



SYNOPSIS

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HOUSE BILLS INTRODUCED MARCH 6, 2017

HB 1643 Delegate Lam

HEALTH INSURANCE – HEALTH BENEFIT PLANS – SPECIAL ENROLLMENT PERIOD FOR PREGNANCY

Requiring specified health benefit plans and specified carriers to provide a special enrollment period during which specified individuals who become pregnant may enroll in a health benefit plan; establishing the duration of the special enrollment period; establishing specified effective dates of coverage for specified individuals enrolled in specified health benefit plans during the special enrollment period; applying the Act to all health benefit plans issued, delivered, or renewed in the State on or after January 1, 2018; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

IN, § 15-1201(j) - added and §§ 15-1208.1(c), (e), and (f) and 15-1316 - amended

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HB 1644 Delegate Jones, et al**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – BALTIMORE CITY – MOST WORSHIPFUL PRINCE HALL GRAND LODGE**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$300,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Trustees of The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons of Maryland and Its Jurisdiction, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of a gym for the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, located in Baltimore City; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2017

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HB 1645 Delegate Angel**TASK FORCE TO STUDY MENTAL HEALTH CONCERNS FOR DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING INDIVIDUALS**

Establishing the Task Force to Study Mental Health Concerns for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Individuals; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Task Force; requiring the Task Force to study how mental health and other concerns impact interactions between the deaf and hard of hearing and law enforcement officers; requiring the Task Force to make specified recommendations to the Governor and General Assembly on or before December 1, 2017; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2017

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HB 1646 Delegate Malone, et al**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – LUTHERAN MISSION SOCIETY COMPASSION CENTERS**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$200,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Lutheran Mission Society of Maryland for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, construction, site improvement, and capital equipping of Compassion Centers for the Lutheran Mission Society of Maryland, located in Maryland; 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

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HB 1647 Delegate Valderrama**NURSING HOMES – LIFTING OF IMMOBILE PATIENTS – REQUIREMENTS**

Requiring specified related institutions to require at least two patient care personnel to perform lifts of immobile patients.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

HG, § 19-378 - added

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HB 1648 Delegate Angel**NATALIE M. LAPRADE MEDICAL CANNABIS COMMISSION – DIVERSITY**

Requiring that, to the extent practicable, the members of the Natalie M. LaPrade Medical Cannabis Commission reflect the racial, ethnic, cultural, and gender diversity of the State.

EMERGENCY BILL

HG, § 13-3303 - amended

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HB 1649 Delegate Angel, et al**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY – DISTRICT HEIGHTS VETERANS PARK**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt in the amount of \$170,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Mayor and City Commissioners of the City of District Heights for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of the District Heights Veterans Park, located in Prince George’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

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HB 1650 Delegate Lisanti**HARFORD COUNTY – HOTEL RENTAL TAX**

Authorizing Harford County to impose a hotel rental tax not exceeding 7%; requiring a hotel located in Harford County to collect the tax and file a specified return and pay taxes collected on or before a specified date each month; providing for the distribution of specified hotel rental tax revenue in Harford County and municipalities in Harford County; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

LG, §§ 20-402, 20-405, and 20-408 - amended and § 20-419.5 - added

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HB 1651 Delegate Barve**MARYLAND TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION – TRANSIT RIDERSHIP OF EXECUTIVE BRANCH EMPLOYEES – FARE REQUIRED**

Prohibiting the Maryland Transit Administration from allowing an employee of the Executive Branch of State government to use a transit service without paying the established fare; authorizing the Administration to allow an employee of the Executive Branch of State government to use a transit service without payment of an established fare if the use is in the course of the employee's employment; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

TR, § 7-709 - added

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