



SYNOPSIS

House Bills and Joint Resolutions
2014 Maryland General Assembly Session

January 20, 2014
Schedule 9

PLEASE NOTE: January 21 – Bill request deadline.
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 17, 2014

HB 245 Delegate Hogan

PROPERTY TAX – EXEMPTION FOR PROPERTY OWNED BY AFFORDABLE HOUSING LAND TRUST

Authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City or the governing body of a county or municipal corporation to exempt from the county or municipal property tax real property that is owned by an affordable housing land trust but not subject to an affordable housing land trust agreement; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2014

TP, § 7-518 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

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HB 246 Delegate Malone**MOTOR VEHICLES – INSPECTION CERTIFICATES FOR USED VEHICLES – PROCEDURES**

Repealing the requirement that the Automotive Safety Enforcement Division of the Department of State Police prepare inspection certificates for used motor vehicles and provide the certificates without charge to licensed motor vehicle inspection stations; requiring the Division to establish the manner and format for the submission of an inspection certificate for the transfer of a used motor vehicle; and authorizing the Division to require electronic submission of an inspection certificate for a used motor vehicle.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014

TR, §§ 23-101(e), 23-103(b), 23-106, 23-107(a)(1), and 23-109(h) thru (k) - amended, § 23-108 - added & repealed, and § 23-109(g) - repealed

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

HB 247 Delegate Hogan**VEHICLE LAWS – ROAD RAGE REDUCTION ACT OF 2014**

Providing that on a roadway that has two or more lanes for traffic moving in the same direction, when safe and practicable, the driver of a vehicle being overtaken in the far left lane shall give way to the right in favor of the overtaking vehicle unless the vehicle is preparing for a left turn or the vehicle is in a high occupancy vehicle lane under specified circumstances; and requiring the State Highway Administration to erect specified signs, at specified intervals, along specified roadways.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

TR, § 21-303 - amended

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

HB 248 Charles County Delegation**CHARLES COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – BEER, WINE AND LIQUOR LICENSES**

Establishing a Class B–R (restaurant) on–sale beer, wine and liquor license, a Class B–RB (restaurant/bar) on–sale beer, wine and liquor license, a Class B–T (tavern) on–sale beer, wine and liquor license, a Class B–N (nightclub) on–sale beer, wine and liquor license, and a Class B–H (hotel) on–sale beer, wine and liquor license in Charles County; authorizing the Charles County Board of License Commissioners to issue specified licenses; establishing conditions for the issuance of licenses; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014

Art. 2B, § 6-201(j) - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 249 Delegate McMillan**REAL PROPERTY – RESIDENTIAL LEASES – INTEREST ON SECURITY DEPOSITS**

Changing the interest rate paid on a security deposit at the end of a tenancy under a residential lease when an evicted or ejected tenant makes a timely written demand for return of the security deposit; altering the annual interest rate paid by a mobile home park owner on a security deposit at the end of a tenancy; requiring the Department of Housing and Community Development to maintain on its Web site a specified list or calculator; etc.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2015

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

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

HB 250 Delegate McMillan**VEHICLE LAWS – DEFINITION OF “BICYCLE” – MOPEDS**

Clarifying that a moped is a bicycle for the purposes of the Maryland Vehicle Law, subject to specified enumerated exceptions.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

TR, § 11-104 - amended

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

HOUSE BILLS INTRODUCED JANUARY 20, 2014**HB 251 Delegate Nathan–Pulliam, et al****STATE BOARD OF NURSING – ELECTROLOGY PRACTICE COMMITTEE – MEMBERSHIP**

Altering the membership of the Electrology Practice Committee within the State Board of Nursing; and providing for the elimination of the positions of specified members of the Committee.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014

HO, § 8-6B-05(b) - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 252 Delegate Beitzel, et al**VEHICLE LAWS – MAXIMUM SPEED LIMITS – INTERSTATE 68**

Establishing that the maximum speed limit on Interstate 68 may be up to 70 miles an hour.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

TR, § 21-801.1 - amended

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

HB 253 The Speaker (By Request – Department of Legislative Services)**STATE BOARD OF STATIONARY ENGINEERS – SUNSET EXTENSION AND PROGRAM EVALUATION**

Continuing the State Board of Stationary Engineers in accordance with the provisions of the Maryland Program Evaluation Act (sunset law) by extending to July 1, 2024, the termination provisions relating to the statutory and regulatory authority of the Board; and requiring that a preliminary evaluation of the Board and the statutes and regulations that relate to the Board be conducted on or before December 15, 2021.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014

BOP, § 6.5-502 and SG, § 8-403(b)(18) - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 254 The Speaker (By Request – Department of Legislative Services)**STATE BOARD OF INDIVIDUAL TAX PREPARERS – SUNSET EXTENSION AND PROGRAM EVALUATION**

Continuing the State Board of Individual Tax Preparers in accordance with the provisions of the Maryland Program Evaluation Act (sunset law) by extending to July 1, 2026, the termination provisions relating to the statutory and regulatory authority of the Board; requiring that an evaluation of the Board and the statutes and regulations that relate to the Board be performed on or before December 15, 2023; and requiring the Board to submit a specified report to specified committees of the General Assembly on or before October 1, 2015.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014

BOP, § 21-502 and SG, § 8-403(b)(27) - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 255 The Speaker (By Request – Department of Legislative Services)**PRESCRIPTION DRUG MONITORING PROGRAM – SUNSET EXTENSION AND PROGRAM EVALUATION**

Continuing the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program in accordance with the provisions of the Maryland Program Evaluation Act (Sunset Law) by extending to July 1, 2019, the termination provisions relating to the statutory and regulatory authority of the Program; repealing the requirement that the technical advisory committee to the Program review specified requests for information from the Program; requiring the Department of Legislative Services to conduct a direct full evaluation of the Program on or before December 1, 2017; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014

HG, §§ 21-2A-05(f)(3), 21-2A-06(c), 21-2A-07(b), and 21-2A-10 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 256 The Speaker (By Request – Department of Legislative Services)**MARYLAND HORSE INDUSTRY BOARD – SUNSET EXTENSION AND PROGRAM EVALUATION**

Continuing the Maryland Horse Industry Board in accordance with the provisions of the Maryland Program Evaluation Act (sunset law) by extending to July 1, 2026, the termination provisions relating to the statutory and regulatory authority of the Board; repealing a specified restriction on the use of specified funds generated by commercial equine feed assessments; requiring that an evaluation of the Board be performed on or before December 15, 2023; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014

AG, §§ 2-719 and 6-107.2 and SG, § 8-403(b)(26) - amended

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

HB 257 The Speaker (By Request – Department of Legislative Services)**ELEVATOR SAFETY REVIEW BOARD AND DIVISION OF LABOR AND INDUSTRY – SUNSET EXTENSION AND PROGRAM EVALUATION**

Continuing the Elevator Safety Review Board in accordance with the provisions of the Maryland Program Evaluation Act (sunset law) by extending to July 1, 2019, the termination provisions relating to the statutory and regulatory authority of the Board; requiring that an evaluation of the Board be performed on or before December 15, 2016; and repealing the termination provisions that apply to the regulation of mediation or arbitration of labor disputes, choice of bargaining representative, and strikebreakers.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 30, 2014

LE, § 4-405 - repealed and PS, § 12-842 and SG, § 8-403(b)(16) - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 258 The Speaker (By Request – Department of Legislative Services)**STATE BOARD OF AUDIOLOGISTS, HEARING AID DISPENSERS,
AND SPEECH–LANGUAGE PATHOLOGISTS – SUNSET EXTENSION
AND PROGRAM EVALUATION**

Continuing the State Board of Audiologists, Hearing Aid Dispensers, and Speech–Language Pathologists in accordance with the provisions of the Maryland Program Evaluation Act (sunset law) by extending to July 1, 2026, the termination provisions relating to the statutory and regulatory authority of the Board; requiring that an evaluation of the Board and the statutes and regulations that relate to the Board be performed on or before December 15, 2023; and requiring the Board to submit a specified report to specified General Assembly committees.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014

HO, § 2-502 and SG, § 8-403(b)(6) - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 259 Delegate Frush**CONDOMINIUMS – WARRANTY CLAIMS**

Establishing that, notwithstanding any provision in the declaration, bylaws, or rules and regulations of the condominium, a council of unit owners has the right to be involved in a specified manner in specified litigation or administrative proceedings affecting the condominium and to enforce implied warranties made to the council of unit owners by the developer; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

RP, § 11-109(d) - amended and § 11-134.1 - added

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

HB 260 Delegate Rosenberg, et al**MARYLAND CONSOLIDATED CAPITAL BOND LOAN OF 2005 –
BALTIMORE CITY – BABE RUTH BIRTHPLACE AND MUSEUM**

Amending the Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loan of 2005 to provide that a specified grant for the Babe Ruth Birthplace and Museum may not terminate before June 1, 2015.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2014

Chapter 445 of the Acts of 2005, § 1(3) Item ZA00(C), as amended - amended

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 261 Delegate Minnick, et al**ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – HARD CIDER – DEFINITION**

Altering the definition of hard cider to include beverages derived primarily from pears or pear concentrate and water, containing no other fruit product, and containing at least one-half of 1% and less than 7% of alcohol by volume.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

Art. 2B, § 1-102(a)(9-1) - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 262 Delegate Beitzel, et al**BOW HUNTING – POSSESSION OF HANDGUNS FOR PROTECTION**

Prohibiting the Department of Natural Resources from restricting specified licensed bow hunters from openly carrying a handgun under specified circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

NR, § 10-408 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 263 Delegate Rosenberg, et al**ELECTIONS – EARLY VOTING CENTERS – SUNDAY VOTING**

Altering the days on which each early voting center is required to be open before a primary or general election.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014

EL, § 10-301.1 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 264 Delegate Luedtke**INCOME TAX – SUBTRACTION MODIFICATION – STUDENT LOAN DEBT**

Allowing a subtraction modification under the Maryland income tax for specified income of specified individuals from the discharge of student loan debt under specified circumstances; requiring an individual to submit specified documentation to qualify for the subtraction modification; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014

TG, § 10-207(bb) - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 265 Delegate Hixson, et al**TASK FORCE TO STUDY HOW TO IMPROVE STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT IN MIDDLE SCHOOL**

Establishing the Task Force to Study How to Improve Student Achievement in Middle School; 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 “A New Mission for the Middle Grades” and make recommendations regarding specified matters; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 266 Delegate Love**MARYLAND CONSOLIDATED CAPITAL BOND LOAN OF 2007 – ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – HOPE HOUSE**

Amending the Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loan of 2007 to authorize the matching fund required for the Hope House project, located in Anne Arundel County, to consist of real property and funds expended prior to June 1, 2007; providing that specified grants may not terminate before June 1, 2015; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2014

Chapter 488 of the Acts of 2007, § 1(3) Item ZA01(H) and ZA02(C), as amended - amended

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 267 Delegate Clagett**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – FREDERICK COUNTY – CULLER LAKE STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PROJECT**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$375,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Friends of Baker Park, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the Culler Lake Stormwater Management Project, located in Frederick 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 268 Delegate Lafferty, et al**CORPORATIONS AND ASSOCIATIONS – LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANIES – COMPANY REPRESENTATIVE**

Requiring a limited liability company to have a company representative; establishing a specified fee for processing a notice of change of name, street address, telephone number, or electronic mail address of a company representative; requiring the articles of organization, articles of cancellation, and articles of reinstatement of a limited liability company to include the name, street address, telephone number, and electronic mail address of the company representative; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

CA, § 4A-101(g) - added and §§ 1-203(b)(2), 4A-204(a), 4A-207(b), 4A-210, 4A-909, 4A-916, and 4A-1002 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 269 Montgomery County Delegation**MONTGOMERY COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – CLASS B BEER, WINE AND LIQUOR (CLUBHOUSE/LODGE) LICENSE MC 20-14**

Establishing in Montgomery County a special Class B beer, wine and liquor (BWL) (clubhouse/lodge) license; specifying the type of facility to which the Board of License Commissioners may issue a Class B–BWL (clubhouse/lodge) license; specifying that a Class B–BWL (clubhouse/lodge) license authorizes a holder to serve specified alcoholic beverages on the licensed premises, off the licensed premises, or for tasting purposes for free or for a fee; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014

Art. 2B, § 6-201(q)(5) - added and § 9-102.2 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 270 The Speaker (By Request – Department of Legislative Services – Code Revision)

GENERAL PROVISIONS ARTICLE

Adding a new article to the Annotated Code, to be designated and known as the “General Provisions Article”, to revise, restate, and recodify the laws of the State relating to rules of interpretation, the form and administration of official oaths, the Open Meetings Act, the Public Information Act, the Maryland Public Ethics Law, acquisition of land by the United States and jurisdiction of the State and United States over specified land, and the State seal, flag, emblems, designations, and commemorative days and months; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

Art. 1 and SG, Various Sections - repealed and GP, §§ 1-101 thru 7-505 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 271 Delegate Bromwell, et al

CONTINUING CARE RETIREMENT COMMUNITIES – CONTINUING CARE AGREEMENTS – ACTUARIAL STUDIES

Altering the contents of a renewal application for a continuing care retirement community by requiring that actuarial studies reviewed by qualified actuaries be submitted at least every 3 years and 5 years for specified continuing care agreements; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

HU, §§ 10-401 and 10-413(a) - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 272 Delegate Reznik, et al

HEALTH OCCUPATIONS – LICENSED PODIATRISTS – SCOPE OF PRACTICE

Altering the definition of “practice podiatry” to include the surgical treatment of acute ankle fracture in the scope of practice of licensed podiatrists.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

HO, § 16-101 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 273 Delegate Rosenberg, et al**MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER SAFETY NET ACT OF 2014**

Requiring the Department of Public Safety and the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DHMH) to establish a specified Prison In–Reach Program; requiring each county board of education to include behavioral health services with school health services; requiring DHMH to report to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before October 1, 2014 on a plan for statewide implementation of the School Health Program; requiring the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Administration to implement a specified program throughout the State; etc.

This bill requires a mandated appropriation in the annual budget bill.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014

CS, ED, and HG, Various Sections - added and amended and Ch. 371 of the Acts of 2002, § 2 and Ch. 82 of the Acts of 2005, § 2 - repealed

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 274 Delegate Lafferty, et al**CIVIL ACTIONS – STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS FOR CERTAIN SPECIALTIES AND MOTION FOR CERTAIN DEFICIENCY JUDGMENTS**

Altering the time period, from 12 years to 3 years, within which a civil action on specified specialties shall be filed; authorizing a secured party or any other party in interest, within a specified time period, to file a motion for a deficiency judgment under specified circumstances; requiring the specified party to serve the motion in accordance with the Maryland Rules; and applying the Act prospectively.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014

CJ, § 5-102 - amended and RP, § 7-105.13 - added

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

HB 275 Delegate Reznik, et al**CRIMINAL LAW – TABLE GAMES AND VIDEO LOTTERY TERMINALS – INDIVIDUAL UNDER THE AGE OF 21 YEARS**

Prohibiting an individual under the age of 21 years from playing a table game or video lottery terminal in a video lottery facility; prohibiting an individual under the age of 21 years from entering or remaining in an area within a video lottery facility that is designated solely for table game or video lottery terminal activities; providing that violation of the Act is a Code violation and a civil offense; providing that a person who violates the Act shall be issued a citation; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

CR, §§ 10-136 and 10-137 - added and CJ, §§ 3-8A-01(dd) and 3-8A-33(a) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 276 Delegate Afzali, et al**ESTATE TAX – QUALIFIED FAMILY-OWNED BUSINESS INTERESTS – EXCLUSION**

Altering the determination of the Maryland estate tax under specified circumstances to exclude from the value of the gross estate \$5,000,000 of the value of specified qualified family-owned business interests; providing that the Maryland estate tax imposed may not exceed a specified amount under specified circumstances; providing for the recapture of specified Maryland estate tax under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014

TG, § 7-309(b) - amended and § 7-310 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 277 Delegate Ready, et al**VEHICLE-MILES-TRAVELED TAX AND ASSOCIATED MANDATED DEVICES – PROHIBITION**

Prohibiting the State or a local jurisdiction from imposing or levying a vehicle-miles-traveled tax or specified other similar fees, tolls, or taxes; and prohibiting the State or a local jurisdiction from requiring the installation of a device in or on a privately owned vehicle to facilitate the reporting of the number of vehicle-miles-traveled.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

TG, § 9-401 and TR, § 22-107 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 278 Delegate Frush, et al**CRIMINAL LAW – TOBACCO PRODUCTS – MINIMUM AGE**

Altering the age requirements for specified provisions of law relating to tobacco products; prohibiting a person from selling or dispensing tobacco products through a vending machine unless the machine is located in an establishment that an individual under the age of 21 years is prohibited by law from entering; prohibiting the distribution of a tobacco product or tobacco paraphernalia to an individual under the age of 21 years except under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

BR, § 16-3A-02, CR, §§ 10-107 and 10-108, HG, § 13-1015, LG, § 1-1203, and SF, § 7-317 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 279 Delegate Costa**HEALTH OCCUPATIONS – PHYSICIANS – PAYMENTS FOR OFFICE VISITS**

Prohibiting a licensed physician from presenting or causing to be presented a claim, bill, or demand for payment for an office visit if the physician did not commence treatment within a specified amount of time; establishing an exception; authorizing a licensed physician to present or cause to be presented a specified claim for payment for a procedure performed during a specified office visit; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

HO, § 14-508 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 280 Delegate Jameson**WORKERS' COMPENSATION – PAYMENT FOR PHYSICIAN-DISPENSED PRESCRIPTIONS – LIMITATIONS**

Prohibiting employers or their insurers, except under specified circumstances, from being required to pay for prescriptions that are dispensed by physicians to covered employees who have suffered accidental personal injuries, compensable hernias, or occupational diseases.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

LE, § 9-660 - amended and § 9-660.1 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations and Economic Matters

HB 281 Delegate Jameson**WORKERS' COMPENSATION – PAYMENT FOR CONTROLLED DANGEROUS SUBSTANCES PRESCRIBED BY PHYSICIANS – LIMITATIONS**

Prohibiting employers or their insurers, except under specified circumstances, from being required to pay under workers' compensation law for a controlled dangerous substance that is prescribed by a physician for covered employees who have suffered accidental personal injuries, compensable hernias, or occupational diseases; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

LE, § 9-660 - amended and § 9-660.1 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations and Economic Matters

HB 282 Delegate Costa**FAMILY LAW – PEACE ORDERS AND PROTECTIVE ORDERS – SHIELDING**

Requiring a court, if a peace order petition is denied or dismissed, to order the shielding of all court records related to the proceeding within 5 business days of the denial or dismissal; requiring a court, if a protective order petition is denied or dismissed, to order the shielding of all court records related to the proceeding within 5 business days of the denial or dismissal; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

CJ, § 3-1510 and FL, § 4-512 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 283 Delegate Parrott, et al**PAIN-CAPABLE UNBORN CHILD PROTECTION ACT**

Prohibiting, except in specified circumstances, the performance or inducement or attempted performance or inducement of an abortion unless a determination as to the probable age of the unborn child is made by a specified physician; providing that the failure of a physician to perform specified actions is deemed unprofessional conduct; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

HG, §§ 20-217 through 20-225 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 284 Delegate Eckardt, et al**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE – PHOSPHORUS ASSESSMENT AND MANAGEMENT – STUDY AND ECONOMIC IMPACT ANALYSIS**

Requiring the Department of Agriculture to conduct a study of efforts to manage and reduce phosphorus pollution from agricultural sources in the State; requiring the study to include specified information and an economic impact analysis estimating specified costs and economic benefits of the Phosphorus Management Tool to a specified person; prohibiting the Department from implementing specified regulations until after the adjournment of the 2015 regular legislative session of the General Assembly; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2014

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

HB 285 Dorchester County Delegation**MARYLAND CONSOLIDATED CAPITAL BOND LOAN OF 2013 – DORCHESTER COUNTY – CAMBRIDGE MARINE TERMINAL REDEVELOPMENT**

Amending the Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loan of 2013 to change the grantee of the grant for the Cambridge Marine Terminal Redevelopment grant from the Maryland Economic Development Corporation to the Mayor and City Commission of the City of Cambridge; making the Act an emergency measure; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

Chapter 424 of the Acts of 2013, § 1(3) Item ZA00(AF) - amended

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 286 Delegate Valentino–Smith, et al**CRIMINAL LAW – USE OF HANDGUN IN CRIME OF VIOLENCE OR FELONY – STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS**

Providing that a person who violates a specified provision of law prohibiting using a firearm in the commission of a crime of violence or felony is not covered by the 1–year statute of limitations for a misdemeanor.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

CR, § 4-204 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 287 Delegates Otto and McDermott**SOMERSET COUNTY – MICRO–BREWERY LICENSE**

Adding Somerset County to the list of jurisdictions in which a Class 7 micro–brewery license may be issued; and adding Somerset County to the list of jurisdictions in which the holder of a Class 7 micro–brewery license may sell at retail beer brewed under the license to customers for consumption off the licensed premises in specified refillable containers.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014

Art. 2B, § 2-208(b) and (d) - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 288 Delegate O’Donnell**TRANSPORTATION – METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATIONS – NOTICE AND PUBLIC HEARING**

Requiring the Department of Transportation to give specified notice to specified members of the General Assembly before beginning the process of establishing, altering, or eliminating a Metropolitan Planning Organization for transportation planning purposes for specified areas in the State; and requiring the Department to hold a public hearing within a specified area of the State to address the establishment, alteration, or elimination of a Metropolitan Planning Organization after a specified request.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

TR, § 2-103(e-1) - added

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

HB 289 Delegate Carr, et al**AUTOMATIC MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION PLATE READERS AND CAPTURED PLATE DATA – AUTHORIZED USES**

Prohibiting a person from using an automatic motor vehicle registration plate reader system, subject to a specified exception for specified purposes; prohibiting a law enforcement agency from sharing captured plate data for other than specified purposes, subject to a specified exception; prohibiting a law enforcement agency from retaining captured plate data for more than 30 days and requiring the agency to destroy the captured plate data after 30 days, subject to a specified exception for a specified purpose; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

PS, § 3-509 - added and § 3-701(a)(3) - amended and SG, § 10-616(w) - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 290 Delegate Frush**VEHICLE LAWS – MANUFACTURERS, DISTRIBUTORS, FACTORY BRANCHES, AND AFFILIATES – RELATIONSHIP WITH DEALERS**

Prohibiting, except under specified circumstances, a manufacturer, distributor, factory branch, or affiliate from requiring, attempting to require, coercing, or attempting to coerce a dealer to purchase specified goods or services from specified vendors under specified circumstances; requiring a manufacturer, distributor, or factory branch licensed in the State to specify in writing to its motor vehicle dealers specified information relating to the compensation of dealers for parts and labor; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

TR, § 15-207(k) - added and § 15-212 - amended

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

HB 291 Delegate Parrott**NATURAL RESOURCES – TREE EXPERTS – PROHIBITION**

Prohibiting a licensed tree expert from supervising more than one company that provides tree expert services.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

NR, § 5-423 - amended

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

HB 292 Delegate S. Robinson, et al**NATURAL GAS – HYDRAULIC FRACTURING – PROHIBITION**

Prohibiting a person from engaging in the hydraulic fracturing of a well for the exploration or production of natural gas.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

EN, § 14-107.1 - added

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

HB 293 Delegate Parrott, et al**LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT – MINIMUM WAGE – ESTABLISHMENT BY COUNTIES**

Authorizing a county to establish a minimum wage rate for employees working in the county; and altering the minimum wage that an employer is required to pay employees.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

LE, § 3-413 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 294 Delegate Carter, et al**LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS – ENTRANCE–LEVEL AND ANNUAL TRAINING REQUIREMENTS (CHRISTOPHER’S LAW)**

Altering entrance–level and annual training conducted by the State and each county and municipal police training school and required by the Police Training Commission to include specified training consistent with specified provisions, including training in lifesaving techniques, the proper level of the use of force, sensitivity to cultural and gender diversity, and interaction with individuals with physical and intellectual and developmental disabilities.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

PS, § 3-207 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 295 The Speaker (By Request – Administration), et al**MARYLAND MINIMUM WAGE ACT OF 2014**

Specifying the State minimum wage rate that is in effect for specified time periods; increasing, except under specified circumstances, the State minimum wage rate in effect for specified time periods based on the annual growth in the Consumer Price Index; requiring the Commissioner of Labor and Industry, beginning on a specified date and each subsequent year, to determine and announce the growth in the Consumer Price Index, if any, and the new State minimum wage rate; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2014

LE, §§ 3-403, 3-413, 3-415(b), 3-419, 3-420, and 3-427 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 296 The Speaker (By Request – Administration), et al**NATURAL RESOURCES – WILDLANDS – DESIGNATION OF NEW WILDLANDS**

Designating specified areas of the State as State wildlands.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

NR, § 5-1203(b),(c),(d),(g),(l),(q),(r),(v),(w),(x),(z),(aa),(cc),and (ff) - amended and § 5-1203(gg) through (oo) - added

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

HB 297 The Speaker (By Request – Administration), et al

PREKINDERGARTEN EXPANSION ACT OF 2014

Expanding prekindergarten services to specified 4-year-old children; establishing the Prekindergarten Expansion Grant Program; identifying the purpose of the Program; requiring the Department of Education to administer the Program; requiring the Program to be a competitive grant program for specified providers; establishing specified criteria for priority consideration of grant funds; establishing specified uses for grant funds; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2014

ED and SF, Various Sections - amended and added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 298 The Speaker (By Request – Administration), et al

HEALTH SERVICES COST REVIEW COMMISSION – POWERS AND DUTIES, REGULATION OF FACILITIES, AND MARYLAND ALL-PAYER MODEL CONTRACT

Authorizing the Health Services Cost Review Commission, consistent with Maryland's all-payer model contract, to establish hospital rate levels and rate increases in a specified manner and promote and approve specified alternative methods of rate determination and payment; increasing the total amount of user fees that the Commission may assess on specified facilities; altering the contents of a specified annual report the Commission is required to submit to specified individuals and the General Assembly; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014

HG, §§ 19-207(b)(6), 19-212, 19-213(c)(1), 19-214(b), 19-217, and 19-219 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 299 Delegate Glass, et al

STATE BOAT ACT – CERTIFICATE OF NUMBER FEE – ALTERING MOTOR HORSEPOWER FOR FEE EXEMPTION

Increasing the motor horsepower of a specified vessel in order for the vessel to qualify for an exemption from the certificate of number fee.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

NR, § 8-712(a), (b), and (c) - amended

Assigned to: Environmental Matters