



# SYNOPSIS

Senate Bills and Joint Resolutions  
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**February 19, 2015**  
**Schedule 26**

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## **SENATE BILLS INTRODUCED February 19, 2015**

### **SB 784 Senator Conway**

#### **LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT – DISCRIMINATION BASED ON ENGAGEMENT IN LAWFUL ACTIVITIES – PROHIBITION**

Prohibiting, under specified circumstances, an employer from failing or refusing to hire, discharging, or otherwise discriminating against an applicant or employee on the basis of the applicant's or employee's engagement in a lawful activity off the employer's premises during nonworking hours; authorizing an applicant or employee aggrieved by a violation of the Act to file a civil action against the employer to obtain specified relief; providing for a specified limitations period for filing an action under the Act; etc.

**EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015**

CJ, § 5-105 - amended and LE, § 3-1301 - added

Assigned to: Senate Rules

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**SB 785**     **Senator Conway****CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – BALTIMORE CITY – ST. ELIZABETH SCHOOL INDOOR PLAYGROUND**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$150,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Trustees of the St. Elizabeth School, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the St. Elizabeth School Indoor Playground project, 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: Senate Rules

**SB 786**     **Senator Conway****CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – BALTIMORE CITY – LEAGUE FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES BUILDING EXPANSION**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt in the amount of \$145,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of The League for People with Disabilities, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of The League for People with Disabilities building, located in Baltimore City; 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: Senate Rules

**SB 787**     **Senator Reilly****DRIVERS' LICENSES, IDENTIFICATION CARDS, AND MOPED OPERATORS' PERMITS – ENHANCED IDENTIFICATION DOCUMENTS**

Requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration to make available to an applicant for a driver's license, an identification card, or a moped operator's permit the opportunity to upgrade the document to be an enhanced identification document; establishing that the Administration may issue an enhanced identification document only to specified individuals who provide specified documentation; requiring an individual who applies for an enhanced identification document to provide to the Administration a specified biometric identifier; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

TR, § 12-305 - added

Assigned to: Senate Rules

**SB 788**     **Senator Eckardt****CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – CAROLINE COUNTY – MT. CALVARY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$200,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Trustees of the Mt. Calvary United Methodist Church, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, expansion, and capital equipping of the Mt. Calvary United Methodist Church, located in Caroline 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 789**     **Senator Muse****SALES AND USE TAX – EXEMPTION – NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS AUTHORIZED TO PERFORM AUXILIARY LIBRARY SERVICES**

Providing an exemption under the sales and use tax for nonprofit organizations authorized by the governing authority of a public library district, municipal library, or county library in the State to perform auxiliary services for that library.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

TG, § 11-204(a) and (b) - amended

Assigned to: Senate Rules

**SB 790**     **Senator Muse****VEHICLE LAWS – RIGHT-OF-WAY VIOLATIONS – DEATH OR SERIOUS BODILY INJURY – PENALTIES**

Establishing a mandatory \$1,000 fine for a violation of specified right-of-way provisions contributing to an accident that results in death or serious bodily injury of another; authorizing the issuance of a citation by a law enforcement officer; prohibiting the District Court from establishing a schedule for prepayment of the fine under the Act; requiring that the citation contain specified information; requiring the District Court to issue a summons to appear for trial to a person charged; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

TR, § 27-114 - amended

Assigned to: Senate Rules

**SB 791**     **Senator McFadden****CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – BALTIMORE CITY – GREAT BLACKS IN WAX MUSEUM EXPANSION**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$400,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of The National Great Blacks in Wax Museum, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, expansion, and capital equipping of the Great Blacks in Wax Museum, 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: Senate Rules

**SB 792**     **Senator Astle****PUBLIC HEALTH – NONDISCRIMINATION IN ACCESS TO ANATOMICAL GIFTS AND ORGAN TRANSPLANTATION**

Prohibiting specified entities from taking specified actions regarding organ transplantation and anatomical gifts solely on the basis of an individual's disability; authorizing, under specified circumstances, specified entities to take an individual's disability into account when making specified recommendations or decisions; requiring, except under specified circumstances, specified entities to take specified steps to ensure that an individual with a disability is not denied specified services; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

HG, §§ 20-1601 through 20-1606 - added

Assigned to: Senate Rules

**SB 793**     **Senator Middleton**

## STATE PERSONNEL – AUTOMATIC STEP INCREASES – STANDARD PAY PLAN

Requiring that regulations adopted by the Secretary of Budget and Management provide for automatic increases from minimum to maximum steps in a pay grade of pay rates in the Standard Pay Plan for State employees for an employee who is rated “outstanding” or “satisfactory” on the employee’s midyear or final performance appraisal forms; and making the Act an emergency measure.

EMERGENCY BILL

SP, § 8-106 - amended

Assigned to: Senate Rules

**SB 794**     **Senator Serafini**

## CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – WASHINGTON COUNTY – THE MARYLAND THEATRE

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$260,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Maryland Theatre Association, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of The Maryland Theatre, located in Washington County; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; etc.

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Assigned to: Senate Rules

**SB 795**     **Senator Astle**

## HEALTH CARE FACILITIES – COST OF RESIDENTS’ CARE – DETERMINATION AND PAYMENT OF FUNDS

Authorizing a comprehensive care facility or an extended care facility to petition the appropriate circuit court for an order permitting the facility to request a determination of the funds available to pay for the cost of a resident’s care from the medical assistance program and to obtain specified information; requiring the circuit court to issue a specified order under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

HG, § 19-344(c) - amended

Assigned to: Senate Rules

**SB 796**     **Senator Nathan–Pulliam, et al****PUBLIC HEALTH – MARYLAND AIDS DRUG ASSISTANCE PROGRAM  
– EXPANSION OF ELIGIBILITY AND SERVICES – PHARMACEUTICAL  
REBATE COVERAGE**

Authorizing any rebates received by the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene from the Maryland AIDS Drug Assistance Program to be used to provide specified services to eligible individuals under Part B of the federal Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

HG, § 2-104(j) - amended

Assigned to: Senate Rules

**SB 797**     **Senator Peters****CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY –  
CHAMP HOUSE**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt in the amount of \$100,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Champ House Recovery, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the Champ House facilities, located in Prince George’s 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: Senate Rules

**SB 798**     **Senators Mathias and Eckardt****WICOMICO COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – ANNUAL  
PRODUCTION LIMIT FOR MICRO–BREWERIES**

Raising in Wicomico County from 22,500 to 45,000 the limit on the number of barrels of malt beverages that a micro–brewery may collectively brew, bottle, or contract for in a calendar year.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

Art. 2B, § 2-208(c)(1) - amended

Assigned to: Senate Rules

**SB 799**     **Senators Mathias and Eckardt****CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – WICOMICO COUNTY – TRI-COUNTY COUNCIL MULTI-PURPOSE CENTER**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$250,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Tri-County Council for the Lower Eastern Shore of Maryland for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the Tri-County Council Multi-Purpose Center, located in Wicomico 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 800**     **Senator Brochin, et al****MARYLAND TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION – AUDIO RECORDINGS – REQUIREMENTS AND LIMITATIONS**

Requiring an audio recording device on specified vehicles used by the Maryland Transit Administration to comply with specified requirements; requiring the Administration to post a specified notice on each vehicle equipped with an audio recording device; limiting access to any audio recording that is made on specified vehicles; requiring the Administration to keep a specified log; requiring the Administration, in consultation with the Office of the Attorney General, to adopt specified regulations; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

TR, § 7-705.1 - added

Assigned to: Senate Rules

**SB 801 Senator Serafini****NATURAL RESOURCES – BLACK FLY MANAGEMENT AND CONTROL – WASHINGTON COUNTY**

Requiring the Department of Natural Resources to establish a program to control the spread of black flies in the State; requiring that the program be implemented initially on specified property in Washington County; requiring the Department, in conjunction with the Department of Entomology in the University of Maryland, to conduct the program in a specified manner; authorizing the Department to accept, use, or expend any aid, gift, or grant made available from any private or public source to implement the program; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

NR, §§ 8-2201 through 8-2205 - added

Assigned to: Senate Rules

**SB 802 Senator Cassilly, et al****STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION – DEDICATION OF STRUCTURES – GOLD STAR FAMILIES (HERO'S HIGHWAY ACT)**

Requiring the State Highway Administration to establish a process by which a member of the General Assembly may request, on behalf of a United States Department of Defense Gold Star recipient, that the Administration dedicate a bridge or another appropriate structure to the recipient's spouse, child, or other relative whose life was lost in combat.

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TR, § 8-656 - added

Assigned to: Senate Rules

**SB 803 Senator Astle****HEALTH INSURANCE – NONPREFERRED PROVIDERS – ASSIGNMENT OF BENEFITS, REIMBURSEMENT, AND FRAUDULENT INSURANCE ACTS**

Altering the maximum difference between the coinsurance percentage applicable to specified nonpreferred providers and the coinsurance percentage applicable to specified preferred providers; altering the reimbursement amount payable by specified insurers to specified on-call physicians and hospital-based physicians who are nonpreferred providers; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

IN, §§ 14-205, 14-205.2, and 27-408 - amended and § 27-407.3 - added and Chapter 537 of the Acts of 2010, § 7 - amended

Assigned to: Senate Rules

**SB 804 Senator Ferguson****CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – BALTIMORE CITY – PORT DISCOVERY CHILDREN’S MUSEUM RENOVATION PROJECT**

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 Baltimore Children’s Museum, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the Port Discovery Children’s Museum, 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: Senate Rules

**SB 805 Senator Ferguson****CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – BALTIMORE CITY – CHERRY HILL EARLY HEAD START**

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 Maryland Family Network, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the Cherry Hill Early Head Start building, 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: Senate Rules

**SB 806 Senator Simonaire, et al****STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION – HIGH SCHOOL ASSESSMENT – GOVERNMENT**

Requiring the State Board of Education to include in the graduation requirements for public high schools a requirement that each student take a standardized government high school assessment; requiring, beginning with the 2016–2017 school year, the government high school assessment to include at least 10 of the 100 questions used for the civics portion of the naturalization test administered by the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services; etc.

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ED, § 7-205.1(f) - added

Assigned to: Senate Rules

**SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION INTRODUCED February 19, 2015**

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**Senator Eckardt, et al**

NATURAL RESOURCES – GOOSE AND DUCK HUNTING SEASONS –  
EXTENSION

Urging the members of the Maryland Congressional Delegation to work with Congress and the United States Department of the Interior to extend goose hunting and duck hunting seasons on the Eastern Shore to run through February of each year.

Assigned to: Senate Rules