



SYNOPSIS

House Bills and Joint Resolutions
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Schedule 20A

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HOUSE BILLS INTRODUCED FEBRUARY 10, 2017

HB 1213 Delegate Hixson, et al

MAIN STREET FAIRNESS ACT OF 2017

Altering the definition of “engage in the business of an out-of-state vendor”, for purposes of establishing nexus under the sales and use tax law, to include vendors who sell or deliver, during the preceding four quarterly periods, tangible personal property or taxable services to customers in the State if the cumulative gross receipts are greater than \$10,000 or the sales or deliveries are made in at least 200 separate transactions.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

TG, § 11-701(b) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

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HB 1214 Delegate Cullison, et al**HEALTH OCCUPATIONS – DENTAL THERAPISTS – LICENSURE**

Requiring the State Board of Dental Examiners to adopt regulations for the licensure of dental therapists and the practice of dental therapy; requiring the Board to adopt regulations establishing criteria for taking specified action relating to a collaboration agreement; requiring the Board to adopt a code of ethics for the practice of dental therapy; requiring the Board to set specified fees and to pay all fees collected to the Comptroller; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

HO, §§ 4-6A-01 through 4-6A-24 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 1215 Delegate Anderson, et al**CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – PRETRIAL RELEASE**

Altering a specified authorization for a court to release a specified defendant on personal recognizance to require that a defendant charged only with one or more misdemeanors be released on personal recognizance; altering the circumstances under which a defendant may not be released on personal recognizance; providing that the amount of a specified bail may not be higher than necessary to achieve specified purposes under specified circumstances; providing that a judicial officer may not set bail for specified reasons; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2017

CP, § 5-101 - amended, §§ 5-201 and 5-202 - repealed, and §§ 5-103, 5-201, 5-201.1, 5-201.2, 5-202, and 5-202.1 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 1216 Delegate Cullison, et al**MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM – MEDICATION ADHERENCE TECHNOLOGY PILOT PROGRAM**

Establishing a specified pilot program to expand the use of medication adherence technology to increase prescription drug adherence of specified Maryland Medical Assistance Program recipients; requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to administer the pilot program; requiring the Department to select and provide a medication adherence technology system to specified Maryland Medical Assistance Program recipients; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2017

HG, § 15-149 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 1217 **Dorchester County Delegation (By Request)**

DORCHESTER COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION –
NONPROFESSIONAL PERSONNEL APPOINTMENT – ADVICE AND
CONSENT

Requiring the Dorchester County Superintendent of Schools to appoint specified clerical and nonprofessional personnel with the advice and consent of the Dorchester County Board of Education.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

ED, § 6-201(c) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 1218 **Delegate Moon, et al**

CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – PRETRIAL RELEASE – FINANCIAL
CONDITIONS

Prohibiting a court in a county with a pretrial supervision program from including as a condition of pretrial release a specified financial condition; requiring each county in the State to establish a pretrial supervision program that provides pretrial supervision services, including agent supervision, location tracking services, and reminder notifications for court appearances; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

CP, §§ 5-201, 5-202, 5-203, 5-204, 5-205(a), 5-207, 5-211, and 5-214 - amended and § 5-205(e) - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 1219 **Chair, Judiciary Committee (By Request – Maryland Judicial Conference)**

CHILDREN IN NEED OF ASSISTANCE – SEX TRAFFICKING

Altering the definition of “sexual abuse” in provisions of law relating to children in need of assistance to include an act that involves the sex trafficking of a child by any individual; and defining the terms “sexual molestation or exploitation” and “sex trafficking” in provisions of law relating to children in need of assistance.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2017

CJ, § 3-801(x) - added and § 3-801(x), (y), (z), (aa), (bb), and (cc) - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 1220 Prince George's County Delegation

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY – COMMISSION OF CRIME OF VIOLENCE IN PRESENCE OF MINOR PG 313–17

Prohibiting a person in Prince George's County from committing a crime of violence when the person knows or reasonably should know that a minor is present in a residence; providing that a violation is a misdemeanor subject to a sentence of imprisonment not exceeding 5 years; altering the definition of "neglect" in provisions of law governing the reporting and investigation of suspected child abuse or neglect to include the commission of a crime of violence in the presence of a minor in Prince George's County; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

CR, § 3-601.2 - added and FL, § 5-701(s) - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 1221 Delegate Gutierrez, et al

PUBLIC UTILITIES – RESIDENTIAL COPPER LANDLINE REPLACEMENT – MORATORIUM AND STUDY

Prohibiting a telephone company that provides specified service from replacing specified copper landline service with optical fiber cable or Voice over Internet Protocol, subject to an exception; and requiring the Public Service Commission to report its findings and recommendations on specified matters to specified committees of the General Assembly on or before December 1, 2021.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

PU, § 8-207 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 1222 Delegate A. Washington, et al

MARYLAND SCHOOL DISCIPLINE REFORM ACT

Requiring each county board of education to adopt the Maryland Guidelines for a State Code of Discipline as the code of discipline for the local school system; requiring the State Department of Education to disaggregate data in any student discipline data report in a specified manner; requiring the Department to collect data on alternative school discipline practices; requiring the Department to implement standardized training practices on student discipline for all public school security personnel on or before July 1, 2018; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

ED, § 7-306 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 1223 Delegates Glass and Hornberger**PUBLIC HEALTH – STATE FUNDING FOR ABORTIONS – PROHIBITION AND EXCEPTIONS**

Prohibiting the use of State funds to pay for an abortion procedure or health benefits coverage of abortion procedures; and providing that the prohibition does not apply if the pregnancy is the result of an act of rape or incest or the woman has a life-endangering condition arising from the pregnancy.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

HG, § 20-217 - added

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 1224 Delegate Rosenberg**ENVIRONMENT – LIQUID WASTE HAULER – VEHICLE LICENSE AND INSPECTION**

Prohibiting a person from engaging in business as a liquid waste hauler in the State unless the vehicle used by the person to haul liquid waste is licensed annually by the Department of the Environment; establishing specified requirements for the application for and the issuance of a specified vehicle license; requiring the Department to set reasonable fees for the licensing and inspection of specified vehicles in a specified manner; requiring the Department to adopt specified regulations; providing for penalties; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

EN, §§ 9-11A-01 through 9-11A-07 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 1225 Delegate Lewis, et al**UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH, CENTER FOR HEALTH EQUITY – WORKGROUP ON HEALTH IN ALL POLICIES**

Requiring the University of Maryland School of Public Health, Center for Health Equity, in consultation with the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, to convene a workgroup to study and make recommendations to units of State and local government on laws and policies to implement that will positively impact the health of residents of the State; requiring the University of Maryland School of Public Health, Center for Health Equity to report the workgroup findings to specified committees of the General Assembly; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2017

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 1226 Delegate C. Wilson, et al**PUBLIC SAFETY – ELEVATOR INSPECTIONS – TESTING**

Requiring that a specified test on an elevator unit performed in connection with an inspection required by specified provisions of law, the Safety Code, or a regulation adopted by the Commissioner be performed by a specified licensed elevator mechanic; and requiring a State inspector or third-party qualified inspector to be physically present during a specified test in its entirety to witness that the test has been performed correctly and to verify the proper recording of the result of a specified test on an elevator unit.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

PS, § 12-806 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 1227 Delegate Mosby, et al**THE PROBLEM GAMBLING FUNDING AND TREATMENT ACT OF 2017**

Increasing from \$425 to \$500 the annual fee paid by video lottery operation licensees for video lottery terminals to the Problem Gambling Fund; increasing from \$500 to \$700 the maximum amount of an annual fee that may be paid by video lottery operation licensees for table games to the Fund; specifying that the purpose of the Fund is to support programs for problem gambling treatment and prevention; requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to use the funds to establish outreach programs for specified individuals; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

SG, § 9-1A-33 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 1228 Delegate Mosby, et al**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – BALTIMORE CITY – EMAGE CENTER**

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 CityWide Youth Development, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of the EMAGE 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 1229 Delegate Buckel, et al**CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES – UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEMS – PROXIMITY**

Prohibiting, except under specified circumstances, a person from using a specified unmanned aircraft system within 1,000 feet of a correctional facility; and establishing penalties for a violation of the Act of up to 4 years imprisonment or a maximum fine of \$2,000 or both.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

CS, § 10-802 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 1230 Delegate Mosby, et al**GAMING – INSTANT TICKET LOTTERY MACHINES – FRATERNAL ORGANIZATIONS**

Authorizing fraternal organizations as eligible recipients of a license issued by the Director of the State Lottery and Gaming Control Agency that allows the operation in specified counties of not more than five instant ticket lottery machines under specified conditions.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

SG, § 9-112 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 1231 Delegate Barron**INDIGENT DEFENDANTS – CASELOADS – PANEL ATTORNEY PROGRAM**

Requiring the Office of the Public Defender to establish specified caseload standards; prohibiting the Office from providing representation to an indigent defendant or party if representation violates a caseload standard unless State funding is insufficient to compensate a panel attorney; requiring a panel attorney to provide representation to an indigent defendant or party who is denied representation by the Office for a violation of a caseload standard; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

CP, § 16-204 and SG, § 9-3301(a)(1) and (d)(2) through (4) - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 1232 Delegate Mosby, et al**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – BALTIMORE CITY – MARYLAND ART PLACE**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt in the amount of \$100,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Trustees of Maryland Art Place, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of the Maryland Art Place building, 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 1233 Delegate Sydnor**MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM – ENHANCED SECURITY COMPASSIONATE RELEASE PROGRAM**

Establishing the Enhanced Security Compassionate Release Program in the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene; providing for the purpose of the Program; requiring the Program to include a specified initial cap on participation; etc.

CONTINGENT – EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

HG, § 15-140 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 1234 Delegate Wilkins, et al**PROPERTY TAX – CREDIT FOR RETIRED MILITARY SERVICE MEMBERS – ELIGIBILITY**

Expanding eligibility for a credit authorized against the county or municipal corporation property tax for retired military service members to include members of the commissioned corps of the Public Health Service and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, the military reserves, and the National Guard; and applying the Act to taxable years beginning after June 30, 2017.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2017

TP, § 9-258 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 1235 Delegate Long, et al**INCOME TAX – SUBTRACTION MODIFICATION – QUALIFIED MARYLAND TOLL EXPENSES**

Allowing a subtraction modification under the Maryland income tax for specified tolls paid through the use of the E-ZPass Maryland program; providing that the subtraction modification does not apply unless the amount of qualified toll expenses incurred by the taxpayer during the taxable year equals or exceeds \$300; requiring a taxpayer to submit specified documentation to qualify for the subtraction modification; defining specified terms; applying the Act to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2016; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

TG, § 10-208(w) - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 1236 Delegate Moon, et al**CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT – CANNABIS – RIGHT TO USE, POSSESS, AND CULTIVATE**

Amending the Maryland Constitution to establish that, subject to specified exceptions, an individual in the State who is at least 21 years old has the right under State law to use cannabis, possess up to 2 ounces of cannabis, and cultivate up to 6 cannabis plants; providing that the right enumerated in the amendment may not be infringed except that the transfer of cannabis by purchase or sale shall be regulated as necessary to ensure health and safety and taxed for specified purposes; etc.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT – CONTINGENT

Maryland Constitution, Declaration of Rights, Art. 48 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 1237 Delegate C. Wilson, et al**CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – EXPUNGEMENT OF COURT AND POLICE RECORDS – ACQUITTAL, DISMISSAL, OR NOLLE PROSEQUI**

Providing that a person who is entitled to expungement under a specified provision of law based on an acquittal, a dismissal, a nolle prosequi, or a nolle prosequi with the requirement of drug or alcohol treatment may not be required to pay any fee or costs in connection with the expungement.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

CP, § 10-105 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 1238 Delegate Fisher, et al**PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX – EXEMPTION FOR BUSINESS PERSONAL PROPERTY**

Exempting business personal property from the property tax imposed by a county or municipal corporation, subject to specified exceptions; requiring the State Department of Assessments and Taxation to identify specified provisions of law and submit a specified report to the General Assembly; and applying the Act to taxable years beginning after June 30, 2017.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2017

TP, § 7-402 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 1239 Delegates Frush and Gutierrez**ENVIRONMENT – NONWOVEN DISPOSABLE PRODUCTS – ADVERTISING AND LABELING**

Prohibiting the manufacturer of a nonwoven disposable product from, beginning January 1, 2018, advertising or labeling the nonwoven disposable product in a specified manner unless the nonwoven disposable product is flushable; and requiring the manufacturer of a nonwoven disposable product to label a nonwoven disposable product in a specified manner beginning January 1, 2018.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

EN, § 9-258 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 1240 Delegate Kaiser, et al**INDIVIDUALIZED EDUCATION PROGRAMS – BURDEN OF PROOF IN DUE PROCESS HEARINGS AND STUDIES**

Requiring specified complaining parties to bear a specified burden of proof in due process hearings that are held to resolve a dispute relating to the provision of a free appropriate public education to children with disabilities; providing a specified exception; requiring the State Department of Education to study and make recommendations regarding specified matters; requiring the Department to seek input from specified individuals and organizations; etc.

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

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

ED, § 8-413 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 1241 Delegate Saab, et al**PUBLIC BODIES – USE AND RETENTION OF E-MAIL – REQUIREMENTS**

Prohibiting an employee of a public body from creating or maintaining government e-mail by using a personal e-mail account; requiring an employee of a public body, under specified circumstances, to forward government e-mail to the official e-mail account of the employee within 5 days after the government e-mail is received; requiring each public body to retain government e-mail for at least 1 year; requiring the State Archivist to adopt specified regulations; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

GP, §§ 4.5-101 through 4.5-103 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 1242 Delegate Glass, et al**SALES AND USE TAX – EXEMPTION – BLUETOOTH HEADSET OR HANDS-FREE DEVICE**

Providing an exemption under the sales and use tax for the sale of a Bluetooth headset or consumer electronic device designed to aid in hands-free device use while driving under specified circumstances.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

TG, § 11-233 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 1243 Delegate Glass, et al**INCOME TAX CREDIT – VETERINARY SERVICES FOR ADOPTED GOVERNMENT SERVICE DOGS**

Allowing specified individuals a credit against the State income tax for the cost of specified veterinary services for specified adopted government service dogs; providing that the credit may not exceed the lesser of \$1,000 or the State income tax imposed for the taxable year; providing that the credit may not be carried over to another taxable year; and applying the Act to all taxable years beginning after December 31, 2016.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

TG, § 10-741 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 1244 Delegate Brooks, et al**INCOME TAX – SUBTRACTION MODIFICATION – MILITARY RETIREMENT INCOME – INDIVIDUALS UNDER THE AGE OF 65 YEARS**

Increasing from \$5,000 to \$10,000 a subtraction modification under the State income tax for specified military retirement income for individuals who are under the age of 65 years on the last day of the taxable year; and applying the Act to all taxable years beginning after December 31, 2016.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

TG, § 10-207(q) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 1245 Delegate Waldstreicher, et al**SALES AND USE TAX – DIAPERS – EXEMPTION**

Exempting from the sales and use tax the sale of diapers.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

TG, § 11-211(c) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 1246 Delegate Clark, et al**FORESTS AND PARKS – PUBLIC RECREATION ON PRIVATE AND STATE-OWNED LAND – HUNTING**

Expanding a specified liability exemption for a landowner who agrees to the use of a defined part of the landowner's property for cross-country skiing or off-highway vehicle use to apply to hunting.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

NR, § 5-1109 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 1247 Delegate McMillan**FAMILY LAW – CHILD SUPPORT ACTIONS – COURT COSTS**

Requiring that a court award costs to the prevailing party in a proceeding to recover child support arrearages, enforce a decree of child support, or enforce a decree of custody or visitation unless justice requires otherwise.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

FL, § 12-103 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 1248 Delegate Malone**CHILD SUPPORT GUIDELINES – PRESUMPTION OF FULL-TIME WORK AT MINIMUM WAGE RATE**

Establishing a rebuttable presumption under the child support guidelines that a parent is able to work 40 hours per week at the minimum wage rate.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

FL, § 12-204(b) - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 1249 Delegate Sydnor**CORPORATIONS AND ASSOCIATIONS – DOMESTICATIONS – AUTHORIZATION**

Authorizing specified nonstock and religious corporations to domesticate as specified entities; establishing the manner and procedures for a domestication; requiring articles of domestication to be filed for record with the State Department of Assessments and Taxation and signed by a specified representative; specifying the contents of articles of domestication; requiring specified articles of incorporation to be attached to articles of domestication; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

CA, §§ 1-203(b)(1), 1-301(a), and 5-207 - amended and §§ 3-1001 through 3-1009 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 1250 Delegate Korman**HIGHER EDUCATION – STUDENT EMPLOYEES – COLLECTIVE BARGAINING**

Removing student employees at the University System of Maryland, Morgan State University, St. Mary's College of Maryland, and Baltimore City Community College from the list of employees who are ineligible to engage in collective bargaining.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

SP, § 3-102 - amended

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 1251 Delegate Korman, et al

THE ROADKILL BILL OF 2017

Requiring the State Highway Administration, in consultation with all interested parties, to adopt timely and comprehensive regulations establishing an accessible process for citizens to report to the Administration roadkill on State highways.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

TR, § 8-602(a) - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 1252 Dorchester County Delegation

COUNTY BOARDS OF EDUCATION – DISPOSITION OF SCHOOL PROPERTY

Repealing provisions of law requiring the approval of the State Superintendent of Schools before a county board of education may dispose of any land, school site, or building that is no longer needed for school purposes.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

ED, § 4-115 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 1253 Delegate Long

STATE BOAT ACT – REMOVAL OF ABANDONED OR SUNKEN VESSELS

Clarifying that specified provisions of law relating to the removal and disposal of abandoned vessels apply to sunken vessels; extending liability protections for damage that may occur during removal, storage, or custody of an abandoned or sunken vessel to a person that removes, preserves, or stores the abandoned or sunken vessel on behalf of the Department of Natural Resources; and authorizing the Department to adopt specified regulations.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

NR, § 8-721 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 1254 Delegate Arentz, et al**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – QUEEN ANNE’S COUNTY – COMPASS REGIONAL HOSPICE**

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 Compass Regional Hospice, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of the Compass Regional Hospice facility, located in Queen Anne’s 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 1255 Delegate Jalisi, et al**JUVENILES – MECHANICAL RESTRAINTS**

Requiring the Department of Juvenile Services to adopt regulations applicable to specified facilities that specify policies for the use of mechanical restraints on children; authorizing the transport of a child to or from a detention facility or hardware secure facility in mechanical restraints, except under specified circumstances and subject to specified conditions; requiring, on or before September 30 annually, the Department to report to the Governor and the General Assembly on each transport of a child in mechanical restraints; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

HU, §§ 9-227(b)(2) and 9-237 - amended and § 9-247 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 1256 Delegate Jalisi, et al**JUVENILES – STRIP SEARCH – LIMITATIONS**

Requiring that the Department of Juvenile Services adopt regulations applicable to specified facilities that prohibit the strip search of a child except under specified circumstances; permitting the strip search of a child at a facility under specified circumstances; requiring facility staff to exhaust alternatives before the strip search of a child; authorizing the strip search of a child on admission to a specified facility under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

HU, §§ 9-227(b)(2) and 9-237 - amended and § 9-247 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 1257 Prince George's County Delegation**PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY – ABANDONED PROPERTY – SPECIAL PROPERTY TAX RATE**

Requiring the governing body of Prince George's County to set a special property tax rate that is 15% greater than the tax rate that is generally applicable to real property for a class of real property that consists of specified abandoned property for which there is a record owner; and providing that a requirement that the county set a single property tax rate for all real property does not apply to the special property tax rate on abandoned property.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

TP, § 6-302 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 1258 Delegates C. Wilson and McComas**CRIMINAL LAW – ASSAULT IN THE SECOND DEGREE – EDUCATORS**

Prohibiting a person from intentionally causing physical injury to another if the person knows or has reason to know that the other is an educator; and applying penalties for a violation of the Act of imprisonment for up to 10 years or a fine not to exceed \$5,000 or both.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

CR, § 3-203 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 1259 Delegate B. Wilson, et al**NATALIE M. LAPRADE MEDICAL CANNABIS COMMISSION – MEDICAL CANNABIS GROWER LICENSES**

Increasing the number of medical cannabis grower licenses that may be authorized by the Natalie M. LaPrade Medical Cannabis Commission from 15 to 17; and requiring the Commission to grant specified approval to specified applicants.

EMERGENCY BILL

HG, § 13-3306(a) - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 1260 Delegate McMillan

ANNUAL REPORTS AND PERSONAL PROPERTY REPORTS – FEES, EXEMPTION, AND AFFIDAVIT

Reducing the fee that specified business entities must pay for filing a required annual report with the State Department of Assessments and Taxation if the business entity did not own personal property that is subject to property tax during the preceding calendar year; exempting a person who did not own personal property that is subject to property tax during the preceding calendar year from submitting a report on personal property to the Department; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

CA, § 1-203(b)(3)(ii) - amended and § 1-203(b)(15) - added and TP, §§ 11-101 and 11-103(a) - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 1261 Delegate Wilkins, et al

BARBERS – CRIMINAL PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS OF BARBERING LAW – REPEAL

Repealing specified criminal penalties for violations of the barbering law; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

BOP, § 4-607 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 1262 Delegate Adams

PHARMACISTS – ADMINISTRATION OF THE INFLUENZA VACCINATION – AGE REQUIREMENT

Altering the age of an individual to whom a pharmacist may administer an influenza vaccination from at least 9 years old to at least 5 years old.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

HO, § 12-508(a)(1) - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 1263 Delegate Dumais**FAMILY LAW – CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT – DEFINITIONS**

Altering the definition of “abuse” for the purpose of specified child abuse and neglect statutes to include the physical or mental injury of a child by a person who, because of the person’s position or occupation, exercises authority over the child under specified circumstances; providing that “abuse” does not include the physical injury of a child by accidental means; altering the definition of “mental injury” for the purpose of specified child abuse and neglect statutes; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

FL, § 5-701(b), (r), and (x) - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 1264 Delegate Conaway**DYSLEXIA EDUCATION PILOT PROGRAM ADVISORY BOARD**

Establishing the Dyslexia Education Pilot Program Advisory Board in the State Department of Education; requiring the Advisory Board, in consultation with the Department, to identify a Principal Investigator for the Pilot Program; requiring the Advisory Board, in consultation with the Principal Investigator and the Pilot Program Implementation Team, to implement the Pilot Program; requiring the Advisory Board to report on the progress of the implementation of the Pilot Program to the Governor and the General Assembly by December 30 each year; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

ED, §§ 7-10C-01 through 7-10C-05 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 1265 Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee**STATE BOARD OF PHYSICIANS AND ALLIED HEALTH ADVISORY COMMITTEES – SUNSET EXTENSION AND PROGRAM EVALUATION**

Continuing the State Board of Physicians and the related allied health advisory committees in accordance with the provisions of the Maryland Program Evaluation Act (Sunset Law) by extending to July 1, 2023, the termination provisions relating to statutory and regulatory authority of the State Board of Physicians and the committees; altering the content of a specified statistical report regarding complaints of sexual misconduct; altering the definition of “allied health professional” to include naturopathic doctors; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2017

HO, IN, SG, and Chapter 539 of the Acts of 2007, Various Sections - amended, added, and repealed

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 1266 Prince George’s County Delegation**PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – CLASS BLX LICENSE – MOVIE THEATERS PG 303–17**

Authorizing the Prince George’s County Board of License Commissioners to issue a Class BLX (on-premises) beer, wine, and liquor license for use in a movie theater with average daily receipts from the sale of food that exceed the average daily receipts from the sale of alcoholic beverages; and establishing the hours for sale under the Class BLX movie theater license.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

AB, §§ 26-1616 and 26-2004(f) - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 1267 Delegate Valderrama**WORKERS’ COMPENSATION – MEMBERS OF VOLUNTEER COMPANY – COMPUTATION OF AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGE**

Altering the wages used for the purpose of computing the average weekly wage of specified covered employees who are members of a volunteer company who did not receive a salary or wages from other employment at the time of accidental personal injury or last injurious exposure.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

LE, § 9-602(g) - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 1268 Delegate A. Washington**EDUCATION – STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT GAP STANDARD – ESTABLISHMENT (MARYLAND STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT ACT)**

Requiring the State Department of Education to establish a standard to measure and quantify the student achievement gap, identify the student achievement gap between specified student groups, and issue best practices and annual benchmarks to close the student achievement gap between specified groups on or before July 1, 2018; requiring a local school system to document the student achievement gap in the district for the previous 20 years and develop a 5-year strategic plan to close the student achievement gap; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

ED, § 7-204.1 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 1269 Delegate Simonaire**ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – PROPERTY TAX – CREDIT FOR SENIORS OF LIMITED INCOME**

Authorizing the governing body of Anne Arundel County or of a municipal corporation in Anne Arundel County to grant, by law, a tax credit against the county or municipal corporation property tax imposed on real property owned and used as a principal residence by an individual who is at least 62 years old and of limited income; applying the Act to taxable years beginning after June 30, 2017; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2017

TP, § 9-303(b)(7) - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 1270 Delegate Waldstreicher, et al**CREDIT REGULATION – UNSECURED OPEN END CREDIT PLANS – FEES AND CHARGES**

Providing that specified fees and charges permitted to be imposed on a consumer borrower under an unsecured open end credit plan, when combined with any interest charged under the plan, may not exceed an effective rate of 33% per annum simple interest; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

CL, § 12-905 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 1271 Delegate Branch**BUSINESS REGULATION – SECURITY SYSTEMS – PERMITTING AND REGISTRATION**

Specifying the scope and construction of specified provisions of law; requiring the Department of State Police to develop a specified uniform basic permit for use in connection with a low-voltage security system project and make the uniform basic permit available to specified local governments; specifying the terms for use of a uniform basic permit; requiring a local government to take specified actions regarding a uniform basic permit; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

BR, §§ 19-901 through 19-905 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 1272 Prince George's County Delegation**PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY – DOMESTIC VIOLENCE – DEFINITION OF ABUSE PG 314-17**

Altering, in Prince George's County, the definition of "abuse" to include harassment and malicious destruction of property for purposes of specified provisions of law relating to domestic violence.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

FL, § 4-501(b)(1) - amended and § 4-501.1 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 1273 Delegate Cullison, et al**PHARMACISTS – SUBSTITUTION AND DISPENSING OF BIOLOGICAL PRODUCTS**

Authorizing a pharmacist to substitute an interchangeable biological product for a prescribed product under specified circumstances; requiring a pharmacist or the pharmacist's designee, except under specified circumstances, to inform specified consumers of the availability of an interchangeable biological product and the approximate cost difference as compared to a specified drug; requiring the State Board of Pharmacy to maintain on its Web site a link to specified lists of biological products; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

HO, §§ 12-101(c), (l), and (m) and 12-504.1 - added and § 12-504 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 1274 Prince George's County Delegation

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY – LAND BANK AUTHORITY PG 423–17

Authorizing the governing body of Prince George's County to enact a law that establishes a specified land bank authority; requiring an ordinance establishing the Authority to include specified articles of incorporation; requiring specified articles of incorporation to be filed, accepted, and amended in a specified manner; authorizing Prince George's County to take specified actions by law; providing for the disposition of property and obligation of the Authority on termination; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

LG, §§ 9-601 through 9-619 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 1275 Delegate Vogt, et al

STATE GOVERNMENT – DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS –
VETERANS' SERVICES SPECIALISTS

Requiring units of State government to designate an employee of the unit as a veterans' services specialist to coordinate services with the director of the veterans Outreach and Advocacy Program in the Department of Veterans Affairs and attend specified training to provide the Department of Veterans Affairs with specified information, and to post specified information on the unit's Web site; requiring the Department to coordinate specified meetings and submit a specified report; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

SG, § 9-944 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 1276 Delegate Barron, et al

HEALTH – PATIENT-CENTERED OPIOID ADDICTION TREATMENT
ACT

Requiring, on or before January 1, 2018, specified opioid treatment programs to meet specified requirements; requiring an opioid treatment program to establish specified treatment protocols; requiring an opioid treatment program to provide a copy of the protocols to the Office of Health Care Quality before being licensed by the Behavioral Health Administration; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

HG, § 8-101 - amended and § 8-407 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 1277 Delegate Davis

INSURANCE – PRODUCER LICENSING – EXAMINATIONS

Altering the number of days from 14 to 1 an applicant for a license to act as an insurance producer who fails a specified examination must wait before retaking the examination.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

IN, §§ 10-108 and 10-109 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 1278 Delegate Pena–Melnyk, et al

PUBLIC HEALTH – HEALTH CARE FACILITIES AND HEALTH CARE SYSTEMS – AVAILABILITY OF BUPRENORPHINE PRESCRIBERS

Requiring health care facilities that are not part of a health care system and health care systems to make available to patients the services of at least one health care provider who is authorized to prescribe buprenorphine under federal law for every 100 patients; authorizing specified health care facilities and health care systems to contract with specified health care providers to comply with a specified provision of this Act; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

HG, § 8-1101 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 1279 Delegate Morales, et al

POLICE TRAINING COMMISSION – TRAINING REQUIREMENTS – HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Requiring the Police Training Commission to require that the entrance–level and in–service police training conducted by the State and each county and municipal police training school include specified training relating to the criminal laws concerning human trafficking and the appropriate treatment of victims of human trafficking; authorizing specified training to be conducted in person or online; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

PS, § 3-207(a)(6) - amended and § 3-207(h) - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 1280 Delegate Anderson, et al**CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – PRETRIAL RELEASE – CRITERIA**

Providing that a defendant is entitled to be released before verdict on personal recognizance or on bail, with or without conditions imposed, under specified circumstances; creating a presumption that a defendant who has been charged with specified crimes and has not failed to appear as required by a court within the past 3 years shall be released on personal recognizance; requiring a judicial officer to take specified information into account in making a specified determination; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

CP, § 5-103 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 1281 Delegate Jacobs, et al**OYSTER POACHING – ADMINISTRATIVE PENALTIES – GEAR VIOLATIONS**

Repealing the offense of taking oysters with specified gear in specified areas that is subject to specified enhanced administrative penalties; and establishing the offense of taking oysters with a power dredge in specified areas that is subject to specified enhanced administrative penalties.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

NR, § 4-1210 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 1282 Delegate Lisanti**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION – OUT-OF-STATE CARBON POLLUTION PROGRAM – STUDY**

Requiring the Public Service Commission to study and make recommendations about establishing a program to address carbon pollution attributed to electricity generated out-of-state but consumed within the State; requiring the Commission to study and make recommendations regarding establishing the program; requiring that the Commission solicit input from specified entities and organizations; requiring the Commission to report its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly on or before December 31, 2017; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2017

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 1283 Delegate Branch**ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – CLASS 5 BREWERY LICENSE**

Repealing a specified provision of law authorizing a holder of a Class 5 brewery license to serve specified samples of beer to specified individuals; repealing provisions of law requiring a local licensing board to grant an on-site consumption permit to a specified applicant; authorizing a local licensing board to issue a Class D beer license for on-premises consumption to a holder of a Class 5 brewery license; authorizing the holder of specified licenses to exercise specified privileges from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. on specified days; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

AB, § 2-207 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 1284 Delegate Stein, et al**NATURAL RESOURCES – AQUACULTURE LEASES – NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES**

Prohibiting an Aquaculture Enterprise Zone and specified aquaculture leases from being located within 300 feet of the mean high watermark of the shoreline of property listed on the National Register of Historic Places; requiring, instead of authorizing, the Department of Natural Resources to take specified actions to protect the public health, safety, and welfare.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

NR, §§ 4-11A-05(b)(2), 4-11A-06(b)(2), 4-11A-07(c)(1), 4-11A-08(c)(1), 4-11A-09(d), and 4-11A-11(d) - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 1285 Delegate Stein, et al**MOTOR VEHICLES – PASSENGER SEAT BELT REQUIREMENT – PRIMARY OFFENSE**

Making the failure to wear a seat belt in a rear passenger seat of a motor vehicle a primary offense rather than a secondary offense; requiring a specified motor vehicle passenger in a front seat position that is not adjacent to a door of a motor vehicle to be restrained by a seat belt; and requiring the Police Training and Standards Commission to report to the General Assembly by December 31, 2019 traffic stop data comparing current traffic stops with traffic stops conducted in the two years prior to the Act taking effect.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

TR, § 22-412.3(a) and (c) - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 1286 Delegate Lisanti**HARFORD COUNTY – ADMISSIONS AND AMUSEMENT TAX –
LIMITATIONS IN MUNICIPAL CORPORATIONS**

Providing that the admissions and amusement tax may not be imposed by a municipal corporation in Harford County on gross receipts derived from specified admissions and amusement charges.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

TG, § 4-103(a) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 1287 Delegate A. Washington, et al**COMMISSION ON THE SCHOOL-TO-PRISON PIPELINE AND
RESTORATIVE PRACTICES**

Establishing the Commission on the School-to-Prison Pipeline and Restorative Practices; providing that the purpose of the Commission is to study current disciplinary practices in Maryland public schools and examine national best practices for training teachers and principals in restorative practices and eliminating the school-to-prison pipeline; requiring the Commission to report its final findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before January 1, 2019; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 1288 Delegate Rosenberg, et al**MARYLAND INSURANCE ADMINISTRATION – WORKGROUP ON
THE PROVISION AND COVERAGE OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CRISIS
SERVICES**

Requiring the Maryland Insurance Administration to convene a workgroup that includes specified individuals and interested stakeholders to identify barriers to the provision of behavioral health crisis services and coverage of the services by health insurance carriers; requiring the Administration to report the findings and recommendations of the workgroup to the General Assembly on or before December 1, 2017; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2017

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 1289 Delegate A. Washington**HIGHER EDUCATION – STUDENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE – NOTIFICATION**

Requiring the Office of Student Financial Assistance in the Maryland Higher Education Commission, in consultation with each county board of education, to mail specified informational materials relating to federal student aid and qualifications for State-funded scholarships and grants to each 12th grade student enrolled in a public school in the State on or before November 1 each year; requiring the informational materials to be mailed to a specified address; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

ED, § 18-204.1 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 1290 Delegate Lafferty, et al**STATE GOVERNMENT – MANAGEMENT OF PUBLIC BUILDINGS – INDOOR AIR QUALITY**

Requiring the Secretary of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation, in consultation with the Department of the Environment, to adopt regulations establishing a specified air quality standard and a schedule for specified testing on or before February 1, 2018; requiring the Department of General Services and the Department of Transportation to submit specified air quality reports pertaining to each public building maintained by the respective department; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

SG, § 10-1601 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 1291 Delegate B. Barnes, et al**MARYLAND LEGAL SERVICES CORPORATION FUNDING – ABANDONED PROPERTY FUNDS**

Increasing from \$1,500,000 to \$3,000,000 the amount that the State Comptroller is required to distribute of specified abandoned property funds each year to the Maryland Legal Services Corporation Fund.

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

CL, § 17-317 - amended

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 1292 Delegate West, et al**STATE BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS – OWNERSHIP, MANAGEMENT, OR OPERATION OF A DENTAL PRACTICE**

Requiring a dental practice to be owned, managed, or operated by a licensed dentist; authorizing, under specified circumstances, an heir of a licensed dentist who was the owner of a dental practice to serve as an owner of the dental practice for up to 1 year; authorizing the State Board of Dental Examiners to extend the 1–year time period under specified circumstances; authorizing the Board to take specified action against specified applicants and licensees for accepting or tendering rebates or split fees; etc.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

HG, § 13-2504 - amended and HO, Various Sections - amended and added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 1293 Delegate Valderrama**WORKERS’ COMPENSATION – PERMANENT PARTIAL DISABILITY – SURVIVAL OF CLAIM**

Limiting the survivability of the right to compensation for permanent partial disability payable under specified provisions of law to total compensation not exceeding \$65,000; and applying the Act prospectively.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

LE, § 9-632 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 1294 Delegate Valderrama**WORKERS’ COMPENSATION – PERMANENT TOTAL DISABILITY – SURVIVAL OF CLAIM**

Increasing, from \$45,000 to \$65,000, the limitation on the survivability of the right to compensation for permanent total disability payable under specified provisions of law; and applying the Act prospectively.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

LE, § 9-640 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 1295 Delegate Brooks, et al**LOW-COST AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE PROGRAM**

Establishing a Low-Cost Automobile Insurance Program; establishing the purpose of the Program; providing that the Program is part of the Maryland Automobile Insurance Fund; altering the purpose of the Fund; providing for the administration and development of the Program; authorizing the Program to sell, issue, and deliver specified policies of automobile insurance to individuals who meet specified eligibility requirements; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

IN, § 20-301 - amended and §§ 20-6A-01 through 20-6A-08 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 1296 Delegate Glass, et al**VEHICLE LAWS – CLASS G (TRAILER) VEHICLES – PERMANENT REGISTRATION**

Requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration to issue a one-time, permanent registration for a Class G (trailer) vehicle when requested by the owner; establishing a fee schedule for the permanent registration of a Class G (trailer) vehicle according to the gross weight of the vehicle; establishing that a registration issued under the Act is not transferable; and establishing that a vehicle registered under the Act may not be used for hire except to haul farm products or in any manner other than as a farm trailer or semitrailer.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

TR, §§ 13-927 and 13-930 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 1297 Delegate Valentino-Smith, et al**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE – PETITIONER – ATTORNEY FOR CHILD**

Expanding the list of “petitioners” under the domestic violence statutes who may seek relief from abuse on behalf of a minor child to include an attorney appointed by the court in specified family law actions to represent the minor child.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

FL, § 4-501(o) - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 1298 Delegate McMillan**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – ANNAPOLIS SHAKESPEARE COMPANY THEATRE**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$272,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Annapolis Shakespeare Company, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of the Annapolis Shakespeare Company Theatre, 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 1299 Howard County Delegation**HOWARD COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION – ELECTED SCHOOL BOARD HO. CO. 11–17**

Requiring that, beginning with a specified election, specified members of the Howard County Board of Education shall reside in specified districts and specified members may reside anywhere in the county, and that the members shall be elected at large by the voters of the entire county; requiring the County Executive of Howard County to endeavor to ensure that the county board reflects characteristics of the county population, as specified; providing for the termination of the terms of specified members of the county boards; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

ED, § 3-701 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 1300 Charles County Delegation**CHARLES COUNTY – GARBAGE DISPOSAL SERVICES – PROVIDER DISPLACEMENT**

Requiring the County Commissioners of Charles County to hold a specified public hearing and provide specified notice before taking any action that results in a specified displacement of a person that has been providing garbage collection, removal, or disposal services; requiring the county commissioners to provide written notice at least 5 years before a specified displacement to a specified person; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

LG, § 13-402.1 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 1301 Delegate Frush, et al**VEHICLE LAWS – SCHOOL CROSSING GUARDS – AUTHORITY TO DIRECT TRAFFIC**

Expanding the authority of school crossing guards to direct traffic by authorizing a school crossing guard who meets specified qualifications to direct vehicles and pedestrians on a highway or on school grounds in order to assist nonschool vehicles in entering and leaving school grounds.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

TR, § 21-107 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 1302 Delegate Glass, et al**INCOME TAX CREDIT – CAT AND DOG ADOPTION**

Allowing an individual who adopts a cat or dog from an animal shelter or a rescue facility a maximum credit of \$100 against the State income tax; providing that an individual may not claim the credit for more than 1 taxable year with respect to the same cat or dog; requiring the Comptroller to adopt specified regulations; and applying the Act to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2016.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

TG, § 10-741 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 1303 Delegate Lewis, et al**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – BALTIMORE CITY – HOUSE OF FREEDOM COMMERCIAL KITCHEN RENOVATION**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$1,400,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the House of Freedom, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of the commercial kitchen for the House of Freedom, 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 1304 Delegate Lewis, et al**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – BALTIMORE CITY – MEALS ON WHEELS KITCHEN IMPROVEMENTS**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$275,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of Meals on Wheels of Central Maryland, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of the kitchen for the Meals on Wheels facility, 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 1305 Delegate Fennell**LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT – PAYMENT OF WAGES – MINIMUM WAGE**

Requiring to be paid for the 6-month period beginning July 1, 2017, a minimum wage of \$9.25 per hour, for the 18-month period beginning January 1, 2018, a minimum wage of \$10.10 per hour, and beginning July 1, 2019, a minimum wage of \$12.50 per hour.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

LE, § 3-413 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 1306 Delegate Fisher, et al**CABLE SERVICE – BROADBAND CONNECTION REQUIREMENT – ENFORCEMENT**

Providing that a county or municipality may establish specified penalties for failure to comply with a franchise agreement for a cable television system; requiring that a franchise agreement include a service connection requirement for wired broadband service, subject to specified conditions; providing that a specified failure to install wired broadband on request under a service connection requirement of a franchise agreement constitutes a specified breach; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

LG, § 1-708 - amended and PU, § 8-701 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 1307 Delegate Valderrama, et al**LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT – REGULATION OF FARM LABOR CONTRACTORS AND FOREIGN LABOR CONTRACTORS**

Providing that an agreement by a foreign worker to waive specified rights is void as contrary to public policy; requiring an individual to be licensed by the Commissioner before the individual may perform a foreign labor contracting service in the State for consideration; providing that a specified license authorizes the licensee to perform foreign labor contracting services for consideration; requiring a licensee to take specified actions while performing a foreign labor contracting service in the State; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

LE, Various Sections - amended and §§ 7-312.1, 7-401.1, 7-401.2, 7-401.3, and 7-508 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 1308 Delegate Branch**ELECTRICITY – CONSTRUCTION OF OVERHEAD TRANSMISSION LINES – CONDEMNATION AUTHORITY**

Authorizing a person to which a certificate of public convenience and necessity is issued for the construction of a specified overhead transmission line to acquire specified property or rights by condemnation subject to approval by the Public Service Commission.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

PU, § 7-207(b)(3) - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 1309 Delegates Frush and Waldstreicher**ENVIRONMENT – RECYCLING – SPECIAL EVENTS**

Altering the application of specified provisions of law relating to recycling at special events; requiring a county, a municipality, or any other local government to provide to an organizer of a special event a written statement that describes specified requirements and penalties before issuing a permit for the special event; requiring a county, a municipality, or any other local government to enforce specified provisions of law relating to recycling at a special event; and altering specified penalties.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

EN, § 9-1712 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 1310 Delegate Ebersole, et al**EDUCATION – ETHICAL SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVOCATE
CERTIFICATE PROGRAM**

Requiring the State Department of Education to establish the Ethical Special Education Advocate Certificate Program on or before July 1, 2018; specifying the purpose of the Program; specifying qualifications and application procedures for a certificate; requiring the Department to issue a certificate to any applicant who meets specified requirements; authorizing an applicant to petition for judicial review of a decision of the Department that relates to issuing or renewing a certificate; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

ED, § 8-420 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 1311 Delegate McCray**PUBLIC SAFETY – LIGHT FRAME COMBUSTIBLE CONSTRUCTION –
REQUIREMENTS**

Requiring the Department of Housing and Community Development by October 1, 2018, to adopt by regulation a specified statewide building code relating to specified buildings constructed with or being constructed by specified light frame combustible construction; establishing requirements for the construction of specified buildings; prohibiting a specified construction project from using a specified type of construction to proceed unless a specified fire watch warden is present; establishing qualifications and responsibilities; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

PS, §§ 12-1201 through 12-1206 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 1312 Delegates Kipke and Simonaire**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – HANCOCK’S RESOLUTION VISITOR CENTER AND BARN**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$250,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the County Executive and County Council of Anne Arundel County and the Board of Directors of the Friends of Hancock’s Resolution, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of a visitor center and barn at Hancock’s Resolution Historic Park, located in Anne Arundel County; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2017

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 1313 Delegate Fisher, et al**PUBLIC UTILITIES – TELEPHONE COMPANIES – WIRED BROADBAND (WIRED BROADBAND ACT OF 2017)**

Requiring a specified telephone company to provide and maintain wired broadband service or pay the cost of providing wired broadband service to the Rural Broadband Assistance Fund; requiring the Public Service Commission, to the extent authorized under federal law, to cooperate with the Federal Communications Commission on efforts to promote universal wired broadband access in the State; and requiring the Commission to make a specified annual report and recommendations to the General Assembly on or before January 31 each year.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

EC, § 5-1102 - amended and PU, §§ 8-701 through 8-704 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 1314 Delegate Jacobs, et al**CRABS – HOLIDAY HARVEST TIMES – TROTLINES AND CRAB POTS**

Requiring the Department of Natural Resources to adopt regulations that allow a tidal fish licensee authorized to catch crabs using trotlines or crab pots to work specified hours on Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, and the weekend either before or after each of these holidays.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2017

NR, § 4-803 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 1315 Delegate Valderrama, et al**WORKERS' COMPENSATION – TIERED RATING PLANS AND MERIT RATING PLANS**

Authorizing a workers' compensation insurer to develop a specified tiered rating plan; requiring a workers' compensation insurer to submit a specified tiered rating plan to the Insurance Commissioner at least 30 days in advance of the tiered rating plan's use; requiring the Commissioner to disapprove a specified tiered rating plan under specified circumstances; and authorizing a workers' compensation insurer to use a specified merit rating plan under specified circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

IN, § 11-329 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 1316 Delegates McCray and Glenn**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – BALTIMORE CITY – HARFORD ROAD ASSISTED LIVING AND MEDICAL ADULT DAY CARE CENTER**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$250,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the 6040 Harford ALF, LLC for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of an assisted living and medical adult day care 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 1317 Prince George's County Delegation**PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY DELEGATION – APPOINTMENT OF BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS PG 310-17**

Repealing the requirement that the Governor appoint all of the members of the Board of License Commissioners for Prince George's County; requiring the County Executive to make the appointments, subject to confirmation by the County Council; requiring the County Executive rather than the Governor to make an appointment to fill a vacancy; authorizing the County Executive rather than the Governor to remove a member under specified conditions; replacing the position of administrator with that of executive director; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

AB, §§ 26-202 through 26-206 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 1318 Delegate Anderson, et al

BALTIMORE CITY – NONVIOLENT OFFENDERS – RELEASE WITHOUT BAIL

Requiring a judicial officer in Baltimore City to authorize the pretrial release of a defendant not charged with a specified crime of violence under specified conditions; and prohibiting the use of secured monetary bail as a condition of pretrial release of a defendant not charged with a specified crime of violence.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

CP, § 5-201.1 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 1319 Delegate A. Washington, et al

CHILD CARE CENTERS – OPERATING WITHOUT A LICENSE – PENALTIES

Increasing the fines for operating a child care center without a license from a maximum of \$1,500 to \$2,500 for a first offense and from a maximum of \$2,500 to \$5,000 for a second or subsequent offense; and establishing that it is a misdemeanor subject to specified penalties to operate a child care center without a license if a child suffers serious physical injury or death in the center.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

ED, § 9.5-417 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 1320 Charles County Delegation

COUNTIES – TOWING COMPANIES – AUTHORITY TO REGULATE

Authorizing the governing body of a county to adopt rules and regulations for the licensing, maintenance, and operation of towing companies in the county for specified purposes; authorizing the rules and regulations adopted by a county to require a person who operates a towing company in the county to obtain a license and pay a specified fee; requiring a county to hold a public hearing that is advertised in advance in a specified manner before adopting the rules and regulations; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

LG, §§ 13-1001 through 13-1007 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 1321 Delegate Valentino–Smith**CHILD PROTECTION – REPORTING REQUIREMENTS – THREAT OF HARM**

Requiring a specified individual acting in a professional capacity to notify the local department of social services or the appropriate law enforcement agency if the individual has reason to believe that a verbal threat of a substantial risk of imminent harm to a child has been made; prohibiting a person from preventing or interfering with the making of a report under the Act; providing specified immunity to a person who participates in specified activities relating to a report made under the Act; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

FL, §§ 5-704, 5-705.2(a), and 5-708 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 1322 Delegate Beidle, et al**LOCAL INFRASTRUCTURE FAST TRACK FOR MARYLAND ACT**

Authorizing the Office of Legislative Audits to perform an audit of local governments that receive a distribution of highway user revenues; increasing, over 7 fiscal years, the portion of highway user revenues that is distributed to local governments; altering the allocation of the local share of highway user revenues among Baltimore City, counties, and municipalities; requiring, if distributions to municipalities do not equal \$26,400,000, that additional distributions of highway user revenues be made to specified municipalities; etc. This bill requires a mandated appropriation in the annual budget bill.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

SG, §§ 2-1220(c) and 2-1223(a)(3) and TR, §§ 8-402, 8-403, and 8-412(a)(1) and (c) - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation and Appropriations

HB 1323 Delegate Long, et al**PROPERTY TAX – CREDIT FOR REVITALIZATION DISTRICTS**

Authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City or the governing body of a county or municipal corporation to grant, by law, a property tax credit against the county or municipal corporation property tax imposed on a dwelling that is located in a revitalization district and is owned by a homeowner who, on or after June 1, 2017, made specified substantial improvements to the dwelling that cause the dwelling to be reassessed at a higher value; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2017

TP, § 9-259 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 1324 Prince George's County Delegation

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES –
COMMISSION TO STUDY LICENSING AND REGULATION OF SALES
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Establishing the Commission to Study the Licensing and Regulation of Establishments Selling Alcoholic Beverages in Prince George's County; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Commission; requiring the Commission to study, compare, and make recommendations regarding specified matters; requiring the Commission to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before January 1, 2018; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2017

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 1325 Delegate Fraser–Hidalgo, et al

OIL AND NATURAL GAS – HYDRAULIC FRACTURING –
PROHIBITION

Prohibiting a person from engaging in the hydraulic fracturing of a well for the exploration or production of oil or natural gas in the State; repealing a provision of law that requires the Department of the Environment to adopt specified regulations; and repealing a provision of law that prohibits the Department from issuing a specified permit until October 1, 2017.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

EN, § 14-107.1 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 1326 Delegate Valentino–Smith

CHILD PROTECTION – REPORTING – THREAT OF HARM

Authorizing an individual to notify the local department of social services or the appropriate law enforcement agency if the individual has reason to believe that a verbal threat of imminent severe bodily harm or death to a child has been made by a specified individual and that the child is at substantial risk of child abuse; specifying the procedures and requirements for a report concerning a verbal threat of harm to a child; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

FL, §§ 5-704.1 and 5-706.2 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 1327 Delegate Lisanti, et al**TASK FORCE ON LOCAL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES REGULATION**

Establishing a Task Force on Local Alcoholic Beverages Regulation to study specified matters relating to local alcoholic beverages regulation; providing for the purposes of the Task Force and the study; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Task Force; requiring the Task Force to study and make recommendations on specified matters and submit a final report to the Governor and specified Committees of the General Assembly by December 31, 2018; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2017

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 1328 Delegate A. Washington, et al**ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – CLASS 1 DISTILLERY LICENSES –
SAMPLES AND SALES OF PRODUCT**

Removing a limit on the number of samples of a specified product a holder of a Class 1 distillery license may serve to a specified individual under specified circumstances; authorizing the holder of a Class 1 distillery license to provide samples in an amount not exceeding a specified amount of a single product to a specified individual; and altering from three 750–milliliter bottles to 9 liters of products the amount of specified products a holder of a Class 1 distillery license may sell for off–premises consumption; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

AB, § 2-202(c) - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 1329 Delegates Bromwell and Hayes**HEROIN AND OPIOID PREVENTION EFFORT (HOPE) AND TREATMENT ACT OF 2017**

Requiring specified institutions of higher education to offer credits in substance use disorders, effective treatment for substance use disorders, and pain management; requiring the Behavioral Health Administration to establish at least a specified number of crisis treatment centers that provide individuals who are in a substance use disorder crisis with access to specified clinical staff; requiring that at least one crisis treatment center be located in each geographical region of the State; etc.

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

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2017

ED, § 15-121, HG, §§ 7.5-207, 7.5-501, 8-1101, 16-201.3, and 19-310.3 - added and IN, § 15-802 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 1330 Delegate Angel, et al**LARGE FAMILY CHILD CARE HOMES AND CHILD CARE CENTERS – GREEN PRODUCT CLEANING SUPPLIES – REGULATIONS**

Requiring the State Board of Education to adopt regulations that require, to the extent practicable and economically feasible, a large family child care home to use specified green product cleaning supplies, establish guidelines for purchasing specified green product cleaning supplies, establish green cleaning practices, and require specified staff training; requiring the State Board to adopt regulations that require a child care center to use, subject to specified exceptions, specified green product cleaning supplies; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

ED, § 9.5-303(e) - added and § 9.5-404 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 1331 Delegates McMillan and Ghrist**ESTATE FAIRNESS ACT – INHERITANCE TAX REPEAL**

Repealing the inheritance tax; and applying the Act to decedents dying after December 31, 2016.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

TG, §§ 7-201 through 7-204, 7-207 through 7-211, 7-214 through 7-221, 7-224, 7-225, 7-228, and 7-231 through 7-234 - repealed

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 1332 Delegate Frick**INSURANCE – PROPERTY AND CASUALTY INSURANCE GUARANTY CORPORATION – COVERED CLAIMS**

Altering the definition of “covered claim” for purposes of the Property and Casualty Insurance Guaranty Corporation to include claims resulting from an injury or damage that took place before the earlier of specified dates; altering a specified exclusion from covered claims; and applying the Act retroactively.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

IN, § 9-301(d) - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 1333 Delegates McMillan and Sophocleus**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – ANNAPOLIS MASONIC LODGE NO. 89**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt in the amount of \$150,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Trustees of the Annapolis Masonic Lodge No. 89 for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of the Annapolis Masonic Lodge No. 89 at the historic “Mann’s Tavern” building, located in Anne Arundel County; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2017

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 1334 Delegate A. Washington, et al**STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION – TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES – DECORATIVE TREATMENTS**

Requiring the State Highway Administration to establish a policy regarding the application of decorative treatments on traffic control devices that have been marred by graffiti or vandalism; authorizing a person to apply to a district office within the Administration for a permit to install decorative treatments, including a digitally printed vinyl wrap or paint, on a traffic control device; authorizing a district office to issue a specified permit; requiring the Administration to adopt specified regulations; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

TR, § 8-659 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 1335 Delegate Wilkins, et al

VEHICLE LAWS – OBSTRUCTION HANGING FROM REARVIEW MIRROR – ENFORCEMENT

Providing for enforcement only as a secondary offense for a violation of the prohibition under specified circumstances against a person driving a vehicle on a highway with any object, material, or obstruction hanging from the rearview mirror that interferes with the clear view of the driver through the windshield.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

TR, § 21-1104 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 1336 Delegate Folden

CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – FREDERICK COUNTY – THE YOUTH RANCH

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt in the amount of \$150,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Maryland Sheriffs' Youth Ranch, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of The Youth Ranch, located in Frederick County; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2017

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 1337 Delegate Long, et al

SALES AND USE TAX – TAX-FREE PERIODS – UNIVERSITY AND COLLEGE TEXTBOOKS

Designating, beginning in calendar year 2017, the last 7 days of August through the first 7 days of September each year to be a tax-free period during which an exemption from the sales and use tax is provided for the sale of specified textbooks purchased by specified individuals; designating, beginning in calendar year 2018, an additional sales and use tax-free period during the last 14 days of January each year for return-to-school textbook shopping.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

TG, § 11-233 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 1338 Delegate McKay, et al**ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – WHOLESALERS – PAYMENT ON DELIVERY**

Altering the forms of payment that a retail dealer may use to pay a holder of a wholesaler's license for the delivery of beer; and authorizing a holder of a wholesaler's license to accept payment on delivery from a retail dealer for the delivery of wine and liquor.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

AB, §§ 2-314, 10-501, 11-501, 13-501, 14-501, 16-501, 23-501, 25-501, 26-501, 29-501, 31-501, 32-501, and 33-501 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 1339 Delegate Jacobs, et al**NATURAL RESOURCES – GILL NETS – MESH SIZE**

Establishing that a specified person may not set or fish any gill net that has a mesh size exceeding 7 inches or a stretched mesh size exceeding 7.5 inches for gill nets used in the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

NR, § 4-710(c) - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 1340 Delegate McMillan, et al**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – THE BERNIE HOUSE**

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 Bernie House, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of The Bernie House transitional housing facility, 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 1341 Delegate A. Washington**MARYLAND PUBLIC SCHOOL TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT**

Requiring the county commissioners, county council, or City Council of Baltimore to establish an Office of the Inspector General if the local school system has received 10 or more repeat findings in a specified audit by the Office of Legislative Audits; providing for the selection process, qualifications, term of office, and the filling of a vacancy in the Office of the Inspector General; requiring the Inspector General to examine and investigate specified affairs and receive complaints; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

ED, § 4-110 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 1342 Delegate A. Washington, et al**PUBLIC SAFETY – DEATHS INVOLVING A CORRECTIONAL OFFICER – REPORTS**

Requiring State and local correctional facilities to provide the Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention with specified information on correctional officer-involved deaths and deaths in the line of duty; requiring, on or before October 15, 2017, the Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention to report to the General Assembly on the number of correctional officer-involved deaths and deaths in the line of duty that occurred during the previous 3 calendar years; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

PS, § 3-520 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 1343 Howard County Delegation**HOWARD COUNTY – FIRE AND EXPLOSIVE INVESTIGATOR – AUTHORITY HO. CO. 24-17**

Providing that under specified circumstances, a Howard County fire and explosive investigator operating in Howard County has the same authority as the State Fire Marshal and a full-time investigative and inspection assistant in the Office of the State Fire Marshal to make arrests without a warrant, to exercise specified powers of arrest, and to carry a firearm; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

CR, § 4-201(d) and PS, §§ 3-101(e)(2) and 3-201(f)(2) - amended and CP, § 2-208.6 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 1344 Delegates C. Wilson and McComas**CHARLES AND PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTIES – RECALL OF FORMER JUDGE FOR TEMPORARY ASSIGNMENT – ELIGIBILITY**

Altering the eligibility requirements for recall of a former judge in Charles County and Prince George's County for temporary assignment.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

CJ, § 1-302(b) - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 1345 Delegate A. Washington**NATIONAL CAPITAL STRATEGIC ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND**

Establishing the National Capital Strategic Economic Development Fund as a special, nonlapsing fund to provide grants to assist in predevelopment activities, for revitalization projects in the State; requiring the Department of Housing and Community Development to administer the Fund; requiring the State Treasurer to hold the Fund and the Comptroller to account for the Fund; specifying the contents of the Fund; specifying eligibility criteria for awarding grants from the Fund; etc.

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

HS, § 4-510 and SF, § 6-226(a)(2)(ii)96. - added and SF, § 6-226(a)(2)(ii)94. and 95. - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 1346 Delegate Lafferty**RESIDENTIAL LEASES – DEFINITION OF “RENT”**

Defining “rent”, for premises subject to a residential lease, means the fixed periodic sum for use and possession of the leased premises and does not include any additional payments due from the tenant to the landlord under the lease.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

RP, § 8-401(a) - amended and PLL of Baltimore City, Art. 4, § 9-1A - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 1347 Delegate Cullison, et al

MARYLAND NO-FAULT BIRTH INJURY FUND

Establishing a system for adjudication of a claim involving a birth-related neurological injury; providing equitable compensation, on a no-fault basis, for a limited class of catastrophic injuries that result in unusually high costs for custodial care and rehabilitation; establishing the Maryland No-Fault Birth Injury Fund to provide compensation and benefits to eligible claimants; providing for specified premiums and insurance surcharges to be used to finance and administer the Fund; applying the Act prospectively; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

CJ, §§ 3-2D-01 through 3-2D-08, HG, §§ 20-1801 through 20-1803, and IN, §§ 32-101 through 32-304 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations and Judiciary

HB 1348 Delegate Clippinger, et al

BALTIMORE CITY – 46TH DISTRICT ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ACT OF 2017

Authorizing the Board to issue a Class B beer, wine, and liquor license for a restaurant in the area that is commonly known as Port Covington; requiring that the restaurant be capable of seating more than 150 individuals, have a minimum capital investment of \$700,000, and average daily receipts from the sale of food that are at least 60% of the total daily receipts; providing that the Board cannot issue more than a combined total of five Class B beer, wine, and liquor licenses for use by establishments in a specified area; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

AB, § 12-1604(c) and (g) - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 1349 Delegate Robinson**ENVIRONMENT – COMPOSTABLE, DEGRADABLE, AND BIODEGRADABLE PLASTIC PRODUCTS – LABELING**

Prohibiting a person from selling a specified plastic product that is labeled as biodegradable, degradable, or decomposable on or after October 1, 2018, subject to a specified exception; prohibiting a person from selling a specified plastic product labeled as compostable, marine degradable, or home compostable on or after October 1, 2018, unless the plastic product meets specified standards; establishing specified penalties; providing for the disposition of specified penalties collected under the Act; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

EN, §§ 9-2101 through 9-2105 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation and Economic Matters

HB 1350 Delegate Rose, et al**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION – APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY – CONSISTENCY WITH COMPREHENSIVE PLAN**

Requiring the Public Service Commission to provide a copy of specified application materials for a certificate of public convenience and necessity to each appropriate unit of local government in which the construction of a generating station or of a specified overhead transmission line is proposed to be located; requiring each unit of local government to review the application materials and make a specified determination as to whether the application is consistent with the jurisdiction's comprehensive plan; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

LU, §§ 1-301 and 1-302 and PU, § 7-207(d) and (e) - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 1351 Delegate Rose, et al**EDUCATION – FOREIGN LANGUAGE REQUIREMENT – COMPUTER PROGRAMMING LANGUAGE COURSES**

Allowing county boards of education to authorize a student to satisfy a State or county middle or high school foreign language requirement by completing a course in computer programming language; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

ED, § 7-205.4 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 1352 Delegate Rose, et al**ON-SITE SEWAGE DISPOSAL – HISTORIC AND CULTURALLY SIGNIFICANT PROPERTIES – REGULATIONS**

Requiring the Department of the Environment, on or before December 31, 2017, to adopt regulations providing for the correction of failing on-site sewage disposal systems located on historic and culturally significant properties; and requiring the regulations to be designed to facilitate the use and preservation of, and to accommodate specified characteristics associated with, historic and culturally significant properties.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2017

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 1353 Delegate Waldstreicher**LOCAL GOVERNMENT TORT CLAIMS ACT AND MARYLAND TORT CLAIMS ACT – DAMAGES SUSTAINED ON ARTIFICIAL OR SYNTHETIC TURF PLAYING FIELDS**

Establishing that the limits on liability of a local government under the Local Government Tort Claims Act do not apply to a tort action for damages sustained by an individual on an artificial or a synthetic turf playing field owned or operated by a local government; providing that the State, its officers, and its units may not raise sovereign immunity as a defense in a tort action for damages sustained by an individual on a State-owned or State-operated artificial or synthetic turf playing field; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

CJ, §§ 5-303 and 5-304 and SG, §§ 12-104 and 12-106 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 1354 Delegates Shoemaker and Rose**VOTER REGISTRATION INTEGRITY ACT OF 2017**

Requiring a jury commissioner to provide prospective juror information concerning individuals who are not citizens of the United States to the State Board of Elections within 5 days after receiving the information; requiring the State Administrator of Elections to make specified arrangements to receive the information; requiring the State Administrator to retain a list of individuals whose information has been submitted; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

CJ, § 8-105 - amended and EL, § 3-504(a)(4) - added

Assigned to: Judiciary and Ways and Means

HB 1355 Delegate Rose, et al**SEWERAGE SYSTEMS – RESIDENTIAL MAJOR SUBDIVISIONS IN TIER III AND TIER IV AREAS**

Authorizing a local jurisdiction to authorize a residential major subdivision served by on-site sewage disposal systems, community sewerage systems, or shared systems in Tier III and Tier IV areas under specified circumstances; exempting specified residential major subdivisions from specified provisions of law; and specifying that the Act does not create new development rights.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

EN, § 9-206(d), (f), and (g) - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 1356 Delegate Gilchrist, et al**WASHINGTON SUBURBAN SANITARY COMMISSION – ENTRY INTO PUBLIC ROADWAYS – REGULATIONS BY MUNICIPAL CORPORATIONS**

Authorizing the governing body of a municipal corporation to adopt regulations concerning the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission's entry into or use of specified public roadways; requiring that the regulations be adopted after consultation with the Commission; authorizing the regulations to contain specified provisions relating to the review and approval of specified required permits; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

PU, § 27-102 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 1357 Delegate Waldstreicher**PUBLIC SENIOR HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS – POLICIES RELATED TO INVENTIONS AND PATENTS**

Prohibiting a public senior higher education institution from qualifying to receive student financial assistance or research funding from the State unless the institution adopts specified policies relating to inventions and patents; specifying that the policy must encompass specified requirements; prohibiting an institution from assigning or exclusively licensing a patent to a patent assertion entity; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

ED, § 15-107 - amended

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 1358 Delegate Mosby, et al**MARYLAND LEAD POISONING RECOVERY ACT**

Establishing that the Act applies only to an action brought by a unit of State or local government or by an owner of a residential building against a specified manufacturer of lead pigment for specified damages allegedly caused by the presence of lead-based paint in a residential building; providing that the Act does not apply to specified actions for specified damages arising from personal injury or death or to specified actions against a person other than a manufacturer; etc.

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

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

CJ, §§ 3-2101 through 3-2107 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation and Judiciary

HB 1359 Delegate Stein**PROHIBITION ON USE OF WIRELESS COMMUNICATION AND TEXT-MESSAGING DEVICES WHILE DRIVING – ENFORCEMENT – STUDY**

Requiring the Department of State Police, in consultation with the Maryland Chiefs of Police Association and the Maryland Sheriffs' Association, to conduct a study of potential methods of improving the enforcement of laws that prohibit the use of wireless communication and text-messaging devices while operating a motor vehicle; requiring the Department to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before December 1, 2017; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2017

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 1360 Delegate Hixson, et al**ESTATES AND TRUSTS – VEHICLE TRANSFERS – EXCISE TAX AND FEE EXEMPTION**

Providing that the motor vehicle excise tax and certificate of title fee may not be imposed on the issuance of a certificate of title for specified vehicles transferred without consideration if the vehicle is transferred in a specified manner to or from specified trusts; altering the definition of “consideration”; defining “vehicle”; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

ET, § 14.5-1001 - amended and TR, §§ 13-802(c) and 13-810(a)(26) - added and § 13-810(a)(24) and (25) - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 1361 Delegate Glass, et al

CRIMINAL LAW – ANIMAL CRUELTY – HUNTING EXEMPTIONS

Establishing that specified prohibitions against animal cruelty do not apply to bow hunting in a humane manner; and altering the exemption under specified circumstances for hunting from the prohibition against specified animal cruelty.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

CR, § 10-603 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 1362 Delegate Morales, et al

MARYLAND LAW ENFORCEMENT AND GOVERNMENTAL TRUST ACT

Prohibiting a specified government agent from taking specified actions for immigration enforcement purposes; prohibiting a law enforcement official from stopping, arresting, searching, or detaining an individual for purposes of investigating a suspected immigration violation or inquiring about specified matters; requiring the Attorney General, in consultation with stakeholders, to develop and adopt model policies for a specified purpose; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

CP, § 5-103 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 1363 Delegate Mosby, et al

MARYLAND SMALL DONOR INCENTIVE ACT

Establishing a system of public financing of campaigns for candidates for election to the General Assembly; establishing specified powers and duties of the Campaign Finance Division in the State Board of Elections; requiring a candidate who seeks to qualify for public financing to file a specified notice, establish a specified campaign account, collect specified qualifying contributions, and submit specified information to the Division; etc.

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

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

EL, §§ 13-235 and 15-103 - amended and §§ 15.5-101 through 15.5-114 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 1364 Delegate McMillan, et al

STATE GOVERNMENT – ECHECK PAYMENTS – PROHIBITION ON CONVENIENCE FEE

Providing that a unit of State government that allows a person to make a payment by electronic funds transfer or eCheck that uses an automated clearinghouse network to process the payment may not charge a convenience fee.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

SF, § 2-108 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 1365 Delegate Lisanti

COUNTY STUDENT LOAN REFINANCING AUTHORITIES

Authorizing a county to create a county student loan refinancing authority through an ordinance enacted by the county governing body; establishing that the purpose of an authority is to provide affordable financial assistance to enable county residents, graduates of county public schools, and other specified individuals to obtain a postsecondary education; requiring a county to take specified actions before establishing an authority; etc.

CONTINGENT – EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

ED, §§ 18-31A-01 through 18-31A-03 and CJ, § 5-301(d)(30) - added and CJ, § 5-301(d)(28) and (29) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 1366 Delegate Fisher, et al

LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT – NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES GRANTED H-1B OR L-1 VISA – DISCLOSURE

Requiring each employer, on or before December 1 each year, to report to the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation and the Maryland Higher Education Commission and make available to the public the number of the employer's employees who have been granted an H-1B or L-1 visa by the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

LE, § 1-203 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 1367 Delegate Fisher, et al**PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX – INVESTMENTS IN MARYLAND**

Providing an exemption from personal property tax for property that is owned by a business that has organized under the laws of Maryland during the current tax year or that relocates its headquarters to Maryland during the current tax year; exempting specified personal property from a property tax imposed by a county or municipal corporation for all taxable years beginning after June 30, 2019; providing that specified personal property remains subject to county or municipal corporation property tax; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2017

TP, §§ 7-245 and 7-402 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 1368 Delegate Hornberger**ELECTRICIANS – LOCAL LICENSES – REPEAL**

Requiring that an individual be licensed by the State Board of Master Electricians before the individual provides electrical services in the State; repealing the authority of a local board to issue a local license to provide specified electrical services; providing that local jurisdictions may locally regulate specified work by establishing a system of registrations designed to take action against specified registrants, and to report enforcement action to the State Board; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

BOP, Various Sections - amended and repealed

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 1369 Delegate Proctor, et al**CONDOMINIUMS AND HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATIONS – SALES OF COMMON ELEMENTS AND COMMON AREAS**

Requiring the governing body of a county to provide a written notice no less than 30 days before the sale of any common element in the condominium; requiring the governing body of a county to provide a specified notice before the sale of any common area owned by the homeowners association; requiring that when a tax lien is imposed on specified properties, the governing body imposing the lien must notify each member of the condominium association or homeowners association; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

RP, §§ 11-108(d) and 11B-106.2 - added and TP, § 14-804 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 1370 Delegate P. Young, et al

LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT – EMPLOYMENT RIGHTS FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES – ESTABLISHMENT

Requiring specified counties and municipal corporations to enact a local law, on or before December 31, 2018, to authorize collective bargaining between the county or municipal corporation and a specified employee organization; authorizing specified counties and municipal corporations to enact a local law to authorize collective bargaining between the county or municipal corporation and a specified employee organization; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

LE, §§ 4-701 through 4-704 - added

Assigned to: Appropriations