



SYNOPSIS

Senate Bills and Joint Resolutions
2014 Maryland General Assembly Session

January 17, 2014
Schedule 8

PLEASE NOTE: January 21 – Bill request deadline.
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.

SENATE BILLS INTRODUCED January 17, 2014

SB 242 Senator Ramirez

CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY – BRENTWOOD TOWN CENTER PROJECT

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$200,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Brentwood for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the Brentwood Town Center Project, located in Prince George's County; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2014

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

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SB 243 Cecil County Senators

CECIL COUNTY – BOARD OF ELECTIONS – MEMBERSHIP

Altering the number of regular members of the Cecil County Board of Elections; requiring the members of the local board to be of specified political parties; requiring that a vacancy on the local board be filled in a specified manner; and providing for a delayed effective date of June 1, 2015.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015

EL, § 2-201(l) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 244 Senator Getty, et al

INHERITANCE TAX – REPEAL

Repealing the inheritance tax for decedents dying on or after January 1, 2014; providing that the Comptroller retains specified authority related to the inheritance tax for decedents dying before January 1, 2014; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014

TG, § 7-202 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 245 Senator Jacobs, et al

INCOME TAX – SUBTRACTION MODIFICATION – TOLL CHARGES PAID BY CHESAPEAKE BAY BRIDGE OR HATEM BRIDGE COMMUTERS

Allowing a subtraction modification under the Maryland income tax for toll charges paid by an individual for noncommercial travel on the William Preston Lane, Jr. Memorial (Chesapeake Bay) Bridge or Thomas J. Hatem Memorial Bridge during the taxable year under specified circumstances; requiring an individual to submit specified documentation to qualify for the subtraction modification; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014

TG, § 10-207(bb) - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 246 Anne Arundel County Senators**PUBLIC SAFETY – ANNE ARUNDEL COMMUNITY COLLEGE
POLICE FORCE**

Establishing a police force for the Anne Arundel Community College; specifying the powers of an Anne Arundel Community College police officer; requiring the Board of Trustees of the Anne Arundel Community College to adopt specified standards and regulations; including a member of the police force of the Anne Arundel Community College in the defined term “police officer” in connection with provisions of law relating to the authority to make arrests; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

CP and PS, Various Sections - amended and CP, § 2-101(c)(26), ED, § 16-407.2, and PS, §§ 3-101(e)(i)(ii)26. and 3-201(e)(1)(ii)22. - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 247 Senator Frosh, et al**CIVIL ACTIONS – PERSONAL INJURY OR DEATH CAUSED BY DOG
– REBUTTABLE PRESUMPTION**

Establishing that, in an action against an owner of a dog for damages for personal injury or death caused by the dog, evidence that the dog caused the injury or death creates a rebuttable presumption that the owner knew or should have known that the dog had vicious or dangerous propensities; prohibiting a judge in a jury trial from making a specified ruling before the jury returns a verdict; retaining the common law that existed on April 1, 2012, as to specified persons; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

CJ, § 3-1901 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 248 Senator Frosh, et al**CRIMINAL LAW – USE OF HANDGUN IN CRIME OF VIOLENCE OR
FELONY – STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS**

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

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

CR, § 4-204 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 249 **Senator Pugh, et al**COMMISSION ON MARYLAND CYBERSECURITY INNOVATION
AND EXCELLENCE – DUTIES

Requiring the Commission on Maryland Cybersecurity Innovation and Excellence to study and develop specified strategies and recommendations for advancing telemedicine technologies and use.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014

SG, § 9-2901 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 250 **Senator Mathias**SOMERSET COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – MICRO-
BREWERY LICENSES

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014

Art. 2B, § 2-208(b) and (d) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 251 **Senator Muse, et al**PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION –
ARTIFICIAL TRANS FAT – PROHIBITION

Prohibiting a public school or public institution of higher education from storing, distributing, holding for service, using in the preparation of any menu item, or serving food containing artificial trans fat; and defining “artificial trans fat”.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014

ED, §§ 7-436 and 15-118 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 252 **Senator Muse, et al****TASK FORCE ON WORKPLACE BULLYING IN STATE AGENCIES**

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

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2014

Assigned to: Finance

SB 253 **Senator Conway****BALTIMORE CITY PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM – CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER – ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE SENATE**

Requiring the employment contract of the Chief Executive Officer of the Baltimore City Public School System to be contingent on the advice and consent of the Senate.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

ED, § 4-304 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 254 **Senator Glassman (Chair, Workgroup to Study the Laws and Policies Related to the Distribution of Money to Volunteer and Career Companies), et al****PUBLIC SAFETY – FIRE, RESCUE, AND AMBULANCE FUNDS – DISTRIBUTION**

Authorizing the Senator William H. Amoss Fire, Rescue, and Ambulance Fund to be used to acquire land for a specified purpose; authorizing funds to be used to install specified systems and to acquire telecommunication devices, computers, equipment, and machinery under specified circumstances; providing that funds be distributed to volunteer companies based on need; requiring a county to distribute money to volunteer companies located in qualified municipalities; defining specified terms; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014

PS, §§ 8-101, 8-102, 8-103, 8-104, 8-105, and 8-106 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 255 **Senator Colburn****CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – TALBOT COUNTY – EASTON HEAD START CENTER**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$75,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of Shore Up, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the Easton Head Start Center, 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 256 **Senator Colburn****MARYLAND CONSOLIDATED CAPITAL BOND LOAN OF 2013 – TALBOT COUNTY – EASTON HEAD START CENTER**

Amending the Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loan of 2013 to authorize the matching fund of a grant for the Easton Head Start Center to consist of funds expended prior to June 1, 2013; making the Act an emergency measure; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

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

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 257 **Senator Kelley, et al****TASK FORCE TO STUDY ACCESS TO PHARMACY SERVICES IN MARYLAND**

Establishing the Task Force to Study Access to Pharmacy Services 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 study and make recommendations regarding specified matters; requiring the Task Force to report its findings and recommendations to specified individuals and committees of the General Assembly; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2014

Assigned to: Finance

SB 258 **Senator Manno, et al****CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – MONTGOMERY COUNTY – ANN L. BRONFMAN 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 Jewish Council for the Aging of Greater Washington, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the Ann L. Bronfman Center, located in Montgomery County; prohibiting the use of the loan proceeds or matching funds for sectarian religious purposes; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2014

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 259 **Senator Middleton****AGRICULTURE – EASEMENTS – RENEWABLE ENERGY GENERATION FACILITIES**

Requiring, on written request of a landowner in an application to purchase an easement, an easement to authorize the landowner to use the land subject to the easement for renewable energy generation under specified circumstances; requiring, on written request of a landowner, the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation to amend an easement to authorize the landowner to use the land subject to the easement for renewable energy generation under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014

AG, § 2-513(c) - added and amended

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