



# SYNOPSIS

Senate Bills and Joint Resolutions  
2014 Maryland General Assembly Session

**January 31, 2014**  
**Schedule 18**

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**PLEASE NOTE:** January 31 – Bill introduction deadline.

All bills should be given to the Secretary of the Senate's office by 5:00 P.M. on Monday, February 3.

As required by Senate Rule 32(b), bills introduced after this date will be referred to the Senate Rules Committee.

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## **SENATE BILLS INTRODUCED January 31, 2014**

**SB 646** Senator Middleton, et al

STATE HEALTH PLAN – LICENSED HOSPICE PROGRAMS –  
CERTIFICATE OF NEED REVIEW

Requiring that, beginning December 31, 2014, for licensed hospice programs, the State health plan methodologies, standards, and criteria for certificate of need review for a jurisdiction demonstrating need first take into consideration the capability of current licensed hospice providers in that jurisdiction that have the infrastructure, capacity, and scale to meet the demonstrated need.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

HG, § 19-118 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

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**SB 647**     **Senator Conway****PUBLIC HIGHER EDUCATION – USE OF FUNDS – PROHIBITION**

Stating specified findings of the General Assembly; declaring a specified policy of the State; prohibiting specified institutions of higher education from using funds for specified purposes; and requiring a specified reduction to State funds under specified circumstances.

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014

ED, § 10-203.1 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 648**     **Senator Conway****STATE BOARD OF MORTICIANS AND FUNERAL DIRECTORS – FUNERAL ESTABLISHMENTS OWNED BY A SINGLE OWNER – PRE-NEED TRUSTEE LICENSES AND PUBLIC NOTIFICATION OF DEATH**

Requiring the State Board of Morticians and Funeral Directors to issue an executor license to an applicant if the applicant is the appointed personal representative of a deceased surviving spouse's estate under specified circumstances; establishing a pre-need trustee license; requiring a specified sign to be posted following the death of a mortician, funeral director, or surviving spouse who was a single owner of a funeral establishment; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

HO, § 7-308.1(a), (b), and (f) - amended and §§ 7-308.2 and 7-308.3 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 649**     **Senator Madaleno, et al****CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – MONTGOMERY COUNTY – THE WRITER'S CENTER**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$300,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of The Writer's Center, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of The Writer's Center facility, located in Montgomery 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: Budget and Taxation

**SB 650**     **Senator Madaleno, et al**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – MONTGOMERY COUNTY –  
WARNER MANOR

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$400,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Maryland–National Capital Park and Planning Commission for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the Warner Manor, located in Montgomery 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: Budget and Taxation

**SB 651**     **Senator Getty, et al**GENERAL PROVISIONS – COMMEMORATIVE DAYS – K9  
VETERANS DAY

Requiring the Governor annually to proclaim March 13 as K9 Veterans Day.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

GP, § 7-402 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 652**     **Senator Robey**MOTOR VEHICLES – SPEED MONITORING SYSTEMS – LOCAL  
JURISDICTIONS

Altering the standards and requirements for the required warning period for violations recorded by speed monitoring systems; establishing that speed monitoring systems placed in specified areas may be placed only on highways with a specified minimum speed limit; applying notice and signage standards for unmanned local stationary speed monitoring systems to all local speed monitoring systems; requiring local jurisdictions to designate specified persons to act in a liaison capacity; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2014

TR, § 21-809 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 653**     **Senator Astle****MARYLAND INCOME TAX REFUNDS – WARRANT INTERCEPT PROGRAM**

Requiring all counties to participate in a specified income tax refund withholding program for individuals with outstanding warrants; requiring the Comptroller to conduct a study regarding outstanding warrants, to withhold income tax refunds of individuals with outstanding warrants, and submit a report to the General Assembly on or before December 1, 2015; and repealing specified termination provisions.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014

TG, §§ 13-936 and 13-937, Ch. 451 of the Acts of 2012, § 3, as amended, and Ch. 213 of the Acts of 2013, § 3 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

**SB 654**     **Senator Middleton****HEALTH – DOWN SYNDROME – REQUIRED INFORMATION**

Requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to identify specified information about Down syndrome; requiring the Department to make available specified information on the Department's Web site and to provide specified information to specified health care facilities and specified health care providers; requiring health care facilities and health care providers to provide specified individuals with specified information under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

HG, §§ 20-1501 and 20-1502 - added

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 655**     **Senator Stone****REAL PROPERTY – REQUIREMENTS FOR NEW HOME SALES CONTRACTS – CLARIFICATION OF TERMS**

Altering and defining terms in specified provisions of real property law concerning a contract for the initial sale of a new home in order to conform to terms and provisions of the Maryland Home Builder Registration Act.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

RP, § 14-117(j) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 656**     **Senator Raskin, et al****CORRECTIONAL SERVICES – HEALTHY BIRTHS FOR INCARCERATED WOMEN ACT**

Prohibiting the use of a physical restraint on an inmate while the inmate is in labor or during delivery; requiring the medical professional responsible for the care of a specified inmate to determine when the inmate's health allows the inmate to be returned to a correctional facility after giving birth; prohibiting, with specified exceptions, a physical restraint from being used on a specified inmate; requiring a correctional facility to document specified use of a physical restraint; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014

CS, § 9-601 - amended and § 11-206 - added and HU, § 9-237(c) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 657**     **Montgomery County Senators****MONTGOMERY COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – BEER, WINE AND LIQUOR LICENSES**

Establishing in Montgomery County a Class D beer, wine and liquor (on-sale) license; requiring an applicant for a Class D beer, wine and liquor (on-sale) license to attest to a specified proportion of future food and alcoholic beverages sales, based on gross receipts, as a prerequisite to obtaining the license; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014

Art. 2B, §§ 6-401(q) and 11-516(a) and (c) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 658**     **Senator Raskin, et al****THE MARIJUANA TAXATION AND REGULATION ACT**

Repealing specified criminal prohibitions against the use, possession, and sale of marijuana; establishing specified exemptions from prosecution for specified persons for using, obtaining, purchasing, transporting, or possessing marijuana under specified circumstances; providing exemptions from prosecution for specified retailers, marijuana product manufacturers, marijuana cultivation facilities, and safety compliance facilities under specified circumstances; establishing a specified affirmative defense; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

CR, §§ 5-601(c)(2) and 5-620(d)(2) - amended and CR, TG, and CJ, Various Sections - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings and Budget and Taxation

**SB 659**     **Senator Gladden**

## 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: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 660**     **Senator Gladden**

## 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: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 661**     **Senator Pugh, et al**

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – EQUITY PARTICIPATION INVESTMENT PROGRAM – SMALL BUSINESSES

Altering the purpose of the Equity Participation Investment Program to assist small businesses; altering the types of businesses in which the Maryland Small Business Development Financing Authority's ownership interest is limited to a specified maximum percentage of securities or interest; altering the maximum amount of the Authority's equity participation financing in a specified enterprise; and altering the length of time within which the Authority's investment shall be recoverable.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014

EC, §§ 5-549, 5-550, 5-553, 5-556, and 5-557(a) - amended

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 662**     **Senator Pugh, et al**

## VEHICLE LAWS – RENTAL VEHICLE COMPANIES – RIGHT OF SUBROGATION

Establishing that a rental vehicle company or its designee has a specified right of subrogation against specified persons for specified claims paid by the rental vehicle company or the designee that arose out of the use or operation of the rental vehicle; requiring a rental vehicle company that receives a third party claim to provide a specified notice; authorizing an insurer to assume the handling of a specified claim; requiring a rental vehicle company to handle a claim until a specified insurer assumes the handling; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

TR, § 18-108(f) - added

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 663**     **Senator Manno, et al**

## CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – MONTGOMERY COUNTY – HOMECREST HOUSE

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$60,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the National Capital B'nai B'rith Assisted Housing Corporation for specified development or improvement purposes related to the Homecrest House, located in Montgomery 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: Budget and Taxation

**SB 664**     **Senators Edwards and Madaleno****TRANSPORTATION – MOTOR FUEL TAX AND HIGHWAY USER REVENUE – INCREASED LOCAL SHARE**

Increasing the portion of motor fuel tax revenue that is distributed to a specified account that is shared with Baltimore City, counties, and municipalities; increasing the portion of highway user revenue that is shared with Baltimore City, counties, and municipalities; altering the allocation of the local portion of highway user revenues among Baltimore City, the counties, and municipalities; requiring that a specified additional grant be made to municipalities for transportation purposes; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014

TG, § 2-1103 and TR, §§ 8-402 and 8-403 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

**SB 665**     **Senator Edwards, 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: Budget and Taxation

**SB 666**     **Senator Pinsky, et al****TEACHING FELLOWS FOR MARYLAND SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

Renaming the Maryland Teacher Scholarship to be the Teaching Fellows for Maryland scholarship and altering specified elements of the scholarship program; altering the eligibility criteria and service obligation associated with the scholarship; altering the amount of the award for a scholarship to be 100% of the annual tuition, mandatory fees, and room and board at specified institutions; requiring institutions that enroll at least 15 scholarship recipients to develop and implement a specified honors program; etc.

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014

ED, §§ 18-2201 through 18-2207 and 18-2210 - amended, §§ 18-2208 and 18-2209 - added, and § 18-2209 - repealed

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 667**     **Senator Pinsky, et al****MARYLAND HEALTH BENEFIT EXCHANGE – UNIVERSAL HEALTH CARE PROGRAM – PLAN FOR ESTABLISHMENT**

Requiring the Board of Trustees of the Maryland Health Benefit Exchange to develop a plan for the State to establish, on or before January 1, 2017, a universal health care program to provide health benefits to all residents of the State through a single-payer system; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2014

IN, § 31-120 - added

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 668**     **Senator Ramirez****CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY – BLADENSBURG ROAD ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECT**

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 Colmar Manor for specified development or improvement purposes 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: Budget and Taxation

**SB 669**     **Senator Ramirez, et al****PROCUREMENT – DEBARMENT – VIOLATIONS OF LAW**

Providing that a person may be debarred from entering into a contract with the State if the person, or a specified other person connected to the person, has been convicted of a violation of specified provisions of federal law or State law or, under specified circumstances, has been found to have willfully or knowingly violated specified provisions of State law.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

SF, § 16-203 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 670**     **Senator Middleton****INCOME TAX CREDIT – QUALIFIED FARMS – GLEANING**

Allowing a qualified farm a credit, for tax years 2014 through 2016, of up to \$5,000 against the State income tax; providing that the credit is equal to 50% of the value of an eligible food donation or 75% of the value of donated certified organic produce; requiring the Secretary of Agriculture to establish specified values; requiring the Secretary, in consultation with the Comptroller, to establish a certification procedure and provide for the administration of the credit; extending the termination date of a specified Task Force; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014

TG, § 10-736 - added and Chapter 292 of the Acts of 2013, §§ 1(a) and 2 and Chapter 293 of the Acts of 2013, §§ 1(a) and 2 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

**SB 671**     **Senators Astle and Benson****HEALTH INSURANCE – COVERAGE FOR OSTOMY EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES – REQUIRED**

Requiring insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations that provide specified health insurance benefits under specified insurance policies or contracts to provide coverage for specified equipment and supplies used for the treatment of ostomies; requiring the Maryland Insurance Commissioner, in consultation with the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene, to adopt by regulation and periodically update a list of specified ostomy equipment and supplies; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

HG, § 19-706(oooo) and IN, § 15-847 - added

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 672**     **Senator Astle****CONDOMINIUM BOARDS OF DIRECTORS – MEMBERSHIP – PROHIBITION ON MARRIED COUPLES**

Prohibiting the qualifications established for members of a condominium board of directors from authorizing two individuals who are married to each other to serve as members of the board at the same time; and applying the Act prospectively.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

RP, § 11-109(b) and (c)(13) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 673**     **Calvert County Senators****CALVERT COUNTY – DISCHARGE OF A FIREARM NEAR BUILDINGS**

Prohibiting a specified person from discharging a firearm within 150 yards of a dwelling house, residence, church, or specified other buildings in Calvert County under specified circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

PLL of Calvert Co, Art. 5, § 15-102 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 674**     **Senator Jacobs, et al****CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – PROBATION – SEXUAL CRIMES INVOLVING A MINOR**

Adding specified sexual crimes involving a minor to a list of crimes for which a court may order probation for a time longer than the sentence imposed subject to specified limitations; and repealing a specified requirement that a specified defendant consent in writing to a specified order of probation.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

CP, § 6-222(a) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 675**     **Senator King, et al****CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – MONTGOMERY COUNTY – MDBIO STEM EDUCATION EQUIPMENT PROJECT**

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 MdBio Foundation, Inc. for specified development or improvement purposes related to the MdBio STEM Education Equipment Project, located in Montgomery 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: Budget and Taxation

**SB 676**     **Senator King****TEACHERS AND PRINCIPALS – PERFORMANCE EVALUATION CRITERIA – USE OF STUDENT GROWTH DATA**

Renaming specified model performance evaluation criteria; prohibiting specified performance evaluation criteria from requiring the use of specified student growth data before the 2016–2017 school year; and prohibiting a county board of education from being required to adopt specified model performance evaluation criteria.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2014

ED, § 6-202(c) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 677**     **Senator Astle****PUBLIC SAFETY – HIGHWAY WORK ZONES – OFF-DUTY LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS REQUIRED**

Requiring the State Highway Administration to require a contractor or other person that requires a work zone to be established on a highway to retain, under specified circumstances, an off-duty law enforcement officer to perform specified services in the work zone; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

TR, § 8-602.2 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 678**     **Senator Conway**MARYLAND OIL DISASTER CONTAINMENT, CLEAN-UP AND  
CONTINGENCY FUND AND OIL CONTAMINATED SITE  
ENVIRONMENTAL CLEANUP FUND

Altering the basis for calculating a specified license fee credited to the Maryland Oil Disaster Containment, Clean-Up and Contingency Fund; altering the date by which the Department of the Environment is required to report annually to specified subcommittees of the General Assembly; extending the deadline by which the owner of a specified eligible heating oil tank may apply for reimbursement of specified costs from the Oil Contaminated Site Environmental Cleanup Fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014

EN, §§ 4-411 and 4-705 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 679**     **Senator Conway**TASK FORCE ON COMMUNITY-PARTNERED SCHOOL MENTAL  
HEALTH

Establishing the Task Force on Community-Partnered School Mental Health; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Task Force; prohibiting a member of the Task Force from receiving certain compensation, but authorizing the reimbursement of specified expenses; requiring the Task Force to study and make recommendations regarding the provision and financing of community-partnered school mental health programs and services; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2014

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs and Finance

**SB 680**     **Senator Conway****CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – BALTIMORE CITY – EPIPHANY HOUSE AND MICAH HOUSE PROJECTS**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt in the amount of \$53,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Govans Ecumenical Development Corporation for specified development or improvement purposes related to the Epiphany House and Micah House, located in Baltimore City; 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: Budget and Taxation

**SB 681**     **Senator Conway****DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES – CONTRACTS FOR LEGAL SERVICES**

Requiring the Secretary of Human Resources to enter into a contract with a nonprofit legal service delivery organization based in the State meeting specified criteria to represent children and indigent adults in specified cases; authorizing the organization to subcontract not more than 50% of the cases the organization receives under the contract under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

CJ, § 3-813(d) and ET, §§ 13-705(d) and 13-709(f)(2) - amended and HU, 2-214 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 682**     **Senator Zirkin****COURTS – ANIMAL-RELATED CRIMES – COURT COSTS**

Requiring a circuit court and the District Court to impose on a defendant a specified additional cost in specified cases; requiring all money collected from the additional costs to be paid to the Comptroller of the State; requiring the Comptroller to annually pay a specified amount to each county; and requiring each county to use specified money for a specified purpose.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

CJ, § 7-410 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 683**     **Senator Zirkin****CRIMES – COMMITTING A CRIME OF VIOLENCE IN THE PRESENCE OF A MINOR – PENALTIES**

Prohibiting a person from committing a specified crime of violence when the person knows or reasonably should know that a minor who is at least 2 years old is present in a residence; establishing specified circumstances under which a minor is present; establishing an enhanced penalty not exceeding 5 years for a violation of the Act; authorizing a court to impose an enhanced penalty if the State's Attorney provides a specified written notice to the defendant and if specified elements have been proven beyond a reasonable doubt; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

CR, § 3-601.1 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 684**     **Senator Zirkin****BALTIMORE COUNTY – WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS TOWERS – PROHIBITION ON PUBLIC SCHOOL GROUNDS**

Prohibiting the siting of wireless telecommunications towers on specified public school property in Baltimore County; and applying the Act prospectively.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

ED, § 4-114 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 685**     **Senator Zirkin****FAMILY LAW – CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT – PROVISION OF INFORMATION TO HEALTH CARE PROVIDER**

Requiring the State Department of Human Resources or a local department of social services to notify the primary care physician of a child or a health care provider who is providing ongoing care to a child of specified information; requiring the Department or local department to provide to the physician or provider specified information if requested by the physician or provider; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

FL, § 5-712.1 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 686**     **Senator Zirkin**LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS' BILL OF RIGHTS –  
PROSECUTORIAL DISCLOSURES – PUNITIVE ACTION

Prohibiting punitive action from being taken against a law enforcement officer based solely on the fact that a prosecutorial agency determined that it must disclose information about the law enforcement officer to the defense under specified circumstances; and specifying that the Act does not limit a law enforcement agency from taking punitive action against a law enforcement officer based on the underlying acts or omissions for which information about the law enforcement officer was disclosed.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

PS, § 3-106.1 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 687**     **Senator Raskin**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 dealer obligations and 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: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 688**     **Senator Raskin, et al**

## FAIR EMPLOYMENT PRESERVATION ACT OF 2014

Providing that, for purposes of employment discrimination and retaliation, an act or omission of an employee may be construed to be an act or omission of the employer of the employee under specified circumstances; and applying the Act prospectively.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

SG, § 20-610 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 689**     **Senator Zirkin****LOCAL GOVERNMENT TORT CLAIMS ACT AND MARYLAND TORT CLAIMS ACT – REPEAL OF CERTAIN NOTICE REQUIREMENTS**

Repealing a specified notice requirement for a claim under the Local Government Tort Claims Act; repealing a requirement that a claimant submit a claim within a specified time to the State Treasurer or a designee of the State Treasurer under the Maryland Tort Claims Act; and applying the Act prospectively.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

CJ, § 5-304 - repealed and SG, § 12-106 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 690**     **Senator Astle****LIFE INSURANCE AND ANNUITIES – DUTY TO SEARCH DEATH MASTER FILE AND LOCATE BENEFICIARIES**

Altering the applicability of provisions of law relating to searches of a specified death master file in connection with life insurance policies and annuity contracts issued, delivered, or renewed in the State by specified insurers to exclude a policy of life insurance issued or delivered before a specified date by a specified insurer; requiring specified insurers to establish procedures for periodically contacting specified individuals for a specified purpose; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2014

IN, § 16-118 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 691**     **Senator Pinsky, et al****PUBLIC FUNDING AND SMALL DONOR ACT FOR GENERAL ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS**

Establishing a system of public financing of campaigns for specified General Assembly candidates; requiring the State Board of Elections to administer the system; requiring the Comptroller to credit to the Fair Campaign Financing Fund money collected under specified provisions of the Act and to distribute public contributions to the campaign finance entities of specified candidates; specifying procedures, requirements, and conditions participating candidates must meet to receive a distribution from the Fund; etc.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

EL, § 15-106 - repealed, §§ 13-235 and 15-103 - amended, and §§ 15.5-101 through 15.5-118 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 692**     **Senator Shank, et al**WASHINGTON COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES –  
RESTAURANT SEATING CAPACITY

Reducing the seating capacity requirement for Class B alcoholic beverages (on-sale) restaurants in Washington County from 75 to 50.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014

Art. 2B, § 9-222(b) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 693**     **Senator King**

## PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX RETURNS – ELECTRONIC FILING

Requiring the State Department of Assessments and Taxation to allow persons required to file a personal property tax return to file the return and pay the filing fee electronically through the Department's Web site; and authorizing the Department to charge a processing fee for payments made electronically.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

TP, § 11-104 - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

**SB 694**     **Senator Klausmeier, et al**

## HEALTH OCCUPATIONS – MARYLAND BEHAVIOR ANALYSTS ACT

Establishing the Behavior Analyst Advisory Committee within the State Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists; requiring the Board to adopt regulations and a code of ethics; requiring the Board to set fees for services provided by the Board to behavior analysts; providing for the composition, appointment, and terms of the Committee members; establishing powers and duties of the Committee; requiring specified persons to be licensed by the Board before performing specified work in the State; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014

HO, §§ 17-6A-01 through 17-6A-33 and SG, § 8-403(b)(8) - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 695**     **Senator Klausmeier, et al**

## MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM – DENTAL SERVICES FOR POSTPARTUM WOMEN – COVERAGE

Requiring the Maryland Medical Assistance Program to provide dental services to postpartum women under specified circumstances; and requiring that specified dental services for postpartum women be included as a benefit under a specified program under the Program.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

HG, § 15-103(a)(2)(xi) and (xii) and (b)(2)(v) - amended and § 15-103(a)(2)(xiii) - added

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 696**     **Senator Klausmeier**

## LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT – MINIMUM WAGE RATE – PAYMENT AND ADOPTION

Increasing the amount of the State minimum wage rate to \$8.25 per hour; authorizing employers to pay specified employees a specified training wage of \$7.25 per hour; providing that employers may only pay specified employees a training wage for a specified period of time; prohibiting a county from adopting a minimum wage law; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014

LE, § 3-413 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 697**     **Senators Stone and Forehand**

## MARYLAND TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY – ELECTRONIC TOLL COLLECTION – PROCEDURES

Increasing the period of time during which a person who receives a notice of toll due must pay a video toll; requiring a notice of toll due to be mailed separately for each individual video toll incurred in an envelope marked in a specified manner; increasing the period of time during which a person who receives a notice of toll due may assert specified statutory defenses; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014

TR, § 21-1414 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 698**     **Senator Shank, et al****CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – ELECTRONIC DEVICE LOCATION INFORMATION – WARRANT**

Prohibiting an agent of the State or a political subdivision of the State from obtaining specified location information on a specified electronic device without a warrant issued under the Act; authorizing a court to issue a specified warrant under specified circumstances; providing requirements for the warrant; allowing extensions of the warrant under specified circumstances; requiring a specified notification under specified circumstances; providing for the discovery and admissibility of specified evidence; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

CP, § 1-203.1 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 699**     **Senator Shank, 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: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 700**     **Senator Manno**

## REGISTRATION OF PESTICIDES – FEE INCREASE – DISPOSITION OF FEES

Increasing specified pesticide registration fees from \$100 to \$110; and providing that \$10 of each annual registration fee and each terminal registration fee collected under § 5–105 of the Agriculture Article may be used only for activities of the Department of Agriculture relating to the collection, analysis, and reporting of data on pesticide use in the State; specifying that money expended from the State Chemist fund for a specified purpose is supplemental to other specified funding; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014

AG, §§ 5-105(d) and 6-501 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 701**     **Senator Madaleno, et al**

## EDUCATION – CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES – HABILITATIVE SERVICES INFORMATION

Requiring a local school system to provide to the parents of a child with a disability verbal and written information about access to habilitative services at specified times.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014

ED, § 8-418 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 702**     **Senator Pugh, et al**

## HEALTH CARE MALPRACTICE CLAIMS – DEFINITION OF “HEALTH CARE PROVIDER”

Altering the definition of “health care provider” for purposes of health care malpractice claims.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

CJ, § 3-2A-01(f) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 703**     **Senator Benson**GENERAL PROVISIONS – COMMEMORATIVE MONTHS –  
CHILDREN’S DENTAL HEALTH MONTH

Requiring the Governor annually to proclaim February as Children’s Dental Health Month.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

GP, § 7-502 - added

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 704**     **Senator Benson**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY –  
FAIRMOUNT HEIGHTS MUNICIPAL CENTER

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$500,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Fairmount Heights for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the Fairmount Heights Municipal 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; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2014

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

**SB 705**     **Senator Benson**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY –  
CAPITOL HEIGHTS PUBLIC WORKS FACILITY

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt in the amount of \$100,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Capitol Heights for specified development or improvement purposes related to the Capitol Heights Public Works Facility, 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: Budget and Taxation

**SB 706**     **Senator Benson, et al****ENVIRONMENT – PERMIT DETERMINATIONS – CUMULATIVE IMPACT ASSESSMENTS**

Requiring the Department of the Environment to conduct a cumulative impact assessment before preparing a tentative determination on specified permit applications; requiring a cumulative impact assessment to address the likely impact on the environment and on human populations that will result from specified incremental impacts; authorizing the Department to take specified actions with respect to a permit on the basis of a cumulative impact assessment conducted under the Act; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

EN, § 1-604 - amended and §§ 1-901 through 1-903 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SENATE BILL REASSIGNED January 30, 2014****SB 463**     **Senators Ferguson and Madaleno****COMMUNITY COLLEGES – DEVELOPMENTAL EDUCATION COURSES – STUDENT CREDIT HOURS**

Altering the defined term of “student credit hours” as used in the calculation of State aid for community colleges and Baltimore City Community College; defining “developmental education course”; and declaring that it is the intent of the General Assembly that any reduction of State aid to the community colleges that results from the Act may not be recouped by the community colleges through an increase in tuition or fees charged for developmental education courses.

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014

ED, §§ 16-305(b)(7) and (12) and 16-502 - amended and § 16-305(b)(6) - added

Reassigned to: Budget and Taxation