



# SYNOPSIS

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## HOUSE BILLS INTRODUCED FEBRUARY 18, 2014

### **HB 1449 Delegate Jones**

#### CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – MARIJUANA DIVERSION PROGRAM

Requiring each county to establish a specified marijuana diversion program; providing that a specified person who is charged with a violation of a specified provision of law prohibiting the use or possession of marijuana is eligible for the program; requiring a State's Attorney to offer to dismiss a specified charge by entering a nolle prosequi with a specified requirement or move that the court indefinitely postpone trial of the charge by marking the charge stet with a specified requirement under specified circumstances; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

CR, § 5-601(c)(2) - amended and CP, § 6-229.1 - added

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

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**HB 1450 Delegate Walker**

MARYLAND CONSOLIDATED CAPITAL BOND LOAN OF 2012 – PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY – SOUTHERN AREA INDOOR AQUATIC CENTER

Amending the Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loan of 2012 to extend the deadline for the Maryland–National Capital Park and Planning Commission to present evidence of the matching funds for grants for the Southern Area Indoor Aquatic Center; changing the location of the Southern Area Indoor Aquatic Center from Riverdale to Fort Washington; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2014

Chapter 444 of the Acts of 2012, § 1(3) Item ZA02(BN) and Item ZA03(AY) - amended

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

**HB 1451 Delegates Vitale and McMillan**

ENVIRONMENT – MARINE CONTRACTOR SERVICES – LICENSE EXCEPTIONS

Authorizing an individual to perform marine contractor services without having to obtain a license from the Marine Contractors Licensing Board if the individual is assisting a residential or commercial property owner who is performing marine contractor services on the property owner’s own property and the property owner is present and actively participating in the performance of the marine contractor services.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

EN, § 17-301 - amended

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

**HB 1452 Delegate Vitale, et al**

ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – ELECTRONIC INSTANT BINGO MACHINES – REGULATION

Authorizing a war veterans’ organization or fraternal organization in Anne Arundel County to operate not more than five electronic instant bingo machines if the organization obtains a license for each machine on or before June 1, 2015.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2014

CR, § 12-301.1 - amended

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

**HB 1453 Delegate Jones, et al**EDUCATION – BALTIMORE COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD  
NOMINATING COMMISSION

Establishing the Baltimore County School Board Nominating Commission; providing for the membership, duties, terms, and staffing of the Commission; requiring the Governor to designate the Commission chair; requiring the Governor to make appointments to the Baltimore County Board of Education from a list of nominees submitted by the Commission; providing that a member's appointment to the county board is subject to approval or rejection by the registered voters of the county at a specified election; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

ED, §§ 3-108 and 3-109 - amended

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

**HOUSE BILLS INTRODUCED FEBRUARY 19, 2014****HB 1454 Delegates M. Washington and Proctor**

## WINTER DRIVING SAFETY ACT

Requiring the State Highway Administration to establish a specified public information campaign on the importance of snow and ice removal from exposed vehicle surfaces; prohibiting a person from operating or towing a vehicle without removing from exposed vehicle surfaces specified snow and ice; establishing penalties for a violation of the Act and penalties for a violation of the Act that contributes to an accident under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

TR, §§ 8-656 and 21-1130 - added

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

**HB 1455 Delegates V. Turner and Valderrama****CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY – FOREST HEIGHTS TOWN HALL RENOVATION**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$130,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Forest Heights for specified development or improvement purposes related to the Forest Heights Town Hall, 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: House Rules and Executive Nominations

**HB 1456 Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee (By Request – Departmental – Health and Mental Hygiene)****DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE – BOARD OF REVIEW – JURISDICTION**

Limiting the jurisdiction of the Board of Review of the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to hear and determine appeals from decisions of the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene and units in the Department; authorizing the Board to hear and determine any appeal from a decision of the Secretary in a contested case concerning an individual’s eligibility for or participation in specified programs; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2014

HG and HO, Various Sections - amended

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

**HB 1457 Chair, Appropriations Committee (By Request – Departmental – Public Safety and Correctional Services)****STATE CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS’ BILL OF RIGHTS – DEFINITION OF CORRECTIONAL OFFICER**

Altering the definition of “correctional officer” to exclude the classification of correctional officer I for the purposes of the State Correctional Officers’ Bill of Rights.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

CS, § 10-901(c) - amended

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

**HB 1458 Chair, Appropriations Committee (By Request – Departmental – Public Safety and Correctional Services)****CORRECTIONAL SERVICES – CHARGES RECOMMENDING DISCIPLINE – INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD**

Establishing that a specified time period after which a specified appointing authority in the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services may not bring charges recommending the imposition of discipline against a correctional officer does not apply to specified charges of criminal activity under specified circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

CS, § 10-907 - amended

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

**HB 1459 Harford County Delegation****HARFORD COUNTY – GAMING EVENTS – LICENSE**

Adding a nonstock corporation that operates a chamber of commerce in Harford County and intends to raise money exclusively to support the membership of the chamber of commerce to the list of organizations that may obtain a license to conduct a gaming event in Harford County.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

CR, § 13-1503 - amended

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

**HB 1460 Delegate Summers, et al****CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY – REDEVELOPMENT OF 4510 41ST AVENUE AND 4516 41ST AVENUE**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$150,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of North Brentwood for specified development or improvement purposes related to the redevelopment of the buildings at 4510 41st Avenue and 4516 41st Avenue, 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: House Rules and Executive Nominations

**HB 1461 Delegate Hixson****HOMETOWN HEROES – INCOME TAX SUBTRACTION MODIFICATION – RETIREMENT INCOME OF LAW ENFORCEMENT, FIRE, RESCUE, AND EMERGENCY SERVICES PERSONNEL**

Providing a subtraction modification under the Maryland income tax under specified circumstances for specified retirement income attributable to a resident's employment as a law enforcement officer or the individual's service as fire, rescue, or emergency services personnel; and applying the Act to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2013.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014

TG, § 10-209 - amended

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

**HB 1462 Delegate Davis****PROPERTY AND CASUALTY INSURANCE – NOTICES – USE OF FIRST-CLASS MAIL TRACKING METHODS**

Altering the manner in which insurers are required to notify specified persons of the rescission, cancellation, nonrenewal, or termination of policies or binders of specified property or casualty insurance, or of an increase in the total premium for a policy of private passenger motor vehicle liability insurance; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

IN, Various Sections - amended and §§ 27-602(a), 27-603(a), and 27-613(a) - added

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

**HB 1463 Delegate Davis****SOLAR FARMS – CONSTRUCTION REQUIREMENTS – EXEMPTIONS**

Exempting a solar farm from the requirement to submit a grading and sediment control plan in order to obtain a permit for grading or construction; exempting a solar farm from the requirement to submit a forest stand delineation and forest conservation plan in order to obtain a permit for grading or construction; and exempting a solar farm from the requirement to obtain a certificate of public convenience and necessity before constructing a generating station if the solar farm meets specified requirements.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014

EN, § 4-101.1(d) - added & §§ 4-101.1(d) & 4-102 - amended, NR, § 5-1601(kk) - added & § 5-1602(b)(4) - amended, & PU, § 7-207.1 - amended

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

**HB 1464 Delegate Davis**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY –  
DISTRICT HEIGHTS FAMILY AND YOUTH SERVICES BUREAU  
FACILITY PROJECT

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 District Heights for specified development or improvement purposes related to the District Heights Family and Youth Services Bureau Facility Project, 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: House Rules and Executive Nominations

**HB 1465 Delegate Davis**

## INSURANCE – REINSURANCE – CERTIFICATION OF REINSURERS

Authorizing the Maryland Insurance Commissioner to use information provided by the National Association of Insurance Commissioners (NAIC) committee process to take specified actions relating to an applicant for certification as a reinsurer in Maryland; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2014

IN, § 5-910 - amended

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

**HB 1466 Delegate Conaway**MORTICIANS AND FUNERAL DIRECTORS – CONTRACTS –  
STATEMENT REGARDING AVAILABILITY OF INTERNAL ORGANS  
FOR BURIAL

Altering the items that must be included in a specified contract to include a statement, under specified circumstances, regarding whether there are any internal organs that will not be available for burial with the deceased.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

HO, § 7-404 - amended

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

**HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION INTRODUCED FEBRUARY 19, 2014****HJ 10 Delegate Hixson****ESTABLISHMENT OF A PRESIDENTIAL YOUTH COUNCIL**

Urging the President of the United States to establish a specified Presidential Youth Council; and providing that a copy of the resolution be sent by the Department of Legislative Services to specified individuals.

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

**HOUSE BILLS REASSIGNED FEBRUARY 18, 2014****HB 1173 Delegate Kaiser****PUBLIC SCHOOLS – SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS – QUALIFICATIONS, TRAINING, AND STUDY**

Requiring each county board of education to establish qualifications for substitute teachers employed by a county board; requiring a county board to require each substitute teacher to complete an orientation and training program; requiring county boards to train specified school administrators in specified issues related to substitute teachers; requiring a county superintendent to develop a specified in-service training program; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014

ED, § 6-201.2 - added

Reassigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 1344 Delegates Cardin and Stein****TASK FORCE ON PREVENTING CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE**

Establishing the Task Force on Preventing Child Sexual Abuse; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Task Force; prohibiting a member of the Task Force from receiving specified compensation, but authorizing the reimbursement of specified expenses; requiring the Task Force to study and make recommendations regarding specified matters relating to the prevention of child sexual abuse and report its findings to the Governor on or before December 31, 2014; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014

Reassigned to: Judiciary