



SYNOPSIS

House Bills and Joint Resolutions
2017 Maryland General Assembly Session

February 2, 2017
Schedule 14

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 FEBRUARY 2, 2017

HB 704 Delegate Vogt, et al

EDUCATION – IDENTITY PROTECTION AND CREDIT MONITORING SERVICES (STUDENT IDENTITY PROTECTION ACT)

Requiring the State Board of Education to provide identity protection and credit monitoring services for at least 5 years for current and former students whose personal information has been compromised by a breach of a public school's or a local school system's computer network in violation of a specified provision of law; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

ED, § 2-208 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

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HB 705 Delegate Vogt, et al**EDUCATION – PARCC TESTING – CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES
(BEN’S RULE)**

Authorizing a parent or guardian of a child with a disability who is nonverbal to refuse to allow the child to participate in a Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) assessment or its equivalent in a public school; and requiring that the refusal be documented in the Individualized Education Program of the child.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

ED, § 7-203 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 706 Delegate Vogt, et al**GENERAL ASSEMBLY – LIMITATION OF TERMS**

Limiting the number of consecutive terms as either a Senator or a Delegate to which a person may be elected to three; limiting the total number of terms as a member of the General Assembly to which a person may be elected to five, whether or not the terms are served consecutively; specifying how service for a specified partial term shall be considered for purposes of the term limits; and submitting the amendment to the qualified voters of the State for their adoption or rejection.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT – CONTINGENT

Maryland Constitution, Art. III, § 6 - amended

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

HB 707 Delegate Moon, et al**ELECTION LAW – POLITICAL PARTY – RETENTION OF STATUS**

Altering to 10,000 the number of registered voters in the State that must be affiliated with a political party as of December 31 each year in order for the political party to retain its status.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

EL, § 4-103 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 708 Delegate Walker

STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION – LACROSSE OPPORTUNITIES PROGRAM – YOUTH LACROSSE NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS

Authorizing a youth lacrosse nonprofit organization to submit an application for a grant under the Lacrosse Opportunities Program; requiring the State Superintendent of Schools or the State Superintendent's designee to provide grants to eligible youth lacrosse nonprofit organizations with programs that will increase opportunities for minority students to participate in lacrosse; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

ED, § 2-305 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 709 Charles County Delegation

CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – CHARLES COUNTY – FARMING 4 HUNGER COMMUNITY AGRICULTURAL FACILITY

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$75,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of Farming 4 Hunger, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of a community agricultural facility at the Thomas L. Hance Life Share Building, located in Charles 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 710 Charles County Delegation

CHARLES COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – ALCOHOL AWARENESS CERTIFICATION

Requiring in Charles County an alcoholic beverages license holder or an individual designated by the license holder who is employed in a supervisory capacity to be certified by an approved alcohol awareness program and to be present on the licensed premises at all times when alcoholic beverages may be sold; providing a penalty of \$100 for a first violation of the Act; and providing, for each subsequent offense, a penalty of \$500 or a suspension or revocation of the license or both.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

AB, § 18-1901 - amended and § 18-1902.1 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 711 Delegate McKay**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – WASHINGTON COUNTY – WILLIAMSPORT AMERICAN LEGION POST 202 WORLD WAR II MONUMENT**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$65,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Potomac Post No. 202, The American Legion, Incorporated for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of a World War II monument for the Williamsport American Legion Post 202, located in Washington County; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2017

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 712 Charles County Delegation**CHARLES COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – SELLING TO UNDERAGE INDIVIDUAL – PENALTIES**

Altering the penalty from a \$750 fine to a fine that is to be determined by the Board of License Commissioners for Charles County and may be imposed on a license holder or an employee of a license holder who violates as a first offense the prohibition against selling or providing alcoholic beverages to an individual under the age of 21 years.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

AB, § 18-2702 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 713 Chair, Ways and Means Committee (By Request – Departmental – Transportation)**SALES AND USE TAX – LIGHT RAIL VEHICLES – EXEMPTION**

Providing an exemption from the sales and use tax for the sale of light rail transit vehicles and related equipment if the vehicles will be used to provide service on the Purple Line in Montgomery County and Prince George's County.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

TG, § 11-233 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 714 Delegate Clark, et al**CORPORATIONS AND ASSOCIATIONS – FEE FOR PROCESSING ARTICLES OF DISSOLUTION – REPEAL**

Repealing the nonrefundable \$100 fee charged by the State Department of Assessments and Taxation for processing articles of dissolution filed by specified business entities with the Department.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

CA, § 1-203(b)(1) - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 715 Chair, Ways and Means Committee (By Request – Departmental – Education)**INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION – TEACHER PREPARATION PROGRAMS – ACCREDITATION AND APPROVAL**

Authorizing the State Department of Education to approve a program of undergraduate or graduate studies offered by an institution of higher education in the State that would certify a recipient to teach, in addition to approval of the program by the Maryland Higher Education Commission and in lieu of national accreditation; requiring the Department and the Commission to jointly agree on specified standards; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2017

ED, § 11-208 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 716 Delegate Beidle, 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 councilmanic districts and at large; altering the membership, purpose, and duties of the renamed School Board Appointment Commission of Anne Arundel County; providing for the term of office of a specified member of the Commission; repealing the Commission on November 1, 2020; providing for the expiration of the terms of specified appointed members of the county board; etc.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

ED, §§ 3-108(a), 3-110, 3-114(a), 3-2A-03(c), and 3-2B-01(b)(2) - amended and Various Sections - added and repealed

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 717 Chair, Appropriations Committee (By Request – Departmental – University System of Maryland)

ACADEMIC FACILITIES BONDING AUTHORITY

Approving specified projects for the acquisition, development, and improvement of specified academic facilities for the University System of Maryland; authorizing the University System of Maryland to issue bonds in a total principal amount of \$17,000,000 to finance and refinance specified renewal projects; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2017

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 718 Delegate Carey

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS – QUALIFICATIONS OF DIRECTORS OF COMMERCIAL BANKS – RESIDENCY

Decreasing from a majority to at least 30% the percentage of the directors of a commercial bank who are required to be residents of the State.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

FI, § 3-403 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 719 Delegate Conaway, et al

CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – BALTIMORE CITY – LE MONDO

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 Le Mondo Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of buildings for the Le Mondo arts collective, 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 720 Charles County Delegation**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – CHARLES COUNTY – SOUTHERN MARYLAND CAROUSEL**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$180,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Southern Maryland Carousel Group, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of the Southern Maryland Carousel project, located in Charles 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 721 Delegate Dumais**JUVENILE SERVICES – SERVICES AND PROGRAMS FOR FEMALES**

Requiring the Department of Juvenile Services to serve children in the juvenile services system with programming that provides females with services and programs substantially equivalent to those offered to males.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

HU, § 9-238.1 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 722 Delegate Dumais**ESTATES AND TRUSTS – ELECTIVE SHARE OF SURVIVING SPOUSE**

Repealing specified provisions of law relating to a surviving spouse making an election to take a specified share of the net estate of the decedent instead of the property left to the surviving spouse under the will; providing that a surviving spouse may take a specified elective share amount of a specified augmented estate; establishing the priority to be used in determining the sources from which a specified elective share amount is payable; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

ET, Various Sections - amended, §§ 3-203 through 3-208 - repealed, and §§ 3-401 through 3-411 and 14.5-605 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 723 Delegate Queen, et al**INMATES – LIFE IMPRISONMENT – PAROLE REFORM**

Repealing specified provisions that provide that inmates serving a term of life imprisonment may be paroled only with the Governor's approval, subject to specified provisions, requiring specified parole decisions to be transmitted to the Governor under specified circumstances, authorizing the Governor to disapprove specified parole decisions in a specified manner, providing that if the Governor does not disapprove a specified parole decision in a specified manner within a specified time period, the decision becomes effective; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

CS, §§ 4-305(b) and 7-301(d) - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 724 Delegates Kramer and Hill**CIRCUIT COURT JUDGES – ELECTION**

Proposing an amendment to the Maryland Constitution relating to the selection and tenure of circuit court judges; altering the method of filling vacancies in the office of a judge of a circuit court; providing for retention elections following an appointment to fill a vacancy in the office of a judge of a circuit court; providing for a transitional period under which the terms of specified amendments are to become effective; submitting the amendment to the qualified voters of the State for their adoption or rejection; etc.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT – CONTINGENT

Maryland Constitution, Art. IV, §§ 3, 5, 5A, and 11 - amended and Art. XVIII, § 6 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary and Ways and Means

HB 725 Delegate Cullison**STATE BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS – DEATH OF A LICENSED DENTIST – OWNERSHIP OF A DENTAL PRACTICE**

Authorizing, under specified circumstances, an heir or a personal representative of a deceased licensed dentist who was the owner of a dental practice to serve as an owner of the dental practice for no more than 1 year after the death of the licensed dentist; requiring that all patient care be provided by specified individuals in accordance with specified scopes of practice during the temporary ownership of a dental practice by an heir or a representative of a deceased licensed dentist; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

HO, § 4-301 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 726 Delegate Kipke**OFFICE OF CEMETERY OVERSIGHT – CEMETERY FINANCIAL STATEMENT – REQUIREMENTS**

Requiring a specified financial statement required to be submitted by a specified cemetery to the Director of the Office of Cemetery Oversight to contain a balance sheet from the most recent federal tax return filed by the business, or on a form specified by the Director; and repealing the requirement that a specified financial statement contain a specified statement by a certified public accountant and a review of the financial stability of the cemetery by a certified public accountant.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

BR, § 5-304 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 727 Delegate Kipke**DENTAL HYGIENIST – SCOPE OF PRACTICE – AUTHORITY TO PRACTICE UNDER GENERAL SUPERVISION OF LICENSED DENTIST**

Altering a specified provision of law to provide that a general license to practice dental hygiene authorizes the licensee to practice dental hygiene under the general supervision of a licensed dentist in specified facilities with dentally underserved populations, rather than only in a long-term care facility; altering the requirements that a dental hygienist is required to meet before being authorized to practice dental hygiene under the general supervision of a licensed dentist in specified facilities; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

HO, § 4-308(m) - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 728 Delegate Arentz, et al**SALES AND USE TAX – TAX-FREE PERIOD FOR BACK-TO-SCHOOL SHOPPING – EXTENSION**

Extending from 7 to 9 days a specified annual period in August for back-to-school shopping during which a specified sales and use tax exemption applies to specified clothing or footwear.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

TG, § 11-228 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 729 Delegate Arentz, et al**QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES INSPECTORS – QUALIFICATIONS, POWERS, AND DUTIES**

Specifying that an alcoholic beverages inspector in Queen Anne's County or any member of the inspector's immediate family may not have a personal or financial interest, directly or indirectly, in a license, license holder, or licensed premises; specifying the powers and duties of an alcoholic beverages inspector in Queen Anne's County; requiring the Queen Anne's County Office of the Sheriff to enforce specified violations; providing that an inspector has no power of arrest; and requiring an inspector to take a specified oath.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

AB, § 27-205 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 730 Delegate Hill (By Request), et al**HEALTH INSURANCE – COVERAGE FOR DIABETES TEST STRIPS – PROHIBITION ON DEDUCTIBLE, COPAYMENT, AND COINSURANCE**

Prohibiting specified insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations from imposing a deductible, copayment, or coinsurance requirement on diabetes test strips; applying the Act to all policies, contracts, and health benefit plans issued, delivered, or renewed in the State on or after October 1, 2017; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

IN, § 15-822 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 731 Delegate Haynes**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – BALTIMORE CITY – COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT AND WELLNESS CENTER**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt in the amount of \$500,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Bethel Outreach Center, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of the Community Empowerment and Wellness Center, 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 732 Delegate Cullison, et al**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – MONTGOMERY COUNTY – YOUNG ISRAEL SHOMRAI EMUNAH SOCIAL HALL**

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 Young Israel Shomrai Emunah of Greater Washington for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of the Young Israel Shomrai Emunah Social Hall, 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 733 Delegate Busch**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – MARYLAND HALL FOR THE CREATIVE ARTS**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt in the amount of \$250,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Maryland Hall for the Creative Arts, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of the Maryland Hall for the Creative Arts facility, located in Anne Arundel County; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2017

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 734 Delegates Busch and S. Howard**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – HOT SOX PARK**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$200,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the County Executive and County Council of Anne Arundel County for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of the historic Hot Sox Park, 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 735 Delegate Malone, et al**ESTATES AND TRUSTS – SHARE OF INTESTATE ESTATE INHERITED BY SURVIVING SPOUSE**

Increasing the share of the intestate estate of a decedent inherited by a surviving spouse under specified circumstances from the first \$15,000 to the first \$100,000 plus one-half of the residue.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

ET, § 3-102 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 736 Delegate West, et al**WORKGROUP TO RECOMMEND POSSIBLE REFORMS TO MARYLAND'S HEALTH CARE SYSTEM**

Requiring the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene, under specified circumstances, to convene a workgroup to recommend possible reforms to the State's health care system; requiring that the workgroup include specified individuals; requiring the workgroup, under specified circumstances, to study and assess specified matters and make specified recommendations; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 737 Delegate B. Wilson**CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – CHILD PORNOGRAPHY – DISCOVERY EXCEPTION**

Prohibiting the reproduction of specified obscene material in a prosecution for specified child pornography charges; requiring the State to make specified material available for a specified defendant to review; requiring the State to produce redacted copies of specified material under specified circumstances; requiring the State to produce metadata of specified material under specified circumstances; clarifying that a specified defendant is not entitled during discovery to specified material; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

CP, § 11-206 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 738 Delegate B. Wilson

CRIMINAL LAW – SEX OFFENSES – OUT-OF-STATE CONVICTIONS

Providing that a specified conviction from another state or a federal, military, or Native American tribal court may serve as a predicate crime for a specified enhanced penalty for repeat sex offenders.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

CR, § 3-313 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 739 Delegate Moon, et al

PUBLIC SAFETY – SWAT TEAMS – REPORTING AND LIMITATIONS

Requiring the Maryland Police Training and Standards Commission to adopt a specified set of standards for the training and deployment of SWAT teams in the State; requiring, on or before April 1, 2018, and on or before April 1 each following year, a law enforcement agency that maintains a SWAT team to report specified information to the Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention using a standardized format; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

PS, §§ 3-801 through 3-803 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 740 Delegate Angel, et al

PRESIDENT JIMMY CARTER CANCER TREATMENT ACCESS ACT

Prohibiting a specified insurer, nonprofit health service plan, or health maintenance organization from imposing a step therapy or fail-first protocol on an insured or an enrollee for a specified prescription drug used in the treatment of a specified cancer under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

IN, § 15-142 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 741 Delegate Turner, et al**ELECTION LAW – AUTOMATIC VOTER REGISTRATION**

Redesignating electronic voter registration agencies as automatic voter registration agencies; requiring automatic voter registration agencies to inform an applicant completing an applicable transaction that the applicant shall be registered to vote or shall have a voter registration record updated unless the applicant declines to register to vote or update a voter registration record or is determined not to be eligible to register to vote; etc.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2018

EL, §§ 3-203, 3-204.2, and 16-101 - amended and § 3-204.3 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 742 Delegate W. Miller**ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – CLASS 4 LIMITED WINERY LICENSES**

Authorizing the issuance of a Class 4 limited winery license for use only at a location that has as its principal purpose the production of wine by the license holder; and prohibiting a local licensing board from issuing any class of retail license to a license holder or any entity in which the license holder holds a direct or indirect interest.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

AB, § 2-206(e), (f), (g), and (h) - amended and § 2-206(f) - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 743 Delegate Barve, et al**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – MONTGOMERY COUNTY –
CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION SITE**

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 Gaithersburg for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of the former Consumer Product Safety Commission site, 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 744 Delegates Kramer and West**CORPORATIONS – MARYLAND GENERAL CORPORATION LAW – MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS**

Altering specified requirements for the resident agent of a Maryland corporation, a limited partnership, and a Maryland statutory trust; prohibiting the charter or bylaws of a corporation from imposing liability on a specified stockholder for the attorney's fees or expenses of the corporation or any other party in connection with an internal corporate claim; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

CA, Various Sections - added and amended and CJ, § 6-102.1 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 745 Delegate Hayes, et al**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – BALTIMORE CITY – GARRETT–JACOBS MANSION**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$200,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Trustees of the Garrett–Jacobs Mansion Endowment Fund, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of the Garrett–Jacobs Mansion, 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 746 Delegate M. Washington**PUBLIC SCHOOL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD – ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT – REVISIONS**

Requiring the Attorney General to assign an assistant Attorney General to provide legal services to the Public School Labor Relations Board, the Higher Education Labor Relations Board, and the State Labor Relations Board; requiring the chair of the Public School Labor Relations Board to be a specified member of that Board; providing that, in connection with the Board's administration and enforcement of provisions of law, references to written communications include electronic communications; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

ED, §§ 6-401(b-1) and 6-501(c-1) - added and §§ 6-803(c), 6-805, and 6-806 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 747 Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee (By Request – Departmental – Health and Mental Hygiene)

PUBLIC HEALTH – CIGARETTE RESTITUTION FUND PROGRAMS – MODIFICATIONS

Altering specified information measured by the Baseline Tobacco Study; requiring a local health officer to identify a specified coalition and to identify specified programs, evaluate the effectiveness of specified programs, and develop a specified plan with the assistance of a specified coalition before applying for specified grants; requiring a specified plan to include a list of members of a specified coalition; requiring a local health officer, in consultation with a specified coalition, to update a specified plan; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

HG, Various Sections - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 748 The Speaker (By Request – Administration), et al

STATE RETIREMENT CHOICE FOR THE 21ST CENTURY WORKFORCE

Establishing the State Retirement Choice Plan; authorizing specified individuals who are employed by specified participating employers on or after July 1, 2018, to become members of the State Retirement Choice Plan; prohibiting specified individuals from electing to participate in the State Retirement Choice Plan; requiring specified individuals to be enrolled in the Employees' Pension System if a specified election is not made; requiring the Board of Trustees for the State Retirement and Pension System to adopt regulations; etc.

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

SP, §§ 2-509.2 and 33-101 through 33-206 - added and § 23-201 - amended

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 749 Delegate Malone, et al**FAMILY LAW – DIVORCE – OWNERSHIP OF A PET**

Authorizing a court that grants an annulment or a limited or absolute divorce to grant a decree regarding ownership of a pet under specified circumstances; prohibiting the court from ordering either party to make any payment for maintenance or other expenses of the pet to the other party under specified circumstances; specifying that the party in possession of the pet has all of the rights, responsibilities, and liabilities associated with pet ownership; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

FL, § 8-202.1 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 750 Delegate Long, et al**BALTIMORE COUNTY – PROPERTY TAX CREDIT – FALLEN OR DISABLED LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS AND RESCUE WORKERS – ACQUISITION OF DWELLING**

Altering eligibility for a specified credit against the county or municipal corporation property tax imposed on specified residential property in Baltimore County to include property owned or acquired by a cohabitant of a fallen law enforcement officer or rescue worker; altering the time period within which a disabled law enforcement officer or rescue worker, or the cohabitant or surviving spouse of a fallen officer or rescue worker, shall have acquired specified property in Baltimore County in order to qualify for the credit; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2017

TP, § 9-210 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 751 Delegate Long**BALTIMORE COUNTY – PROPERTY TAX – HOMEOWNERS’
PROPERTY TAX CREDIT SUPPLEMENT**

Requiring the governing body of Baltimore County to grant a specified property tax credit to supplement the State homeowners’ property tax credit; providing for the calculation of the credit; prohibiting the county from granting the credit under specified circumstances; providing that the State Department of Assessments and Taxation is responsible for specified administrative duties with respect to the credit; requiring the county to reimburse the Department for the reasonable cost of administering the property tax credit; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2017

TP, § 9-215(a) - amended and § 9-305(f) - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 752 Delegate Kelly**DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES – PUBLIC ASSISTANCE
ELIGIBILITY – FINANCIAL RECORDS**

Requiring the Department of Human Resources, on a showing by an applicant that the applicant has been unable to obtain from a specified fiduciary institution financial records necessary to establish the applicant’s eligibility or ineligibility for public assistance, to request and obtain the records.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

HU, § 5-604 - amended

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 753 Delegate West, et al**MARYLAND TRUST ACT – REPRESENTATIVES OF BENEFICIARIES**

Authorizing a settlor of a trust to designate specified persons to serve as a representative or successor representative of a beneficiary of the trust, to designate specified persons who may in turn designate a representative or successor representative of a beneficiary of the trust, and to specify the order of priority among those persons; prohibiting a trustee from serving as a representative of a specified beneficiary under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

ET, § 14.5-105 - amended and § 14.5-306 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 754 Delegates West and Lierman**MARYLAND TRUST ACT – NOTICE AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS – EXEMPTIONS**

Exempting specified persons from specified requirements under the Maryland Trust Act to provide specified notice and specified information to themselves.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

ET, §§ 14.5-109 and 14.5-813 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 755 Delegate Moon, et al**CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – CORAM NOBIS – TIME FOR FILING**

Providing that, unless good cause is shown, a petition for writ of error coram nobis may not be filed more than 3 years after the petitioner knew or should have known that the petitioner faces a significant collateral consequence from the conviction that is the basis for the petition.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

CP, § 8-401 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 756 Delegate Stein**VEHICLE LAWS – ANNUAL VEHICLE SHOWS**

Exempting a motorcycle dealer and a salesman employed by the dealer from restrictions on the number of annual vehicle shows in which the dealer or salesman may participate; creating an exception for motorcycle shows to the general requirement that vehicle shows offer only new vehicles; modifying a specified requirement that an application to the Motor Vehicle Administration to participate in a vehicle show include the names and addresses of all participating dealers; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

TR, § 15-304(c), (d), and (e) - amended and § 15-304(f) - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 757 Delegate Dumais**EVIDENCE – VIOLATION OF IGNITION INTERLOCK SYSTEM REQUIREMENT**

Providing for the admissibility of a specified report of an approved service provider in a criminal proceeding to prove a violation of a specified requirement imposed by a court that the defendant use an ignition interlock system; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

CJ, § 10-313 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 758 Delegate Beitzel**GARRETT COUNTY – PAYMENT TO RESCUE SQUADS – REPEAL**

Repealing from the Public Local Laws of Garrett County specified provisions of law relating to specified payments to rescue squads by the Board of County Commissioners of Garrett County.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

PLL of Garrett Co, Art. 12, § 35.05 - repealed

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 759 Delegates Kramer and West**CORPORATIONS – FORMATION OF A HOLDING COMPANY BY MERGER**

Establishing a process for the formation of a specified holding company through the merger of a Maryland parent corporation with or into a specified wholly owned subsidiary of the Maryland parent corporation; providing that a vote of the stockholders of the parent corporation is not necessary to authorize the merger except under specified circumstances; requiring that the merger be approved by a majority of the entire board of directors of the parent corporation; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

CA, § 3-106.2 - added and § 8-501.1(c) - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 760 Delegate Arentz, et al**STATE REAL ESTATE COMMISSION – REAL ESTATE BROKERAGE SERVICES – DUTIES AND OBLIGATIONS**

Specifying that a licensee of the State Real Estate Commission does not breach a duty or obligation to a client by showing a lessee other available properties or by discussing other properties with prospective buyers or lessees during an open house if the licensee has the written consent of the seller or lessor to do so.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

BOP, § 17-532(d) - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 761 Montgomery County Delegation**MONTGOMERY COUNTY – DEMOCRATIC PARTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE – MEMBERSHIP – GENDER REQUIREMENTS MC 27–17**

Altering provisions concerning the membership of the Montgomery County Democratic Party Central Committee; requiring the central committee to be composed of an equal number of female members and male members; requiring that in the event of a vacancy on the central committee the vacancy be filled by an individual of the same gender as the vacating member; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

EL, § 4-203(f) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HOUSE BILLS REASSIGNED FEBRUARY 1, 2017**HB 344 Delegate Lierman**

STATE RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEM – DISABILITY RETIREMENT AND WORKERS’ COMPENSATION BENEFITS – OFFSETS

Exempting ordinary disability retirement benefits from the requirement to be offset by related workers’ compensation benefits; repealing the requirement for the Board of Trustees for the State Retirement and Pension System to reduce accidental or special disability retirement benefits by related workers’ compensation benefits; and requiring the Workers’ Compensation Commission to reduce workers’ compensation benefits by related accidental or special disability retirement benefits under specified circumstances.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

LE, § 9-610 - amended and SP, § 29-118 - repealed

Reassigned to: Economic Matters and Appropriations

HB 380 Delegate Moon, et al

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – CIVIL OFFENSES – PUBLIC CONSUMPTION AND POSSESSION OF OPEN CONTAINER

Making it a civil rather than a criminal offense to consume an alcoholic beverage in public under specified circumstances or to possess an alcoholic beverage in an open container under specified circumstances; requiring offenders to be issued a citation under specified circumstances; and providing a maximum fine of \$100.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

AB, §§ 6-321 and 6-322 and CR, § 10-119 - amended

Reassigned to: Economic Matters and Judiciary