



SYNOPSIS

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SENATE BILLS INTRODUCED *January 31, 2014*

SB 707 Senator Raskin, et al

COMMUNITY CLEANUP AND GREENING ACT OF 2014

Authorizing a county to impose, by law, a specified fee on a store for the use of disposable carryout bags; requiring a store to charge and collect a specified fee for each disposable carryout bag the store provides to a customer under specified circumstances and in accordance with specified requirements; providing that the sales and use tax does not apply to a specified amount of money retained by a store under specified circumstances; requiring the operator of a store to remit a specified amount of money to a county; etc.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2015

BR, § 19-104 - added

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

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SB 708 Senator Raskin, 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: Judicial Proceedings

SB 709 Senator Dyson**INCOME TAX CREDIT – PRESERVATION AND CONSERVATION EASEMENTS**

Altering provisions of law concerning a credit against the State income tax for specified easements to allow an individual or a corporation that receives a specified tax credit certificate to claim the credit for an easement conveyed to the Maryland Environmental Trust, the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation, or a specified land trust under specified circumstances; requiring the Department of Natural Resources to issue a specified tax credit certificate under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014

TG, § 10-723 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 710 Senator Forehand**IMPAIRED DRIVING – REPEAT OFFENDERS – PENALTIES**

Altering the penalty for a third or subsequent violation of specified prohibitions against driving while impaired by alcohol or drugs; altering the application of specified mandatory sanctions and minimum penalties for repeat offenders to apply to a broader range of drug- and alcohol-related driving offenses.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

TR, § 27-101(f), (j), and (q) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 711 **Senator Feldman**MARYLAND OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH ACT –
CHEMICAL INFORMATION LIST – SUBMISSION TO DEPARTMENT
OF THE ENVIRONMENT – REPEAL

Repealing obsolete language regarding the maintenance of and access to specified chemical information lists submitted to the Department of the Environment; repealing the requirement that employers, under specified circumstances, submit a specified chemical list to the Department; repealing the requirement that the Department take specified actions regarding the chemical lists that are submitted to the Department; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

EN, §§ 6-501 through 6-504 and LE, §§ 5-406 and 5-408(d) - repealed

Assigned to: Finance

SB 712 **Senator Feldman, et al**STATE PERSONNEL – SERVICE CONTRACTS – PROCUREMENT,
AUDIT, AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

Altering a definition for the purpose of removing authorization that services provided by a State facility may be procured through a service contract; requiring that service contracts for State services be subject to an audit; requiring that audit findings be reported to the General Assembly and made available to the public; requiring that units of State government submit information to exclusive representatives and the public; and providing for the conduct of audits.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

SP, §§ 13-401 and 13-405 and SF, § 15-110 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 713 **Senators Feldman and Raskin****CORPORATIONS AND REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUSTS – MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS**

Providing that a Maryland corporation or a real estate investment trust has the power to renounce specified business opportunities in its charter or declaration of trust or by a specified resolution; repealing specified provisions of law relating to dividends payable in shares of one class of a corporation's stock to holders of shares of another class of the corporation's stock; altering the circumstances under which a corporation registered as an open-end company may redeem shares of its stock from any stockholder; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

CA, Various Sections - amended, §§ 2-510.1 and 3-106.1 - added, and § 3-511 - repealed

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 714 **Senator Ferguson, et al****BALTIMORE CITY – 10-YEAR PLAN FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL FACILITIES – NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

Stating a specified finding of the General Assembly; requiring the Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners to provide specified information to specified residents and community leaders; requiring the Board to provide an opportunity to specified individuals to coordinate specified efforts with a specified design team; requiring a specified committee to provide an opportunity to specified individuals to communicate specified efforts to a specified committee; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014

ED, § 4-320 - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 715 **Senator Ferguson, et al****TASK FORCE TO STUDY CHRONIC ABSENTEEISM IN MARYLAND'S PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

Establishing the Task Force to Study Chronic Absenteeism in Maryland's Public Schools; requiring the Task Force to collect and analyze specified data, evaluate local and national strategies and best practices to address chronic absenteeism, identify responses to chronic absenteeism that rely on prevention and intervention, and make specified recommendations; requiring the Task Force to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before December 1, 2014; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 716 **Senator Ferguson, et al****CHILD CARE CENTERS – HEALTHY EATING AND PHYSICAL ACTIVITY ACT**

Requiring the rules and regulations for licensing and operating child care centers to require child care centers providing care to children under the age of 1 year to have in attendance an individual who has had specified breast-feeding education and training; requiring the regulations to contain specified provisions as to beverages served by a child care center to children in the child care center's care; requiring the regulations to require a child care center to adopt limits on screen time; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

FL, § 5-573 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 717 **Senator Ferguson, et al****TASK FORCE TO STUDY SCHOOL-BASED HEALTH CENTERS**

Establishing the Task Force to Study School-Based Health Centers; 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 policies for the integration and sustainability of School-Based Health Centers in the State; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 718 **Senator Ferguson****GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF CRIME CONTROL AND PREVENTION –
STATE CORRECTIONS POPULATION FORECAST AND JUVENILE
POPULATION STATISTICS**

Requiring the Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention to report a specified State corrections population forecast and specified juvenile population statistics to the Governor and General Assembly annually on or before December 1; requiring the Office to consider the juvenile population statistics when calculating the forecast; and providing for the termination of the Act at the end of September 30, 2018.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 719 **Senator Ferguson****COUNTY BOARDS OF EDUCATION – PROFESSIONAL
DEVELOPMENT EVALUATION SYSTEMS**

Requiring each county board of education to develop and implement professional development evaluation systems that are based on teacher feedback and will enable the county board to assess teacher satisfaction and measure the effectiveness and relevancy of the activity; requiring each county board to report annually the results to the State Department of Education; requiring the Department to report annually to the Governor and General Assembly; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014

ED, § 6-122 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 720 **Senators Brochin and Stone****COURTS – PROSECUTION FOR SEX OFFENSE – EVIDENCE OF
PRIOR ACT**

Establishing that, subject to specified requirements and limitations, in a prosecution for a specified sexual offense, evidence of another criminal act of the defendant is admissible for any purpose; requiring the State's Attorney to make a specified disclosure; prohibiting specified evidence from being referred to in a specified statement; requiring the court to enter a specified order; authorizing the court to reconsider a specified ruling excluding evidence; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

CJ, § 10-923 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 721 **Senator Manno, et al**

MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM – SERVICES FOR CHILDREN WITH DOWN SYNDROME (MICAHA’S LAW)

Requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to apply to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services for a specified waiver in order to receive federal matching funds for specified services to specified children with Down syndrome who are under the age of 22 years.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014

HG, § 15-130 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 722 **Senator Benson, et al**

TASK FORCE TO REDUCE INCARCERATION IN MARYLAND

Establishing the Task Force to Reduce Incarceration in Maryland; 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 meet at least once per month and hold at least two meetings at which the public is invited to testify; requiring the Task Force to study and make recommendations regarding specified matters; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2014

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 723 **Senator Gladden**

VEHICLE LAWS – SEAT BELT USE – EXEMPTION FOR INDIVIDUALS DELIVERING PRINTED PUBLICATIONS

Exempting from the requirement to be restrained by a seat belt while operating, or riding in, a motor vehicle an individual who, in the regular course of the individual’s employment, is delivering printed publications along a specified route under specified circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

TR, § 22-412.3(f) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 724 Senator Conway**ELECTRIC COMPANIES – CONTACT VOLTAGE – SURVEYS –
REVISION TO THE DEANNA CAMILLE GREEN ACT OF 2012**

Altering how often an electric company must conduct a specified contact voltage survey; altering the type of objects and surfaces on which each electric company is required to conduct a specified contact voltage survey in a contact voltage risk zone to include objects and surfaces that are proximate to underground electric distribution plant; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

PU, § 7-214 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 725 Senator Madaleno, et al**CHESAPEAKE BAY – NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT – POULTRY FAIR
SHARE ACT**

Establishing a specified chicken manure pollution fee payable to the Comptroller by a specified poultry integrator in a specified manner; requiring the Comptroller to transfer revenue from the fee to the Maryland Agriculture Water Quality Cost Share Program in the Department of Agriculture for specified cover crop activities; repealing specified provisions of law requiring the Comptroller to disburse specified funds from the Bay Restoration Fund to be used for specified cover crop activities; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014

AG, § 8-704.3 - added and EN, § 9-1605.2(h), (i)(2)(ii)3. and (ix), and (j)(6)(vi) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 726 Senator Madaleno, et al**EDUCATION – STATE FUNDING – OPERATING AND CAPITAL
FUNDS**

Requiring that specified county boards of education receive the Geographic Cost of Education Index adjustment; repealing specified provisions that phased in a specified adjustment in specified fiscal years and allowed for the reduction of a specified adjustment under specified circumstances; establishing a specified amount of capital funding for the public school construction or capital improvement program in specified fiscal years; etc.

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

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2014

ED, §§ 5-202(f) and 5-301(c) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 727 **Senator Madaleno, et al****INCOME TAX – EARNED INCOME CREDIT – REFUNDABLE AMOUNT**

Increasing from 25% to 30% over a 5–year period the percentage of the federal earned income credit used for determining the amount that an individual may claim as a refundable credit under the Maryland earned income credit.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014

TG, § 10-704(b)(2) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 728 **Senator Jacobs, et al****PUBLIC SAFETY – LICENSED FIREARMS DEALERS – BACKGROUND CHECKS**

Authorizing, before October 1, 2016, a licensed firearm dealer to conditionally sell, rent, or transfer a firearm to a firearm applicant under specified circumstances; prohibiting the licensee from selling, renting, or transferring the firearm under specified circumstances; requiring the licensee to make specified notifications under specified circumstances; authorizing a law enforcement agency to confiscate a specified firearm under specified circumstances; and terminating the Act at the end of September 30, 2016.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 729 **Senator Jacobs, et al****PUBLIC SAFETY – PERMIT TO CARRY, WEAR, OR TRANSPORT A HANDGUN – QUALIFICATIONS**

Clarifying that self–defense can qualify as a good and substantial reason to wear, carry, or transport a handgun for purposes of the issuance by the Secretary of State Police of a permit to carry, wear, or transport a handgun.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

PS, § 5-306(a) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 730 **Senator Jacobs, et al**

MARYLAND TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY – TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES PROJECTS – CASH TOLL LANES

Requiring the Maryland Transportation Authority to maintain at specified transportation facilities projects at least one cash toll lane and as many additional cash toll lanes as necessary to ensure that motorists are not unduly delayed at the toll plaza.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2014

TR, § 4-406 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 731 **Senator Jacobs, et al**

DEPARTMENT OF STATE POLICE – FIREARMS – PROHIBITION ON PROVISION OF INFORMATION

Requiring the Secretary of State Police to keep specified information confidential; and prohibiting the Secretary from providing specified information to any other agency, entity, or individual, except as necessary to participate in the National Instant Criminal Background Check System.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

PS, § 5-601 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 732 **Senator Manno**

INCOME AND SALES TAX INCENTIVES – EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS EQUIPMENT

Allowing a qualified nursing home to claim a refundable credit against the State income tax in the amount of sales and use tax paid for the purchase of a backup generator; establishing an annual tax-free period from May 19 through May 24 during which a sales tax exemption for specified sales of emergency preparedness equipment is provided; requiring the Comptroller to publish a list of emergency preparedness equipment; applying specified provisions of the Act to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2013, but before January 1, 2019; etc.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

TG, §§ 10-736 and 11-228.1 - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 733 **Senator Pinsky, et al****PUBLIC UTILITIES – RENEWABLE ENERGY PORTFOLIO STANDARDS**

Increasing the renewable energy portfolio standards for electricity derived from Tier 1 renewable sources for years 2017 through 2022; increasing the minimum required percentage of Tier 1 renewable energy that must be derived from solar energy in years 2017 through 2022; establishing specified renewable energy portfolio standards for years 2023 through 2025 and later; and applying the Act prospectively.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

PU, § 7-703 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 734 **Senator Feldman, et al****RENEWABLE ENERGY PORTFOLIO STANDARD – QUALIFYING BIOMASS**

Limiting the eligibility of qualifying biomass as a Tier 1 renewable source for the purposes of the renewable energy portfolio standard to qualifying biomass used at a generation unit that started commercial operation on or after January 1, 2005, and that achieves a total system efficiency of 65% or more; defining terms; altering terms; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

PU, §§ 7-701 and 7-704(a) - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 735 **Senator Feldman****TOBACCO-RELATED DISEASE PRODUCTS RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, AND COMMERCIALIZATION PROGRAM**

Establishing the Tobacco-Related Disease Products Research, Development, and Commercialization Program and Fund; specifying the purposes of both the Program and the Fund; requiring the Maryland Biotechnology Center in the Department of Business and Economic Development to administer the Fund; establishing criteria and award amounts for grants awarded under the Program; requiring recipients of Program funds to pay a royalty; requiring the Governor to make a specified appropriation beginning in fiscal year 2016; etc. This bill requires a mandated appropriation in the annual budget bill.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014

EC, §§ 5-1401 through 5-1406 - added and SF, §§ 6-226(a)(2)(ii)76. and 77. and 7-317(g) - amended and § 6-226(a)(2)(ii)78. - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 736 Senator Jones–Rodwell (By Request – Baltimore City Administration)**BALTIMORE CITY – PROPERTY TAX CREDIT FOR HISTORIC OR HERITAGE PROPERTIES – CALCULATION**

Authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City to implement, by law, a specified property tax credit that may not exceed a specified amount under specified circumstances; authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City to adopt specified requirements and procedures to carry out a specified program; requiring a specified value to be determined by the State Department of Assessments and Taxation; requiring a specified value to be determined by specified professional appraisers; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2014

TP, § 9-204.1 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 737 Senator Pugh, et al**LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT – PARENTAL LEAVE – BIRTH OR ADOPTION OF A CHILD**

Providing specified employees a total of 6 workweeks of unpaid parental leave in a 12–month period under specified circumstances; authorizing an employer to require an employee to provide written notice of the employee’s intention to take parental leave under specified circumstances; requiring that employers restore eligible employees to positions of employment held by employees on returning to work after taking parental leave; requiring employers to maintain health coverage during the duration of parental leave; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

LE, §§ 3-103(i) and 3-1201 through 3-1211 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 738 Senator Kittleman**OPEN MEETINGS ACT – PUBLIC BODY – DEFINITION**

Altering the definition of “public body” for the purposes of the Open Meetings Act to include a multimember subcommittee of a standing committee of either house of the General Assembly.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

SG, § 10-502(h) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 739 **Senator Kittleman**EDUCATION – GENERAL ASSEMBLY SCHOLARSHIPS –
MODIFICATION OF PROGRAMS

Altering the Senatorial and Delegate Scholarship Programs to require that the money appropriated under the programs be awarded by the Office of Student Financial Assistance in the Maryland Higher Education Commission; requiring the Office to ensure that the awards are distributed in a specified manner and that specified student populations are served; requiring the Office to adopt specified guidelines; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014

ED, §§ 18-502 and 18-504 - repealed, §§ 18-114 and 18-502 - added, and Various Sections - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 740 **Senator Kittleman, et al**ELECTION LAW – GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND CONGRESSIONAL
LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTING AND APPORTIONMENT COMMISSION

Proposing an amendment to the Maryland Constitution to change the process of legislative districting and apportionment in the State by establishing a General Assembly and Congressional Legislative Districting and Apportionment Commission; specifying the membership, qualifications, chair, and duties of the Commission; requiring the Commission to establish rules and procedures, subject to the State laws governing open meetings and public records; requiring the Court of Appeals to make specified determinations; etc.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT – CONTINGENT

Maryland Constitution, Art. III, § 5 - repealed and added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 741 **Senator Kittleman, et al**

INCOME TAX CREDIT – CLASSROOM EXPENSES FOR TEACHERS

Allowing an individual who is a teacher a credit against the State income tax for classroom expenses and supplies; providing that the credit may not exceed the State income tax for the taxable year and that any unused credit may not be carried over to any other taxable year; requiring the Comptroller to adopt regulations; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014

TG, § 10-736 - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 742 **Senator Forehand, et al**

CRIMINAL LAW – HOME INVASION AND ARMED HOME INVASION

Prohibiting a person from breaking and entering the dwelling of another and committing a crime of violence against a person in the dwelling; prohibiting a person from employing or displaying a dangerous weapon during the commission of a home invasion; establishing a unit of prosecution for a specified violation; establishing penalties of up to 30 years imprisonment for specified criminal violations of the Act; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

CR, §§ 3-1001 and 3-1002 - added and § 14-101(a) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 743 **Senator Ferguson**

CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – BALTIMORE CITY – THE PEALE CENTER FOR BALTIMORE HISTORY AND ARCHITECTURE

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 Peale Center for Baltimore History and Architecture, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of The Peale Center for Baltimore History and Architecture, located in Baltimore City; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2014

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 744 **Senator Ferguson**

CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – BALTIMORE CITY – CREATIVE ALLIANCE PROJECT

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 Fells Point Creative Alliance, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the Creative Alliance facility, located in Baltimore City; 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 745 **Senator Young, et al****SHALE GAS DRILLING SAFETY REVIEW ACT OF 2014**

Prohibiting the Department of the Environment from issuing a permit for the hydraulic fracturing of a well for the exploration or production of natural gas until specified conditions are met; requiring the Department of the Environment and the Department of Natural Resources to issue a specified risk assessment at the same time a specified report is issued; authorizing the Department of the Environment to establish and collect a specified fee under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2014

EN, § 14-102 - amended and § 14-107.1 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 746 **Senator Astle, et al****PUBLIC HEALTH – FORENSIC LABORATORIES – REGULATION**

Requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to adopt regulations establishing specified calculation and reporting requirements for forensic laboratories; requiring the Department, for a specified purpose, to require that specified out-of-state forensic laboratories be accredited by a nonprofit accreditation body; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

HG, §§ 17-2A-01 and 17-2A-02 - amended and § 17-2A-03.1 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 747 **Senator Astle****ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS – COMPENSATION**

Prohibiting the Anne Arundel County Board of Education from paying monetary compensation to the county superintendent of schools for sick leave benefits earned in a specified manner.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

ED, § 4-202 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 748 **Senator Zirkin**CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – DISTRICT COURT COMMISSIONER –
INITIAL APPEARANCE

Prohibiting a District Court commissioner from conducting an initial appearance for an arrested person except during specified time frames with specified exceptions; authorizing a commissioner to conduct an initial appearance for specified arrested persons under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

CP, § 5-216 - added and § 16-204 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 749 **Senator Pugh, et al**EDUCATION – COMMUNITY COLLEGES – COLLECTIVE
BARGAINING

Establishing collective bargaining rights for specified community college employees; requiring specified community colleges to determine whether specified employees are public employees for purposes of collective bargaining; establishing procedures for the election or recognition of an exclusive bargaining representative; providing procedures by which the State Higher Education Labor Relations Board may designate a bargaining unit; establishing the maximum number of bargaining units within a community college; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

ED, §§ 16-403, 16-412, and 16-414.1 - repealed and §§ 16-701 through 16-710 - added and SP, §§ 3-2A-05, 3-2A-07, and 3-2A-08(a) - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 750 **Senator Pugh, et al**

FOOD SERVICE FACILITIES – MEALS FOR CHILDREN

Limiting the types of beverages that a food service facility may include in the price of specified menu options or meals; and authorizing a food service facility to offer specified beverages to minors for a charge.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

HG, § 21-330.3 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 751 Senator Pugh**HEALTH OCCUPATIONS – PRE-NEED CONTRACTS – TRUST ACCOUNTS**

Authorizing a trustee to invest money of a trust account for a pre-need contract in specified securities; and requiring the income of the trust account to remain in the trust account, be reinvested and compounded, and be disbursed only for payment of specified fees, commissions, and other costs of the trust account.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

HO, § 7-405 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 752 Senator Pugh**PUBLIC SAFETY – EYEWITNESS IDENTIFICATION – PROCEDURES**

Requiring, on or before August 1, 2014, each law enforcement agency in the State to adopt and implement a specified policy relating to specified identification procedures and file a copy with the Department of State Police; requiring the Department, on or before December 31, 2014, to compile specified written policies; requiring that a specified identification procedure be conducted by a specified administrator; requiring a specified identification procedure to be conducted in a specified manner; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014

PS, §§ 3-506(d) and 3-506.1 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 753 Senator Pugh, et al**LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT – MARYLAND EARNED SICK AND SAFE LEAVE ACT**

Requiring specified employers to provide employees with specified earned sick and safe leave; providing for the manner in which earned sick and safe leave is accrued by the employee and treated by the employer; requiring an employer to allow an employee to use earned sick and safe leave for specified purposes; requiring an employee, under specified circumstances, to request leave, notify the employer of specified information, and comply with specified procedures; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

LE, § 2-106(b) - amended and §§ 3-103(i) and 3-1201 through 3-1212 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 754 **Senator Conway****PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS – DISCLOSURE OF INVOLVEMENT IN DEPORTATIONS – REQUIREMENT**

Prohibiting, under specified circumstances, a reporting agency from entering into a public-private partnership or executing an agreement, under a specified provision of law, with a private entity; requiring a private entity to certify to the reporting agency whether the entity had direct involvement in the deportation of specified victims; requiring an entity, under specified circumstances, to certify to the reporting agency specified information; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014

SF, 10A-103(a)(1) - amended and § 10A-103.1 - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 755 **Senator Muse****FORECLOSURE – MORATORIUM, NOTICES, PENALTIES, REDEMPTION PERIOD, AND STUDY**

Prohibiting a lender from maintaining an action to foreclose a mortgage or deed of trust on residential property in the State for 6 months; establishing a specified penalty for a person who files an affidavit relating to a foreclosure notice when the person knows or has reason to know that the contents of the notice are inaccurate; requiring a court to send a specified checklist to the mortgagor or grantor of owner-occupied residential property when a specified foreclosure is filed; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

RP, § 7-105.1(e) and (p) - amended and § 7-105.1(e-1) - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 756 **Senator Muse****COMMISSION ON KIDNEY DISEASE – END-STAGE RENAL DISEASE QUALITY INCENTIVE PROGRAM – REGULATIONS**

Requiring the State Commission on Kidney Disease to adopt regulations that incorporate the federal End-Stage Renal Disease Quality Incentive Program.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

HG, § 13-308 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 757 **Senators McFadden and Currie****JUVENILES – TRANSFER DETERMINATIONS – CONFINEMENT IN JUVENILE FACILITIES**

Requiring a court exercising criminal jurisdiction in a case involving a child, or the District Court at a bail review or preliminary hearing, to order a child to be held in a secure juvenile facility pending a transfer determination except under specified circumstances; and requiring the District Court at a bail review or preliminary hearing to order that a specified study be made under specified circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

CP, § 4-202 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 758 **Senator Jacobs, et al****ASSAULT WEAPONS – FIREARMS COLLECTOR – POSSESSION**

Establishing that specified provisions of law prohibiting the possession of specified assault weapons are not applicable to the possession of up to four assault weapons by a specified designated firearms collector or person who holds a specified federal collector's license.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

CR, § 4-302 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 759 **Senator Colburn****CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – TALBOT COUNTY – OYSTER HOUSE PROJECT**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt in the amount of \$100,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Phillips Wharf Environmental Center, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the Oyster House, located in Talbot 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 760 Senator Colburn**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – CAROLINE COUNTY – OLD CAROLINE HIGH SCHOOL PHASE II**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt in the amount of \$200,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Denton for specified development or improvement purposes related to Old Caroline High School, located in Caroline 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 761 Senator Colburn**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – CAROLINE COUNTY – GREENSBORO COMMUNITY CENTER**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$125,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Maryland Rural Development Corporation for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the Greensboro Community Center, located in Caroline 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 762 Senator Colburn**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – DORCHESTER COUNTY – CHESAPEAKE GROVE SENIOR HOUSING AND INTERGENERATIONAL CENTER**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$175,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Delmarva Community Services, Inc. for specified development or improvement purposes related to the Chesapeake Grove Senior Housing and Intergenerational Center, located in Dorchester 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 763 Senator Colburn**TALBOT COUNTY – CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT ADMINISTRATION – TRANSFER OF PERSONNEL**

Transferring the functions, powers, duties, and personnel of the Talbot County Department of Social Services Office of Child Support Enforcement to the Child Support Enforcement Administration on July 1, 2014; requiring that specified position identification numbers be created in a specified manner; requiring that each transferred employee be given specified credit for specified purposes and retain specified annual and sick leave credit and service credit in the Employees' Pension System; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014

Assigned to: Finance

SB 764 Senators Colburn and Hershey**CAROLINE COUNTY – VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANIES – STORAGE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES**

Authorizing volunteer fire companies in Caroline County to store alcoholic beverages on licensed premises in between specified licensed events under specified circumstances; requiring a license holder to keep specified records of specified alcoholic beverages on the licensed premises for 2 years; requiring that specified records be available for inspection by specified personnel; requiring specified records to include a specified inventory of specified alcoholic beverages; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014

Art. 2B, § 7-101(j) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 765 Senator Colburn**TRANSPORTATION – MOTOR FUEL TAX AND HIGHWAY USER REVENUE – INCREASED LOCAL SHARE**

Allocating specified motor fuel tax revenue to a specified account that is shared with local governments; increasing the portion of highway user revenue that is distributed to local governments; altering the allocation of the local share of highway user revenue among Baltimore City, counties, and municipalities; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014

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

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 766 **Senators Madaleno and King****HIGHER EDUCATION – COLLEGE ADMISSIONS OUTREACH PROGRAM FOR HIGH-ACHIEVING STUDENTS – ESTABLISHMENT**

Establishing the College Admissions Outreach Program for High-Achieving Students; requiring the Maryland Higher Education Commission and the Maryland State Department of Education, in collaboration with specified educational officials, agencies, and organizations, to jointly administer the Program; providing that the Program shall provide specified information on the college admissions process to specified students free of charge; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

ED, § 18-303.2 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 767 **Senator Madaleno, et al****SERVICE CONTRACTS – NOTICE AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS**

Requiring specified reporting agencies each year to submit specified reports to the budget committees of the General Assembly; requiring the Board of Public Works to submit a proposed service contract to specified persons and post notice of the Board's intent to enter into a specified service contract on a specified Web site at least 45 days before entering into a specified service contract; authorizing specified budget committees to submit comments to the Board within 30 days after receiving the proposal; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

SP, § 13-401 - amended and § 13-406 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 768 **Senator Getty, et al****REGULATED FIREARMS – LICENSE ISSUED BY ANOTHER STATE – RECIPROCITY**

Specifying that a license issued by another state to an individual to carry a regulated firearm, including a concealed regulated firearm, is valid in Maryland.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

PS, § 5-303.1 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 769 **Senator Getty, et al**

INCOME TAX – ELIMINATION OF THE MARRIAGE PENALTY

Reducing the State income tax rates imposed on married couples filing a joint income tax return and for specified individuals with income between \$150,000 and \$500,000; increasing the amount allowed as a deduction for specified exemptions for married couples and specified individuals to twice the amount allowed as a deduction for specified individuals; applying the Act to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2013; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014

TG, §§ 10-105(a) and 10-211 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 770 **Senator Dyson**

CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – ST. MARY’S COUNTY – FIREMEN’S HERITAGE MUSEUM

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 Leonardtown Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. for specified development or improvement purposes related to the Firemen’s Heritage Museum, located in St. Mary’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 771 **Senator Robey, et al**

MOTOR VEHICLES – EXCEPTIONAL MILK HAULING PERMIT – ESTABLISHMENT

Authorizing the State Highway Administration to issue an exceptional milk hauling permit that authorizes specified axle configurations and specified increased weight limitations; and establishing that the general exceptional hauling permit for farm products does not apply to the transportation of milk.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

TR, § 24-113.2 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 772 **Senators DeGrange and Miller****TRANSIT BENEFIT DISTRICTS**

Authorizing the Maryland Transit Administration to establish no more than two transit benefit districts; authorizing a transit benefit district to impose specified taxes to finance, construct, and operate transit facilities and transit services; providing for the makeup of the governing body of a transit benefit district; requiring a specified public hearing before the establishment of a transit benefit district; providing transit benefit districts with specified power and authority; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2014

TR, §§ 9-101 through 9-413 - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 773 **Senator Ferguson****AUTOMATED MOTOR VEHICLES – TITLING, REGISTRATION, AND RULES OF THE ROAD**

Prohibiting an individual from operating an automated motor vehicle in automated mode on a highway; establishing an exception to the prohibition by authorizing specified individuals to operate an automated motor vehicle in automated mode on a highway for research or testing purposes under specified circumstances; requiring an automated motor vehicle that is operated on a highway for research and testing purposes to have a specified individual present in the vehicle and to be properly titled and registered; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

TR, §§ 11-103.3, 13-939.3, and 21-1130 - added and § 11-135 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 774 **Senator Montgomery, et al****PROCUREMENT – OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH PREQUALIFICATION**

Requiring the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation to develop and adopt by regulation a specified safety questionnaire and safety rating system; requiring the Department to calculate by using a specified safety rating system the safety rating that a prospective bidder or offeror has attained on a specified safety questionnaire; providing that a prospective bidder or offeror that attains a specified safety rating is deemed to have prequalified to submit a bid or an offer on specified contracts; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014

SF, §§ 17-801 through 17-804 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 775 **Senator Montgomery, et al****FUNERAL ESTABLISHMENTS AND CREMATORIES – PRE-NEED CONTRACTS AND UNCLAIMED CREMAINS – REPORTING AND AUDIT REQUIREMENTS**

Authorizing specified buyers and beneficiaries of pre-need contracts to request that the Maryland State Board of Morticians and Funeral Directors conduct specified audits; requiring the Board to require specified funeral establishments or holders of permits for the business of operating a crematory to submit specified reports; requiring specified holders of permits to engage in the operation of a crematory to submit specified reports on unclaimed cremains to the Office of Cemetery Oversight on or after a specified date; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

HO, §§ 7-205(b), 7-405(b) and (c), and 7-406 - amended and §§ 7-205(d) and 7-405(i) - added and BR, § 5-803 - added

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

SB 776 **Senators Montgomery and Jones–Rodwell****LIBRARIES – ELECTRONIC BOOK LICENSES AND SALES – DISCRIMINATORY PRACTICES**

Requiring a person who offers to license or sell an electronic book to consumers in the State to offer to license or sell the electronic book to libraries in the State; prohibiting a person who licenses or sells or offers to license or sell an electronic book to consumers in the State from licensing or selling or offering to license or sell an electronic book to libraries in the State above a specified price; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

ED, §§ 23-701 through 23-703 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 777 **Senators Montgomery and Rosapepe****DRIVER'S EDUCATION – INCOME TAX CREDIT – ASSESSMENT OF FEES FOR DRIVING OFFENSES**

Allowing an individual to claim a specified credit against the State income tax for specified driver education costs paid for a child, stepchild, or legal ward who is eligible to receive free meals at school; requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration to assess specified fees on specified licensees convicted of specified driving offenses; establishing the Driver's Education Fund to pay for the tax credit under the Act; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014

TG, § 10-736 - added and TR, § 12-120(a) - amended and §§ 16-1001 through 16-1003 - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation and Judicial Proceedings

SB 778 **Senator Montgomery, et al****HEALTH – GENERAL – GENETICALLY ENGINEERED FOOD – LABELING REQUIREMENTS**

Requiring specified raw foods and packaged foods that are entirely or partially produced with genetic engineering to display a specified label beginning on July 1, 2015; requiring a manufacturer to include a specified label on specified foods; requiring a supplier to include a specified label on a container used for packaging, holding, or transporting specified foods; requiring a retailer to place a specified label on a shelf or bin containing specified foods; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

HG, §§ 21-1001 through 21-1006 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 779 **Senator Montgomery, et al****EDUCATION – DUE PROCESS HEARINGS FOR CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES – BURDEN OF PROOF**

Requiring specified public agencies to bear a specified burden of proof in due process hearings that are held to resolve a dispute relating to the provision of a free appropriate public education to children with disabilities; and establishing that a specified provision of law is not intended to change specified record keeping requirements or what constitutes a free and appropriate public education under federal law.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014

ED, § 8-413 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 780 **Senator Montgomery****CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – MONTGOMERY COUNTY – MUSLIM COMMUNITY CENTER**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$350,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Trustees and Board of Directors of The Muslim Community Center, Inc. for specified development or improvement purposes related to the Muslim Community 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: Budget and Taxation

SB 781 **Senator Montgomery, et al****ENVIRONMENT – RECYCLING – PUBLIC AND COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS, SPECIAL EVENTS, AND SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENCES**

Requiring a county to address the collection and recycling of recyclable materials from public and commercial buildings and special events in the county's recycling plan; requiring a county to address a strategy for providing single-stream, curbside recycling collection services to all single-family residences by October 1, 2016, in its recycling plan under specified circumstances; requiring a county to revise its recycling plan by October 1, 2015, to address specified requirements of the Act; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

EN, §§ 9-1701, 9-1703, and 9-1706 - amended and §§ 9-1712 and 9-1713 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 782 **Senator Montgomery****MARYLAND CONSOLIDATED CAPITAL BOND LOAN OF 2012 – MONTGOMERY COUNTY – WOODLAWN BARN VISITOR'S CENTER**

Amending the Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loan of 2012 to make the sole grantee for specified grants for the Woodlawn Barn Visitor's Center, the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission; altering the requirement to provide a certain matching fund; providing that specified grants may not terminate before December 1, 2017; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2014

Chapter 444 of the Acts of 2012, § 1(3) Item ZA02(BB) and Item ZA03(AO), as amended - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 783 **Senator Montgomery****CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – MONTGOMERY COUNTY – SANDY SPRING VFD STATION 40 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 Directors of the Sandy Spring Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. for specified development or improvement purposes related to the Sandy Spring Volunteer Fire Station, 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 784 **Senator Montgomery, et al****EDUCATION – LOAN ASSISTANCE – PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS AND ALCOHOL AND DRUG COUNSELORS**

Requiring the Office of Student Financial Assistance of the Maryland Higher Education Commission to assist in the repayment of specified higher education loans owed by licensed clinical professional counselors or licensed clinical alcohol and drug counselors under specified circumstances; requiring that funds for the Janet L. Hoffman Loan Assistance Repayment Program include specified money paid to the Program from specified fees collected by the State Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014

ED, §§ 18-1502 and 18-1504 and HO, § 17-206 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 785 **Senator Currie, et al****HIGHER EDUCATION – 2+2 TRANSFER SCHOLARSHIP**

Renaming the Community College Transfer Scholarship to be the 2+2 Transfer Scholarship and altering specified elements of the Program; altering the institutions at which the scholarship may be used, qualifications for the scholarship, and the annual amount of the award; specifying that the scholarship may be used for 3 years, or six semesters, whichever is longer; requiring at least \$2,000,000 to be transferred from the Need-Based Student Financial Assistance Fund under specified circumstances; etc.

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014

ED, §§ 18-107(c) and 18-2501 through 18-2506 - amended and § 18-2507 - repealed and added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 786 **Senator Ramirez, et al****ELECTRICITY – COMMUNITY RENEWABLE ENERGY GENERATING SYSTEM – PILOT PROGRAM**

Establishing a pilot program on community renewable energy generating systems under the authority of the Public Service Commission; stating when the pilot program will begin and terminate; providing for the structure and operation of the pilot program, including the generation of electricity and allocation of costs and credits to system subscribers; authorizing an electric company to submit a petition to own and operate a community renewable energy generating system to the Commission; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

PU, § 7-306.1 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 787 **Senator Ramirez, et al****ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – GREEN BUSINESS INCENTIVE ZONES**

Authorizing the creation of green business incentive zones in the State; establishing eligibility criteria and factors to be considered by the Secretary of Business and Economic Development in designating the zones; establishing procedures for applying for establishment of the zones and the benefits available in the zones; establishing a State income tax credit and real property tax credit available to specified businesses located in a green business incentive zone; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014

EC, §§ 5-102 and 5-105 - amended and §§ 5-1401 through 5-1408, TG, § 10-702.1, and TP, § 9-103.1 - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation and Finance

SB 788 **Senators Ramirez and Manno****INCOME TAX CREDIT – ELECTRIC VEHICLE RECHARGING EQUIPMENT – RETAIL SERVICE STATION DEALERS**

Increasing to 50% the percentage of the cost of specified electric vehicle recharging equipment that a retail service station dealer may claim as an income tax credit; increasing to \$1,000 the maximum amount of credit a retail service station dealer may claim for each individual recharging system; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014

TG, § 10-729 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 789 **Senator Ramirez, et al****CIVIL ACTIONS – NONECONOMIC DAMAGES – CATASTROPHIC INJURY**

Altering the maximum amount of noneconomic damages that may be recovered in health care malpractice and other civil actions for a catastrophic injury under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

CJ, §§ 3-2A-09(a) and (b) and 11-108 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 790 **Senator Kelley****HEALTH INSURANCE – COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN CARRIERS AND ENROLLEES – CONFORMITY WITH THE HEALTH INSURANCE PORTABILITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT (HIPAA)**

Requiring the Maryland Insurance Commissioner to develop and make available a specified form for enrollees to use to request confidential communications from health insurance carriers in accordance with specified provisions of federal law; requiring carriers to accept a specified form for a specified purpose under specified circumstances; providing that a specified notice given by an insurer under specified circumstances is subject to specified provisions of federal law; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

HG, § 19-706(oooo) - added and IN, § 15-141 - added and §§ 15-1006 and 15-1007 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 791 **Senator Stone, 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: Budget and Taxation

SB 792 Senator Stone**BUSINESS REGULATION – LODGING ESTABLISHMENTS – BEDBUG REMEDIATION**

Requiring an innkeeper of a lodging establishment to consult and contract with a specified licensed pest management professional to engage in specified bedbug remediation measures for rooms in the lodging establishment under specified circumstances; and establishing a \$50 daily penalty for a violation of the Act, not exceeding an aggregate penalty of \$1,000 for violations arising from the same circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

BR, § 15-208 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 793 Senator Ferguson**BALTIMORE CITY – 46TH DISTRICT – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – CLASS B BEER, WINE AND LIQUOR LICENSE TRANSFER**

Authorizing the Board of License Commissioners to allow the transfer of a specified number of Class B beer, wine and liquor licenses into a specified area of the 46th District in Baltimore City, subject to specified limitations; requiring the Board to execute a specified memorandum of understanding between specified community associations and to enforce a specified memorandum of understanding for specified proposed actions before the Board allows a specified transfer; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014

Art. 2B, § 9-204.1(f) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 794 Senator Reilly**DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING – MARYLAND UNACCOMPANIED HOMELESS YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT COUNT DEMONSTRATION PROJECT**

Requiring the Department of Planning to select a coordinating entity to oversee the Maryland Unaccompanied Homeless Youth and Young Adult Count Demonstration Project; establishing the purpose of the Project; requiring the coordinating entity to be selected through a competitive request for proposal or by sole source contract; requiring the coordinating entity to determine the number and characteristics of unaccompanied homeless youth and young adults in specified jurisdictions using specified methods; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 795 Senator Madaleno**JOINT COMMITTEE ON ENDING HOMELESSNESS**

Creating a Joint Committee on Ending Homelessness; providing for the appointment of the members and cochairs of the Committee; specifying the duties of the Committee; requiring the Committee to hold specified meetings; authorizing the Committee to hold specified hearings and consider specified votes on specified bills or resolutions; requiring a specified report to be submitted to the General Assembly on or before December 1 of each year; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

SG, § 2-10A-15 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 796 Senator Madaleno**HUMAN SERVICES – INTERAGENCY COUNCIL ON HOMELESSNESS**

Repealing the Governor’s Advisory Board on Homelessness and establishing an Interagency Council on Homelessness; establishing the membership, staffing, chair, quorum, and meeting times of the Council; prohibiting a member of the Council from receiving specified compensation but authorizing the reimbursement of specified expenses; establishing specified duties of the Council; requiring the Department of Human Resources to adopt specified regulations; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014

HU, Various Sections - amended, repealed, and added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 797 Senator Montgomery, et al**CRIMINAL LAW – ASSAULT – FIRST RESPONDERS**

Prohibiting a person from intentionally causing physical injury to another if the person knows or has reason to know that the other is a firefighter, an emergency medical technician, a rescue squad member, or any other first responder engaged in providing emergency medical care or rescue services; and applying specified penalties.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

CR, § 3-203 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 798 Senator Pugh, et al

MARYLAND NO-FAULT BIRTH INJURY FUND

Establishing a system for adjudication of a claim involving a birth-related neurological injury; excluding specified rights and remedies of a claimant and specified other persons; providing for specified procedures; providing for specified benefits and compensation of a claimant under the Act; establishing the Maryland No-Fault Birth Injury Fund; providing for specified premiums and insurance surcharges to be used to finance and administer the Fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014

CJ, §§ 3-2D-01 through 3-2D-08, HG, §§ 20-1401 through 20-1403, and IN, §§ 32-101 through 32-304 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings and Finance

SENATE BILL REASSIGNED January 31, 2014**SB 595** Senator Peters, et al

LOCAL GOVERNMENT – RESTRICTIONS ON INCOME-PRODUCING REAL PROPERTY – FISCAL IMPACT REVIEW

Requiring the governing body of a county or municipal corporation to provide a copy of rent-control legislation to the Department of Legislative Services prior to enacting the legislation; requiring the Department to prepare a fiscal note and economic impact analysis for the legislation within 30 days; requiring a copy of the fiscal note and economic impact analysis to be provided to specified persons; providing for the prospective application of the Act; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2014

LG, § 1-1312 - added

Reassigned to: Senate Rules