



SYNOPSIS

House Bills and Joint Resolutions
2017 Maryland General Assembly Session

January 30, 2017
Schedule 12

PLEASE NOTE: February 10 – Bill introduction deadline.
All bills must be given to the Chief Clerk by 5:00 P.M. on Thursday, February 9.
As required by House Rule 32(b), bills introduced after this date will be referred to the House Rules and Executive Nominations Committee.

HOUSE BILLS INTRODUCED JANUARY 30, 2017

HB 526 St. Mary's County Delegation

ST. MARY'S COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – ART ESTABLISHMENT LICENSE

Establishing an art establishment license in St. Mary's County; specifying that the Board of License Commissioners may issue the license to a for-profit retail business engaged in specified activities; authorizing a license holder to sell or serve beer and wine at retail for on-premises consumption under specified circumstances; specifying the maximum amount of beer and wine to be sold or served to an individual; providing for a \$300 annual license fee; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

AB, § 28-1001 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

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HB 527 Delegate Kramer, et al**VEHICLE LAWS – BICYCLES – USE OF CROSSWALKS**

Authorizing a person to ride a bicycle in or through a crosswalk in a place where a person may not lawfully ride a bicycle on a sidewalk or sidewalk area; providing that a person riding a bicycle in or through a crosswalk is subject to specified traffic control signals; prohibiting a person riding a bicycle in or through a crosswalk from suddenly leaving the curb or other place of safety and moving into the path of a vehicle that is so close that it is impossible for the driver to yield; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

TR, § 21-1103 - amended and § 21-1103.1 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 528 Delegate Kramer, et al**HUMANE ADOPTION OF COMPANION ANIMALS USED IN RESEARCH ACT OF 2017**

Requiring specified research facilities using dogs or cats for scientific research purposes to take specified steps to provide for the adoption of a dog or cat that is no longer needed for research purposes; authorizing specified research facilities to enter into specified agreements with animal rescue organizations for specified purposes; and requiring specified research facilities to submit specified information to the Secretary of Agriculture beginning on December 1, 2018, and each year thereafter.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

AG, § 15-101 - added

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 529 Chair, Ways and Means Committee (By Request – Departmental – State Board of Elections)

ELECTION LAW – POLITICAL PARTIES, CANDIDACY, AND CAMPAIGN FINANCE

Altering required provisions to be included in the constitution and bylaws of political parties, as specified; altering to not later than the first Monday in July the date by which candidates for public office must file a declaration of intent, as specified; altering requirements concerning the types of statements to be filed by specified persons with a governmental entity; repealing an exemption; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

EL, § 1-101(l-1) - added and §§ 1-101(bb), 4-204, 5-703, 5-703.1, 14-107, and 15-104 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 530 Delegate M. Washington

SALES AND USE TAX – TAX-FREE PERIOD FOR BACK-TO-SCHOOL SHOPPING – SALE OF BACKPACKS AND BOOKBAGS

Altering a specified sales and use tax exemption to include any backpack or bookbag with a taxable price of \$100 or less during a designated sales tax-free period for back-to-school shopping, subject to specified limitations.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

TG, § 11-228 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 531 Delegate W. Miller, et al

LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT – LABOR ORGANIZATIONS – RIGHT TO WORK

Prohibiting an employer from requiring, as a condition of employment or continued employment, an employee or a prospective employee to join or remain a member of a labor organization, pay charges to a labor organization, or pay a specified amount to a third party under specified circumstances; prohibiting an employer from threatening an employee or a prospective employee with specified action; providing that a specified violation of law is a misdemeanor and is subject to specified penalties; applying the Act prospectively; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

CJ, ED, HG, LE, LU, and SP, Various Sections - amended, LU, § 16-316 - repealed, and LE, §§ 4-701 through 4-707 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 532 Delegate Parrott, et al**ELECTION LAW – QUALIFICATION OF VOTERS – PROOF OF IDENTITY**

Requiring an election judge to establish a voter's identity and verify the voter's address if the voter seeks to vote a regular ballot; requiring an election judge to qualify a voter by requesting the voter to present a current government-issued photo identification; requiring an election judge to authorize an individual to vote a regular ballot; allowing a voter who is unable to present a specified form of identification to vote by provisional ballot under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

EL, §§ 10-310 and 16-201 and TR, § 12-301(b) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 533 Delegate Parrott, et al**FOOD STAMP PROGRAM – TIME LIMIT WAIVER – PROHIBITION**

Prohibiting the State from applying for or implementing a federal waiver of the time limit on the receipt of benefits under the food stamp program by an able-bodied adult without dependents who does not meet specified work requirements.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

HU, § 5-501 - amended

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 534 Delegate Parrott, et al**RAILROAD GRADE CROSSINGS – EXEMPT HIGHWAY–RAIL GRADE CROSSING PLAQUE**

Authorizing the State Highway Administration to erect an exempt highway–rail grade crossing plaque at each railroad grade crossing in the State that is no longer in use by a railroad; specifying that the design and placement of a plaque shall be erected in accordance with the federal Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices; and exempting specified vehicles from the requirement to stop at specified railroad grade crossings if the railroad grade crossing has an exempt highway–rail grade crossing plaque.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

TR, § 8-644 - added and § 21-703 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 535 Delegate Parrott, et al

HOUSE LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS – SINGLE MEMBER

Amending the Maryland Constitution to decrease the number of delegates in each House legislative district to one; and submitting the amendment to the qualified voters of the State for their adoption or rejection.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT – CONTINGENT

Maryland Constitution, Art. III, § 3 - amended

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

HB 536 Delegate W. Miller, et al

VEHICLE LAWS – SPEED MONITORING, WORK ZONE SPEED CONTROL, AND TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNAL MONITORING SYSTEMS – REPEAL

Repealing the authority of counties and municipalities in the State to use speed monitoring systems to enforce highway speed laws; repealing the authority to use work zone speed control systems to enforce highway speed laws within work zones; repealing the authority to use traffic control signal monitoring systems to enforce traffic control signal laws; requiring the publishers of the Annotated Code to correct any references that are rendered incorrect by the Act; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

TR, §§ 21-202.1, 21-809, and 21-810 - repealed

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 537 Delegate Parrott, et al

ENVIRONMENT – ON-SITE SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEMS AND FUNDING FOR WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITIES AND SEWERAGE SYSTEMS

Authorizing a person to install, replace, or have installed or replaced a specified on-site sewage disposal system that does not utilize specified nitrogen removal technology on specified property located outside the Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays Critical Area; requiring the Department of the Environment or the local approving authority to impose a fee of \$200 for a residential on-site sewage disposal system and \$100 per 1,000 square feet for a non-residential building on-site sewage disposal system; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

EN, §§ 9-345 and 9-1108(b) and (e) - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 538 St. Mary's County Delegation**ST. MARY'S COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – BEAUTY SALON LICENSE**

Establishing in St. Mary's County a beauty salon beer and wine license; authorizing the Board of License Commissioners to issue the license to a person who holds a beauty salon permit; authorizing a holder of the license to sell or serve not more than specified amounts of beer and wine for on-premises consumption by a beauty salon customer under specified circumstances; establishing a \$300 license fee; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

AB, § 28-1001 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 539 Delegate Parrott, et al**ELECTION LAW – VOTER REGISTRATION AND ABSENTEE VOTING – PROOF OF CITIZENSHIP**

Requiring individuals who apply to register to vote after June 30, 2017, to submit proof of United States citizenship; providing that individuals who are not citizens of the United States are not qualified to be registered voters; requiring an applicant for voter registration to submit specified documents or information to prove United States citizenship; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

EL, §§ 3-102, 3-202, 3-501, and 9-305 - amended and § 3-103 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 540 Delegate Kramer, et al**HATE CRIMES – CIVIL REMEDY**

Providing that a person who is aggrieved by a violation of specified hate crime laws may bring a civil action against the person or persons who committed the violation in a court of competent jurisdiction; authorizing the court to impose an injunction and award specified damages; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

CR, § 10-309 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 541 Delegate Hayes, et al**CIGARETTE RESTITUTION FUND – ESTABLISHMENT OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH TREATMENT ACCOUNT AND FUNDING FOR SUBSTANCE USE TREATMENT SERVICES**

Requiring the Cigarette Restitution Fund to include a separate account to be used for substance use treatment, with priority given to residential treatment services, recovery support housing, and specified crisis response services, and for rate adjustments for specified agencies or programs; requiring specified distributions from the account to be used to supplement and not supplant specified other funds; prohibiting more than \$10,000,000 from being appropriated from the account in any fiscal year; etc.

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

SF, § 7-317 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 542 Delegate Gutierrez, et al**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – MONTGOMERY COUNTY – WOODEND NATURE SANCTUARY ACCESSIBLE TRAIL**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt in the amount of \$300,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Audubon Naturalist Society of the Central Atlantic States, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of an accessible trail at the Woodend Nature Sanctuary, located in Montgomery County; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2017

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 543 Delegate Reznik, et al

STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION – WATKINS MILL ROAD INTERCHANGE PROJECT

Requiring the State Highway Administration to promptly undertake all steps necessary to complete the Watkins Mill Road Interchange Project; specifying the requirements for the Project; requiring the Governor to appropriate a specified amount of funding for the Project; stating the intent of the General Assembly; requiring the Administration to submit, on or before December 1 each year, a report on the status of the Watkins Mill Project to specified committees of the General Assembly; etc.

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

EMERGENCY BILL

TR, § 8-659 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 544 Delegate Shoemaker, et al

INCOME TAX – SUBTRACTION MODIFICATION – MILITARY RETIREMENT INCOME

Removing the limitation on the amount of military retirement income that may be subtracted from federal adjusted gross income for State income tax purposes; and applying the Act to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2016.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

TG, § 10-207(q) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 545 Delegate Shoemaker, et al

GAMING – HOME GAMES – BINGO

Adding bingo to the list of home games that an individual may conduct under specified circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

SG, § 9-1C-01 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 546 Delegate Kaiser, et al**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – MONTGOMERY COUNTY – FRIENDS HOUSE**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$200,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Friends House for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of the Friends House, 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, 2017

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 547 Delegate Ciliberti, et al**PAIN-CAPABLE UNBORN CHILD PROTECTION ACT**

Prohibiting, except in specified circumstances, the performance or inducement or attempted performance or inducement of an abortion unless a specified determination as to the probable age of the unborn child is made by a specified physician; providing that the failure of a physician to perform specified actions is deemed “unprofessional conduct”; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

HG, §§ 20-217 through 20-225 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 548 Delegate Shoemaker, et al**EDUCATION – PREKINDERGARTEN STUDENT ASSESSMENT – MORATORIUM**

Placing a moratorium on the assessment of prekindergarten students until a complete audit of the 2016–2017 pilot year of the early learning assessment is conducted and the audit results in a determination that the early learning assessment is valid and reliable and is consistent with specified purposes.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

ED, § 7-210 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 549 Delegates Hayes and Conaway**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – BALTIMORE CITY – ARCH SOCIAL CLUB HISTORIC SITE RESTORATION**

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 Arch Social Community Network, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of the Arch Social Club Historic Site, 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, 2017

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 550 Delegate Aumann, et al**INCOME TAX – SUBTRACTION MODIFICATION – MILITARY RETIREMENT INCOME**

Removing the limitation on the amount of military retirement income that may be subtracted from federal adjusted gross income for State income tax purposes for individuals who have served at least 20 years of military service; and applying the Act to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2016.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

TG, § 10-207(q) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 551 Delegate Cluster, et al**ELECTION LAW – PRIVATE LOAN TO CAMPAIGN FINANCE ENTITY OF CANDIDATE – PROHIBITED**

Prohibiting a person other than the candidate or the candidate's spouse from making a loan to the campaign finance entity of a candidate.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

EL, § 13-230 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 552 Delegate Parrott, et al**TRANSPORTATION – MOTOR FUEL TAX AND HIGHWAY USER REVENUE – INCREASED LOCAL SHARE**

Allocating specified motor fuel tax revenue to a specified account that is shared with local governments; increasing the portion of highway user revenue that is distributed to local governments; altering the allocation of the local share of highway user revenue; proposing an amendment to the Maryland Constitution mandating that revenue be credited to a specified account and distributed from that account in a specified manner; submitting the amendment to the qualified voters of the State for their adoption or rejection; etc.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT – CONTINGENT – VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

TG, § 2-1103 and TR, §§ 8-402 and 8-403 - amended and Maryland Constitution, Art. III, § 53A - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 553 Delegate Sophocleus, et al**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – THE ARC OF THE CENTRAL CHESAPEAKE REGION**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$150,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of The Arc of the Central Chesapeake Region, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of The Arc of the Central Chesapeake Region Donald Avenue building, 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, 2017

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 554 Delegate Carey, et al

ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS – ATTORNEYS

Increasing from \$20,000 to \$60,000 the salary of an attorney employed by the Board of License Commissioners for Anne Arundel County; authorizing the Board to hire an attorney on a contractual basis to perform work that the attorney employed by the Board is unable to perform because of a conflict of interest; and prohibiting the Board from spending more than \$30,000 each year to hire a contractual attorney.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

AB, § 11-204(b) - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 555 Delegate Saab, et al

ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – BOARD OF EDUCATION – SELECTION OF MEMBERS

Requiring that, beginning with the 2018 general election, specified members of the Anne Arundel County Board of Education be elected by districts and specified members be appointed; establishing the composition of the county board; providing for residency requirements and terms of office; repealing specified provisions of law establishing and relating to the School Board Nominating Commission of Anne Arundel County; providing for the expiration of the terms of specified appointed members of the county board; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

ED, §§ 3-108(a), 3-110, 3-114, and 3-2B-01(b)(2) - amended and §§ 3-2A-01 through 3-2A-03 and 3-2A-06 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 556 Delegate Jones, et al**HIGHER EDUCATION – ST. MARY’S COLLEGE OF MARYLAND – FUNDING**

Altering the calculation of the General Fund grant for St. Mary’s College of Maryland, beginning in fiscal year 2019; requiring the amount of the grant to be augmented by specified funds for the portion of the grant that supports nonpersonnel costs; requiring the amount of the grant to be augmented by specified funds if specified funding is provided to the University System of Maryland; requiring the Governor to include in the State budget for fiscal year 2019 a specified appropriation to the College; etc.

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

ED, §§ 14-405 and 14-410 - amended

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 557 Delegate Stein, et al**ENVIRONMENT – WATER MANAGEMENT – SEDIMENT CONTROL AT LARGE REDEVELOPMENT SITES**

Prohibiting a county or municipality from issuing a grading or building permit until the developer submits a grading and sediment control plan approved by the Department of the Environment if the property that is the subject of the permit is, or is included in, a large redevelopment site; requiring the Department to determine specified criteria for large redevelopment sites; providing that the Department is the approval authority for large redevelopment sites; and defining the term “large redevelopment site”.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

EN, §§ 4-101.1, 4-103(a), and 4-105 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 558 Delegate Robinson, et al**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – MONTGOMERY COUNTY – STEWARTOWN LOCAL PARK**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$200,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Maryland–National Capital Park and Planning Commission for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of Stewartown Local Park, 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, 2017

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 559 Delegate Clippinger**WORKERS' COMPENSATION – PERMANENT TOTAL DISABILITY – SURVIVAL OF CLAIM**

Providing that, under specified circumstances, the right to compensation for permanent total disability due in part to accidental personal injury or resulting from an occupational disease and payable under specified provisions of law survives to specified individuals under specified circumstances; applying the Act prospectively; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

LE, § 9-640 - amended and § 9-641 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 560 Montgomery County Delegation**MONTGOMERY COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES LICENSES – HOURS OF SALE MC 8–17**

Altering the hours a holder of a Class B or a Class B–BWL (H–M) beer, wine, and liquor license in Montgomery County may sell beer, wine, and liquor on the day designated by the federal government as a public holiday.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

AB, § 25-2005(c) and (e) - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 561 Delegate Jones, et al**HIGHER EDUCATION – ST. MARY’S COLLEGE OF MARYLAND – GOVERNING AUTHORITY**

Providing that the authority of the Board of Trustees of St. Mary’s College of Maryland may not be superseded by any State agency or office in specified management affairs except by a provision of law that specifically references the College.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

ED, § 14-404(a) - amended

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 562 Delegate Hayes (By Request – Baltimore City Administration)**BALTIMORE CITY BOARD OF SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS – MEMBERS – APPOINTMENT AND REMOVAL**

Repealing the role of the Governor in jointly making appointments to, filling specified vacancies on, and jointly removing members from the Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

ED, § 3-108.1 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 563 Delegate Kramer, et al**VEHICLE LAWS – PROVISIONAL DRIVERS’ LICENSES – ISSUANCE**

Establishing specified procedures that the Motor Vehicle Administration is required to follow when issuing a provisional driver’s license to an individual who is under the age of 18 years at the time of application; requiring the Administration to forward provisional licenses to the District Court under specified circumstances; requiring the District Court to schedule a ceremony at which a judge shall present provisional licenses to applicants and explain specified responsibilities of licensure; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

TR, § 16-111 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 564 Delegate Jackson, et al**PUBLIC SAFETY – MARYLAND POLICE TRAINING AND STANDARDS COMMISSION FUND – ESTABLISHMENT**

Requiring the Comptroller to pay annually \$2,000,000 of specified court costs collected by the District Court to the Maryland Police Training and Standards Commission Fund; establishing the Maryland Police Training and Standards Commission Fund as a special, nonlapsing fund; specifying the purpose of the Fund; requiring the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services to administer the Fund; requiring the State Treasurer to hold the Fund and the State Comptroller to account for the Fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

CJ, § 7-301(e) and SF, § 6-226(a)(2)(ii)94. and 95. - amended and PS, § 3-206.1 and SF, § 6-226(a)(2)(ii)96. - added

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 565 Carroll County Delegation**CARROLL COUNTY – DETENTION CENTER – POLYGRAPH TESTING**

Establishing that a specified prohibition on requiring an employee or a prospective employee to take a polygraph examination or similar test as a condition of prospective or continued employment does not apply to an individual employed as a correctional officer or in another specified capacity at the Carroll County Detention Center.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

LE, § 3-702 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 566 Howard County Delegation**HOWARD COUNTY – PROPERTY TAX – EXEMPTION FOR PERSONAL PROPERTY OF BUSINESS LOCATED IN HISTORIC DISTRICT HO. CO. 10–17**

Authorizing the governing body of Howard County to exempt personal property that is owned or leased by a business entity located in a specified local historic district or National Register District from the Howard County property tax; applying the Act to all taxable years beginning after June 30,2017, but before July 1, 2022; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2017

TP, § 7-520 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 567 Delegate Saab, et al

CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – CAPE ST. CLAIRE BEACH REPLENISHMENT

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$750,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Governors of the Cape St. Claire Improvement Association, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of the Cape St. Claire Beaches, 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, 2017

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 568 Delegate Shoemaker

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS – CREDIT UNIONS – LIENS AND RIGHTS TO A SETOFF

Providing that a credit union does not have a lien or a right to a setoff under a specified provision of law if the member has filed for bankruptcy.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

FI, § 6-314 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 569 Delegate Kaiser, et al

CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – MONTGOMERY COUNTY – DAMASCUS RECREATIONAL PARK

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$100,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Maryland–National Capital Park and Planning Commission for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of Damascus Recreational Park, 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, 2017

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 570 Delegate Saab, et al**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – ARUNDEL VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT COMMUNITY CENTER**

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 Arundel Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of the Arundel Volunteer Fire Department 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, 2017

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 571 Delegate Shoemaker, et al**PROPERTY TAX CREDIT – DISABLED OR FALLEN LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS AND RESCUE WORKERS – ACQUISITION OF DWELLING**

Increasing from 2 to 10 the number of years within which a disabled law enforcement officer or rescue worker or the surviving spouse of a fallen law enforcement officer or rescue worker must have acquired specified residential property in order to qualify for a specified property tax credit against the county or municipal corporation property tax imposed on the property; and applying the Act to all taxable years beginning after June 30, 2017.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2017

TP, § 9-210 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 572 Howard County Delegation**HOWARD COUNTY – PROPERTY TAX CREDIT FOR COMMERCIAL REAL PROPERTY – FLOOD DAMAGE HO. CO. 9–17**

Authorizing the governing body of Howard County to grant, by law, a tax credit against the county property tax imposed on commercial real property that the governing body determines has suffered specified damage caused by flood conditions; authorizing the governing body of Howard County to specify the amount and duration of the credit; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

TP, § 9-315(a) and (b) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 573 Carroll County Delegation**CARROLL COUNTY – STATE’S ATTORNEY – SALARY**

Altering the salary of the State’s Attorney for Carroll County; providing that the State’s Attorney’s salary is the following percentages of the salary of a judge of the District Court of Maryland: 80%, ending on December 3, 2018, 90%, beginning on December 4, 2018, and 100%, beginning on December 3, 2019; providing thereafter, a specified salary increase will take effect at the beginning of the elected term of office and may not increase during the specified term; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

CP, § 15-407(b)(1) - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 574 Carroll County Delegation**CARROLL COUNTY – SHERIFF’S SALARY**

Altering the salary of the Sheriff of Carroll County to \$100,000 beginning December 4, 2018, and to \$110,000 beginning December 3, 2019; and providing for the application of the Act.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

CJ, § 2-309(h)(1) - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 575 Delegate McCray, et al**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – BALTIMORE CITY – DARLEY PARK COMMUNITY PARK**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt in the amount of \$50,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of The Sixth Branch, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of a neighborhood park in the Darley Park community, 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, 2017

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 576 Delegate Carozza, et al**GENERAL PROVISIONS – COMMEMORATIVE MONTHS – MARYLAND SPORTSMANSHIP MONTH**

Requiring the Governor annually to proclaim March as Maryland Sportsmanship Month; requiring the proclamation to urge local recreation and parks departments in the State to observe Maryland Sportsmanship Month with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities; and specifying examples of appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

GP, § 7-503 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 577 Delegate C. Howard**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY – HIGHLAND PARK CHRISTIAN ACADEMY**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt in the amount of \$600,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Trustees of the First Baptist Church of Highland Park, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of the Highland Park Christian Academy, located in Prince George’s County; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2017

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 578 Delegate Kramer, et al**VEHICLE LAWS – PEDESTRIAN HYBRID SIGNALS**

Requiring the driver of a vehicle to obey a pedestrian hybrid signal in a specified manner; establishing a specified penalty for a violation of the Act; establishing that specified provisions of law relating to traffic control signal monitoring systems apply to pedestrian hybrid signals; establishing the manner in which a pedestrian or bicyclist is required to obey a pedestrian hybrid signal; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

TR, §§ 21-101(l-1), 21-201(e), 21-202(n), 21-204.2, and 21-204.3 - added and Various Sections - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 579 Delegate Hill, et al**CIRCUIT COURT JUDGES – ELECTION, QUALIFICATIONS, AND TERM OF OFFICE**

Proposing an amendment to the Maryland Constitution relating to the selection and tenure of circuit court judges; requiring an appointment of a circuit court judge to be subject to Senate confirmation; providing for a retention election following an appointment to fill a vacancy in the office of a judge of a circuit court; altering the term of office of circuit court judges from 15 years to 10 years; submitting the amendment to the qualified voters of the State for their adoption or rejection; etc.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT – CONTINGENT

Maryland Constitution, Art. IV, §§ 2, 3, 5A, 11, and 21(a) - amended and §§ 5, 18B, and 21A - repealed and Art. XVIII, § 6 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary and Ways and Means

HB 580 Delegate Hayes, et al**BEHAVIORAL HEALTH COMMUNITY PROVIDERS – KEEP THE DOOR OPEN ACT**

Requiring, except under specified circumstances, the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to adjust the rate of reimbursement for community providers each fiscal year by the rate adjustment included in the State budget for that fiscal year; requiring, on or before December 1, 2019, and on or before December 1 annually thereafter, the Department to submit a report to the Governor and General Assembly on the impact of the reimbursement rate adjustment on community providers and other specified outcomes; etc.

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

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2017

HG, § 16-201.3 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 581 Delegates Hill and Lam

MARYLAND MEDICAL PRACTICE ACT – INDIVIDUALS EXEMPT FROM LICENSURE – REPEAL OF CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORDS CHECK REQUIREMENT

Repealing the requirement that, in order to practice medicine without a license while performing specified duties, a medical student or an individual in a postgraduate medical training program approved by the State Board of Physicians must submit to a criminal history records check in accordance with a specified provision of law; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

HO, § 14-302 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 582 Delegate Angel, et al

PHARMACIES – AVAILABILITY OF GENERICALLY EQUIVALENT DRUGS

Requiring a pharmacy to stock at least one generically equivalent drug or order the generically equivalent drug for delivery to the pharmacy within a reasonable period of time, under specified circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

HO, § 12-511 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 583 Delegates Valentino–Smith and Holmes

COUNTIES – HISTORIC PRESERVATION – DEVELOPMENT LIMITATION

Providing that specified improvements to specified real property that is adjacent to or abuts specified religious property in charter or code home rule counties may be authorized only if specified conditions are met, including provision for specified buffers, improvements, approvals, covenants, and financial responsibilities; and applying the Act.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

LG, § 10-325 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 584 Delegate K. Young, et al**INVESTIGATIONAL DRUGS, BIOLOGICAL PRODUCTS, AND DEVICES – RIGHT TO TRY ACT**

Authorizing a manufacturer of an investigational drug, biological product, or device to make available the investigational drug, biological product, or device to eligible patients; specifying the manner in which a specified drug, product, or device may be provided to eligible patients; prohibiting a health occupations board from taking specified action against a health care provider's license on a specified basis; establishing that the Act does not create a specified cause of action; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

HG, §§ 21-2B-01 through 21-2B-07 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 585 Delegate Carozza, et al**CRIMINAL LAW – LIFE-THREATENING INJURY INVOLVING A VEHICLE OR VESSEL – CRIMINAL NEGLIGENCE**

Prohibiting a person from engaging in specified conduct that results in a life-threatening injury to another; exempting specified conduct that results in a life-threatening injury to another; establishing penalties for a violation of the Act; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

CR, § 3-211.1 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 586 Delegate Hettleman, et al**MARYLAND FARMS AND FAMILIES ACT**

Establishing the Maryland Farms and Families Program in the Department of Agriculture; establishing the purpose of the Program is to double the purchasing power of food-insecure Maryland residents with limited access to fresh fruits and vegetables and to increase revenue for farmers through redemption of specified benefits at Maryland farmers markets; establishing a Maryland Farms and Families Fund in accordance with specified requirements; requiring the Governor to include a specified appropriation to the Fund each fiscal year; etc.

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

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

AG, §§ 10-2001 through 10-2005 - added

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 587 Delegate Reznik, et al

STATE FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT – VETERAN-OWNED SMALL BUSINESS ENTERPRISES – DEFINITIONS

Defining “small business” and “veteran” for the purposes of specified provisions of law relating to procurement from veteran-owned small business enterprises; and altering the definition of “veteran-owned small business enterprise” to include a small business that is at least 51% owned by one or more individuals who are veterans.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

SF, § 14-601 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 588 Delegate Parrott, et al

INCOME TAX CREDIT – FUELING STATIONS – ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING AND NATURAL GAS VEHICLE REFUELING EQUIPMENT

Allowing specified retail service station dealers a credit against the State income tax for any expense incurred for the installation of equipment necessary to offer recharging or refueling services to electric or natural gas vehicles; providing that the credit may not exceed \$20,000; making the credit refundable; requiring the Comptroller to adopt regulations to provide for the administration of the credit; applying the Act to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2016; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

TG, § 10-741 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 589 Delegate Frick

CORPORATIONS AND REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUSTS – CORPORATE BYLAWS AND ELECTIONS OF DIRECTORS AND TRUSTEES

Repealing a specified exception to the power of stockholders of a corporation to adopt, amend, or repeal the bylaws; establishing election procedures for the election of corporate directors in specified circumstances; establishing the necessary number of votes that must be cast to elect a trustee of a real estate investment trust; establishing election procedures for the trustees of a real estate investment trust under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

CA, § 8-208 - added and §§ 2-109(b), 2-404, and 8-202 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 590 Delegate Ebersole, et al**STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION – MEMBERSHIP – TEACHERS AND PARENTS**

Altering the membership of the State Board of Education to add three members who are certified teachers and two who are parents of students enrolled in public schools; requiring the Governor to appoint specified parent members with the advice and consent of the Senate from a specified list submitted to the Governor by the Maryland PTA; requiring the Department to provide notice of a specified vacancy to the Maryland PTA; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2017

ED, § 2-202 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 591 Delegate Conaway**TASK FORCE TO STUDY THE LOCAL ECONOMIC IMPACT OF A BANK NEAR COPPIN STATE UNIVERSITY**

Establishing the Task Force to Study the Local Economic Impact of a Bank Near Coppin State University; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Task Force; prohibiting a member of the Task Force from receiving specified compensation, but authorizing the reimbursement of specified expenses; requiring the Task Force to study and make recommendations regarding matters relating to the local economic impact of a bank on or near the Coppin State University campus; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 592 Delegate M. Washington**REAL PROPERTY TAX – ASSESSMENT APPEALS PROCESS**

Requiring a hearing on an appeal to a supervisor of assessments concerning the value or classification of real property to occur no later than 90 days after the Department of Assessments and Taxation received the appeal; allowing a hearing to occur on a later date if the supervisor and the person who has appealed the value or classification agree to the later date; etc.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2018

TP, §§ 8-405, 8-407, 14-509, and 14-511 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 593 Delegate Dumais

STATE COMPENSATION FOR ERRONEOUS CONVICTION AND IMPRISONMENT – GUBERNATORIAL PARDON REQUIREMENT – REPEAL

Repealing a requirement that an erroneously convicted individual must receive a gubernatorial pardon to be eligible for specified payments by the Board of Public Works; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

SF, § 10-501 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 594 Delegate Parrott, et al

LANDLORD AND TENANT – CANDIDATE SIGNS AND PROPOSITION SIGNS

Prohibiting a landlord or mobile home park owner from requiring, prohibiting, or restricting the display of specified candidate signs or proposition signs by a tenant or resident; and prohibiting a landlord or mobile home park owner from requiring a tenant or resident to obtain specified approval before displaying specified candidate signs or proposition signs.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

RP, §§ 8-218 and 8A-504 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 595 Delegate McMillan, et al

MORTGAGES AND DEEDS OF TRUST – CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENT FOR RECORDATION – REPEAL

Repealing the requirement that a mortgage or deed of trust bear a specified attorney certification or a certification that the instrument was prepared by a specified party in order to be recorded; and making a specified stylistic change.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

RP, § 3-104(f)(1) - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 596 Delegate Sydnor

PROCUREMENT – CONFIDENTIAL PROPRIETARY INFORMATION, GOODS, OR SERVICES PROVIDED TO A GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY – NONDISCLOSURE AGREEMENT

Prohibiting a governmental entity from entering into a contract with a contractor that prohibits the governmental entity from disclosing to the public that the governmental entity uses confidential proprietary information, goods, or services provided to the governmental entity by the contractor; and generally relating to nondisclosure agreements involving confidential proprietary information, goods, or services provided to a governmental entity by a contractor.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

SF, §§ 17-801 and 17-802 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 597 Delegate Platt, et al

PUBLIC HEALTH – CLEAN INDOOR AIR ACT – REPEAL OF EXCEPTION REGARDING HOTEL AND MOTEL ROOMS

Repealing a specified provision of law that exempts specified hotel and motel rooms from the requirements of the Clean Indoor Air Act under specified circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

HG, § 24-505 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 598 Delegate W. Miller, et al

COUNTIES AND MUNICIPAL CORPORATIONS – “SANCTUARY LAWS” FOR ILLEGAL ALIENS – PROHIBITION

Requiring local governments to fully comply with and support federal immigration law; prohibiting local governments from restricting specified individuals from requesting, obtaining, sending, receiving, or maintaining specified immigration information; requiring local governments to implement specified requirements and obligations in a manner that is consistent with federal immigration law and protects civil rights; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

PS, § 3-520 - added and § 4-509 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary and Appropriations

HB 599 Delegate Healey, et al**FOREST CONSERVATION ACT – EXEMPTION, REFORESTATION RATE, AND FOREST CONSERVATION FUND – ALTERATIONS**

Altering the exemption from the application of the Forest Conservation Act for the cutting or clearing of public utility rights-of-way or land for specified electric generating stations; increasing the acreage that must be planted in order to meet the reforestation requirement under the Act; and authorizing a specified increase in the rate that is paid to the Forest Conservation Fund in lieu of meeting specified reforestation or afforestation requirements.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

NR, §§ 5-1602(b)(5), 5-1606(b) and (d), and 5-1610(c) - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 600 Delegate Kramer, et al**PUBLIC HEALTH – USE OF MEDICAL OXYGEN IN RESIDENTIAL DWELLINGS – SMOKING AND OPEN FLAME RESTRICTIONS**

Prohibiting an individual from lighting or smoking specified matters or substances that contain tobacco in a room of a residential dwelling in which medical oxygen is being used and within a specified number of feet of a specified room of a specified residential dwelling; prohibiting an individual from having an open flame in a room of a residential dwelling in which medical oxygen is being used and within a specified number of feet of a specified room of a specified residential dwelling; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

HG, §§ 24-1501 through 24-1505 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 601 Delegate Kramer, et al**SENIOR CALL–CHECK SERVICE AND NOTIFICATION PROGRAM – ESTABLISHMENT**

Altering the purpose of and programs to be funded by the Universal Service Trust Fund; requiring the Secretary of Information Technology to certify specified information; requiring the Public Service Commission to determine the amount of a specified monthly surcharge; authorizing the Legislative Auditor to conduct specified postaudits for a specified additional purpose; establishing the Senior Call–Check Service and Notification Program; providing a mechanism for the funding of the Program; etc.

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

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2017

SF, § 3A-506 - amended and §§ 3A-701 and 3A-702 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 602 Delegate Robinson, et al**KEEP ANTIBIOTICS EFFECTIVE ACT OF 2017**

Prohibiting a specified owner of cattle, swine, or poultry from administering or authorizing an agent to administer specified antimicrobial drugs in specified cattle, swine, and poultry without an antimicrobial drug prescription or a veterinary feed directive issued by a licensed veterinarian in accordance with specified conditions; requiring an owner to submit to the State Department of Agriculture a copy of an antimicrobial drug prescription or a veterinary feed directive in a specified manner; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

AG, §§ 3-1001 through 3-1006 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 603 Delegate Parrott, et al**VEHICLE LAWS – PROOF OF INSURANCE FOR MOTOR VEHICLES REGISTERED IN ANOTHER STATE**

Prohibiting a person from operating or allowing to be operated a motor vehicle registered in another state if the person knows or has reason to know that the motor vehicle does not have a valid motor vehicle insurance policy; and prohibiting a person from willfully and knowingly providing false proof of insurance for a motor vehicle registered in another state.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

TR, §§ 17-107(a) and 17-110 - amended and § 17-107(d) - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 604 Delegate Sydnor, et al**COURTS AND JUDICIAL PROCEEDINGS – VENUE – HEALTH CARE**

Specifying the venue for the purposes of specified health care proceedings is the county where an alleged negligent act or omission occurred.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

CJ, § 6-203(f) - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 605 Washington County Delegation**PENMAR DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION – DISSOLUTION – AUTHORITY OF WASHINGTON COUNTY OVER FORT RITCHIE**

Repealing specified provisions of law relating to the PenMar Development Corporation, its board of directors, and its powers to develop, manage, and control Fort Ritchie; transferring specified remaining real and personal property interests, along with specified contracts, leases, and liabilities from the Corporation to the Board of County Commissioners for Washington County; requiring any party that has an issue with the transfer from the Corporation to the Board to refer to the memorandum of understanding; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

EC, § 11-301(b) - amended and §§ 11-501 through 11-520 - repealed

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 606 Delegate Valentino-Smith, et al**HORSE RACING – BOWIE RACE COURSE TRAINING CENTER – STATE PURCHASE OR CONDEMNATION**

Authorizing the State to acquire, by purchase or condemnation for public use with just compensation, private property relating to the Bowie Race Course Training Center if the owner of the Bowie Race Course Training Center does not meet specified requirements of law; and requiring that all proceedings for condemnation for public use or private property as authorized under this Act are to be in accordance with specified provisions of law and specified rules of procedure.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

BR, § 11-521 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 607 Delegate Parrott, et al**REAL PROPERTY – VACANT AND ABANDONED PROPERTY – EXPEDITED FORECLOSURE**

Authorizing a secured party to petition the circuit court for leave to immediately commence an action to foreclose the mortgage or deed of trust on specified vacant and abandoned property; authorizing a county, municipal corporation, homeowners association, or condominium to notify a secured party of any vacant and abandoned property located in the county, municipal corporation, homeowners association, or condominium in a specified manner; specifying the contents of a specified notice; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

RP, § 7-105.1(b) - amended and § 7-105.14 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 608 Delegate Parrott, et al**CRIMINAL LAW – CRIMES AGAINST PROPERTY – RIGHT TO DEFEND PROPERTY**

Establishing that an occupant of a dwelling is justified in using any degree of physical force against another person when the other person has made an unlawful entry into the dwelling, and when the occupant has a reasonable belief that the other person has committed a crime in the dwelling in addition to the unlawful entry or is committing or intends to commit a crime against a person or property in addition to the unlawful entry; establishing that a person acting in accordance with the Act is immune from specified criminal prosecution; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

CR, § 3-209 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 609 Delegate Queen, et al**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – MONTGOMERY COUNTY – GOOD HOPE LOCAL PARK**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$125,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Maryland–National Capital Park and Planning Commission for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of Good Hope Local Park, 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, 2017

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 610 Delegate Impallaria, et al**PUBLIC SAFETY – HANDGUN PERMIT – APPLICANT QUALIFICATIONS**

Repealing the requirement that the Secretary of State Police find that a person has a good and substantial reason to carry, wear, or transport a handgun before issuing a handgun permit to the person.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

PS, § 5-306 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 611 Delegate Impallaria, et al**HANDGUNS – SCHOOL EMPLOYEES – HANDGUN PERMITS AND CARRYING WEAPONS ON SCHOOL PROPERTY**

Authorizing a county board to authorize school employees in the county board's school system to carry a handgun on school property under specified circumstances; requiring the Secretary of State Police to issue a handgun permit to a person who is otherwise qualified and who is a school employee in a specified school system; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

CR, § 4-102 and PS, § 5-306 - amended and ED, § 3-104(c) - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 612 Delegate Impallaria, et al**CRIMINAL LAW – DISTRIBUTION OF HEROIN OR FENTANYL RESULTING IN DEATH**

Prohibiting a person from distributing heroin or fentanyl, the use of which is a contributing cause of the death of another; establishing penalties for a violation of the Act of up to 30 years in prison; providing that it is not a defense that the defendant did not directly distribute the heroin or fentanyl to the decedent; establishing a specified immunity; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

CR, § 5-602.1 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 613 Delegate Hettleman, et al**PHARMACISTS – CONTRACEPTIVES – PRESCRIBING AND DISPENSING**

Authorizing a pharmacist who meets the requirements of State Board of Pharmacy regulations to prescribe and dispense specified contraceptives; requiring the Board to adopt regulations establishing the conditions under which pharmacists may prescribe and dispense contraceptives; establishing requirements for the regulations; requiring the Maryland Medical Assistance Program and the Maryland Children's Health Program to provide coverage for contraceptive services rendered by a licensed pharmacist to a specified extent; etc.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2018

HG, § 15-148(c), HO, § 12-511, and IN, § 15-716 - added and HO, § 12-101(u) - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 614 Delegate Hettleman, et al**STATE PERSONNEL – EMPLOYEES IN THE SAME CLASSIFICATION – PAY RATES**

Requiring that when an appointing authority of a unit in the State Personnel Management System appoints an employee to a position in the skilled service or the professional service, the Secretary of Budget and Management shall require that the pay rate of each incumbent employee in the unit who is in the same classification as, and has a pay rate lower than, the newly appointed employee be adjusted to equal the pay rate of the newly appointed employee; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

SP, § 8-106(c) - added and TR, § 2-103.4(g) - amended

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 615 Delegate Healey, et al**BUSINESS RELIEF AND TAX FAIRNESS ACT OF 2017**

Prohibiting the State Department of Assessments and Taxation from imposing a fee for the filing of specified documents by corporations or business entities with 10 or fewer employees; requiring specified corporations to compute Maryland taxable income using a specified combined reporting method; requiring, subject to specified regulations, specified groups of corporations to file a combined income tax return reflecting the aggregate income tax liability of all the members of the group; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

CA, § 1-203(b)(3)(ii) and TG, § 10-811 - amended and TG, §§ 10-402.1 and 10-402.2 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 616 Delegate Atterbeary, et al**EDUCATION – PREGNANT AND PARENTING STUDENTS – ATTENDANCE POLICY**

Specifying that a student's absence from school due to the student's pregnancy or parenting needs is a lawful absence; requiring each county board of education to develop a written attendance policy for pregnant and parenting students that meets specified requirements; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

ED, § 7-301.1 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 617 Delegate Healey, et al**NATURAL RESOURCES – FOREST CONSERVATION ACT – FOREST CONSERVATION THRESHOLDS AND REFORESTATION REQUIREMENTS**

Clarifying that units of local government with planning and zoning authority may adopt specified forest conservation thresholds and reforestation requirements that are more stringent than specified forest conservation thresholds and reforestation requirements in State law.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2017

NR, § 5-1606 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 618 Delegate Hornberger, et al**VITAL RECORDS – BIRTH, DEATH, AND FETAL DEATH CERTIFICATES – FEES**

Limiting the circumstances under which a fee may be collected by the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene or a local health department for a birth, death, or fetal death certificate requested by an agency of the State or any of its political subdivisions.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

HG, § 4-217(c)(4) - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 619 Delegate Hornberger, et al**ELECTION LAW – CAMPAIGN SIGNS AT POLLING PLACES**

Altering the time period during which campaign signs shall be allowed on the premises of polling places for an election.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

EL, § 10-101(a) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 620 Delegate Hornberger, et al**STATE GOVERNMENT – TOLL-FREE CALLING TO UNITS – REPEAL**

Repealing the requirement that each unit of State government install and maintain a means of toll-free telephone communication for the purpose of conducting official State business; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

SG, §§ 10-1201 through 10-1203 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 621 Cecil County Delegation**CECIL COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION – MEMBERS – SALARY**

Altering the amount of compensation of the president and other voting members of the Cecil County Board of Education to be not less than \$5,000 each annually, as determined by the County Council of Cecil County; providing that the Act does not apply to the compensation of the president or other voting members of the board during a term of office beginning before the effective date of the Act; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

ED, § 3-4A-04 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 622 Delegate Carr, et al**POTOMAC COMPACT FOR FAIR REPRESENTATION**

Establishing the Potomac Compact for Fair Representation; providing that a party state is not required to comply with the Compact under specified circumstances; establishing the Independent Congressional Districting Commission; requiring the Commission to consider the adoption of a specified congressional districting plan for a party state, draw and adopt a specified congressional districting plan for a party state before a specified deadline, operate in a specified manner, and solicit public feedback; etc.

CONTINGENT – EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

EL, §§ 8-6A-01 through 8-6A-06 - added and § 8-701 - amended

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

HB 623 Delegate Hornberger, et al**HIGHER EDUCATION – SENATORIAL AND DELEGATE SCHOLARSHIPS – REIMBURSEMENT OF CERTIFICATE AND LICENSE PROGRAMS**

Authorizing the use of a senatorial or delegate scholarship for the reimbursement of students who are, or were within the last 2 years, enrolled in a certificate or license program at a community college; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

ED, §§ 18-402(a), 18-405(a), 18-406, and 18-506 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 624 Delegate S. Howard, et al**ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – ADMISSIONS AND AMUSEMENT TAX – EXEMPTION – AGRICULTURAL TOURISM**

Authorizing Anne Arundel County or a municipal corporation in Anne Arundel County to exempt from the admissions and amusement tax gross receipts from any admissions and amusement charges for any activities related to agricultural tourism.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

TG, § 4-104(g) - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 625 Delegate Carozza, et al**CRIMINAL LAW – ANIMAL ABUSE – PENALTIES AND RESTITUTION**

Prohibiting a person from committing specified abusive acts involving 10 or more animals; establishing penalties of up to \$2,500 or up to 3 years imprisonment for violation of the Act; authorizing a court to order a person convicted or found to have committed a delinquent act to pay restitution to specified entities for expenses incurred as a result of the violation; authorizing a court to order a minor convicted or found delinquent under the Act, the minor's parent, or both to pay specified restitution under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

CR, §§ 10-604 and 10-606 - amended and CP, § 5-201(c) - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 626 Delegate Gilchrist, et al**AGRICULTURE – ANIMAL SHELTERS – PROTOCOL IMPLEMENTATION AND ENFORCEMENT**

Requiring an animal shelter to follow a specified written veterinary care protocol for dogs and cats and a specified written protocol for reclaiming animals; and requiring the Department of Agriculture to adopt specified regulations on or before January 1, 2018.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2017

AG, §§ 2-1703 and 2-1704 - amended and § 2-1706 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 627 Delegate C. Howard, et al**MOTOR FUEL TAX REFUND – DEMAND RESPONSE TRIPS**

Adding vehicles used to provide demand response services to those vehicles that qualify for a specified motor fuel tax refund.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

TG, §§ 13-101 and 13-901(f) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 628 Delegates Barron and West**SECRETARIES OF PRINCIPAL DEPARTMENTS – SUPERVISION AND REVIEW OF DECISIONS AND ACTIONS BY UNITS WITHIN DEPARTMENTS**

Requiring the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene to adopt regulations for the supervision of, and the secretary of each principal department to supervise, each unit that is composed of individuals participating in the occupation or profession regulated by the unit in order to prevent anticompetitive actions and to determine whether the actions further a clearly articulated State policy to displace competition; requiring the Office of Administrative Hearings to perform a specified review; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2017

HO, § 1-203 and SG, § 8-205(b) - amended and SG, § 8-205.1 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 629 Cecil County Delegation**CECIL COUNTY – ORPHANS’ COURT JUDGES – TRAVEL EXPENSE ALLOWANCE**

Increasing the allowance for traveling expenses for the judges of the Orphans’ Court for Cecil County from \$780 to \$1,500; and specifying that the allowance is to be paid by the county.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

ET, § 2-108(a) and (i) - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 630 Delegate Grammer, et al**EDUCATION – ON–THE–JOB PILOT PROGRAM**

Establishing the On–the–Job pilot program for high school students; exempting a student enrolled in the pilot program from a provision of law concerning compulsory school attendance; specifying the purpose of the pilot program; requiring the State Department of Education and the Baltimore County Board of Education to implement and administer the pilot program in legislative district 6; requiring a student enrolled in the pilot program to complete specified training and employment; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

ED, § 7-301(a) - amended and §§ 7-1201 through 7-1207 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 631 The Speaker (By Request – Office of the Attorney General), et al

PUBLIC HEALTH – ESSENTIAL GENERIC DRUGS – PRICE GOUGING
– PROHIBITION

Prohibiting a manufacturer or wholesale distributor from engaging in price gouging in the sale of an essential generic drug; requiring the Maryland Medical Assistance Program to notify the manufacturer of an essential generic drug and the Attorney General of a specified increase in the price of the essential generic drug under specified circumstances; requiring a manufacturer of an essential generic drug to submit a specified statement to the Attorney General within 20 days after receipt of a specified notice; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

HG, §§ 2-801 through 2-803 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations and Economic Matters

HB 632 The Speaker (By Request – Administration), et al

CHILD ABUSE – SEX TRAFFICKING (PROTECTING VICTIMS OF SEX
TRAFFICKING ACT OF 2017)

Altering the definition of “sexual abuse” in provisions of law relating to child abuse to include the sex trafficking of a child; defining the terms “sexual molestation or exploitation” and “sex trafficking” in provisions of law relating to child abuse; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

FL, § 5-701(x) - added and § 5-701(x) and (y) - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HOUSE BILLS REASSIGNED JANUARY 27, 2017**HB 267 Delegate B. Wilson, et al**

PROGRAM OPEN SPACE – AUTHORIZED TRANSFER TO THE
MARYLAND HERITAGE AREAS AUTHORITY FINANCING FUND –
INCREASE

Increasing from \$3,000,000 to \$6,000,000 the maximum amount that may be transferred, in the State budget or through a specified budget amendment process, to the Maryland Heritage Areas Authority Financing Fund from funds that are distributed to Program Open Space.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

NR, § 5-903(a)(1) - amended

Reassigned to: Appropriations

HB 457 Charles County Delegation**CHARLES COUNTY – STATE’S ATTORNEY’S OFFICE AND CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT ADMINISTRATION – TRANSFER OF PERSONNEL**

Transferring the Child Support Unit of the Office of the State’s Attorney for Charles County to the Child Support Enforcement Administration of the Department of Human Resources; requiring that the employees be transferred in accordance with specified provisions of law; requiring that specified transferred employees be given credit with the State for years of county employment for the purposes of determining specified retirement eligibility and also be subject to specified benefit selections in the Employees’ Pension System; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

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