



SYNOPSIS

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SENATE BILLS INTRODUCED February 16, 2015

SB 750 Washington County Senators

WASHINGTON COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – CONVERSION OF CLASS P LICENSES

Establishing in Washington County a Class B beer (on-sale) license, a Class B beer and light wine (on-sale) license, and a Class B beer, wine and liquor (on-sale) license; specifying license fees; repealing provisions concerning a Class P pouring license; authorizing the Washington County Board of License Commissioners to issue a sidewalk cafe license to a holder of specified Class B licenses under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

Art. 2B, §§ 3-201(w), 5-201(w), 6-201(w), 6-709, 8-222, and 9-222 -amended and § 8-222.1 - added

Assigned to: Senate Rules

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SB 751 **Washington County Senators****WASHINGTON COUNTY – BOARD OF EDUCATION – FINANCING AUTHORITY**

Authorizing the Washington County Board of Education to seek private financing, not to exceed \$10,000,000 as of the date the private financing is secured, to finance specified projects or capital leases; requiring private financing to be authorized by a resolution of the Board and may be secured by a financial instrument by and between the Board and a lender; requiring a resolution to contain specified information; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

ED, §§ 4-501 and 4-502 - added

Assigned to: Senate Rules

SB 752 **Senator Middleton****CHARLES COUNTY SHERIFF – ARBITRATION OF COLLECTIVE BARGAINING DISPUTES**

Establishing procedures for arbitration of collective bargaining disputes involving the exclusive representative of sworn law enforcement officers in the Charles County Sheriff's Office; authorizing any party to a collective bargaining agreement to declare a bargaining impasse under specified circumstances; establishing a specified method for selecting an arbitrator; requiring the parties to submit specified memoranda to the arbitrator on or before January 1; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

CJ, § 2-309(j)(5) - amended

Assigned to: Senate Rules

SB 753 **Senator Klausmeier****CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – BALTIMORE COUNTY – WHITE MARSH VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY**

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 White Marsh Volunteer Fire Company, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the White Marsh Volunteer Fire Company building, 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: Senate Rules

SB 754 **Senator Simonaire**

ELECTION LAW – CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORTS – FILING DEADLINES

Altering a specified provision of law to require that specified campaign finance entities file a specified campaign finance report on or before a specified day in a gubernatorial election year, rather than in every year.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

EL, § 13-309 - amended

Assigned to: Senate Rules

SB 755 **Senator Simonaire**

ELECTION LAW – CAMPAIGN FINANCE – CENTRAL COMMITTEE CANDIDATES

Providing that a specified provision of law relating to campaign finance entities does not apply to candidates for election to the central committee of a political party if the candidate during an election cycle does not spend more than \$1,000 in personal funds or accept contributions; requiring specified candidates for election to the central committee of a political party to keep a specified account book, preserve the account book for specified purposes and for a specified period of time, and file a specified affidavit; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

EL, §§ 13-202 and 13-221 - amended and §§ 13-305.1 and 13-604.2 - added

Assigned to: Senate Rules

SB 756 **Senator Muse**

PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY – FORECLOSURE RELIEF ACT OF 2015

Requiring the court to send the mortgagor or grantor a specified checklist when a specified foreclosure action is filed in Prince George’s County; prohibiting a lender from maintaining an action to foreclose a mortgage or deed of trust on residential real property in Prince George’s County for 6 months; requiring the Office of the Attorney General to study specified matters relating to foreclosure actions and report the findings to the General Assembly on or before July 1, 2016; terminating specified provisions of the Act; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

RP, § 7-105.1(e-1) - added

Assigned to: Senate Rules

SB 757 Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Health and Mental Hygiene)

PUBLIC HEALTH – DRUG OVERDOSE PREVENTION

Authorizing an advanced nurse practitioner, instead of a specified nurse practitioner, and a pharmacist to conduct specified overdose prevention educational training programs; altering the circumstances under which specified employees or volunteers may conduct the training programs; authorizing specified individuals to prescribe and dispense naloxone to specified certificate holders by issuing a specified standing order; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

CR, § 5-302 - repealed and added and HG, Various Sections - amended and added

Assigned to: Senate Rules

SB 758 Senator Kagan

STATE GOVERNMENT – EQUAL ACCESS TO PUBLIC SERVICES FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH LIMITED ENGLISH PROFICIENCY – WEB SITES

Providing that, beginning on October 1, 2015, the reasonable steps specified departments, agencies, and programs are required to take under a specified provision of law include the operation and maintenance of equal access versions of specified Web sites in specified languages; requiring the Department of Information Technology to establish minimum standards to which the equal access versions of specified Web sites must conform; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

SG, §§ 10-1103 through 10-1105 - amended

Assigned to: Senate Rules

SB 759 Senator Reilly

CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – WOODS COMMUNITY CENTER

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$325,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Woods Community Center, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the Woods Community Center, 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: Senate Rules

SB 760 **Senator Montgomery****PUBLIC UTILITIES – RENEWABLE ENERGY PORTFOLIO STANDARD
– COMBUSTION SOURCE**

Prohibiting an electricity supplier from receiving renewable energy credits from a combustion source in an amount greater than a specified renewable energy credit amount on and after January 1, 2016; and stating that energy from a combustion source is eligible for inclusion in meeting the renewable energy portfolio standard if it is generated at a system or facility that existed and was operational as of January 1, 2015, even if the facility or system was not capable of generating electricity on that date.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

PU, § 7-701(b-1) - added and §§ 7-703(d) and 7-704(a) - amended

Assigned to: Senate Rules

SB 761 **Senator Feldman, et al****DISABLED INDIVIDUALS – MARYLAND ABLE PROGRAM –
ESTABLISHED**

Requiring the College Savings Plans of Maryland Board to establish the Maryland ABLE Program for specified purposes subject to specified provisions; requiring the Board to oversee the administration of the Maryland ABLE Program; altering the membership of the Board; allowing a subtraction modification under the State income tax for specified contributions to an account under the Maryland ABLE Program; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

ED, Various Sections and ET, § 17-203 - amended and ED, §§ 18-19C-01 through 18-19C-08 and TG, Various Sections - added

Assigned to: Senate Rules

SB 762 **Senators Feldman and Rosapepe****REAL PROPERTY – INSTALLATION AND USE OF ELECTRIC VEHICLE RECHARGING EQUIPMENT**

Providing that specified governing documents of a condominium or homeowners association that prohibit or restrict electric vehicle recharging equipment are void and unenforceable; establishing requirements and procedures relating to an application to the governing body of a condominium or homeowners association to install or use electric vehicle recharging equipment; requiring landlords to approve a tenant's request to install electric vehicle recharging equipment under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

RP, §§ 8-119, 8-120, 11-111.4, and 11B-111.7 - added

Assigned to: Senate Rules

SB 763 **Senator Peters, et al****TAX AMNESTY PROGRAM**

Requiring the Comptroller to declare an amnesty period for delinquent taxpayers from September 1, 2015, through October 31, 2015, for civil penalties and half the interest attributable to nonpayment, nonreporting, or underreporting of specified taxes under specified circumstances; authorizing the Comptroller to enter into agreements to provide a waiver under specified circumstances with respect to taxes that a taxpayer agrees to pay in accordance with the terms and schedule established in the agreement; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015

Assigned to: Senate Rules

SB 764 **Senator Muse****VIDEO LOTTERY TERMINALS – CHANGES AFFECTING PROCEEDS – LEGISLATIVE APPROVAL**

Prohibiting the State Lottery and Gaming Control Commission from taking any action on or after July 1, 2015, that would affect the amount of proceeds from video lottery terminals paid to the State unless the General Assembly approves the action through legislation enacted into law.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015

SG, § 9-1A-04(d) - amended

Assigned to: Senate Rules

SB 765 **Senator Muse****VIDEO LOTTERY FACILITIES – TABLE GAMES – DISTRIBUTION OF PROCEEDS**

Altering from 80% to 77% the percentage of proceeds of table games at a video lottery facility that a video lottery operation licensee retains; increasing from 20% to 23% the percentage of the proceeds of table games at a video lottery facility paid by the Comptroller to the Education Trust Fund; etc.

CONTINGENT – EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

SG, § 9-1A-27(d) - amended

Assigned to: Senate Rules

SB 766 **Senator Ready****AGRICULTURAL LAND TRANSFER TAX – APPLICATION**

Clarifying that the agricultural land transfer tax does not apply to the amount of agricultural land transferred that is exempt from the tax in accordance with specified provisions of law.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015

TP, § 13-303 - amended

Assigned to: Senate Rules

SB 767 **Senator Conway****ETHICS LAW – STATEMENT BY PERSON PROVIDING LOBBYIST COMPENSATION AND MAKING CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS**

Clarifying and conforming specified provisions of the State ethics law with related provisions under the State election law relating to a statement required by persons providing lobbyist compensation and making campaign contributions; authorizing the State Board of Elections to impose fees for the late filing of a specified statement; and defining a term.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

GP, § 5-716 - amended

Assigned to: Senate Rules

SB 768 **Senator Astle****CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – TAYLOR AVENUE IMPROVEMENTS**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt in the amount of \$2,050,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Mayor and City Council of the City of Annapolis for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of Taylor Avenue, including site improvements to the roadway and adjacent curbs, gutters, and sidewalks, and installation of traffic signals, located in Anne Arundel County; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015

Assigned to: Senate Rules

SB 769 **Senator Astle****CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – ANNAPOLIS CITY DOCK FLOOD MITIGATION PROJECT**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt in the amount of \$1,000,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Mayor and City Council of the City of Annapolis for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of Annapolis City Dock, 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: Senate Rules

SB 770 **Senator Astle****INSURANCE – MOTOR VEHICLE RENTAL COMPANIES – LIMITED LINES LICENSE TO SELL INSURANCE**

Applying specified provisions of law relating to employees of a motor vehicle rental company that holds a specified limited lines license to authorized representatives of the motor vehicle rental company; requiring a motor vehicle rental company to hold a specified limited lines license to sell specified insurance before authorized representatives of the company may sell or offer to sell any policies of insurance to renters of motor vehicles; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

IN, §§ 10-130(a), 10-601, 10-602, 10-604(a), 10-606, and 10-607 - amended

Assigned to: Senate Rules

SB 771 **Senator Reilly****CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – BROADNECK HIGH SCHOOL FIELD HOUSE**

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 Bruin Athletic Boosters Club, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the Broadneck High School Field 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: Senate Rules

SB 772 **The President (By Request – Maryland Economic Development and Business Climate Commission), et al****APPRENTICESHIP PILOT PROGRAM – APPRENTICESHIP MARYLAND**

Establishing an apprenticeship pilot program called Apprenticeship Maryland and identifying the purpose of the Program; providing for the Program to begin in the summer of 2016 and continue for 2 years; requiring the State Department of Education, in conjunction with the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation, to develop criteria for the selection of specified school systems for participation; requiring the State Department of Education to collaborate with specified entities to develop criteria for eligible employers; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

LE, § 11-603 - added

Assigned to: Senate Rules

SB 773 The President (By Request – Maryland Economic Development and Business Climate Commission), et al

TASK FORCE TO STUDY EXEMPTIONS FROM HIGHER EDUCATION ETHICS REQUIREMENTS AND PROCUREMENT RULES TO FACILITATE TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER

Establishing the Task Force to Study Exemptions from Higher Education Ethics Requirements and Procurement Rules to Facilitate Technology Transfer; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Task Force; requiring the Task Force to review, 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, 2015; providing for the termination of the Act; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015

Assigned to: Senate Rules

SB 774 The President (By Request – Maryland Economic Development and Business Climate Commission), et al

OFFICE OF THE BUSINESS OMBUDSMAN – STATE CUSTOMER SERVICE AND BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT EFFORTS TRAINING PROGRAM

Establishing the State Customer Service and Business Development Efforts Training Program to increase the responsiveness of and improve customer service provided by State agencies to businesses and customers in the State; requiring the Office of the Business Ombudsman to administer and oversee the program; requiring specified agencies to participate in the program; requiring the Office to develop specified customer service standards; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

EC, §§ 14-203 and 14-204 - amended and § 14-204 - added

Assigned to: Senate Rules

SB 775 The President (By Request – Maryland Economic Development and Business Climate Commission), et al

PROPOSED REGULATIONS – DETERMINATION OF IMPACT ON SMALL BUSINESSES

Establishing the Advisory Council on the Impact of Regulations on Small Businesses in the Department of Business and Economic Development; providing for the purpose, composition, chair, staffing, and meetings of the Advisory Council; prohibiting a member of the Advisory Council from receiving specified compensation, but authorizing the reimbursement of specified expenses; requiring the Advisory Council to take specified actions and make specified determinations about proposed regulations; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

EC, §§ 3-501 through 3-508 - added and SG, §§ 10-101 and 10-110 - amended
Assigned to: Senate Rules

SB 776 The President (By Request – Maryland Economic Development and Business Climate Commission), et al

ECONOMIC COMPETITIVENESS AND COMMERCE – RESTRUCTURING

Renaming the Department of Business and Economic Development to be the Department of Economic Competitiveness and Commerce; renaming the Secretary of Economic Development to be the Secretary of Commerce; establishing an Office of the Secretary of Commerce in the Office of the Governor; specifying that the Secretary is the head of economic development policy and implementation efforts in the State; transferring the Maryland Life Sciences Advisory Board and the Invest Maryland Program to the Maryland Technology Development Corporation; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

EC, Various Sections - amended, repealed, and added and SG, § 8-201(b)(4) - amended

Assigned to: Senate Rules