



SYNOPSIS

House Bills and Joint Resolutions
2014 Maryland General Assembly Session

January 31, 2014
Schedule 17

PLEASE NOTE: February 7 – Bill introduction deadline.
All bills must be given to the Chief Clerk by 5:00 P.M. on Thursday, February 6.
As required by House Rule 32(b), bills introduced after this date will be referred to the House Rules and Executive Nominations Committee.

HOUSE BILLS INTRODUCED JANUARY 30, 2014

HB 642 Delegate Hough, et al

**CORRECTIONAL SERVICES – SWIFT AND CERTAIN SANCTIONS
PILOT PROGRAM – EXPANSION**

Expanding the Swift and Certain Sanctions Pilot Program to include Baltimore City and individuals under mandatory supervision; and extending the termination date of the program until September 30, 2017.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

Chapter 555 of the Acts of 2011, §§ 1 and 2 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

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HB 643 Delegate Olszewski, et al**INCOME TAX – SUBTRACTION MODIFICATION – TOLL CHARGES PAID BY BALTIMORE AREA OR CHESAPEAKE BAY BRIDGE COMMUTERS**

Allowing a subtraction modification under the Maryland income tax for specified toll charges paid by specified individuals under specified circumstances; requiring an individual to submit specified documentation to qualify for the subtraction modification; and providing the Act apply to all taxable years beginning after December 31, 2013.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014

TG, § 10-207(bb) - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 644 Delegate James**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – HARFORD COUNTY – HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF HARFORD COUNTY FACILITY RESTORATION**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$200,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of The Historical Society of Harford County, Inc. for specified development or improvement purposes related to the Historical Society of Harford County Facility, located in Harford County; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; establishing a deadline for the encumbrance or expenditure of the loan proceeds; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2014

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 645 Delegate Weir, et al**REAL PROPERTY – LANDLORD DEFENSES IN NUISANCE ACTIONS**

Establishing a defense to any nuisance action brought under State or local law against a landlord if the tenant's actions are the sole basis for the action and the landlord provides evidence that an action has been filed in the District Court for repossession of the leased premises.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

RP, § 8-402.1 - amended

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

HB 646 Delegate Waldstreicher**CRIMES – SOLICITATION TO COMMIT MURDER OR ARSON – STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS**

Providing that the statute of limitations for the crime of solicitation to commit murder in the first degree, murder in the second degree, arson in the first degree, or arson in the second degree is the statute of limitations for the prosecution of the substantive crime that is the subject of the solicitation.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

CJ, § 5-106(dd) - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 647 Delegate Waldstreicher, et al**PEACE ORDERS AND PROTECTIVE ORDERS – EXTENSIONS**

Requiring the court, if a motion to extend the term of a final peace order or a final protective order is filed during the term of the order, to hold a hearing within 30 days after the motion is filed; and requiring the court, if the hearing is scheduled after the original expiration date of the order, to extend the order and keep the terms of the order in full force and effect until the hearing.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

CJ, § 3-1506(a) and FL, § 4-507(a) - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 648 Delegate James**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – HARFORD COUNTY – HAVRE DE GRACE OPERA HOUSE RENOVATION**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$250,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Mayor and City Council of the City of Havre de Grace for specified development or improvement purposes related to the Havre de Grace Opera House, located in Harford County; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; establishing a deadline for the encumbrance or expenditure of the loan proceeds; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2014

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 649 Delegate James**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – HARFORD COUNTY – HAVRE DE GRACE MARITIME MUSEUM**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$75,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Havre de Grace Maritime Museum, Inc. for specified development or improvement purposes related to the Havre de Grace Maritime Museum, located in Harford County; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; establishing a deadline for the encumbrance or expenditure of the loan proceeds; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2014

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 650 Delegate Impallaria, et al**BALTIMORE COUNTY – USE OF SPEED MONITORING SYSTEMS**

Establishing that in Baltimore County a violation recorded by a speed monitoring system may be enforced by the issuance of a citation only if the violation occurred during a specified time period and at the time of the violation the sign designating the school zone is equipped and operated in a specified manner; requiring that a speed monitoring system in Baltimore County be placed and adjusted in a specified manner; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

TR, § 21-809(b)(1)(viii) - amended and § 21-809(b)(1)(ix) - added

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

HB 651 Delegate Impallaria, et al**COURTS – AGGRAVATED MURDER COURT**

Authorizing the General Assembly to create an Aggravated Murder Court that shall have original and exclusive jurisdiction over all presentments or indictments for offenses previously punishable by death; vesting the judicial power of the State in the Aggravated Murder Court as the General Assembly may create by law; submitting the amendment to the qualified voters of the State for their adoption or rejection; etc.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT – CONTINGENT

Maryland Constitution, Art. IV, §§ 1, 3, and 8(b) and Art. V, § 3(a) - amended and Art. IV, § 27 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 652 Delegate Frick, et al**CONSUMER PROTECTION – NEGATIVE OPTION FEATURE – RESTRICTIONS**

Prohibiting a merchant from using a negative option feature in connection with a sale of specified consumer goods or specified consumer services or a free trial offer for specified consumer goods or specified consumer services unless the merchant provides the consumer with a written disclosure of the terms and conditions of the negative option feature; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

CL, § 14-1324 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HOUSE BILLS INTRODUCED JANUARY 31, 2014**HB 653 Delegate Luedtke****EDUCATION – DEAF CULTURE DIGITAL LIBRARY**

Requiring the Division of Library Development and Services in the Department of Education to establish the Deaf Culture Digital Library; and specifying the mission, duties, and responsibilities of the Deaf Culture Digital Library.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

ED, § 23-105 - amended and § 23-108 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 654 Delegates Hubbard and Valentino–Smith**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY – DINOSAUR PARK IMPROVEMENTS**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$25,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Maryland–National Capital Park and Planning Commission for specified development or improvement purposes related to the Dinosaur Park, located in Prince George’s County; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; establishing a deadline for the encumbrance or expenditure of the loan proceeds; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2014

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 655 Delegate Barkley, et al

STATE RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEM – MEMBER CONTRIBUTION RATE – REDUCTION

Reducing the rate of member contributions for specified members of the Employees' Pension System, Teachers' Pension System, and Law Enforcement Officers' Pension System.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014

SP, §§ 23-212(c) and (d) and 26-204 - amended

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 656 Delegate Ready, et al

ESTATES AND TRUSTS – PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES AND GUARDIANS – STANDARDS

Defining “serious crime” to provide that a register of wills or court may not grant letters of administration to a person convicted of a crime that reflects adversely on an individual’s honesty, trustworthiness, or fitness to perform the duties of a personal representative; providing an exception; prohibiting a court, unless good cause is shown, from appointing, as a guardian of the person of a minor or disabled person, a person who has been convicted of a specified crime; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

ET, § 5-105 - amended and § 11-114 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 657 Delegate Pena–Melnyk, et al

STATE BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS – DENTISTS AND DENTAL HYGIENISTS – GROUNDS FOR DISCIPLINE

Authorizing the State Board of Dental Examiners to take disciplinary actions against applicants for a license to practice dentistry or dental hygiene, licensed dentists, or licensed dental hygienists if the applicant or licensee demonstrates a course of conduct or provides a service that is inconsistent with the standard of care for their profession.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

HO, § 4-315(a)(18) and (19) and (b)(11) and (12) - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 658 Delegate Carter, et al**PUBLIC INFORMATION ACT – STATE PUBLIC INFORMATION ACT COMPLIANCE BOARD – ESTABLISHMENT**

Establishing the State Public Information Act Compliance Board; providing for the powers and duties of the Board; authorizing any person to file a specified complaint with the Board; requiring that the complaint contain specified information and be signed by the complainant; requiring the Board to take specified action regarding a complaint; requiring a custodian who receives a complaint from the Board to file a specified response within a specified time period; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

GP, § 4-101 - amended, §§ 4-1A-01 through 4-1A-09 - added, and § 4-361 - repealed

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 659 Delegate Szeliga, et al**PUBLIC SAFETY – REGULATED FIREARMS – TRANSPORT THROUGH STATE**

Specifying that a person who is not a resident of the State and who is not prohibited from possessing a regulated firearm in the person's state of residence may transport a regulated firearm through the State to another state under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

PS, § 5-147 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 660 Delegate Myers, et al**FORESTS AND PARKS – PUBLIC RECREATION ON PRIVATE AND STATE-OWNED LAND – OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLES**

Expanding a specified liability exemption for a landowner who agrees to the use of a defined part of the landowner's property for cross-country skiing or snowmobiling in Garrett County to apply to the use of an off-highway vehicle in the State.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

NR, §§ 5-1101 and 5-1109 - amended

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

HB 661 Delegates Myers and Krebs**HEALTH – STATISTICS AND RECORDS – ELECTRONIC FILING OF DEATH CERTIFICATES**

Requiring the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene, on or before January 1, 2015, to establish a process by which death and fetal death certificates can be filed electronically and to educate physicians regarding the process.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014

HG, § 4-203 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 662 Delegate Braveboy**SPEED MONITORING SYSTEMS – LOCAL JURISDICTIONS – AUDIT AND REPORTING**

Requiring a local jurisdiction to report the results of a specified annual calibration check of speed monitoring systems to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before December 31 of each year; authorizing the Governor to require a local jurisdiction to obtain an independent audit of its speed monitoring systems; requiring a local jurisdiction to forward the results of an audit obtained under the Act to the Governor and the General Assembly within 30 days after receipt of the audit; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

TR, § 21-809(k) - added

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

HB 663 Delegate Braveboy, et al**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY – OLDE MILL COMMUNITY AND TEACHING CENTER**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$250,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Olde Mill Foundation, Inc. for specified development or improvement purposes related to the Olde Mill Community and Teaching Center, located in Prince George’s County; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; establishing a deadline for the encumbrance or expenditure of the loan proceeds; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2014

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 664 Delegate Kramer, et al**RENTAL UNITS, CONDOMINIUMS, AND HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATIONS – SMOKING RESTRICTIONS**

Allowing written leases for residential real property to include specified restrictions or prohibitions on smoking tobacco products in specified areas; allowing the bylaws or regulations of a condominium to contain specified restrictions or prohibitions on smoking tobacco products in specified areas; and authorizing a homeowners association to include in its declaration, bylaws, rules, or recorded covenants and restrictions specified restrictions or prohibitions on smoking tobacco products in multi-unit dwellings or in the common areas.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

RP, §§ 8-208, 11-104, and 11-111 - amended and § 11B-111.7 - added

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

HB 665 Delegate Kramer, et al**CRIMES RELATING TO ANIMALS – SURGERY ON DOGS – PENALTIES**

Prohibiting a person, other than a licensed veterinarian using anesthesia, from performing specified procedures on a dog; and establishing penalties for a violation of the Act.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

CR, § 10-624 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 666 Delegate Kramer, et al**MOTOR VEHICLES – CHECKPOINTS – PROHIBITION ON TARGETING MOTORCYCLES**

Prohibiting a police officer at a motor vehicle checkpoint from targeting only motorcycles for inspection or evaluation; creating a specified exception to the prohibition for a police officer at a motor vehicle checkpoint established as part of a police search or investigation; providing for the construction of a provision of law governing obedience to a lawful order or direction of a police officer; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

TR, § 21-103 - amended and § 25-114 - added

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

HB 667 Delegate Kramer, et al**CRIMES RELATING TO ANIMALS – UNAUTHORIZED SURGICAL DEVOCALIZATION OF CAT OR DOG – PENALTIES**

Prohibiting a person from surgically debarking or silencing a dog or cat; authorizing a licensed veterinarian to surgically debark or silence a dog or cat under specified circumstances; and providing penalties for a violation of the Act.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

CR, § 10-624 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 668 Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee (By Request – Departmental – Health and Mental Hygiene)**INCOME TAX CREDIT – HEALTH ENTERPRISE ZONES – MODIFICATIONS**

Allowing a specified Health Enterprise Zone employer a credit, in the amount of \$10,000, against the State income tax for hiring a qualified position in a Health Enterprise Zone; requiring that the employer create at least one qualified position during a 24-month period; requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to certify to the Comptroller the applicability of each credit for each employer; extending the applicability of credits to the 2016 taxable year; extending the termination date of a specified Act; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2014

TG, § 10-731 and Chapter 3 of the Acts of 2012, §§ 5 and 6 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 669 Delegate Glass**HARFORD COUNTY – DEER MUZZLE LOADER SEASON – JANUARY DAYS**

Requiring the Department of Natural Resources to include in the deer muzzle loader season a minimum of 2 days in January for the hunting of both antlered and antlerless deer in Harford County.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014

NR, § 10-420 - amended

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

HB 670 Delegate Glass

ARCHERY HUNTING – SAFETY ZONE

Establishing for archery hunters a safety zone of 50 yards within which archery hunting may not take place except under specified circumstances.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014

NR, § 10-410(g) - amended

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

HB 671 Delegate Glass

SUNDAY HUNTING – DEER BOW HUNTING SEASON

Authorizing a person to hunt deer on private property on any Sunday during the deer bow hunting season, subject to specified provisions of law.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014

NR, § 10-410(a) - amended

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

HB 672 Delegate Glass

HARFORD COUNTY – SUNDAY HUNTING – DEER BOW HUNTING SEASON

Authorizing a person to hunt deer on private property in Harford County on any Sunday during the deer bow hunting season, subject to specified provisions of law.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014

NR, § 10-410(a) - amended

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

HB 673 Delegate Glass

HARFORD COUNTY – ARCHERY HUNTING – SAFETY ZONE

Altering the size of the safety zone for archery hunters in Harford County within which archery hunting may not take place except under specified circumstances.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014

NR, § 10-410(g) - amended

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

HB 674 Delegate Glass**TASK FORCE TO REVIEW PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENT PROCEDURES AND THE ASSESSMENT APPEALS PROCESS**

Establishing a Task Force to Review Property Tax Assessment Procedures and the Assessment Appeals Process; establishing the composition of the Task Force; requiring the Governor to designate the chair of the Task Force; providing for the staffing for the Task Force; prohibiting a member of the Task Force from receiving specified compensation; requiring that the Task Force issue a report by January 1, 2015; and terminating the Act at the end of June 30, 2015.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 675 Delegate Glass**RECREATIONAL HUNTING OR FISHING LICENSE APPLICATIONS – DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION**

Establishing that the Department of Natural Resources may require an applicant to provide only specified information on an application for a recreational hunting or fishing license; altering the information that a request for information from a recreational hunting or fishing license application made by the Child Support Enforcement Administration of the Department of Human Resources to the Department of Natural Resources is required to contain; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

FL, § 10-119.3 and NR, §§ 4-205(l), 4-604(d) and (e), and 10-301(d) and (e) - amended

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

HB 676 Delegate Glass, et al**CONSUMER PROTECTION – REQUIRED DISCLOSURE OF SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER – PROHIBITION**

Prohibiting a person from requiring a consumer to disclose the consumer's Social Security number to the person as a condition for the purchase or lease of consumer goods or consumer services; providing that the Act does not prohibit a person from requesting or requiring a consumer to disclose the consumer's Social Security number to apply for or obtain an extension of consumer credit; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

CL, § 14-3403 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 677 Delegate Glass, et al**VEHICLE EMISSIONS INSPECTION PROGRAM – REQUEST FOR EXHAUST EMISSIONS TEST AFTER FAILING ON-BOARD DIAGNOSTICS TEST**

Requiring a vehicle emissions inspection facility, at the request of the owner of a vehicle that has failed an on-board diagnostics test, to immediately conduct an exhaust emissions test of the vehicle at no cost to the owner of the vehicle; and establishing that a vehicle that passes an exhaust emissions test requested under the Act is deemed to be in compliance with specified emissions standards established for the vehicle.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

TR, § 23-204 - amended

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

HB 678 Delegate Glass**MOTOR VEHICLES – STOPPING ON SHOULDER – WARNING DEVICES**

Altering the requirements for placing warning devices for specified motor vehicles that are not disabled but are stopped on the shoulder of a roadway; providing that a violation of the Act is not a moving violation for the purpose of assessing points; and establishing penalties for violations of the Act.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

TR, § 22-408 - amended and § 27-101(ff) - added

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

HB 679 Delegate Barkley, et al**INSURANCE – TITLE INSURERS – TITLE INSURANCE COMMITMENT AND BINDERS**

Altering specified information that a title insurer is required to include in specified disclosures; requiring a title insurer to disclose specified information concerning the effect of specified documents in a specified manner; providing that a title insurance commitment or a specified sample form constitute a specified written statement; providing that a title insurance commitment or sample form is not a representation as to the state of title and does not constitute an abstract or a report of title; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

IN, §§ 22-101 and 22-104 - added and § 22-103 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 680 Delegate Carter, et al**PUBLIC SAFETY – DNA SAMPLES AND RECORDS – COLLECTION, USE, STORAGE, AND EXPUNGEMENT**

Requiring a governmental unit that collects DNA samples or maintains DNA records for law enforcement purposes to comply with specified provisions of law governing the collection, use, and expungement of DNA samples and records; and prohibiting a DNA sample from being stored unless it is required to be collected or stored under specified provisions of law.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

PS, § 2-502.1 - added and § 2-505(b) - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 681 Delegate Carter**MARYLAND RENTERS TAX CREDIT PROGRAM**

Altering the calculation of the amount of property tax relief provided to specified renters by increasing, from 15% to 25%, the percent of rent used to calculate the assumed property tax; altering the calculation of combined income of a renter to increase the amount of property tax relief available; increasing, from \$750 to \$1,500, the maximum amount of property tax relief that may be provided under the program; requiring the Department of Assessments and Taxation to establish a marketing campaign; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014

TP, § 9-102 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 682 Delegate Waldstreicher, et al**MOTOR VEHICLE ADMINISTRATION – DRIVING RECORDS – EXPUNGEMENT**

Altering the circumstances under which the Motor Vehicle Administration is required to expunge the driving record or a probation before judgment of an individual; repealing a specified requirement that licensees apply for an expungement of specified driving records before the Administration may expunge them; prohibiting the Administration from expunging specified drug- and alcohol-related driving offenses and offenses relating to failing to remain at the scene of specified accidents; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

TR, § 16-117.1 - amended

Assigned to: Environmental Matters and Judiciary

HB 683 Delegate Glass, et al**REAL PROPERTY – RESIDENTIAL AND MOBILE HOME PARK LEASES – INTEREST ON SECURITY DEPOSITS**

Altering from 3 percent to 2 percent the annual interest rate paid on a security deposit under a residential lease after the end of a tenancy, the annual interest rate paid on a security deposit under a residential lease prior to the termination of a tenancy under specified circumstances, and the annual interest rate paid by a mobile home park owner on a security deposit at the end of a tenancy.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

RP, §§ 8-203(e) and (h) and 8A-1001(f) - amended

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

HB 684 Delegate McIntosh, et al**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – BALTIMORE CITY – GREENMOUNT CONSTRUCTION JOBS TRAINING CENTER**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt in the amount of \$200,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the People's Homesteading Group, Incorporated for specified development or improvement purposes related to the Greenmount Construction Jobs Training Center, located in Baltimore City; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; establishing a deadline for the encumbrance or expenditure of the loan proceeds; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2014

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 685 Delegate Frush, et al**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY – LAUREL PARK PATH SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$300,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Mayor and City Council of the City of Laurel for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the Laurel Park Path System, located in Prince George's County; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2014

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 686 Delegate Cardin, et al**TAX OVERPAYMENT – INTEREST ON REFUNDS**

Altering the day on which interest begins to accrue on specified taxpayer refunds of specified tax payments; requiring a tax collector to pay interest on specified taxpayer refunds beginning on the date of the overpayment if the overpayment is attributable to an error or a mistake of the State or a unit of the State government; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014

TG, § 13-603 - repealed and added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 687 Delegate Haynes**MARYLAND CONSOLIDATED CAPITAL BOND LOAN OF 2010 – BALTIMORE CITY – FRANKLIN ENTREPRENEURIAL AND APPRENTICESHIP CENTER**

Amending the Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loan of 2010 to extend the deadline to June 1, 2015, for the Board of Directors of the Druid Heights Community Development Corporation to present evidence of specified matching funds for specified grants for the Franklin Entrepreneurial and Apprenticeship Center, located in Baltimore City; and providing that the grants may not terminate before June 1, 2015; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2014

Chapter 483 of the Acts of 2010, § 1(3) Item ZA02(L) and Item ZA03(L), as amended - amended

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 688 Delegate Haynes**MARYLAND CONSOLIDATED CAPITAL BOND LOAN OF 2013 – BALTIMORE CITY – FAYETTE STREET OUTREACH COMMUNITY CENTER**

Amending the Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loan of 2013 to repeal specified requirements that the Board of Directors of The Fayette Street Outreach Organization, Inc. provide a matching fund for specified grants for the Fayette Street Outreach Community Center, located in Baltimore City; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2014

Chapter 424 of the Acts of 2013, § 1(3) Item ZA02(O) and Item ZA03(I) - amended

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 689 Allegany County Delegation**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – ALLEGANY COUNTY – ALLEGANY COUNTY ANIMAL SHELTER ADOPTION AND CARE CENTER**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$250,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Allegany County Animal Shelter Management Foundation, Inc. for specified development or improvement purposes related to the Allegany County Animal Shelter Adoption and Care Center, located in Allegany County; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2014

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 690 Garrett County Delegation**GARRETT COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – SUNDAY SALES FOR OFF-PREMISES CONSUMPTION**

Authorizing the holder of specified alcoholic beverages licenses in Garrett County to sell alcoholic beverages for consumption off the licensed premises on specified Sundays under specified circumstances; establishing the hours for sale on specified Sundays; establishing specified fees; submitting the Act to a referendum of the legally qualified voters of specified election districts and precincts of election districts in Garrett County; etc.

CONTINGENT – EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014

Art. 2B, § 11-512 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 691 Allegany County Delegation**PROPERTY TAX CREDIT – UPPER STORIES OF COMMERCIAL STRUCTURES – REHABILITATION**

Authorizing the governing body of Baltimore City, a county, or a municipal corporation to provide a property tax credit against the county or municipal corporation property tax imposed on an existing commercial structure in which a specified investment is made to allow for the adaptive reuse of the upper stories of the structure; providing for the amount and duration of the tax credit; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2014

TP, § 9-256 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 692 Delegate Pena–Melnyk, et al**MARYLAND PERFUSION ACT – REVISIONS**

Altering the requirement that one of the members of the Perfusion Advisory Committee be a physician who performs cardiac or cardiothoracic surgery to allow the member to be a cardiac anesthesiologist; authorizing, under specified circumstances, a specified applicant to apply to the State Board of Physicians for an extension of the term of a specified license; requiring the Board to adopt specified regulations to carry out a specified provision of the Act; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

HO, §§ 14-5E-06(a), 14-5E-09(c), 14-5E-10, 14-5E-13(f), 14-5E-14(b), 14-5E-18(b)(1)(i), and 14-5E-23 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 693 Delegate Bromwell**HEALTH INSURANCE – ESSENTIAL HEALTH BENEFITS – PEDIATRIC DENTAL BENEFITS**

Providing that a health benefit plan offered by a health insurance carrier outside the Maryland Health Benefit Exchange to individuals or small employers is not required to include specified pediatric dental benefits under specified circumstances.

EMERGENCY BILL

IN, § 31-116(a) - amended and § 31-116(f) - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 694 Delegate Cluster**BALTIMORE COUNTY – EDUCATION – REPORT ON LOW-ACHIEVING STUDENTS**

Requiring the Baltimore County Superintendent of Schools to submit a specified report on the number of students in specified grades for each Baltimore County public school with less than a specified grade point average and the programs that have been established to reduce the number of students with a low grade point average to the Baltimore County Board of Education, the Baltimore County Council, and the Baltimore County Delegation of the General Assembly on or before December 1, 2014; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2014

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 695 Delegate McComas, et al**CRIMES – OBSTRUCTING JUSTICE – TAMPERING WITH OR FABRICATING PHYSICAL EVIDENCE**

Prohibiting a person from destroying, altering, concealing, or removing physical evidence that the person believes may be used in a specified pending or future official proceeding with a specified intent; prohibiting a person from fabricating physical evidence with a specified intent; prohibiting a person from introducing fabricated physical evidence under specified circumstances; and establishing a specified penalty for a violation of the Act.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

CR, § 9-307 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 696 Delegate Valderrama, et al**CRIMINAL LAW – HUMAN TRAFFICKING – VICTIMS UNDER AGE 21**

Altering a provision concerning the age of a victim, to under 21 years of age, for purposes of specified prohibitions against felony human trafficking.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

CR, § 11-303 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 697 Delegate Valderrama, et al**CRIMES – THREAT OF MASS VIOLENCE**

Prohibiting a person from threatening to commit or causing to be committed a crime of violence that would place others at substantial risk of death or serious physical injury if there are specified probable consequences of the threat; establishing that a person who violates the Act is guilty of the misdemeanor of making a threat of mass violence; requiring a court to order a person convicted under the Act to reimburse specified persons; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

CR, § 3-1001 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 698 Delegate McComas, et al**ELECTIONS – STUDY COMMISSION ON THE REDISTRICTING PROCESS IN MARYLAND**

Establishing a Study Commission on the Redistricting Process in Maryland; 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, including suggested constitutional and legislative changes, to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before December 31, 2015; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

HB 699 Delegate Murphy, et al**INCOME TAX – SUBTRACTION MODIFICATION – UNREIMBURSED EXPENSES OF FOSTER PARENTS**

Allowing a subtraction modification under the Maryland income tax for unreimbursed expenses incurred by specified foster parents on behalf of a foster child; prohibiting expenses for which the foster parent receives a specified allowance or reimbursement from being included in the subtraction modification; applying the Act to tax years beginning after December 31, 2013; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014

TG, § 10-208(u) - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 700 Delegate Carter**TASK FORCE ON WORKPLACE BULLYING IN STATE AGENCIES**

Establishing the Task Force on Workplace Bullying in State Agencies; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Task Force; requiring the Task Force to study and make recommendations regarding specified matters related to workplace bullying in State agencies; requiring the Task Force to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and specified standing committees of the General Assembly on or before December 31, 2014; terminating the Act after June 30, 2015; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2014

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 701 Delegate Lee, et al**CRIMINAL LAW – CHILD KIDNAPPING AND PROSTITUTION – PENALTY**

Reclassifying as a felony a specified offense relating to child kidnapping and prostitution involving an individual under the age of 16 years; and altering the penalty for a specified provision of law relating to child kidnapping and prostitution involving an individual under the age of 16 years.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

CL, § 11-305 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 702 Delegate Vaughn, et al**PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYORS – LICENSURE QUALIFICATIONS – REVISIONS**

Requiring specified applicants for a license to practice land surveying to apply for a license on or before December 31, 2025, to qualify for licensure with specified qualifications; altering various educational, experiential, and examination requirements for a license to practice land surveying; authorizing the Board of Professional Land Surveyors to waive or require specified applicants for a license to practice land surveying in the State to pass specified examination requirements; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

BOP, §§ 15-305 and 15-311 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 703 Delegate McMillan**REAL PROPERTY TAX – PHASED IN VALUE – DEFINITION**

Clarifying, for purposes of specified provisions of law concerning assessments of real property, that the definition of “phased in value” means, under specified circumstances, the value determined in the most recent valuation if the value of the property has decreased or not increased; and applying the Act to all taxable years beginning after June 30, 2014.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2014

TP, § 8-103 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 704 Delegate Vaughn, et al**COMMERCIAL LAW – DEBT SETTLEMENT SERVICES – SUNSET AND REPORTING EXTENSION**

Extending to March 15, 2015, a specified reporting requirement of a registered debt settlement services provider; extending the deadline for specified reporting requirements of the Office of the Commissioner of Financial Regulation in the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation and the Consumer Protection Division in the Office of the Attorney General; extending to June 30, 2016, the termination date for the Maryland Debt Settlement Services Act; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

Chapter 280 and Chapter 281 of the Acts of 2011, §§ 2(a), 3, and 4 and FI, § 12-1009 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 705 Delegate Waldstreicher, et al**VICTIMS OF CRIME – LEGAL REPRESENTATIVES OF MINORS AND DISABLED AND ELDERLY PERSONS**

Authorizing a personal representative to request specified compensation, restitution, or financial property interest for a decedent who was a victim of a crime; providing that the rights, duties, and powers of a guardian of the person of a minor shall include serving as a victim's representative under specified circumstances; authorizing a court to order a guardian of the person of a specified person with a disability to serve as a victim's representative under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

ET, §§ 7-401(y), 13-702, and 15-102(p) and FL, §§ 5-532 and 14-202 - amended and ET, § 13-708(e) - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 706 Delegate Arora, et al**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – MONTGOMERY COUNTY – SILVER SPRING LEARNING CENTER EXPANSION**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$150,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Trustees of the Silver Spring Jewish Center, Inc. for specified development or improvement purposes related to the Silver Spring Learning Center, located in Montgomery County; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; prohibiting the use of the loan proceeds or matching fund for sectarian religious purposes; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2014

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 707 Delegate Haynes**RESTORING AND SUSTAINING BALTIMORE CITY COMMUNITIES ACT OF 2014**

Requiring the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City to grant, by law, a specified property tax credit against the property tax imposed on specified property located in designated communities in Baltimore City; establishing the amount and duration of the property tax credit; providing for the eligibility requirements of the property tax credit; and providing that the Act apply to all taxable years beginning after June 30, 2014; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2014

TP, § 9-304(g) - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 708 Delegate Serafini, et al**CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM – MEMBERSHIP**

Altering the positions eligible for membership in the Correctional Officers' Retirement System to include security chief, facility administrator, assistant warden, and warden; authorizing specified individuals to cease membership in the Employees' Pension System and enroll in the Correctional Officers' Retirement System; authorizing specified individuals to transfer service credit from the Employees' Pension System to the Correctional Officers' Retirement System; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014

SP, §§ 25-201 and 25-401 - amended

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 709 Delegate Kach**HEALTH INSURANCE – ASSIGNMENT OF BENEFITS AND REIMBURSEMENT OF NONPREFERRED PROVIDERS – REPEAL OF REPORTING REQUIREMENT AND TERMINATION DATE**

Repealing the requirement that the Maryland Health Care Commission, in consultation with the Maryland Insurance Administration and the Office of the Attorney General, conduct a specified study and submit specified reports to the General Assembly on or before specified dates; and repealing the termination date of specified provisions of law relating to the assignment of benefits and reimbursement of nonpreferred providers.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2014

Chapter 537 of the Acts of 2010, § 3 - repealed and § 7 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 710 Delegate Cullison, et al**LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT – HEALTH CARE FACILITIES – WORKPLACE VIOLENCE PREVENTION PROGRAM**

Requiring a specified health care facility to establish a specified workplace violence prevention committee; requiring a workplace violence prevention committee to establish a specified workplace violence prevention program; requiring a workplace violence prevention program to include specified components; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

LE, §§ 5-1101 through 5-1103 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations