



SYNOPSIS

House Bills and Joint Resolutions
2015 Maryland General Assembly Session

February 5, 2015
Schedule 13

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 FEBRUARY 5, 2015

HB 309 Delegate Cullison

STATE BOARD OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY PRACTICE – RENEWAL OF LICENSES

Requiring the State Board of Occupational Therapy Practice to stagger the terms of specified licenses; providing that, before a specified date, a license to practice occupational therapy or limited occupational therapy may be renewed for a specified term; providing that, during a specified time period, a license expires on a date set by the Board and may be renewed in a specified manner; requiring the Board to renew licenses in a specified manner during a specified time period; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

HO, § 10-311 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

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HB 310 Delegate Glenn, et al**BALTIMORE CITY – PARTIALLY ELECTED SCHOOL BOARD**

Increasing the number of members of the Baltimore City School Commissioners; requiring that three board members be elected at large by the voters of Baltimore City; altering the length of a term of the members of the board; requiring specified board members to be elected at a specified election and in accordance with specified provisions of law; providing for the staggering of the terms of specified members; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

ED, §§ 3-108.1 and 3-114 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 311 Delegate Davis**ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – SUPERMARKETS – CLASS B AND CLASS BLX LICENSES**

Exempting the issuance of a specified Class B or Class BLX on-sale beer, wine and liquor license for a specified corporation from specified residency requirements; exempting the issuance of a Class B or Class BLX on-sale beer, wine and liquor license on behalf of a specified supermarket or supermarket chain store from a specified prohibition against the issuance of more than one license for the use of a corporation in Baltimore City or any county of the State; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

Art. 2B, § 9-101(b) - amended and § 9-102(b-10) - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 312 Chair, Economic Matters Committee (By Request – Maryland Judicial Conference)**COMMERCIAL LAW – SECURED TRANSACTIONS – FALSE RECORDS**

Prohibiting a person from causing a record to be filed or recorded with a filing office under specified circumstances; authorizing a filing office to refuse to accept a record for filing under specified circumstances; authorizing a person identified as a debtor in a filed record to file a request to terminate the financing statement or record under specified circumstances; establishing procedures for termination; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

CL, § 9-501.1 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 313 Delegate Beidle**MOTOR VEHICLE ADMINISTRATION – TEMPORARY REGISTRATION PLATES – REGULATIONS**

Requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration to adopt regulations to govern the issuance of a temporary registration plate to a vehicle buyer that accepts delivery of the vehicle before all the agreements of the parties become final.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

TR, § 13-602 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 314 Delegate Valentino–Smith, et al**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY – KNIGHTS OF ST. JOHN HALL**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt in the amount of \$190,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Trustees of the Knights of St. John, Ascension Commandery 283, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the Knights of St. John Hall, located in Prince George’s County; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds; prohibiting the use of the loan proceeds for sectarian religious purposes; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 315 Delegate Morhaim, et al**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – BALTIMORE COUNTY – LAKE ROLAND EDUCATION CENTER**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$340,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the County Executive and County Council of Baltimore County for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the Lake Roland Education Center, located in Baltimore 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 316 **Montgomery County Delegation**

MONTGOMERY COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – LICENSES IN TAKOMA PARK MC 29–15

Altering the name of specified licenses that were issued in a portion of the City of Takoma Park that was formerly part of Prince George’s County; repealing a prohibition against the issuance of a specified license in Takoma Park; and repealing obsolete language.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

Art. 2B, §§ 5-401(q), 6-201(q)(2), and 8-216(d) - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 317 **Delegate Waldstreicher, et al**

CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – MONTGOMERY COUNTY – YESHIVA TORAH SCHOOL OF GREATER WASHINGTON

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 Yeshiva of Greater Washington, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the Yeshiva Torah School of Greater Washington 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, 2015

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 318 **Harford County Delegation**

MARYLAND INCOME TAX REFUNDS – HARFORD COUNTY – WARRANT INTERCEPT PROGRAM

Altering the requirement for the Comptroller to withhold Maryland income tax refunds of specified individuals with outstanding warrants to include residents of Harford County or individuals who have outstanding warrants from Harford County; making nonsubstantive changes to specified termination provisions; making conforming changes; etc.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

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

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 319 Delegate Beitzel**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – GARRETT COUNTY – EMERGENCY OPERATIONS 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 County Commissioners of Garrett County for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the Emergency Operations Center, located in Garrett 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 320 Allegany County Delegation**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – ALLEGANY COUNTY – ALLEGANY COUNTY ANIMAL SHELTER ADOPTION AND CARE CENTER**

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 Allegany County Animal Shelter Management Foundation, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the Allegany County Animal Shelter Adoption and Care Center, located in Allegany 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 321 Delegate Cullison, et al**FUNERAL ESTABLISHMENTS – PRE-NEED CONTRACTS – REPORTING AND AUDIT REQUIREMENTS**

Authorizing a specified buyer or beneficiary of a pre-need contract to contact the Maryland State Board of Morticians and Funeral Directors and request the Board to conduct an audit of specified licensees; requiring the Board to conduct a specified audit within 30 days after a specified request; requiring a specified disclosure statement for a pre-need contract to state that the buyer or beneficiary of the pre-need contract is authorized to contact the Board and request a specified audit; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

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

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 322 Harford County Delegation**HARFORD COUNTY – CHARITABLE GAMING**

Creating in Harford County a permit to be issued by the Sheriff of Harford County that authorizes specified nonprofit organizations to conduct a gaming contest, an event that involves a card game, a dice game, or roulette; specifying requirements that organizations must meet to be issued a permit; limiting to four the number of gaming contests an organization may hold in a calendar year; stating the location and hours for conducting a gaming contest; specifying that the maximum bet a single individual may place on a game is \$10; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

CR, § 13-1512 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 323 Delegate Impallaria**MARYLAND BUILDING PERFORMANCE STANDARDS – ENERGY CODES – LOCAL AUTHORITY**

Authorizing a local jurisdiction to adopt amendments to the Maryland Building Performance Standards that are equivalent to the requirements of specified international energy conservation and energy efficiency codes.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

PS, § 12-504 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 324 Delegate Branch**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – BALTIMORE CITY – MADISON EAST END MULTIPURPOSE CENTER**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$40,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the MEE Multi Purpose Center East and Development, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the Madison East End Multipurpose Center, 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, 2015

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 325 Delegate Lierman, et al

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

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 Architecture and History 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, 2015

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 326 Delegate Krimm

ENVIRONMENT – MONOCACY RIVER WATERSHED – WATER RESOURCES PLAN

Requiring the Department of the Environment to engage with the Interstate Commission on the Potomac River Basin on the development and implementation of a water resources plan for the portion of the Monocacy River watershed located in Maryland; requiring the Department to submit a specified report to specified committees of the General Assembly on or before December 31 of each year; and terminating the Act after September 30, 2020.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 327 Delegate Kelly

HEALTH – AMBULATORY SURGICAL FACILITY – DEFINITION

Altering the definition of an ambulatory surgical facility as one that operates primarily for the purpose of providing surgical services to patients requiring a period of postoperative observation but not requiring hospitalization in which the expected duration of services would exceed 24 hours following admission; and conforming with provisions of law governing freestanding ambulatory care facilities in the State under the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services regulations.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

HG, § 19-3B-01(b) - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 328 Harford County Delegation**HARFORD COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – APPLICATIONS FOR LICENSES**

Exempting a specified application for an alcoholic beverages license in Harford County from a requirement for a specified certificate signed by a specified number of citizens who are owners of real estate and registered voters of the precinct in which the business is to be conducted.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

Art. 2B, § 10-103(b)(18) - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 329 Harford County Delegation**HARFORD COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – INSPECTORS**

Authorizing the Harford County Liquor Control Board and general manager to appoint alcoholic beverages inspectors as necessary to provide appropriate control over newly created licenses; and repealing provisions of law governing the authority of the Board and general manager to appoint additional alcoholic beverages inspectors.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

Art. 2B, § 15-112(n) - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 330 Allegany County Delegation**ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – MICRO–BREWERIES AND FARM BREWERIES**

Authorizing the holder of a micro–brewery or farm brewery license to apply for and obtain one or more specified additional licenses for the same or another premises; and providing that specified provisions of law that prohibit a holder of a micro–brewery license from owning, operating, or being affiliated with specified other manufacturers of beer, or being granted a wholesaler alcoholic beverages license, do not apply in Allegany County or Frederick County.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

Art. 2B, §§ 2-201(b) and 2-208(e) - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 331 Delegates Vitale and Beidle

ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – LICENSES

Allowing an alcoholic beverages licensee in Anne Arundel County to be issued a second or third license if the restaurant for which the license is sought is located in a shopping center that is zoned MXD–C General Commercial; specifying that the prohibition against issuing more than one license to a person does not apply to hotel–limited service (on–sale) licenses; providing that a specific prohibition regarding distance from a church or school does not apply to a Class BLX (deluxe restaurant) (on–sale) beer, wine and liquor license; etc. EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

Art. 2B, §§ 8-202.1(j)(3)(v) and (k)(2)(v), 9-102(i), 9-203(c)(3), and 12-202(a) - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 332 Delegate Carey, et al

CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – CHESAPEAKE ARTS CENTER

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt in the amount of \$150,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Chesapeake Arts Center, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the Chesapeake Arts Center, located in Anne Arundel County; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds; establishing a deadline for the encumbrance or expenditure of the loan proceeds; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 333 Delegate Fisher, et al

ELECTRONIC BINGO AND ELECTRONIC TIP JARS – DISTRIBUTION OF ADMISSIONS AND AMUSEMENT TAX REVENUES

Altering the distribution of revenue from the State admissions and amusement tax on electronic bingo and electronic tip jars; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

TG, § 2-202 and NR, § 5-1901(f)(1) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 334 Harford County Delegation**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – HARFORD COUNTY – LADEW TOPIARY GARDENS**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$400,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Trustees of The Trustees of the Ladew Topiary Gardens, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the Ladew Topiary Gardens, located in Harford 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 335 Delegates Lafferty and Rosenberg**PROPERTY TAX – CREDITS FOR PROPERTY IN NEIGHBORHOOD CONSERVATION AREA**

Establishing a property tax credit against the State property tax imposed on specified real property located in a neighborhood conservation area under specified circumstances; establishing the amount of the property tax credit, subject to a specified limitation; and requiring that specified properties be purchased from July 1, 2012, through June 30, 2020, to qualify for a specified county or municipal corporation property tax credit for specified owner-occupied, residential real property in designated areas.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015

TP, § 9-110 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 336 Delegate Carr, et al**PROCUREMENT – STATE FUNDS – ENERGY EFFICIENT OUTDOOR LIGHTING FIXTURES**

Expanding the prohibition on the use of State funds to install or replace specified luminaires by applying the prohibition to all permanent outdoor luminaires unless the luminaires meet specified requirements; establishing specified requirements for luminaires intended for specified lighting purposes; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

SF, § 14-412 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 337 Delegate Carter, et al**CORRECTIONAL SERVICES – SENTENCING REVIEW AND PAROLE ELIGIBILITY – JUVENILE OFFENDERS SENTENCED AS ADULTS**

Authorizing parole eligibility for a person sentenced for an offense committed before the person's 18th birthday under specified circumstances; authorizing a parole rehearing date no later than every 3 years for an inmate not granted parole after becoming eligible; authorizing representation of counsel for a specified person under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

CS, § 7-310, CR, § 14-104, and CP, § 6-234 - added and CS, § 7-301 and CP, §§ 8-102 and 8-105 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 338 Delegate Carter, et al**PUBLIC SAFETY – SWAT TEAM – DEPLOYMENT AND REPORTING**

Authorizing the deployment of a SWAT team only under specified circumstances; requiring a law enforcement agency to create a specified report before the deployment of a SWAT team, with a specified exception; requiring, at specified intervals beginning on a specified date, a law enforcement agency that maintains a SWAT team to report specified information to the Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention using a specified format; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

PS, § 3-507 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 339 Delegate Carter, et al**VEHICLE LAWS – RACE-BASED TRAFFIC STOPS – POLICY AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS**

Requiring that specified law enforcement officers record specified information pertaining to traffic stops; requiring specified law enforcement agencies to report specified information to the Maryland Statistical Analysis Center; requiring the Police Training Commission to develop a specified format and guidelines and a standardized format for the reporting of specified data; requiring the Police Training Commission to develop a specified model policy; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015

TR, § 25-113 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 340 Delegate Haynes, et al**GENERAL PROVISIONS – COMMEMORATIVE DAYS – THURGOOD MARSHALL DAY**

Requiring the Governor annually to proclaim July 2 as Thurgood Marshall Day; and requiring the proclamation to urge educational and cultural organizations to observe Thurgood Marshall Day properly.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015

GP, § 7-411 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 341 Delegate Davis**UNDERGROUND UTILITY DAMAGE PREVENTION – CONNECTING BUILDINGS TO SEWERAGE SYSTEMS – DETECTABLE WIRES**

Requiring that any new or replacement piping that is buried or installed for the purpose of connecting a building to a sewerage system be buried or installed with an insulated copper tracer wire that is suitable for direct burial and has an American wire gauge (AWG) of at least 10, or an equivalent product that makes the piping detectable; requiring that the wire buried or installed with the piping meet specified product and installation criteria and run from specified locations along the piping and sewerage system; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

EN, § 9-223.1 and PU, §§ 12-129 and 24-107 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 342 Delegate Luedtke**SPECIAL EDUCATION – RELATED SERVICES PROVIDERS – CONSORTIUM**

Requiring the State Department of Education to establish a consortium of qualified substitute related services providers who may assist in delivering specified services in the absence of the regular related services provider.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

ED, § 8-404.1 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 343 Delegate Impallaria**REAL PROPERTY – CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS – RETENTION PROCEEDS – REPEAL**

Repealing specified limitations, and specified exceptions to specified limitations, on the retention proceeds under the terms of specified construction contracts or of any payment due to a contractor or a subcontractor under the terms of specified construction contracts; and applying the Act prospectively.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

RP, § 9-304 - repealed

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 344 Delegate A. Washington, 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; providing a specified exception for a parent or guardian seeking tuition reimbursement for a unilateral placement; and establishing that a specified provision of law is not intended to change specified record-keeping requirements or what constitutes a free appropriate public education under federal or State law.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

ED, § 8-413 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 345 Delegates Lierman and Clippinger**LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT – FLEXIBLE LEAVE – USE OF LEAVE FOR FAMILY ILLNESS**

Providing that an agreement between an employer and employee to waive the employee's right to use flexible leave for illness of the employee's immediate family is void; and prohibiting an employer from discharging, demoting, suspending, disciplining or discriminating against an employee or threatening to take any of these actions against an employee because the employee requested flexible leave.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

LE, § 3-802(d) and (f) - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 346 Delegate Morales, et al**COURT PERSONNEL – ALTERING REFERENCES FROM MASTER TO MAGISTRATE**

Altering references to the term “master” to “magistrate” in specified provisions of law.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

BOP, CJ, FL, and SP, Various Sections - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 347 Delegates Valentino–Smith and Afzali**COURTS – CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT – WAIVER OF REUNIFICATION EFFORTS**

Altering the circumstances under which a local department of social services may ask the court in a child in need of assistance proceeding to find that reasonable efforts to reunify the child with the child’s parent or guardian are not required.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

CJ, § 3-812 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 348 Delegates Rosenberg and Dumais**CIVIL RIGHT TO COUNSEL – IMPLEMENTATION**

Requiring the Governor to include in the budget bill for each fiscal year a specified appropriation to provide legal representation to income–eligible parties in protective order proceedings; establishing a Judicare Pilot Program to provide legal representation to income–eligible parents in contested custody and visitation proceedings in specified jurisdictions; requiring the Governor to include in the budget bill for each fiscal year a specified appropriation to fund the pilot program; etc.

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

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015

FL, §§ 4-512.2 and 9-109 and CJ, § 13-103 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 349 Delegate B. Robinson**PROCUREMENT PREFERENCES – BLIND INDUSTRIES AND SERVICES OF MARYLAND – JANITORIAL PRODUCTS**

Repealing the requirement that a State or State aided or controlled entity include in specified maintenance contracts a requirement that a prime contractor procure janitorial products from the Blind Industries and Services of Maryland under specified circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

SF, § 14-103 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 350 Delegate Valentino–Smith, et al**CHILD CUSTODY AND VISITATION – DEPLOYED PARENTS**

Prohibiting a court, in any child custody or visitation proceeding, from making any negative inference regarding a parent's past, present, or future deployment; altering specified provisions relating to expedited hearings; authorizing a party or witness who is subject to deployment to provide testimony and present evidence by electronic means or by telephone under specified circumstances; authorizing a court to grant custody or visitation on behalf of a deployed parent to another individual under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

FL, § 9-108 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 351 Delegate Lafferty, et al**CORPORATIONS AND ASSOCIATIONS – LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANIES – COMPANY REPRESENTATIVE**

Requiring a limited liability company to have a company representative; requiring the articles of organization, articles of cancellation, and articles of reinstatement of a limited liability company to include the name and street address of the company representative; applying to a company representative specified provisions of law relating to a change of a resident agent, a change of address of a resident agent, or a resignation of a resident agent of a limited liability company; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

CA, § 4A-101(g) - added and §§ 4A-204(a), 4A-210, 4A-909, 4A-916, and 4A-1002 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 352 Delegate Rosenberg, et al**LIFE INSURANCE – FREEDOM TO TRAVEL ACT**

Prohibiting an insurer from refusing to insure, refusing to continue to insure, limiting the amount or extent or kind of coverage available to an individual, or charge an individual a different rate for the same coverage solely for reasons associated with an applicant's or insured's future lawful travel plans unless specified conditions are met; and deeming an insurer to meet the conditions for the otherwise prohibited actions under specified circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

IN, § 27-208(a) - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 353 Delegate Cullison**STATE GOVERNMENT – AUTOMATED MAPPING–GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEMS – SYSTEM SERVICES COSTS**

Repealing the authority of specified governmental units to adopt a fee structure to cover specified costs for system services; altering a specified definition for the purpose of repealing the authority of specified governmental units to adopt a fee structure to cover specified costs relating to existing system products; repealing a requirement that a person must contract with a governmental unit for specified online access to geographic data; and making conforming changes.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

SG, §§ 10-901 through 10-904 - amended and § 10-905 - repealed

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 354 Calvert County Delegation**CALVERT COUNTY – TASK FORCE TO STUDY THE COMMEMORATION OF HARRIET ELIZABETH BROWN**

Establishing the Task Force to Study the Commemoration of Harriet Elizabeth Brown; providing for the composition and chair 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, hold public hearings, and make recommendations regarding specified matters; requiring the Task Force to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and to the General Assembly on or before December 31, 2015.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 355 Delegate Kelly**PUBLIC HEALTH – DENTAL SERVICES FOR ADULTS – COVERAGE AND ACCESS**

Requiring, beginning July 1, 2016, the Maryland Medical Assistance Program to provide dental services to postpartum women during a specified period; requiring that specified dental services for postpartum women be included as a benefit under a specified program under the Program; requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, in conjunction with specified entities, to work with stakeholders to identify certain options for expanding access to dental services; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

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

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 356 Delegate Beitzel**DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES – DEEP CREEK LAKE BUY DOWN AREA PROGRAM – EXTENSION**

Authorizing the Department of General Services to establish a program to offer the owners of properties adjoining Deep Creek Lake the right to purchase the land contiguous to their land at a price not to exceed the per-square-foot price the State paid to purchase the lake in February 2000; providing that the parcels sold under the program are subject to the same covenants and restrictions as parcels sold under a similar program; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 357 Delegate B. Barnes, et al**VEHICLE LAWS – PROHIBITION AGAINST SMOKING IN VEHICLE CONTAINING YOUNG CHILD**

Prohibiting the driver of a motor vehicle in which a person who is under the age of 8 years is a passenger from smoking a tobacco product or allowing a passenger to smoke in the motor vehicle; establishing a fine of up to \$50 for a violation of the Act; specifying that the Act does not apply to a mobile home under specified circumstances; specifying that a violation of the Act is not a moving violation for purposes of the assessment of points; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

TR, §§ 21-1130 and 27-116 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 358 Delegate Jameson**WORKERS' COMPENSATION INSURANCE – CANCELLATION AND NONRENEWAL – NOTICE**

Altering the time period from 30 to 45 days within which an insurer, except under specified circumstances, must serve a specified notice on an employer and file a copy of the notice with a specified individual if the insurer is cancelling or refusing to renew a workers' compensation insurance policy before its expiration.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

IN, § 19-406 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 359 Delegates Jameson and Hixson**INCOME TAX CREDIT – QUALIFIED FARMS – FOOD DONATION PILOT PROGRAM**

Allowing a qualified farm a credit, for tax years 2015 through 2017, 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; providing that, for a fiscal year, the total amount of tax credit certificates issued may not exceed \$250,000; reestablishing the Task Force to Study the Implementation of a Hub and Spoke Program in the Southern Maryland Region; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL – VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

TG, § 10-737 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 360 Delegate Vallario, et al**CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – SEIZURE AND FORFEITURE**

Establishing a minimum amount of money of more than \$300 that is subject to forfeiture in connection with a controlled dangerous substance violation; repealing a presumption that specified money or weapons are forfeitable; prohibiting a seizing authority or prosecuting authority from directly or indirectly transferring seized property to a federal law enforcement authority or agency, with a specified exception; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

CP, §§ 12-102, 12-103(a), 12-301, and 12-312 - amended and §§ 12-211 and 13-601 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 361 Delegate Vallario, et al

CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – GOVERNMENT–FUNDED LEGAL REPRESENTATION – INITIAL APPEARANCE

Proposing an amendment to the Maryland Constitution establishing that an indigent defendant is entitled to government–funded legal representation at the times and under the circumstances provided by statute and court rule, and that a specified constitutional provision may not be construed to require government–funded legal representation of an indigent defendant at an initial appearance before a District Court commissioner; and submitting the amendment to the qualified voters of the State for their adoption or rejection.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT – CONTINGENT

Declaration of Rights, Art. 21 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 362 Delegate Waldstreicher, et al

CRIMINAL LAW – COSTS OF CARE FOR SEIZED ANIMALS

Establishing that the owner or custodian of an animal seized or removed under specified provisions of law is liable for the reasonable costs relating to the care of the animal during a specified period; requiring a person who seizes or removes an animal under specified provisions of law to post a specified notice in a specified manner; requiring a specified seizing authority to make a reasonable attempt to provide a specified notice under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

CR, § 10-615 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 363 Delegate Anderson (By Request – Baltimore City Administration), et al

CRIMES – LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER – MISCONDUCT IN OFFICE

Prohibiting a law enforcement officer, while acting in the course of the officer's official duties, from committing a misdemeanor or felony that carries a maximum penalty of imprisonment of more than 1 year; providing a penalty for a violation of the Act; providing that a sentence imposed under the Act shall be consecutive to and not concurrent with any other sentence imposed for any crime based on the act establishing the violation; and defining a term.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

CR, § 9-308 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 364 Delegate Rosenberg, et al**HIGHER EDUCATION – COLLEGE ADMISSIONS OUTREACH PROGRAM FOR HIGH-ACHIEVING STUDENTS – ESTABLISHMENT**

Establishing the Delegate Howard P. Rawlings Program of Educational Excellence Awards in the State to be awarded to the neediest students to ensure the payment of 100 percent of educational costs and to low and moderate income students for payment assistance; establishing the College Admissions Outreach Program for High-Achieving Students; requiring the Maryland Higher Education Commission and the Maryland State Department of Education to jointly administer the Program; etc

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

ED, § 18-303.2 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 365 Delegate Anderson, et al**CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – FELONY PROSECUTION OF LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER – ATTORNEY GENERAL**

Requiring a State's Attorney, on the filing of a statement of charges or an information against a specified law enforcement officer for a specified felony offense, to immediately forward the case, including any related charges, to the Office of the Attorney General for prosecution; establishing that when exercising a specified authority, the Attorney General has specified powers and duties to prosecute a specified violation; requiring the joining of specified causes of action in specified circumstances; and defining a term.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

CP, § 4-110 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HOUSE BILL REASSIGNED FEBRUARY 4, 2015

HB 153 Delegate Stein, et al

CRIMINAL LAW – ANIMAL CRUELTY – LEAVING DOGS OUTSIDE AND UNATTENDED IN EXTREME WEATHER

Prohibiting a person from leaving a dog outside and unattended by use of a specified restraint for a period longer than 15 minutes when a hazardous weather warning issued by the National Weather Service is in effect for the local area; prohibiting a person from leaving a dog outside and unattended by use of a specified restraint for a period longer than 1 hour when the local temperature is above or below a specified temperature; and establishing penalties, not to exceed \$1,000 per conviction, for violation of the Act.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

CR, § 10-623 - amended

Reassigned to: Judiciary