



MARYLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY
DEPARTMENT OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES

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**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.

**HB 166
Chapter 2**

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- 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.
- HB 281**
Chapter 19 **Delegates Beitzel and Conway**
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- SB 81**
Chapter 21 **Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – 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.

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.

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.

HB 49
Chapter 49 **Delegates Haddaway–Riccio and Eckardt**

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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.

- HB 247**
Chapter 75 **Delegate Simmons, et al**
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- 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.
- HB 793**
Chapter 82 **Delegate Valentino–Smith, 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.

SB 720
Chapter 86**Senator Mathias****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.

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.

HB 62
Chapter 95**Anne Arundel County Delegation****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.

- HB 86**
Chapter 96 **The Speaker (By Request – Administration)**
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.
- 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.
- 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.

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.

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.

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.

- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- HB 34** **Delegates Malone and Aumann**
Chapter 175 **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.

- SB 125**
Chapter 182 **Senator Gladden**
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.
- HB 624**
Chapter 183 **Delegate Rosenberg, et al**
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.
- SB 151**
Chapter 189 **Senator Frosh, et al**
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.

**HB 4
Chapter 190****Delegate Hubbard, et al****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.

**SB 244
Chapter 202****Senator Pugh, et al****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.

**HB 597
Chapter 203****Delegate Davis****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.

- SB 308**
Chapter 215 **Senator Brinkley, et al**
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.
- 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.
- 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.

- 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.
- Except Sections 2 and 3**
- SB 755** **Senator Pugh**
Chapter 286 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.
- 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.

HB 561
Chapter 289**Delegates Cardin and Rosenberg****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.

SB 806
Chapter 292**Senator Young, et al****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.

HB 740
Chapter 293**Delegates Cardin and Rosenberg****ELECTION LAW – ONLINE VOTER REGISTRATION**

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- 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.
- HB 39** **Delegates Conway and McDermott**
Chapter 315 **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.
- 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 (BWLТ) license; specifying to whom the license may be issued; setting maximum limits on the amounts of alcoholic beverages that may be served under a BWLT license; setting the annual license fee; authorizing the Howard County Board of License Commissioners to adopt rules or regulations to implement the Act; etc.

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.

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.

HB 435 **Delegate Bohanan****Chapter 337****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.

- HB 487** **Delegates Rosenberg and Kaiser**
Chapter 340 **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.
- 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.
- HB 545** **Montgomery County Delegation**
Chapter 348 **MONTGOMERY COUNTY – ALCOHOL SALES – BURTONSVILLE**
 TOWN SQUARE AND HILLANDALE SHOPPING CENTER MC 2–
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- 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.
- 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.

- 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.
- HB 748** **Chair, Appropriations Committee (By Request – Departmental – Chapter 357** **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.
- 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.

- 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.
- 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.
- 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.

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.

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.

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.

- 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.
- 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.
Except Sections 12, 13, and 14
- 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.
Except Section 2 and as provided in Sections 35, 36, and 38 of this Act.

SB 380 **Senator Pinsky and the President (By Request – Administration), et al**
Chapter 405

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.

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

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.

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.

SB 188
Chapter 430**Senator Kittleman, et al****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.

SB 199
Chapter 431**Senator Glassman****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.

Except Section 2**HB 249**
Chapter 432**Delegate Proctor****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.

SB 372
Chapter 454**Senator Conway****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.

HB 347
Chapter 455**Delegate Lafferty****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.

SB 421
Chapter 470**Senators Edwards and Middleton****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.

- SB 436** **Senator Rosapepe**
Chapter 476 **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.
- 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.
- 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.

HB 520
Chapter 483**Delegate Rosenberg, et al****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.

SB 595
Chapter 500**Senator Raskin, et al****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.

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.

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.

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.

HB 766
Chapter 509**Delegate Mizeur, et al****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.

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.

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.

- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.

- 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.
- 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.
- HB 869** **Delegate Hixson, et al**
Chapter 605 **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.

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.

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.

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.

- 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.
- 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.
- SB 685** **Senators Astle, Klausmeier, Mathias, Muse, and Pipkin**
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.