



SYNOPSIS

House Bills and Joint Resolutions
2017 Maryland General Assembly Session

February 6, 2017
Schedule 16

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 6, 2017

HB 870 Delegate Dumais, et al

CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – MONTGOMERY COUNTY – THE QUINCE ORCHARD COLORED SCHOOL

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 Pleasant View United Methodist Church for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of the historic Quince Orchard Colored School, located in Montgomery County; providing for the 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

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HB 871 Delegate Haynes, et al**EDUCATION – COMMUNITY COLLEGES – COLLECTIVE BARGAINING**

Establishing collective bargaining rights for community college employees; establishing procedures for the selection of an exclusive bargaining representative; establishing that a maximum number of six bargaining units may be designated; requiring specified contracts and agreements entered into before October 1, 2017, to remain in effect until the agreement or contract expires; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

ED, §§ 16-403, 16-412, and 16-414.1 - repealed and §§ 16-701 through 16-709 - added and SP, Various Sections - amended

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 872 Chair, Ways and Means Committee (By Request – Departmental – Commerce)**TAX CREDITS – ENTERPRISE ZONES, RISE ZONES, AND MARYLAND JOBS DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS**

Altering from 10 years to 5 years the length of time the designation of an enterprise zone is effective under the enterprise zone tax credit program; altering the tax credit that may be claimed under the Regional Institution Strategic Enterprise Zone program; establishing the Maryland Jobs Development Tax Credit that may be claimed against the income, franchise, and insurance premium taxes; providing for the calculation and refundability of the tax credit; applying the Act to all taxable years beginning after December 31, 2016; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

EC, IN, TG, and TP, Various Sections - added, amended, and repealed

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 873 Delegates Carey and Lisanti**INCOME TAX CREDIT – SECURITY CLEARANCES – EMPLOYER COSTS – EXTENSION**

Extending from January 1, 2017, to January 1, 2022, the termination of an income tax credit that specified individuals or corporations may claim against the State income tax for costs incurred to obtain federal security clearances, to rent specified facilities, and to construct or renovate a sensitive compartmented information facility.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

TG, § 10-732 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 874 Delegates Cassilly and Szeliga**AIR NAVIGATION PROTECTION FROM HAZARDS ACT OF 2017**

Creating an exemption under the Forest Conservation Act for the cutting or clearing of trees that are determined by the Maryland Aviation Administration to be a hazard to air navigation in order to comply with a specified provision of law.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

NR, § 5-1602 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 875 Delegate Rey, et al**FIREARMS – HANDGUN QUALIFICATION LICENSE – FIREARMS SAFETY TRAINING**

Repealing a requirement that a specified firearms safety training course include a specified firearms orientation component; and requiring the Secretary of State Police to adopt regulations that allow an applicant for a specified handgun qualification license to receive online all necessary instruction from a firearms safety training course required to be completed.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

PS, § 5-117.1(d) - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 876 Delegate McCray**HEALTH INSURANCE – COVERAGE OF FERTILITY PRESERVATION PROCEDURES FOR IATROGENIC INFERTILITY**

Requiring specified insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations that provide specified benefits under specified insurance policies or contracts to provide coverage for specified fertility preservation procedures; and applying the Act to all policies, contracts, and health benefit plans issued, delivered, or renewed in the State on or after January 1, 2018.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2018

IN, § 15-810.1 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 877 Delegate McComas, et al**HANDGUN PERMITS – ALTERNATIVE EXPIRATION DATE – PRIVATE DETECTIVES, SECURITY GUARDS, AND SPECIAL POLICE OFFICERS**

Authorizing the Secretary of State Police to establish an alternative expiration date for a permit to carry, wear, or transport a handgun that coincides with the expiration of a license or commission for a specified private detective, security guard, or special police officer.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

PS, § 5-309(a) - amended and § 5-309(d) - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 878 The Speaker (By Request – Administration), et al**PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL ACT OF 2017**

Establishing the Maryland Public Charter School Authority as a public chartering authority under the Maryland Public Charter School Program; specifying that employees of a public charter school authorized by the Authority are not public school employees, are exempt from State teacher certification requirements, and may refuse to join employee organizations; requiring the Authority to adopt specified policies regarding teacher induction, preparation, and development; etc.

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

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

ED, Various Sections - amended and added and § 9-103 - repealed

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 879 The Speaker (By Request – Administration)**PUBLIC INTEGRITY ACT OF 2017**

Altering provisions of the ethics law governing the period of time during which former members of the General Assembly are prohibited from representing or assisting specified parties for compensation in specified matters; prohibiting, except under specified circumstances, former officials and employees of the Legislative Branch and Executive Branch from representing or assisting specified parties for compensation in specified matters for a specified period of time; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

GP, Various Sections - amended, repealed, and added and SG, §§ 2-706 and 2-709 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 880 Delegate Morales, et al**OPEN MEETINGS ACT – REQUIRED TRAINING FOR MEMBERS OF PUBLIC BODIES**

Repealing the requirement that a public body designate a specified individual to receive training on the Open Meetings Act and forward a specified list to the Open Meetings Compliance Board; and requiring that specified individuals complete specified classes or submit a letter to the Board stating that the specified individual is unable or unwilling to complete the class within 90 days after becoming a member of a public body.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

GP, § 3-213 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 881 Delegate Malone, et al**CRIMINAL LAW – DEATH PENALTY – LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS, CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS, AND FIRST RESPONDERS**

Providing that a person who is convicted of first-degree murder may be sentenced to death under specified circumstances; providing that the murder of a law enforcement officer, a correctional officer, or a first responder under specified circumstances constitutes aggravating circumstances that the court or jury must consider in making a determination as to the imposition of the death penalty; establishing procedures for the imposition of the death penalty; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

CS, CJ, CP, CR, HG, and TR, Various Sections - added and amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 882 Delegates Krimm and K. Young**FREDERICK COUNTY – ETHICS – PROHIBITED CONTRIBUTIONS TO PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBERS**

Prohibiting a specified applicant from making a contribution to a member of the Planning Commission in Frederick County who is a candidate for Frederick County Council or Frederick County Executive during a specified period of time; prohibiting a specified member of the Planning Commission from voting or participating in the proceedings on a specified application if the member, the treasurer, or the political committee of the member received a contribution from a specified applicant; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

GP, §§ 5-857, 5-858, 5-859, and 5-861 - amended and § 5-860 - repealed

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 883 Delegate Kaiser, et al**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – MONTGOMERY COUNTY – OLNEY BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB COMMUNITY PARK EXPANSION**

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 Olney Boys and Girls Community Sports Association, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of the Olney Boys and Girls Club Community 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 884 Delegate Jones, et al**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – BALTIMORE COUNTY – LIBERTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT YOUTH CENTER**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$500,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Liberty Community Development Corporation, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of the Liberty Community Development Youth Center, located in Baltimore County; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2017

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 885 Delegate S. Howard, et al**ENVIRONMENT – CHESAPEAKE BAY – VESSEL SEWAGE DISCHARGE AREAS**

Requiring the Department of the Environment, in conjunction with the Department of Natural Resources, to designate areas in the Chesapeake Bay and its tributary waters where a vessel may discharge sewage; and requiring a specified vessel operator and lessee to ensure that the discharge of sewage from specified vessels takes place in specified areas.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

EN, § 5-11A-01 - added and NR, § 8-741 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 886 Delegate Pena–Melnyk, et al**ENVIRONMENT – REFUSE DISPOSAL SYSTEMS – PUBLIC NOTICE AND HEARING REQUIREMENTS**

Requiring the Department of the Environment to provide specified notice and hold a specified public hearing before the Secretary of the Environment may approve the amendment or renewal of a permit for a refuse disposal system.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

EN, § 9-291 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 887 Delegate Pena–Melnyk, et al**HEALTH INSURANCE – PREAUTHORIZATION FOR DRUG PRODUCTS TO TREAT SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS – PROHIBITION**

Prohibiting specified insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations from applying a preauthorization requirement for methadone, buprenorphine, or injectable naltrexone; and applying the Act to all policies, contracts, and health benefit plans issued, delivered, or renewed in the State on or after January 1, 2018.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2018

IN, § 15-850 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 888 Delegate Morgan, et al**INCOME TAX – EXPENSING OF BUSINESS PROPERTY AND BONUS DEPRECIATION – RECOUPLING WITH FEDERAL LAW**

Repealing Maryland income tax modifications for specified deductions for the cost of business property that is treated as an expense for federal income tax purposes; repealing Maryland income tax modifications for a specified additional depreciation allowance under the federal income tax for specified business property; and applying the Act to all taxable years beginning after December 31, 2016.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

TG, § 10-210.1 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 889 Delegate Stein**VEHICLE LAWS – HOV LANES – TOW TRUCKS**

Authorizing a tow truck, properly registered under specified provisions of law, to be driven in a high occupancy vehicle lane at all times regardless of the number of passengers in the vehicle while responding to a call for service; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

TR, § 21-314 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 890 Delegate Stein, et al**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – BALTIMORE COUNTY – NER ISRAEL RABBINICAL COLLEGE**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$188,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Ner Israel Rabbinical College, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of emergency generators for the Ner Israel Rabbinical College facility, located in Baltimore County; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2017

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 891 Delegate Saab, et al**HANDGUN PERMITS – FIREARMS TRAINING COURSES**

Altering the requirements from a minimum of 16 hours to 6 hours of instruction by a qualified handgun instructor for firearms training courses that an initial applicant for a permit to carry, wear, or transport a handgun must successfully complete; reducing from 8 to 2 the number of hours of instruction an applicant for renewal of a permit must successfully complete.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

PS, § 5-306(a) - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 892 St. Mary's County Delegation**ST. MARY'S COUNTY – PUBLIC FACILITY BONDS**

Authorizing and empowering the County Commissioners of St. Mary's County to borrow not more than \$26,300,000 in order to finance the construction, improvement, or development of specified public facilities in St. Mary's County, and to effect such borrowing by the issuance and sale at public or private sale of its general obligation bonds; making the Act contingent on the County Commissioners of St. Mary's County repealing a specified ordinance imposing the sales and use tax on energy or fuel used or consumed in St. Mary's County; etc.

CONTINGENT – EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2017

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 893 Delegate Valentino-Smith, et al**JUVENILE LAW – PROBATION**

Requiring the juvenile court to consider, when determining a term of probation for a juvenile, the purposes set forth in a specified provision of law; specifying that a term of probation may not exceed 1 year; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

CJ, § 3-8A-19(d)(1) - amended and § 3-8A-19(d)(7) - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 894 Wicomico County Delegation**WICOMICO COUNTY – DEER HUNTING – SUNDAYS**

Authorizing a person in Wicomico County to hunt deer on private property on specified Sundays.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

NR, § 10-410(a) - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 895 Delegate Valentino–Smith, et al**HORSE RACING – PRIZES – INTERCEPTS FOR RESTITUTION AND CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENTS**

Authorizing the Central Collection Unit and Child Support Enforcement Administration to certify to the State Racing Commission or a licensee of the Commission that a specified obligor is in arrears on specified payments; requiring the licensee to withhold and transfer specified prize amounts to specified collection agencies of the State; requiring the licensee to provide the obligor with a specified notice; authorizing the obligor to appeal the transfer; providing that the Act does not apply to prizes won on or before June 1, 2018; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

BR, § 11-215 - added and CP, § 11-616(b) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 896 Delegate Aumann, et al**STATE RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEM – STATE EMPLOYEES AND TEACHERS – BENEFITS**

Altering specified local employer contributions for members of the Teachers' Pension System; establishing a State Employees' and Teachers' Integrated Pension System and a State Employees' and Teachers' Integrated Pension System Savings Plan for individuals who are members of the Employees' Pension System or the Teachers' Pension System on or after July 1, 2018; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

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

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2017

SP, Various Sections - added and amended

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 897 The Speaker (By Request – Administration)**LIQUOR BOARD REFORM ACT OF 2017**

Requiring specified boards of license commissioners to notify specified Senate or House delegations to the Maryland General Assembly and the Governor that a board position requires appointment; requiring, within a specified period of time, a specified delegation to nominate candidates for a board position in a signed letter to the Governor; altering the definition of “State official” as it applies to the Maryland Public Ethics Law to include, with specified exceptions, members of local alcohol control boards; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

AB, Various Sections and GP, § 5-101(II) - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 898 Delegate Ebersole, et al**ELECTION LAW – CAMPAIGN FINANCE – COORDINATED EXPENDITURES**

Prohibiting a person from making a coordinated expenditure in excess of specified limits or making a donation to a person for the purpose of furthering a coordinated expenditure in excess of specified limits; prohibiting a candidate or political party from being the beneficiary of a coordinated expenditure in excess of specified limits; providing that a person may not be considered to have made a coordinated expenditure solely on specified grounds; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

EL, §§ 1-101(o) and (bb) and 13-604.1(d) - amended and § 13-249 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 899 Delegate Anderson, et al**PUBLIC SAFETY – MARYLAND POLICE TRAINING AND STANDARDS COMMISSION – PSYCHOLOGICAL EVALUATIONS OF LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS**

Requiring the Maryland Police Training and Standards Commission to develop standards for the periodic psychological evaluation of all law enforcement officers, if determined by the Commission to be appropriate.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

PS, § 3-207(a) - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 900 Delegate Haynes, et al**INCOME TAX CREDIT – PAYMENT OF TUITION AT A COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

Allowing an individual who pays specified tuition and fees at a community college to claim a credit against the State income tax up to the amount of State income tax imposed or tuition paid for the taxable year; prohibiting an individual from claiming the credit for the amount of tuition otherwise covered by grants or loans; requiring the Comptroller to adopt specified regulations; 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 901 Delegate Frick, et al**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – MONTGOMERY COUNTY – INTERFAITH WATERSHED RESTORATION AND OUTREACH PROJECT**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$60,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Beth Sholom Congregation and Talmud Torah for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of a watershed and conservation green space, 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 902 Delegate Fraser–Hidalgo, et al**AGRICULTURE – INDUSTRIAL HEMP – LEGALIZATION**

Repealing provisions of law relating to growing or cultivating industrial hemp for agricultural research purposes; repealing a contingency on provisions of law authorizing a person to plant, grow, harvest, possess, process, sell, or buy industrial hemp in the State; repealing a contingency on provisions of law that alter the definition of “marijuana” for purposes of specified provisions of law relating to controlled dangerous substances to exclude industrial hemp; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

AG, §§ 14-101 & 14-102 & Ch. 456 of the Acts of 2015, §§ 2 & 3 - repealed & AG, § 14-101 & Ch. 456 of the Acts of 2015, § 4 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 903 Delegate Dumais, et al**AWARD OF ATTORNEY'S FEES AND EXPENSES – VIOLATION OF MARYLAND CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHT**

Authorizing a court to award to a prevailing plaintiff reasonable attorney's fees and expenses in specified actions seeking to remedy a violation of a Maryland constitutional right; authorizing a court to award reasonable attorney's fees and expenses to a prevailing defendant under specified circumstances; providing for the prospective application of the Act; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

CJ, §§ 3-2101 and 3-2102 - added and SG, § 12-109 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 904 Delegate Miele, et al**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – BALTIMORE COUNTY – PERRY HALL HIGH SCHOOL STADIUM TURF PROJECT**

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 Perry Hall High School Athletic Booster Club, Inc. the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of an artificial turf field at the Perry Hall High School Stadium, located in Baltimore County; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2017

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 905 Delegate Malone, et al**PUBLIC SAFETY – HANDGUN QUALIFICATION LICENSE – APPLICATION FEE**

Reducing the maximum application fee that an applicant must pay to the Secretary of State Police for a handgun qualification license from \$50 to \$25.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

PS, § 5-117.1(g) - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 906 Delegate Malone, et al**CRIMINAL LAW – CRIME OF VIOLENCE – HOME INVASION**

Classifying the offense of home invasion as a crime of violence under a specified provision of law.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

CR, § 14-101(a) - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 907 Delegate Lisanti, et al**CHESAPEAKE BAY WATER TRANSPORTATION NETWORK**

Requiring the Department of Transportation and the Maryland Transit Administration to study the feasibility of using the navigable waters of Chesapeake Bay as a water transportation network to link waterfront communities along the Chesapeake Bay; requiring the Department and the Administration to prepare an inventory of specified facilities on the Chesapeake Bay and to estimate the cost of implementing the specified network; requiring a specified report be made to the Governor and General Assembly by June 30, 2019; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

TR, § 8-102 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 908 Delegate Pena–Melnyk, et al**POLICE TRAINING AND STANDARDS COMMISSION – POLICE OFFICER CERTIFICATION – ELIGIBILITY**

Altering the eligibility requirements for specified individuals to be certified by the Police Training and Standards Commission as police officers to include specified individuals who are lawfully admitted as permanent residents of the United States; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

PS, § 3-209 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 909 Delegate Pena–Melnyk, et al**MARYLAND HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE PROTECTION ACT**

Establishing the Maryland Health Insurance Coverage Protection Commission; providing the purpose of the Commission is to conduct an assessment of the impact of potential federal changes to specified health care programs and to provide recommendations for State and local action to protect access of residents of the State to affordable health coverage; requiring the Commission to report its findings to the Governor and General Assembly by December 31, 2017; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2017

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 910 Delegate Pena–Melnyk, et al**MARYLAND HEALTH BENEFIT EXCHANGE – APPLICATION FOR STATE INNOVATION WAIVER**

Requiring, on or before September 1, 2017, the Board of Trustees of the Maryland Health Benefit Exchange to apply for a specified waiver to allow specified individuals to enroll in qualified health plans offered through the Maryland Health Benefit Exchange.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2017

IN, § 31-120 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 911 Delegate Morgan, et al**MOTOR FUEL TAX RATES – CONSUMER PRICE INDEX ADJUSTMENT – REPEAL**

Repealing a requirement that specified motor fuel tax rates be adjusted in future years based on growth in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2017

TG, § 9-305 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 912 Delegate Morales, et al**STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF PSYCHOLOGISTS – CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORDS CHECKS – RENEWALS AND REINSTATEMENTS**

Requiring the State Board of Examiners of Psychologists to begin, by March 2019, a process of requiring criminal history records checks on selected renewal applicants as determined by regulations adopted by the Board and specified former licensees and registrants who file for reinstatement; requiring an additional criminal history records check to be performed every 6 years after a renewal applicant was required to submit to a criminal history records check; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

HO, § 18-309(h) - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 913 Delegate Rosenberg, et al**ATTORNEY GENERAL – POWERS – MARYLAND DEFENSE ACT OF 2017**

Authorizing the Attorney General to take specified actions regarding civil and criminal suits and actions that are based on the federal government's action or inaction that threatens the public interest and welfare of the residents of the State; requiring the Attorney General to provide the Governor with specified notice and an opportunity to review and comment on specified suits and actions; requiring the Governor to provide \$1,000,000 in fiscal year 2019 and thereafter to carry out the specified provisions and to employ five attorneys; etc.

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

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2017

SG, § 6-106.1 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 914 St. Mary's County Delegation**ST. MARY'S COUNTY – METROPOLITAN COMMISSION – AUTHORITY TO BORROW MONEY**

Requiring the Board of County Commissioners of St. Mary's County, when the St. Mary's County Metropolitan Commission plans to borrow any money, to review and approve any loan application before the Commission submits the loan application to a lender.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

PLL of St. Mary's Co, Art. 19, § 113-2 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 915 Delegate Tarlau, et al**INCOME TAX – CARRIED INTEREST – ADDITIONAL TAX**

Imposing a tax of 19% on the Maryland taxable income, attributable to specified investment management services, of an individual or a corporation or the distributive share of a pass-through entity; providing that the tax does not apply to investment management services if at least 80% of the specified assets consists of real estate; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

TG, § 10-102.1(a) and (d) - amended and § 10-102.2 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 916 Delegate Sydnor, et al**MOTOR VEHICLE INSURANCE – DISCRIMINATION IN UNDERWRITING AND RATING – PROHIBITIONS**

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

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

IN, § 27-501(e-2) - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 917 Delegate Sydnor, et al**CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – CELL SITE SIMULATOR TECHNOLOGY**

Authorizing a court to issue an order authorizing or directing a law enforcement officer to use a cell site simulator device after making a specified determination; requiring an application for use of a cell site simulator device to contain specified information; requiring a law enforcement agency authorized to use a cell site simulator device in accordance with the Act to take specified actions; limiting the period of time during which information may be obtained under an order authorizing the use of a cell site simulator device; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

CP, § 1-203.1 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 918 Delegate M. Washington, et al**ENVIRONMENT – WATER SERVICES – WATER AFFORDABILITY PROGRAM**

Requiring a provider of specified types of water services to establish a specified water affordability program; requiring a provider to establish a plan for implementing a water affordability program on or before July 1, 2018; requiring the program to go into effect on or before July 1, 2019; requiring a provider to establish a specified annual cap on specified charges the provider assesses to specified customers; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

EN, §§ 9-2A-01 through 9-2A-10 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 919 Delegate K. Young, et al**PROCUREMENT – NONDISCRIMINATION CLAUSES AND STATE POLICY PROHIBITING DISCRIMINATION**

Altering the requirements for a specified nondiscrimination clause that prohibits specified discrimination by a contractor against an employee or applicant for employment; requiring a specified contract for procurement to include a specified nondiscrimination clause that prohibits specified discrimination by a contractor in the formation or composition of a specified board of directors; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

SF, §§ 13-219 and 19-101 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 920 Delegates Fraser–Hidalgo and Pena–Melnyk**PRIMARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION – SCHOOL PERSONNEL – TRAINING REQUIREMENT**

Requiring the State Board of Education to require, beginning on or before July 1, 2018, specified school personnel to complete training, by a method determined by each county board of education, in specified knowledge and skills required to understand and respond to the social, emotional, and personal development of students; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

ED, § 6-122 - added and § 6-704.1 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 921 Delegate Angel, et al**HOSPITALS – COMMUNITY BENEFIT REPORT – DISCLOSURE OF TAX EXEMPTIONS**

Requiring a hospital to include an itemization of all tax exemptions the hospital receives in the hospital's community benefit report.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

HG, § 19-303(c) - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 922 Delegate Anderton, et al**SALES AND USE TAX – EXEMPTION – SALES BY NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS RAISING FUNDS TO ASSIST VETERANS**

Providing that the sales and use tax does not apply to a specified sale by a nonprofit organization whose principal focus is to raise funds to assist specified veterans, if no less than 88% of the proceeds of the sale are used to assist those veterans.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

TG, § 11-204(b) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 923 Allegany County Delegation**ALLEGANY COUNTY – PROPERTY TAX CREDIT – ALLEGANY COUNTY ANIMAL SHELTER MANAGEMENT FOUNDATION, INC.**

Authorizing the governing body of Allegany County and of a municipal corporation in Allegany County to grant a property tax credit against the county or municipal corporation property tax imposed on property owned by the Allegany County Animal Shelter Management Foundation, Inc.; and applying the Act to taxable years beginning after June 30, 2017.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2017

TP, § 9-302(b) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 924 Delegate Gilchrist, et al**NATURAL RESOURCES – OYSTER MANAGEMENT – PROHIBITED ACTIONS**

Prohibiting the Department of Natural Resources from reducing or altering specified oyster sanctuaries until the Department develops a fisheries management plan for the scientific management of the oyster stock following completion of a specified study and reports.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2017

NR, § 4-215(e)(4) - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 925 Delegate McComas, et al**CRIMINAL LAW – U-47700 (“PINK”) – PROHIBITION**

Listing a specified synthetic opioid on Schedule I to designate it a controlled dangerous substance that may not be legally used, possessed, or distributed.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

CR, § 5-402(c) - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 926 Delegate McComas, et al**CHILD SUPPORT – HEALTH INSURANCE – DEFINITION**

Defining the term “health insurance” to include medical insurance, dental insurance, prescription drug coverage, and vision insurance for purposes of calculating a child support obligation under the child support guidelines.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

FL, § 12-201 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 927 Delegate Morales, et al**CRIMINAL LAW – TRESPASS, PETTY THEFT, AND DISTURBING THE PEACE – ALTERATION OF PENALTIES**

Altering the penalty for specified trespass offenses, a specified theft offense, a specified newspaper theft offense, a specified disturbing the peace offense, and a specified bad check offense.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

CR, §§ 6-402, 6-403, 7-104(g)(3), 7-106, 8-106(d), and 10-201 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 928 Delegate Haynes, et alJUVENILE LAW – PROCEDURE – APPEARANCE BY VIDEO
CONFERENCE

Authorizing the juvenile court to permit a child to appear by video conference in specified proceedings.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

CJ, § 3-8A-13(f) - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 929 Delegate BeitzelGARRETT COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – LICENSES AND
SUNDAY SALES

Altering the underlying licenses that may be held by a recipient of a Class BDR (deluxe restaurant) beer and wine license issued in Garrett County; altering the alcoholic beverages that may be sold for on-premises consumption and off-premises consumption at a hotel, motel, or restaurant; altering specified catering options for specified licenses; altering specified restrictions regarding a license for use by a deluxe restaurant; repealing specified Sunday sales license fees; altering the hours of sale on Sunday for specified licenses; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

AB, Various Sections - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 930 Delegate BeitzelMUNICIPALITIES AND COUNTIES – LOCAL ROADS – REGULATION
OF TRAVEL BY HEAVY-WEIGHT VEHICLES

Authorizing a municipality and specified counties, with regard to short-term, high-intensity or high-usage travel by heavy-weight vehicles, to provide for the designation of local roads on which a heavy-weight vehicle is prohibited unless the hauler has satisfied specified local government requirements for the travel; and authorizing a municipality and specified counties to require a specified hauler to satisfy any specified local government requirements before conducting specified travel on local roads.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

LG, § 5-107 - added and § 12-527 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 931 Delegate Haynes, et al**MARYLAND EDUCATION OPPORTUNITY ACT OF 2017**

Exempting recent high school graduates from payment of tuition to attend a community college in the State under specified circumstances; providing a 50% discount on tuition to individuals who do not have a high school diploma or GED and have been unemployed for at least 6 months but who have been seeking employment and who are attending a community college and seeking vocational certificates or associate's degrees; requiring the State to reimburse community colleges for foregone tuition revenue; etc.

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

ED, § 16-106.1 - added and SG, § 9-1A-30 - amended

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 932 Delegate Lisanti, et al**HOSPITALS – CHANGES IN STATUS – HOSPITAL EMPLOYEE RETRAINING AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENTS**

Requiring a hospital that voluntarily converts to a freestanding medical facility or is acquired by another hospital or health system to pay a fee directly to the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation if workers are displaced; prohibiting the fee from exceeding a 0.01 percent of the total revenue approved by the Health Services Cost Review Commission for a specified fiscal year; limiting the number of times the fee may be assessed; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

HG, § 19-326.1 and LE, § 11-201 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 933 Delegate Szeliga, et al**GENERAL ASSEMBLY – LIVE AND ARCHIVED VIDEO STREAMING OF MEETINGS**

Requiring the General Assembly to make available to the public specified video streaming of specified meetings of the Senate of Maryland, the House of Delegates of Maryland, and specified standing committees.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

SG, § 2-1805 - added

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

HB 934 Delegate Szeliga, et al**INCOME TAX – ELIMINATION OF THE MARRIAGE PENALTY**

Reducing the State income tax rates imposed on married couples filing a joint income tax return and for specified individuals with income between \$150,000 and \$500,000; increasing the amount allowed as a deduction for specified exemptions for married couples and specified individuals; and applying the Act to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2016.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

TG, §§ 10-105(a) and 10-211 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 935 Delegates M. Washington and Tarlau**HOTEL RENTAL TAX – ACCOMMODATIONS INTERMEDIARY – COLLECTION REQUIREMENT**

Requiring an accommodations intermediary that collects and remits State sales and use tax from the use of specified accommodations to collect and remit specified taxes on transient charges in specified counties; requiring the accommodations intermediary to collect the taxes without regard to limitations or exemptions based on the location, number of rooms, or size of the hotel in specified counties; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

LG, §§ 20-401 and 20-406 - amended and LG, PLL of Ho Co, PLL of PG Co, and the Charter of Balt City, Various Sections - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 936 Delegate Simonaire**MARYLAND STATE PARKS – FOSTER FAMILY PASS – ESTABLISHMENT**

Requiring the Department of Natural Resources to develop a Foster Family Pass; providing that any individual who provides foster care or kinship care to a minor child in the State is eligible to receive the pass; specifying the period of time for which the pass is valid; providing that there is no fee for the pass; requiring an individual to apply for the pass in a specified manner; providing that the pass exempts specified individuals from specified State parks admissions fees; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

NR, § 5-1011 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 937 Delegates Valentino–Smith and Sanchez**CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT – MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH MILITARY FAMILY ADVOCACY PROGRAM**

Requiring a local department of social services with a military installation in its jurisdiction to enter into a memorandum of understanding with the Military Family Advocacy Program for that installation; and establishing specified requirements for a memorandum of understanding under the Act.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

FL, § 5-705.5 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 938 Delegate Rose, et al**PROPERTY TAX – EXEMPTION FOR DISABLED VETERANS – PERCENTAGE OF DISABILITY**

Expanding eligibility for a property tax exemption for the dwelling house of a disabled veteran to include veterans with a service connected disability of at least 80%; and applying the Act to taxable years beginning after June 30, 2017.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2017

TP, § 7-208(a) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 939 Delegate Platt, et al**STATE GOVERNMENT – ACKNOWLEDGMENTS, OATHS, AND AFFIRMATIONS – RECORDATIONS AND NOTORIZATIONS**

Authorizing a notary public to perform notarial acts electronically; requiring a specified notary public to register with the Secretary of State before performing specified electronic notarizations; requiring the Secretary to develop a specified registration form for an electronic notary; requiring an electronic notary to reregister with the Secretary under specified circumstances; specifying requirements for electronic notarizations; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

SG, §§ 18-201 through 18-208 and 19-115 - added and §§ 19-103, 19-109, and 19-110 - amended and RP, §§ 3-102 and 3-104(a) - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 940 Delegates Haynes and Morhaim**EDUCATION – SCHOOL VEHICLES USED BY PRIVATE ENTITIES – SEAT BELT REQUIREMENT**

Requiring that school vehicles used by a private, nongovernmental entity to transport specified pupils be equipped with seat belts; prohibiting a person from operating a school vehicle for a private, nongovernmental entity to transport pupils, as specified, unless the person and each occupant under 16 years old is restrained by a seat belt; providing for the application of specified requirements of the Act; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

TR, §§ 16-113(d-1), 22-412, and 22-412.3 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 941 Delegate A. Miller, et al**CRIMINAL LAW – ANIMAL ABUSE EMERGENCY COMPENSATION FUND – ESTABLISHMENT**

Requiring specified fines to be remitted to the Animal Abuse Emergency Compensation Fund; establishing the Animal Abuse Emergency Compensation Fund; providing for the uses, purposes, sources of funding, investment of money, and auditing of the Fund; requiring the Executive Director of the Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention (GOCCP) to administer the Fund; providing that the Fund is a continuing, nonlapsing fund not subject to specified provisions of law; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

CJ, § 7-302(a) - amended, CJ, § 7-302(h) and CR, § 10-626 - added, and SF, Various Sections - amended and added

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 942 Delegate Anderton, et al**TRANSPORTATION – HIGHWAY USER REVENUES – DISTRIBUTION TO MUNICIPALITIES**

Altering the percentages of highway user revenues that are required to be distributed to Baltimore City and municipalities in specified fiscal years; altering the percentages in specified fiscal years of highway user revenues that are required to be used as authorized under the Transportation Trust Fund; repealing obsolete distributions and transfers of highway user revenues for specified fiscal years; etc.

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

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

TR, §§ 8-402 and 8-403 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 943 Delegate Haynes, et al**EDUCATION – PRIVATELY CONTRACTED SCHOOL BUS DRIVERS – ANNUAL PHYSICAL EXAMINATION REQUIREMENT**

Prohibiting an individual from operating a school bus for a private, nongovernmental entity under a contract with a local school system to transport pupils unless the individual completes an annual medical physical examination and submits a copy of the examination report to the individual's employer attesting that the individual's medical health is satisfactory; establishing a penalty; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

ED, § 7-802 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 944 Delegate C. Howard**CORRECTIONAL SERVICES – PRISON ARTISTS MARKETPLACE PROGRAM – ESTABLISHMENT**

Requiring the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services to establish the Prison Artists Marketplace Program; specifying that the purpose of the Program is to display and sell artistic works created by inmates during a term of incarceration; requiring that the artistic works be sold at a marketplace at Druid Hill Park in Baltimore City; requiring a specified distribution of the proceeds from the sale of artistic works; stating it is the intent of the General Assembly to employ inmates who are eligible for work release; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

CS, § 9-521 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 945 Delegate Conaway**BALTIMORE CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS VENDOR CONTRIBUTION TO EDUCATION TRUST FUND**

Establishing the Baltimore City Public Schools Vendor Contribution to Education Trust Fund; providing for the purpose of the Fund; authorizing specified vendors to participate in the Baltimore City Public Schools Vendor Contribution to Education Trust Fund program and that the vendors accumulate and transmit money to the Comptroller, as specified; specifying that a purchaser who “rounds up” the amount paid for a purchase from a participating vendor is entitled to a charitable contribution in accordance with specified regulations; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

ED, § 2-208 - added and SF, § 6-226(a)(2)(ii)94. and 95. - amended and § 6-226(a)(2)(ii)96. - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTIONS INTRODUCED FEBRUARY 6, 2017**HJ 3 Delegate Rosenberg, et al****ATTORNEY GENERAL – POWERS – MARYLAND DEFENSE ACT OF 2017**

Directing the Attorney General to take specified actions regarding civil and criminal suits and actions that are based on the federal government’s action or inaction that threatens the public interest and welfare of the residents of the State; requiring the Attorney General, except under specified circumstances, to provide the Governor with specified notice and an opportunity to review and comment on specified suits and actions before commencing specified suits and actions; etc.

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

HJ 4 Delegate McComas, et al**REINSTATEMENT OF THE SEPARATION OF COMMERCIAL AND INVESTMENT BANKING FUNCTIONS**

Urging the United States Congress to support efforts to reinstate the separation of commercial and investment banking functions in effect under the Glass–Steagall Act.

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

HJ 5 **Delegate Conway**

EXTENSION OF STATUTES OF LIMITATIONS UNDER TITLE VII OF
THE CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1964

Urging the Congress of the United States of America to extend specified
statutes of limitations under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations