



SYNOPSIS

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SENATE BILLS INTRODUCED February 17, 2016

SB 1021 Senator Pugh

ELECTION LAW – CHANGE IN ADMINISTRATIVE POLICY
AFFECTING VOTING RIGHTS – NOTICE AND JUDICIAL REVIEW

Requiring the State Board of Elections or a local board of elections that adopts a change in an administrative policy affecting voting rights to provide specified public notice of the change; providing for the form, content, and timing of the public notice; providing that an individual's right to vote may not be denied or abridged because the individual failed to comply with a change in an administrative policy affecting voting rights if the State Board or local board did not provide public notice of the change; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

EL, §§ 1-101(b-1), 1-305, 12-301, and 12-302 - added and § 16-201 - amended
Assigned to: Senate Rules

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SB 1022 Senator Manno, et al**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – MONTGOMERY COUNTY – JEWISH FOUNDATION FOR GROUP HOMES**

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 of 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, 2016

Assigned to: Senate Rules

SB 1023 Senator Ramirez**VICTIMS AND WITNESSES – U NONIMMIGRANT STATUS – CERTIFICATION OF VICTIM HELPFULNESS**

Authorizing, for purposes of filing a petition for U Nonimmigrant Status, a victim or victim's family member to request a certifying official to certify victim helpfulness on a Form I-918, Supplement B certification; providing that, for the purpose of the Act, a victim shall be considered to be helpful, have been helpful, or likely to be helpful to the detection, investigation, or prosecution of a qualifying criminal activity; requiring the certifying official to sign and complete the certification in a specified manner; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

CP, §§ 11-929 and 11-930 - added

Assigned to: Senate Rules

SB 1024 Senator Serafini**INCOME TAX – INTEREST RATE – WYNNE CASE**

Repealing a requirement that the Comptroller set the annual interest rate on income tax refunds that result from the decision under Maryland State Comptroller of the Treasury v. Brian Wynne at a specified amount; requiring the Comptroller to pay additional interest amounts to taxpayers that received income tax refunds with interest calculated using a specified interest rate; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

Chapter 464 of the Acts of 2014, § 16 - repealed

Assigned to: Senate Rules

SB 1025 Senator Edwards**ALLEGANY COUNTY – VIDEO LOTTERY TERMINALS – OWNERSHIP COSTS**

Authorizing 12% of the proceeds from video lottery terminals at the video lottery facility in Allegany County to be distributed to the video lottery operation licensee if the licensee owns or leases each video lottery terminal device and the associated equipment and software.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

SG, § 9-1A-27(a)(7) and (c) - amended

Assigned to: Senate Rules

SB 1026 The President (By Request – Workgroup on Public Safety and Policing), et al**PUBLIC SAFETY AND POLICING WORKGROUP – RECOMMENDATIONS**

Requiring a complaint against a law enforcement officer alleging brutality in the execution of the officer's duties to be signed under the penalty of perjury instead of before an official authorized to administer oaths; authorizing an individual who has a video recording to file a brutality complaint against a law enforcement officer; altering the time period within which a specified complaint against a law enforcement officer may be filed; etc.

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

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

CS, PS, SF, and TG, Various Sections - amended and added and PS, § 3-203 - repealed

Assigned to: Senate Rules

SB 1027 Senator Zirkin**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – BALTIMORE COUNTY – JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER OF BALTIMORE – GORDON CENTER**

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 Jewish Community Center of Baltimore, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the Gordon Center for the Performing Arts, 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, 2016

Assigned to: Senate Rules

SB 1028 Senator Pugh**MOTOR VEHICLE INSURANCE – DISCRIMINATION IN UNDERWRITING AND RATING – PROHIBITIONS**

Prohibiting an insurer, with respect to private passenger motor vehicle insurance, from refusing to underwrite, canceling, refusing to renew, rating a risk, or increasing a renewal premium based, in whole or in part, on the marital status or employment or occupation of or education level attained by the insured or applicant; repealing specified provisions of law authorizing an insurer, under specified circumstances, to use the credit history of an applicant to rate a new policy of private passenger motor vehicle insurance; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

IN, § 27-501(e-2) - amended

Assigned to: Senate Rules

SB 1029 Senator Hough**PROCUREMENT – PREVAILING WAGE RATE – APPLICABILITY TO PUBLIC SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS IN FREDERICK COUNTY**

Providing that the prevailing wage rate that became effective on a specified date does not apply to procurement contracts executed on or after the effective date of the Act for specified public school construction projects in Frederick County; authorizing Frederick County and specified contractors voluntarily to renegotiate and agree to be bound by the prevailing wage rate in effect on a prior date with regard to specified previously executed public school construction procurement contracts; making the Act an emergency measure; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

Assigned to: Senate Rules

SB 1030 Senators Hough and Young**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – FREDERICK COUNTY – HELEN SMITH STUDIO**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$50,000, 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, 2016

Assigned to: Senate Rules

SB 1031 Senators McFadden and Peters**CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM – DROP**

Establishing a Deferred Retirement Option Program for members in the Correctional Officers' Retirement System who have at least 20 years and less than 25 years of eligibility service; requiring the State Retirement Agency to request specified documentation from the Internal Revenue Service; and making the Act subject to a specified contingency.

CONTINGENT – EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

SP, § 25-401.1 - added

Assigned to: Senate Rules

SB 1032 Senator Conway**HEALTH OCCUPATIONS – PROHIBITED PATIENT REFERRALS – EXCEPTIONS**

Providing that specified prohibitions on referrals do not apply to a health care practitioner who has a specified beneficial interest or compensation arrangement that fits specified exceptions in federal law or regulation; providing that specified prohibitions on referrals do not apply to a health care practitioner who has a specified beneficial interest or compensation arrangement for which the federal Department of Health and Human Services has issued a specified waiver; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

HO, §§ 1-301 and 1-302 - amended

Assigned to: Senate Rules

SB 1033 Senator Mathias**MARYLAND CONSOLIDATED CAPITAL BOND LOAN OF 2015 – WORCESTER COUNTY – DELMARVA DISCOVERY CENTER AND MUSEUM**

Amending the Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loan of 2015 to add the Board of Directors of the Delmarva Discovery Center & Museum, Inc. as a grantee to a specified grant.

EMERGENCY BILL

Assigned to: Senate Rules

SB 1034 Senator Mathias**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – WORCESTER COUNTY – DELMARVA DISCOVERY CENTER AND MUSEUM**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$200,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Mayor and City Council of the City of Pocomoke and the Board of Directors of the Delmarva Discovery Center & Museum, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the Delmarva Discovery Center and Museum, located in Worcester County; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a specified requirement; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

Assigned to: Senate Rules

SB 1035 Senator Madaleno, et al**TRANSPORTATION – TRANSIT SERVICE – STATE GRANTS AND FAREBOX RECOVERY RATE**

Repealing the requirement that a percentage of operating costs for specified public transit services must be recovered by the Maryland Transit Administration from specified revenues; altering requirements for annual reports submitted by the Administration to the General Assembly; altering a provision of law concerning the amount of a specified grant that the Department of Transportation is required to provide to the Washington Suburban Transit District for a share of the regional transit operating deficits; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

TR, § 7-208 - amended

Assigned to: Senate Rules

SB 1036 Senator Muse**CRIMINAL LAW – SMOKING MARIJUANA IN PUBLIC – PENALTY**

Repealing a civil fine for smoking marijuana in public; and providing that smoking marijuana in a public place is a criminal misdemeanor with a fine not exceeding \$100.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

CR, § 5-601(c)(4) - repealed and § 5-601.2 - added

Assigned to: Senate Rules

SB 1037 Senator Muse**CRIMINAL LAW – SYNTHETIC CANNABINOIDS – PROHIBITION**

Authorizing a specified authorized provider to conduct research in the State with specified controlled dangerous substances not scheduled under federal law under specified circumstances; listing synthetic cannabinoids on Schedule I to designate controlled dangerous substances that may not be legally used, possessed, or distributed; defining a specified term; requiring the Department of State Police to report to the General Assembly on or before July 1, 2017; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

CR, §§ 5-101(ff), 5-304, and 5-402(d) - amended and § 5-101(ff) - added

Assigned to: Senate Rules

SB 1038 Senator Young**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – MARYLAND STADIUM AUTHORITY – DOWNTOWN FREDERICK CONFERENCE CENTER**

Authorizing the Maryland Stadium Authority to review specified matters and make specified recommendations relating to the Downtown Frederick Conference Center; authorizing the Authority to acquire by specified means a Downtown Frederick Conference site or an interest in the site; requiring the Authority to submit a specified annual report, prepared in cooperation with the Office of the Comptroller and the Department of Budget and Management, to the Governor and the General Assembly; establishing a specified fund as a continuing, nonlapsing fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

EC and SF, Various Sections - amended and added

Assigned to: Senate Rules

SB 1039 Senator Muse**DRUGGED DRIVING OR OPERATION OF VESSEL – POLYSUBSTANCE ABUSE**

Altering the elements of a specified drug-related driving offense and a specified drug-related operation of a vessel offense; eliminating a specified defense to specified drug-related offenses; increasing specified criminal penalties for specified drug-related offenses; altering specified administrative penalties for specified drug-related driving offenses; requiring a person who is convicted of specified drug-related driving offenses to undergo a mental health assessment and participate in specified programs; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

CJ, CR, NR, and TR, Various Sections - amended, added, and repealed

Assigned to: Senate Rules

SB 1040 Senator Rosapepe, et al

PUBLIC SAFETY – FIREARMS – TERRORIST WATCHLIST

Prohibiting the sale, rental, or transfer of a regulated firearm, rifle, or shotgun to a person who is on the Terrorist Watchlist maintained by the Federal Bureau of Investigation; and prohibiting the Secretary of State Police from issuing a permit to carry, wear, or transport a handgun to a person listed on the Terrorist Watchlist.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

PS, § 5-306(a) - amended

Assigned to: Senate Rules

SB 1041 Senator Rosapepe, et al

EDUCATION – DIGITAL EQUITY FOR ALL ACT

Requiring the State Department of Education to develop and adopt specified infrastructure standards on or before December 1, 2016; requiring specified local school systems to meet specified infrastructure standards and implement and consider specified policies related to specified digital devices for specified purposes on or before December 1, 2019; establishing the Digital Equity for All Grant Program and providing for the purpose and duration of the Program; requiring the Department to administer the Program; etc.

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

ED, § 7-121 - added

Assigned to: Senate Rules