



SYNOPSIS

House Bills and Joint Resolutions
2015 Maryland General Assembly Session

January 30, 2015
Schedule 10

PLEASE NOTE: February 13 – Bill introduction deadline.
All bills must be given to the Chief Clerk by 5:00 P.M. on Thursday, February 12.
As required by House Rule 32(b), bills introduced after this date will be referred to the House Rules and Executive Nominations Committee.

HOUSE BILLS INTRODUCED JANUARY 30, 2015

HB 188 Delegate Cluster, et al

PUBLIC SAFETY – HANDGUN PERMITS – RENEWAL PERIOD FOR RETIRED LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

Establishing that a handgun permit issued to a retired law enforcement officer of the State or a county or municipal corporation of the State expires on the last day of the holder's birth month following 5 years after the date the permit is issued and may be renewed for successive periods of 5 years, under specified circumstances; and providing that an officer who applies for a permit renewal is not required to be fingerprinted except under specified circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

PS, § 5-309 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

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HB 189 Delegate Cluster, et al**PUBLIC SAFETY – HANDGUN PERMIT BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION – ARMORED CAR COMPANY EMPLOYEES**

Authorizing the Secretary of State Police to accept a background investigation performed on behalf of an armored car company in place of a criminal history records check performed by the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services under specified circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

PS, § 5-305 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 190 Delegate Krebs, et al**OFFICE OF CEMETERY OVERSIGHT – STATE BOARD OF MORTICIANS AND FUNERAL DIRECTORS – CREMATORIES – FEES**

Providing that specified fees, provided for by a specified process established by the Director of the Office of Cemetery Oversight for regulating crematories, apply to specified persons; prohibiting the Director from charging a registered cemerterian or holder of a permit to engage in the operation of a cemetery an additional fee for registration as a crematory operator or issuance of a permit to operate a crematory; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

BR, §§ 5-204(a) and 5-205(b) and HO, §§ 7-205(c) and 7-206(b) - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 191 Washington County Delegation**WASHINGTON COUNTY – APPOINTMENT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS – EXEMPTION**

Exempting the Washington County Board of Education from specified requirements for appointment and reappointment of a Washington County Superintendent of Schools.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

ED, § 4-201 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 192 Delegate Serafini**OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH – INSPECTIONS AND ASSESSMENTS OF CIVIL PENALTIES – LIMITATIONS**

Requiring the Commissioner of Labor and Industry or an authorized representative of the Commissioner to provide an employer written notice of an intent to inspect the place of employment, at least 14 days before the inspection is to occur, if the Commissioner or an authorized representative of the Commissioner has not inspected the place of employment in the immediately preceding 3 years; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

LE, §§ 5-208(a) and 5-209(d) - amended and § 5-208.1 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 193 Delegates Krebs and Ready**STATE BOARD OF MORTICIANS AND FUNERAL DIRECTORS – STAFF – DESIGNATION AND DUTIES OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

Authorizing the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene, instead of the State Board of Morticians and Funeral Directors, to employ specified staff; authorizing the Secretary to designate one of the staff as executive director; requiring the executive director to manage specified staff and perform specified administrative functions; and prohibiting the executive director from directly conducting specified investigations or inspections.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015

HO, § 7-204(d) - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 194 Delegate Beitzel, et al**VEHICLE LAWS – MAXIMUM SPEED LIMITS ON HIGHWAYS**

Increasing from 65 miles an hour to 70 miles an hour the maximum speed limit that may be established on specified highways in the State.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

TR, § 21-801.1(e) - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 195 Delegate Fennell, et al**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY – LANDOVER HILLS TOWN HALL**

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 Landover Hills for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the Landover Hills Town Hall, located in Prince George’s County; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 196 Delegate Afzali, et al**MOTOR VEHICLE ADMINISTRATION – SELECTIVE SERVICE REGISTRATION – DRIVER’S LICENSE AND IDENTIFICATION CARD APPLICANTS**

Making specified provisions of law relating to the Motor Vehicle Administration’s collection and electronic forwarding of Selective Service registration information gender neutral and expanding their applicability to specified minors; repealing provisions relating to the refusal of an applicant for specified documents to consent to Selective Service registration; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

TR, § 12-304 - amended and Chapter 309 of the Acts of 2002, §§ 2 and 3 - repealed

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 197 Delegate Fennell, et al**PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY – EDUCATION – YOUTH WELLNESS LEADERSHIP PILOT PROGRAM**

Establishing the Youth Wellness Leadership Pilot Program in the State Department of Education; requiring the Department, after consultation with the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, to implement the Program for 125 students in public high schools in Prince George’s County; authorizing the State Department of Education to collaborate with specified local community organizations; specifying the purpose of the Program; and requiring the State Department of Education to report annually.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

ED, § 7-415.1 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 198 Delegate Fennell, et al**EDUCATION – YOUTH WELLNESS LEADERSHIP PILOT PROGRAM**

Establishing the Youth Wellness Leadership Pilot Program in the State Department of Education; requiring the Department, after consultation with the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, to implement the Program for 125 students in public high school in Prince George's County and 125 students in public high school in one other county; authorizing the State Department of Education to collaborate with specified local community organizations; specifying the purpose of the Program; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

ED, § 7-415.1 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 199 Charles County Delegation**INCOME TAX – SUBTRACTION MODIFICATION – UNREIMBURSED EXPENSES OF FOSTER PARENTS – CHILD PLACEMENT AGENCY**

Altering the definition of a “foster parent” to include individuals approved by specified child placement agencies and specified treatment foster parents for purposes of a subtraction modification under the Maryland income tax for unreimbursed expenses; requiring the Department of Human Resources to determine the expenses required for the subtraction modification; requiring the Department to submit a list of the approved necessary expenses to the Comptroller; applying the Act to taxable years after December 31, 2014; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

TG, § 10-208(u) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 200 Delegate Cluster, et al**STATE CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES – CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS – POLYGRAPH EXAMINATION**

Requiring the Secretary of Public Safety and Correctional Services to require an individual to pass a polygraph examination before being appointed to serve as a correctional officer in a correctional facility; and requiring the Secretary to adopt regulations governing the administration of the polygraph examination required by the Act.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

CS, § 3-215(f) - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 201 Delegate S. Robinson**VEHICLE LAWS – SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATES AND PARKING PLACARDS FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES – LICENSED PHYSICAL THERAPISTS**

Authorizing a licensed physical therapist to certify specified medical conditions of an applicant for a special disability registration number and special disability registration plates and for specified parking placards; requiring the State Board of Physical Therapy Examiners to be responsible for the development and maintenance of a database system with which the Motor Vehicle Administration can interface and verify licensure; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

TR, §§ 13-616(a),(b)(1) and (2), and (m), 13-616.1(a) and (k), and 13-616.2(a), (b), (c), and (i) - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 202 Montgomery County Delegation**MONTGOMERY COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – WINERIES
MC 21-15**

Authorizing the Montgomery County Board of License Commissioners to issue a Class D beer and light wine license to a holder of a Class 3 manufacturer's license in Montgomery County.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

Art. 2B, § 2-204 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 203 Delegate Beidle**VEHICLE LAWS – TITLE FEES – RENTAL VEHICLES**

Making permanent a specified fee for a certificate of title for a rental vehicle; requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration, on application by an owner of a rental vehicle titled during a specified period of time, to refund a specified amount of the title fee collected from the owner; and stating the intent of the General Assembly.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015

TR, § 13-802 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 204 Howard County Delegation

CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – HOWARD COUNTY – ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CENTER RENOVATION AND EXPANSION HO. CO. 2–15

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 Howard County Conservancy, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, expansion and capital equipping of the Environmental Education Center, located in Howard 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, 2015

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 205 Howard County Delegation

CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – HOWARD COUNTY – COMMUNITY ACTION COUNCIL FOOD BANK FACILITY HO. CO. 4–15

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$500,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Community Action Council of Howard County, Maryland, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the Community Action Council Food Bank Facility project, located in Howard 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, 2015

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 206 Howard County Delegation

CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – HOWARD COUNTY – HOWARD COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY ROOF REPAIR HO. CO. 9–15

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$35,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Howard County Historical Society, Incorporated for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the Howard County Historical Society facility, including repair of the roof, located in Howard 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, 2015

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 207 Delegate S. Robinson**CHESAPEAKE BAY TRUST – INVESTMENT OPTIONS – EXPANSION**

Authorizing the Chesapeake Bay Trust to invest any money of the Trust in marketable equity securities, marketable equity–related mutual funds, or debt–related mutual funds; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

NR, § 8-1909 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 208 Delegate Pendergrass**STATE BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC AND MASSAGE THERAPY EXAMINERS – PREAPPROVAL FOR USE OF TRADE NAMES – REPEAL**

Repealing specified provisions of law that condition the use of specified trade names by specified chiropractors, massage therapists, and massage practitioners on preapproval of the use by the State Board of Chiropractic and Massage Therapy Examiners.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

HO, §§ 3-407 and 3-5A-12 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 209 Delegate Turner**HOWARD COUNTY – ROOM RENTAL TAX – ROOM RENTAL FEE**

Clarifying that the Howard County room rental tax applies to the total charge for the rental of a room, including any room rental fee charged by a room rental intermediary but not including any tax; and defining specified terms.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

PLL of Howard Co., Art. 14, § 20.400 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 210 Delegate Cluster, et al**CORRECTIONAL SERVICES – BALTIMORE CITY DETENTION CENTER – TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP**

Abolishing the Division of Pretrial Detention and Services within the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services; providing for the transfer of property, assets, licenses, credits, and rights of the Baltimore City Detention Center to the Mayor of Baltimore City; requiring the State to pay all the operating and capital costs of the Baltimore City Detention Center in fiscal years 2016 through 2018 and one-half the costs in 2019; providing that Baltimore City pay all the operating and capital costs in fiscal year 2020; etc.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

CS, Various Sections - amended and repealed

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 211 Delegate Hill, et al**TASK FORCE TO STUDY PAY IT FORWARD**

Establishing the Task Force to Study Pay It Forward; 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 the Governor and the General Assembly on or before December 1, 2016; and providing for the termination of the Act.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 212 Delegate Fisher, et al**HIGHER EDUCATION – COLLEGE OF SOUTHERN MARYLAND – BACHELOR'S DEGREE PROGRAMS**

Authorizing the College of Southern Maryland to offer specified bachelor's degree programs and award bachelor's degrees; requiring specified bachelor's degree programs to include specified components; and requiring the College of Southern Maryland, in coordination with the Secretary of Higher Education, to adopt specified rules and regulations relating to the implementation of bachelor's degree programs and the awarding of bachelor's degrees at the college.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

ED, § 10-210(b) - amended and § 16-610 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 213 Delegates Tarlau and Fennell**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 the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the Bladensburg Road Economic Development 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, 2015

Assigned to: Appropriations