



SYNOPSIS

Senate Bills and Joint Resolutions
2016 Maryland General Assembly Session

February 2, 2016
Schedule 14

PLEASE NOTE: February 5 – Bill introduction deadline.

All bills should be given to the Secretary of the Senate's office by 5:00 P.M. on Monday, February 8.

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

SENATE BILLS INTRODUCED February 2, 2016

SB 445 Senator Astle

GAMING – PENNY–ANTE GAMES

Authorizing a person to conduct a specified penny–ante game in which the winnings of any player in a single round, hand, or game do not exceed \$20 under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

CR, § 12-115 - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

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SB 446 **Senator Pugh, et al**

INTERSTATE MEDICAL LICENSURE COMPACT

Enacting, with specified other member states, the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact to strengthen access to health care by providing a streamlined process allowing physicians to become licensed in multiple states; establishing specified eligibility requirements for physicians; requiring physicians to designate a specified state as the state of principal license; establishing the Interstate Commission to administer the Compact; requiring the Commission to establish a database of specified physicians and applicants; etc.

CONTINGENT – EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

HO, § 14-3A-01 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 447 **Senator Pugh, et al**

MARYLAND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICE – COLLECTIVE BARGAINING

Requiring the Maryland Environmental Service, consistent with specified provisions of law, to recognize and deal with specified employee organizations, collectively bargain, and enter into specified types of agreements applicable to specified State employees; and providing for an exception to an exemption from specified provisions of State personnel law.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

NR, §§ 3-103.1 and 3-103.2 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 448 **Senator Kelley, et al**

GUARDIANSHIP AND CHILD IN NEED OF ASSISTANCE PROCEEDINGS – JURISDICTION AND AUTHORITY OF JUVENILE COURT

Authorizing the juvenile court to direct the provision of specified services or taking of specified actions with respect to a child's education, health, and welfare during a CINA disposition hearing; requiring the juvenile court to direct the provision of specified services or taking of specified actions with respect to a child's education, health, and welfare during a permanency planning hearing or guardianship hearing; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

CJ, §§ 3-804, 3-819(c), and 3-823(h) and FL, §§ 5-324(b) and 5-328 - amended and CJ, §§ 3-819(m) and 3-823(k) and FL, § 5-324(d) - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 449 **Senator Kelley, et al****MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM – GUARDIANSHIP FEES – INCOME DEDUCTION**

Requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to deduct as a remedial service specified guardianship fees when determining the portion of income specified recipients of Maryland Medical Assistance Program benefits are required to contribute to the cost of their care under the Program; specifying the amount of deductions for specified guardianship fees; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

ET, § 13-218 - amended and HG, § 15-122.3 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 450 **Senators Kelley and Reilly****HEALTH CARE PROVIDER MALPRACTICE INSURANCE – SCOPE OF COVERAGE**

Authorizing the inclusion, in a policy that insures a health care provider against damages due to medical injury arising from providing or failing to provide health care, of coverage for the defense of a health care provider in a specified disciplinary hearing if the cost of the included coverage is itemized in the billing statement, invoice, or declarations page for the policy and reported to the Maryland Insurance Commissioner in a form and manner required by the Commissioner.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

IN, § 19-104 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 451 **Senator Lee****MARYLAND TRUST ACT – REVOCABLE TRUST – PARTIAL REVOCATION BY DIVORCE OR ANNULMENT**

Providing for the revocation of specified terms of a revocable trust on the absolute divorce of the settlor and the settlor's spouse or the annulment of the marriage occurring after the creation of the settlor's revocable trust, except under specified circumstances; applying the Act prospectively; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

ET, § 14.5-604 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 452 Senator Serafini**HEALTH INSURANCE – GROUP HEALTH BENEFIT PLANS –
RENEWAL PREMIUM RATE CALCULATION STATEMENT**

Requiring specified health insurance carriers to provide to the policyholder or plan sponsor of a group health benefit plan a renewal premium rate calculation statement at least 90 days before the date of renewal of the group health benefit plan; requiring the statement to include specified information; and applying the Act to all group health benefit plans issued, delivered, or renewed in the State on or after October 1, 2016.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

IN, § 15-1408 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 453 Senator Serafini**STATE RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEM – OPTIONAL
RETIREMENT PROGRAM – ELIGIBILITY FOR RETIREE HEALTH
BENEFITS SUBSIDY**

Altering the eligibility requirements for a specified State subsidy under the State Employee and Retiree Health and Welfare Benefits Program for specified surviving spouses or dependent children of specified retirees of the Optional Retirement Program.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

SP, § 2-509 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 454 Senator Serafini**SALES AND USE TAX – MANUFACTURING BUSINESSES –
EXEMPTION FOR ENERGY COSTS**

Exempting from the sales and use tax the sale of electricity, steam, or artificial or natural gas to a business entity that is primarily engaged in a manufacturing activity.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

TG, § 11-207(c) - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 455 **Senator McFadden**

STATE EDUCATION AID – REAL PROPERTY VALUATION – TAX INCREMENT FINANCING

Requiring the assessed valuation of specified real property used in calculating the wealth of a jurisdiction for purposes of education aid to remain at a specified assessment for a specified period of time under specified circumstances; etc. This bill requires a mandated appropriation in the annual budget bill.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

ED, §§ 5-202(a)(3) and 16-305(b)(2) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 456 **Senator McFadden**

TAX SALES – REIMBURSEMENT FOR EXPENSES

Clarifying that specified costs incurred by the holder of a tax sale certificate shall be reimbursed on redemption of the property; providing that the holder of a tax sale certificate shall be reimbursed \$500 for attorney's fees if an action to foreclose the right of redemption has not been filed and establishing that amount as reasonable; altering the amount of attorney's fees that the holder of a tax sale certificate shall be reimbursed if an action to foreclose the right of redemption has been filed; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

TP, §§ 14-833(a-1)(3)(v) and 14-843(a) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 457 **Senator McFadden**

CAPITAL BUDGET – CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS – APPRENTICESHIP REQUIREMENTS

Requiring a contractor or subcontractor that performs work on a construction project that receives funding from the State capital budget in the amount of \$100,000 or more to be affiliated with, and to use apprentices from, an apprenticeship program that is registered with the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation or the United States Department of Labor, or requiring the contractor or subcontractor to make specified payments to the State Apprenticeship Training Fund or to specified apprenticeship programs; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

SF, § 17-602 - amended and §§ 17-6A-01 through 17-6A-05 - added

Assigned to: Finance and Budget and Taxation