

April 12, 2011

To the Members of the General Assembly

Ladies and Gentlemen:

On April 12, 2011, 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, which you passed:

[SB 182](#)

Chapter 1

The President (By Request – Administration), et al

MARYLAND HEALTH BENEFIT EXCHANGE ACT OF 2011

Establishing the Maryland Health Benefit Exchange as a public corporation and an independent unit of State government; establishing the purposes, powers, and duties of the Exchange; establishing the Board of Trustees of the Exchange; providing for the qualifications, appointment, term, and removal of members of the Board; establishing the powers and duties of the Board; requiring the Board to appoint an Executive Director of the Exchange, with the approval of the Governor, and to determine the Executive Director's compensation; etc.

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[HB 166](#)

Chapter 2

The Speaker (By Request – Administration), et al

MARYLAND HEALTH BENEFIT EXCHANGE ACT OF 2011

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EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2011

SB 183

Chapter 3

The President (By Request – Administration), et al

HEALTH INSURANCE – CONFORMITY WITH FEDERAL LAW

Altering the circumstances under which a person has the right to a hearing and the right to an appeal from an action of the Maryland Insurance Commissioner; requiring the Commissioner to file specified documents in a court in which a specified appeal is pending; providing that provisions of federal law apply to specified health insurance coverage issued or delivered by insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations; authorizing the Commissioner to enforce specified provisions of law; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011

HB 170

Chapter 4

The Speaker (By Request – Administration), et al

HEALTH INSURANCE – CONFORMITY WITH FEDERAL LAW

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EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011

SB 1

Chapter 5

Senator Middleton, et al

JOINT COMMITTEE ON WORKERS' COMPENSATION BENEFIT AND INSURANCE OVERSIGHT – MEMBERSHIP

Expanding the membership of the Joint Committee on Workers' Compensation Benefit and Insurance Oversight to include a representative from a self-insured local government entity.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

SB 9

Chapter 6

Senator Glassman, et al

HARFORD COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – SPECIAL CLASS C–3 MISCELLANEOUS ORGANIZATION OR CLUB LICENSE

Establishing a special Class C–3 (on–sale) beer, wine and liquor license in Harford County; specifying that the County Liquor Control Board may issue a special Class C–3 license only to specified organizations and clubs; authorizing a special Class C–3 license holder to sell or provide alcoholic beverages to specified persons for consumption on the licensed premises under specified circumstances; establishing specified annual fees for a special Class C–3 license; etc.
EMERGENCY BILL

SB 32

Chapter 7

Senator Reilly

AGRICULTURE – PRACTICE OF VETERINARY MEDICINE – EXCLUSIONS

Adding trimming and maintaining horse hooves by a farrier or a specified person to the list of activities that are excluded from the definition of the practice of veterinary medicine.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011

SB 44

Chapter 8

Senator Middleton

QUALIFIED STATE LONG–TERM CARE INSURANCE PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM – REPORTING

Clarifying the scope of a specified report on the Qualified State Long–Term Care Insurance Partnership Program.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

HB 226

Chapter 9

Delegate Cullison, et al

QUALIFIED STATE LONG–TERM CARE INSURANCE PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM – REPORTING

Clarifying the scope of a specified report on the Qualified State Long–Term Care Insurance Partnership Program.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

SB 55 **Chair, Budget and Taxation Committee (By Request –**
Chapter 10 **Departmental – Property Tax Assessment Appeals Board)**

PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENT APPEAL BOARDS –
MEMBERSHIP

Increasing from 1 to 3 the number of alternate members of the property tax assessment appeal boards for Anne Arundel County, Baltimore City, Baltimore County, Montgomery County, and Prince George's County.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011

SB 56 **Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental –**
Chapter 11 **Health and Mental Hygiene)**

HEALTH INSURANCE – EVALUATION OF QUALITY OF CARE
AND PERFORMANCE OF HEALTH BENEFIT PLANS

Altering the requirements for and purposes of a specified system that the Maryland Health Care Commission is required to establish and implement; requiring the system to comparatively evaluate the quality of care and performance of specified categories of health benefit plans; establishing that a purpose of the system is to assist specified health insurance carriers to improve care; requiring the system to solicit performance information from specified enrollees; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011

SB 58 **Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental –**
Chapter 12 **Labor, Licensing and Regulation)**

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE – JUDICIAL REVIEW OF
BOARD OF APPEALS DECISION – PASSAGE OF ORDER

Repealing the requirement that the Board of Appeals pass an order in accordance with a final decision in a judicial review proceeding; and making the Act an emergency measure.

EMERGENCY BILL

SB 59 **Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental –**
Chapter 13 **Insurance Administration, Maryland)**

INSURANCE – COMPANY ACTION LEVEL EVENTS – HEALTH
INSURERS

Specifying when a company action level event occurs for a health insurer.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

SB 60 **Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental –**
Chapter 14 **Labor, Licensing and Regulation)**

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE – ADMINISTRATION OF
CLAIMS – CHANGES TO WITHHOLDING STATUS

Repealing the limitation on the number of times per benefit year a claimant for unemployment insurance benefits may change a previously elected withholding status.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

SB 61 **Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request –**
Chapter 15 **Departmental – Juvenile Services)**

PUBLIC INFORMATION ACT – DOCUMENTS RELATING TO
ARREST WARRANTS

Expanding access by the Department of Juvenile Services to files and records of a court relating to arrest warrants and charging documents; repealing redundant authority that allows access by the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services to specified documents relating to arrest warrants and charging documents; providing that provisions of law prohibiting inspection of specified court files relating to arrest warrants and charging documents may not be construed to prohibit specified release of information; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

SB 62 **Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request –**
Chapter 16 **Departmental – Juvenile Services)**

JUVENILE AND EDUCATION RECORDS – DISCLOSURE
BETWEEN DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND JUVENILE
SERVICES

Authorizing the State Department of Education and the Department of Juvenile Services to share education records with each other when necessary to ensure the appropriate delivery of services.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

SB 66
Chapter 17 **Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request – Departmental – Public Safety and Correctional Services)**

CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – CRIMINAL JUSTICE INFORMATION SYSTEM CENTRAL REPOSITORY – REPORTABLE EVENTS

Repealing the requirement that the release of a person after arrest without the filing of a charge be reported to the Criminal Justice Information System Central Repository.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

SB 67
Chapter 18 **Senators Edwards and Mathias**

MARYLAND STRATEGIC ENERGY INVESTMENT FUND – SMALL RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE – PROHIBITION

Specifying that a provision of law relating to the use of proceeds received by the Maryland Strategic Energy Investment Fund and credited to a specified account does not apply to residential customers of a small rural electric cooperative; and requiring small rural electric cooperatives to distribute in a specified way money held as of June 1, 2011, in a specified escrow account.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2011

HB 281
Chapter 19 **Delegates Beitzel and Conway**

MARYLAND STRATEGIC ENERGY INVESTMENT FUND – SMALL RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE – PROHIBITION

Specifying that a provision of law relating to the use of proceeds received by the Maryland Strategic Energy Investment Fund and credited to a specified account does not apply to residential customers of a small rural electric cooperative; and requiring small rural electric cooperatives to distribute in a specified way money held as of June 1, 2011, in a specified escrow account.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2011

SB 80 **Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs**
Chapter 20 **Committee (By Request – Departmental – Natural Resources)**

TREE EXPERT LICENSE – APPLICATION AND RENEWAL

Repealing specified fees for obtaining and renewing tree expert licenses; authorizing the Department of Natural Resources to set specified tree expert application and license renewal fees by regulation; authorizing the Department to establish a specified timetable and procedure for tree expert license renewal by regulation; and terminating the Act at the end of September 30, 2016.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

SB 81 **Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental –**
Chapter 21 **Higher Education Commission)**

HIGHER EDUCATION – ASSISTANCE EFFORTS FOR FAMILY INVESTMENT PROGRAM RECIPIENTS – REPEAL

Repealing a requirement that the Maryland Higher Education Commission and the Department of Human Resources identify, promote, and coordinate specified efforts and services and undertake specified activities at institutions of higher education related to recipients of Family Investment Program services; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2011

SB 82 **Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental –**
Chapter 22 **Comptroller)**

COMMERCIAL LAW – SALES OF UNPACKAGED CIGARETTES – PROHIBITIONS AND PENALTIES

Prohibiting specified persons from purchasing, selling, reselling, distributing, dispensing, or giving away to any person in the State specified unpackaged cigarettes; establishing penalties for a violation of provisions of the Act; defining the term “unpackaged cigarette”; and stating that provisions of the Act do not apply to an individual who produces unpacked cigarettes in a specified manner for his or her own consumption.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011

SB 83
Chapter 23 **Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs
Committee (By Request – Departmental – Housing and
Community Development)**

**AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROGRAMS – AUTHORITY OF LOCAL
GOVERNMENTS TO SUPPORT PROGRAMS – SUNSET REPEAL**

Repealing the termination date for a provision of law authorizing local governments to take specified actions to support, foster, or promote an affordable housing program for individuals or families of low or moderate income.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2011

SB 93
Chapter 24 **The President (By Request – Department of Legislative
Services)**

**STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF NURSING HOME
ADMINISTRATORS – SUNSET EXTENSION AND PROGRAM
EVALUATION**

Continuing the State Board of Examiners of Nursing Home Administrators in accordance with the provisions of the Maryland Program Evaluation Act (sunset law) by extending to July 1, 2017, the termination provisions relating to the statutory and regulatory authority of the Board; altering the membership of the Board; requiring that an evaluation of the Board be performed on or before July 1, 2016; and requiring the Board to make a specified report on or before October 1, 2011.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011

SB 101
Chapter 25 **Senator Edwards**
**BUSINESS REGULATION – MOTOR FUEL ADVERTISING SIGNS
– REQUIREMENTS**

Repealing the requirement that specified retail service station dealers advertise a price of mid-grade gasoline sold on the premises; repealing an obsolete provision of law relating to the sale of gasohol; authorizing signs to state a price for specified motor fuel products sold on the premises; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

- SB 115**
Chapter 26 **Senator Robey, et al**
CRIMINAL LAW – ANIMAL ABUSE, NEGLECT, OR CRUELTY –
CONDITIONS OF PROBATION
Authorizing a court, as a condition of probation for specified
violations concerning animal abuse, neglect, or cruelty, to prohibit
the defendant from owning, possessing, or residing with an animal.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011
- HB 227**
Chapter 27 **Delegate Waldstreicher, et al**
CRIMINAL LAW – ANIMAL ABUSE, NEGLECT, OR CRUELTY –
CONDITIONS OF PROBATION
Authorizing a court, as a condition of probation for specified
violations concerning animal abuse, neglect, or cruelty, to prohibit
the defendant from owning, possessing, or residing with an animal.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011
- SB 132**
Chapter 28 **Senator Pugh, et al**
JOB APPLICANT FAIRNESS ACT
Prohibiting employers from using an applicant’s or employee’s credit
report or credit history in determining whether to deny employment
to the applicant, discharge the employee, or determine compensation
or the terms, conditions, or privileges of employment; authorizing an
employer to request or use an applicant’s or employee’s credit report
or credit history under specified circumstances; authorizing an
applicant or employee to file a written complaint with the
Commissioner of Labor and Industry for a violation of the Act; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011
- HB 87**
Chapter 29 **Delegate Reznik, et al**
JOB APPLICANT FAIRNESS ACT
Prohibiting employers from using an applicant’s or employee’s credit
report or credit history in determining whether to deny employment
to the applicant, discharge the employee, or determine compensation
or the terms, conditions, or privileges of employment; authorizing an
employer to request or use an applicant’s or employee’s credit report
or credit history under specified circumstances; authorizing an
applicant or employee to file a written complaint with the
Commissioner of Labor and Industry for a violation of the Act; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

SB 143 **Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental –**
Chapter 30 **Labor, Licensing and Regulation)**

HOME INSPECTORS – RECORDS – RETENTION
REQUIREMENTS

Requiring licensed home inspectors to retain specified records for a specified period of time under specified circumstances; and requiring licensed home inspectors to make specified records available to the State Commission of Real Estate Appraisers and Home Inspectors on request of the Commission.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

SB 145 **Chair, Budget and Taxation Committee (By Request –**
Chapter 31 **Departmental – Comptroller)**

MOTOR FUEL TAX – PERSONAL LIABILITY – LIMITED
LIABILITY COMPANIES AND LIMITED LIABILITY
PARTNERSHIPS

Establishing personal liability of persons who exercise specified control over the fiscal management of limited liability companies and limited liability partnerships for payment of the motor fuel tax, interest, and penalties under specified circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

SB 169 **Senator Ramirez**

Chapter 32 **BANKRUPTCY – HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION – DEBTOR’S**
RESIDENCE

Altering a homestead exemption that an individual may claim in a specified bankruptcy proceeding; clarifying that the exemption for an individual debtor’s aggregate interest in owner-occupied real property includes a condominium unit; and authorizing an individual debtor to exempt the debtor’s aggregate interest in a cooperative housing corporation that owns property that the owner occupies as a residence.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

- SB 191**
Chapter 33 **Senator Edwards**
REAL PROPERTY – OBLITERATING, DAMAGING, OR
REMOVING PROPERTY MARKERS – PENALTY INCREASE
Increasing from \$500 to \$2,500 the penalty for willfully obliterating,
damaging, or removing any stake, marker, monument, or other
landmark set in the property of another person by any civil engineer,
surveyor, or real estate appraiser or any of their assistants except
under specified circumstances.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011
- HB 117**
Chapter 34 **Delegate Beitzel**
REAL PROPERTY – OBLITERATING, DAMAGING, OR
REMOVING PROPERTY MARKERS – PENALTY INCREASE
Increasing from \$500 to \$2,500 the penalty for willfully obliterating,
damaging, or removing any stake, marker, monument, or other
landmark set in the property of another person by any civil engineer,
surveyor, or real estate appraiser or any of their assistants except
under specified circumstances.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011
- SB 192**
Chapter 35 **Harford County Senators**
HARFORD COUNTY – BOARD OF ELECTIONS – MEMBERSHIP
Increasing to five the number of regular members of the Harford
County Board of Elections; requiring the members of the local board
to be of specified political parties; requiring a vacancy on the local
board to be filled in a specified manner; etc.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 6, 2011
- SB 205**
Chapter 36 **Senator Frosh**
REAL PROPERTY – RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY FORECLOSURE
PROCEDURES – ACCURACY OF NOTICE OF INTENT TO
FORECLOSE
Requiring that an affidavit regarding the accuracy of the contents of
a specified intent to foreclose be included in an order to docket or a
complaint to foreclose on a mortgage or deed of trust on residential
property; and applying the Act prospectively.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011

- HB 366**
Chapter 37 **Delegate Niemann**
REAL PROPERTY – RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY FORECLOSURE PROCEDURES – ACCURACY OF NOTICE OF INTENT TO FORECLOSE
Requiring that an affidavit regarding the accuracy of the contents of a specified intent to foreclose be included in an order to docket or a complaint to foreclose on a mortgage or deed of trust on residential property; and applying the Act prospectively.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011
- SB 217**
Chapter 38 **Senator Kelley**
LIFE INSURANCE AND ANNUITIES – RETAINED ASSET ACCOUNTS – BENEFICIARIES’ BILL OF RIGHTS
Prohibiting an insurer from offering a specified retained asset account as the mode of settlement of proceeds payable under a life insurance policy or annuity contract unless the insurer makes a specified offer and complies with specified disclosure requirements; requiring an insurer to disclose in writing to a beneficiary all the settlement options available under a specified policy or contract under specified circumstances; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011
- SB 218**
Chapter 39 **Senator Shank**
PUBLIC SAFETY – LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS’ BILL OF RIGHTS – INTERNAL INVESTIGATION UNIT
Including the Internal Investigation Unit of the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services in the definition of law enforcement officer covered by the Law Enforcement Officers’ Bill of Rights.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011
- SB 226**
Chapter 40 **Senator Dyson**
BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE – MEETINGS
Altering a provision of law relating to the location and frequency of meetings of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

SB 255 **Senator Middleton**

Chapter 41

**LIFE INSURANCE – DEFINITION AND PERMITTED RIDERS
AND PROVISIONS**

Expanding the definition of “life insurance” to include specified benefits; authorizing a policy of life insurance to include a rider or supplemental policy provision that safeguards the contract from lapse in the event of involuntary unemployment; requiring the Maryland Insurance Administration to conduct a specified analysis and make a specified determination; and requiring the Administration to report on specified findings to specified committees of the General Assembly on or before December 1, 2011.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

HB 496 **Delegate A. Kelly, et al**

Chapter 42

**LIFE INSURANCE – DEFINITION AND PERMITTED RIDERS
AND PROVISIONS**

Expanding the definition of “life insurance” to include specified benefits; authorizing a policy of life insurance to include a rider or supplemental policy provision that safeguards the contract from lapse in the event of involuntary unemployment; requiring the Maryland Insurance Administration to conduct a specified analysis and make a specified determination; and requiring the Administration to report on specified findings to specified committees of the General Assembly on or before December 1, 2011.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

SB 256 **Senators Middleton and Kelley**

Chapter 43

BUSINESS REGULATION – DEFINITION OF HOME BUILDER

Altering the definition of “home builder” to include a person who enters into a contract with a consumer under which the person agrees to provide the consumer with a new home; excluding from the definition of “home builder” a real estate developer who does not enter into contracts with consumers to provide or construct homes; and excluding from the definition of “home builder” a buyer’s agent representing a prospective buyer in the purchase of a new home.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

HB 1041
Chapter 44

Delegate Vaughn, et al

BUSINESS REGULATION – DEFINITION OF HOME BUILDER

Altering the definition of “home builder” to include a person who enters into a contract with a consumer under which the person agrees to provide the consumer with a new home; excluding from the definition of “home builder” a real estate developer who does not enter into contracts with consumers to provide or construct homes; and excluding from the definition of “home builder” a buyer’s agent representing a prospective buyer in the purchase of a new home.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

SB 269
Chapter 45

Senator Kittleman, et al

WORKERS’ COMPENSATION – JURISDICTION PENDING APPEAL – PROPOSED SETTLEMENT

Expanding the circumstances under which the Workers’ Compensation Commission retains jurisdiction pending an appeal of a Commission order to include a request for approval of a proposed settlement of all or part of a claim.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

HB 453
Chapter 46

Delegates Jameson and Minnick

WORKERS’ COMPENSATION – JURISDICTION PENDING APPEAL – PROPOSED SETTLEMENT

Expanding the circumstances under which the Workers’ Compensation Commission retains jurisdiction pending an appeal of a Commission order to include a request for approval of a proposed settlement of all or part of a claim.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

SB 271
Chapter 47

Senator Edwards

PUBLIC UTILITIES – NET ENERGY METERING – HYDROELECTRIC

Including in the definition of eligible customer–generators that are eligible for net energy metering a customer that uses a specified type of hydroelectric generating facility; and defining “closed conduit hydro”.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

- SB 278**
Chapter 48 **Senator Colburn**
JUVENILE LAW – TRUANCY REDUCTION PILOT PROGRAM –
TALBOT COUNTY
- Authorizing the Circuit Administrative Judge of the Second Circuit to establish a Truancy Reduction Pilot Program in the juvenile court in Talbot County; and making provisions relating to Truancy Reduction Pilot Programs applicable to Talbot County.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2011
- HB 49**
Chapter 49 **Delegates Haddaway–Riccio and Eckardt**
JUVENILE LAW – TRUANCY REDUCTION PILOT PROGRAM –
TALBOT COUNTY
- Authorizing the Circuit Administrative Judge of the Second Circuit to establish a Truancy Reduction Pilot Program in the juvenile court in Talbot County; and making provisions relating to Truancy Reduction Pilot Programs applicable to Talbot County.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2011
- SB 283**
Chapter 50 **Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs
Committee (By Request – Departmental – Labor, Licensing
and Regulation) and Senator Middleton**
STATE BOARD OF ARCHITECTS – RETIRED STATUS LICENSES
- Authorizing the State Board of Architects to issue retired status licenses to licensed architects under specified circumstances; prohibiting the holder of a retired status license from engaging in the practice of architecture; authorizing the holder of a retired status license to use the designation “architect emeritus”; and authorizing the Board to reactivate a license to practice architecture for an individual holding a retired status license under specified circumstances.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

- SB 299**
Chapter 54 **Senator Jennings, et al**
WIRETAPPING AND ELECTRONIC SURVEILLANCE –
INVESTIGATION OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING
Adding specified human trafficking offenses to those crimes for which
evidence may be gathered by, and a judge may grant an order
authorizing, interception of oral, wire, or electronic communications.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011
- HB 345**
Chapter 55 **Delegate Simmons, et al**
WIRETAPPING AND ELECTRONIC SURVEILLANCE –
INVESTIGATION OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING
Adding specified human trafficking offenses to those crimes for which
evidence may be gathered by, and a judge may grant an order
authorizing, interception of oral, wire, or electronic communications.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011
- SB 322**
Chapter 56 **Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs
Committee (By Request – Departmental – Agriculture)**
STATE BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICAL EXAMINERS –
REGISTERED VETERINARY TECHNICIAN
Altering the definition of the term “practice of veterinary medicine”
to exclude specified procedures performed by a registered veterinary
technician under specified circumstances.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011
- SB 342**
Chapter 57 **Senators Ramirez and Forehand**
PEACE ORDERS – EXTENSION OF DURATION
Authorizing a judge to extend the term of a final peace order under
specified circumstances after a specified notice and a hearing.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011
- HB 667**
Chapter 58 **Delegate Lee, et al**
PEACE ORDERS – EXTENSION OF DURATION
Authorizing a judge to extend the term of a final peace order under
specified circumstances after a specified notice and a hearing.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

SB 356 **Senator Jones–Rodwell (Chair, Joint Committee on Pensions)**

Chapter 59 STATE RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEM – MILITARY
SERVICE CREDIT – ELIGIBILITY

Altering the criteria used to determine the eligibility of a member of the State Retirement and Pension System to receive service credit for military service so as to require 10 years of service credit in the State Retirement and Pension System through employment as a member of a State system.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011

SB 359 **Senator Jones–Rodwell (Chair, Joint Committee on Pensions)**

Chapter 60 STATE RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEM – UNCLAIMED
MONEY – FORMER MEMBERS, RETIREES, AND
BENEFICIARIES

Authorizing the State Retirement Agency to post the names of former members, retirees, or beneficiaries of former members or retirees of the State Retirement and Pension System and the last participating employer of the former members or retirees on the State Retirement Agency's Web site if the former members, retirees, or beneficiaries are entitled to unclaimed money from the State Retirement and Pension System.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011

SB 383 **Senator Mathias**

Chapter 61 SOMERSET COUNTY – DEPUTY STATE'S ATTORNEY –
PRIVATE PRACTICE

Repealing a prohibition against the deputy State's Attorney of Somerset County engaging in the private practice of law; and making the Act an emergency measure.

EMERGENCY BILL

- SB 391**
Chapter 62 **Senator Shank, et al**
WASHINGTON COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – WINE
FESTIVAL LICENSE
Establishing a special wine festival (WF) license in Washington
County; requiring that an applicant for a special WF license must be
a holder of another license; specifying that a holder of a special WF
license may display and sell wine in a specified manner; providing for
a \$20 license fee; authorizing the Washington County Board of
License Commissioners to choose 2 weekends annually for wine
festivals; requiring the Board to choose specified locations for the
wine festivals; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011
- SB 428**
Chapter 63 **Senator Klausmeier**
MENTAL HYGIENE – ADMISSION PROVISIONS – DEFINITION
OF “PSYCHOLOGIST”
Altering the definition of “psychologist” for purposes of specified
provisions of law relating to admissions to specified mental health
facilities.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011
- SB 454**
Chapter 64 **The President (By Request – Department of Legislative
Services)**
ANNUAL CURATIVE BILL
Curing previous Acts of the General Assembly with possible title
defects.
EMERGENCY BILL
- SB 455**
Chapter 65 **The President (By Request – Department of Legislative
Services)**
ANNUAL CORRECTIVE BILL
Correcting errors and omissions in the Annotated Code and in
specified uncodified laws; clarifying language; correcting obsolete
references; reorganizing specified provisions of the Annotated Code;
ratifying specified corrections made by the publishers of the
Annotated Code; providing that the Act is not intended to affect any
law other than to correct technical errors; providing for the correction
of specified errors and obsolete provisions by the publishers of the
Annotated Code; etc.
EMERGENCY BILL

SB 457

Senator Forehand

Chapter 66

LAWYERS – BAR ADMISSION REQUIREMENT – EXCEPTION FOR RENT ESCROW PROCEEDINGS

Providing an exception to specified requirements to practice law in the State for a person representing a landlord in a rent escrow proceeding in the District Court of Maryland and for a person representing a tenant in a rent escrow proceeding in the District Court of Maryland under specified circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

HB 653

Delegate Niemann

Chapter 67

LAWYERS – BAR ADMISSION REQUIREMENT – EXCEPTION FOR RENT ESCROW PROCEEDINGS

Providing an exception to specified requirements to practice law in the State for a person representing a landlord in a rent escrow proceeding in the District Court of Maryland and for a person representing a tenant in a rent escrow proceeding in the District Court of Maryland under specified circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

SB 480

Senators Forehand and Ramirez

Chapter 68

COURTS – PEACE ORDERS – PENALTIES

Altering the penalty, for a second or subsequent offense, for a person who fails to comply with the relief granted in an interim, a temporary, or a final peace order.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

HB 666

Delegate Lee, et al

Chapter 69

COURTS – PEACE ORDERS – PENALTIES

Altering the penalty, for a second or subsequent offense, for a person who fails to comply with the relief granted in an interim, a temporary, or a final peace order.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

SB 500

Senator Getty

Chapter 70

CRIMINAL LAW – IDENTITY FRAUD – ASSUMPTION OF IDENTITY OF FICTITIOUS PERSON

Clarifying that a person is prohibited from knowingly and willfully assuming the identity of a fictitious person to avoid identification, apprehension, or prosecution for a crime, or with fraudulent intent, to get a benefit, credit, good, service, or any other thing of value or to avoid the payment of debt or other legal obligation; and providing penalties for a violation of the Act.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

HB 408

Delegate McComas, et al

Chapter 71

CRIMINAL LAW – IDENTITY FRAUD – ASSUMPTION OF IDENTITY OF FICTITIOUS PERSON

Clarifying that a person is prohibited from knowingly and willfully assuming the identity of a fictitious person to avoid identification, apprehension, or prosecution for a crime, or with fraudulent intent, to get a benefit, credit, good, service, or any other thing of value or to avoid the payment of debt or other legal obligation; and providing penalties for a violation of the Act.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

SB 509

Senator Peters

Chapter 72

PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY – ETHICS REFORMS

Specifying that the ethics provisions required to be enacted by Prince George’s County shall prohibit a person from lobbying the county government for contingent compensation, prohibit the county government from issuing a credit card to specified officials, prohibit an elected county official from soliciting specified persons to provide a monetary benefit to specified other persons, make specified changes to the board of ethics, and provide for meetings of the board of ethics.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

SB 511

Chapter 73

Senator Stone

CRIMINAL LAW – COUNTERFEITING – VENUE

Including the county in which an alleged counterfeit deed or other instrument is filed or recorded in a specified manner as a venue to prosecute a specified counterfeiting crime or other crime that establishes a specified counterfeiting crime.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

SB 529

Chapter 74

Senator Simonaire, et al

**MARYLAND GENERAL AND LIMITED POWER OF ATTORNEY
ACT – MODIFICATIONS**

Establishing that provisions of law relating to durable powers of attorney apply to all powers of attorney; altering the authority of an agent under specified statutory form powers of attorney; providing that specified powers shall be deemed to be included in specified forms; defining “property” and “stocks and bonds”; altering the definition of “statutory form power of attorney”; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

HB 247

Chapter 75

Delegate Simmons, et al

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EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2011

SB 599

Chapter 76

Senator Raskin, et al

**COURTS AND JUDICIAL PROCEEDINGS – PRELITIGATION
DISCOVERY – INSURANCE COVERAGE**

Requiring specified insurers to disclose under specified circumstances the limits of coverage in any insurance agreement under which persons may be liable to satisfy all or part of the claim or to indemnify or reimburse for payments made to satisfy the claim; requiring disclosure of limits of coverage within 30 days after receipt of a written request for documentation of coverage; providing for procedures; providing that specified persons are not civilly or criminally liable for disclosure of documentation; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

HB 921

Chapter 77

Delegate Simmons

**COURTS AND JUDICIAL PROCEEDINGS – PRELITIGATION
DISCOVERY – INSURANCE COVERAGE**

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EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

SB 652

Chapter 78

Senator Ramirez

**PUBLIC SAFETY – USE OF ELECTRONIC CONTROL DEVICES –
REPORTS**

Requiring a law enforcement agency that issues electronic control devices (ECDs) to its law enforcement officers to report annually on or before March 31 to the Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention, information for each time a law enforcement officer discharges an ECD, using a specified format; requiring the Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention to analyze and summarize reports and to submit an annual report to the Governor, the General Assembly, and each law enforcement agency; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

HB 507

Chapter 79

Delegate Branch, et al

PUBLIC SAFETY – USE OF ELECTRONIC CONTROL DEVICES – REPORTS

Requiring a law enforcement agency that issues electronic control devices (ECDs) to its law enforcement officers to report annually on or before March 31 to the Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention, information for each time a law enforcement officer discharges an ECD except during training, using a specified format; requiring the Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention to analyze and summarize reports and to submit an annual report to the Governor, the General Assembly, and each law enforcement agency; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

SB 673

Chapter 80

Senator Frosh

ESTATES AND TRUSTS – PAYMENT OF ATTORNEY'S FEES – CONTINGENCY FEE

Authorizing the payment of fees from an estate to an attorney without court approval if the fee is paid to an attorney representing the estate in litigation under a specified contingency fee agreement, the fee does not exceed the terms of the contingency fee agreement, a copy of the contingency fee agreement is on file with the register of wills, and the attorney files a specified statement with each account.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

SB 682

Chapter 81

Senator Peters, et al

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH – VETERANS – COORDINATION AND PROVISION OF SERVICES

Reenacting specified provisions of law that were abrogated as of May 31, 2011, to provide for the continuance of the coordination of specified behavioral health services for specified veterans; requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, in collaboration with the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, the Maryland Department of Veterans Affairs, the Maryland National Guard, and the Maryland Defense Force, to provide behavioral health services coordination for specified veterans, subject to specified limitations; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2011

HB 793

Chapter 82

Delegate Valentino-Smith, et al

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH – VETERANS – COORDINATION AND PROVISION OF SERVICES

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EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2011

SB 691

Chapter 83

Senator Middleton

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION – CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY – RENEWABLE SOURCE GENERATOR LEAD LINE

Requiring a person to obtain a certificate of public convenience and necessity prior to beginning construction in the State of a qualified generator lead line; prohibiting a person from applying for a certificate of public convenience and necessity for specified construction; requiring the Public Service Commission to provide an opportunity for public comment and hold a public hearing on a specified application; requiring the Commission to take a final action on an application only under specified circumstances; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

HB 590

Chapter 84

Delegate Davis

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION – CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY – RENEWABLE SOURCE GENERATOR LEAD LINE

Requiring a person to obtain a certificate of public convenience and necessity prior to beginning construction in the State of a qualified generator lead line; prohibiting a person from applying for a certificate of public convenience and necessity for specified construction; requiring the Public Service Commission to provide an opportunity for public comment and hold a public hearing on a specified application; requiring the Commission to take a final action on an application only under specified circumstances; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

- SB 705** **Senator Klausmeier, et al**
Chapter 85 **HEALTH INSURANCE – DENTAL PROVIDER CONTRACTS –
PROHIBITED PROVISION**
- Prohibiting a carrier from including in a dental provider contract a provision that requires a dental provider to provide specified services at a fee set by the carrier; and applying the Act to dental provider contracts issued, renewed, or amended in the State on or after October 1, 2011.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011
- SB 720** **Senator Mathias**
Chapter 86 **COMMERCIAL FISHING APPRENTICESHIP PERMIT –
ELIGIBILITY**
- Providing that specified practical commercial fishing experience obtained in specified jurisdictions by specified individuals applies toward the requirements for obtaining a commercial tidal fishing license through the commercial fishing apprenticeship permit; requiring an apprenticeship permittee to obtain the required practical experience within 10 years before applying for a commercial fishing license or authorization; etc.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2011
- SB 768** **Senators Ramirez and Frosh**
Chapter 87 **CHILD ABUSE – OUT OF COURT STATEMENTS OF CHILD
VICTIMS**
- Altering the age for the admission into evidence of a specified out of court statement made by a child victim; adding specified counselors and therapists to the list of specified professionals to whom a child victim's out of court statement was made and who may testify concerning the statement; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

- HB 859**
Chapter 88 **Delegate Dumais, et al**
CHILD ABUSE – OUT OF COURT STATEMENTS OF CHILD VICTIMS
- Altering the age for the admission into evidence of a specified out of court statement made by a child victim; adding specified counselors and therapists to the list of specified professionals to whom a child victim's out of court statement was made and who may testify concerning the statement; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011
- SB 885**
Chapter 89 **Senator Garagiola**
MOTOR VEHICLE INSURERS – STANDARDS FOR CANCELLATION OR REFUSAL OF INSURANCE – DRIVING WHILE IMPAIRED BY ALCOHOL
- Establishing that a conviction for driving while impaired by alcohol is among the standards that may be applied by an insurer for purposes of canceling or refusing to underwrite or renew a particular insurance risk or class of risk with respect to private passenger motor vehicle insurance; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011
- SB 901**
Chapter 90 **Senator Miller**
MARYLAND–NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION – PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY – SITE PLAN APPROVAL AUTHORITY
- Authorizing the County Council for Prince George's County, sitting as the district council, to review Planning Board decisions on site plans; authorizing a party of record to appeal specified decisions by the Planning Board to the district council; requiring the district council to decide whether to review the final approval or disapproval of a detailed site plan within 30 days from the date the final approval or disapproval was issued; authorizing the district council to revoke delegations of approval authority; etc.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2011

SB 902

Chapter 91

Senator Miller

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY – PUBLIC ETHICS REQUIREMENTS – LIMITATIONS ON CONTRIBUTIONS TO SLATES CONTAINING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE OR A MEMBER OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL AND ON PARTICIPATION OF COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBERS IN LAND USE APPLICATIONS

Prohibiting payments to slates that include a member of the County Council for Prince George's County or the Prince George's County Executive during the pendency of specified land use applications; altering the restriction on participation in specified planning and zoning matters by a member of the County Council for Prince George's County who received a specified political contribution or who belonged to a slate that received a specified contribution within a specified time period; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

SB 926

Chapter 92

Senator Glassman, et al

HARFORD COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – CONTINUING CARE FACILITY FOR AGED – BEER, WINE AND LIQUOR LICENSE

Establishing a Class CCFA (continuing care facility for the aged) beer, wine and liquor license in Harford County; specifying that the Liquor Control Board may issue a Class CCFA license to an organization that provides specified care, is licensed as a specified institution, is certified by a specified department, is exempt from federal income tax, and is located in Harford County; providing that specified prohibitions do not apply to the Act; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011

SB 948

Chapter 93

Senator Glassman, et al

HARFORD COUNTY – ONE OR TWO FAMILY DWELLINGS CONSTRUCTED AS INDUSTRIALIZED BUILDINGS – SPRINKLER SYSTEM REQUIREMENT

Establishing the date for complying with the requirement for installation of automatic fire sprinkler systems in one- or two-family dwellings constructed as industrialized buildings in Harford County; making the Act an emergency measure; and terminating the Act at the end of June 30, 2011.

EMERGENCY BILL

HB 58

Delegate Costa

Chapter 94

**COMMUNITY SERVICES REIMBURSEMENT RATE
COMMISSION – TERMINATION DATE – EXTENSION**

Extending the termination date for the Community Services Reimbursement Rate Commission to September 30, 2016.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011

HB 62

Anne Arundel County Delegation

Chapter 95

**ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – PROPERTY TAX CREDIT –
PROPERTY LEASED TO PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOLS**

Authorizing the governing body of Anne Arundel County or of a municipal corporation in Anne Arundel County to grant, by law, a property tax credit against the county or municipal corporation property tax imposed on real property leased to a public charter school and used exclusively for primary or secondary educational purposes; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2011

HB 86

The Speaker (By Request – Administration)

Chapter 96

**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – QUALIFIED ZONE ACADEMY
BOND**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt in the amount of \$15,902,000, the proceeds to be used as grants to the Interagency Committee on School Construction and the Maryland State Department of Education for specified development or improvement purposes; providing for the disbursement of the loan proceeds and the further grant of funds to eligible school systems for specified purposes, subject to a requirement that the grantees document the provision of a required federal matching fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2011

HB 102 Delegates Stifler and Conaway

Chapter 97

**FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS – MORTGAGE LOAN ORIGINATORS
– PROHIBITED ACTS**

Prohibiting a person subject to regulation as a mortgage loan originator from making a payment, threat, or promise for the purpose of influencing another person to violate specified federal or State law or professional standards in connection with a mortgage loan or loan application; prohibiting a specified person from making a payment, threat, or promise to an appraiser of residential real estate in order to influence the independent judgment of the appraiser, and from engaging in specified other acts and practices; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

**HB 105 Chair, Judiciary Committee (By Request – Departmental –
State Police)**

Chapter 98

**VEHICLE LAWS – RACES AND SPEED CONTESTS –
ENFORCEMENT AND PENALTIES**

Authorizing a police officer to arrest without a warrant a person for driving a vehicle in a specified race or speed contest that results in serious bodily injury to another person under specified circumstances; and establishing a penalty of a fine of not more than \$1,000 or imprisonment for not more than 1 year, or both, for a specified violation that results in serious bodily injury to another person.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

HB 108 Delegate Feldman

Chapter 99

**BUSINESS REGULATION – STATE AMUSEMENT RIDE SAFETY
ADVISORY BOARD – MEMBERSHIP**

Altering the membership of the State Amusement Ride Safety Advisory Board to remove one consumer member and add one representative of amusement ride rental operators; and requiring that the race and gender composition of the Board reflect the composition of the population of the State.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

HB 110 **Chair, Environmental Matters Committee (By Request –**
Chapter 100 **Departmental – Transportation)**

VEHICLE LAWS – WEIGHT AND AXLE LOAD LIMITS

Repealing a requirement relating to the measurement of the distance between coupled axles for purposes of applying weight limitations; repealing specified weight limitations; repealing an exception; altering weight limits for over-the-road buses and specified vehicles used as intrastate public agency transit passenger buses; specifying weight limit tolerances for vehicles that use technology to reduce fuel use and emissions from engine idling under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

HB 112 **Chair, Environmental Matters Committee (By Request –**
Chapter 101 **Departmental – Transportation)**

**VEHICLE EQUIPMENT – PUBLIC TRANSIT VEHICLES –
FLASHING LIGHTS**

Authorizing a public transit service vehicle to be equipped with and to display amber flashing lights, or a white flashing light installed on the roof of the vehicle.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

HB 133 **Chair, Judiciary Committee (By Request – Departmental –**
Chapter 102 **Public Safety and Correctional Services)**

**COURTS AND JUDICIAL PROCEEDINGS – JUVENILE
RECORDS – ACCESS BY THE DIVISION OF PRETRIAL
DETENTION AND SERVICES**

Establishing that specified laws relating to the confidentiality of juvenile records do not prohibit a juvenile court record from being accessed and used by the Maryland Division of Pretrial Detention and Services under specified circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

HB 136 **Chair, Judiciary Committee (By Request – Departmental –**
Chapter 103 **Public Safety and Correctional Services)**

FAMILY LAW – PROTECTIVE ORDERS – NOTIFICATION OF SERVICE

Requiring that the electronic system used to notify the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services of the service of a temporary protective order on a specified respondent be approved and provided by the Department; and extending to the end of December 31, 2013, the termination date of provisions of law that provide for notice of service on a respondent or specified protective orders.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

HB 156 **Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee (By**
Chapter 104 **Request – Departmental – Health and Mental Hygiene)**

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

Extending until the end of December 31, 2013, the termination date of specified provisions of law relating to health insurance policies for self-employed individuals in the small group insurance market.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011

HB 160 **Baltimore County Delegation**

Chapter 105 **BALTIMORE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS – FUNDING ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY ACT**

Requiring the Baltimore County Board of Education to develop and operate a specified Web site that includes information about specified payments; specifying parameters of the Web site; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011

HB 176 **Delegate Eckardt**

Chapter 106 **STATE RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEM – REEMPLOYMENT OF RETIREES – EXEMPTIONS**

Reducing from 9 years to 5 years the number of years required after retirement for retirees of the Employees' Retirement or Pension System or the Teachers' Retirement or Pension System to be exempt from an earnings offset of their retirement allowance when reemployed by specified employers.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011

- HB 183** **Delegate Nathan–Pulliam, et al**
Chapter 107 STATE BOARD OF NURSING – ELECTROLOGISTS –
EXAMINATION AND LICENSE TERM
- Authorizing the State Board of Nursing to approve an examination and clinical examination relating to the licensure of electrologists; and altering the term of a license to 2 years from 1 year beginning on January 1, 2013.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011
- HB 197** **Chair, Economic Matters Committee (By Request –**
Chapter 108 **Departmental – Labor, Licensing and Regulation)**
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE BENEFITS CLAIMS – APPEALS
– FINALITY OF ORDER
- Establishing that decisions relating to unemployment insurance benefits claims that are appealed to the Lower Appeals Division or the Board of Appeals in the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation are final after 10 days after specified notice has been delivered to the individual or employer who appealed the determination of the unemployment insurance benefits claim.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011
- HB 198** **Chair, Economic Matters Committee (By Request –**
Chapter 109 **Departmental – Labor, Licensing and Regulation)**
FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS – AUTHORITY OF COMMISSIONER
OF FINANCIAL REGULATION – INFORMATION SHARING
- Authorizing the Commissioner of Financial Regulation, under specified circumstances, to enter into cooperative and information–sharing agreements and to exchange information about a financial institution with any federal or state law enforcement agency and to enter into cooperative or information–sharing agreements with the Office of Foreign Assets Control; prohibiting the Commissioner from disclosing a specified record to any person requesting the record under the Maryland Freedom of Information Act; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

HB 203 **Chair, Economic Matters Committee (By Request –**
Chapter 110 **Departmental – State Police)**

**JUNK DEALERS AND SCRAP METAL PROCESSORS – STATE
LICENSING LAWS – APPLICABILITY AND EXEMPTIONS**

Repealing a provision exempting specified counties from specified State licensing laws on junk dealers and scrap metal processors; exempting specified licensed dealers and pawnbrokers from the scope of specified State licensing laws on junk dealers and scrap metal processors; repealing specified licensing provisions for Calvert County junk dealers and scrap metal processors; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

HB 204 **Chair, Economic Matters Committee (By Request –**
Chapter 111 **Departmental – Transportation)**

**VEHICLE LAWS – COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLES ENGAGED
IN INTRASTATE COMMERCE – MINIMUM SECURITY
REQUIREMENTS**

Extending to for-hire vehicles engaged in intrastate commerce that exceed a gross vehicle weight rating of 26,000 pounds and are designed to carry property, the authority of the Motor Vehicle Administration to adopt regulations in conformance with federal standards establishing specific minimum levels of required security for commercial vehicles.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2012

HB 210 **Chair, Environmental Matters Committee (By Request –**
Chapter 112 **Departmental – Environment)**

**ENVIRONMENT – MINING – ACID MINE DRAINAGE
ABATEMENT AND TREATMENT FUND**

Conforming State law to federal law as it relates to the percentage of funding available for specified acid mine drainage activities.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

HB 215 **Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee (By**
Chapter 113 **Request – Departmental – Maryland Institute for Emergency**
 Medical Services Systems)

STATE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES BOARD –
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES PROVIDERS

Exempting specified law enforcement officers from specified requirements relating to providing emergency medical services in the State; prohibiting the use of the term “emergency medical responder” unless the individual is licensed or certified to provide emergency medical services; etc.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

HB 217 **Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee (By**
Chapter 114 **Request – Departmental – Health and Mental Hygiene)**

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE –
MENTAL HYGIENE ADMINISTRATION – TRANSFERS
BETWEEN FACILITIES

Authorizing the Director of the Mental Hygiene Administration to transfer individuals from a public mental health facility to the Clifton T. Perkins Hospital Center under specified circumstances; requiring the Director to give specified individuals notice and an opportunity for a hearing before the Office of Administrative Hearings; providing that decisions of administrative law judges made under the Act are final; authorizing the Director to transfer individuals between public mental health facilities; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

HB 258 **Delegate Beitzel**
Chapter 115 **GARRETT COUNTY – TAX SALES – AUCTIONEER’S FEES**

Altering the auctioneer’s fee allowed as an expense and a lien against property to be sold at specified tax sales in Garrett County to be \$8 for each property sold.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011

- HB 265**
Chapter 116 **Delegate B. Robinson, et al**
DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES ADMINISTRATION –
INSPECTIONS OF LICENSEES – PERFORMANCE EVALUATION
OF SURVEYORS
- Requiring the Developmental Disabilities Administration or its agent to evaluate periodically, for a specified purpose, the performance of surveyors who carry out inspections of sites or offices operated by a licensee.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011
- HB 280**
Chapter 117 **Carroll County Delegation**
CARROLL COUNTY – PUBLIC FACILITIES BONDS
- Authorizing and empowering the County Commissioners of Carroll County, from time to time, to borrow not more than \$16,000,000 in order to finance the construction, improvement, or development of specified public facilities in Carroll County, and to effect such borrowing by the issuance and sale at public or private sale of its general obligation bonds; etc.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2011
- HB 298**
Chapter 118 **Delegates Pena–Melnik and Braveboy**
LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT – WAGE PAYMENT AND
COLLECTION – VOID AGREEMENTS
- Establishing that an agreement between an employer and employee for the employee to work for less than the wage required under law to be paid to the employee is void.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011
- HB 349**
Chapter 119 **Delegate Simmons**
PEACE ORDERS AND PROTECTIVE ORDERS – SHIELDING OF
RECORDS – ORDERS ISSUED AGAINST RESPONDENT
- Limiting a condition under which the court is required to shield all court records relating to a peace order or protective order proceeding by requiring, as a prerequisite of shielding, the absence of a previously issued final peace order or protective order against the respondent or a pending interim or temporary peace order or protective order against the respondent.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

- HB 355**
Chapter 120 **Delegate Schulz, et al**
NATURAL RESOURCES – HUNTING – JUNIOR DEER HUNT
- Requiring the Department of Natural Resources to establish by regulation and by July 1 each year a junior deer hunt to occur on specified days during a deer hunting season; prohibiting the regulations from authorizing the junior deer hunt to occur on specified Sundays in specified counties; authorizing specified persons who are 16 years of age and younger to participate in the junior deer hunt under specified circumstances; etc.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2011
- HB 376**
Chapter 121 **Allegany County Delegation**
ALLEGANY COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – ELIGIBILITY FOR CLASS B–BT (BUFFET THEATER) LICENSE
- Altering in Allegany County the types of entertainment that an establishment may provide to its customers to be eligible for a Class B–BT (Buffet Theater) beer, light wine and liquor license to include live acoustic–style music and feature films.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2011
- HB 377**
Chapter 122 **Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee (By Request – Departmental – Health and Mental Hygiene)**
MENTAL HYGIENE ADMINISTRATION FACILITIES – REPEAL OF PROVISIONS THAT RELATE TO CLOSED FACILITIES
- Repealing provisions of law in the Health – General Article that relate to Mental Hygiene Administration facilities that have closed.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011
- HB 378**
Chapter 123 **Delegate Nathan–Pulliam, et al**
STATE BOARD OF NURSING – MEDICATION TECHNICIAN GRADUATES AND CERTIFIED MEDICATION TECHNICIANS
- Extending from 90 days to 180 days the time period during which a medication technician graduate may practice without certification from the State Board of Nursing; authorizing specified medication technicians to practice for a specified time period while the State Board of Nursing processes a specified application; requiring the State Board of Nursing to provide a specified report to committees of the General Assembly on or before December 31, 2011; making the Act an emergency measure; etc.
EMERGENCY BILL

- HB 486** **Delegate Conway, et al**
Chapter 124 EDUCATION – SCHOOL BUSES – INSPECTIONS AND LENGTH OF OPERATION
- Authorizing specified school bus inspections to be valid in specified counties under specified circumstances; and repealing the termination date for a provision of law that alters the length of time a school bus may be operated in Somerset County, Wicomico County, and Worcester County.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011
- HB 499** **Delegates Szeliga and A. Miller**
Chapter 125 ADMISSIONS AND AMUSEMENT TAX – EXEMPTION – HOT AIR BALLOONS
- Providing that the admissions and amusement tax may not be imposed by a county or municipal corporation on gross receipts derived from any charge for admission to or use of a nontethered hot air balloon.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011
- HB 505** **St. Mary’s County Delegation**
Chapter 126 ST. MARY’S COUNTY – METROPOLITAN COMMISSION – PUBLIC ETHICS LAW
- Defining each commissioner and employee of the St. Mary’s County Metropolitan Commission as a “local official” for the purposes of the St. Mary’s County Public Ethics Law.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011
- HB 509** **Delegate Niemann**
Chapter 127 REAL PROPERTY – MORTGAGES – ENFORCEMENT
- Clarifying the authority of the Commissioner of Financial Regulation to enforce the provisions of the Protection of Homeowners in Foreclosure Act (PHIFA) and the Maryland Mortgage Fraud Protection Act (MMFPA) by exercising specified investigative and enforcement powers of the Commissioner; authorizing the Commissioner to seek a specified injunction; authorizing the Commissioner to require a violator of PHIFA and MMFPA to take affirmative actions, including restitution, to correct the violation; etc.
EMERGENCY BILL

HB 522 **St. Mary's County Delegation**

Chapter 128 ST. MARY'S COUNTY – CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS' BILL OF RIGHTS

Adding St. Mary's County to provisions of law relating to the Cecil County Correctional Officers' Bill of Rights; and altering the definition of "correctional officer" to exclude a correctional officer who is in probationary status on the officer's initial entry into the correctional agency, except if an allegation of brutality in the execution of the officer's duties is made against the officer.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

HB 523 **Delegates Rosenberg and Dumais**

Chapter 129 COURTS – FEE FOR THE SPECIAL ADMISSION OF AN OUT-OF-STATE ATTORNEY – JANET L. HOFFMAN LOAN ASSISTANCE REPAYMENT PROGRAM

Requiring the State Court Administrator to assess a \$100 fee for the special admission of an out-of-state attorney and to pay \$75 of the fee into the Janet L. Hoffman Loan Assistance Repayment Program; requiring funds for the Program to be allocated to specified individuals who have received a graduate degree from a school of law; and providing that funds for the Program include money paid to the Program from the assessment of the fee for the special admission of an out-of-state attorney.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

HB 558 **Delegates Barve and Branch**

Chapter 130 PROPERTY TAX CREDIT – HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Expanding the scope of an existing property tax credit for specified real property owned by Habitat for Humanity to include undeveloped land to be relinquished in the near future; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2011

HB 581 **Chair, Appropriations Committee (By Request –**
Chapter 131 **Departmental – Human Resources)**

**FAMILY LAW – DISPLACED HOMEMAKERS PROGRAM –
EVALUATION AND REPORT**

Making it discretionary, rather than mandatory, for the Secretary of Human Resources to evaluate periodically the programs of a multipurpose service center for displaced homemakers and to report annually to the General Assembly on the center and its programs.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

HB 598 **Delegate Davis**

Chapter 132 **INJURED WORKERS’ INSURANCE FUND – EMPLOYEE
COMPENSATION**

Providing that employees of the Injured Workers’ Insurance Fund are not subject to specified laws, regulations, or executive orders governing State employee compensation; and repealing a requirement that the Board for the Fund set compensation for its employees in accordance with the State pay plan.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011

HB 601 **Delegate Olszewski, et al**

Chapter 133 **SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES TAX CREDIT PROGRAM –
ELIGIBILITY**

Altering the Sustainable Communities Tax Credit Program to allow the Director of the Maryland Historical Trust to accept a commercial rehabilitation credit application for which the proposed rehabilitation work has begun if the rehabilitation work has been approved under the federal historic tax credit; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011

HB 602 **Delegate Summers, et al**
Chapter 134 ENVIRONMENT – RECYCLING AT TRANSIT STATIONS –
STUDY

Requiring the Maryland Transit Administration and the State Department of Transportation, in consultation with the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority, jointly to study and make recommendations relating to the establishment of a recycling program at transit stations; requiring the recommendations to be reported to the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House, and specified committees of the General Assembly on or before December 1, 2011; etc.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2011

HB 630 **Delegates Beidle and Vitale**
Chapter 135 BUILDING STANDARDS – HIGH-PERFORMANCE HOMES

Requiring the Department of Housing and Community Development to encourage the construction of new residential structures as high-performance homes; and defining the term “high-performance home”.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

HB 634 **Delegate Griffith (Chair, Joint Committee on Pensions)**
Chapter 136 STATE RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEM –
REEMPLOYMENT EARNINGS OFFSET – RETIREE HEALTH
CARE PREMIUMS

Limiting the reemployment earnings offset for reemployed retirees of the State Retirement and Pension System to an amount not less than what is required to be deducted for the retiree’s monthly State-approved medical insurance; requiring the Board of Trustees of the State Retirement and Pension System to recover from a retiree a specified amount under specified circumstances, by a specified date; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011

HB 674 **Delegate Cullison, et al**

Chapter 137 EDUCATION – HUMAN TRAFFICKING – AWARENESS,
TRAINING, AND DISTRIBUTION OF MATERIALS

Requiring the State Department of Education, in collaboration with the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, to provide awareness and training for Directors of Student Services in local education agencies on human trafficking; and requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, in consultation with experts in the field of human trafficking prevention, to provide to the State Department of Education specified information and materials on human trafficking.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011

HB 679 **Delegate Stein**

Chapter 138 REAL PROPERTY – CONDOMINIUMS – AMENDMENT TO
BYLAWS TO REQUIRE UNIT INSURANCE COVERAGE

Authorizing the council of unit owners of a condominium to amend the bylaws of the condominium, by at least 51% majority, for the purpose of requiring all unit owners to maintain condominium unit owner insurance policies on their units; authorizing the bylaws of a condominium to require each unit owner to maintain a condominium owner insurance policy on the unit; and requiring specified bylaws to require each unit owner to provide evidence of specified insurance coverage to the council of unit owners annually.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

HB 700 **Howard County Delegation**

Chapter 139 HOWARD COUNTY – HOTEL RENTAL TAX RATE HO. CO. 6–11

Increasing from 5 to 7 percent the maximum sales or use tax rate that Howard County is authorized to impose on room rentals in the county for sleeping accommodations for transients; requiring Howard County to distribute revenue attributable to a specified tax rate imposed by Howard County to specified entities; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2011

- HB 751** **Delegate Luedtke, et al**
Chapter 140 AGRICULTURE – JANE LAWTON FARM-TO-SCHOOL PROGRAM – REPORTING
- Requiring each local educational agency participating in the Jane Lawton Farm-to-School Program to report by January 1 each year to the Department of Agriculture the types and amounts of farm products purchased from farms in the State.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011
- HB 789** **Delegate Stein**
Chapter 141 DRIVER'S LICENSE APPLICATIONS – COSIGNER FOR MINORS – DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES
- Requiring an application of a minor for a driver's license to be cosigned by the director of a local department of social services or the director's designee if the license applicant is committed to the custody or guardianship of the local department of social services.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011
- HB 831** **Delegate S. Robinson, et al**
Chapter 142 AGRICULTURE – INVASIVE PLANTS – PREVENTION AND CONTROL
- Establishing the Invasive Plants Advisory Committee in the Department of Agriculture; providing for the membership and charge of the Committee; requiring the Secretary of Agriculture to adopt regulations relating to invasive plants by October 1, 2012; prohibiting specified activities involving specified invasive plants under specified circumstances; authorizing the Secretary to take specified action upon finding invasive plants; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

HB 849 **Chair, Environmental Matters Committee (By Request –**
Chapter 143 **Departmental – State Police)**

PUBLIC SAFETY – SMOKE DETECTORS AND SMOKE ALARMS

Clarifying that a person may sell or install smoke detectors, smoke alarms, and specialized smoke alarms for the deaf and hard of hearing only in accordance with the State Fire Prevention Code; repealing a requirement that each manufacturer that commercially sells or offers for sale a smoke detection system obtain approval of each model of smoke detector from the State Fire Marshal; and repealing a specified application fee.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

HB 876 **Chair, Judiciary Committee (By Request – Departmental –**
Chapter 144 **Human Resources)**

FAMILY LAW – SINGLE PARENT SERVICES – REPEAL

Repealing specified provisions of law relating to single parent services programs.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

HB 877 **Chair, Environmental Matters Committee (By Request –**
Chapter 145 **Departmental – Housing and Community Development) (By**
 Request – Departmental – Planning)

SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES, DESIGNATED
NEIGHBORHOODS, AND PRIORITY FUNDING AREAS –
MISCELLANEOUS CORRECTIONS

Replacing obsolete references to “designated neighborhoods” with references to “sustainable communities”; excluding specified areas from consideration as priority funding areas under specified provisions of law; providing that specified areas that were designated as priority funding areas on or before January 1, 2010, shall retain the designation; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2011

- HB 890**
Chapter 146 **Delegate Kach, et al**
LAND PRESERVATION – LAND DRAINING TO A RESERVOIR
- Requiring a local governing body to consider whether specified land drains into a reservoir in the State in prioritizing applications to sell specified easements under the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Program; and adding to the list of land conservation priorities that the Secretary of Natural Resources is required to consider in allocating the State’s share of funds under Program Open Space.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011
- HB 900**
Chapter 147 **Carroll County Delegation**
CARROLL COUNTY – FORTUNE TELLING BAN – REPEAL
- Repealing a provision that prohibits a person from demanding or accepting payment or gratuity to forecast or foretell, or pretend to forecast or foretell, the future of another person by specified methods in Carroll County; and repealing a penalty.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011
- HB 944**
Chapter 148 **Chair, Economic Matters Committee (By Request – Departmental – Labor, Licensing and Regulation)**
FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS – MORTGAGE LENDERS AND MORTGAGE LOAN ORIGINATORS
- Requiring a person who is exempt from State mortgage lender licensing requirements and employs a licensed mortgage loan originator to register with the Nationwide Mortgage Licensing System and Registry; requiring a mortgage lender license applicant and licensee to provide fingerprints for submission to specified governmental agencies or entities for a state, national, or international criminal history background check; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

HB 966 **Delegate O'Donnell, et al**

Chapter 149 NATURAL RESOURCES – RESTRICTED WATERS FOR SHELLFISH HARVESTING – TESTING

Requiring the Department of the Environment, in determining whether to restrict or lift any restrictions on an area for the catching or storing of shellfish, to use the most reliable available tests to determine whether a shellfish production area poses a risk to consumer health and to rule out contaminants that do not pose a risk to consumer health, including bacteria from vegetation; and requiring the Department on or before December 31, 2011, to reconsider the designation of restricted waters.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2011

HB 1016 **Calvert County Delegation**

Chapter 150 CALVERT COUNTY – PUBLIC FACILITIES BONDS

Authorizing and empowering the County Commissioners of Calvert County, from time to time, to borrow not more than \$12,325,000 to finance the construction, improvement, or development of specified public facilities in Calvert County, and to effect such borrowing by the issuance and sale of its general obligation bonds; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2011

HB 1030 **Cecil County Delegation**

Chapter 151 CECIL COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – LICENSED ESTABLISHMENTS – SUNDAY SALES HOURS

Altering the hours during which specified licensees in Cecil County may sell specified alcoholic beverages on Sunday; exempting specified holders of specified classes of beer, wine and liquor licenses from paying a specified license fee under specified circumstances; authorizing specified licensees to conduct specified sales of specified alcoholic beverages within specified times; authorizing specified licensees to permit the use and consumption of alcoholic beverages between specified hours on specified days; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

HB 1047 Delegate Glenn

Chapter 152 RENTAL HOUSING – TENANT VICTIM OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OR SEXUAL ASSAULT – LEASE PAYMENT OBLIGATION

Limiting the liability under a residential lease if a tenant victim of domestic violence or sexual assault terminates the lease and vacates the premises; and authorizing the tenant victim to terminate future liability under the lease except for a specified period of time after providing notice of an intent to vacate.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

HB 1049 Delegate Vaughn, et al

Chapter 153 REAL ESTATE BROKERS – INTRACOMPANY AGENTS

Authorizing a designee of a real estate broker to designate two members of a team as intracompany agents for the seller and the buyer in the same transaction under specified circumstances; and prohibiting the broker's designee from being a member of the real estate team under specified circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

HB 1082 Delegates Braveboy and Hucker

Chapter 154 HOMEOWNER'S INSURANCE – MODEL INFORMATION – PEOPLE'S INSURANCE COUNSEL

Requiring specified insurers to make arrangements for the vendor of a specified risk planning model to explain to the People's Insurance Counsel the data used in the model and the manner in which the output is obtained; and requiring the Counsel to maintain the confidentiality of specified information.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2011

HB 1085 Delegate Pena–Melnyk, et al

Chapter 155 DISABILITY INSURANCE POLICIES – DISCRETIONARY CLAUSES – PROHIBITION

Prohibiting the use of specified discretionary clauses in disability insurance policies; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

- HB 1109** **Delegate Vaughn**
Chapter 156 REAL PROPERTY – RESCISSION OF SALES CONTRACTS –
RETURN OF DEPOSITS
- Requiring the return of a deposit held by a real estate broker to a purchaser who rescinds a contract to purchase a residential dwelling, a cooperative interest, a condominium unit, or a lot in a homeowners association to comply with the law governing the maintenance and disposition of trust money by a real estate broker under specified circumstances.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011
- HB 1118** **Delegate Valderrama, et al**
Chapter 157 CHILDREN IN NEED OF ASSISTANCE – HEARINGS – WRITTEN
FINDINGS
- Requiring the juvenile court, in specified child in need of assistance hearings, to send written findings to specified individuals and agencies if the court finds that specified reasonable efforts were made but that a specified condition exists.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011
- HB 1193** **Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee (By**
Chapter 158 **Request – Departmental – Budget and Management)**
VOLUNTEER COMPANY ASSISTANCE FUND – REPORTING
REQUIREMENTS – MILITARY DEPARTMENT
- Altering the definition of “Department” to require the Military Department, instead of the Department of Budget and Management, to receive and review specified information from the Maryland State Firemen’s Association and report on use of the Volunteer Company Assistance Fund to the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee and the House Appropriations Committee on an annual basis.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011

HB 1208

Delegate Wilson, et al

Chapter 159

HIGHER EDUCATION – EXEMPTION FROM TUITION FOR FOSTER CARE RECIPIENTS – ELIGIBILITY AGE

Altering from 21 to 25 the age before which foster care recipients must be enrolled at public institutions of higher education to be exempt from paying specified tuition; and altering from 21 to 25 the age before which foster care recipients must be enrolled as candidates for specified degrees to not be required to pay the difference between the amount of specified scholarships or grants and the amount of specified tuition.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011

HB 1212

St. Mary's County Delegation

Chapter 160

ST. MARY'S COUNTY METROPOLITAN COMMISSION

Repealing a requirement that a new position with the St. Mary's County Metropolitan Commission be subject to prior approval of the County Commissioners of St. Mary's County; authorizing the Commission to appoint, discharge at pleasure, and fix the compensation of a General Counsel; prohibiting the Director from serving concurrently as the Director and as General Counsel to the Commission; requiring the Commission to adopt or approve, with prior approval of the County Commissioners, plans and a capital budget; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

HB 1233

Delegate Frick

Chapter 161

INCOME TAX – WITHHOLDING STATEMENTS – ELECTRONIC SUBMISSION

Reducing to 25 the number of income tax withholding statements that a payor must be required to submit in order to be required to submit the information electronically; repealing an obsolete provision; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

HB 1253 **Chair, Environmental Matters Committee (By Request –**
Chapter 162 **Departmental – Community Initiative)**

**COMMISSION ON AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY AND
CULTURE – MEMBERS AND DUTIES**

Increasing to 21 the number of members of the Commission on African American History and Culture; repealing the requirement that the Commission survey historic buildings, sites, artifacts, archives, and repositories, and publish and disseminate the results; repealing the requirement that the Commission plan, coordinate, and implement the State's annual official observance of the Martin Luther King, Jr., holiday; altering the requirement that the Commission receive and administer specified money for specified purposes; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

HB 1310 **Delegate Conway**

Chapter 163 **TAX SUPPORTED DEBT – ENERGY PERFORMANCE
CONTRACTS**

Providing that tax supported debt does not include specified capital leases used to finance energy performance contracts; excluding specified capital leases from the requirement that the Treasurer capitalize specified capital lease payments; restating the authority of the Treasurer to finance specified energy performance contracts as capital leases; and requiring that specified capital lease payments or specified contractor payments may not exceed specified energy savings.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2011

Sincerely,

Karl S. Aro
Executive Director

May 10, 2011

To the Members of the General Assembly

Ladies and Gentlemen:

On May 10, 2011, 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, which you passed:

SB 174 The President (By Request – Administration), et al

Chapter 164

CRIMINAL LAW – RESTRICTIONS AGAINST USE AND POSSESSION OF FIREARMS

Expanding the prohibition against the use of handguns and antique firearms in the commission of specified crimes of violence or felonies to include the use of any firearm, whether loaded or unloaded; altering the predicate crimes and increasing the maximum term of imprisonment applicable to a violation of the prohibition against a person who was previously convicted of a specified crime of violence or drug-related crime possessing a specified regulated firearm; defining “firearm”; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

HB 241 Delegate Anderson (By Request – Baltimore City Administration), et al

Chapter 165

CRIMINAL LAW – RESTRICTIONS AGAINST USE AND POSSESSION OF FIREARMS

Expanding to all firearms the prohibition against the use of handguns and antique firearms in the commission of a crime of violence or felony; altering the predicate crimes and increasing to 15 years the maximum term of imprisonment applicable to a violation of the prohibition against possession of a regulated firearm by a person who was previously convicted of a crime of violence or a specified drug-related crime; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

SB 883 **The President (By Request – Administration) and Senator**
Chapter 166 **Forehand**

PRESCRIPTION DRUG MONITORING PROGRAM

Establishing the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program in the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene; establishing the mission of the Program; requiring the Program to carry out its mission by monitoring the prescribing and dispensing of specified substances by specified prescribers and dispensers; establishing the Advisory Board on Prescription Drug Monitoring to assist in the design, implementation, and evaluation of the Program; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

SB 692 **Senator Middleton and the President (By Request –**
Chapter 167 **Administration), et al**

MARYLAND ELECTRICITY SERVICE QUALITY AND
RELIABILITY ACT – SAFETY VIOLATIONS

Requiring the Public Service Commission to adopt regulations on or before July 1, 2012, that implement specified service quality and reliability standards relating to the delivery of electricity to retail customers by electric companies through their distribution systems; requiring regulations to include service quality and reliability standards, account for major outages, and require an electric company to file a corrective action plan if it fails to meet service quality and reliability standards; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

HB 391 **Delegate Feldman and the Speaker (By Request –**
Chapter 168 **Administration), et al**

MARYLAND ELECTRICITY SERVICE QUALITY AND
RELIABILITY ACT – SAFETY VIOLATIONS

Requiring the Public Service Commission to adopt regulations on or before July 1, 2012, that implement specified service quality and reliability standards relating to the delivery of electricity to retail customers by electric companies through their distribution systems; requiring regulations to include service quality and reliability standards, account for major outages, and require an electric company to file a corrective action plan if it fails to meet service quality and reliability standards; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

HB 671 **The Speaker (By Request – Administration), et al**
Chapter 169 **FEDERAL MILITARY AND OVERSEAS VOTER EMPOWERMENT
(MOVE) ACT COMPLIANCE**

Changing the State election law to comply with the federal Military and Overseas Voter Empowerment (MOVE) Act; requiring local boards of elections to provide specified information relating to candidates to the State Board of Elections; altering specified deadlines for the filing of specified certificates of candidacy, petitions, certificates of withdrawal, and certificates of designation of candidacy; altering the primary election dates; requiring the State Board to display specified content on its Web site; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

HB 1228 **The Speaker (By Request – Administration)**
Chapter 170 **UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE – FEDERAL EXTENDED
BENEFITS FOR THE LONG-TERM UNEMPLOYED**

Specifying that, for specified weeks of unemployment, a State “on” indicator for extended unemployment benefits exists under specified circumstances; specifying that a State “off” indicator exists for specified extended unemployment benefits under specified circumstances; prohibiting specified extended benefits from being payable for any week of unemployment beginning before a specified date; establishing the Extended Benefits Fund; stating the purpose of the Fund and the intent of the General Assembly; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

HB 171 **The Speaker (By Request – Administration), et al**
Chapter 171 **COLLECTIVE BARGAINING – INDEPENDENT HOME CARE
PROVIDERS**

Establishing collective bargaining rights for specified independent home care providers; providing that there may be only one appropriate bargaining unit for the providers; authorizing providers to designate an exclusive representative; requiring that procedures be governed by specified provisions of law; providing for the scope of collective bargaining; requiring an exclusive representative to provide specified notice; providing that specified providers are not required to pay a service fee, but are required to make a specified payment; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011

SB 14

Senator Gladden

Chapter 172

VEHICLE LAWS – RACE–BASED TRAFFIC STOPS

Requiring law enforcement officers to record data pertaining to traffic stops; requiring law enforcement agencies to report the information to the Maryland Statistical Analysis Center (MSAC); requiring the Police Training Commission to develop guidelines and a model format to record data; requiring the MSAC to report to the Police Training Commission those law enforcement agencies that fail to comply with the reporting requirements; providing exceptions for law enforcement agencies subject to specified agreements; etc.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

HB 130

Delegate Braveboy, et al

Chapter 173

VEHICLE LAWS – RACE–BASED TRAFFIC STOPS

Requiring law enforcement officers to record specified information pertaining to traffic stops; requiring law enforcement agencies to report specified information to the Maryland Statistical Analysis Center (MSAC); requiring the Police Training Commission to develop a specified format and guidelines and a standardized format for the reporting of specified data; requiring the Police Training Commission to develop a specified model policy; requiring the MSAC to make specified reports; etc.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

SB 15

Senator Madaleno

Chapter 174

COMMISSION TO STUDY THE IMPACT OF IMMIGRANTS IN MARYLAND – SUNSET EXTENSION

Altering the date on which a specified final report by the Commission to Study the Impact of Immigrants in Maryland is due; and extending the termination date of the Commission by 1 year to May 31, 2012.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2011

- HB 34**
Chapter 175 **Delegates Malone and Aumann**
COMMISSION TO STUDY THE IMPACT OF IMMIGRANTS IN MARYLAND – SUNSET EXTENSION
- Altering the date on which a specified final report by the Commission to Study the Impact of Immigrants in Maryland is due; and extending the termination date of the Commission by 1 year to May 31, 2012.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2011
- SB 57**
Chapter 176 **Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Health and Mental Hygiene)**
MARYLAND HEALTH CARE COMMISSION – CERTIFICATE OF NEED REQUIREMENTS
- Expanding the application of specified certificate of need requirements relating to the closure or partial closure of a hospital to specified other health care facilities; authorizing the Maryland Health Care Commission to require specified health care facilities to hold public informational hearings in the counties where the health care facilities are located; and requiring that specified public informational hearings be held in consultation with the Commission and within a specified time period.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011
- SB 78**
Chapter 177 **Senator Simonaire**
ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION – MEMBER REAPPOINTMENT AND TERMS
- Providing that a member of the Anne Arundel County Board of Education is eligible for nomination and reappointment under specified circumstances; clarifying that a specified provision of law provides for the term of a member; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011
- HB 220**
Chapter 178 **Anne Arundel County Delegation**
ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION – MEMBER REAPPOINTMENT AND TERMS
- Providing that a member of the Anne Arundel County Board of Education is eligible for nomination and reappointment under specified circumstances; clarifying that a specified provision of law provides for the term of a member; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011

SB 92 **The President (By Request – Department of Legislative
Chapter 179 Services)**

STATE BOARD OF HEATING, VENTILATION, AIR-
CONDITIONING, AND REFRIGERATION CONTRACTORS –
SUNSET EXTENSION AND PROGRAM EVALUATION

Continuing the State Board of Heating, Ventilation, Air-
Conditioning, and Refrigeration Contractors in accordance with the
provisions of the Maryland Program Evaluation Act (sunset law) by
extending to July 1, 2023 the termination provisions relating to the
statutory and regulatory authority of the Board; requiring the Board
to submit a report to specified committees of the General Assembly
on or before October 1, 2012; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011

SB 117 **Senators Glassman and Rosapepe**
Chapter 180

STATE BOARD OF PODIATRIC MEDICAL EXAMINERS –
UNANNOUNCED INSPECTIONS

Requiring the State Board of Podiatric Medical Examiners to conduct
an unannounced inspection of the office of podiatrists against whom
a specified complaint has been filed with the Board, to determine
compliance with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's
guidelines on universal precautions.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

HB 36 **Delegate Kach**
Chapter 181

STATE BOARD OF PODIATRIC MEDICAL EXAMINERS –
UNANNOUNCED INSPECTIONS

Requiring the State Board of Podiatric Medical Examiners to conduct
unannounced inspections of the offices of podiatrists against whom a
specified complaint has been filed with the Board, to determine
compliance with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's
guidelines on universal precautions.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

SB 125 **Senator Gladden**

Chapter 182 BALTIMORE CITY – USED CAR DEALERS – SUNDAY OPERATIONS

Authorizing in Baltimore City a used car dealer to sell, barter, deliver, give away, show, or offer for sale a motor vehicle or certificate of title for a motor vehicle on Sunday, instead of Saturday, if the dealer notifies the Motor Vehicle Administration in advance that the dealer intends to conduct business on Sunday, instead of Saturday.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2011

HB 624 **Delegate Rosenberg, et al**

Chapter 183 BALTIMORE CITY – USED CAR DEALERS – SUNDAY OPERATIONS

Authorizing in Baltimore City a used car dealer to sell, barter, deliver, give away, show, or offer for sale a motor vehicle or certificate of title for a motor vehicle on Sunday, instead of Saturday, if the dealer notifies the Motor Vehicle Administration in advance that the dealer intends to conduct business on Sunday, instead of Saturday.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2011

SB 142 **Senators Zirkin and Raskin**

Chapter 184 CIVIL ACTION – DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION – MODIFICATION OF REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTIFICATION

Repealing the requirement that a plaintiff set forth in detail, in a specified certification, specified efforts by the plaintiff to locate a defendant before a specified insurer or person with a self-insurance plan is required to provide the plaintiff with information on the last known home and business addresses of the defendant; and applying the Act prospectively.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

SB 146 **Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs**
Chapter 185 **Committee (By Request – Departmental – Agriculture)**

**STATE BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICAL EXAMINERS –
LICENSING**

Authorizing the State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners to require an applicant for a license to practice veterinary medicine, a veterinarian, or a veterinary practitioner to submit to a mental or physical examination under specified circumstances; providing that an applicant, a veterinarian, or a veterinary practitioner has consented to submit to an examination if directed by the Board; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

SB 147 **Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental –**
Chapter 186 **Labor, Licensing and Regulation)**

**STATE COMMISSION OF REAL ESTATE APPRAISERS AND
HOME INSPECTORS – HOME INSPECTORS – CONTINUING
PROFESSIONAL COMPETENCY**

Requiring the State Commission of Real Estate Appraisers and Home Inspectors to adopt regulations to require a demonstration of continuing professional competency of up to 30 educational hours as a condition of renewal of a home inspector license; providing for the implementation of the continuing professional competency requirement on a phased-in basis; and providing that specified educational hours from courses offered by specified entities satisfy the continuing professional competence requirement under specified circumstances.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011

SB 148 **Senator Currie**
Chapter 187

**MARYLAND CONSOLIDATED CAPITAL BOND LOAN OF 2010 –
PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY – LARGO HIGH SCHOOL PTSA
TRACK RENOVATION**

Amending the Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loan of 2010 to reduce the amount of a matching fund a specified grantee must provide; changing the name of a specified grantee to the Prince George’s County Board of Education; extending the deadline for the grantee to present evidence that a matching fund will be provided; making the Act an emergency measure; and requiring that the Board of Public Works expend or encumber the proceeds of the loan by June 1, 2012.

EMERGENCY BILL

SB 149

Senator Currie

Chapter 188

**MARYLAND CONSOLIDATED CAPITAL BOND LOAN OF 2010 –
PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY – FORESTVILLE MILITARY
ACADEMY TRACK**

Amending the Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loan of 2010 to reduce the amount of a matching fund a specified grantee must provide; changing the name of a specified grantee to the Prince George’s County Board of Education; extending the deadline for a specified grantee to present evidence that a matching fund will be provided; making this Act an emergency measure; and requiring that the Board of Public Works expend or encumber the proceeds of the loan by June 1, 2012.

EMERGENCY BILL

SB 151

Senator Frosh, et al

Chapter 189

**PUBLIC HEALTH – CONTAINERS OF INFANT FORMULA
MANUFACTURED WITH BISPHENOL–A – PROHIBITION**

Prohibiting the State from purchasing infant formula in containers containing a specified amount of bisphenol–A on or after July 1, 2014; prohibiting the manufacture, sale, or distribution of specified containers of infant formula containing a specified amount of bisphenol–A on or after July 1, 2014; requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to adopt specified regulations on or before January 1, 2012; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011

HB 4

Delegate Hubbard, et al

Chapter 190

**PUBLIC HEALTH – CONTAINERS OF INFANT FORMULA
MANUFACTURED WITH BISPHENOL–A – PROHIBITION**

Prohibiting the State from purchasing infant formula in containers and prohibiting the manufacture, sale, or distribution of containers containing a specified amount of bisphenol–A on or after July 1, 2014; requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to adopt regulations on or before January 1, 2012; authorizing the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene to suspend implementation of provisions of the Act under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2011

- SB 167**
Chapter 191 **Senator Ramirez, et al**
PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION – TUITION RATES – EXEMPTIONS
- Extending the period within which an honorably discharged veteran must present evidence to qualify for a resident tuition rate; establishing that specified individuals, including undocumented immigrants, shall be exempt from paying the out-of-state tuition rate at community colleges under specified circumstances; requiring documentation that the student or the student's parent or legal guardian has filed a Maryland income tax return during specified years; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011
- SB 196**
Chapter 192 **Senator Garagiola, et al**
SEXUAL OFFENSE IN THE FOURTH DEGREE – STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS – INCREASE
- Increasing from 1 year to 3 years the period of time within which a prosecution for a specified sexual offense in the fourth degree must be instituted after the offense was committed, if the victim was a minor at the time of the offense.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011
- HB 724**
Chapter 193 **Delegate A. Miller, et al**
SEXUAL OFFENSE IN THE FOURTH DEGREE – STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS – INCREASE
- Increasing from 1 year to 3 years the period of time within which a prosecution for a specified sexual offense in the fourth degree must be instituted after the offense was committed, if the victim was a minor at the time of the offense.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

SB 200
Chapter 194

Senator Zirkin

JUVENILE SERVICES – RECIDIVISM – REPORTING

Requiring the Secretary of Juvenile Services to report to the General Assembly on or before January 1 of each year on the recidivism rates of children committed to the Department of Juvenile Services for placement in residential care; establishing that the report shall include recidivism rates by region for all children committed to the Department for placement in residential care, and also recidivism rates by specified facilities; specifying requirements for the report; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

SB 204
Chapter 195

Senator Forehand, et al

CRIMINAL LAW – SEXUAL CRIMES – DEFINITIONS

Altering the definition of “sexual act” to include an act in which a part of an individual’s body is used to penetrate specified body parts of another individual; and altering the definition of “sexual contact”.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

HB 1128
Chapter 196

Delegate Valderrama, et al

CRIMINAL LAW – SEXUAL CRIMES – DEFINITIONS

Altering the definition of “sexual act” to include an act in which a part of an individual’s body is used to penetrate specified body parts of another individual; and altering the definition of “sexual contact”.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

SB 221
Chapter 197

Senator Conway

ENVIRONMENT – DECABROMINATED DIPHENYL ETHER – TRACE AMOUNTS

Exempting specified aircraft from the application of a prohibition on the manufacture, lease, sale, or distribution for sale or lease of specified products that contain decabrominated diphenyl ether; altering specified prohibitions on the manufacturing, leasing, selling, or distributing of specified products that contain decabrominated diphenyl ether; and making the Act an emergency measure.

EMERGENCY BILL

HB 54 **Delegate Hubbard**

Chapter 198

**ENVIRONMENT – DECABROMINATED DIPHENYL ETHER –
TRACE AMOUNTS**

Exempting specified aircraft from the application of a prohibition on the manufacture, lease, sale, or distribution for sale or lease of specified products that contain decabrominated diphenyl ether; altering specified prohibitions on the manufacturing, leasing, selling, or distributing of specified products that contain decabrominated diphenyl ether; and making the Act an emergency measure.

EMERGENCY BILL

SB 227 **Senators Dyson and Middleton**

Chapter 199

**CHARLOTTE HALL VETERANS HOME – GIFTS AND GRANTS –
AUTHORITY TO ACCEPT AND SPEND**

Authorizing the Charlotte Hall Veterans Home to accept specified gifts and grants for use at the Home; providing for the uses and administration of the gifts and grants accepted for use at the Home; and requiring the Director of the Veterans Home Program and the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to report each year on the status of the gifts and grants accepted for use at the Home.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

HB 332 **Delegate Wood, et al**

Chapter 200

**CHARLOTTE HALL VETERANS HOME – GIFTS AND GRANTS –
AUTHORITY TO ACCEPT AND SPEND**

Authorizing the Charlotte Hall Veterans Home to accept specified gifts and grants for use at the Home; providing for the uses and administration of the gifts and grants accepted for use at the Home; and requiring the Director of the Veterans Home Program and the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to report each year on the status of the gifts and grants accepted for use at the Home.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

SB 235 **Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs**
Chapter 201 **Committee**

**STATE BOARD OF MASTER ELECTRICIANS – SUNSET
EXTENSION AND REVISION**

Continuing the State Board of Master Electricians in accordance with the provisions of the Maryland Program Evaluation Act (sunset law) by extending to July 1, 2023, the termination provisions relating to the statutory and regulatory authority of the State Board; requiring the State Board to adopt regulations to establish continuing education requirements; conditioning the ability to renew a specified license on compliance with specified continuing education requirements; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011

SB 244 **Senator Pugh, et al**

Chapter 202 **PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION – CUSTOMER EDUCATION ON
CUSTOMER CHOICE**

Requiring the Public Service Commission to educate consumers about customer choice in accordance with a specified provision of law; requiring the Commission to host a section on its Web site related to customer choice; requiring the Web site to comply with specified standards and to include specified information; requiring specified electricity suppliers to provide specified information to the Commission at specified intervals for specified purposes; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2011

HB 597 **Delegate Davis**

Chapter 203 **PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION – CUSTOMER EDUCATION ON
CUSTOMER CHOICE**

Requiring the Public Service Commission to educate consumers about customer choice in accordance with a specified provision of law; requiring the Commission to host a section on its Web site related to customer choice; requiring the Web site to comply with specified standards and to include specified information; requiring specified electricity suppliers to provide specified information to the Commission at specified intervals for specified purposes; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2011

SB 248 **Senator Raskin, et al**

Chapter 204

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – DIRECT WINE SHIPMENT

Repealing provisions that provide for a direct wine seller's permit; establishing a direct wine shipper's permit to be issued by the Office of the Comptroller; authorizing the Office to issue a common carrier permit to specified persons; requiring a person to obtain a permit before engaging in shipping wine directly to a direct wine consumer in the State; requiring an applicant to meet qualifications for a direct wine shipper's permit, submit an application and documentation, and pay a fee; specifying the term of a direct wine shipper's permit; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011

HB 1175 **Economic Matters Committee, et al**

Chapter 205

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – DIRECT WINE SHIPMENT

Repealing provisions that provide for a direct wine seller's permit; establishing a direct wine shipper's permit to be issued by the Office of the Comptroller; authorizing the Office to issue a common carrier permit to specified persons for a specified fee; requiring a person to obtain a permit before the person may engage in shipping wine directly to a direct wine consumer in the State; requiring an applicant to meet specified qualifications for a direct wine shipper's permit; specifying the term of a direct wine shipper's permit; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011

SB 282 **Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs
Committee (By Request – Departmental – Education)**

Chapter 206

**FAMILY DAY CARE PROVIDERS – AMNESTY PERIOD –
REPEAL**

Repealing obsolete provisions of law relating to an amnesty period for unregistered family day care providers.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

SB 306 **Senator Mathias**
Chapter 213 **VEHICLE LAWS – MOTORIZED PASSENGER SCOOTER – USE
IN OCEAN CITY**

Authorizing the use of a “motorized passenger scooter” on specified highways in the municipal boundaries of Ocean City under specified conditions; authorizing the State Highway Administration to prohibit the operation of a motorized passenger scooter on a bicycle way on specified highways under specified circumstances; defining terms; and making the Act an emergency measure.
EMERGENCY BILL

HB 1167 **Delegate Conway, et al**
Chapter 214 **VEHICLE LAWS – MOTORIZED PASSENGER SCOOTER – USE
IN OCEAN CITY**

Authorizing the use of a “motorized passenger scooter” on specified highways in the municipal boundaries of Ocean City under specified conditions; authorizing the State Highway Administration to prohibit the operation of a motorized passenger scooter on a bicycle way on specified highways under specified circumstances; defining terms; and making the Act an emergency measure.
EMERGENCY BILL

SB 308 **Senator Brinkley, et al**
Chapter 215 **MEDICAL MARIJUANA – AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES –
MARYLAND MEDICAL MARIJUANA MODEL PROGRAM
WORKGROUP**

Establishing that, in a prosecution for the use or possession of marijuana, or the use or possession with intent to use drug paraphernalia related to marijuana, it is an affirmative defense that the defendant used or possessed marijuana or drug paraphernalia related to marijuana because the defendant has a debilitating condition, the condition is severe and resistant to conventional medicine, and marijuana is likely to provide the defendant with therapeutic or palliative relief from the condition; etc.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2011

- SB 309**
Chapter 216 **Senator Kelley**
CONSUMER PROTECTION – TRANSPARENCY IN CONSUMER ARBITRATIONS ACT
- Requiring specified arbitration organizations to collect, publish, and make available to the public specified information relating to binding arbitrations to which a consumer is a party; requiring the information to be reported beginning on a specified day and to be updated at least quarterly thereafter; requiring the information to be made available to the public in a specified manner; providing that the information may be considered in making a specified determination; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011
- HB 442**
Chapter 217 **Delegate Rosenberg, et al**
CONSUMER PROTECTION – TRANSPARENCY IN CONSUMER ARBITRATIONS ACT
- Requiring specified arbitration organizations to collect, publish, and make available to the public specified information relating to binding arbitrations to which a consumer is a party; requiring the information to be reported beginning on a specified day and to be updated at least quarterly thereafter; requiring the information to be made available to the public in a specified manner; providing that the information may be considered in making a specified determination; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011
- SB 327**
Chapter 218 **Senator Forehand, et al**
HUMAN TRAFFICKING VICTIM PROTECTION ACT
- Authorizing a person convicted of prostitution to file a motion to vacate the judgment under specified circumstances; establishing the requirements for a motion filed under the Act; requiring the court to hold a hearing on the motion under specified circumstances, with a specified exception; authorizing the court to take specified actions in ruling on the motion; requiring the court to state on the record the reason for its ruling on the motion; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

- SB 344**
Chapter 219 **Senator Middleton, et al**
RESIDENTIAL CHILD AND YOUTH CARE PRACTITIONERS –
CERTIFICATION – IMPLEMENTATION PLAN
- Requiring the Governor’s Office for Children to establish a workgroup composed of specified representatives to develop a plan for implementation of specified certification; requiring the workgroup to take specified items into consideration in developing the plan; requiring the plan to specify a rate adjustment and recommendations; requiring the Office to report on the workgroup’s implementation plan to the Governor and specified legislative committees on or before September 1, 2011; etc.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2011
- HB 387**
Chapter 220 **Delegate Nathan–Pulliam, et al**
RESIDENTIAL CHILD AND YOUTH CARE PRACTITIONERS –
CERTIFICATION – IMPLEMENTATION PLAN
- Requiring the Governor’s Office for Children to establish a workgroup composed of specified representatives to develop a plan for implementation of specified certification; requiring the workgroup to take specified items into consideration in developing the plan; requiring the plan to specify a rate adjustment and recommendations; requiring the Office to report on the workgroup’s implementation plan to the Governor and specified legislative committees on or before September 1, 2011; etc.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2011
- SB 346**
Chapter 221 **Senator Zirkin**
INCOME TAX – SUBTRACTION MODIFICATION – MARYLAND
DEFENSE FORCE
- Providing a subtraction modification under the Maryland income tax in the amount of \$3,500 for qualifying members of the Maryland Defense Force; providing that an individual may not qualify for the subtraction modification based on membership in the Maryland Defense Force unless the Maryland Defense Force maintains specified records and provides specified reports; and applying the Act to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2011.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011

HB 11 **Delegate Cardin**
Chapter 222 INCOME TAX – SUBTRACTION MODIFICATION – MARYLAND
DEFENSE FORCE

Providing a subtraction modification under the Maryland income tax in the amount of \$3,500 for qualifying members of the Maryland Defense Force; providing that an individual may not qualify for the subtraction modification based on membership in the Maryland Defense Force unless the Maryland Defense Force maintains specified records and provides specified reports; and applying the Act to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2011.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011

SB 347 **Senator Pugh, et al**
Chapter 223 TASK FORCE TO STUDY THE IMPACT OF ADJUNCT FACULTY
ON GRADUATION RATES AT HISTORICALLY BLACK
INSTITUTIONS

Creating the Task Force to Study the Impact of Adjunct Faculty on Graduation Rates at Historically Black Institutions in the State; providing for the membership, duties, compensation, and staffing of the Task Force; requiring the Task Force to make specified findings and recommendations by a specified date; requiring the Task Force to report to the Governor and specified committees by January 1, 2013; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

SB 362 **Senators Raskin and Ramirez**
Chapter 224 CORRECTIONAL SERVICES – DIVISION OF PAROLE AND
PROBATION – SUPERVISION FEE

Requiring the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services and the appropriate local detention center, on the release of an individual supervised by the Division of Parole and Probation, to provide the individual with an oral and a written notice relating to the application for an exemption from a specified monthly supervision fee; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

HB 749 **Delegate Waldstreicher, et al**

Chapter 225 CORRECTIONAL SERVICES – DIVISION OF PAROLE AND PROBATION – SUPERVISION FEE

Requiring the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services and the appropriate local detention center, on the release of an individual supervised by the Division of Parole and Probation, to provide the individual with an oral and a written notice relating to the application for an exemption from a specified monthly supervision fee; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

SB 368 **Senator Stone**

Chapter 226 HART–MILLER–PLEASURE ISLAND CITIZENS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE – DUTIES

Altering the duties of the Hart–Miller–Pleasure Island Citizens Oversight Committee to require the Oversight Committee to monitor and provide oversight for future development, use, and maintenance of the Hart–Miller–Pleasure Island chain and water quality surrounding the islands; and requiring the Oversight Committee to hear and dispose of complaints by individuals affected by future development and water quality immediately surrounding the Island chain.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

HB 292 **Delegate Minnick, et al**

Chapter 227 HART–MILLER–PLEASURE ISLAND CITIZENS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE – DUTIES

Altering the duties of the Hart–Miller–Pleasure Island Citizens Oversight Committee to require the Oversight Committee to monitor and provide oversight for future development, use, and maintenance of the Hart–Miller–Pleasure Island chain and water quality surrounding the islands; and requiring the Oversight Committee to hear and dispose of complaints by individuals affected by future development and water quality immediately surrounding the Island chain.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

SB 370 **Senator Conway**

Chapter 228

ACCOUNTANTS – REGULATION – PREPARATION OF A
COMPILATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Altering specified definitions related to the practice of certified public accountancy; including the preparation of specified compilations of financial statements in the list of services that are not prohibited, under specified circumstances, under specified provisions of law; altering a requirement that specified firms hold specified permits under specified circumstances; requiring the State Board of Public Accountancy to adopt specified regulations; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

HB 328 **Delegate Feldman**

Chapter 229

ACCOUNTANTS – REGULATION – PREPARATION OF A
COMPILATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Altering specified definitions related to the practice of certified public accountancy; including the preparation of specified compilations of financial statements in the list of services that are not prohibited, under specified circumstances, under specified provisions of law that regulate certified public accountants; altering a requirement that specified firms hold specified permits under specified circumstances; requiring the State Board of Public Accountancy to adopt specified regulations; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

SB 371 **Senator Conway**

Chapter 230

HEALTH OCCUPATIONS BOARDS – DISCIPLINE OF HEALTH
CARE PRACTITIONERS – FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH
GOVERNOR'S ORDER

Authorizing each health occupations board to take disciplinary action against a health care practitioner who fails to comply with an order from the Governor relating to catastrophic health emergencies, subject to the hearing provisions that govern the discipline of that health care practitioner by each respective board; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

HB 503 **Delegate Bromwell, et al**

Chapter 231 HEALTH OCCUPATIONS BOARDS – DISCIPLINE OF HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONERS – FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH GOVERNOR’S ORDER

Authorizing each health occupations board to take disciplinary action against a health care practitioner who fails to comply with an order from the Governor relating to catastrophic health emergencies, subject to the hearing provisions that govern the discipline of that health care practitioner by each respective board; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

SB 373 **Senators Kasemeyer and DeGrange**

Chapter 232 VIDEO LOTTERY OPERATION LICENSEES –
NONINTERFERENCE

Prohibiting a video lottery operation licensee from interfering with, hindering, obstructing, impeding, or taking any action to delay the implementation or establishment of a video lottery facility by any other video lottery operation licensee or applicant; requiring the State Lottery Commission to adopt regulations, to the fullest extent allowed by the U.S. Constitution, to carry out the provisions of the Act; applying the Act prospectively; making the Act an emergency measure; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

HB 868 **Delegate Hixson, et al**

Chapter 233 VIDEO LOTTERY OPERATION LICENSEES –
NONINTERFERENCE

Prohibiting a video lottery operation licensee from interfering with, hindering, obstructing, impeding, or taking any action to delay the implementation or establishment of a video lottery facility by any other video lottery operation licensee or applicant; requiring the State Lottery Commission to adopt regulations, to the fullest extent allowed by the U.S. Constitution, to carry out the provisions of the Act; applying the Act prospectively; making the Act an emergency measure; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

SB 374 **Senator Gladden**

Chapter 234 **BALTIMORE CITY – CIRCUIT COURT – GRAND JURY
INVESTIGATION**

Altering the law relating to grand jury investigations in Baltimore City by requiring a grand jury to carry out an investigation if directed to by a judge of the circuit court instead of as directed by a judge of the circuit court; and providing for the prospective application of the Act.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

SB 416 **Senator Middleton, et al**

Chapter 235 **HEALTH OFFICERS – AUTHORITY TO ENTER INTO
CONTRACTS OR AGREEMENTS FOR DELIVERY OF HEALTH
CARE SERVICES**

Authorizing a county health officer, subject to the consent of the governing body of the county and the written approval of the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene, to enter into a contract or other written agreement to assist or participate in the delivery of health care services with a person that is authorized to provide, finance, coordinate, facilitate, or otherwise deliver health care services in the State.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

HB 709 **Delegate V. Turner, et al**

Chapter 236 **HEALTH OFFICERS – AUTHORITY TO ENTER INTO
CONTRACTS OR AGREEMENTS FOR DELIVERY OF HEALTH
CARE SERVICES**

Authorizing a health officer for a county, subject to the consent of the governing body of the county and the written approval of the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene, to enter into a contract or other written agreement to assist or participate in the delivery of health care services with a person that is authorized to provide, finance, coordinate, facilitate, or otherwise deliver health care services in the State.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

SB 468 **Carroll County Senators**

Chapter 237 CARROLL COUNTY – DEER HUNTING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY
– SUNDAYS

Authorizing a person in Carroll County to hunt deer on the last three Sundays in October and the second Sunday in November on private property with a bow and arrow; and removing Carroll County from the list of counties in which deer hunting on private property on specified Sundays is prohibited.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011

SB 496 **Senator Brinkley**

Chapter 238 ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – BREWERY LICENSE – SAMPLES
AND SALES

Altering the number of beer samples that a holder of a brewery license may provide to a person of legal drinking age who participates in a tour, promotional event, or other organized activity at the licensed premises; increasing the sample size that a holder may provide at a promotional event; increasing from 4 to 12 the limit on special brewery promotional event permits that may be issued to a holder in a year; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011

HB 1202 **Delegates Malone and DeBoy**

Chapter 239 ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – BREWERY LICENSE – SAMPLES
AND SALES

Altering the number of beer samples that a holder of a brewery license may provide to a person of legal drinking age who participates in a tour, promotional event, or other organized activity at the licensed premises; increasing the sample size that a holder may provide at a promotional event; increasing from 4 to 12 the limit on special brewery promotional event permits that may be issued to a holder in a year; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011

SB 512 **Senators Edwards and Miller**

Chapter 240 **GAMING – VIDEO LOTTERY TERMINALS**

Prohibiting the Video Lottery Facility Location Commission from awarding a video lottery operation license for a location in Allegany County unless an applicant agrees to purchase the Rocky Gap Lodge and Resort; limiting the number of video lottery terminals for operation at a video lottery facility in Allegany County; altering the hours of operation of video lottery facilities on specified days; altering the distributions of video lottery terminal proceeds from a video lottery facility in Allegany County; waiving a specified fee; etc.
EMERGENCY BILL

SB 513 **Senator Middleton**

Chapter 241 **MARYLAND ESTATE TAX – PAYMENT DEFERRAL FOR QUALIFIED AGRICULTURAL PROPERTY – EXTENSION OF PAYMENT DEFERRAL**

Authorizing the Comptroller to grant an extension to a specified deferred tax payment period if a qualified recipient has a pending application to place specified land under a permanent land conservation easement with the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation or the Rural Legacy Board; requiring the Comptroller to adopt specified regulations; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

SB 514 **Senators Middleton and Kasemeyer**

Chapter 242 **MARYLAND COMMUNITY HEALTH RESOURCES COMMISSION – HEALTH CARE REFORM – IMPLEMENTATION**

Authorizing the Maryland Community Health Resources Commission to provide specified assistance to community health resources; authorizing the Commission to examine specified issues and potential challenges to community health resources in preparing to implement specified health care reform; requiring the Commission to make recommendations to the Governor and specified committees of the General Assembly on or before January 1, 2012; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011

HB 450 **Delegates Hubbard and Hammen**

Chapter 243

**MARYLAND COMMUNITY HEALTH RESOURCES COMMISSION
– HEALTH CARE REFORM – IMPLEMENTATION**

Authorizing the Maryland Community Health Resources Commission to provide specified assistance to community health resources in preparing to implement specified health care reform; authorizing the Commission to examine specified issues and potential challenges for community health resources in preparing to implement specified health care reform; requiring the Commission to make recommendations to the Governor and specified committees of the General Assembly on or before January 1, 2012; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011

SB 515 **Senators Zirkin and Miller**

Chapter 244

**PUBLIC DEFENDER – REPRESENTATION – INCOME
ELIGIBILITY AND APPOINTMENT BY A COURT**

Establishing that specified individuals may be eligible for services from the Office of the Public Defender without an assessment regarding the need of the individual; establishing that the determination of eligibility for services from the Office of the Public Defender based on need applies for an individual whose assets and net annual income equal or exceed a specified amount; and establishing that the courts are prohibited from appointing an attorney through the Office of the Public Defender under specified circumstances.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

SB 516 **Senator Forehand, et al**

Chapter 245

**FORECLOSED RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY – TENANTS –
COLLECTION OF RENT PAYMENTS – PRIOR NOTICE**

Prohibiting a foreclosure sale purchaser from exercising any right to collect rent payments from a bona fide tenant in possession of a residential property unless the purchaser conducts a specified reasonable inquiry concerning the occupancy of the residential property and serves on each bona fide tenant a specified notice concerning rent payments; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011

HB 842 **Delegate Healey, et al**

Chapter 246

**FORECLOSED RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY – TENANTS –
COLLECTION OF RENT PAYMENTS – PRIOR NOTICE**

Prohibiting a foreclosure sale purchaser from exercising any right to collect rent payments from a bona fide tenant in possession of a residential property unless the purchaser conducts a specified reasonable inquiry concerning the occupancy of the residential property and serves on each bona fide tenant a specified notice concerning rent payments; providing that a foreclosure sale purchaser waives claim to specified rent payments before satisfying notice requirements, with a specified exception; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011

SB 534 **Senator Shank, et al**

Chapter 247

**WASHINGTON COUNTY – BOARD OF ELECTIONS –
MEMBERSHIP AND COMPENSATION**

Altering which salaries the Washington County Salary Study Commission is required to study; increasing the number of regular members of the Washington County Board of Elections to five; requiring the members of the local board to be of specified political parties; requiring a vacancy on the local board to be filled in a specified manner; repealing the requirement that members of the local board be paid a specified amount; making the Act effective June 6, 2011; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 6, 2011

SB 556 **Senator Pugh, et al**

Chapter 248

**MENTAL HYGIENE ADMINISTRATION – FACILITIES –
TRAUMA-INFORMED CARE**

Requiring specified facilities to provide clinical, direct care, and other staff with regular patient interaction training in trauma-informed care and to conform with trauma-informed care principles under specified circumstances; requiring specified individuals to report specified abuse under specified circumstances; requiring State facilities to report complaints of sexual abuse or sexual harassment to the State designated protection and advocacy system; requiring the Mental Hygiene Administration to implement a pilot program; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

HB 456 **Delegate Morhaim, et al**
Chapter 252 **PROCUREMENT – MINORITY BUSINESS PARTICIPATION**

Repealing the requirement that procurement procedures seek to award 7 percent and 10 percent of a unit's total dollar value of contracts to African American–owned and women–owned businesses respectively; clarifying that it is a goal that 25 percent of a unit's total dollar value of procurement contracts be made to certified minority business enterprises; requiring the Governor's Office of Minority Affairs, in consultation with specified others, to establish guidelines, including possible subgoals; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011

SB 120 **Senator Conway, et al**
Chapter 253 **PROCUREMENT – MINORITY BUSINESS PARTICIPATION**

Repealing the requirement that procurement procedures seek to award 7 percent and 10 percent of a unit's total dollar value of contracts to African–American–owned and women–owned businesses respectively; clarifying that it is a goal that 25 percent of a unit's total dollar value of procurement contracts be made to certified minority business enterprises; requiring the Governor's Office of Minority Affairs, in consultation with specified others, to establish guidelines, including possible subgoals; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011

SB 558 **Senator Pugh, et al**
Chapter 254 **MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PROGRAM –
AMENDMENTS TO MBE PARTICIPATION SCHEDULE AND
EXTENSION OF TASK FORCE**

Requiring a bidder or offeror to notify a specified unit of State government within 72 hours of making the determination if, after submission of a bid or proposal and before the execution of a specified contract, the bidder or offeror determines that a certified minority business enterprise identified in the MBE participation schedule has become or will become unavailable or is ineligible to perform the work required under the contract; etc.
EMERGENCY BILL

- SB 562** **Senator Pugh**
Chapter 255 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE –
RECOVERY HOMES – BEST PRACTICES
- Requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to identify standards for best practices on recovery homes in the State, and to report findings to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before December 31, 2011.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011
- SB 568** **Senators Pugh and Kittleman**
Chapter 256 LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT – WORKERS’ COMPENSATION –
VENUE FOR APPEAL
- Altering the venue available to individuals and employers appealing a decision of the Workers’ Compensation Commission; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011
- HB 392** **Delegate Feldman, et al**
Chapter 257 LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT – WORKERS’ COMPENSATION –
VENUE FOR APPEAL
- Altering the venue available to individuals and employers appealing a decision of the Workers’ Compensation Commission; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011
- SB 569** **Senator Mathias**
Chapter 258 SOMERSET COUNTY – SMITH ISLAND SOLID WASTE
DISTRICT – REMOVE LIMITATION ON FEE
- Repealing limitations on the amount of the solid waste removal fee imposed on property in the Smith Island Solid Waste District in Somerset County.
EMERGENCY BILL

SB 571

Senator Pugh

Chapter 259

INSURANCE – DELIVERY OF NOTICES BY ELECTRONIC MEANS – AUTHORIZED

Authorizing any notice to an applicant, insured or a policyholder required to be given by an insurer under specified provisions of law governing insurance policy cancellations, nonrenewals, premium increases, and reductions of coverage to be delivered by electronic means under specified circumstances; providing that delivery of a notice by electronic means shall be considered equivalent to the delivery method required under specified provisions of law; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

HB 763

Delegate Feldman

Chapter 260

INSURANCE – DELIVERY OF NOTICES BY ELECTRONIC MEANS – AUTHORIZED

Authorizing any notice to an applicant, insured, or a policyholder required to be given by an insurer under specified provisions of law governing insurance policy cancellations, nonrenewals, premium increases, and reductions of coverage to be delivered by electronic means under specified circumstances; providing that delivery of a notice by electronic means shall be considered equivalent to the delivery method required under specified provisions of law; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

SB 607

Senator Conway

Chapter 261

AGRICULTURE – WASTE KITCHEN GREASE

Requiring, with specified exceptions, a person to register annually with the Department of Agriculture before transporting waste kitchen grease; requiring a specified person to submit a specified application to the Department in the form required by the Department; requiring the application to include specified information and fees; requiring the Department to register specified applicants and issue each registrant specified items; requiring each registrant to carry a certificate when transporting waste kitchen grease; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011

HB 881 **Delegate S. Robinson**

Chapter 262 **AGRICULTURE – WASTE KITCHEN GREASE**

Requiring, with specified exceptions, a person to register annually with the Department of Agriculture before transporting waste kitchen grease; requiring a specified person to submit a specified application to the Department in the form required by the Department; requiring the application to include specified information and fees; requiring the Department to register specified applicants and issue each registrant specified items; requiring each registrant to carry and display a certificate when transporting waste kitchen grease; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011

SB 613 **Senators Jones–Rodwell and Pugh**

Chapter 263 **BOARD OF LIQUOR LICENSE COMMISSIONERS FOR
BALTIMORE CITY – ETHICS, STAFF COMPENSATION, OPEN
MEETINGS, AND PERFORMANCE AUDIT**

Prohibiting a commissioner or employee of the Board of Liquor License Commissioners for Baltimore City from having specified interests concerning the distribution of alcoholic beverages; requiring the Board to set for its appellate counsel the same compensation and benefits as are set for specified inspectors; making actions of a commissioner or employee subject to open meetings laws; requiring the Office of Legislative Audits to conduct performance audits of the Board to evaluate operations; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

SB 620 **Senator Manno, et al**

Chapter 264 **REAL PROPERTY – RETALIATORY ACTIONS – LANDLORDS
AND MOBILE HOME PARK OWNERS**

Altering the actions that a landlord or mobile home park owner is prohibited from taking against a tenant or resident, respectively, for specified reasons; altering the reference to a specified prohibited action of a landlord or park owner to be a “retaliatory action”; authorizing a tenant or resident to raise the retaliatory action of a landlord or park owner, respectively, in defense to an action for possession or as an affirmative claim for specified damages; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

HB 670 **Delegate Frush, et al**
Chapter 265 **REAL PROPERTY – RETALIATORY ACTIONS – LANDLORDS
AND MOBILE HOME PARK OWNERS**

Altering the actions that a landlord or mobile home park owner is prohibited from taking against a tenant or resident, respectively, for specified reasons; altering the reference to a specified prohibited action of a landlord or park owner to be a “retaliatory action”; authorizing a tenant or resident to raise the retaliatory action of a landlord or park owner, respectively, in defense to an action for possession or as an affirmative claim for specified damages; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

SB 639 **Senator Benson, et al**
Chapter 266 **TASK FORCE ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A STATEWIDE
SPAY/NEUTER FUND**

Establishing a Task Force on the Establishment of a Statewide Spay/Neuter Fund; specifying the membership, chair, and staff of the Task Force; requiring the Task Force to review specified spay/neuter programs, collect and review specified data, and make recommendations regarding a spay/neuter fund; requiring the Task Force to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and specified committees of the General Assembly on or before January 1, 2012; terminating the Act at the end of June 30, 2012; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011

SB 641 **Senator Benson**
Chapter 267 **POLYSOMNOGRAPHY – TECHNOLOGISTS LICENSURE**

Extending to October 1, 2013, the date by which an individual is required to be licensed by the State Board of Physicians before the individual may practice polysomnography in the State; extending to September 30, 2013, the date on or before which the Board is required to waive a specified education requirement for specified individuals; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

HB 560 **Delegate Hubbard, et al**
Chapter 268 POLYSOMNOGRAPHY – TECHNOLOGISTS LICENSURE

Extending to October 1, 2013, the date by which an individual is required to be licensed by the State Board of Physicians before the individual may practice polysomnography in the State; extending to September 30, 2013, the date before which the Board is required to waive a specified education requirement for specified individuals; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

SB 658 **Senator Kelley, et al**
Chapter 269 STATE COMMISSION OF REAL ESTATE APPRAISERS AND
HOME INSPECTORS – SPECIAL FUND AND REGISTRATION
AND REGULATION OF REAL ESTATE APPRAISAL
MANAGEMENT COMPANIES

Requiring specified persons to register as appraisal management companies with the State Commission of Real Estate Appraisers and Home Inspectors; requiring an appraisal management company's registration to include specified information in a specified form; establishing that a registration is valid for a specified period of time; requiring the Commission to collect a specified national registry fee from appraisal management companies; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011

HB 1181 **Delegates Braveboy and Stifler**
Chapter 270 STATE COMMISSION OF REAL ESTATE APPRAISERS AND
HOME INSPECTORS – SPECIAL FUND AND REGISTRATION
AND REGULATION OF REAL ESTATE APPRAISAL
MANAGEMENT COMPANIES

Requiring specified persons to register as appraisal management companies with the State Commission of Real Estate Appraisers and Home Inspectors; requiring an appraisal management company's registration to include specified information in a specified form; establishing that a registration is valid for a specified period of time; requiring the Commission to collect a specified national registry fee from appraisal management companies; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011

SB 664 **Senator Middleton**

Chapter 271

HEALTH OCCUPATIONS – DENTAL HYGIENISTS – NITROUS OXIDE

Altering the definition of “practice dental hygiene” for purposes of specified provisions of law governing dental hygienists; authorizing the State Board of Dental Examiners to adopt specified regulations; authorizing a dental hygienist, under specified circumstances, to monitor a patient to whom nitrous oxide is administered; requiring a dental hygienist to complete specified education and examination requirements before performing specified functions; and terminating the Act at the end of September 30, 2014.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

HB 841 **Delegate Kipke, et al**

Chapter 272

HEALTH OCCUPATIONS – DENTAL HYGIENISTS – NITROUS OXIDE

Altering the definition of “practice dental hygiene” for purposes of specified provisions of law governing dental hygienists; authorizing the State Board of Dental Examiners to adopt regulations; authorizing a dental hygienist, under specified circumstances, to monitor a patient to whom nitrous oxide is administered; requiring a dental hygienist to complete specified educational and examination requirements before performing specified functions; and terminating the Act at the end of September 30, 2014.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

SB 679 **Senator Brinkley, et al**

Chapter 273

VEHICLE LAWS – OVERTAKING AND PASSING SCHOOL VEHICLES – SCHOOL BUS MONITORING CAMERAS

Authorizing a law enforcement agency, in consultation with a county board of education, to place school bus monitoring cameras on county school buses for the purpose of recording motor vehicles committing violations relating to overtaking and passing school vehicles, if authorized to do so by the local governing body; requiring a recorded image made by a school bus monitoring camera to include specified images and information; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

SB 689 **Senator Middleton**

Chapter 274

**MOTOR VEHICLE DEALERS – ISSUANCE OF TEMPORARY
REGISTRATION PLATE – LAPSED SECURITY – REGISTRATION**

Authorizing a licensed motor vehicle dealer to issue a temporary registration plate to a vehicle buyer who is subject to a penalty for lapsed security for another vehicle; and establishing an exception for specified vehicles to the prohibition against the Motor Vehicle Administration issuing a new registration if the vehicle owner is subject to a penalty for lapsed security.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

HB 319 **Delegate Frush**

Chapter 275

**MOTOR VEHICLE DEALERS – ISSUANCE OF TEMPORARY
REGISTRATION PLATE – LAPSED SECURITY – REGISTRATION**

Authorizing a licensed motor vehicle dealer to issue a temporary registration plate to a vehicle buyer who is subject to a penalty for lapsed security for another vehicle; establishing an exception for specified vehicles to the prohibition against the Motor Vehicle Administration issuing a new registration if the vehicle owner is subject to a penalty for lapsed security; and making a technical correction.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

SB 693 **Senator Middleton**

Chapter 276

**INJURED WORKERS’ INSURANCE FUND – EMPLOYEE
COMPENSATION**

Providing that employees of the Injured Workers’ Insurance Fund are not subject to specified laws, regulations, or executive orders governing State employee compensation; and repealing a requirement that the Board for the Fund set compensation for its employees in accordance with the State pay plan.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011

SB 695 **Senator Pinsky, et al**

Chapter 277

HIGHER EDUCATION – REGULATION OF PUBLIC, PRIVATE NONPROFIT, AND FOR–PROFIT INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION

Distinguishing between public, private nonprofit, and for–profit institutions of higher education; clarifying that a person is prohibited from engaging in unfair or deceptive practices in the offer for sale of specified educational services; authorizing the Maryland Higher Education Commission to create and provide for the operation of specified guaranty funds; prohibiting specified State money from being transferred or reverted to the General Fund; etc.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

SB 728 **Senator Simonaire**

Chapter 278

STATE BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS – INCREASE IN MEMBERSHIP AND PRACTICE SPECIALTIES

Increasing the number of members of the State Board for Professional Engineers; requiring one of the engineer members of the Board to be appointed, without regard to specific professional practice, from a list submitted by the Maryland Society of Professional Engineers; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

HB 1135 **Delegate Love, et al**

Chapter 279

STATE BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS – INCREASE IN MEMBERSHIP AND PRACTICE SPECIALTIES

Increasing the number of members of the State Board for Professional Engineers; and requiring one of the engineer members of the Board to be appointed, without regard for a specific professional practice, from a list submitted by the Maryland Society of Professional Engineers; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

SB 741 **Senators Pugh and Madaleno**

Chapter 280

COMMERCIAL LAW – DEBT SETTLEMENT SERVICES

Prohibiting a person from providing debt settlement services in the State unless the person is registered as a debt settlement services provider with the Commissioner of Financial Regulation or is exempt; prohibiting a registrant from charging a debt settlement services fee until after specified actions have taken place; requiring that a debt settlement services agreement include specified information and disclosures; providing that a violation of the Act is an unfair or deceptive trade practice; terminating the Act on June 30, 2015; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

HB 1022 **Delegate Vaughn, et al**

Chapter 281

COMMERCIAL LAW – DEBT SETTLEMENT SERVICES

Prohibiting a person from providing debt settlement services in the State unless the person is registered as a debt settlement services provider with the Commissioner of Financial Regulation or is exempt; prohibiting a registrant from charging a debt settlement services fee until after specified actions have taken place; requiring that a debt settlement services agreement include specified information and disclosures; providing that a violation of the Act is an unfair or deceptive trade practice; terminating the Act on June 30, 2015; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

SB 746 **Senator Stone**

Chapter 282

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – TASK FORCE ON INDUSTRIAL
JOB CREATION IN BALTIMORE COUNTY**

Establishing the Task Force on Industrial Job Creation in Baltimore County; specifying the membership, chair, and staffing of the Task Force; requiring the Task Force to determine the causes of the loss of employment opportunities in specified industries and businesses in Baltimore County and make recommendations, including legislative and policy proposals; requiring the Task Force to consider findings of the Maryland Economic Development Commission and the Governor's Commission on Small Business for specified purposes; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011

- SB 747**
Chapter 283 **Senator Stone, et al**
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE – ADDITIONAL RELIEF – AWARD OF TEMPORARY POSSESSION OF PET
Authorizing a District Court Commissioner, in a specified interim protective order, and a judge, in a temporary protective order or final protective order, to award temporary possession of any pet of a person eligible for relief or a respondent; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011
- HB 407**
Chapter 284 **Delegate McComas, et al**
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE – ADDITIONAL RELIEF – AWARD OF TEMPORARY POSSESSION OF PET
Authorizing a District Court Commissioner, in a specified interim protective order, and a judge, in a temporary protective order or final protective order, to award temporary possession of any pet of a person eligible for relief or a respondent.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011
- SB 751**
Chapter 285 **Senator Manno**
ENVIRONMENT – DISHWASHING DETERGENT CONTAINING PHOSPHORUS – PENALTIES
Establishing a penalty for knowingly selling or distributing for use or sale within the State specified household dishwashing detergents.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011
- SB 755**
Chapter 286 **Senator Pugh**
TASK FORCE TO STUDY HIGH SCHOOL DROPOUT RATES OF PERSONS IN THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM
Establishing the Task Force to Study High School Dropout Rates of Persons in the Criminal Justice System; providing for the membership and staffing of the Task Force; requiring the Governor to designate the chair of the Task Force; requiring the Task Force to study high school dropout statistics of specified persons in the criminal justice system, obtain specified data, and make recommendations in a report to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before December 31, 2012; etc.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2011

SB 757 **Senators Kittleman and Raskin**

Chapter 287

ELECTION LAW – ELECTRONIC MEDIA – ELECTRONIC CONTRIBUTIONS AND EXPENDITURES

Repealing requirements that a campaign finance entity make a disbursement only by check; requiring a campaign finance entity to make a disbursement by specified methods; requiring an electronic method of making a disbursement that the State Board authorizes by regulation to satisfy specified requirements; repealing a requirement that a contribution in excess of \$100 be made only by check or credit card; requiring that a contribution be made by specified methods; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

SB 765 **Senator Young, et al**

Chapter 288

ELECTION LAW – VOTER REGISTRATION – EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION

Requiring State agencies to provide specified data to the State Board of Elections for the purpose of maintaining an accurate statewide voter registration list; prohibiting the State Board from disclosing specified data it receives except under specified circumstances; authorizing the State Board to enter into agreements with other states to exchange specified data that is relevant to maintaining accurate voter registration lists; requiring the State Board and the Motor Vehicle Administration jointly to submit a report; etc.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2011

HB 561 **Delegates Cardin and Rosenberg**

Chapter 289

ELECTION LAW – VOTER REGISTRATION – EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION

Requiring State agencies to provide specified data to the State Board of Elections for the purpose of maintaining an accurate statewide voter registration list; prohibiting the State Board from disclosing specified data it receives except under specified circumstances; authorizing the State Board to enter into agreements with other states to exchange specified data that is relevant to maintaining accurate voter registration lists; requiring the State Board and the Motor Vehicle Administration jointly to submit a report; etc.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2011

SB 787 **Senator Raskin, et al**

Chapter 290 JUVENILE SERVICES – SERVICES AND PROGRAMS FOR FEMALES

Requiring the Department of Juvenile Services to provide a report to the General Assembly on or before December 1, 2011, including statewide and regional information on the utilization of prevention and diversion services, alternatives to detention, the continuum of services for those committed to the Department for probation or residential placement, and educational and vocational training services.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011

HB 511 **Delegate Dumais, et al**

Chapter 291 JUVENILE SERVICES – SERVICES AND PROGRAMS FOR FEMALES

Requiring the Department of Juvenile Services to provide a report to the General Assembly on or before December 1, 2011, including statewide and regional information on the utilization of prevention and diversion services, alternatives to detention, the continuum of services for those committed to the Department for probation or residential placement, and educational and vocational training services.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011

SB 806 **Senator Young, et al**

Chapter 292 ELECTION LAW – ONLINE VOTER REGISTRATION

Authorizing an individual to apply to become a registered voter through an online voter registration system; authorizing the State Board of Elections to operate an online voter registration system that allows an individual to apply to register to vote and make specified changes in the individual's existing voter registration record; requiring an individual who applies to register to vote through the online voter registration system to follow specified procedures and provide specified information; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2011

HB 740 **Delegates Cardin and Rosenberg**

Chapter 293 **ELECTION LAW – ONLINE VOTER REGISTRATION**

Authorizing an individual to apply to become a registered voter through an online voter registration system; authorizing the State Board of Elections to operate an online voter registration system that allows an individual to apply to register to vote and make specified changes in the individual's existing voter registration record; requiring an individual who applies to register to vote through the online voter registration system to follow specified procedures and provide specified information; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2011

SB 821 **Senators Brinkley and Young**

Chapter 294 **FREDERICK COUNTY – WINERY SPECIAL EVENT PERMITS –
FARMERS' MARKETS**

Authorizing the issuance of not more than 12 additional winery special event permits to Class 4 wineries for use in farmers' markets in Frederick County that are listed in the Farmers' Markets Directory of the Maryland Department of Agriculture; prohibiting a holder of a permit from selling wine by the glass; and requiring that a specified individual who is certified by a specified alcohol awareness program be present during the hours when wine may be sold.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2011

SB 822 **Senator Middleton**

Chapter 295 **MARYLAND COMMUNITIES FOR A LIFETIME ACT**

Establishing the Maryland Communities for a Lifetime Program within the Department of Aging; requiring the Secretary of Aging, with the advice of the Innovations in Aging Services Advisory Council, to include provisions for funding grants sought by Communities for a Lifetime within an Innovations for Aging Services Program plan in a specified manner; requiring the Department to collect and make available best practices on policies to encourage aging-in-place; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

SB 836 **Senator McFadden**

Chapter 296

BALTIMORE CITY – 45TH DISTRICT – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – LICENSES

Authorizing the Board of Liquor License Commissioners for Baltimore City to issue a Class C beer, wine and liquor license in the 45th alcoholic beverages district; authorizing the holder of a Class A license to exercise off-sale privileges on a specified number of additional Sundays during a calendar year; requiring that a specified license fee be paid before a specified time; increasing the number of Sundays during which specified Class D licensees may sell alcoholic beverages during a calendar year; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011

SB 839 **Senator Gladden**

Chapter 297

COUNTIES – KENNEL LICENSES – REQUIREMENTS FOR BREEDERS

Requiring a person to obtain a kennel license if the person owns or has custody of 15 or more unspayed female dogs over the age of 6 months kept for the purpose of breeding the dogs and selling their offspring and sells dogs from six or more litters in a year; requiring each county to collect and maintain specified information for each kennel license issued; requiring each county to report specified information to the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation on or before January 15 each year; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

SB 841 **Senator Pugh**

Chapter 298

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT DISTRICTS – ARTISTIC WORK – DESIGN

Altering the definition of “artistic work” for the purpose of designating an arts and entertainment district to include original and creative work that falls into the category of original design, rather than specifically clothing design.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

- HB 1281** **Delegate Stukes, et al**
Chapter 299 ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT DISTRICTS – ARTISTIC WORK –
DESIGN
- Altering the definition of “artistic work” for the purpose of designating an arts and entertainment district to include original and creative work that falls into the category of original design, rather than specifically clothing design.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011
- SB 850** **Senator Middleton**
Chapter 300 LICENSED INSURANCE PRODUCERS – INFORMATION ON
STATE HEALTH PROGRAMS
- Authorizing a licensed insurance producer to provide to a specified small employer information about State health programs in accordance with regulations adopted by the Maryland Insurance Commissioner.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011
- HB 1178** **Delegate Tarrant, et al**
Chapter 301 LICENSED INSURANCE PRODUCERS – INFORMATION ON
STATE HEALTH PROGRAMS
- Authorizing a licensed insurance producer to provide to a specified small employer information about State health programs in accordance with regulations adopted by the Maryland Insurance Commissioner.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011
- SB 875** **Senator Klausmeier (By Request – Baltimore County
Administration)**
Chapter 302 ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – BALTIMORE COUNTY – LICENSE
FEES
- Altering alcoholic beverages license fees within Baltimore County.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

SB 891 **Senator Edwards**
Chapter 303 **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – QUALIFIED DISTRESSED
COUNTIES**

Altering the definition of “qualified distressed county” for specified purposes, including the Maryland Economic Development Assistance Authority and Fund, the Linked Deposit Program, the One Maryland Economic Development Tax Credit, and the College Readiness Outreach Program.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011

SB 906 **Senator Mathias**
Chapter 304 **WORCESTER COUNTY – DEPARTMENT OF LIQUOR CONTROL
– WINE AND LIQUOR PURCHASING OPTION**

Abolishing the Liquor Control Board for Worcester County and replacing it with the Worcester County Department of Liquor Control; specifying that the Department is a department of the county government; authorizing an alcoholic beverages licensee in the county, beginning on May 1, 2016, to elect to purchase wine or liquor from a licensed wholesaler in addition to or instead of from the Department; requiring the licensee to provide notice to the Department with specified information; repealing a specified minimum price; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011

SB 913 **Senators Colburn and Pipkin**
Chapter 305 **CAROLINE COUNTY – BOARD OF ELECTIONS – MEMBERSHIP
AND COMPENSATION**

Increasing to five the number of regular members of the Caroline County Board of Elections; requiring the members of the local board to be of specified political parties; requiring a vacancy on the local board to be filled in a specified manner; increasing the amount of compensation for the president and other regular members of the local board; making the Act effective June 6, 2011; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 6, 2011

SB 950 **Senator Ramirez**

Chapter 306

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY – SECONDHAND PRECIOUS METAL OBJECT DEALERS – PRECIOUS METAL OBJECTS – HOLDING PERIOD

Increasing to 30 days from 18 days the period of time during which secondhand precious metal object dealers in Prince George's County must keep precious metal objects in the county; and providing an exception for specified pawned precious metal objects.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

HB 1116 **Prince George's County Delegation**

Chapter 307

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY – SECONDHAND PRECIOUS METAL OBJECT DEALERS – PRECIOUS METAL OBJECTS – HOLDING PERIOD PG 416–11

Increasing to 30 days from 18 days the period of time during which secondhand precious metal object dealers in Prince George's County must keep precious metal objects in the county; and providing an exception for specified pawned precious metal objects.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

SB 960 **Senator Middleton**

Chapter 308

HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS – INVESTIGATIONS – INFORMATION SHARING AMONG STATE AGENCIES

Adding to the list of entities to which the Health Services Cost Review Commission may disclose physician information; altering the list of entities that may be medical review committees charged by law to evaluate matters relating to health care providers; requiring the Board of Physicians to disclose information contained in a record to the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene and specified agencies for a specified purpose; specifying that provisions of the Act do not alter the authority of the Secretary; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011

- HB 600**
Chapter 309 **Delegate Hammen, et al**
HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS – INVESTIGATIONS –
INFORMATION SHARING AMONG STATE AGENCIES
- Adding to the list of entities to which the Health Services Cost Review Commission may disclose physician information; altering the list of entities that may be medical review committees charged by law to evaluate matters relating to health care providers; requiring the Board of Physicians to disclose information contained in a record to the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene and specified agencies for a specified purpose; specifying that provisions of the Act do not alter the authority of the Secretary; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011
- SB 975**
Chapter 310 **Senator Edwards**
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – TRI-COUNTY COUNCIL FOR
WESTERN MARYLAND – MEMBERSHIP AND LEADERSHIP
- Altering the membership of the Tri-County Council for Western Maryland; establishing an Executive Committee for the Council and providing for the Executive Committee’s officers and terms of office; defining “member county”; and providing for the initial membership of the Executive Committee.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011
- SB 980**
Chapter 311 **Senator Middleton**
CREDIT UNIONS – BOARDS OF DIRECTORS –
ELECTRONICALLY CONDUCTED ELECTIONS
- Authorizing the election of the board of directors of a credit union to be conducted electronically under specified circumstances; requiring the secretary of a credit union, for an election of directors conducted electronically, to provide specified information and a specified identification form to each member of the credit union in good standing as provided in regulations adopted by the Commissioner of Financial Regulation; requiring the Commissioner to establish specified regulations; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

- HB 39**
Chapter 315 **Delegates Conway and McDermott**
SLOT MACHINES FOR NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS ON THE EASTERN SHORE – EXPANSION AND OVERSIGHT
- Requiring the State Comptroller to regulate the operation of slot machines by eligible organizations in specified counties; adding Worcester County to the list of counties in which nonprofit fraternal, religious, and war veterans' organizations may own and operate not more than five slot machines; authorizing the Comptroller to adopt regulations; prohibiting the Comptroller from issuing licenses for slot machines to specified eligible organizations in specified locations in Ocean City; etc.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2011
- HB 67**
Chapter 316 **The Speaker (By Request – Department of Legislative Services)**
STATE BOARD OF ARCHITECTS – SUNSET EXTENSION AND PROGRAM EVALUATION
- Continuing the State Board of Architects in accordance with the provisions of the Maryland Program Evaluation Act (sunset law) by extending to July 1, 2023, the termination provisions relating to the statutory and regulatory authority of the Board; requiring that an evaluation of the Board and the statutes and regulations that relate to the Board be performed on or before July 1, 2022; and requiring the chairs of specified design boards to submit a specified report on or before October 1, 2011.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011
- HB 69**
Chapter 317 **The Speaker (By Request – Department of Legislative Services)**
STATE BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS – SUNSET EXTENSION AND PROGRAM EVALUATION
- Continuing the State Board for Professional Engineers in accordance with the provisions of the Maryland Program Evaluation Act (sunset law) by extending to July 1, 2023, the termination provisions relating to the statutory and regulatory authority of the Board; requiring that an evaluation of the Board and the statutes and regulations that relate to the Board be performed on or before July 1, 2022; and requiring the Board to submit a specified report on or before October 1, 2012.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011

HB 109 **Chair, Environmental Matters Committee (By Request –**
Chapter 318 **Departmental – Transportation)**

**TRANSPORTATION – OUTDOOR SIGNS ALONG FEDERAL–AID
PRIMARY HIGHWAYS – SCENIC BYWAYS**

Prohibiting the State Highway Administration from issuing a permit for an outdoor sign along or near a federal–aid primary highway if the sign is along or near a scenic byway located on the federal–aid primary highway.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

HB 115 **Delegate Tarrant, et al**
Chapter 319 **BALTIMORE CITY BOARD OF SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS –
ANNUAL REPORT REQUIREMENT – REPEAL**

Repealing the requirement that the Chief Executive Officer and the Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners of the Baltimore City Public School System issue an annual report; repealing specified review, comment, and consideration requirements related to the annual report; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

HB 125 **Delegate Stukes, et al**
Chapter 320 **VEHICLE LAWS – ACCIDENTS INVOLVING SELF–INSURED
VEHICLES – REQUIRED INFORMATION**

Requiring the driver of a self–insured vehicle involved in an accident to give evidence of self–insurance in the form required by the Motor Vehicle Administration to specified persons; requiring the Administration to adopt specified regulations; and requiring the evidence of self–insurance to include specified information.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

HB 195 **Chair, Economic Matters Committee (By Request –**
Chapter 321 **Departmental – Labor, Licensing and Regulation)**

**SECONDHAND PRECIOUS METAL OBJECT DEALERS AND
PAWNBROKERS – LICENSE APPLICATION AND RENEWAL
FEES**

Increasing the application fee and license renewal fee relating to licenses for secondhand precious metal object dealers.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011

- HB 202** **Delegate Kaiser, et al**
Chapter 322 EDUCATION – DISCRIMINATION PROHIBITED – PROTECTED CLASSES
- Altering a provision of law relating to discrimination in the employment of public school employees in the State to conform to other provisions of State law governing discrimination in employment.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011
- HB 228** **Delegates Haddaway–Riccio and Eckardt**
Chapter 323 HOUSING AUTHORITIES – CONSOLIDATION OR MERGER – TALBOT COUNTY AND ST. MICHAELS
- Authorizing the Housing Commission of Talbot County and the St. Michaels Housing Authority to unite by consolidation or merger to form one authority; requiring the unification of the Housing Commission of Talbot County and the St. Michaels Housing Authority to be initiated by the passage of a proposal of unification by the legislative body of the Town of Easton and the legislative body of the Town of St. Michaels; requiring the appointment of a specified commission to draft proposed articles of organization for a proposed authority; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011
- HB 233** **Delegate Barve, et al**
Chapter 324 COUNTIES AND MUNICIPAL CORPORATIONS – DIRECT DEPOSIT OF WAGES
- Authorizing counties and municipal corporations to pay wages of employees by direct deposit and to require an employee to receive payment of wages by direct deposit as a condition of employment; prohibiting a county or municipal corporation from requiring the payment of wages by direct deposit for an employee who was hired before October 1, 2011, whose employment is not conditioned on the employee receiving payment of wages by direct deposit, or who does not have a personal bank account and opts out of direct deposit; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

HB 245 Howard County Delegation

Chapter 325

HOWARD COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – BEER, WINE AND LIQUOR TASTING LICENSE HO. CO. 5–11

Creating in Howard County a beer, wine and liquor tasting (BWLTT) license; specifying to whom the license may be issued; setting maximum limits on the amounts of alcoholic beverages that may be served under a BWLTT license; setting the annual license fee; authorizing the Howard County Board of License Commissioners to adopt rules or regulations to implement the Act; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2011

HB 255 Chair, Judiciary Committee (By Request – Departmental – Human Resources)

Chapter 326

FAMILY LAW – ADOPTION SEARCH, CONTACT, AND REUNION SERVICES – SIBLINGS OF MINORS IN OUT-OF-HOME PLACEMENT

Altering the definition of “search, contact, and reunion services” to include contacting specified adopted siblings of a minor in out-of-home placement for a specified purpose; authorizing a director of a local department of social services acting on behalf of a minor in out-of-home placement to apply for search, contact, and reunion services; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

HB 267 Delegate Anderson (By Request – Baltimore City Administration), et al

Chapter 327

PUBLIC ETHICS LAWS – BALTIMORE CITY – HEALTH DEPARTMENT, POLICE DEPARTMENT, AND CIVILIAN REVIEW BOARD

Altering the provisions of the Maryland Public Ethics Law to provide that employees of the Baltimore City Health Department, the Police Commissioner of Baltimore City, the civilian employees and police officers of the Police Department of Baltimore City, and the members and employees of the Civilian Review Board are subject only to the Baltimore City Public Ethics Law.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

HB 270 **Delegate Eckardt, et al**

Chapter 328 DORCHESTER COUNTY – TAX SALES – ADVERTISEMENT AND AUCTIONEER FEES

Decreasing, from 4 to 3, the number of times a specified notice is required to be published in Dorchester County in connection with specified tax sales of property; altering the auctioneer's fee in Dorchester County allowed as an expense relating to specified tax sales of property to be \$7.50 per property sold; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011

HB 279 **Carroll County Delegation**

Chapter 329 CARROLL COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – LIQUOR TASTING

Creating a liquor tasting license in Carroll County; authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Carroll County to issue the liquor tasting license only to holders of Class A beer, wine and liquor licenses; specifying that the liquor tasting license authorizes consumption of specified liquor for tasting or sampling purposes only; requiring that the liquor be provided to consumers at no charge; specifying limitations on the quantity of liquor that may be consumed; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011

HB 313 **Delegate Stein**

Chapter 330 NATURAL RESOURCES – WOODLAND INCENTIVES FUND – RENAMING

Renaming the Woodland Incentives Fund to be the "Mel Noland Woodland Incentives Fund"; making conforming changes; and clarifying specified provisions of law relating to the contents of and reports about the Fund.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

HB 326 **Baltimore County Delegation**

Chapter 331 **BALTIMORE COUNTY – WINERY SPECIAL EVENT PERMITS –
FARMERS’ MARKETS**

Authorizing the issuance of not more than 12 additional winery special event permits to specified wineries for use in specified farmers’ markets in Baltimore County; prohibiting a winery from using more than 6 winery special event permits at the same farmer’s market in Baltimore County in a year; prohibiting a holder of a permit from selling wine by the glass; and requiring that a specified individual who is certified by an alcohol awareness program be present during the hours when wine may be sold.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2011

HB 358 **Chair, Economic Matters Committee**

Chapter 332 **OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF FINANCIAL
REGULATION, THE BANKING BOARD, AND THE STATE
COLLECTION AGENCY LICENSING BOARD – SUNSET
EXTENSION AND PROGRAM EVALUATION**

Repealing the Banking Board in the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation; continuing the Office of the Commissioner of Financial Regulation and the State Collection Agency Licensing Board in accordance with provisions of the Maryland Program Evaluation Act (sunset law) by extending to July 1, 2022, termination provisions relating to statutory and regulatory authority of the Office and the Board; requiring the State Collection Agency Licensing Board and the Attorney General’s Office to monitor a specified determination; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011

HB 362 **Chair, Economic Matters Committee**

Chapter 333 **MARYLAND HOME IMPROVEMENT COMMISSION – SUNSET
EXTENSION AND PROGRAM EVALUATION**

Continuing the Maryland Home Improvement Commission in accordance with the provisions of the Maryland Program Evaluation Act (sunset law) by extending to July 1, 2022, the termination provisions relating to the statutory and regulatory authority of the Commission; continuing the Maryland Mold Remediation Services Act in accordance with the provisions of the sunset law by extending to July 1, 2019, the termination provisions relating to the statutory and regulatory authority of the Commission under the Act; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011

HB 363 **Delegate Simmons, et al**
Chapter 334 **CRIMINAL LAW – MANSLAUGHTER BY VEHICLE OR VESSEL –
CRIMINAL NEGLIGENCE**

Making it a misdemeanor for a person to cause the death of another as a result of the person's driving, operating, or controlling a vehicle or vessel in a criminally negligent manner; establishing the circumstances under which a person is considered to act in a criminally negligent manner for purposes of the Act; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

HB 364 **Delegate Walker**
Chapter 335 **STUDENT PARTICIPATION IN HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS –
MINIMUM ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS – PROPOSED
STANDARDS**

Requiring the State Board of Education, in consultation with county boards of education, to report to specified committees of the General Assembly on or before December 31, 2011, regarding minimum academic performance standards that students in public high schools in the State should meet in order to participate in high school athletic competitions; requiring the report to include specified recommendations; etc.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2011

HB 404 **Washington County Delegation**
Chapter 336 **WASHINGTON COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – MICRO-
BREWERIES**

Adding Washington County to the list of counties in which a Class 7 micro-brewery license may be issued; authorizing the Comptroller to issue the license in the county to holders of specified retail alcoholic beverages licenses; adding the county to the list of counties in which a Class 7 micro-brewery licensee may sell, at retail, beer for consumption off the premises under specified circumstances; providing for the hours and days for consumer sales under the license; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011

- HB 435**
Chapter 337 **Delegate Bohanan**
OPTIONAL RETIREMENT PROGRAM – SUPPLEMENTAL
RETIREMENT PLANS – EMPLOYEE CONTRIBUTIONS
Altering the methods available to members of the Optional
Retirement Program for making employee contributions to
supplemental retirement accounts.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2011
- HB 437**
Chapter 338 **Delegate Niemann, et al**
REAL PROPERTY – SALES OF NEW HOMES – MINIMUM
VISITABILITY FEATURES
Requiring a home builder at the time of offering new homes in a
subdivision for sale to offer minimum visitability features as an
option for purchase under specified circumstances; requiring a
specified offer of minimum visitability features to be accompanied by
a specified document and a specified drawing or photograph;
providing for a delayed effective date; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012
- HB 466**
Chapter 339 **Delegates Tarrant and Kipke**
PROCUREMENT – SERVICE CONTRACTS FOR JANITORIAL
SERVICES
Requiring the Board of Public Works, in consultation with the
Department of General Services, to adopt regulations to require that
a bidder or offeror responding to a solicitation for a service contract
for janitorial services delineate its costs by specified categories; and
providing for an exception.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011
- HB 487**
Chapter 340 **Delegates Rosenberg and Kaiser**
WALTER SONDHEIM JR. PUBLIC SERVICE SUMMER
INTERNSHIP SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM – INTERNSHIPS
Providing that specified students who participate in specified
internships that assist in providing specified legal services in the
State are eligible to receive funding under the Walter Sondheim Jr.
Public Service Summer Internship Scholarship Program.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2011

- HB 497**
Chapter 341 **Delegates Conway and Otto**
NATURAL RESOURCES – SOMERS COVE MARINA
COMMISSION – PROCUREMENT
- Authorizing the Executive Director of the Somers Cove Marina to procure capital improvement, design, and maintenance projects; requiring the Executive Director to follow specified procurement procedures and make specified procurements in accordance with specified provisions of the procurement law under specified circumstances; and requiring the Executive Director to submit specified procurements to the Board of Public Works for approval.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011
- HB 510**
Chapter 342 **Delegate Waldstreicher, et al**
CRIMINAL LAW – HARASSMENT – PENALTIES
- Altering the penalty for harassment for a second or subsequent offense.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011
- HB 519**
Chapter 343 **Delegate Arora, et al**
FIREARMS – VIOLATION OF SPECIFIED PROHIBITIONS –
AMMUNITION AND PENALTY
- Repealing a prohibition against the possession of ammunition designed solely for a regulated firearm by a person who is under the age of 21; and specifying that it is a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for up to 5 years or a fine of up to \$10,000 or both to knowingly violate the prohibition against obliterating, removing, changing, or altering the manufacturer's identification mark or number on a firearm.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011
- HB 534**
Chapter 344 **Montgomery County Delegation**
CARROLL COUNTY AND MONTGOMERY COUNTY – POLLING
PLACES – ELECTIONEERING BOUNDARIES MC 19–11
- Specifying that in Carroll County and Montgomery County, on approval of the local board, the line beyond which electioneering is prohibited outside a polling place may be located at any point between 25 feet and 100 feet from the entrance and exit.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

HB 535 **Montgomery County Delegation**

Chapter 345

MONTGOMERY COUNTY – TOWN OF KENSINGTON – OFF-SALE BEER AND LIGHT WINE LICENSES MC 9–11

Authorizing the Montgomery County Board of License Commissioners to issue not more than 3 Class A (off-sale) beer and light wine licenses in a specified area in the town of Kensington; specifying the hours and days of sale; prohibiting a license holder from engaging in specified activities; providing for an annual license fee; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011

HB 542 **Montgomery County Delegation**

Chapter 346

MONTGOMERY COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – BEER AND WINE SAMPLING OR TASTING LICENSE MC 3–11

Expanding the list of alcoholic beverages licenses that the Montgomery County Board of License Commissioners may issue in the City of Takoma Park to include a beer and wine sampling or tasting (BWST) license; authorizing the Board to issue a BWST license to a holder of a Class A (off-sale) license in Montgomery County; authorizing holders of a Class A wine license to whom a BWST license has been issued to use the BWST license to hold tastings or samplings of wine only; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011

HB 543 **Montgomery County Delegation**

Chapter 347

MONTGOMERY COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – SPECIAL CULINARY SCHOOL LICENSE MC 14–11

Establishing in Montgomery County a special culinary school license; authorizing the Board of License Commissioners, by unanimous vote, to issue the license for use on the premises of specified culinary educational institutions; setting an annual fee; authorizing a license holder to allow the consumption of beer and wine in connection with specified courses; specifying that an individual may consume alcoholic beverages under the license only on the licensed premises; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2011

HB 545 **Montgomery County Delegation**

Chapter 348 MONTGOMERY COUNTY – ALCOHOL SALES – BURTONSVILLE
TOWN SQUARE AND HILLANDALE SHOPPING CENTER MC 2–
11

Authorizing the Montgomery County Board of License Commissioners to approve by unanimous vote applications for alcoholic beverages licenses for restaurants located within the Burtonsville Town Square shopping center and the Hillandale Shopping Center; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2011

HB 587 **Delegate Feldman**

Chapter 349 BIOTECHNOLOGY INVESTMENT TAX CREDIT – QUALIFIED
MARYLAND BIOTECHNOLOGY COMPANY

Altering the definition of “qualified Maryland biotechnology company” for purposes of the biotechnology investment tax credit for fiscal years 2012 and 2013 only, to allow investments in companies that have been in active business for up to 15 years to qualify for the credit; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2011

HB 604 **Charles County Delegation**

Chapter 350 CHARLES COUNTY – BOARD OF ELECTIONS – MEMBERSHIP

Increasing the number of regular members and eliminating substitute members on the Charles County Board of Elections; requiring the members of the board to be of specified political parties; requiring that a vacancy on the board be filled in a certain manner; and making the Act effective June 6, 2011.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 6, 2011

HB 613 **Montgomery County Delegation and Prince George’s County
Delegation**

Chapter 351 MARYLAND–NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING
COMMISSION – PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY – CAPITAL
IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM SUBMISSION MC/PG 111–11

Altering the date from November 1 to January 15 before which the Maryland–National Capital Park and Planning Commission is required to prepare and submit a 6–year capital improvements program to the county governing body of Prince George’s County.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

HB 632 **Delegate Mizeur, et al**
Chapter 352 **EARNED INCOME CREDIT INFORMATION ACT**

Requiring the Comptroller to publish the maximum income eligibility for the State earned income tax credit on or before January 1 of each calendar year; requiring the Comptroller to prepare and mail to all employers in the State a specified notice; requiring an employer to provide specified notification to an employee who may be eligible for the State earned income tax credit; providing that an employee may not pursue a private cause of action against an employer for the employer's failure to provide a specified notice; etc.
EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2012

HB 643 **Delegate Carr**
Chapter 353 **PROCUREMENT – STATE BUILDINGS – ENERGY EFFICIENT
OUTDOOR LIGHTING FIXTURES**

Prohibiting the use of State funds to install or replace a permanent outdoor luminaire for lighting on the grounds of any State building unless the luminaire meets specified requirements; providing specified exceptions to the requirements of the Act; authorizing the Board of Public Works or the Board's designee to waive the requirements of the Act under specified circumstances; requiring the Board to prescribe the requirements for a waiver request; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

HB 678 **Delegates Otto and McDermott**
Chapter 354 **SOMERSET COUNTY – WATER AND SEWER SERVICE – LATE
FEES**

Authorizing the sanitary district in Somerset County to charge a late fee for unpaid water and sewer usage charges; authorizing the Sanitary Commission in Somerset County to require the payment of specified late fees before reconnecting specified water service; and providing that when a specified charge is in default it will accrue interest from the date of default at a rate determined by the sanitary commission.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

- HB 728** **Delegate Niemann**
Chapter 355 **RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY – FORECLOSURE – REQUIRED DOCUMENTS – TIMING OF MEDIATION**
- Requiring a notice of intent to foreclose for an owner-occupied residential property to be accompanied by an envelope addressed to a specified person; altering the documents that must accompany an order to docket or complaint to foreclose on residential property; clarifying the documents that must be served on a mortgagor or grantor in a residential foreclosure action; etc.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2011
- HB 739** **Chair, Appropriations Committee (By Request –**
Chapter 356 **Departmental – Human Resources)**
- SEXUAL ASSAULT CRISIS PROGRAMS AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROGRAMS – TRANSFER TO THE GOVERNOR’S OFFICE OF CRIME CONTROL AND PREVENTION**
- Transferring responsibilities for sexual assault crisis programs and domestic violence programs from the Department of Human Resources to the Governor’s Office of Crime Control and Prevention; transferring specified appropriations held by the Department of Human Resources to the Governor’s Office of Crime Control and Prevention; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011
- HB 748** **Chair, Appropriations Committee (By Request –**
Chapter 357 **Departmental – University System of Maryland)**
- ACADEMIC FACILITIES BONDING AUTHORITY**
- Increasing the bonding authority for the University System of Maryland; approving specified projects for the acquisition, development, and improvement of specified academic facilities for the University System of Maryland; authorizing the issuance of bonds by the University System of Maryland for financing the projects; and providing that specified bonds are not a debt or an obligation of the State or any of its subdivisions.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2011

- HB 752** **Delegate Barkley, et al**
Chapter 358 MARYLAND CORRECTIONAL ENTERPRISES – PROHIBITING
ACCESS TO PERSONAL INFORMATION
- Prohibiting programs developed for Maryland Correctional Enterprises from allowing inmates to have access to specified personal information.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2011
- HB 757** **Delegate Mitchell, et al**
Chapter 359 GOVERNOR’S WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD –
DEVELOPMENT OF EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS TO AID
UNEMPLOYED STATE RESIDENTS
- Requiring the Governor’s Workforce Investment Board to establish an advisory committee; specifying the duties and staffing of the advisory committee; requiring that the advisory committee include representatives from specified organizations; requiring the Board, on or before June 1 of each year, to report findings and recommendations to the Governor and specified committees of the General Assembly; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011
- HB 758** **Delegate Mitchell, et al**
Chapter 360 TASK FORCE ON FUNDING A GREEN TECHNOLOGY, LIFE
SCIENCE, AND HEALTH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY LOAN
ASSISTANCE REPAYMENT PROGRAM
- Establishing the Task Force on Funding a Green Technology, Life Science, and Health Information Technology Loan Assistance Repayment Program; providing for members of the Task Force, the staff, and the designation of a chair; requiring the Task Force to conduct a study and make recommendations on or before December 31, 2011, for a program that assists graduates who earned a degree in a field relating to green technology or specified related fields to repay a federal or State higher education loan; etc.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2011

- HB 794** **Delegate Valentino-Smith, et al**
Chapter 361 DIVISION OF PAROLE AND PROBATION – PRE-PAROLE
INVESTIGATIONS FOR INMATES OF LOCAL FACILITIES
- Requiring the Division of Parole and Probation to complete and submit to the Parole Commission the results of pre-parole investigations of specified inmates in local correctional facilities within 60 days of commitment for the purpose of enabling the Parole Commission to determine the advisability of granting parole to those inmates.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011
- HB 801** **Delegate Valentino-Smith, et al**
Chapter 362 CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – VICTIMS’ RIGHTS – ENFORCEMENT
- Requiring, in any court proceedings involving a crime against a victim, the court to ensure that the victim is afforded rights provided to victims by law; authorizing a specified victim to file a motion requesting relief within a specified time period; providing that if the court finds that a victim’s right to restitution under a specified provision of law was not considered or was improperly denied, the court may enter a judgment of restitution; etc.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2011
- HB 817** **Delegate Mizeur**
Chapter 363 ENVIRONMENT – COMPOSTING
- Requiring the Department of the Environment to maintain information on its Web site to educate the public about composting and to promote composting in the State; requiring the Department, in consultation with the Department of Agriculture and the Maryland Environmental Service, to study composting in the State, and to make a report to the General Assembly on or before January 1, 2013, including a summary of the laws and regulations governing composting; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011

- HB 823** **Delegate Krebs, et al**
Chapter 364 SALES AND USE TAX – NONPROFIT FOOD VENDORS – YOUTH SPORTING EVENTS AND 4–H YOUTH EVENTS
- Providing an exemption from the sales and use tax for sales of food, bottled water, soft drinks or carbonated beverages, and candy or confectionery by a nonprofit food vendor at a youth sporting event or 4–H youth event for individuals under the age of 18 years, if specified conditions are met; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011
- HB 848** **Chair, Environmental Matters Committee (By Request – Departmental – State Police)**
Chapter 365 DEPARTMENT OF STATE POLICE – TOW COMPANIES
- Requiring the Department of State Police to establish and maintain a list of tow companies; authorizing the Department to adopt regulations establishing standards for tow companies to be included on the list; and requiring the Department to include qualifying companies on the list.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011
- HB 899** **Delegate Clagett, et al**
Chapter 366 DIVISION OF PAROLE AND PROBATION – WARRANT APPREHENSION UNIT – POWERS
- Establishing the Warrant Apprehension Unit within the Division of Parole and Probation; providing that specified employees of the Warrant Apprehension Unit also have specified additional powers; including specified employees of the Warrant Apprehension Unit in the defined term “police officer” in connection with provisions of law relating to the authority to make arrests; etc.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2011

HB 908 **Delegate Stein**

Chapter 367 **MOTOR VEHICLES – LEASED VEHICLES – ADVERTISING PRACTICES**

Prohibiting a person who leases vehicles to lessees from failing to include any dealer processing or freight charges in calculating the base lease payment shown in an advertisement for a leased vehicle, or from advertising to the general public a capitalized cost reduction to a lessee unless the capitalized cost reduction is offered to all potential lessees; and clarifying that specified provisions of law apply to an advertisement for a leased vehicle.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

HB 953 **Allegany County Delegation**

Chapter 368 **ALLEGANY COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – 1-DAY SPECIAL LICENSE**

Authorizing the Allegany County Board of License Commissioners to grant a 1-day special license for an entertainment event; limiting the duration of a specified license; authorizing the Allegany County Board of County Commissioners to determine the license fee based on a recommendation; requiring license holders to exercise the privileges of the license on county-owned property; requiring the Board of County Commissioners to distribute specified amounts of license fees in a specified manner; making the Act an emergency measure; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

HB 972 **Delegate Stein, et al**

Chapter 369 **BUILDING CODES – INTERNATIONAL GREEN CONSTRUCTION CODE**

Authorizing the Department of Housing and Community Development to adopt by regulation the International Green Construction Code; authorizing local jurisdictions to adopt and make local amendments to the International Green Construction Code; defining the term “International Green Construction Code”; and making the Act effective March 1, 2012.

EFFECTIVE MARCH 1, 2012

HB 973 **Delegate Eckardt, et al**
Chapter 370 **DORCHESTER COUNTY LIQUOR ACT OF 2011**

Repealing an obsolete residency requirement for voters supporting an application for an alcoholic beverages license in Dorchester County; specifying that a prohibition against alcoholic beverages sales at a bar or counter on Sunday does not apply in the county; and repealing obsolete language concerning Sunday alcoholic beverages sales.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

HB 992 **Calvert County Delegation**
Chapter 371 **CALVERT COUNTY – REGULATION OF ROADS**

Authorizing the County Commissioners of Calvert County, by ordinance, to regulate the grading, constructing, improving, maintaining, and repairing of specified roads; authorizing the County Commissioners to establish standards for utility cuts in and across county rights-of-way; authorizing the County Commissioners to regulate access to county-owned roads; authorizing the County Commissioners to establish specified minimum standards for new roads; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

HB 996 **St. Mary’s County Delegation**
Chapter 372 **ST. MARY’S COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – BEER FESTIVAL LICENSE**

Authorizing the Alcoholic Beverage Board of St. Mary’s County to issue a special beer festival (BF) license; establishing specified requirements for license applicants and for holders of special beer festival licenses; establishing a specified fee; specifying that the holder of a special BF license is not prohibited from holding another alcoholic beverages license of a different class or nature; requiring the Alcoholic Beverage Board to approve the time and location of a beer festival subject to specified limitations; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

HB 1005 Prince George's County Delegation

Chapter 373

PUBLIC UTILITY COMPANIES – UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND, COLLEGE PARK BUS SERVICE – MOTOR CARRIER PERMIT EXEMPTION – EXTENSION OF SUNSET PG 403–11

Providing that a motor carrier permit is not required, under specified circumstances, for a shuttle bus service operated by the University of Maryland, College Park for its students that is also used to provide, in exchange for payment by the municipal corporation in which the University operates the shuttle bus service, transportation for the residents of the municipal corporation; extending to June 30, 2014, a specified termination provision; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2011

HB 1020 Delegate Valderrama, et al

Chapter 374

CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY

Altering retroactive applicability of specified provisions of law so as to include a person who is convicted under specified circumstances; altering the predicate offenses and minimum age for inclusion on a registry of juvenile sex offenders; requiring juvenile registrants to appear at a specified location at specified times to provide information and allow the Department of Juvenile Services to take a digital image of the juvenile registrant; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2011

HB 1095 Prince George's County Delegation

Chapter 375

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT LICENSES PG 302–11

Increasing to six the number of Class B–DD (Development District) licenses that the Board of License Commissioners for Prince George's County may issue for restaurants located in the area of Ritchie Station Marketplace; authorizing a person to obtain one other Class B license anywhere in Prince George's County for each Class B–DD license the person is issued under specified circumstances; and providing that a specified Class B license issued under the Act shall remain in effect under specified circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

HB 1104 Prince George's County Delegation

Chapter 376

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY – PERMIT PROGRAM FOR
ROADSIDE SOLICITATION OF MONEY OR DONATIONS –
SUNSET EXTENSION PG 402-11

Extending the termination date for specified provisions of law authorizing the County Council of Prince George's County to enact a permit program to allow a person to stand in a roadway, median divider, or intersection to solicit money or donations from the occupant of a vehicle.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011

HB 1134 Delegate Hucker, et al

Chapter 377

CONSUMER PROTECTION – HOUSEHOLD GOODS MOVERS –
ESTIMATES AND CHARGES

Requiring a household goods mover to provide a written estimate to a consumer before providing household goods moving services for an intrastate move; specifying the contents of the written estimate; providing that a consumer who receives a binding estimate may not be required to pay more than the estimated total price stated in the estimate for the household goods moving services described in the estimate; authorizing a consumer to waive the right to receive a written estimate under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

HB 1141 Delegate James, et al

Chapter 378

JUVENILE LAW – TRUANCY REDUCTION PILOT PROGRAM –
FILING OF PETITION

Repealing a requirement that a specified criminal charge against a specified person must be filed and dismissed or stетted before an authorized school official may file, if a child is under age 12, a truancy petition in the judicial circuits that have established Truancy Reduction Pilot Programs.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

- HB 1143** **Delegate Sophocleus**
Chapter 379 BUSINESS REGULATION – SECONDHAND PRECIOUS METAL
OBJECT DEALERS – EXEMPTED TRANSACTIONS AND
RECORD KEEPING REQUIREMENTS
- Exempting specified transactions of retail jewelers from the requirement to hold a secondhand precious metal object dealer license; requiring specified items to remain tagged for the entire period the item is stored in the dealer’s inventory; requiring the primary law enforcement unit to adopt procedures for dealers to amend submitted records; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011
- HB 1146** **Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee (By**
Chapter 380 **Request – Departmental – Budget and Management)**
ELECTRONIC HEALTH RECORDS – STATE EMPLOYEE AND
RETIREE HEALTH AND WELFARE BENEFITS PROGRAM –
INCENTIVES
- Altering the definition of “State–regulated payor” as it relates to the regulation of electronic health records to exclude the State Employee and Retiree Health and Welfare Benefits Program; repealing a requirement that the Secretary of Budget and Management ensure that the State Employee and Retiree Health and Welfare Benefits Program comply with specified provisions of law governing electronic health records; and stating the intent of the General Assembly.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011
- HB 1174** **Delegate Mitchell, et al**
Chapter 381 CORRECTIONAL SERVICES – REVOCATION OF PAROLE –
REIMPOSITION OF SENTENCE
- Altering a provision of law relating to the revocation of a parole order so as to authorize the parole commissioner who conducted the hearing on the revocation of an inmate’s order of parole to reimpose any unserved portion of the sentence originally imposed on the inmate; requiring the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services to submit a specified report; and terminating the Act at the end of June 30, 2014.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

- HB 1190** **Delegate Jones, et al**
Chapter 382 **CHILD IN NEED OF SUPERVISION PILOT PROGRAM –
EXPANSION**
- Expanding the Child in Need of Supervision Pilot Program by requiring the Secretary of Juvenile Services to include Cecil County, Montgomery County, and Prince George’s County in the Pilot Program; authorizing the Governor to include a \$250,000 general fund appropriation in the budget bill for fiscal year 2013 to be provided as grants to Cecil County, Montgomery County, and Prince George’s County to implement the expansion of the Pilot Program; altering a definition; etc.
VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES
- HB 1196** **Chair, Ways and Means Committee (By Request –**
Chapter 383 **Departmental – Planning)**
- SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES TAX CREDIT PROGRAM**
- Altering the application of specified provisions relating to calculation of the amount of the Sustainable Communities tax credit that may be claimed under specified circumstances; altering a specified fee; authorizing the use of a specified reserve fund for specified purposes under specified circumstances; requiring the Director of the Maryland Historical Trust to reserve a specified amount in a specified reserve fund to be used for a specified purpose; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011
- HB 1218** **Frederick County Delegation**
Chapter 384 **FREDERICK COUNTY – BEER, WINE AND LIQUOR TASTING
LICENSE**
- Creating in Frederick County a beer, wine and liquor tasting license; specifying to whom the licenses may be issued; setting maximum limits on the amounts of individual servings; specifying that the license may be issued for tasting or sampling purposes only; and providing for an annual license fee to be set by the Frederick County Board of License Commissioners.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011

HB 1240 Delegate Jacobs, et al

Chapter 385

COUNTIES – NATURAL RESOURCES – AUTHORIZATION TO HARVEST SEAFOOD AND ENGAGE IN THE SEAFOOD INDUSTRY

Expanding the application of specified provisions to authorize the governing body of a county to adopt an ordinance, resolution, or regulation or take specified other action to authorize a person to harvest seafood and engage in the seafood industry in accordance with requirements; providing that in the event of a conflict, federal law, State law, or specified written program guidance preempts any ordinance, resolution, or regulation or any other action taken by the governing body of a county under the Act; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

HB 1242 Chair, Baltimore County Delegation (By Request – Baltimore County Administration)

Chapter 386

BALTIMORE COUNTY – MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS LICENSES – FEES

Altering license fees applicants in Baltimore County are required to pay for keeping a billiard table for commercial use, for doing construction business, for keeping a motor vehicle storage garage business, for doing the business of laundry or dry cleaning, for doing business as a plumber or gas fitter, for operating a restaurant, for doing business as a trader, and for operating a chain store.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

HB 1246 Delegate Conway, et al

Chapter 387

CONDOMINIUMS AND HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATIONS – PRIORITY OF LIENS

Providing that, in the case of a foreclosure on a mortgage or deed of trust on a condominium unit, a specified portion of the condominium's liens on the unit has priority over the claim of the holder of a first mortgage or first deed of trust under specified circumstances; providing that lot owners in a homeowners association are liable for specified assessments and charges; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

HB 1274 Charles County Delegation

Chapter 388

CHARLES COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – CLASS B–STADIUM (BASEBALL STADIUM) ON–SALE BEER, WINE AND LIQUOR LICENSE

Altering a Class B–Stadium (baseball stadium) beer and light wine license in Charles County to be a Class B–Stadium (baseball stadium) on–sale beer, wine and liquor license; allowing a patron to consume and carry beer and wine anywhere on the premises; allowing a patron to consume liquor only in the enclosed stadium dining area or bar and prohibiting a patron from carrying liquor out of the enclosed stadium dining area or bar; and authorizing the Charles County Board of License Commissioners to adopt specified regulations.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2011

HB 1282 Delegate Glenn, et al

Chapter 389

TRANSPORTATION – VEHICLE PARKING FACILITIES – MOTORCYCLE PARKING

Requiring vehicle parking facilities that are owned, leased, or operated by the State or a political subdivision of the State or that receive funding from the State or a political subdivision of the State to allow motorcycles to park in the facilities, subject to specified charges.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011

HB 1292 Anne Arundel County Delegation

Chapter 390

ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – LICENSES AND FEES

Altering specified alcoholic beverages license fees in Anne Arundel County; establishing a Class WT wine tasting (on–premises) license in Anne Arundel County; establishing a specified administrative fee; specifying the scope of an administrative fee; requiring the Anne Arundel County Board of License Commissioners to determine the fee for a specified license; altering an exception relating to a specified prohibition against the playing of live music by holders of alcoholic beverage licenses or club licenses; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011

- HB 1315** **Howard County Delegation**
Chapter 391 HOWARD COUNTY – ORPHANS’ COURT SESSIONS HO. CO. 9–
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Requiring the Orphans’ Court in Howard County to determine when to hold its sessions for the transaction of business.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2011
- HB 1327** **Delegate Conaway**
Chapter 392 CRIMINAL LAW – SALVIA DIVINORUM – DISTRIBUTION TO
INDIVIDUAL UNDER 21 YEARS OF AGE – PENALTIES
Increasing the penalties for a conviction for the crime of distributing Salvia divinorum to a person under the age of 21 years.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011
- HB 1334** **Delegates McDermott and Conway**
Chapter 393 WORCESTER COUNTY – BERLIN – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES –
MICRO–BREWERY LICENSE
Allowing a holder of a Class D beer license in the Town of Berlin in Worcester County to be issued a Class 7 micro–brewery license by the Comptroller under specified circumstances.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011

On May 10, 2011, 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 joint resolution(s), which you passed:

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Res. No. 1 **Delegate Cardin, et al**
ELECTION LAW – COMMISSION TO STUDY CAMPAIGN
FINANCE LAW
Creating a Commission to Study Campaign Finance Law; specifying the composition, powers, and duties of the Commission; providing for the staffing of the Commission; requiring the Commission to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly by specified dates; providing for the termination of the Commission; etc.

Pursuant to Article XIV, Section 1 of the Maryland Constitution, the following constitutional amendment has been assigned a chapter number:

SB 281 **Senator Miller, et al**

Chapter 394 PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY – ORPHANS' COURT JUDGES –
QUALIFICATIONS

Proposing an amendment to the Maryland Constitution to prescribe different qualifications for judges of the Orphans' Court for Prince George's County; requiring judges of the Orphans' Court for Prince George's County to have been admitted to practice law in the State and be members in good standing of the Maryland Bar; and submitting this amendment to the qualified voters of the State for their adoption or rejection.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT – CONTINGENT

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

HB 70 **The Speaker (By Request – Administration)**

Chapter 395 BUDGET BILL FISCAL YEAR 2012

Making the proposed appropriations contained in the State budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2012, in accordance with Article III, Section 52 of the Maryland Constitution; etc.

Sincerely,

Karl S. Aro
Executive Director

May 19, 2011

To the Members of the General Assembly

Ladies and Gentlemen:

On May 19, 2011, 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, which you passed:

HB 71 The Speaker (By Request – Administration)

Chapter 396

CREATION OF STATE DEBT – MARYLAND CONSOLIDATED CAPITAL BOND LOAN OF 2011, AND THE MARYLAND CONSOLIDATED CAPITAL BOND LOANS OF 1996, 2001, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, AND 2010

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt in the amount of \$949,102,501, the proceeds to be used for specified necessary building, construction, demolition, planning, renovation, conversion, replacement, and capital equipment purchases of the State, for acquiring specified real estate in connection therewith, and for grants to specified subdivisions and other organizations for specified development and improvement purposes, subject to specified matching fund requirements by specified dates; etc.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

HB 72 **The Speaker (By Request – Administration)**
Chapter 397 BUDGET RECONCILIATION AND FINANCING ACT OF 2011

Altering or repealing required appropriations; altering the distribution of revenues; altering or repealing specified funding requirements; altering the authorized use of specified funds; altering for a specified fiscal year a specified percentage used to determine eligibility for and the amount of State grants to specified counties and Baltimore City based on per capita yield of county income taxes; altering the amount of a surcharge imposed for recording specified instruments for specified fiscal years; etc.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

SB 178 **The President (By Request – Administration), et al**
Chapter 398 CRIMINAL LAW – CHILD NEGLECT

Prohibiting a parent, family member, household member, or other person who has permanent or temporary care or custody or responsibility for supervision of a minor from neglecting the minor; establishing the misdemeanor of child neglect and providing specified penalties for a violation of the Act; establishing that a sentence imposed under the Act is in addition to a specified other sentence, except under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

HB 162 **The Speaker (By Request – Administration), et al**
Chapter 399 CRIMINAL LAW – CHILD NEGLECT

Prohibiting a parent, family member, household member, or other person who has permanent or temporary care or custody or responsibility for supervision of a minor from neglecting the minor; establishing the misdemeanor of child neglect and providing specified penalties for a violation of the Act; establishing that a sentence imposed under the Act is in addition to a specified other sentence, except under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

SB 176

Chapter 400

The President (By Request – Administration), et al

MARYLAND ELECTRIC VEHICLE INFRASTRUCTURE COUNCIL

Establishing the Maryland Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Council; specifying the membership and staffing of the Council; requiring the Governor to designate the chair or cochairs of the Council; prohibiting members of the Council from receiving specified compensation, but authorizing the reimbursement of specified expenses; requiring the Council to submit an interim report on or before January 1, 2012, and a final report on or before December 1, 2012; defining a term; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011

HB 167

Chapter 401

The Speaker (By Request – Administration), et al

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EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011

HB 163

Chapter 402

The Speaker (By Request – Administration), et al

INCOME TAX – TAX CREDIT FOR ELECTRIC VEHICLE RECHARGING EQUIPMENT

Allowing a State income tax credit for tax years 2011, 2012, and 2013 only, for 20% of the cost of qualified electric vehicle recharging equipment placed in service by a taxpayer during a taxable year; providing for administration of the tax credit by the Maryland Energy Administration; limiting the credit to taxpayers receiving initial tax credits from the Administration; limiting the tax credit to \$400 for each individual recharging system; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011

SB 179

Chapter 403

The President (By Request – Administration), et al

ELECTRIC COMPANIES – PILOT PROGRAM FOR CHARGING ELECTRIC VEHICLES

Requiring the Public Service Commission to establish a pilot program for charging electric vehicles by June 30, 2013; authorizing an electric company to request to participate in the pilot program; requiring the pilot program to include incentives for residential, commercial, and governmental customers to recharge electric vehicles in ways that will accomplish specified goals; requiring the Commission to report to the Governor and the General Assembly on the program by February 1, 2015; permitting specified additional pilot programs; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011

HB 164

Chapter 404

The Speaker (By Request – Administration), et al

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Requiring the Public Service Commission to establish a pilot program for charging electric vehicles by June 30, 2013; authorizing an electric company to request to participate in the pilot program; requiring the pilot program to include incentives for residential, commercial, and governmental customers to recharge electric vehicles in ways that will accomplish specified goals; requiring the Commission to report to the Governor and the General Assembly on the program by February 1, 2015; permitting specified additional pilot programs; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011

SB 380

Chapter 405

Senator Pinsky and the President (By Request – Administration), et al

ELECTRICITY – NET ENERGY METERING

Altering the period during which an eligible customer-generator may accrue specified net excess generation; requiring a specified electric company to carry forward net excess generation until a specified consumption eliminates the net excess generation or specified accrual period expires; altering how the dollar value of a specified net excess generation is calculated; repealing a requirement that specified generation credit appear on the eligible customer-generator's bill in a dollar amount; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2011

HB 860 **Delegate McHale and the Speaker (By Request –**
Chapter 406 **Administration), et al**

ELECTRICITY – NET ENERGY METERING

Altering the period during which an eligible customer–generator may accrue specified net excess generation; requiring a specified electric company to carry forward net excess generation until a specified consumption eliminates the net excess generation or a specified accrual period expires; altering how the dollar value of a specified net excess generation is calculated; repealing a requirement that specified generation credit appear on the eligible customer–generator’s bill in a dollar amount; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2011

SB 717 **Senator Garagiola and the President (By Request –**
Chapter 407 **Administration), et al**

RENEWABLE ENERGY PORTFOLIO STANDARD – RENEWABLE ENERGY CREDITS – SOLAR WATER HEATING SYSTEMS

Providing that energy from a specified solar water heating system is eligible for inclusion in meeting the renewable energy portfolio standard; providing that a person that owns and operates a specified solar water heating system shall receive a specified renewable energy credit under specified circumstances; requiring the total amount of energy generated and consumed by a nonresidential or commercial solar water heating system to be measured by a specified meter; etc.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2012

HB 933 **Delegate Jameson and the Speaker (By Request –**
Chapter 408 **Administration), et al**

RENEWABLE ENERGY PORTFOLIO STANDARD – RENEWABLE ENERGY CREDITS – SOLAR WATER HEATING SYSTEMS

Providing that energy from a specified solar water heating system is eligible for inclusion in meeting the renewable energy portfolio standard; providing that a person that owns and operates a specified solar water heating system shall receive a specified renewable energy credit under specified circumstances; requiring the total amount of energy generated and consumed by a nonresidential or commercial solar water heating system to be measured by a specified meter; etc.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2012

- HB 173** **The Speaker (By Request – Administration), et al**
Chapter 409 BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – INVEST
MARYLAND PROGRAM
- Establishing an Invest Maryland Program; establishing the Maryland Venture Fund Authority in the Department of Business and Economic Development; providing for the membership, terms, and duties of the Authority; requiring members of the Authority to file financial disclosures; allowing specified companies to purchase credits against the insurance premium tax in order to fund qualified investments in businesses in the State; providing for the administration of the credit by the Department; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011
- HB 1025** **The Speaker (By Request – Administration)**
Chapter 410 STATE GOVERNMENT – LAND ACQUISITIONS AND
TRANSFERS OF PROPERTY
- Requiring the Department of Natural Resources to negotiate land acquisitions under specified circumstances; requiring the Department to obtain two independent appraisals of a property before acquiring it; requiring specified land acquisition contracts to be approved by the Board of Public Works; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011
- SB 847** **The President (By Request – Administration) and Senator**
Chapter 411 **Klausmeier**
- NATURAL RESOURCES – AQUACULTURE
- Making the Department of Natural Resources responsible for the employment of the State’s Aquaculture Coordinator; transferring specified seafood-related programs, funds, and organizations from the Department of Agriculture to the Department of Natural Resources; altering the membership of the Aquaculture Review Board; authorizing the Department of Natural Resources to issue water column leases under specified circumstances; altering provisions relating to the issuance of submerged land leases; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011

HB 1039 The Speaker (By Request – Administration)

Chapter 412 HORSE RACING – DISTRIBUTION OF VIDEO LOTTERY REVENUES

Altering distributions from the Purse Dedication Account for horse racing licensees; altering the conditions under which a specified licensee is required to take specified actions in connection with the Bowie Training Center; providing the State with the right of first refusal when a specified training center is no longer required to operate as a specified training center; providing the City of Bowie with the right of second refusal when a specified training center is no longer required to operate as a specified training center; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011

SB 2 Senator Colburn, et al

Chapter 413 VEHICLE LAWS – REGISTRATION AND DRIVER'S LICENSE RENEWAL FEES – NO CHARGE FOR RECIPIENTS OF MEDAL OF HONOR

Prohibiting the Motor Vehicle Administration from charging a recipient of the Medal of Honor a fee for the renewal of the registration of a vehicle or for the renewal of a noncommercial driver's license.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

HB 1017 Delegate O'Donnell, et al

Chapter 414 VEHICLE LAWS – REGISTRATION AND DRIVER'S LICENSE RENEWAL FEES – NO CHARGE FOR RECIPIENTS OF MEDAL OF HONOR

Prohibiting the Motor Vehicle Administration from charging a recipient of the Medal of Honor a fee for the renewal of the registration of a vehicle or for the renewal of a noncommercial driver's license.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

SB 19

Senators Colburn and Edwards

Chapter 415

VEHICLE LAWS – EXCEPTIONAL HAULING PERMITS – FARM PRODUCTS

Authorizing the State Highway Administration to issue permits for specified vehicles carrying specified products and loads of specified maximum weights to operate in specified areas in specified circumstances and subject to specified conditions; expanding the scope of a permitting process for vehicles that carry specified forest products to include vehicles that carry specified farm products; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2011

SB 75

Senators Astle and Muse

Chapter 416

COMMERCIAL LAW – MARYLAND CONSUMER PROTECTION ACT – SCOPE

Expanding the scope of the Maryland Consumer Protection Act by altering the definition of “consumer” to include an individual who sells or offers for sale to a merchant consumer goods or consumer realty, and altering the definition of “merchant” to include a person who directly or indirectly purchases or offers to purchase any consumer goods or consumer realty and whose business includes paying off consumer debt in connection with the purchase of consumer goods or consumer realty; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

HB 128

Delegate Jameson, et al

Chapter 417

COMMERCIAL LAW – MARYLAND CONSUMER PROTECTION ACT – SCOPE

Expanding the scope of the Maryland Consumer Protection Act by altering the definition of “consumer” to include an individual who sells or offers for sale to a merchant consumer goods or consumer realty, and altering the definition of “merchant” to include a person who directly or indirectly purchases or offers to purchase any consumer goods or consumer realty and whose business includes paying off consumer debt in connection with the purchase of consumer goods or consumer realty; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

SB 88 **The President (By Request – Department of Legislative Services)**
Chapter 418

MARYLAND INSURANCE ADMINISTRATION – PROGRAM EVALUATION

Requiring that an evaluation under the Maryland Program Evaluation Act of the Maryland Insurance Administration and the statutes and regulations that relate to the Administration be performed on or before July 1, 2018.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011

SB 90 **The President (By Request – Department of Legislative Services)**
Chapter 419

STATE BOARD OF PODIATRIC MEDICAL EXAMINERS – SUNSET EXTENSION AND PROGRAM EVALUATION

Continuing the State Board of Podiatric Medical Examiners in accordance with the provisions of the Maryland Program Evaluation Act (sunset law) by extending to July 1, 2022, the termination provisions relating to authority of the Board; requiring that an evaluation of the Board and the statutes and regulations that relate to the Board be performed on or before July 1, 2021; and requiring the Board to report on regulation of podiatry in the State to specified committees of the General Assembly on or before October 1, 2015.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011

SB 102 **Senators Pipkin and Colburn**

Chapter 420 CAROLINE COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ACT OF 2011

Increasing to 26 the times a Class BWTS beer and wine (on-premises) tasting or sampling license may be granted in a calendar year to a person in Caroline County; altering the hours of sale for specified licensees; and requiring that a licensee in the county or an employee of the licensee be certified by an approved alcohol awareness program and, except in case of a bona fide emergency, be present during the hours in which alcohol may be sold.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011

- SB 104**
Chapter 421 **Senator King, et al**
JUDITH P. HOYER EARLY CHILD CARE AND EDUCATION ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM – ANNUAL REPORT
Requiring the State Department of Education to include in an annual report specified information relating to the Judith P. Hoyer Early Child Care and Education Enhancement Program and the participating agencies and programs; altering to November 1 of each year the date on or before which the report is to be submitted; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011
- SB 124**
Chapter 422 **Senator Astle, et al**
FLAG DISPLAY ON STATE HOUSE GROUNDS – POW/MIA FLAG AND A FLAG TO HONOR AND REMEMBER INDIVIDUALS WHO DIED IN THE LINE OF DUTY
Requiring that the POW/MIA flag and a flag to honor and remember members of the armed forces who died in the line of duty be flown on the State House grounds on specified days each year; adding Armed Forces Day and Independence Day to the days on which the POW/MIA flag is to be flown on the State House grounds; requiring the State House Trust to determine the site on the State House grounds where a specified flag will be flown; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011
- SB 139**
Chapter 423 **Senator Zirkin**
FAMILY LAW – GROUNDS FOR ABSOLUTE DIVORCE
Altering a ground for absolute divorce by reducing the amount of time required for the parties to have lived separate and apart without cohabitation; repealing a ground for divorce; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011
- HB 402**
Chapter 424 **Delegates Simmons and Kramer**
FAMILY LAW – GROUNDS FOR ABSOLUTE DIVORCE
Altering a ground for absolute divorce by reducing the amount of time required for the parties to have lived separate and apart without cohabitation; repealing a ground for divorce; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

SB 154 **Senator Colburn, et al**

Chapter 425

**HEALTH INSURANCE – AMBULANCE SERVICE PROVIDERS –
DIRECT REIMBURSEMENT**

Requiring health insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations to reimburse an ambulance service provider directly for covered services under specified circumstances; providing that an insured, a subscriber, or an enrollee of specified health insurance carriers may not be liable to specified ambulance service providers for specified services under specified circumstances; authorizing the Maryland Insurance Commissioner to adopt regulations to implement provisions of the Act; etc.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2012

HB 83 **Delegate K. Kelly, et al**

Chapter 426

**HEALTH INSURANCE – AMBULANCE SERVICE PROVIDERS –
DIRECT REIMBURSEMENT**

Requiring health insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations to reimburse an ambulance service provider directly for specified covered services under specified circumstances; providing that an insured, a subscriber, or an enrollee of specified health insurance carriers may not be liable to specified ambulance service providers for specified services under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2012

SB 159 **Senator Frosh, et al**

Chapter 427

NATURAL RESOURCES – OYSTER POACHING – HEARING

Providing that a person who is cited for unlawfully catching oysters may have a specified license revoked under specified circumstances; establishing grounds for license revocation; requiring the Department of Natural Resources to hold a hearing under specified circumstances in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act; requiring the Department to revoke a person's license to catch oysters under specified circumstances; and prohibiting a person from engaging or working in a specified fishery under specified circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

HB 273 **Delegate Gilchrist, et al**
Chapter 428 **NATURAL RESOURCES – OYSTER POACHING – HEARING**

Providing that a person who is cited for unlawfully catching oysters may have a specified license revoked under specified circumstances; establishing grounds for license revocation; requiring the Department of Natural Resources to hold a hearing under specified circumstances in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act; requiring the Department to revoke a person's license to catch oysters under specified circumstances; and prohibiting a person from engaging or working in a specified fishery under specified circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

SB 163 **Senator Brinkley, et al**
Chapter 429 **ALLEGANY COUNTY, BALTIMORE CITY, CHARLES COUNTY,
AND FREDERICK COUNTY – BOARDS OF ELECTIONS –
MEMBERSHIP**

Increasing to five the number of regular members and eliminating substitute members on the Allegany County Board of Elections, the Baltimore City Board of Elections, the Charles County Board of Elections, and the Frederick County Board of Elections; requiring the members of the boards to be of specified political parties; requiring that a vacancy on the boards be filled in a specified manner; and making the Act effective June 6, 2011.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 6, 2011

SB 188 **Senator Kittleman, et al**
Chapter 430 **RECREATIONAL FISHING LICENSES – EXEMPTION**

Authorizing the Department of Natural Resources to issue an annual exemption from the requirement to obtain a recreational fishing license under specified circumstances to a governmental entity or nonprofit organization to take individuals serving or who have served in the armed forces with physical or mental disabilities fishing in specified waters; requiring a specified application form; clarifying that the exemption applies to specified fishing activities; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2011

SB 199 **Senator Glassman**

Chapter 431

STATE RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEM – DIRECT MAILINGS BY RETIREE ORGANIZATIONS

Requiring a retiree organization to submit specified information to the Board of Trustees of the State Retirement and Pension System; requiring the Board of Trustees to review specified direct mailing materials before submitting retiree data to a mail processing center; altering the definition of “retiree organization” to expand the definition to include any organization in which State retirees participate and whose purpose is to represent or provide services to the retirees; etc.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

HB 249 **Delegate Proctor**

Chapter 432

STATE RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEM – DIRECT MAILINGS BY RETIREE ORGANIZATIONS

Requiring a retiree organization to submit specified information to the Board of Trustees of the State Retirement and Pension System; requiring the Board of Trustees to review specified direct mailing materials before submitting retiree data to a mail processing center; altering the definition of “retiree organization” to expand the definition to include any organization in which State retirees participate and whose primary purpose is representing or providing services to those retirees; etc.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

SB 203 **Senator Montgomery, et al**

Chapter 433

HEALTH CARE DECISIONS ACT – “MEDICAL ORDERS FOR LIFE–SUSTAINING TREATMENT” FORM

Requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, in conjunction with the Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems and the State Board of Physicians, to develop and periodically revise a “Medical Orders for Life–Sustaining Treatment” form; requiring specified health care facilities and authorizing other health care providers to use a “Medical Orders for Life–Sustaining Treatment” form; repealing provisions of law relating to the “Instructions on Current Life–Sustaining Treatment Options” form; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

HB 82
Chapter 434 **Delegates Morhaim and Kipke**
HEALTH CARE DECISIONS ACT – “MEDICAL ORDERS FOR LIFE–SUSTAINING TREATMENT” FORM

Requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, in conjunction with the Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems and the State Board of Physicians, to develop and periodically revise a “Medical Orders for Life–Sustaining Treatment” form; requiring specified health care facilities and authorizing other health care providers to use a “Medical Orders for Life–Sustaining Treatment” form; repealing provisions of law relating to the “Instructions on Current Life–Sustaining Treatment Options” form; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

SB 212
Chapter 435 **Senator Klausmeier, et al**
WORKERS’ COMPENSATION – DEATH BENEFITS – DEPENDENCY

Providing that specified death benefit provisions of the workers’ compensation law apply only to specified covered employees of a municipal corporation or a county, and their dependents; altering the authority of the Workers’ Compensation Commission to make determinations of dependency; altering the provisions relating to calculation of death benefits for individuals who are wholly or partly dependent; providing for the amount of death benefits to specified dependents; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

HB 417
Chapter 436 **Delegate Jameson, et al**
WORKERS’ COMPENSATION – DEATH BENEFITS – DEPENDENCY

Providing that specified death benefit provisions of the workers’ compensation law apply only to specified covered employees of a municipal corporation or a county, and their dependents; altering the authority of the Workers’ Compensation Commission to make specified determinations of dependency; altering the provisions relating to calculation of death benefits for individuals who are wholly or partly dependent; providing for the amount of death benefits to specified dependents; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

SB 228

Senator Glassman, et al

Chapter 437

AGRICULTURAL PRODUCT SALES – PRODUCER MOBILE FARMER’S MARKET LICENSE – PUBLIC FESTIVAL AND EVENT AUTHORIZATION

Altering a specified definition to exclude the sale of certain raw agricultural products at a public festival or event from regulation as a food service facility; prohibiting a local jurisdiction from requiring a license for the sale of raw agricultural products at a public festival or event; authorizing a producer mobile farmer’s market licensee to sell specified products at a public festival or event; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

SB 230

Senator King, et al

Chapter 438

PUBLIC INFORMATION ACT – REQUIRED DENIALS – SENIOR CITIZEN ACTIVITIES CENTERS

Requiring a custodian of records under the Public Information Act to deny inspection of the part of a public record that contains the name, address, telephone number, or electronic mail address of any individual enrolled in or any member of a senior citizen activities center; requiring a custodian to permit inspection of specified information by a person in interest, law enforcement personnel, and emergency personnel; defining terms; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

HB 329

Delegate S. Robinson, et al

Chapter 439

PUBLIC INFORMATION ACT – REQUIRED DENIALS – SENIOR CITIZEN ACTIVITIES CENTERS

Requiring a custodian of records under the Public Information Act to deny inspection of the part of a public record that contains the name, address, telephone number, or electronic mail address of any individual enrolled in or a member of a senior citizen activities center; requiring a custodian to permit inspection of specified information by a person in interest, law enforcement personnel, and emergency services personnel; defining terms; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

- SB 253**
Chapter 440 **Senator Edwards**
GARRETT COUNTY – VACANCY IN OFFICE OF COUNTY COMMISSIONER – APPOINTMENT PROCESS
- Altering the procedures for filling a vacancy in an office of county commissioner in Garrett County by requiring the Governor to use procedures required for other commission counties, subject to the requirement that in Garrett County the nominee or appointee reside in the same commissioner district in which the former county commissioner resided.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011
- SB 258**
Chapter 441 **Senator Montgomery**
STATE BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY EXAMINERS – LICENSURE AND REGULATION
- Authorizing the State Board of Physical Therapy Examiners to send license renewal notices by electronic means; altering the amount of the maximum penalty for specified violations from \$5,000 to \$10,000; and altering definitions.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011
- HB 188**
Chapter 442 **Delegate Donoghue**
STATE BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY EXAMINERS – LICENSURE AND REGULATION
- Authorizing the State Board of Physical Therapy Examiners to send license renewal notices by electronic means; altering the amount of the maximum fine for specified violations from \$5,000 to \$10,000; and altering definitions.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011
- SB 294**
Chapter 443 **Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee (By Request – Departmental – Labor, Licensing and Regulation)**
STATE BOARD OF PILOTS – LIMITED LICENSES TO PROVIDE PILOTAGE
- Increasing by specified amounts the vessel draft lengths for the limited pilotage licenses the State Board of Pilots may issue.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011

SB 302 **Senator Jones–Rodwell (By Request – Baltimore City**
Chapter 444 **Administration)**

**BALTIMORE CITY – ZONING REQUIREMENTS –
ADMINISTRATIVE ADJUSTMENTS**

Expanding the applicability to Baltimore City of specified provisions related to administrative adjustments to specified zoning requirements.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

SB 317 **Senator Pinsky, et al**

Chapter 445 **HOMEOWNER’S INSURANCE – VICTIMS OF CRIMES OF
VIOLENCE – DISCRIMINATION PROHIBITED**

Prohibiting insurers, based solely on information about an individual’s status as a victim of a crime of violence, from taking specified actions relating to a policy of homeowner’s insurance; providing that an insurer may not deny payment to a specified innocent coinsured under specified circumstances; limiting payment to an innocent coinsured under specified circumstances; authorizing an insurer to exclude specified property from coverage; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

HB 647 **Delegate Braveboy**

Chapter 446 **HOMEOWNER’S INSURANCE – VICTIMS OF CRIMES OF
VIOLENCE – DISCRIMINATION PROHIBITED**

Prohibiting insurers, based solely on information about an individual’s status as a victim of a crime of violence, from taking specified actions relating to a policy of homeowner’s insurance; providing that an insurer may not deny payment to a specified innocent coinsured under specified circumstances; limiting payment to an innocent coinsured under specified circumstances; authorizing an insurer to exclude specified property from coverage, etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

- SB 320**
Chapter 447 **Senator Montgomery, et al**
ENVIRONMENT – PHOSPHORUS – COMMERCIAL
DISHWASHING DETERGENT
Prohibiting a person from using, selling, manufacturing, or
distributing for use or sale commercial dishwashing detergents that
contain greater than 0.5 percent of phosphorus by weight after July
1, 2013; and repealing obsolete language.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011
- HB 53**
Chapter 448 **Delegate Hubbard**
ENVIRONMENT – PHOSPHORUS – COMMERCIAL
DISHWASHING DETERGENT
Prohibiting a person from using, selling, manufacturing, or
distributing for use or sale commercial dishwashing detergents that
contain greater than 0.5 percent phosphorus by weight after July 1,
2013; and repealing obsolete language.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011
- SB 328**
Chapter 449 **Senator Kasemeyer**
ESTATES AND TRUSTS – TRANSFERS – RECORDATION AND
TRANSFER TAXES
Altering a prohibition on the imposition of taxes on property
transfers by a personal representative without consideration or the
recordation of instruments effecting those transfers; prohibiting the
imposition of specified taxes on specified transfers of real property to
or from specified trusts or the recordation of instruments effecting
those transfers; providing exemptions under the recordation tax and
State transfer tax relating to specified transfers from an estate and
specified transfers to or from specified trusts; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011

SB 334 **Senators Kelley and Frosh**

Chapter 450

REAL PROPERTY – DEPOSITS ON NEW HOMES – ESCROW ACCOUNTS

Clarifying the circumstances under which a vendor or builder of a new single-family residential unit is required to deposit money in an escrow account or obtain and maintain a surety bond or irrevocable letter of credit; authorizing the vendor or builder to make withdrawals from an escrow account that consists of sums received to finance the construction of a residential unit to pay for labor and materials; establishing that specified money shall be held in trust; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011

HB 379 **Delegate Niemann, et al**

Chapter 451

REAL PROPERTY – DEPOSITS ON NEW HOMES – ESCROW ACCOUNTS

Clarifying the circumstances under which a vendor or builder of a new single-family residential unit is required to deposit money in an escrow account or obtain and maintain a surety bond or irrevocable letter of credit; authorizing the vendor or builder to make withdrawals from an escrow account under specified circumstances; providing that a banking institution or national banking association at which an escrow account is maintained is not responsible for a withdrawal from the escrow account under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011

SB 358 **Senator Jones–Rodwell (Chair, Joint Committee on Pensions)**

Chapter 452

AUDIT RESPONSIBILITIES – STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, MARYLAND HIGHER EDUCATION COMMISSION, AND STATE RETIREMENT AGENCY

Requiring the county boards of education to conduct specified audits under specified circumstances; requiring local school systems to reimburse the State for employer contributions for specified employees participating in the Teachers' Retirement System or the Teachers' Pension System; providing that the State Department of Education may authorize specified county boards of education and public libraries to conduct specified audits; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011

SB 369 **Senator Conway**
Chapter 453 EDUCATION – SCHOOL BUSES – FIRE SAFETY STANDARDS

Requiring that a school bus be constructed with materials that enable it to meet criteria of the school bus seat upholstery fire block test established by National School Transportation specifications; requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration, with the advice of the State Department of Education, to adopt regulations to promote fire safety standards of school buses; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

SB 372 **Senator Conway**
Chapter 454 ENVIRONMENT – NITROGEN REMOVAL TECHNOLOGY –
EVALUATION AND RANKING

Requiring the Department of the Environment to evaluate and rank all best available nitrogen removal technologies for on-site sewage disposal systems to advise local governments and residents of the State of approved technologies that qualify for funding under the Bay Restoration Fund; requiring the Department to post the evaluation and ranking on the Department's Web site; requiring the Department to provide the evaluation and ranking to a county, municipality, or resident of the State under specified circumstances; etc.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2011

HB 347 **Delegate Lafferty**
Chapter 455 ENVIRONMENT – NITROGEN REMOVAL TECHNOLOGY –
EVALUATION AND RANKING

Requiring the Department of the Environment to evaluate and rank all best available nitrogen removal technologies for on-site sewage disposal systems to advise local governments and citizens of the State of approved technologies that qualify for funding under the Bay Restoration Fund; requiring the Department to make available a specified evaluation and ranking on the Department's Web site; requiring the Department to provide evaluation and ranking information to a county, municipality, or State resident; etc.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2011

- SB 384**
Chapter 456 **Senator Mathias**
HEALTH – STATE FACILITIES AND RESIDENTIAL CENTERS –
DEFINITION OF ABUSE
- Altering specified definitions of “abuse” for purposes of specified reporting requirements by specifying that “abuse” does not include specified actions that comply with State and federal laws and Department of Health and Mental Hygiene policies.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011
- HB 346**
Chapter 457 **Delegate Donoghue, et al**
HEALTH – STATE FACILITIES AND RESIDENTIAL CENTERS –
DEFINITION OF ABUSE
- Altering definitions of “abuse” for purposes of specified reporting requirements by specifying that “abuse” does not include actions that comply with State and federal laws and Department of Health and Mental Hygiene policies.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011
- SB 392**
Chapter 458 **Senator Shank, et al**
WASHINGTON COUNTY – WATER AND SEWER DEBT
REDUCTION FUND – CONOCOCHIEAGUE INDUSTRIAL
PRETREATMENT FACILITY
- Repealing provisions of law relating to the Washington County Water and Sewer Debt Reduction Fund; requiring the County Commissioners of Washington County to ensure service of the debt for the Conococheague Industrial Pretreatment Facility from the Washington County general fund and revenues generated by the pretreatment facility; prohibiting the County Commissioners from using the debt service costs for the Conococheague Industrial Pretreatment Facility as a factor in the establishment or adjustment of water and sewer rates; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

SB 397 **Senator Klausmeier**

Chapter 459

**TASK FORCE ON THE MEMBERSHIP AND OPERATION OF THE
BALTIMORE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION**

Establishing the Task Force on the Membership and Operation of the Baltimore County Board of Education; providing for the chairs and staff for the Task Force; prohibiting a member of the Task Force from receiving compensation but entitling members to reimbursement for specified expenses; requiring the Task Force to make specified findings and recommendations, including recommendations regarding the method of selecting the Baltimore City Board of Education; terminating the Act at the end of December 31, 2011; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011

HB 398 **Baltimore County Delegation**

Chapter 460

**TASK FORCE ON THE MEMBERSHIP AND OPERATION OF THE
BALTIMORE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION**

Establishing the Task Force on the Membership and Operation of the Baltimore County Board of Education; providing for the chairs and staff for the Task Force; prohibiting a member of the Task Force from receiving compensation but entitling members to reimbursement for specified expenses; requiring the Task Force to make specified findings and recommendations, including recommendations regarding the method of selecting the Baltimore County Board of Education; terminating the Act at the end of December 31, 2011; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011

SB 398 **Senator King, et al**

Chapter 461

**SALES AND USE TAX – SALE OF ELECTRICITY GENERATED
BY SOLAR ENERGY AND RESIDENTIAL WIND ENERGY
EQUIPMENT – EXEMPTION**

Providing an exemption from the sales and use tax for the sale of electricity generated by specified solar energy equipment or specified residential wind energy equipment for use in residential property owned by an eligible customer-generator.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011

HB 502 **Delegate Barve, et al**

Chapter 462

SALES AND USE TAX – SALE OF ELECTRICITY GENERATED BY SOLAR ENERGY AND RESIDENTIAL WIND ENERGY EQUIPMENT – EXEMPTION

Providing an exemption from the sales and use tax for the sale of electricity generated by specified solar energy equipment or specified residential wind energy equipment for use in residential property owned by an eligible customer-generator.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011

SB 400 **Senator King, et al**

Chapter 463

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE – CERTIFICATES OF FOREIGN BIRTH – IH-3 VISA

Requiring the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene, on request, to prepare and register a certificate of foreign birth for specified individuals who have been granted an IH-3 visa by the United States Immigration and Naturalization Service; and requiring the certificate to be established on receipt of specified documents, including proof of IH-3 visa status.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

HB 1180 **Delegate Barkley**

Chapter 464

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE – CERTIFICATES OF FOREIGN BIRTH – IH-3 VISA

Requiring the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene, on request, to prepare and register a certificate of foreign birth for specified individuals who have been granted an IH-3 visa by the United States Immigration and Naturalization Service; and requiring the certificate to be established on receipt of specified documents, including proof of IH-3 visa status.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

SB 402 **Senators Glassman and Pugh**

Chapter 465

**MOTOR CARRIER COMPANIES – LOCAL PUBLIC
TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS – EXEMPTION FROM MOTOR
CARRIER PERMIT REQUIREMENT**

Providing that a motor carrier permit is not required for a local public transportation system established under a law enacted by the local governing body of a county or municipal corporation; providing that a motor carrier permit is not required for a motor vehicle used by a privately owned transportation company exclusively to provide transportation system services under a specified contract; requiring a privately owned transportation company to obtain a specified motor carrier permit; and repealing exemptions for particular counties.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011

SB 410 **Senator Raskin**

Chapter 466

**STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION – UNAUTHORIZED SIGNS
ON HIGHWAY RIGHTS-OF-WAY**

Providing for original jurisdiction of the District Court for specified actions; prohibiting a person without authorization from the State Highway Administration from placing a sign within the right-of-way of a State highway; clarifying that such signs may be removed by the Administration or other designated agencies; authorizing the Administration or a specified county or municipal corporation government to collect civil penalties and to seek an injunction against specified violations; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

HB 289 **Delegate Pena-Melnyk, et al**

Chapter 467

**STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION – UNAUTHORIZED SIGNS
ON HIGHWAY RIGHTS-OF-WAY**

Providing for original jurisdiction of the District Court for specified actions; prohibiting a person without authorization from the State Highway Administration from placing a sign within the right-of-way of a State highway; clarifying that such signs may be removed by the Administration or other designated agencies; authorizing the Administration or a specified county or municipal corporation government to collect civil penalties and to seek an injunction against specified violations; repealing a reporting requirement; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

SB 414

Senator Frosh

Chapter 468

**NATURAL RESOURCES – ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES –
ELECTRONIC CITATIONS, INSPECTIONS, AND HEARINGS**

Altering the acknowledgment procedures for citations issued by specified police officers for specified natural resources violations; repealing a hearing requirement that must be met before the Department of Natural Resources may suspend a recreational or commercial fishing license and requiring the Department to provide notice to specified persons of the right to a hearing; authorizing the Department to suspend a recreational or commercial fishing license without a hearing under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011

HB 396

Delegate Beidle, et al

Chapter 469

**NATURAL RESOURCES – ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES –
ELECTRONIC CITATIONS, INSPECTIONS, AND HEARINGS**

Altering the acknowledgment procedures for citations issued by specified police officers for specified natural resources violations; repealing a hearing requirement that must be met before the Department of Natural Resources may suspend a recreational or commercial fishing license and requiring the Department to provide notice to specified persons of the right to a hearing; authorizing the Department to suspend a recreational or commercial fishing license without a hearing under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011

SB 421

Senators Edwards and Middleton

Chapter 470

**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; repealing a limitation on the use of specified funds; authorizing a local government, if it qualifies for specified additional development project funds, to use 25% of the funds for land acquisition, repair or renovation of existing recreational facilities, or capital renewal under specified circumstances; and terminating the Act at the end of May 31, 2014.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2011

SB 424 **Senators Brochin and Forehand**

Chapter 471

**MOTOR VEHICLES – USE OF TEXT MESSAGING DEVICE
WHILE DRIVING – PROHIBITED ACTS**

Prohibiting a person from using a text messaging device to read a text message while operating a motor vehicle; clarifying that a specified prohibition against a person using a text messaging device to write, send, or read a text message while operating a motor vehicle includes a prohibition against writing, sending, or reading an electronic message; and repealing a provision of law that applies the text messaging prohibition to an operator of a motor vehicle only if the motor vehicle is in motion.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

HB 196 **Delegate Malone, et al**

Chapter 472

**MOTOR VEHICLES – USE OF TEXT MESSAGING DEVICE
WHILE DRIVING – PROHIBITED ACTS**

Prohibiting a person from using a text messaging device to read a text message while operating a motor vehicle; clarifying that a specified prohibition against a person using a text messaging device to write, send, or read a text message while operating a motor vehicle includes a prohibition against writing, sending, or reading an electronic message; and repealing a provision of law that applies the text messaging prohibition to an operator of a motor vehicle only if the motor vehicle is in motion.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

SB 430 **Senator Klausmeier**

Chapter 473

**BALTIMORE COUNTY – PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYEES –
COLLECTIVE BARGAINING UNITS**

Requiring the Board of Education of Baltimore County to meet and confer with an employee organization that represents specified certificated and noncertificated employees by November 1, 2011, regarding the job titles to be included in the unit.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011

- HB 683**
Chapter 474 **Delegate Jones, et al**
BALTIMORE COUNTY – PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYEES – COLLECTIVE BARGAINING UNITS
Requiring the Board of Education of Baltimore County to meet and confer with an employee organization representing specified certificated and noncertificated employees by November 1, 2011, regarding the job titles to be included in the unit.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011
- SB 431**
Chapter 475 **Senator Klausmeier (By Request – Baltimore County Administration)**
BALTIMORE COUNTY – TAX SALES – NOTIFICATION
Eliminating a requirement that in Baltimore County the collector post a statement and notice on a property before the property is advertised for sale at a tax sale; eliminating a fee related to tax sales; including among the allowable expenses relating to specified tax sales in Baltimore County a fee that may be established by the County Executive and subject to review by the County Council of Baltimore County for legal services, administrative costs, and mailing expenses, to be paid into the general fund of Baltimore County; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011
- SB 436**
Chapter 476 **Senator Rosapepe**
PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY – MUNICIPAL CORPORATIONS – TAX CREDIT FOR REVITALIZATION DISTRICTS PG 415–11
Authorizing the governing body of a municipal corporation in Prince George’s County to establish by resolution specified areas within the municipal corporation as revitalization districts; authorizing the governing body of a municipal corporation in Prince George’s County to grant a property tax credit against the municipal corporation property tax imposed on real property within a designated revitalization district; etc.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2011

- SB 450** **Senator Frosh**
Chapter 477 REAL PROPERTY – RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY FORECLOSURE
 PROCEDURES – LOST NOTE AFFIDAVIT
- Prohibiting a court, in an action to foreclose a mortgage or deed of trust on residential property, from accepting a lost note affidavit in lieu of a copy of the debt instrument unless the affidavit contains specified information; and applying the Act prospectively.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011
- HB 412** **Delegate Niemann**
Chapter 478 REAL PROPERTY – RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY FORECLOSURE
 PROCEDURES – LOST NOTE AFFIDAVIT
- Prohibiting a court, in an action to foreclose a mortgage or deed of trust on residential property, from accepting a lost note affidavit in lieu of a copy of the debt instrument unless the affidavit contains specified information; and applying the Act prospectively.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011
- SB 466** **Carroll County Senators**
Chapter 479 CARROLL COUNTY – WINERY SPECIAL EVENT PERMITS –
 FARMERS’ MARKETS
- Authorizing the issuance of not more than 12 additional winery special event permits to specified wineries for use in specified farmers’ markets in Carroll County; etc.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2011
- SB 476** **Senator Benson**
Chapter 480 PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS AND THERAPISTS –
 CONTINUING EDUCATION – HOME STUDY
- Repealing a provision prohibiting the State Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists from authorizing home study courses towards completion of continuing education requirements.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

- HB 311** **Delegate Hubbard**
Chapter 481 PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS AND THERAPISTS –
CONTINUING EDUCATION – HOME STUDY
- Repealing a provision prohibiting the State Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists from authorizing home study courses towards completion of continuing education requirements.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011
- SB 479** **Senator Conway, et al**
Chapter 482 TRANSPORTATION – PROCUREMENT FOR MARC SERVICE
- Prohibiting specified entities from being considered a responsible bidder or offeror for specified contracts to provide Maryland Area Regional Commuter (MARC) service unless the entities comply with specified requirements; requiring that, in conjunction with the submission of specified bids or offers, specified entities provide specified units with a statement and estimated date for completing a process of assembling records; requiring entities to notify specified units of changes to a specified estimated date; etc.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2011
- HB 520** **Delegate Rosenberg, et al**
Chapter 483 TRANSPORTATION – PROCUREMENT FOR MARC SERVICE
- Prohibiting specified entities from being considered a responsible bidder or offeror for specified contracts to provide Maryland Area Regional Commuter (MARC) service unless the entities comply with specified requirements; requiring that, in conjunction with the submission of specified bids or offers, specified entities provide specified units with a statement and estimated date for completing the process of assembling records; requiring entities to notify specified units of changes to a specified estimated date; etc.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2011

SB 487 **Senator Middleton, et al**
Chapter 484 FERTILIZER USE ACT OF 2011

Establishing labeling requirements for specialty fertilizer used on specified turf; exempting organic fertilizer sold to specified fertilizer applicators from a specified prohibition; requiring the Department of Agriculture, in consultation with the University of Maryland, to establish a professional fertilizer applicator certification program; establishing specified maximum limits for nitrogen and phosphorus in fertilizer; prohibiting a person from selling specified fertilizer; etc.
VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

HB 573 **Delegate Hubbard, et al**
Chapter 485 FERTILIZER USE ACT OF 2011

Establishing labeling requirements for specialty fertilizer used on specified turf; exempting organic fertilizer sold to specified fertilizer applicators from a specified prohibition; requiring the Department of Agriculture, in consultation with the University of Maryland, to establish a professional fertilizer applicator certification program; establishing specified maximum limits for nitrogen and phosphorus in fertilizer; prohibiting a person from selling specified fertilizer; etc.
VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

SB 489 **Senator Conway, et al**
Chapter 486 NONPUBLIC SCHOOLS PARTICIPATING IN STATE-FUNDED
EDUCATION PROGRAMS – BULLYING, HARASSMENT, AND
INTIMIDATION – POLICIES

Requiring nonpublic schools that participate in State-funded education programs to adopt by March 31, 2012, a policy prohibiting bullying, harassment, and intimidation; requiring the policy to include specified provisions; encouraging nonpublic schools to develop the policy in consultation with specified groups and to publicize the policy in a specified manner; providing that specified employees who report acts of bullying, harassment, or intimidation are not civilly liable under specified circumstances; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011

- HB 38**
Chapter 487 **Delegate Waldstreicher, et al**
NONPUBLIC SCHOOLS PARTICIPATING IN STATE-FUNDED EDUCATION PROGRAMS – BULLYING, HARASSMENT, AND INTIMIDATION – POLICIES
- Requiring nonpublic schools that participate in State-funded education programs to adopt by March 31, 2012, a policy prohibiting bullying, harassment, and intimidation; requiring the policy to include specified provisions; encouraging nonpublic schools to develop the policy in consultation with specified groups and to publicize the policy in a specified manner; providing that specified employees who report acts of bullying, harassment, or intimidation are not civilly liable under specified circumstances; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011
- SB 493**
Chapter 488 **Senator Peters**
PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS – FUNDING ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY ACT
- Requiring the Prince George’s County Board of Education to develop and operate a specified web site that includes specified information about specified payments; specifying parameters of the web site; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011
- HB 1113**
Chapter 489 **Prince George’s County Delegation**
PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS – FUNDING ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY ACT PG 421-11
- Requiring the Prince George’s County Board of Education to develop and operate a specified Web site that includes specified information about specified payments; specifying parameters of the Web site; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011

SB 494 **Senator Edwards**

Chapter 490

**INCOME TAX CREDIT – TEACHERS AT STATE AND LOCAL
CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES FOR ADULTS AND JUVENILES**

Altering a credit against the State income tax for up to \$1,500 of tuition costs of specified teachers to include teachers at State or local correctional facilities and specified juvenile facilities; providing that a teacher at a State or local correctional facility or specified juvenile facilities who is reimbursed for the tuition may not claim the credit for the amount of tuition that is reimbursed; and applying the Act to tax years beginning after December 31, 2010.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011

SB 532 **Senators Currie and Benson**

Chapter 491

**REAL PROPERTY – HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION ELECTIONS
– ENFORCEMENT BY THE DIVISION OF CONSUMER
PROTECTION**

Authorizing a lot owner who believes that the board of directors or other governing body of a homeowners association has failed to comply with the election procedures provisions of the governing documents of the homeowners association to submit the dispute to the Division of Consumer Protection of the Office of the Attorney General if the provisions concern specified elements of the election procedures.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

SB 539 **Senator Colburn, et al**

Chapter 492

**ENVIRONMENT – BAY RESTORATION FUND – AUTHORIZED
USES**

Authorizing specified fee revenue collected for the Bay Restoration Fund to be used to pay the cost of connecting properties served by onsite sewage disposal systems to specified existing municipal wastewater facilities under specified circumstances; and establishing conditions for the funding of specified costs.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

- HB 57**
Chapter 493 **Delegates Costa and Vitale**
ENVIRONMENT – BAY RESTORATION FUND – AUTHORIZED USES
- Authorizing specified fee revenue collected for the Bay Restoration Fund to be used to pay the cost of connecting properties served by onsite sewage disposal systems to specified existing municipal wastewater facilities under specified circumstances; and establishing conditions for the funding of specified costs.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011
- SB 551**
Chapter 494 **Senator Kelley, et al**
MARYLAND WAGE AND HOUR LAW – PROHIBITED ACTS OF EMPLOYERS – ADVERSE ACTION
- Prohibiting an employer from taking adverse action against an employee who makes a complaint, brings an action, or testifies in an action under the Maryland Wage and Hour Law; specifying that the adverse action prohibited includes discharge, demotion, threat of discharge or demotion, and other specified retaliatory actions; prohibiting the conviction of an employer without specified evidence; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011
- HB 1130**
Chapter 495 **Delegate Hucker, et al**
MARYLAND WAGE AND HOUR LAW – PROHIBITED ACTS OF EMPLOYERS – ADVERSE ACTION
- Prohibiting an employer from taking adverse action against an employee who makes a complaint, brings an action, or testifies in an action under the Maryland Wage and Hour Law; specifying that the adverse action prohibited includes discharge, demotion, threat of discharge or demotion, and other specified retaliatory actions; prohibiting the conviction of an employer without specified evidence; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

SB 578 **Senator Muse, et al**

Chapter 496

STATE BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS – DENTISTS AND DENTAL HYGIENISTS – LICENSES, TEMPORARY VOLUNTEER LICENSES, AND TEMPORARY DENTAL CLINIC PERMITS

Establishing a temporary volunteer dentist's license, a temporary volunteer dental hygienist's license, and a temporary dental clinic permit under the State Board of Dental Examiners; altering specified qualifications; establishing procedures for dentists, dental hygienists, and bona fide charitable organizations to apply for specified licenses and permits; establishing the scope of practice of specified licenses; requiring temporary dental clinics to have a medical emergency plan and specified equipment and safeguards; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011

HB 354 **Delegate V. Turner, et al**

Chapter 497

STATE BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS – DENTISTS AND DENTAL HYGIENISTS – LICENSES, TEMPORARY VOLUNTEER LICENSES, AND TEMPORARY DENTAL CLINIC PERMITS

Establishing a temporary volunteer dentist's license, a temporary volunteer dental hygienist's license, and a temporary dental clinic permit under the State Board of Dental Examiners; altering specified qualifications; establishing procedures for dentists, dental hygienists, and bona fide charitable organizations to apply for specified licenses and permits; establishing the scope of practice of specified licenses; requiring temporary dental clinics to have a medical emergency plan and specified equipment and safeguards; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011

SB 584 **Senator Jacobs, et al**

Chapter 498

PUBLIC HEALTH – CORD BLOOD TRANSPLANT PROGRAM

Establishing the Cord Blood Transplant Program in the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene for specified purposes; establishing the Cord Blood Transplant Center Support Fund; providing for the purpose of the Fund; requiring the Department to administer the Fund; specifying that the Fund is a special, nonlapsing fund not subject to a specified provision of law; requiring the State Treasurer to hold the fund separately and invest and reinvest money in the Fund in a specified manner; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

HB 983 **Delegate Rudolph, et al**
Chapter 499 PUBLIC HEALTH – CORD BLOOD TRANSPLANT PROGRAM

Establishing the Cord Blood Transplant Program in the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene for specified purposes; establishing the Cord Blood Transplant Center Support Fund; providing for the purpose of the Fund; requiring the Department to administer the Fund; specifying that the Fund is a special, nonlapsing fund not subject to a specified provision of law; requiring the State Treasurer to hold the fund separately and invest and reinvest money in the Fund in a specified manner; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

SB 595 **Senator Raskin, et al**
Chapter 500 CORPORATIONS AND ASSOCIATIONS – NAME
REQUIREMENTS FOR BENEFIT CORPORATIONS AND
LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANIES – ELECTION TO BE A
BENEFIT LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

Authorizing a Maryland limited liability company to elect to be a benefit limited liability company by including a specified statement in its articles of organization; specifying the process by which a limited liability company may terminate its status as a benefit limited liability company; requiring a clear reference to the fact that a limited liability company is a benefit limited liability company to appear prominently at the head of specified articles of organization or an amendment to the articles of organization; etc.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2011

HB 1151 **Delegate Feldman**
Chapter 501 CORPORATIONS AND ASSOCIATIONS – NAME
REQUIREMENTS FOR BENEFIT CORPORATIONS AND
LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANIES – ELECTION TO BE A
BENEFIT LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

Authorizing a Maryland limited liability company to elect to be a benefit limited liability company by including a specified statement in its articles of organization; specifying the process by which a limited liability company may terminate its status as a benefit limited liability company; requiring a clear reference to the fact that a limited liability company is a benefit limited liability company to appear prominently at the head of specified articles of organization or an amendment to the articles of organization; etc.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2011

- SB 609** **Senator Ferguson, et al**
Chapter 502 PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOLS – SCHOOL SITES AND BUILDINGS – AVAILABILITY FOR OCCUPATION AND USE
- Requiring specified county boards of education to inform the county commissioners or the county council if specified land, schools sites, or buildings have been determined by the county board to be no longer needed for school purposes under specified circumstances; requiring a county board to inform public charter schools in the county if school sites or buildings have been determined by the county board to be no longer needed for school purposes under specified circumstances; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011
- SB 615** **Senators Jones–Rodwell and McFadden**
Chapter 503 EDUCATION – RESIDENTIAL BOARDING EDUCATION PROGRAMS FOR AT–RISK YOUTH – FUNDING
- Requiring the Governor to appropriate specified funds to the State Department of Education to cover the transportation, boarding, and administrative costs of residential boarding education programs for at–risk youth; limiting the total amount of funds to an amount adequate to fund 400 students per fiscal year; and defining terms.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011
- HB 448** **Delegate Ivey, et al**
Chapter 504 EDUCATION – RESIDENTIAL BOARDING EDUCATION PROGRAMS FOR AT–RISK YOUTH – FUNDING
- Requiring the Governor to appropriate specified funds to the State Department of Education to cover the transportation, boarding, and administrative costs of residential boarding education programs for at–risk youth; limiting the total amount of funds to an amount adequate to fund 400 students per fiscal year; and defining terms.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011

SB 635 **Senators Frosh and Simonaire**

Chapter 505

**NATURAL RESOURCES – AUTHORIZATION TO CATCH
STRIPED BASS AND CRABS – REVOCATION**

Providing that a person who commits a specified offense related to unlawfully taking striped bass or crabs may have a specified authorization revoked; requiring the Department of Natural Resources, in consultation with the Tidal Fisheries Advisory Commission and the Sport Fisheries Advisory Commission, to adopt regulations that establish grounds for the revocation of a specified authorization, including specified categories of violations; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011

HB 1154 **Delegate Gilchrist**

Chapter 506

**NATURAL RESOURCES – AUTHORIZATION TO CATCH
STRIPED BASS AND CRABS – REVOCATION**

Providing that a person who commits a specified offense related to unlawfully taking striped bass or crabs may have a specified authorization revoked; requiring the Department of Natural Resources, in consultation with the Tidal Fisheries Advisory Commission and the Sport Fisheries Advisory Commission, to adopt regulations that establish grounds for the revocation of a specified authorization, including specified categories of violations; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011

SB 638 **Senator Benson, et al**

Chapter 507

**VIDEO LOTTERY TERMINAL APPLICANTS AND LICENSEES –
MINORITY BUSINESS PARTICIPATION – MODIFICATIONS
AND SUNSET EXTENSION**

Specifying July 1, 2018, as the termination date for provisions of law relating to minority participation in video lottery facility operations, and for specified duties of the State Lottery Commission and the Governor's Office of Minority Affairs relating to the monitoring, reporting, and taking action on specified activities.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2011

SB 644 **Senators Ferguson and Madaleno**

Chapter 508

STATE GOVERNMENT – TRANSPARENCY AND OPEN GOVERNMENT

Establishing the Joint Committee on Transparency and Open Government; requiring the Committee to make recommendations on State transparency goals and policies, review laws, programs, services, and policies, and consult with specified State entities; requiring the Committee to submit an annual report to the General Assembly on or before a specified date; providing that a public body need not prepare written minutes of an open meeting if a live and archived video or audio streaming of the open session is available; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2011

HB 766 **Delegate Mizeur, et al**

Chapter 509

STATE GOVERNMENT – TRANSPARENCY AND OPEN GOVERNMENT

Establishing the Joint Committee on Transparency and Open Government; requiring the Committee to make recommendations on State transparency goals and policies, review laws, programs, services, and policies, and consult with specified State entities; requiring the Committee to submit an annual report to the General Assembly on or before a specified date; providing that a public body need not prepare written minutes of an open meeting if a live and archived video or audio streaming of the open session is available; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2011

SB 645 **Senator Ferguson**

Chapter 510

BALTIMORE CITY – SALE OF PROPERTY TO ENFORCE LIEN FOR WATER AND SEWER SERVICE

Prohibiting the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City from selling property to enforce a lien for unpaid charges for water and sewer service under specified circumstances.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011

- HB 867** **Delegate Oaks, et al**
Chapter 511 **BALTIMORE CITY – SALE OF PROPERTY TO ENFORCE LIEN
FOR WATER AND SEWER SERVICE**
- Prohibiting the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City from selling property to enforce a lien for unpaid charges for water and sewer service under specified circumstances.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011
- SB 655** **Senator Pinsky, et al**
Chapter 512 **NATURAL RESOURCES – COMMERCIAL FISHING VIOLATIONS
– ENHANCED PENALTIES**
- Establishing specified enhanced penalties for a person who commits a specified separate commercial fisheries violation while the person’s commercial fishing license or authorization is suspended or revoked or who engages in commercial fishing activities without an appropriate license or authorization; requiring that specified fines imposed under the Act be paid into the Fisheries Research and Development Fund; and clarifying specified commercial fishing violations.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011
- HB 1225** **Delegate Gilchrist, et al**
Chapter 513 **NATURAL RESOURCES – COMMERCIAL FISHING VIOLATIONS
– ENHANCED PENALTIES**
- Establishing specified enhanced penalties for a person who commits a specified separate commercial fisheries violation while the person’s commercial fishing license or authorization is suspended or revoked or who engages in commercial fishing activities without an appropriate license or authorization; requiring that specified fines imposed under the Act be paid into the Fisheries Research and Development Fund; and clarifying specified commercial fishing violations.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

SB 687 **Senator Peters**

Chapter 517

MILITIA – EMPLOYMENT FOR MILITARY SPOUSES –
TEACHERS, HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONERS, AND
INDIVIDUALS IN BUSINESS OCCUPATIONS AND
PROFESSIONS

Requiring the State Department of Education to develop a specified form relating to teacher certification and tenure and to post the form on its Web site; requiring the Adjutant General or the Adjutant General's designee to assist military spouses in finding specified employment; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

HB 998 **Delegate Valentino-Smith, et al**

Chapter 518

MILITIA – EMPLOYMENT FOR MILITARY SPOUSES –
TEACHERS, HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONERS, AND
INDIVIDUALS IN BUSINESS OCCUPATIONS AND
PROFESSIONS

Requiring the State Department of Education to develop a specified form relating to teacher certification and tenure and to post the form on its Web site; requiring the Adjutant General or the Adjutant General's designee to assist military spouses in finding specified employment; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

SB 690 **Senator Middleton, et al**

Chapter 519

RENEWABLE ENERGY PORTFOLIO – WASTE-TO-ENERGY
AND REFUSE-DERIVED FUEL

Expanding the definition of a Tier 1 renewable source to include waste-to-energy and refuse-derived fuel; altering the definition of a Tier 2 renewable source to exclude waste-to-energy; providing that a Tier 1 source using waste-to-energy or refuse-derived fuel is eligible for inclusion in meeting a specified standard only if the source is connected with the distribution grid serving Maryland; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

SB 694 **Senators Kelley and Middleton**

Chapter 520 **INSURANCE – SURPLUS LINES**

Requiring the Maryland Insurance Commissioner to participate in a specified database; altering the authority of the Commissioner to allow a commercial insured to waive specified search requirements for surplus lines coverage for specified purposes; authorizing a surplus lines broker not to perform a diligent search when placing specified coverage with an exempt commercial purchaser under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011

HB 959 **Delegate Davis**

Chapter 521 **INSURANCE – SURPLUS LINES**

Requiring the Maryland Insurance Commissioner to participate in a specified database; altering the authority of the Commissioner to allow a commercial insured to waive specified search requirements for surplus lines coverage for specified purposes; authorizing a surplus lines broker to not perform a diligent search when placing specified coverage with an exempt commercial purchaser under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011

SB 696 **Senator Forehand**

Chapter 522 **ESTATES AND TRUSTS – TENANCY BY THE ENTIRETY
PROPERTY – TRANSFER TO TRUSTEE OR TRUSTEES**

Expanding the application of a specified immunity from claims of creditors, relating to former tenancy by the entirety property and proceeds of that property, to include conveyances to multiple trustees or multiple trusts; limiting the application of a specified immunity from claims of creditors to an instrument of conveyance that contains a specified provision; providing that a specified immunity may be waived as to specified creditors or property; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

- HB 799** **Delegate Carter, et al**
Chapter 523 ESTATES AND TRUSTS – TENANCY BY THE ENTIRETY
PROPERTY – TRANSFER TO TRUSTEE OR TRUSTEES
- Expanding the application of a specified immunity from claims of creditors, relating to former tenancy by the entirety property and proceeds of that property, to include conveyances to multiple trustees or multiple trusts; limiting the application of a specified immunity from claims of creditors to an instrument of conveyance that contains a specified provision; providing that a specified immunity may be waived as to specified creditors or property; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011
- SB 701** **Senator Klausmeier**
Chapter 524 HEALTH INSURANCE – PRESCRIPTION EYE DROPS – REFILLS
- Requiring health insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations to provide coverage for a refill of prescription eye drops under specified circumstances.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011
- HB 888** **Delegate Kach, et al**
Chapter 525 HEALTH INSURANCE – PRESCRIPTION EYE DROPS – REFILLS
- Requiring health insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations to provide coverage for a refill of prescription eye drops under specified circumstances.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011
- SB 702** **Senator Klausmeier**
Chapter 526 HEALTH INSURANCE – COVERAGE OF HEARING AIDS
- Requiring an insurer, nonprofit health service plan, or health maintenance organization that provides coverage for hearing aids to an insured or enrolled individual who is not a minor child and that places a dollar limit on the hearing aid benefit to allow the individual to choose a hearing aid that is priced higher than the benefit payable under the policy or contract and pay the difference between the price of the hearing aid and the dollar limit on the benefit; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

HB 452 **Delegate Kipke, et al**

Chapter 527 HEALTH INSURANCE – COVERAGE OF HEARING AIDS

Requiring an insurer, nonprofit health service plan, or health maintenance organization that provides coverage for hearing aids to an insured or enrolled individual who is not a minor child and that places a dollar limit on the hearing aid benefit to allow the individual to choose a hearing aid that is priced higher than the benefit payable under the policy or contract and pay the difference between the price of the hearing aid and the dollar limit on the benefit; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

SB 710 **Senator Klausmeier**

Chapter 528 HEALTH INSURANCE – PROVIDER PANELS – NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF APPLICATION

Requiring a health insurance carrier that receives a complete application from a health care provider that seeks to participate on a provider panel of the carrier to notify the health care provider that the application is complete; requiring if a carrier does not accept applications through the online credentialing system, that notice to be given to the health care provider at the address listed in the application within 10 days after the date the application is received; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

HB 444 **Delegate Nathan–Pulliam**

Chapter 529 HEALTH INSURANCE – PROVIDER PANELS – NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF APPLICATION

Requiring a health insurance carrier that receives a complete application from a health care provider that seeks to participate on a provider panel of the carrier to notify the health care provider that the application is complete; requiring, if a carrier does not accept applications through the online credentialing system, that notice be given to the health care provider at the address listed in the application within 10 days after the date the application is received; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

SB 718 **Senator Garagiola**

Chapter 530

TELEPHONE COMPANIES – DISTRIBUTION OF TELEPHONE DIRECTORIES

Providing that a telephone company may not be required to distribute a specified telephone directory to an address in the State unless the property owner or an occupant requests the directory; requiring a telephone company to provide notice to customers if the telephone company elects not to deliver a telephone directory to each customer; and requiring a telephone company to deliver a print telephone directory to a customer at no cost to the customer under specified circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

HB 529 **Delegate A. Miller, et al**

Chapter 531

TELEPHONE COMPANIES – DISTRIBUTION OF TELEPHONE DIRECTORIES

Providing that a telephone company may not be required to distribute a specified telephone directory to an address in the State unless the property owner or an occupant requests the directory; requiring a telephone company to provide notice to a customer if the telephone company elects not to deliver a print telephone directory to the customer at an address in the State; requiring a telephone company to deliver a print telephone directory to a customer at no cost to the customer under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

SB 722 **Senator Rosapepe, et al**

Chapter 532

ELECTRONIC HEALTH RECORDS – INCENTIVES FOR HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS – REGULATIONS

Requiring incentives for the adoption and use of electronic health records to be paid in cash, unless a specified payor and health care provider agree on an incentive of equivalent value; prohibiting specified regulations from requiring a group model health maintenance organization from providing a specified incentive to a specified health care provider; requiring that regulations allow a State-regulated payor to request specified information and, under specified circumstances, reduce an incentive amount; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011

HB 736 **Delegate Tarrant, et al**
Chapter 533 **ELECTRONIC HEALTH RECORDS – INCENTIVES FOR HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS – REGULATIONS**

Requiring incentives for the adoption and use of electronic health records to be paid in cash, unless a specified payor and health care provider agree on an incentive of equivalent value; prohibiting specified regulations from requiring a group model health maintenance organization from providing a specified incentive to a specified health care provider; requiring the Maryland Health Care Commission to conduct a specified study and report findings to specified committees of the General Assembly on or before January 1, 2013; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011

SB 723 **Senator Rosapepe**
Chapter 534 **MEDICAL RECORDS – HEALTH INFORMATION EXCHANGES**

Requiring the Maryland Health Care Commission to adopt regulations for the privacy and security of protected health information obtained or released through a health information exchange by specified persons; requiring the regulations to include protections for the secondary use of specified information; providing that the regulations do not apply to protected health information exchanged between and among specified persons; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

HB 784 **Delegate Pendergrass, et al**
Chapter 535 **MEDICAL RECORDS – HEALTH INFORMATION EXCHANGES**

Requiring the Maryland Health Care Commission to adopt regulations for the privacy and security of protected health information obtained or released through a health information exchange by specified persons; requiring the regulations to include protections for the secondary use of specified information; providing that the regulations do not apply to protected health information exchanged between and among specified persons; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

- SB 740** **Senator Madaleno**
Chapter 536 STATE GOVERNMENT – ACCESS TO PUBLIC RECORDS –
 ELECTRONIC DOCUMENTS
- Requiring a custodian of a public record to provide specified applicants with a copy of the public record in a specified electronic format under specified circumstances; establishing an exception; authorizing a custodian to remove specified metadata from specified documents; clarifying that a specified act does not constitute creating a new public record; authorizing a custodian to charge an applicant a fee under specified circumstances; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011
- SB 743** **Senator Pugh**
Chapter 537 FAMILY PLANNING WORKS ACT
- Altering the eligibility requirements for family planning services under the Maryland Medical Assistance Program by requiring the Program to provide those services beginning on January 1, 2012, to all women whose family income is at or below 200 percent of the poverty level, as permitted by federal law.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011
- HB 778** **Delegate Mizeur, et al**
Chapter 538 FAMILY PLANNING WORKS ACT
- Altering the eligibility requirements for family planning services under the Maryland Medical Assistance Program by requiring the Program to provide those services beginning on January 1, 2012, to all women whose family income is at or below 200 percent of the poverty level, as permitted by federal law.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

SB 754 **Senator King, et al**

Chapter 539

STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION – PERMANENT
HEARING AID LOAN BANK PROGRAM – ESTABLISHMENT
AND OPERATION

Establishing a permanent Hearing Aid Loan Bank Program in the State Department of Education; providing for the staffing of the Program; requiring the Program to establish a Hearing Aid Loan Bank; specifying criteria for eligibility under the Program; specifying conditions for borrowing a hearing aid under the Program; requiring the State Board of Education to adopt specified regulations; requiring that specified instructions be provided to a parent or legal guardian of an eligible child; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 30, 2011

HB 1013 **Delegate Hixson**

Chapter 540

STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION – PERMANENT
HEARING AID LOAN BANK PROGRAM – ESTABLISHMENT
AND OPERATION

Establishing a permanent Hearing Aid Loan Bank Program in the State Department of Education; providing for the staffing of the Program; requiring the Program to establish a Hearing Aid Loan Bank; specifying criteria for eligibility under the Program; specifying conditions for borrowing a hearing aid under the Program; requiring the State Board of Education to adopt specified regulations; requiring that specified instructions be provided to a parent or legal guardian of an eligible child; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 30, 2011

SB 756 **Senator Kelley, et al**

Chapter 541

MARYLAND REVISED UNIFORM ANATOMICAL GIFT ACT

Repealing the Maryland Anatomical Gift Act and enacting the Maryland Revised Uniform Anatomical Gift Act; authorizing specified persons to make, amend, or revoke specified anatomical gifts; providing the methods by which anatomical gifts may be made; requiring the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene to contract with and provide compensation to a nonprofit entity for the establishment, maintenance, and operation of a donor registry; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

SB 760 **Senator Brinkley**

Chapter 542 **FREDERICK COUNTY – PROPERTY TAX SETOFF**

Requiring the governing body of Frederick County to grant a property tax setoff to a municipal corporation in specified minimum amounts for specified taxable years.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011

SB 763 **Senator Kittleman**

Chapter 543 **HUNTING LICENSES – EXEMPTION FOR DISABLED ARMED FORCES MEMBERS**

Expanding a specified exemption from the requirement to obtain a hunting license for a person who serves in the armed forces and has a service-connected disability.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

SB 767 **Senator Mathias**

Chapter 544 **SOMERSET COUNTY – PRIVATE SALE OF COUNTY PROPERTY**

Authorizing the County Commissioners of Somerset County to sell at private sale specified properties to the City of Crisfield under any terms the County Commissioners consider appropriate; requiring specified properties to revert to the County Commissioners under specified circumstances; authorizing the County Commissioners to sell specified property to the American Legion – Stanley Cochrane Post #16 at private sale under any terms the County Commissioners consider appropriate; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

HB 675 **Delegates Otto and McDermott**

Chapter 545 **SOMERSET COUNTY – PRIVATE SALE OF COUNTY PROPERTY**

Authorizing the County Commissioners of Somerset County to sell at private sale specified properties to the City of Crisfield under any terms the County Commissioners consider appropriate; requiring specified properties to revert to the County Commissioners under specified circumstances; authorizing the County Commissioners to sell specified property to the American Legion – Stanley Cochrane Post #16 at private sale under any terms the County Commissioners consider appropriate; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

SB 770

Chapter 546

Senator Conway, et al

PRESCRIPTION DRUG REPOSITORY PROGRAM – DISPOSAL OF PRESCRIPTION DRUGS AND MEDICAL SUPPLIES

Altering the purpose of the Prescription Drug Repository Program to include disposal of prescription drugs and medical supplies; altering the definition of “repository” to include a licensed pharmacy approved by the State Board of Pharmacy to dispose of prescription drugs and medical supplies; altering a requirement relating to disposal of prescription drugs and medical supplies by a repository; prohibiting the Program from requiring a private entity to establish, operate, or fund a drop-off site or disposal program; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

HB 460

Chapter 547

Delegate Murphy, et al

PRESCRIPTION DRUG REPOSITORY PROGRAM – DISPOSAL OF PRESCRIPTION DRUGS AND MEDICAL SUPPLIES

Altering the purpose of the Prescription Drug Repository Program to include disposal of prescription drugs and medical supplies; altering the definition of “repository” to include a licensed pharmacy approved by the State Board of Pharmacy to dispose of prescription drugs and medical supplies; altering a specified requirement relating to disposal of prescription drugs and medical supplies by a repository; prohibiting the Program from requiring a private entity to establish, operate, or fund a drop-off site or disposal program; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

SB 771

Chapter 548

Senator Conway, et al

EDUCATION – PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND YOUTH SPORTS PROGRAMS – CONCUSSIONS

Requiring the State Department of Education, in collaboration with specified entities, to develop policies and implement a program to provide awareness to coaches, school personnel, students, and parents or guardians of students on the risk of concussions and head injuries; requiring county boards of education to provide specified information to students, parents, and guardians; requiring the removal from play of specified students or youth athletes under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011

- HB 858**
Chapter 549 **Delegate Hixson, et al**
EDUCATION – PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND YOUTH SPORTS PROGRAMS – CONCUSSIONS
- Requiring the State Department of Education, in collaboration with specified entities, to develop policies and to implement a program to provide awareness to coaches, school personnel, students, and parents or guardians of students on the risk of concussions and head injuries; requiring a county board of education to provide a specified information sheet and a notice to a student and parent or guardian; requiring a student and parent or guardian to sign a specified statement; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011
- SB 772**
Chapter 550 **Senator Conway**
TASK FORCE TO STUDY THE CREATION OF A MARYLAND CENTER FOR SCHOOL SAFETY
- Establishing a Task Force to Study the Creation of a Maryland Center for School Safety; providing for the membership, chair, and staffing of the Task Force; prohibiting a member of the Task Force from receiving compensation, but authorizing reimbursement of specified expenses; requiring the Task Force to study and make recommendations regarding specified matters; requiring the Task Force to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before July 1, 2012; etc.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2011
- HB 79**
Chapter 551 **Delegate Walker**
TASK FORCE TO STUDY THE CREATION OF A MARYLAND CENTER FOR SCHOOL SAFETY
- Establishing a Task Force to Study the Creation of a Maryland Center for School Safety; providing for the membership, chair, and staffing of the Task Force; prohibiting a member of the Task Force from receiving compensation, but authorizing reimbursement of specified expenses; requiring the Task Force to study and make recommendations regarding specified matters; requiring the Task Force to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before July 1, 2012; etc.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2011

SB 786 **Senator Montgomery, et al**

Chapter 552 HEALTH – NEWBORN SCREENING PROGRAM – CRITICAL
CONGENITAL HEART DISEASE

Requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to adopt specified federal recommendations on critical congenital heart disease screening in newborns under specified circumstances; requiring the State Advisory Council on Hereditary and Congenital Disorders to develop recommendations for critical congenital heart disease screening of newborns in the State; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011

HB 714 **Delegate Hucker, et al**

Chapter 553 HEALTH – NEWBORN SCREENING PROGRAM – CRITICAL
CONGENITAL HEART DISEASE

Requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to adopt specified federal recommendations on critical congenital heart disease screening in newborns under specified circumstances; requiring the State Advisory Council on Hereditary and Congenital Disorders to develop recommendations for critical congenital heart disease screening of newborns in the State; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011

SB 801 **Senators Shank and Gladden**

Chapter 554 CRIMINAL LAW – SWIFT AND CERTAIN SANCTIONS PILOT
PROGRAM

Requiring the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services to develop by October 1, 2012, a pilot program in two counties that creates a system of graduated administrative sanctions for violations of conditions of parole by releasees from the Division of Correction; and requiring the Department to make a specified annual report to the General Assembly on or before October 1 of each year beginning in 2013.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

HB 919 **Delegate Hough, et al**
Chapter 555 **CRIMINAL LAW – SWIFT AND CERTAIN SANCTIONS PILOT PROGRAM**

Requiring the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services to develop by October 1, 2012, a pilot program in two counties that creates a system of graduated administrative sanctions for violations of conditions of parole by releasees from the Division of Correction; and requiring the Department to make a specified annual report to the General Assembly on or before October 1 of each year beginning in 2013.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

SB 803 **Senator Raskin, et al**
Chapter 556 **DRUNK DRIVING REDUCTION ACT**

Expanding participation in the Ignition Interlock System Program by authorizing individuals who have committed a specified alcohol-related administrative offense to participate under specified circumstances; requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration to establish the Program; expanding participation in the Program by requiring individuals who are convicted of a specified offense and who had a specified alcohol concentration at the time of testing to participate in the Program for specified periods of time and successfully complete the Program; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

HB 1276 **Delegate Vallario, et al**
Chapter 557 **DRUNK DRIVING REDUCTION ACT**

Expanding participation in the Ignition Interlock System Program by authorizing specified individuals who have committed a specified alcohol-related administrative offense to be participants under specified circumstances; expanding participation in the Program by requiring specified individuals who are convicted of drunk driving and who had an alcohol concentration at the time of testing of .15 or more to participate in the program for specified periods of time and successfully complete the Program; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

- SB 830** **Senator Currie**
Chapter 558 **TAX CREDITS FOR QUALIFYING EMPLOYEES WITH
DISABILITIES – SUNSET EXTENSION**
- Extending termination provisions and altering dates of applicability for specified tax credits for employers that hire qualifying individuals with disabilities.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2011
- SB 845** **Senator Dyson**
Chapter 559 **PHARMACISTS – ADMINISTRATION OF VACCINATIONS –
CHILDREN**
- Altering to 9 years the minimum age of an individual to whom a pharmacist may administer an influenza vaccination, in accordance with specified regulations; requiring a pharmacist to report an influenza vaccination administered to an individual between the ages of 9 and 18 to the Maryland Immunization Registry; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011
- HB 986** **Delegate Hubbard, et al**
Chapter 560 **PHARMACISTS – ADMINISTRATION OF VACCINATIONS –
CHILDREN**
- Altering to at least 9 years old the age of an individual to whom a pharmacist may administer a specified vaccination under specified circumstances; requiring a pharmacist to report to the Maryland Immunization Registry an influenza vaccination administered by the pharmacist to individuals between the ages of 9 and 18; and altering requirements for regulations relating to specified vaccinations.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011
- SB 888** **Senator Gladden**
Chapter 561 **TRUSTS – SPECIAL NEEDS, SUPPLEMENTAL NEEDS, OR
POOLED ASSET SPECIAL NEEDS TRUSTS – PUBLIC BENEFITS**
- Stating that the policy of this State is to encourage the use of special needs trusts or supplemental needs trusts by individuals with disabilities of all ages to preserve funds in order to provide for the needs of the individuals not met by public benefits and to enhance their quality of life; requiring each State agency that provides public benefits to individuals with disabilities of all ages through specified programs to adopt specified regulations; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

HB 1277

Delegates Smigiel and McDermott

Chapter 562

**TRUSTS – SPECIAL NEEDS, SUPPLEMENTAL NEEDS, OR
POOLED ASSET SPECIAL NEEDS TRUSTS – PUBLIC BENEFITS**

Stating that the policy of the State is to encourage the use of special needs trusts or supplemental needs trusts by individuals with disabilities of all ages to preserve funds in order to provide for the needs of the individuals not met by public benefits and to enhance their quality of life; requiring each State agency that provides public benefits to individuals with disabilities of all ages through specified programs to adopt specified regulations; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

SB 917

Senator Colburn

Chapter 563

**WICOMICO COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES LICENSES –
PUB–BREWERIES AND MICRO–BREWERIES**

Exempting specified alcoholic beverages businesses in Wicomico County from a prohibition against having a financial interest in a premises where alcoholic beverages are sold at retail or in any other business conducted by an alcoholic beverages licensee; increasing to 5 the number of Class B beer, wine and liquor licenses that a person may hold and still remain eligible to be issued a pub–brewery or micro–brewery license in the county; and authorizing a holder of a Class A license to be eligible to be issued specified licenses in the county.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011

SB 925

Senator Conway

Chapter 564

**FAMILY LAW – FAMILY CHILD CARE – LARGE FAMILY CHILD
CARE HOMES**

Defining a “large family child care home” as a residence in which family child care is provided for at least 9 but not more than 12 children; requiring the State Department of Education to adopt specified regulations; providing that in a large family child care home there may not be more than a specified number of children in specified care at specified times; repealing a provision of law that authorizes small child care centers to service at least 7 but not more than 12 children; authorizing specified grants; etc.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

- SB 958** **Senator Garagiola**
Chapter 565 MARYLAND CLEAN ENERGY INCENTIVE ACT – QUALIFIED ENERGY RESOURCES
- Altering the definition of qualified energy resources under a specified credit against the State income tax for specified electricity produced from specified qualified resources to eliminate the restriction that nonhazardous waste material be in either solid or cellulosic form; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011
- SB 959** **Senators Garagiola and Brinkley**
Chapter 566 BIO-HEATING OIL – INCOME TAX CREDIT
- Altering the definition of bio-heating oil for purposes of a State income tax credit for the purchase of bio-heating oil for specified purposes; extending the termination provision for the income tax credit to June 30, 2018; altering dates of applicability for the credit; etc.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2011
- SB 961** **Senator Garagiola**
Chapter 567 STATE VEHICLE FLEET AND GASOLINE SERVICE FACILITIES – USE AND SELLING OF BIOFUELS
- Altering the requirement that the State ensure that at least a specified percentage of vehicles using diesel fuel in the State vehicle fleet use a blend of fuel containing at least a specified percentage of biodiesel fuel to include the use of biofuels; providing that a provision does not apply to a State vehicle, piece of heavy equipment, or heating equipment for which mechanical failure due to use of a specified biofuel will void a specified manufacturer’s warranty; repealing specified requirements; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011
- SB 974** **Senator Astle**
Chapter 568 HEALTH INSURANCE – PHARMACY BENEFITS MANAGERS – CLAIMS
- Providing that specified errors may not constitute fraud or grounds for recoupment of specified claims payments under specified circumstances; specifying that specified claims remain subject to recoupment of overpayment or payment of any discovered underpayment by a pharmacy benefits manager; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

- HB 1338** **Delegate Kipke, et al**
Chapter 569 HEALTH INSURANCE – PHARMACY BENEFITS MANAGERS – CLAIMS
- Providing that specified errors may not constitute fraud or grounds for recoupment of specified claims payments under specified circumstances; specifying that specified claims remain subject to recoupment of overpayment or payment of any discovered underpayment by a pharmacy benefits manager; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011
- SB 977** **Senator Gladden, et al**
Chapter 570 FREEDOM OF SPEECH – PICKETING AT A FUNERAL – DISTANCE
- Increasing the distance within which a person is prohibited from engaging in picketing activities at a funeral, burial, memorial service, or funeral procession from 100 feet to 500 feet.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011
- SB 994** **Senator Jones–Rodwell, et al**
Chapter 571 SALES AND USE TAX – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION
- Increasing the rate of the sales and use tax imposed on the sale of an alcoholic beverage to 9% of the taxable price of the alcoholic beverage; making the Act a supplementary appropriation to fund a specified waiting list initiative for the Developmental Disabilities Administration; providing that the appropriation provided under the Act shall have priority over any other appropriation from the additional revenues resulting from the Act that are credited to the General Fund for fiscal year 2012; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011
- HB 1213** **Delegate Howard**
Chapter 572 SALES AND USE TAX – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION
- Increasing the State sales and use tax rate for alcoholic beverages sold in Maryland to 9% of the taxable price of the alcoholic beverage; and making the Act a supplementary appropriation to fund specified public school construction projects and related capital improvements.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011

HB 65 **The Speaker (By Request – Department of Legislative
Chapter 573** **Services)**

ELECTROLOGY PRACTICE COMMITTEE – SUNSET
EXTENSION AND PROGRAM EVALUATION

Continuing the Electrology Practice Committee in accordance with the provisions of the Maryland Program Evaluation Act (sunset law) by extending until July 1, 2023, the termination provisions relating to the statutory and regulatory authority of the Committee; requiring that an evaluation of the Committee and the statutes and regulations that relate to the Committee be performed on or before July 1, 2022; and requiring the State Board of Nursing to submit specified reports.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011

HB 75 **The Speaker (By Request – Department of Legislative
Chapter 574** **Services)**

STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF PSYCHOLOGISTS – SUNSET
EXTENSION AND PROGRAM EVALUATION

Continuing the State Board of Examiners of Psychologists in accordance with the provisions of the Maryland Program Evaluation Act (sunset law) by extending to July 1, 2023, the termination provisions relating to the statutory and regulatory authority of the Board; requiring that an evaluation of the Board and the statutes and regulations that relate to the Board be performed on or before July 1, 2022; and requiring the Board to submit a specified report on or before October 1, 2012.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011

HB 93 **Delegate Cardin, et al**
Chapter 575

ELECTION LAW – INDEPENDENT EXPENDITURES AND
ELECTIONEERING COMMUNICATIONS – REPORTING

Altering the definition of “independent expenditure”; authorizing the State Board of Elections to audit specified independent expenditure reports and specified electioneering communication reports; requiring a person to file an independent expenditure or electioneering communication report after the person makes aggregate expenditures of more than \$10,000 in an election cycle for campaign material that is a public communication; etc.

EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 1, 2011

HB 104 **Chair, Ways and Means Committee (By Request –**
Chapter 576 **Departmental – Disabilities)**

**HIGHER EDUCATION – COMMUNITY COLLEGES – TUITION
WAIVER FOR DISABLED INDIVIDUALS**

Clarifying and amending the requirements for obtaining an exemption from the payment of tuition at community colleges for disabled individuals; establishing conditions and maximum number of credits per semester for the tuition waiver; and clarifying that receipt of specified benefits under the Social Security Act provides eligibility for the tuition waiver.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

HB 111 **Chair, Environmental Matters Committee (By Request –**
Chapter 577 **Departmental – Natural Resources)**

**DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES – FISHING –
REGULATORY AUTHORITY**

Authorizing the Secretary of Natural Resources to adopt regulations, in consultation with specified commissions, governing the use of specified types of fishing gear under specified circumstances; requiring that specified factors be considered before adopting regulations; repealing provisions of law that require a person to possess a valid fishing license before using specified devices to catch or attempt to catch finfish; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011

HB 145 **Delegate Hubbard, et al**
Chapter 578 **ENVIRONMENT – CADMIUM IN CHILDREN'S JEWELRY –
PROHIBITION**

Prohibiting a person, on or after July 1, 2012, from manufacturing, selling, offering for sale, or distributing in the State any children's jewelry that contains cadmium at 0.0075% by weight; authorizing the Department of the Environment to adopt specified regulations; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011

HB 208 **Chair, Environmental Matters Committee (By Request –**
Chapter 579 **Departmental – Natural Resources)**

AQUACULTURE – SHELLFISH LEASING AREAS – EXPANSION

Altering the areas within which the Secretary of Natural Resources may establish aquaculture limits; authorizing the Department of Natural Resources to resurvey specified areas for a specified purpose; requiring the Department to amend natural oyster bar charts or coordinates by regulation under specified circumstances; altering and establishing restrictions for Aquaculture Enterprise Zones and leases; providing that the Department may only issue a shellfish lease to a corporation under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011

HB 211 **Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee (By**
Chapter 580 **Request – Departmental – Human Relations Commission)**

MARYLAND COMMISSION ON HUMAN RELATIONS – NAME CHANGE

Changing the name of the Maryland Commission on Human Relations to the Maryland Commission on Civil Rights; and providing that specified printed material reflecting the renaming of the Commission may not be used until material already in print is used.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

HB 214 **Chair, Environmental Matters Committee (By Request –**
Chapter 581 **Departmental – Agriculture)**

MARYLAND AGRICULTURAL LAND PRESERVATION FOUNDATION – CRITICAL FARMS FUND AND PROGRAM

Authorizing the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation to acquire specified interests in property for specified purposes and to dispose of property under specified circumstances in accordance with the Critical Farms Program; requiring the development of a specified method and procedure for a specified purpose; establishing a Critical Farms Fund; requiring the Foundation to submit a specified report; and exempting specified dispositions of real property from approval by the Board of Public Works.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

HB 216 **Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee (By**
Chapter 582 **Request – Departmental – Health and Mental Hygiene)**

HEALTH SERVICES COST REVIEW COMMISSION – USER FEES

Increasing from \$5,500,000 to \$7,000,000 the total amount of user fees that the Health Services Cost Review Commission may assess on specified hospitals and related institutions.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011

HB 230 **Delegate Tarrant, et al**

Chapter 583 **BALTIMORE CITY – EDUCATION – PUBLIC SCHOOL**
FACILITIES AND CONSTRUCTION BOND AUTHORITY

Altering the maximum maturity date of school construction bonds that the Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners may issue; and requiring the Board to submit a report on or before December 1, 2011, to specified committees of the State legislature on a long-term plan for the alignment of public school facilities with projected enrollments and educational programs within the Baltimore City Public School System.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2011

HB 244 **Anne Arundel County Delegation**

Chapter 584 **ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – WORKERS’ COMPENSATION –**
OCCUPATIONAL DISEASE – DEPUTY SHERIFFS

Extending the presumption of a compensable occupational disease under workers’ compensation law to include Anne Arundel County deputy sheriffs who suffer from heart disease or hypertension resulting in partial or total disability or death under specified circumstances; requiring that workers’ compensation benefits received under the Act are in addition to specified retirement benefits, subject to a specified adjustment; etc.

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HB 257 **Delegate Murphy, et al**

Chapter 585 **ELECTION LAW – ACCESS TO VOTING ROOM AND VOTING**
BOOTH BY MINORS NOT ELIGIBLE TO VOTE

Increasing the maximum age at which a minor may accompany a voter in the voting room and voting booth at a polling place to 17; and requiring that a minor who accompanies a voter may not be eligible to vote in that election.

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HB 263 **Frederick County Delegation**

Chapter 586

**FREDERICK COUNTY – ROADSIDE SOLICITATION OF MONEY
OR DONATIONS – PERMIT PROGRAM**

Authorizing Frederick County or a municipal corporation in Frederick County under specified conditions to enact a permit program allowing a person to stand in a roadway, median divider, or intersection to solicit money or donations from the occupant of a vehicle; requiring a permit application to include specified information; requiring the county or municipal corporation to approve or deny an application within 5 days; etc.

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HB 286 **Delegates Morhaim and Kipke**

Chapter 587

**HOSPITALS AND FREESTANDING AMBULATORY CARE
FACILITIES – PRACTITIONER PERFORMANCE EVALUATION**

Requiring hospitals and freestanding ambulatory care facilities, as a condition of licensure, to establish a practitioner performance evaluation process and to analyze the results of the process; requiring the practitioner performance evaluation process to include a review of care; requiring hospitals and freestanding ambulatory care facilities to take into account the results of the evaluation process for a member of the medical staff in the reappointment process; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

HB 287 **Delegate Pena–Melnyk, et al**

Chapter 588

MARYLAND PERFUSION ACT

Requiring the State Board of Physicians to adopt regulations for the licensure and practice of perfusion; authorizing the Board to set specified fees; establishing the Perfusion Advisory Committee within the Board; providing for the membership, powers, and duties of the Committee; establishing the terms and requirements for members of the Committee; requiring that on or before a specified date an individual be licensed by the Board before the individual may practice perfusion; defining “practice perfusion”; etc.

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HB 293 **Chair, Environmental Matters Committee (By Request –**
Chapter 589 **Departmental – Agriculture)**

WEIGHTS AND MEASURES – REGISTRATION FEES

Prohibiting an unspent or unencumbered balance in the Weights and Measures Fund from reverting to the General Fund; and altering the cap on specified fees for registering specified scales and meters.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011

HB 306 **Delegate Frush**

Chapter 590 **TASK FORCE ON SOLAR HOT WATER SYSTEMS IN PRINCE**
GEORGE’S COUNTY

Reestablishing the Task Force on Solar Hot Water Systems in Prince George’s County; providing for the members of the Task Force; providing for the designation of a chair of the Task Force; requiring the Prince George’s County government to provide staff for the Task Force; prohibiting a member of the Task Force from receiving compensation; requiring the Task Force to undertake specified activities relating to the use of solar hot water systems in Prince George’s County; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2011

HB 333 **Delegate Griffith (Chair, Joint Committee on Pensions)**

Chapter 591 **STATE RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEM –**
ADMINISTRATION – SIMPLIFICATION

Clarifying that specified employees of the Baltimore Metropolitan Council may participate in the State Employee and Retiree Health and Welfare Benefits Program; clarifying that the definition of “Social Security integration level” for purposes of calculating State Retirement and Pension System benefits applies only to members of the several systems who are eligible to receive full old age and survivors benefits provided under Title II of the federal Social Security Act; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011

HB 482 **Delegates Frick and Hucker**

Chapter 595

**CONSUMER PROTECTION – INFORMATION ON PAYMENT
DEVICE RECEIPTS – LIMITATIONS**

Altering the number of digits of a payment device number that may be printed on specified receipts by a person that accepts a payment device number for the transaction of business; prohibiting a person that accepts a payment device number for the transaction of business from printing more than five digits of a payment device number or the expiration date of a payment device on a receipt that is provided to the holder of the payment device at the point of sale or transaction or retained by the person; establishing a penalty; etc.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2013

HB 621 **Delegate Haynes, et al**

Chapter 596

**FIRE SAFETY – HIGH-RISE BUILDINGS – MOBILITY
IMPAIRED INDIVIDUALS**

Requiring the owner of a residential high-rise building with rental units to provide a specified annual notice to all residents of the residential high-rise building of the right of mobility impaired individuals to request specified rental units when specified units in the building become available; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

HB 637 **Delegate Feldman**

Chapter 597

LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY ACT

Establishing the policy of specified provisions of law relating to limited liability companies; providing that a provision of law that may be changed by an operating agreement may also be changed by the terms of the articles of organization; providing that a certificate representing the interest of a member may be issued in bearer form only under specified circumstances; establishing that rights and conditions with regard to a limited liability company will be enforceable to a specified extent; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2011

HB 682 **Delegate K. Kelly**
Chapter 598 **CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – FORFEITURE OF BAIL BONDS**

Prohibiting a court that exercises criminal jurisdiction from refunding a forfeiture of bail or collateral at a specified time unless a private surety pays a forfeiture of bail or collateral within a specified time period after a defendant's failure to appear; requiring a court to refund a forfeiture of bail bond or collateral that was not paid within a specified time period after a defendant's failure to appear under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

HB 727 **Delegate Griffith (Chair, Joint Committee on Pensions)**
Chapter 599 **STATE RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEM – RETIREES AND BENEFICIARIES OF RETIREES – ANNUAL RETIREMENT ALLOWANCE ADJUSTMENTS**

Providing that annual retirement allowance adjustments for retirees of the State Retirement and Pension System shall be a specified amount under specified circumstances; requiring that annual retirement allowances for retirees of the State Retirement and Pension System be reduced by a specified amount under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011

HB 756 **Delegate Oaks, et al**
Chapter 600 **BALTIMORE CITY – BINDING ARBITRATION – POLICE OFFICERS**

Requiring binding arbitration between specified employee organizations representing specified Baltimore City police officers and the City of Baltimore under specified circumstances; authorizing a specified party to request arbitration under specified circumstances; providing for the selection of a specified board of arbitration; requiring a specified board of arbitration to consider specified matters; authorizing a board of arbitration to exercise specified powers; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2013

- HB 869**
Chapter 605 **Delegate Hixson, et al**
EDUCATION – MAINTENANCE OF EFFORT – PENALTY
Making the imposition of a penalty for a county’s noncompliance with specified maintenance of effort provisions for funding public education applicable in a specified fiscal year.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2011
- HB 897**
Chapter 606 **Delegate Murphy, et al**
ENGINE COOLANT AND ANTIFREEZE BITTERING AGENT ACT
Prohibiting a person from selling or offering for sale engine coolant or antifreeze that contains more than 10% ethylene glycol unless it contains not less than 30 parts per million nor more than 50 parts per million denatonium benzoate; providing that the Act does not apply to specified engine coolant or antifreeze sales; etc.
EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2012
- HB 941**
Chapter 607 **Delegate Morhaim, et al**
DINING OUT GROWTH ACT OF 2011
Authorizing a restaurant with an outdoor dining area to allow a patron’s dog to accompany the patron in the outdoor dining area of the restaurant during specified hours; requiring specified restaurant owners to give notice to local health departments under specified circumstances; authorizing restaurant owners to make specified determinations and to limit the size and type of dog that may accompany a patron into the outdoor dining area; requiring specified restaurant owners to post a notice; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011
- HB 943**
Chapter 608 **Chair, Economic Matters Committee (By Request –
Departmental – Labor, Licensing and Regulation)**
BOILER AND PRESSURE VESSELS – SPECIAL INSPECTOR
COMMISSION – INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS
Requiring the Commissioner of Labor and Industry to establish by regulation insurance requirements that must be satisfied by an authorized inspection agency before a special inspector commission may be issued to an inspector employed by the agency.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

HB 1028

Delegate Hixson

Chapter 609

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS – AUTOMATED TELLER MACHINES – VIDEO CAMERAS

Requiring each operator of a specified automated teller machine to install and maintain a video camera that views and records an image of a user as the user performs a transaction at the automated teller machine; requiring the operator to preserve the recordings made by the video camera for at least 45 calendar days; providing that an operator of a specified automated teller machine is not in violation of provisions of the Act in cases of specified malfunction; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

HB 1033

Delegates Oaks and McIntosh

Chapter 610

ENVIRONMENT – REDUCING LEAD RISK IN HOUSING – RISK REDUCTION STANDARDS

Altering the requirements for the owner of affected property to satisfy a specified lead-risk reduction standard; altering a requirement relating to specified inspections of affected properties; altering the performance components required under a specified modified risk reduction standard; altering the information that the owner of an affected property is required to submit to verify satisfaction of a modified risk reduction standard; etc.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

HB 1038

Delegates Olszewski and Kach

Chapter 611

COMMERCIAL LAW – RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE LOANS – ESCROW AMOUNTS

Prohibiting specified lenders, credit grantors, and servicers of loans from including, for a period of 1 year after the determination is made, increases in the amount of escrow payments in calculating the amount of interest or any fee due under specified residential mortgage loans under specified circumstances; authorizing a lender, a credit grantor, or a servicer of a loan to charge interest to a borrower on specified funds under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

HB 1105 Prince George's County Delegation

Chapter 612

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY – SCHOOL FACILITIES SURCHARGE EXEMPTION – REPLACEMENT OF EXISTING SINGLE-FAMILY DWELLING UNIT IN THE RURAL TIER PG 408–11

Establishing an exemption from the Prince George's County school facilities surcharge for a replacement single-family dwelling unit built on the same lot as a previously existing single-family dwelling unit in the Rural Tier of Prince George's County; requiring the County Executive of Prince George's County to include in a specified report specified information about any exemptions granted to the school facilities surcharge; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2011

HB 1119 Prince George's County Delegation

Chapter 613

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – ENTERTAINMENT PERMIT PG 311–11

Stating that specified alcoholic beverages license holders in Prince George's County need not obtain an entertainment permit under specified circumstances; requiring a holder of an entertainment permit to meet all requirements under county law; and clarifying that a specified prohibition is in effect when the privileges authorized by the entertainment permit are being exercised.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011

HB 1156 Delegates Rudolph and James

Chapter 614

TASK FORCE TO STUDY THE CREATION OF A REGIONAL HIGHER EDUCATION CENTER IN NORTHEASTERN MARYLAND

Establishing a Task Force to Study the Creation of a Regional Higher Education Center in Northeastern Maryland; providing for the membership, chair, and staffing of the Task Force; requiring the Task Force to study and make recommendations regarding the higher education needs of the Northeastern Maryland region; requiring the Task Force to report its findings to the Governor and committees of the General Assembly on or before December 1, 2011; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2011

HB 1168 Delegate Eckardt

Chapter 615

**EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEMS –
REEMPLOYMENT OF RETIREES – HEALTH CARE
PRACTITIONERS**

Repealing the termination provision applicable to specified reemployment of retirees in the Employees' Retirement and Pension Systems; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2011

HB 1182 Delegate Pendergrass, et al

Chapter 616

**CERTIFICATES OF NEED – PERCUTANEOUS CORONARY
INTERVENTION SERVICES**

Prohibiting a hospital from establishing a non–primary percutaneous coronary intervention (PCI) program or providing non–primary PCI services, unless the hospital was operating a PCI program on January 1, 2011, through a certificate of need or a waiver; requiring the Maryland Health Care Commission to develop and report recommendations for statutory changes relating to PCI services; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011

HB 1184 Delegate Zucker, et al

Chapter 617

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION – EMPLOYEE
GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES – STREAMLINED PROCESS**

Altering a provision of law concerning regulations adopted by the Secretary of Transportation for grievance procedures for employees under the Department of Transportation; authorizing an aggrieved employee to appeal decisions to the Office of Administrative Hearings or to another party, as specified; repealing provisions regarding the administration of specified disciplinary appeals by the Secretary of Budget and Management; requiring the Secretary of Transportation to establish appeal procedures through regulations and policy; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

- HB 1245** **Delegate Kach**
Chapter 618 RECORDATION TAX AND STATE TRANSFER TAX –
EXEMPTIONS
- Exempting from recordation tax and State transfer tax specified instruments of writing transferring property from a transferor to a grandparent or stepgrandparent; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011
- HB 1252** **Delegate McMillan**
Chapter 619 NATURAL RESOURCES – LARGE-SCALE STRIPED BASS
POACHING – PENALTIES
- Establishing that a person who commits specified fishing violations with respect to striped bass, and the violation results in the unlawful capture of striped bass worth over \$20,000 as determined by the proceeds of the unlawful capture, is subject to imprisonment not exceeding 2 years.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2011
- HB 1254** **Chair, Environmental Matters Committee (By Request –**
Chapter 620 **Departmental – Environment)**
- ENVIRONMENT – REDUCTION OF LEAD RISK IN HOUSING –
REGISTRATION AND FEES
- Authorizing the Department of the Environment to alter by regulation the date by which specified rental dwelling units must be registered for a specified purpose and specified fees must be paid.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011
- HB 1314** **Delegate Myers**
Chapter 621 PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION – PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY
– DEFINITION
- Clarifying that specified utility services provided by a campground to campers incident to the campground’s primary business of operating and maintaining the campground are not included in the definition of a “public service company” under the Public Utilities Article.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

HB 1347 **Delegate Bohanan**

Chapter 622 SOUTHERN MARYLAND HIGHER EDUCATION COUNCIL

Establishing a Southern Maryland Higher Education Council; providing for the composition of the Council; requiring the Governor to appoint a chair from among the Council members; prohibiting a member from receiving compensation but entitling a member to reimbursement for specified expenses; providing for the duties of the Council; requiring the Council to submit an interim and a final report on its findings and recommendations on or before specified dates; providing for the termination of the Council; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011

Sincerely,

Karl S. Aro
Executive Director

May 26, 2011

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 bill after formal presentment and to let the provisions of Article II, Section 17(c) determine the effectiveness of the legislation, the Bill will become law without the Governor's signature as of midnight, May 28, 2011, and is assigned the following Chapter number:

HB 302 **Delegate Anderson, et al**

Chapter 623 **INMATES – LIFE IMPRISONMENT – PAROLE APPROVAL**

Requiring that, if the Board of Review decides to grant parole to an eligible person sentenced to life imprisonment who has served 25 years without application of diminution of confinement credits, and the Secretary approves the decision, the decision shall be transmitted to the Governor; authorizing the Governor to disapprove the decision by written transmittal to the Board of Review; providing that if the Governor does not disapprove the decision within 180 days after receipt, the decision becomes effective; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

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 29, 2011, and are assigned the following Chapter numbers:

SB 367 **Chair, Anne Arundel County Senators**

Chapter 624 **ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY –
ENTERTAINMENT FACILITY**

Authorizing the Board of License Commissioners of Anne Arundel County to issue an entertainment facility license to specified persons for specified purposes; authorizing the Board to issue an entertainment concessionaire license to specified persons for specified purposes; providing for the scope of the licenses; providing that beer, wine, and liquor sold under an entertainment facility license or an entertainment concessionaire license may be taken into and consumed anywhere in the entertainment facility; etc.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2011

SB 685 **Senator Astle, et al**

Chapter 625 **UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE – MESSENGER SERVICE
DRIVERS – DELIVERY**

Authorizing messenger service drivers whose work is not covered employment to deliver specified items and use specified methods of delivery; expanding the requirements that the Secretary of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation must find to be satisfied for specified work performed by a specified messenger service driver to not be covered employment; etc.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2011

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Karl S. Aro
Executive Director