2008, to continue to exercise the privileges of the license and to renew the license; providing penalties for violations at catered events; authorizing a license for specified not for profit organizations; clarifying and altering the hours of sale for specified licenses; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008

SB 166 Senator Haines, et al

Chapter 565 FURNISHING AN ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE TO UNDERAGE INDIVIDUAL – PENALTY

Increasing the penalty for furnishing an alcoholic beverage for consumption to an individual under the age of 21 years under specified circumstances; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB 76 Delegate Shewell, et al

Chapter 566 FURNISHING AN ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE TO UNDERAGE INDIVIDUAL – PENALTY

Increasing the penalty for furnishing an alcoholic beverage for consumption to an individual under the age of 21 years under specified circumstances.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

**SB 182 Chair, Budget and Taxation Committee (By Request – Departmental –
Chapter 567 Transportation)**

MARYLAND TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

Requiring the Maryland Transportation Authority each year to develop, adopt, and submit to the General Assembly at specified times a 6-year financial forecast for its operations; requiring the forecast to include a schedule of operating expenses, revenues, toll revenues, planned bond issuances, debt services, and a summary schedule including specified items; modifying a limit on the issuance of specified debt by the Authority; authorizing the Authority to issue specified notes; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008

SB 188 **Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Comptroller)**

Chapter 568 **COMPTROLLER – CIGARETTE BUSINESS LICENSES – GROUNDS
FOR DISCIPLINARY ACTION**

Clarifying that applicants for cigarette business licenses and licensees must buy cigarettes for resale from a licensed cigarette manufacturer in order to be in compliance with specified provisions of law and not subject to disciplinary action by the Comptroller.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

SB 221 **Senator Edwards**

Chapter 569 **GARRETT COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – CLASS B BEER
AND LIGHT WINE LICENSE**

Establishing a Class B beer and light wine license in Garrett County; authorizing the Board of License Commissioners to issue the license for use in specified bona fide hotels, motels, inns, or restaurants; authorizing the Board to issue a license without or with a catering option; specifying the privileges of licenses without and licenses with a catering option; providing for specified issuing and annual license fees; and authorizing the Board to adopt regulations.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008

SB 286 **Senator Gladden**

Chapter 570 **PUBLIC HEALTH – ANTIBIOTIC-RESISTANT INFECTION
PREVENTION CAMPAIGN**

Requiring the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene, in collaboration with other State agencies, subject to the availability and appropriation of funding, to establish and promote a specified public awareness campaign on antibiotic-resistant infections; providing for the components of the campaign; authorizing the Secretary to use specified resources to carry out the provisions of the Act; providing for the termination of the Act; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

SB 297 **Senator King, et al**

Chapter 571 TAX CREDIT FOR EMPLOYER ESTABLISHED WORK-BASED LEARNING PROGRAMS FOR STUDENTS

Authorizing eligible parties to establish specified approved paid work-based learning programs under which arrangements are made between schools and employers to provide students with specified structured employer-supervised learning; allowing a credit against the State income tax or the insurance premiums tax for wages paid to each student under an approved program; providing for the calculation and carry-forward of the credit; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008

SB 305 **Senator Middleton**

Chapter 572 COMMUNITY SERVICES REIMBURSEMENT RATE COMMISSION – TERMINATION DATE EXTENSION AND MODIFICATIONS

Extending the termination date for the Community Services Reimbursement Rate Commission; authorizing the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Senate, to appoint a specified number of members to the Commission for a fifth consecutive term beginning on a specified date; altering a requirement that the Commission assess changes in wages paid by specified providers to require the Commission to assess the level of and changes in wages paid by specified providers to direct support workers; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008

HB 1059 **Delegate Hubbard, et al**

Chapter 573 COMMUNITY SERVICES REIMBURSEMENT RATE COMMISSION – TERMINATION DATE EXTENSION AND MODIFICATIONS

Extending the termination date for the Community Services Reimbursement Rate Commission; authorizing the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Senate, to appoint a specified number of members to the Commission for a fifth consecutive term beginning on a specified date; altering a requirement that the Commission assess changes in wages paid by specified providers to require the Commission to assess the level of and changes in wages paid by specified providers to direct support workers; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008

SB 612 **Senator Lenett, et al**

Chapter 574 **PROCUREMENT – PREFERENCE PROCUREMENT PROGRAM FOR SHELTERED WORKSHOPS – INDIVIDUAL WITH DISABILITY OWNED BUSINESSES**

Expanding eligibility in the preference procurement program for sheltered workshops within the Department of General Services to include a business owned by an individual with a disability under specified circumstances; defining “individual with disability owned business” and specifying requirements for the business to qualify to participate in the program; requiring the State or specified State aided or controlled entities to buy supplies and services from specified businesses under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008

HB 881 **Delegate Weldon, et al**

Chapter 575 **PROCUREMENT – PREFERENCE PROCUREMENT PROGRAM FOR SHELTERED WORKSHOPS – INDIVIDUAL WITH DISABILITY OWNED BUSINESSES**

Expanding eligibility in the preference procurement program for sheltered workshops within the Department of General Services to include a business owned by an individual with a disability under specified circumstances; defining “individual with disability owned business” and specifying requirements for the business to qualify to participate in the program; requiring the State or specified State aided or controlled entities to buy supplies and services from specified businesses under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008

SB 368 **Senator Conway**

Chapter 576 **PROCUREMENT – PREFERENCES – EMPLOYMENT WORKS PROGRAM**

Naming a specified preference procurement program within the Department of General Services as the Employment Works Program; clarifying the preference priority for specified providers with regard to purchases of specified supplies and services by the State or by specified other entities; altering the membership of the Pricing and Selection Committee for the Program; defining, altering, and clarifying terms and provisions of law; clarifying provisions relating to a specified coordinating entity; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008

HB 805 Delegate Weldon, et al

Chapter 577 **PROCUREMENT – PREFERENCES – EMPLOYMENT WORKS PROGRAM**

Naming a specified preference procurement program within the Department of General Services as the Employment Works Program; clarifying the preference priority for specified providers with regard to purchases of specified supplies and services by the State or by specified other entities; altering the membership of the Pricing and Selection Committee for the Program; defining, altering, and clarifying terms and provisions of law; clarifying provisions relating to a specified coordinating entity; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008

SB 413 Senators Stone and Haines

Chapter 578 **COURTS – SERVICE OF PROCESS – MOTOR VEHICLE ADMINISTRATION AS AGENT FOR NONRESIDENT DRIVER**

Designating the Motor Vehicle Administration as the agent for a nonresident driver with regard to a subpoena, summons, or other process issued in an action related to a motor vehicle accident under specified circumstances; requiring the Administration to take specified action and keep specified records; authorizing the Administration to serve as an agent for service of legal papers in specified circumstances; authorizing the Administration to set and collect a specified fee; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

SB 438 Senator Jones, et al

Chapter 579 **INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION – PLANS FOR PROGRAMS OF CULTURAL DIVERSITY**

Requiring specified nonpublic institutions of higher education to submit a report regarding cultural diversity programs to the Maryland Independent College and University Association on or before a specified date each year; requiring the Association to submit a report on the status of specified cultural diversity programs to the Maryland Higher Education Commission on or before a specified date each year; requiring the report to include specified information; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008

HB 905 Delegate Gutierrez, et al

Chapter 580 INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION – PLANS FOR PROGRAMS OF CULTURAL DIVERSITY

Requiring each nonpublic institution of higher education to submit a report regarding cultural diversity programs to the Maryland Independent College and University Association on or before May 1 of each year; requiring the Association to submit a report on the status of specified cultural diversity programs to the Maryland Higher Education Commission on or before August 1 each year; requiring the Commission to submit a report to committees of the General Assembly on or before October 1 of each year; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008

SB 460 Senators Middleton and Dyson

Chapter 581 VEHICLE LAWS – MOVING VIOLATIONS BY MINORS – NOTIFICATION OF PARENT OR GUARDIAN

Requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration to notify the parent, guardian, or other cosigner of a minor's driver's license application if a citation is issued to the minor charging the minor with a specified moving violation; requiring the notice provided by the Administration to contain specified information; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB 511 Delegate Levy, et al

Chapter 582 VEHICLE LAWS – MOVING VIOLATIONS BY MINORS – NOTIFICATION OF PARENT OR GUARDIAN

Requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration to notify the parent, guardian, or other cosigner of a minor's driver's license application if a citation is issued to the minor charging the minor with a moving violation; requiring the notice provided by the Administration to contain specified information; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

SB 463 **Senator Conway (Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs
Committee)**
Chapter 583

STATE BOARD OF MORTICIANS AND FUNERAL DIRECTORS –
SUNSET EXTENSION AND PROGRAM EVALUATION

Continuing the State Board of Morticians and Funeral Directors by extending specified termination provisions; altering the composition of the Board; requiring that an evaluation of the Board be performed on or before July 1, 2017; requiring that pre-need contracts contain a disclosure statement; requiring the Board to make specified reports on or before specified dates; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008

SB 465 **Senator Peters, et al**

Chapter 584 PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENT APPEALS

Altering a time limit for the Maryland Tax Court to hear and determine an appeal from a determination of a property tax assessment appeal board under specified circumstances.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008

SB 481 **Senator DeGrange, et al**

Chapter 585 DISABLED LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS AND RESCUE
WORKERS – PROPERTY TAX CREDIT

Authorizing the counties and municipal corporations to grant a property tax credit for a dwelling owned by the surviving spouse of a fallen law enforcement officer or rescue worker; authorizing a property tax credit for a dwelling owned by a disabled law enforcement officer or rescue worker; adding “correctional officer” to specified definitions; applying the Act to tax years beginning after June 30, 2008; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2008

HB 573 Delegate Tarrant, et al

Chapter 586 DISABLED LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS AND RESCUE WORKERS – PROPERTY TAX CREDIT

Authorizing the counties and municipal corporations to grant a property tax credit for a dwelling owned by the surviving spouse of a fallen law enforcement officer or rescue worker; authorizing a property tax credit for a dwelling owned by a disabled law enforcement officer or rescue worker; adding “correctional officer” to specified definitions; applying the Act to tax years beginning after June 30, 2008; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2008

SB 528 Senator Raskin

Chapter 587 MARYLAND HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION – ADMINISTRATIVE AND CIVIL RELIEF – WAIVER OF SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY

Establishing that specified respondents may elect to have specified claims asserted in a complaint filed with the Maryland Human Relations Commission determined in specified civil actions brought by the Commission on the complainant’s behalf; establishing that a complainant may bring a civil action alleging a discriminatory act under specified circumstances; prohibiting the State from raising sovereign immunity as a defense against an award in specified employment discrimination cases; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB 399 Delegate Rosenberg, et al

Chapter 588 MARYLAND HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION – ADMINISTRATIVE AND CIVIL RELIEF – WAIVER OF SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY

Establishing that specified respondents may elect to have specified claims asserted in a complaint filed with the Maryland Human Relations Commission determined in specified civil actions brought by the Commission on the complainant’s behalf; establishing that a civil action alleging a discriminatory act may be filed under specified circumstances; prohibiting the State from raising sovereign immunity as a defense against an award in specified employment discrimination cases; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

SB 545 **Chair, Budget and Taxation Committee**

Chapter 589 HEALTH CARE FUNDS – TRANSFERS AND DISBURSEMENTS

Authorizing \$83,275,000 of the balance remaining in the Rate Stabilization Account of the Maryland Health Care Provider Rate Stabilization Fund at the end of fiscal year 2008 to be transferred to specified accounts to be used for specified purposes; limiting a requirement that the Legislative Auditor conduct audits of the Medical Mutual Liability Insurance Society of Maryland to years in which the Society received disbursements from the Rate Stabilization Account of the Fund; requiring a specified report; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008

SB 566 **Senators Garagiola and Kelley**

Chapter 590 HEALTH CARE FACILITY VISITATION AND MEDICAL DECISIONS
– DOMESTIC PARTNERS

Requiring specified health care facilities to allow domestic partners and specified relatives of domestic partners to visit a domestic partner except under specified circumstances; requiring two adults to be treated as domestic partners under specified circumstances related to medical emergencies; providing that a health care agent retains specified authority to make specified decisions notwithstanding specified provisions of law; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008

SB 569 **Senator Dyson**

Chapter 591 SECONDHAND PRECIOUS METAL OBJECT DEALERS AND
PAWNBROKERS – DEFINITION OF DEALER

Altering the definition of “dealer”, as it relates to the regulation of secondhand precious metal object dealers, to mean an individual who arranges for the sale or delivery of a secondhand precious metal object on behalf of a person who does not hold a license to do business as a dealer; altering the definitions of “fixed business address” and “local law enforcement unit” to clarify their scope; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB 422 Delegate Kirk, et al

Chapter 592 SECONDHAND PRECIOUS METAL OBJECT DEALERS AND PAWNBROKERS – DEFINITION OF DEALER

Altering the definition of dealer to mean an individual who arranges for the sale or delivery of a secondhand precious metal object on behalf of a person that does not hold a license to do business as a dealer; and clarifying the scope of the definitions of fixed business address and local law enforcement unit, as they relate to the regulation of secondhand precious metal object dealers and pawnbrokers.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

SB 570 Senator Garagiola, et al

Chapter 593 STATE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES BOARD – PUBLIC ACCESS AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR PROGRAM

Renaming the Automated External Defibrillator Program to be the Public Access Automated External Defibrillator Program; repealing the authority of the State Emergency Medical Services Board to set and require fees for the issuance and renewal of certificates under the program; authorizing the Board to approve educational and training programs that include training in automated external defibrillation; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

SB 577 Senator Forehand, et al

Chapter 594 INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES AND PARENTS OF MINORS WITH DISABILITIES – SERVICE ANIMALS

Altering various provisions of law establishing specified rights and privileges for individuals with specified disabilities to include all individuals with disabilities and the parents of a minor child with a disability; altering various provisions of law relating to the use of service animals by individuals with specified disabilities to include all individuals with disabilities and the parents of a minor child with a disability; altering various provisions of law relating to access by service animal trainers to specified places; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB 767 Delegate Heller, et al

Chapter 595 INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES AND PARENTS OF MINORS WITH DISABILITIES – SERVICE ANIMALS

Altering provisions of law establishing specified rights and privileges for individuals with disabilities to include all individuals with disabilities and the parents of a minor child with a disability; altering specified provisions of law relating to use of service animals by specified individuals to include all individuals with disabilities and the parents of a minor child with a disability; defining “disability” and “service animal”; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

SB 579 Senator Forehand

Chapter 596 IMMUNITY FROM LIABILITY – USE OF AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR

Altering the circumstances under which an individual is immune from civil liability for providing automated external defibrillation; and providing that immunity from liability is not available to individuals for specified conduct that is grossly negligent, willful or wanton misconduct, or intentionally tortious conduct.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB 1134 Delegate Lee, et al

Chapter 597 IMMUNITY FROM LIABILITY – USE OF AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR

Altering the circumstances under which an individual is immune from civil liability for providing automated external defibrillation; and providing that immunity from liability is not available to individuals for specified conduct that is grossly negligent, willful or wanton misconduct, or intentionally tortious conduct.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

SB 595 **Senator Astle, et al**

Chapter 598 HEALTH INSURANCE – CARRIER CREDENTIALING –
REIMBURSEMENT OF PROVIDERS OF HEALTH CARE SERVICES

Requiring specified carriers to reimburse a group practice on the carrier's provider panel at the participating provider rate for covered services provided by a provider who is not a participating provider under specified circumstances; prohibiting a health maintenance organization from denying payment to a provider under specified circumstances; requiring a group practice to disclose in writing specified information to an enrollee; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

SB 597 **Senator Kramer, et al**

Chapter 599 RECORDATION AND TRANSFER TAXES – EXEMPTIONS –
DOMESTIC PARTNERS

Exempting from recordation tax and State and county transfer taxes instruments of writing transferring property between domestic partners and former domestic partners under specified circumstances; requiring the submission of specified documents to qualify for specified exemptions; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008

SB 606 **Senator Pugh, et al**

Chapter 600 STATE GOVERNMENT – BROKERAGE AND INVESTMENT
MANAGEMENT SERVICES – USE OF MINORITY BUSINESS
ENTERPRISES

Requiring specified State entities responsible for the management of specified funds to attempt to use minority business enterprise brokerage and investment management services firms; specifying that brokerage and investment management services shall include services related to specified asset classes under specified circumstances; requiring the entities to adopt specified guidelines and to submit an annual report relating to minority business enterprise brokerage and investment management services firms; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB 1277 Delegate Walker, et al

Chapter 601 STATE GOVERNMENT – BROKERAGE AND INVESTMENT
MANAGEMENT SERVICES – USE OF MINORITY BUSINESS
ENTERPRISES

Requiring specified State entities responsible for the management of specified funds to attempt to use minority business enterprise brokerage and investment management services firms; specifying that brokerage and investment management services shall include services relating to specified asset classes under specified circumstances; requiring the entities to adopt specified guidelines and to submit an annual report relating to minority business enterprise brokerage and investment management services firms; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

**SB 607 Senators Pugh and McFadden (By Request – Baltimore City
Administration), et al**

Chapter 602 CHILDREN – RECORDS – ACCESS BY THE BALTIMORE CITY
HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Extending the termination date for specified provisions of law relating to specified records and reports concerning children and access by the Baltimore City Health Department; authorizing access to specified court records and police records by the Baltimore City Health Department under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

**HB 768 Delegate Anderson (By Request – Baltimore City Administration) and
Delegate Glenn**

Chapter 603 CHILDREN – RECORDS – ACCESS BY THE BALTIMORE CITY
HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Extending the termination date for specified provisions of law relating to specified records and reports concerning children and access by the Baltimore City Health Department; authorizing access to specified court records and police records by the Baltimore City Health Department under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

SB 608 **Senator Garagiola, et al**

Chapter 604 EDUCATION – VETERANS OF THE AFGHANISTAN AND IRAQ
CONFLICTS SCHOLARSHIP – EXTENSION

Extending to June 30, 2016, the date by which the Office of Student Financial Assistance may award an initial Veterans of the Afghanistan and Iraq Conflicts Scholarship; and extending to June 30, 2016, the date by which the Office may renew a Veterans of the Afghanistan and Iraq Conflicts Scholarship if the individual received an initial scholarship before that date.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

SB 646 **Senator Astle, et al**

Chapter 605 CREDIT REGULATION – DEBT MANAGEMENT SERVICES

Authorizing a person that is not a nonprofit organization to provide debt management services in the State; requiring a person that is licensed to provide debt management services to provide a specified notice to a consumer and to make a determination, before providing debt management services for a consumer, that the debt management services are suitable for the consumer and that the consumer will be able to meet the obligations of the debt management services agreement; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2008

HB 947 **Delegate Feldman, et al**

Chapter 606 CREDIT REGULATION – DEBT MANAGEMENT SERVICES

Authorizing a person that is not a nonprofit organization to provide debt management services in the State; requiring a person that is licensed to provide debt management services to provide a specified notice to a consumer and to make a determination, before providing debt management services for a consumer, that the debt management services are suitable for the consumer and that the consumer will be able to meet the obligations of the debt management services agreement; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2008

SB 649 **Senator Conway**

Chapter 607 **ATHLETICS – MIXED MARTIAL ARTS – REGULATION BY STATE
ATHLETIC COMMISSION – BOXING AND WRESTLING TAX**

Prohibiting a person from participating as a mixed martial arts contestant in a contest in the State unless the person has a license issued by the State Athletic Commission; exempting specified amateur mixed martial arts from the requirements of the Act under specified circumstances; requiring a mixed martial arts contestant licensee to be examined by a physician under specified circumstances; requiring an applicant for a mixed martial arts contestant license or licensee to provide documentary evidence about medical test results; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB 795 **Delegate Reznik, et al**

Chapter 608 **ATHLETICS – MIXED MARTIAL ARTS – REGULATION BY STATE
ATHLETIC COMMISSION – BOXING AND WRESTLING TAX**

Prohibiting a person from participating as a mixed martial arts contestant in a contest in the State unless the person has a license issued by the State Athletic Commission; exempting specified amateur mixed martial arts from the requirements of the Act under specified circumstances; requiring a mixed martial arts contestant licensee to be examined by a physician under specified circumstances; requiring an applicant for a mixed martial arts contestant license or licensee to provide documentary evidence about medical test results; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

SB 659 **Carroll County Senators**

Chapter 609 **CARROLL COUNTY – LOCAL ORDINANCE CREATING A COUNTY
POLICE DEPARTMENT – SUBMISSION TO LOCAL REFERENDUM**

Requiring the County Commissioners of Carroll County to submit an ordinance that would create a county police department to a local referendum under specified circumstances; requiring the County Commissioners to provide for and hold the referendum; making the provisions of a local law creating a police department effective on a specified date under specified circumstances; prohibiting the implementation of a specified local law under specified circumstances; providing for the termination of the Act; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

SB 662 **Senator Middleton, et al**

Chapter 610 **AGRICULTURAL LAND TRANSFER TAX – SURCHARGE AND DISTRIBUTION OF REVENUE**

Imposing a surcharge under specified circumstances in addition to the agricultural land transfer tax imposed on specified instruments of writing; altering the distribution of specified revenues attributable to the agricultural land transfer tax; altering the distribution of the State transfer tax revenues under specified circumstances; providing that the Maryland Agricultural and Resource–Based Industry Development Corporation may use a specified percentage of specified funds for administrative costs; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008

SB 675 **Senators Brinkley and Kittleman**

Chapter 611 **CARROLL COUNTY – COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

Altering the boundaries for the County Commissioner Districts in Carroll County; establishing specified eligibility criteria for individuals serving as County Commissioners; repealing a requirement for a specified recommendation on staggered terms for specified County Commissioners; and making the Act an emergency measure.
EMERGENCY BILL

SB 679 **Senator Kittleman, et al**

Chapter 612 **INJURED WORKERS’ INSURANCE FUND – REGULATION BY THE MARYLAND INSURANCE COMMISSIONER**

Removing the Injured Workers’ Insurance Fund from exceptions to specified provisions of law; providing that the Fund is subject to examination in accordance with specified provisions of law; authorizing the Maryland Insurance Commissioner to enforce specified provisions of law to which the Fund is subject; requiring the Maryland Insurance Administration to conduct a study and identify specified provisions of law; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

SB 682 **Senator Middleton**

Chapter 613 MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM – LONG-TERM CARE
ELIGIBILITY – CONSOLIDATION PLAN

Requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene and the Department of Human Resources, in consultation with specified groups, to develop a plan related to the determination of eligibility for Medical Assistance Program long-term care services; requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene and the Department of Human Resources to submit a report on the implementation of the plan to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before October 1, 2008; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008

HB 1452 **Delegate Weldon, et al**

Chapter 614 MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM – LONG-TERM CARE
ELIGIBILITY – CONSOLIDATION PLAN

Requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene and the Department of Human Resources, in consultation with specified groups, to develop a plan related to the determination of eligibility for Medical Assistance Program long-term care services; requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene and the Department of Human Resources to submit a report on the implementation of the plan to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before October 1, 2008; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008

SB 695 **Senator Gladden, et al**

Chapter 615 POLICE AND COURT RECORDS – NUISANCE CRIMES –
EXPUNGEMENT

Authorizing a person convicted of any of a list of specified minor crimes who completed the sentence imposed for the conviction, including probation, to petition for the expungement of records maintained by the State pertaining to the conviction; providing that a person is not entitled to an expungement under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB 685 **Delegate Rosenberg, et al**

Chapter 616 POLICE AND COURT RECORDS – NUISANCE CRIMES –
EXPUNGEMENT

Authorizing a person convicted of any of a list of specified minor crimes who completed the sentence imposed for the conviction, including probation, to petition for the expungement of records maintained by the State pertaining to the conviction; providing that a person is not entitled to an expungement under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

SB 711 **Senator Lenett**

Chapter 617 TRUTH IN MUSIC ADVERTISING ACT

Prohibiting a person from advertising or conducting a live musical performance or production in the State through the use of a false, deceptive, or misleading affiliation, connection, or association between a performing group and a recording group; providing for exceptions; authorizing the Attorney General to seek an injunction to prohibit a person from continuing or engaging in a violation; authorizing a court to enter a judgment; allowing for a civil penalty of not less than \$5,000 or more than \$15,000 for each violation; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

SB 717 **Senator Klausmeier**

Chapter 618 PHARMACISTS – ADMINISTRATION OF VACCINATIONS –
EXPANDED AUTHORITY

Expanding the authority of pharmacists to administer vaccinations for pneumococcal pneumonia or herpes zoster to individuals under specified circumstances; authorizing the State Board of Pharmacy to set specified fees; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB 551 **Delegate Donoghue**

Chapter 619 PHARMACISTS – ADMINISTRATION OF VACCINATIONS –
EXPANDED AUTHORITY

Expanding the authority of pharmacists to administer vaccinations for pneumococcal pneumonia or herpes zoster to individuals under specified circumstances; authorizing the State Board of Pharmacy to set specified fees; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

SB 755 **Senator Dyson**

Chapter 620 ELECTION LAW – SLOT MACHINE GAMING REFERENDUM –
CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORTS

Requiring specified persons to file specified information on a specified form in connection with a specified slot machine gaming referendum; requiring specified persons thereafter to file specified campaign finance reports with regard to expenditures in connection with the slot machine gaming referendum; altering definitions; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2008

SB 798 **Senator Dyson**

Chapter 621 ST. MARY’S COUNTY – MOBILE HOME PARKS – PLANS FOR
DISLOCATED RESIDENTS

Providing that, in St. Mary’s County, if a mobile home park owner does not submit a plan for alternative arrangements for park residents with an application for a change in the land use of a park or does not comply with an approved plan, the application for the land use change may not be approved until specified conditions are met; requiring a plan for alternative arrangements for park residents submitted in St. Mary’s County to include specified information; requiring that a copy of a specified notice be sent to the County Commissioners; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB 816 **St. Mary’s County Delegation**

Chapter 622 ST. MARY’S COUNTY – MOBILE HOME PARKS – PLANS FOR
DISLOCATED RESIDENTS

Providing that, in St. Mary’s County, if a mobile home park owner does not submit a plan for alternative arrangements for park residents with an application for a change in the land use of a park or does not comply with an approved plan, the application for the land use change may not be approved until specified conditions are met; requiring a plan for alternative arrangements for park residents submitted in St. Mary’s County to include specified information; requiring that a copy of a specified notice be sent to the County Commissioners; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

SB 817 **Senator Conway, et al**

Chapter 623 MARYLAND INDIVIDUAL TAX PREPARERS ACT

Creating the State Board of Individual Tax Preparers in the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation; providing for the composition, appointment, terms, and expenses of the Board; establishing specified powers and duties of the Board; requiring individual tax preparers to pay specified fees; requiring the Board to pay fees to the State Comptroller; establishing the Individual Tax Preparers Fund; requiring specified persons to be registered by the Board as individual tax preparers; requiring a specified public awareness campaign; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2008

SB 841 **Senator Middleton**

Chapter 624 MARYLAND COMMUNITY HEALTH RESOURCES COMMISSION – MODIFICATIONS

Establishing the terms of Maryland Community Health Resources Commission members; authorizing the Governor to remove a member under specified circumstances; establishing requirements for Commission decisions, compensation, and staff; authorizing the Commission to implement specified programs; repealing specified standing committees; requiring the Commission to adopt specified regulations; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008

HB 1279 **Delegate V. Turner, et al**

Chapter 625 MARYLAND COMMUNITY HEALTH RESOURCES COMMISSION – MODIFICATIONS

Establishing the terms of Maryland Community Health Resources Commission members; authorizing the Governor to remove a member under specified circumstances; establishing requirements for Commission decisions, compensation, and staff; authorizing the Commission to implement specified programs; repealing specified standing committees; requiring the Commission to adopt specified regulations; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008

SB 852 **Senator Kasemeyer, et al**

Chapter 626 HEALTH INSURANCE – PUBLIC-PRIVATE HEALTH CARE PROGRAMS

Requiring a person to be certified by the Maryland Insurance Commissioner before operating a public-private health care program in the State; establishing specified requirements an applicant for certification must meet; requiring the Commissioner to certify an applicant to operate a public-private health care program under specified circumstances; providing for the expiration and renewal of a certification; requiring a public-private health care program to disapprove an application under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2008

HB 872 **Delegate Pendergrass, et al**

Chapter 627 HEALTH INSURANCE – PUBLIC-PRIVATE HEALTH CARE PROGRAMS

Requiring a person to be certified by the Maryland Insurance Commissioner before operating a public-private health care program in the State; establishing requirements an applicant for certification must meet; requiring the Commissioner to certify an applicant to operate a public-private health care program under specified circumstances; providing for the expiration and renewal of a certification; requiring a public-private health care program to disapprove an application under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2008

SB 875 **Senator Edwards**

Chapter 628 REAL PROPERTY – PAYMENT OF INTEREST AFTER FORECLOSURE SALE – GARRETT COUNTY

Providing that, in Garrett County, the interest provided in a mortgage or note secured by a deed of trust is payable for 60 days following a foreclosure sale or until the audit of the sale is ratified, whichever occurs first; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB 901 Delegate Beitzel

Chapter 629 REAL PROPERTY – PAYMENT OF INTEREST AFTER FORECLOSURE SALE – GARRETT COUNTY

Providing that, in Garrett County, the interest provided in a mortgage or note secured by a deed of trust is payable for 60 days following a foreclosure sale or until the audit of the sale is ratified, whichever occurs first; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

SB 882 Senator Middleton

Chapter 630 CERTIFIED PROFESSIONAL, ASSOCIATE, AND SUPERVISED COUNSELORS–ALCOHOL AND DRUG – QUALIFICATIONS

Authorizing the State Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists to waive a requirement that an applicant for a certificate to practice as a professional, associate, or supervised counselor–alcohol and drug complete a specified number of hours of clinically supervised experience in alcohol and drug counseling after the award of a required degree if the applicant has obtained specified experience approved by the Board.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

SB 918 Senator Forehand

Chapter 631 LONG–TERM CARE INSURANCE – PROHIBITED ACTS – GENETIC TESTS, GENETIC INFORMATION, OR GENETIC SERVICES

Prohibiting a carrier or insurance producer of a carrier that provides long–term care insurance from requesting or requiring a genetic test or from using a genetic test, the results of a genetic test, genetic information, or a request for genetic services to take specified actions with regard to long–term care insurance; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB 29 Delegate Manno, et al

Chapter 632 LONG-TERM CARE INSURANCE – PROHIBITED ACTS – GENETIC TESTS, GENETIC INFORMATION, OR GENETIC SERVICES

Prohibiting a carrier or insurance producer of a carrier that provides long-term care insurance from requesting or requiring a genetic test or from using a genetic test, the results of a genetic test, genetic information, or a request for genetic services to take specified actions with regard to long-term care insurance; providing for an exception if the use is based on sound actuarial principles; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

SB 924 Senator Peters, et al

Chapter 633 MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAX – LEASED VEHICLES – APPLICATION OF TRADE-IN VALUE

Altering the definition of “total purchase price” for purposes of the vehicle excise tax to exclude from the computation of the tax part of the consideration for the sale of a vehicle; requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration to adopt regulations; applying the Act retroactively; requiring the Administration to notify specified persons of rebates under specified circumstances; defining terms; and making the Act an emergency measure.

EMERGENCY BILL

HB 1570 Delegate Frick, et al

Chapter 634 MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAX – LEASED VEHICLES – APPLICATION OF TRADE-IN VALUE

Altering the definition of “total purchase price” for purposes of the vehicle excise tax to exclude from the computation of the tax part of the consideration for the sale of a vehicle; requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration to adopt regulations; applying the Act retroactively; requiring the Administration to notify specified persons of rebates under specified circumstances; defining terms; and making the Act an emergency measure.

EMERGENCY BILL

SB 926 **Senator Astle**

Chapter 635 PROCUREMENT – CHESAPEAKE BAY TRUST – STATE
CONTRACTS AND GRANTS

Providing that the State procurement law does not apply to a contract or grant from a unit of State government to the Chesapeake Bay Trust for specified projects; providing that the State procurement law applies to specified expenditures by the Trust; and excepting units of State government from a requirement under specified circumstances that the units adopt specified procurement policies and procedures.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB 1512 **Delegate V. Clagett**

Chapter 636 PROCUREMENT – CHESAPEAKE BAY TRUST – STATE
CONTRACTS AND GRANTS

Providing that the State procurement law does not apply to a contract or grant from a unit of State government to the Chesapeake Bay Trust for specified projects; providing that the State procurement law applies to specified expenditures by the Trust; and excepting units of State government from a requirement under specified circumstances that the units adopt specified procurement policies and procedures.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

SB 931 **Senator Colburn**

Chapter 637 DORCHESTER COUNTY – SCHOOL BUSES – LENGTH OF
OPERATION

Altering to 15 years the length of time a school bus may be operated in Dorchester County; providing for the termination of the Act; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008

HB 1455 **Delegate Eckardt, et al**

Chapter 638 DORCHESTER COUNTY – SCHOOL BUSES – LENGTH OF
OPERATION

Altering to 15 years the length of time a school bus may be operated in Dorchester County; providing for the termination of the Act; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008

SB 937 **Senator Jacobs**

Chapter 639 CECIL COUNTY – VOLUNTEER LENGTH OF SERVICE AWARD PROGRAM – AGE OF ELIGIBILITY

Authorizing specified members of volunteer fire departments, rescue squads, and ambulance corps to receive specified benefits at a specified age under the Volunteer Length of Service Award Program in Cecil County.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008

HB 1495 **Cecil County Delegation**

Chapter 640 CECIL COUNTY – VOLUNTEER LENGTH OF SERVICE AWARD PROGRAM – AGE OF ELIGIBILITY

Authorizing specified members of volunteer fire departments, rescue squads, and ambulance corps to receive specified benefits at a specified age under the Volunteer Length of Service Award Program in Cecil County.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008

SB 946 **Senator Middleton**

Chapter 641 HOSPITAL REGULATION AND FINANCING – MARYLAND HOSPITAL BOND PROGRAM AND USER FEES OF THE HEALTH SERVICES COST REVIEW COMMISSION

Specifying that specified hospital plans must be acceptable to the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene, in consultation with the Maryland Health Care Commission; providing that the Maryland Hospital Bond Program shall provide for the payment and refinancing of specified public obligations issued on behalf of a hospital on or after October 1, 2008, under specified circumstances; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

SB 951 **Senators Miller and Dyson**

Chapter 642 PUBLIC SAFETY – INDUSTRIALIZED BUILDINGS – EXEMPTIONS

Exempting a building that has 8 feet or less in width and 40 feet or less in length that is used for business, mobile offices, or storage and is not open to the general public from inspection and certification standards and regulations adopted by the Department of Housing and Community Development for specified industrialized buildings; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB 1476 Delegate Holmes, et al

Chapter 643 PUBLIC SAFETY – INDUSTRIALIZED BUILDINGS – EXEMPTIONS

Exempting a building that has 8 feet or less in width and 40 feet or less in length that is used for business, mobile offices, or storage and is not open to the general public from inspection and certification standards and regulations adopted by the Department of Housing and Community Development for specified industrialized buildings; authorizing a manufacturer of an exempted building to elect to have the Department perform a specified determination; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2008

HB 40 Delegate Doory, et al

Chapter 644 FLEXIBLE LEAVE ACT

Authorizing employees of specified employers to use leave with pay for the illness of the employee's immediate family; providing that an employee may only use leave with pay that has been earned; providing that an employee who earns more than one type of leave with pay may elect the type and amount of leave with pay to be used; requiring an employee who uses leave with pay under the Act to comply with the terms of a collective bargaining agreement or employment policy with a specified exception; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB 54 Delegate Guzzone

Chapter 645 PROPERTY TAX – CREDIT – ACCESSIBILITY FEATURES

Authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City or the governing body of a county or of a municipal corporation to grant, by law, a tax credit against the county or municipal corporation property tax imposed on real property equipped with any specified accessibility enhancing design feature; authorizing the county or municipal corporation to provide, by law, for the amount and duration of the credit; applying the Act to taxable years beginning after June 30, 2008; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2008

HB 165 Howard County Delegation

Chapter 646 HOWARD COUNTY – CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORDS CHECKS – FINGERPRINTING REQUIREMENT HO. CO. 05–08

Requiring the County Administrator of Howard County to apply to the Criminal Justice Information System Central Repository for a criminal history records check for each prospective county employee; requiring the Administrator to submit fees and two sets of the prospective employee's fingerprints with the application; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB 203 Delegate Cane, et al

Chapter 647 WICOMICO COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ACT OF 2008

Authorizing Wicomico County to allow the holder of a Class 6 pub-brewery license to sell malt beverages for off-premises consumption; authorizing the county to issue a Class 7 micro-brewery (on- and off-sale) license; creating a Class B special wine (B-SWL) (off-sale) license; authorizing the county to issue a special Class C beer, beer and wine, or beer and wine and liquor license; authorizing the county to issue a new license under specified circumstances on the death of a licensee; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008

**HB 215 Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee (By Request –
Chapter 648 Departmental – Health and Mental Hygiene)**

ALCOHOL AND DRUG ABUSE TREATMENT PROGRAMS – OUTCOMES EVALUATION

Requiring the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Administration annually to evaluate all publicly funded substance abuse programs using specified federal outcomes measures in order to make specified determinations about the individuals who received treatment under the programs; abolishing the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Treatment Research Advisory Council; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB 218 **Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee (By Request –
Chapter 649 Departmental – Health and Mental Hygiene)**

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE – LIVING AT
HOME WAIVER PROGRAM**

Renaming the Community Attendant Services and Support Program to be the Living at Home Waiver Program; transferring the authority for administering the Program from the Department of Human Resources to the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene; altering the eligibility age to at least 18 years old and under 65 years old for eligible individuals under the Program; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008

HB 233 **Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee (By Request –
Chapter 650 Departmental – Health and Mental Hygiene)**

**PHYSICIANS AND PHARMACISTS – THERAPY MANAGEMENT
CONTRACTS – EXTENSION OF LAW**

Extending until October 1, 2010 the termination date for the provisions of law relating to therapy management contracts between licensed physicians and licensed pharmacists.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2008

HB 235 **Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee (By Request –
Chapter 651 Departmental – Health and Mental Hygiene)**

**MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM –
TRANSPORTERS**

Repealing the statutory cap on reimbursement by the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene for emergency service transporters under the Maryland Medical Assistance Program and replacing it with a cap as specified by regulation adopted by the Department; requiring the Department, in consultation with specified stakeholders, to study specified issues regarding the creation of a uniform nonemergency statewide transportation program to serve enrollees of the Maryland Medical Assistance Program; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008

HB 261 St. Mary's County Delegation

Chapter 652 ST. MARY'S COUNTY – DEPUTY SHERIFFS – REPEAL OF RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT

Repealing the requirement for deputy sheriffs in St. Mary's County to establish legal residence in the county before receiving permanent status.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB 269 Delegate Nathan–Pulliam

Chapter 653 STATE BOARD OF NURSING – POWERS AND DUTIES – LICENSING, CERTIFICATION, AND REGULATION

Authorizing the State Board of Nursing to accept a specified alternate method of criminal history records check under specified circumstances; providing that specified applicants may only be issued inactive licenses until the completion of a specified course or program; authorizing the Board to grant specified extensions of specified licenses and certificates; altering to July 2009 the date on which the Board shall begin a process for requiring criminal history records checks; etc.
EMERGENCY BILL

HB 271 Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee (By Request – Departmental – Health and Mental Hygiene)

Chapter 654

MEDICAL REVIEW COMMITTEES

Providing that, for specified purposes, the Maryland Health Care Commission or its staff is a medical review committee when it is evaluating the need for and level of performance of health care provided by providers of health care and related matters, but provided that the data or medical information under review is furnished to the Commission by another medical review committee; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008

HB 276 Delegate Beitzel

Chapter 655 GARRETT COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – REFERENDUM ON SUNDAY SALES IN COUNTY DISTRICTS

Authorizing Sunday sales of specified alcoholic beverages in those election districts of Garrett County in which voters approve a local referendum in favor of Sunday sales under specified circumstances; providing for the referendum and an effective date; and requiring the Board of Supervisors of Elections of Garrett County to carry out specified duties.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008

HB 278 **Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee (By Request –**
Chapter 656 **Departmental – Health and Mental Hygiene)**

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE – POWERS
OF THE SECRETARY**

Authorizing the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene to provide needed health care facilities, staff, or services by specified contracts or, to facilitate the provision of State health care services to an identified underserved area of the State, approve contracts with specified public or private health care entities; providing that the Act may not be construed to have any impact on specified requirements for health care providers and health care facilities; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB 279 **Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee (By Request –**
Chapter 657 **Departmental – Health and Mental Hygiene)**

**BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY EXAMINERS – ISSUANCE OF
TEMPORARY LICENSES – REPEAL**

Repealing the authority of the Board of Physical Therapy Examiners to issue temporary licenses; repealing the definition of “temporary license”; and making specified conforming changes in the laws relating to the Board of Physical Therapy Examiners.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB 280 **Chair, Ways and Means Committee (By Request – Departmental –**
Chapter 658 **Education)**

**TAX CREDITS FOR QUALIFYING EMPLOYEES WITH
DISABILITIES – SUNSET EXTENSION**

Extending by 1 year termination provisions and dates of applicability for specified tax credits for employers that hire qualifying individuals with disabilities.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008

HB 358 Delegate Miller, et al

Chapter 659 **MARYLAND FUNDING ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY ACT OF 2008**

Requiring the Department of Budget and Management to develop and operate a single searchable website that includes specified information for State payments over \$25,000; specifying parameters of the website; requiring the Chief of Information Technology in the Department of Budget and Management to contract with an outside expert to study expansion or replacement of the website; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008

HB 432 Chair, Economic Matters Committee (By Request – Departmental – Labor, Licensing and Regulation)

Chapter 660

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, LICENSING, AND REGULATION – UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE CLAIMS – LOWER APPEALS DIVISION

Establishing a Lower Appeals Division in the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation for unemployment insurance claims; requiring the Secretary of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation to appoint a chief hearing examiner; requiring the Lower Appeals Division to hear and decide specified appeals; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB 450 Delegate Hammen, et al

Chapter 661 **DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE – BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND DISABILITIES**

Altering the number of deputy secretaries to be appointed by the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene with the approval of the Governor; requiring the Secretary to transfer responsibility for specified administrations within the Department to the Deputy Secretary for Behavioral Health and Disabilities; requiring the Secretary to develop a system of services for individuals with co-occurring disorders, to address systems change, and to identify and implement specified treatment and supports; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008

HB 484 Delegates Morhaim and Wood

Chapter 662 PROCUREMENT – UNSOLICITED PROPOSALS – EXTENSION OF TERMINATION DATE

Extending the termination date for the use of unsolicited proposals as a method of State procurement; adding lottery services to the services that may be procured using specified unsolicited proposals; repealing a requirement that specified procurement officers forward unsolicited proposals to an interagency panel for a determination; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB 505 Delegates Heller and Robinson

Chapter 663 TRANSIT SERVICE FOR DISABLED PERSONS – CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORDS CHECK AND TRAINING FOR PERSONS PROVIDING SERVICE

Requiring the Maryland Transit Administration and Administration contractors to apply, as specified, for criminal history records checks of their employees who are or will be employed to provide transit service to disabled persons; requiring the Administration to ensure that employees of the Administration and of the Administration's contractors who provide transit service to disabled persons successfully complete training relating to appropriate accommodation for all passengers, including disabled persons; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB 535 Delegate Hubbard, et al

Chapter 664 MORBIDITY, MORTALITY, AND QUALITY REVIEW COMMITTEE – PREGNANCY AND CHILDHOOD

Requiring the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene to devise and institute specified means to prevent and control morbidity and mortality associated with pregnancy, childbirth, infancy, and early childhood; requiring the Secretary to establish a Morbidity, Mortality, and Quality Review Committee in the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene; requiring the Committee to conduct specified case reviews and develop and implement specified interventions; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB 577 Delegate Simmons

Chapter 665 PRESERVATION OF RIGHT TO JURY OR JUDGE TRIAL ACT

Providing that any provision in an insurance contract with a consumer that requires arbitration is void and unenforceable; providing an exception; etc.
EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2009

HB 628 Chair, Environmental Matters Committee (By Request – Departmental – Environment)

Chapter 666

DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT – GRANTS AND LOANS – SMALL, MINORITY, AND WOMEN’S BUSINESS ENTERPRISES

Requiring applicants for financial assistance from specified environmental funds to demonstrate, to the satisfaction of the Department of the Environment, that specified steps were taken to include small business enterprises, minority business enterprises, and women’s business enterprises; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB 669 Delegate F. Turner, et al

Chapter 667 MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAX – EXEMPTION FOR RETURNING MILITARY MEMBERS

Expanding the eligibility for a specified motor vehicle excise tax credit to include a member of the military who returns to Maryland from or on active duty and, within 1 year, applies for titling and registration of a vehicle previously titled and registered in another state.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB 722 Chair, Ways and Means Committee (By Request – Departmental – Aging)

Chapter 668

PROPERTY – TAX SALE – NOTIFICATION

Requiring that notification of a property tax sale be provided to the local area agency on aging for any individual who last appears as an owner of the property on the collector’s tax roll who has been listed as an owner of the property for at least the last 25 years; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB 749 **Chair, Economic Matters Committee (By Request – Departmental – Labor, Licensing and Regulation)**
Chapter 669

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE – ELIGIBILITY – VOLUNTARY QUIT TO FOLLOW A SPOUSE

Providing that an individual who voluntarily quits employment to follow a spouse who is a member of the United States military under specified circumstances is eligible for unemployment insurance benefits; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2008

HB 765 **Delegate Barkley, et al**

Chapter 670 PUBLIC SAFETY – CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS – MINIMUM AGE

Requiring the Secretary of Public Safety and Correctional Services to adopt regulations requiring that a correctional officer hired on or after October 1, 2008, for employment in the Division of Pretrial Detention and Services or the Patuxent Institution be at least 21 years old, with a specified exception; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB 770 **Washington County Delegation**

Chapter 671 WASHINGTON COUNTY – PURCHASING GOODS AND SERVICES – PUBLIC BIDDING

Raising the threshold amount at which the procurement of goods and services in Washington County requires a public bidding process; providing that a specified requirement is subject to specified exceptions; authorizing the County Commissioners of Washington County or an employee of Washington County to enter into specified contracts regardless of a specified threshold amount requiring a public bidding process if a contract meets specified conditions; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB 807 Delegate James, et al

Chapter 672 **TASK FORCE TO STUDY FINANCIAL MATTERS RELATING TO LONG-TERM CARE FACILITIES**

Establishing a Task Force to Study Financial Matters Relating to Long-Term Care Facilities; providing for the membership and duties of the Task Force; providing for the designation of cochairs of the Task Force; requiring the Department of Legislative Services to provide staff for the Task Force; requiring the Task Force to report interim findings and recommendations by July 1, 2009, and final findings and recommendations by June 1, 2010, to the Governor and General Assembly; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008

HB 815 Delegate Tarrant, et al

Chapter 673 **HEALTH INSURANCE – REIMBURSEMENT OF HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONERS – INFORMATION PROVIDED BY CARRIERS**

Increasing the number of fees on a schedule of specified services billed by specified health care practitioners that health insurance carriers must provide health care practitioners in a specified manner; and requiring health insurance carriers to provide health care practitioners with a pharmaceutical formulary in a specified manner.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB 902 Carroll County Delegation

Chapter 674 **CARROLL COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – SUNDAY SALES**

Authorizing holders of Class A beer and light wine licenses and Class A beer and wine and liquor licenses in Carroll County to sell specified alcoholic beverages from 11 A.M. to 6 P.M. on Sundays; and extending the hours of sale on Sunday for holders of specified other alcoholic beverages licenses.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008

HB 942 Delegate Nathan–Pulliam

Chapter 675 HEALTH DISPARITIES – INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION – REPORT

Requiring universities, colleges, and higher education programs of medicine, nursing, pharmacy, and dentistry in the State to report to specified committees of the General Assembly and to the Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities on or before December 1, 2008, on courses that have been developed independently or through collaboration with the Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008

HB 1013 Prince George’s County Delegation

Chapter 676 PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – CLASS BH (HOTEL) LICENSES AND CLASS B–DD (DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT) LICENSES – GREENBELT STATION PG 310–08

Altering the annual license fee for a BH (Hotel) license; altering the hours for licensed premises with a BH license to sell alcoholic beverages on Sunday; altering the areas in Prince George’s County in which a Class B–DD (Development District) 7–day beer, wine and liquor license for on–sale consumption may be issued; specifying that a Class B–DD license may be issued under specified conditions for restaurants located within Greenbelt Station; making clarifying and stylistic changes; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008

HB 1016 Prince George’s County Delegation

Chapter 677 PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY – BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS – COMPENSATION OF BOARD’S ATTORNEY PG 330–08

Clarifying a provision of law relating to the payment of specified legal fees to the attorney for the Prince George’s County Board of License Commissioners for representing the Board in court; requiring the Prince George’s County Council to pay the attorney for the Board up to a specified amount in a specified fiscal year under specified circumstances; providing that the payment made under the Act is in addition to the annual salary of the attorney for the Board; stating legislative intent; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2008

HB 1030 Prince George's County Delegation

Chapter 678 PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY – STATE'S ATTORNEY'S OFFICE – COMPOSITION AND SALARIES PG 304–08

Specifying that the annual salary of the State's Attorney for Prince George's County is \$150,000; repealing the maximum number of and paid maximum salary for deputy and assistant State's Attorneys for Prince George's County; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB 1038 Prince George's County Delegation

Chapter 679 PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY – MASTER FOR JUVENILE CAUSES – AUTHORITY PG 303–08

Repealing a specified restriction that prohibits judges of the Circuit Court for Prince George's County from appointing or continuing the appointment of masters for juvenile causes except for the purpose of conducting specified hearings; and repealing a provision of law that prohibits a master in Prince George's County from conducting a specified adjudicatory hearing, a disposition hearing, or a peace order proceeding in a delinquency case.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB 1039 Prince George's County Delegation

Chapter 680 PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY HOSPITAL AUTHORITY PG 403–08

Establishing the Prince George's County Hospital Authority; providing for the mission of the Authority; providing that the Authority is an instrumentality of the State and a public corporation; providing that the exercise by the Authority of specified powers is the performance of an essential public function; requiring the Authority to be subject to the State Open Meetings Law and the State Tort Claims Act; exempting the Authority from specified provisions of State law; requiring the Authority to publish specified notices; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

HB 1048 **Chair, Appropriations Committee (By Request – Departmental – Public Safety and Correctional Services)**
Chapter 681

CORRECTIONAL SERVICES – MARYLAND CORRECTIONAL ENTERPRISES – REVOLVING FUND

Repealing a requirement that specified funds be transferred in specified fiscal years from the Maryland Correctional Enterprises revolving fund to a special fund to be used by the Department of Education for specified educational programs; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008

HB 1078 **Prince George’s County Delegation**

Chapter 682 **PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY – TASK FORCE TO STUDY LOCATIONS IN PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY BEST SUITED FOR USE BY STATE AGENCIES PG 413–08**

Establishing a Task Force to Study Locations in Prince George’s County Best Suited for Use by State Agencies; providing for the membership and duties of the Task Force; providing for the designation of a chair of the Task Force; providing for the staff for the Task Force; prohibiting a member of the Task Force from receiving compensation but authorizing specified reimbursement for specified expenses; requiring the Task Force to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly by September 30, 2009; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2008

HB 1158 **Delegate Stein, et al**

Chapter 683 **SAFE SCHOOLS REPORTING ACT**

Authorizing a school staff member to report an incident of harassment or intimidation against a student.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008

HB 1185 **Chair, Ways and Means Committee and Chair, Appropriations
Committee (By Request – Departmental – Transportation)**
Chapter 684

**MARYLAND TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION – PUBLIC TRANSIT
SERVICES – EFFICIENCY AND PERFORMANCE STANDARDS**

Repealing provisions of law relating to the percentage of operating costs that must be recovered from specified revenues for public transit services; establishing requirements for the percentage of operating costs that must be recovered from specified revenues for public transit services; requiring the Maryland Transit Administration to implement performance indicators to track service efficiency; requiring the Administration to submit a report on performance indicators to committees of the General Assembly; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008

HB 1186 **Delegate Sophocleus, et al**

Chapter 685 **OFFICE OF THE STATE’S ATTORNEY – REPEAL OF OBSOLETE
PROVISIONS**

Repealing specified obsolete provisions concerning the Office of the State’s Attorney, including provisions requiring the State’s Attorney to aid the Comptroller and State Treasurer in adjusting accounts of county office holders, order execution to be issued for the recovery of specified moneys, and submit specified information to specified judges for certification before receiving specified funds.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB 1187 **Delegate McDonough, et al**

Chapter 686 **PERSONS WHO OPERATE NURSING HOMES – LICENSURE**

Requiring an applicant for licensure or relicensure of a nursing home to include specified information in the application; requiring applicants to provide the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene with specified information; authorizing the Secretary to make specified approvals or denials of licensure applications after a specified review; requiring licensees to report to the Secretary changes in the financial condition of a nursing home; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB 1209 Delegate Simmons

Chapter 687 SAFE SCHOOLS REPORTING ACT OF 2005 – SUNSET REPEAL

Repealing the termination date for a provision of law that requires the State Department of Education to require a county board of education to report incidents of harassment or intimidation against specified students.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008

HB 1219 Delegate Kach, et al

Chapter 688 HEALTH INSURANCE – HEALTH CARE PROVIDER PANELS – PROVIDER CONTRACTS

Repealing a prohibition that health insurance carriers that offer coverage for health care services in a specified manner may not require providers to serve on specified provider panels under specified circumstances; repealing an exception to the prohibition; repealing specified requirements for providers that elect to terminate participation on provider panels; prohibiting provider contracts from containing a provision that requires providers to participate in provider panels under specified circumstances; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

HB 1245 Cecil County Delegation

Chapter 689 CECIL COUNTY – CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS’ BILL OF RIGHTS ACT

Providing for specified rights of a correctional officer relating to employment, investigation, and discipline under specified circumstances; providing for the procedures for the investigation or interrogation of a correctional officer; establishing procedures for an application for a show cause order under specified circumstances; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB 1351 Delegate Love, et al

Chapter 690 CONTINUING CARE RETIREMENT COMMUNITIES – SUBSCRIBER GRIEVANCES

Requiring continuing care retirement community providers to submit specified information to the Department of Aging and to the Health Education and Advocacy Unit in the Office of the Attorney General on or before December 1, 2008.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2008

HB 1358 Delegate Healey, et al

Chapter 691 ARTIFICIAL TANNING DEVICES – PROTECTION OF MINORS

Prohibiting owners, employees, and operators of tanning facilities from allowing a minor to use a tanning device unless a parent or guardian provides written consent for the minor in a specified manner; requiring owners, employees, and operators of tanning facilities to require documentation to verify age before allowing individuals access to tanning facilities; authorizing the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene to adopt regulations to implement and enforce the Act; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB 1391 Delegate Mizeur, et al

Chapter 692 KIDS FIRST ACT

Requiring the Comptroller to send a notice regarding eligibility for the Maryland Medical Assistance Program or the Maryland Children's Health Program to a taxpayer with a dependent child if income reported on a tax return for tax year 2007 does not exceed a specified income eligibility standard; requiring that the notice be developed by the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene; requiring a taxpayer to report on the income tax return the presence or absence of health care coverage for each dependent child; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008

HB 1395 Delegate Tarrant, et al

Chapter 693 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE AND MARYLAND HEALTH QUALITY AND COST COUNCIL – CHRONIC CARE MANAGEMENT PLAN

Requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene and the Maryland Health Quality and Cost Council to study chronic care management and develop a specified chronic care management plan; requiring the chronic care management plan to include specified plans; requiring the Department and the Council to consult with specified persons in developing the chronic care management plan; authorizing the Council to accept specified funds; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2008

HB 1425 **Chair, Environmental Matters Committee (By Request – Departmental – Veterans Affairs) and Delegate Costa**
Chapter 694

VEHICLE LAWS – GOLD STAR REGISTRATION PLATES

Authorizing a recipient of the U.S. Department of Defense Gold Star as the surviving spouse, parent, or next of kin of a member of the armed forces whose life was lost in combat to apply to the Motor Vehicle Administration for a special Gold Star registration plate; providing for the display of a specified logo or emblem on the Gold Star registration plate; requiring an applicant for a Gold Star registration plate to provide specified proof of eligibility to the Administration; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008

HB 1431 **Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee (By Request – Departmental – Veterans Affairs)**
Chapter 695

PROCUREMENT – SMALL BUSINESS PREFERENCE PROGRAM – VETERAN-OWNED AND DISABLED VETERAN-OWNED SMALL BUSINESSES

Altering the amount of a percentage price preference that specified State agencies must establish for small businesses; and establishing price preferences for businesses owned and controlled by one or more veterans or disabled veterans.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008

HB 1435 **Chair, Appropriations Committee (By Request – Departmental – Veterans Affairs)**
Chapter 696

STATE EMPLOYEES – VETERANS SENIORITY POINTS

Altering the calculation, for purposes of a layoff, of the total number of seniority points by providing ten points for eligible veterans and two points for eligible veterans who have a service-connected disability or are former prisoners of war.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB 1481 Delegate Cardin, et al

Chapter 697 STATE BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICAL EXAMINERS – ANIMAL CONTROL FACILITIES – LICENSE TO ADMINISTER SCHEDULED DRUGS TO ANIMALS

Repealing the authority of the State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners to issue a permit to a specified humane society or animal shelter to administer a specified drug to euthanize animals; authorizing the Board to issue a license, on application of an animal control facility, to allow the facility to administer specified drugs to sedate or euthanize animals; requiring a facility's application to designate one individual responsible for the drugs; making the Act an emergency measure; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

HB 1498 Delegate Kullen

Chapter 698 CALVERT COUNTY – SOFT-SHELL CLAM HARVESTING

Altering in Calvert County the distance from the shoreline within which a person may not catch or attempt to catch soft-shell clams with specified gear.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB 1537 Chair, Ways and Means Committee (By Request – Departmental – Assessments and Taxation)

Chapter 699

REAL PROPERTY ASSESSMENTS – ASSESSMENT NOTICE – REQUIREMENTS

Altering the circumstances under which a failure to send specified written assessment notices for real property within specified time periods creates an irrebuttable presumption that the prior value of the real property has not changed; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2008

Sincerely,

Karl S. Aro

Executive Director

May 27, 2008

To the Members of the General Assembly

Ladies and Gentlemen:

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

Section 17.

(c) Any Bill presented to the Governor within six 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 presentment.

Having chosen not to sign the following bills after formal presentment and to let the provisions of Article II, Section 17(c) determine the effectiveness of the legislation, the Bills will become law without the Governor's signature as of midnight, May 24, 2008, and are assigned the following Chapter numbers:

SB 251 **Senator Astle**

Chapter 700 ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – WELL DRILLERS – PERMIT FEE

Requiring the Anne Arundel County Board of Health to set the permit fees for well drillers so as to produce funds to reflect the actual cost of inspecting wells, collecting water samples, and issuing certificates of potability by the Anne Arundel County Board of Health; and establishing a limitation on the amount of the fee charged for a well drilled to replace an existing well.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

HB 303 Anne Arundel County Delegation

Chapter 701 ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – WELL DRILLERS – PERMIT FEE

Requiring the Anne Arundel County Board of Health to set the permit fees for well drillers so as to produce funds to reflect the actual cost of inspecting wells, collecting water samples, and issuing certificates of potability by the Anne Arundel County Board of Health; and establishing a limitation on the amount of the fee charged for a well drilled to replace an existing well.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

SB 745 Senator Colburn, et al

Chapter 702 ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – DEFINITIONS – BEER

Altering the definition of beer as used in Article 2B of the Code and Title 5 of the Tax – General Article.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

Sincerely,

Karl S. Aro
Executive Director