



SYNOPSIS

Senate Bills and Joint Resolutions
2016 Maryland General Assembly Session

January 25, 2016
Schedule 8

PLEASE NOTE: January 26 – Bill request deadline.
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 *January 22, 2016*

SB 283 Senator Lee, et al

CRIMINAL LAW – CRUELTY TO ANIMALS – IMPLEMENT OF DOGFIGHTING

Prohibiting a person from possessing, with the intent to unlawfully use, an implement of dogfighting; establishing specified factors that a court may consider to determine whether an object is an implement of dogfighting; establishing penalties for a violation of the Act; providing that each implement of dogfighting possessed in violation of the Act is a separate offense; and authorizing a court to order a specified defendant to participate in and pay for psychological counseling as a condition of sentencing.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

CR, § 10-607.1 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

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SB 284 **Senator Simonaire****NATURAL RESOURCES – COMPLIMENTARY HUNTING AND FISHING LICENSES**

Requiring the Department of Natural Resources to submit an annual report to the General Assembly and the Department of Veterans Affairs on specified licenses issued by the Department of Natural Resources; authorizing the Department of Natural Resources annually to issue a complimentary Chesapeake Bay and Coastal Sport Fishing License to specified individuals; requiring the Department of Veterans Affairs, in consultation with the Department of Natural Resources, to make available to veterans in the State specified information; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

NR, § 1-405 - added and § 4-745(e) - amended and SG, § 9-907.1 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 285 **Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee (By Request – Departmental – Labor, Licensing and Regulation)****MARYLAND HOME IMPROVEMENT COMMISSION – SUBCONTRACTOR LICENSING REQUIREMENT – REPEAL**

Repealing the requirement that a person must have a subcontractor license or a contractor license issued by the Maryland Home Improvement Commission whenever the person acts as a home improvement subcontractor in the State; repealing the application fee, renewal fee, and examination requirement for a subcontractor license; altering the contents of the license application form that must be submitted to the Commission; repealing the authority of the Commission to take disciplinary action against a home improvement subcontractor; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

BR, Various Sections - amended and § 8-101(p) - repealed

Assigned to: Senate Rules

SB 286 **Senator Bates, et al**

TAX OVERPAYMENT – INTEREST ON REFUNDS

Altering the day on which interest begins to accrue on specified taxpayer refunds of specified tax payments; requiring a tax collector to pay interest on specified taxpayer refunds beginning on the date of the overpayment if the overpayment is attributable to an error or a mistake of the State or a unit of the State government; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

TG, § 13-603 - repealed and added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 287 **Senator Hough, et al**

CRIMINAL LAW – FALSE STATEMENT CONCERNING DESTRUCTIVE DEVICE OR TOXIC MATERIAL – VENUE

Adding an additional venue in which a person may be prosecuted for a false statement concerning a destructive device or toxic material.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

CR, § 9-504(d) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 288 **Senator Kasemeyer**

INCOME TAX – CORPORATION RETURNS – FILING DATE

Extending by 1 month the date by which specified corporations must complete and file with the Comptroller an income tax return; and applying the Act to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2016.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

TG, § 10-821(a)(1) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 289 **Senator Feldman, et al**

PUBLIC HEALTH – PREVENTIVE MEDICAL CARE – CONSENT BY MINORS

Altering a specified provision of law to provide that treatment to which a minor may consent includes medical care related to prevention of or advice about sexually transmitted infection and disease.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

HG, § 20-102 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 290 **Senator Bates, et al****ELECTION LAWS – LOANS TO A CAMPAIGN FINANCE ENTITY**

Prohibiting money received by a campaign finance entity from specified persons from being considered a loan; providing that the terms of a loan to a campaign finance entity require that the loan be repaid no later than the end of the second year of the election cycle immediately following the election cycle in which the loan was made; specifying that penalties assessed for violations of campaign contribution limits may be assessed against a lender, the candidate whose campaign finance entity received the loan, or both; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

EL, § 13-230 - amended and § 13-604.3 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 291 **Senator Bates, et al****PUBLIC HEALTH – MOBILE FOOD SERVICE FACILITIES – LICENSING AND INSPECTION BY COUNTIES**

Prohibiting, under specified circumstances, a county from requiring a mobile food service facility to obtain a license from the county in order to operate in the county; authorizing a county to inspect a mobile food service facility that is operating in the county; requiring, under specified circumstances, a county to forward the result of a specified inspection to the county that licenses a specified mobile food service facility; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

HG, § 21-304 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 292 **Senator Bates, et al****TAX ASSESSMENTS – APPEALS PROCEDURES – APPLICATION FOR REVISION OR CLAIM FOR REFUND**

Increasing from 30 to 60 days the time period after a specified notice of assessment is mailed that a specified person or governmental unit may apply for a revision of the assessment or claim a refund.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

TG, § 13-508(a) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 293 **Senator Peters, et al****INCOME TAX – SUBTRACTION MODIFICATION – MILITARY RETIREMENT INCOME – INDIVIDUALS AT LEAST 65 YEARS OLD**

Altering a subtraction modification under the State income tax for specified military retirement income for individuals who are at least 65 years old from \$10,000 to \$15,000; and applying the Act to all taxable years beginning after December 31, 2015.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

TG, § 10-207(q) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 294 **Senator Madaleno, et al****EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT – EXPANSION**

Altering the percentage of the federal earned income credit used for determining the amount that specified individuals may claim as a refund under the Maryland earned income credit under specified circumstances; altering the calculation of the Maryland earned income tax credit to allow specified individuals without qualifying children to claim an increased credit; applying the Act to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2015; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

TG, § 10-704 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 295 **Senator Madaleno, et al****INCOME TAX – EARNED INCOME CREDIT – REFUNDABILITY**

Increasing, to 28% for tax year 2016 and 30% for tax years 2017 and beyond, the percentage of the federal earned income credit used to determine the amount that an individual may claim as a refundable credit under the Maryland earned income credit.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

TG, § 10-704(b)(2) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 296 **Carroll County Senators****CARROLL COUNTY – PUBLIC FACILITIES BONDS**

Authorizing and empowering the County Commissioners of Carroll County, from time to time, to borrow not more than \$31,000,000 in order to finance the construction, improvements, or development of specified public facilities in Carroll County, including water and sewer projects, to finance loans for fire or emergency-related equipment, buildings, or other facilities of volunteer fire departments in the County, and to effect such borrowing by the issuance and sale at public or private sale of its general obligation bonds; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 297 **Senator Madaleno****HEALTH INSURANCE – HABILITATIVE SERVICES – PERIOD OF TIME FOR COVERAGE**

Extending until at least the end of the month in which the insured or enrollee turns 19 years old the period of time during which health insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations are required to provide coverage of habilitative services for its insureds and enrollees who are children; repealing a provision of law that a specified determination by a specified entity is considered an adverse decision for specified purposes; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

IN, § 15-835 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 298 **Carroll County Senators****CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – CARROLL COUNTY – THE ARC OF CARROLL COUNTY BUILDING RENOVATION**

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 Arc of Carroll County, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of The Arc of Carroll County building, located in Carroll 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: Budget and Taxation

SB 299 **Senator Eckardt, et al**

INCOME TAX SUBTRACTION MODIFICATION – RETIREMENT INCOME (FAIRNESS IN TAXATION FOR RETIREES ACT)

Including income from specified retirement plans within a subtraction modification allowed under the Maryland income tax for retired individuals who are at least 65 years old or who are disabled or whose spouse is disabled; applying the Act to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2015; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

TG, § 10-209 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 300 **Senators Eckardt and Bates**

INCOME TAX – STANDARD DEDUCTION – INFLATION ADJUSTMENT

Increasing the minimum and maximum limitation amounts of the standard deduction allowed under the State income tax for taxable years beginning after December 31, 2016, by a specified cost-of-living adjustment; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

TG, § 10-217(d) - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 301 **Senator Eckardt, et al**

INCOME TAX – PERSONAL EXEMPTIONS – INFLATION ADJUSTMENT

Increasing the amount of specified exemptions allowed under the State income tax for taxable years beginning after December 31, 2016, by a specified cost-of-living adjustment; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

TG, § 10-211(c) - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 302 **Senator Raskin, et al****AGGRESSIVE DRUNK DRIVING – PUNITIVE DAMAGES**

Providing that a person with an alcohol concentration of 0.08 or more in the blood or breath who causes personal injury or wrongful death while operating or attempting to operate a motor vehicle is liable for punitive damages under specified circumstances; providing for a standard of proof of clear and convincing evidence for a claim of punitive damages under the Act; providing that punitive damages under the Act may not be awarded in the absence of an award of compensatory damages; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

CJ, § 10-913.1 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 303 **Senators Brochin and Klausmeier****COUNTIES – TRANSPORTATION ADEQUATE PUBLIC FACILITY LAW
– STATE HIGHWAY INTERSECTION**

Prohibiting a county from amending or repealing a transportation adequate public facility law in effect on January 1, 2016; requiring that the level of traffic congestion at a State highway intersection be determined by the State Highway Administration for the purpose of determining whether development is allowed under a county transportation adequate public facility law.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

LU, § 7-105 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs and Finance

SB 304 **Senator Nathan–Pulliam, et al****MARYLAND COMMISSION ON HEALTH IN ALL POLICIES**

Establishing the Maryland Commission on Health in All Policies; providing for the purpose, composition, chair, and staffing of the Commission; specifying the duties of the Commission; requiring specified health impact assessments to be performed in a specified manner; requiring the Commission to report to the Governor and General Assembly on December 1 of each year on the findings from and recommendations based on any health impact assessments performed by the Commission; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

HG, §§ 13-3401 through 13-3406 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 305 **Senator Nathan–Pulliam, et al****FAMILY CHILD CARE PROVIDERS – HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA OR GED TEST**

Requiring the regulations of the State Department of Education to provide for a requirement that a registered family child care provider has obtained a high school diploma or a passing score on the GED test; applying the Act prospectively, etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

FL, § 5-551 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 306 **Senators Madaleno and Middleton****AGRICULTURAL LAND TRANSFER TAX – CALCULATION**

Altering the definition of “agricultural land transfer tax” and defining “total rate of tax” to provide that, for purposes of specified provisions of law concerning the calculation of the agricultural land transfer tax, the tax does not include a specified surcharge; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

TP, §§ 13-301, 13-303, and 13-407 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 307 **Calvert County Senators****CALVERT COUNTY – BONDING AUTHORITY**

Authorizing and empowering the County Commissioners of Calvert County, from time to time, to borrow not more than \$9,410,000 to finance the construction, improvement, or development of specified public facilities in Calvert County and to effect such borrowing by the issuance and sale of its general obligation bonds; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation