



SYNOPSIS

Senate Bills and Joint Resolutions
2015 Maryland General Assembly Session

January 29, 2015
Schedule 12

PLEASE NOTE: February 6 – Bill introduction deadline.

All bills should be given to the Secretary of the Senate's office by 5:00 P.M. on Monday, February 9.

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

SENATE BILLS INTRODUCED January 29, 2015

SB 136 **Senator Brochin, et al**

**CRIMES – USE OF A FIREARM IN THE COMMISSION OF A CRIME –
DIMINUTION CREDITS AND SENTENCING**

Prohibiting the earning of diminution credits to reduce the term of confinement of an inmate committed to the custody of the Commissioner of Correction or sentenced to a term of imprisonment in a local correctional facility who is serving a sentence for the use of specified firearms in the commission of specified crimes; prohibiting a court from suspending any part of a mandatory minimum sentence of five years; and applying the Act prospectively.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

CS, §§ 3-702 and 11-502 and CR, § 4-204 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

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SB 137 **Senator Cassilly, et al****CRIMES – SOLICITATION TO COMMIT CRIMES – STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS**

Providing that the statute of limitations for the crime of solicitation to commit murder in the first degree, murder in the second degree, assault in the first degree, assault in the second degree, rape in the first degree, rape in the second degree, arson in the first degree, or arson in the second degree is the statute of limitations for the prosecution of the substantive crime that is the subject of the solicitation.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

CJ, § 5-106(ff) - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 138 **Senator Kelley****MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM – ASSISTED LIVING SERVICES**

Requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to reimburse through the Maryland Medical Assistance Program specified assisted living services provided to specified individuals; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

HG, § 15-132.2 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 139 **Senator Hershey****KENT COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – CLASS B WINE SHOP AND LOUNGE LICENSE**

Establishing a Class B wine shop and lounge license in Kent County; specifying that the license authorizes the holder to sell wine for consumption on and off the premises and to sell or serve specified foods; providing that the license holder is not subject to any requirement regarding the percentage of average daily receipts derived from the sale of food; allowing an individual under the legal drinking age to enter the licensed premises if accompanied by an individual who is of the legal drinking age; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

Art. 2B, § 4-301 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 140 **Senator Hershey****KENT COUNTY – TOBACCO PRODUCTS OFFENSES – CITATIONS
ISSUED BY ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES INSPECTORS**

Authorizing an alcoholic beverages inspector for Kent County to issue a citation if the inspector has probable cause to believe that specified offenses involving the distribution of tobacco products or paraphernalia or the possession of tobacco products are being committed or have been committed.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

CR, §§ 10-107 and 10-108 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 141 **Senator Pugh, et al****MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM – FORMER FOSTER
CARE ADOLESCENTS – DENTAL CARE**

Authorizing the Maryland Medical Assistance Program, subject to the limitations of the State budget, and as permitted by federal law, to provide dental care for former foster care adolescents who, on their 18th birthday, were in foster care under the responsibility of another state or the District of Columbia.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

HG, § 15-103(a)(2)(x)2. - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 142 **Senator Pugh, et al****PROPERTY AND CASUALTY INSURANCE – PREMIUM FINANCE
COMPANIES – ASSIGNMENT OF RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS –
REPEAL OF TERMINATION DATE**

Repealing the termination date of specified provisions of law relating to the authority of a premium finance company, with respect to specified motor vehicle insurance, personal insurance, and commercial insurance, to assign rights and obligations under a premium finance agreement and to pledge a premium finance agreement as collateral for a loan.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015

Chapter 334 of the Acts of 2013, § 6 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 143 **Senator Pugh, et al****HEALTH CARE MALPRACTICE CLAIMS – NOTICE OF INTENT**

Requiring a claimant to send a notice of intent to file a claim to a health care provider at least 180 days before filing a claim with the Director of the Health Care Alternative Dispute Resolution Office against the health care provider for a medical injury; requiring the notice of intent to contain specified information and to be sent by certified and first-class mail; authorizing the Director to waive the notice requirement on motion and for good cause shown; applying the Act prospectively; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

CJ, § 3-2A-03B - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 144 **Senator Peters****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 \$26,000, 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, expansion, 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: Budget and Taxation

SB 145 **Senator Zirkin****CIVIL ACTIONS – DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION – REPEAL OF CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENT**

Repealing the requirement that a plaintiff file a specified certification with the court and serve the certification on an insurer or a person that has a self-insurance plan before the insurer or person with a self-insurance plan is required to provide the plaintiff with specified information on the last known home and business addresses of the defendant; and applying the Act prospectively.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

CJ, § 6-311 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 146 **Senator Zirkin****PRELITIGATION DISCOVERY – INSURANCE COVERAGE – PREREQUISITES FOR DISCLOSURE**

Repealing specified requirements that specified claimants provide a specified insurer with specified information relating to health care treatment and economic damages before the insurer is required to disclose to the claimants specified coverage limits in a specified insurance agreement; and repealing the requirement that the amount of health care bills and loss of income documented by a specified claimant be at least \$12,500 before a specified insurer is required to disclose to the claimant specified coverage limits.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

CJ, §§ 10-1103 and 10-1104 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 147 **Senator Zirkin****LOCAL GOVERNMENT TORT CLAIMS ACT AND MARYLAND TORT CLAIMS ACT – REPEAL OF CERTAIN NOTICE REQUIREMENTS**

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

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

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

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 148 **Senator Klausmeier****OFFICE OF CEMETERY OVERSIGHT – PRENEED BURIAL CONTRACTS – REPORT SUBMISSION REQUIREMENT**

Increasing the time period, from 120 to 180 days, within which a seller of preneed goods or preneed services who is subject to the preneed trust account requirements is required to submit a report regarding preneed burial contracts and preneed trust accounts to the Director of the Office of Cemetery Oversight.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

BR, § 5-710(b)(1) - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 149 **Senators Hough and Young****CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – FREDERICK COUNTY – HELEN SMITH STUDIO**

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 the Luce Fund for Children, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the Helen Smith Studio project, located in Frederick 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: Budget and Taxation

SB 150 **Senators Hough and Young****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 reunification efforts are not required.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

CJ, § 3-812 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 151 **Senator Kagan, et al****CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – MONTGOMERY COUNTY – JEWISH FOUNDATION FOR GROUP HOMES RENOVATIONS**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$100,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Jewish Foundation for Group Homes, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of multiple group homes within the Jewish Foundation for Group Homes program, 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: Budget and Taxation

SB 152 **Senator Raskin, et al**

TANNING DEVICES – USE BY MINORS – PROHIBITION

Prohibiting owners, employees, and operators of tanning facilities from allowing minors to use tanning devices; and providing penalties of up to \$1,000 for specified violations of the Act.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

HG, § 20-106 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 153 **Senator Raskin, et al**

CORPORATIONS – POLITICAL EXPENDITURES – STOCKHOLDER APPROVAL

Prohibiting a corporation from using any money or other property of the corporation in connection with a political expenditure unless the stockholders, by a majority vote, have authorized in advance the amount of money or property to be used and directed that the money or property be used for specified purposes; requiring specified notices and reporting about political expenditures; authorizing the Attorney General to bring a civil action to obtain specified remedies for a violation of the Act; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

CA, § 1-407 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 154 **Senator Middleton**

RENEWABLE ENERGY PORTFOLIO STANDARD – THERMAL ENERGY

Altering the renewable energy portfolio standard for specified years; providing for specified thermal energy sources to be thermal tier energy sources; requiring an electricity supplier to meet the renewable energy portfolio standard by accumulating a specified amount of renewable energy credits and thermal renewable energy credits; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

PU, §§ 7-701, 7-703, 7-704, 7-705(a) and (b), and 7-708 - amended and § 7-705(g) - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 155 **Senator Reilly****CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – BELVOIR–SCOTT’S PLANTATION HISTORIC MANOR HOUSE**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$125,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Magnum Enterprises, LTD. and the Board of Directors of the Rockbridge Academy, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the Belvoir–Scott’s Plantation Historic Manor House, located in Anne Arundel 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: Budget and Taxation

SB 156 **Senator Nathan–Pulliam, et al****DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE – ESTABLISHMENT OF A SICKLE CELL DISEASE OUTREACH PROGRAM**

Requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to establish, before June 1, 2016, a specified sickle cell disease outreach program; requiring that the program provide specified programs, support, and services.

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

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015

HG, § 18-507 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 157 **Senator Nathan–Pulliam, et al****CONSULTATION, DIAGNOSIS, AND TREATMENT OF MENTAL AND EMOTIONAL DISORDERS – CONSENT BY MINORS**

Altering the list of health care providers who provide consultation, diagnosis, and treatment of a mental or emotional disorder to which minors who are 16 years old and older have the same capacity as an adult to consent; providing that the capacity to consent does not include the capacity to refuse consultation, diagnosis, or treatment for a mental or emotional disorder by specified health care providers for which a parent, guardian, or custodian of the minor has given consent; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

HG, § 20-104 - amended

Assigned to: Finance