



# SYNOPSIS

House Bills and Joint Resolutions  
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## HOUSE BILLS INTRODUCED MARCH 7, 2017

### **HB 1652 Delegates Pena–Melnyk and West**

HEALTH OCCUPATIONS – CERTIFIED SUPERVISED COUNSELORS–  
ALCOHOL AND DRUG – QUALIFICATIONS

Authorizing an applicant, in order to qualify as a certified supervised counselor–alcohol and drug, to complete supervised work experience as specified in regulation in lieu of satisfying a specified internship requirement.

EMERGENCY BILL

HO, § 17-404 - amended

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

### **HB 1653 Delegate Ghrist**

CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – CECIL COUNTY – ELKTON  
SPORTSPLEX CAMPUS AND PERFORMING–VISUAL ARTS CENTER

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$200,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Mayor and Commissioners of the Town of Elkton for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of the Elkton Sportsplex Campus and Performing–Visual Arts Center, located in Cecil 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 1654 Delegate Chang, et al****VEHICLE LAWS – WORK ZONE SPEED CONTROL SYSTEM – INCREASED PENALTY FOR MULTIPLE OFFENSES**

Increasing the maximum civil penalty from \$40 to \$80 for a third or subsequent violation in a calendar year of a posted speed restriction in a work zone captured by a speed control system.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

TR, § 21-810(c)(2) - amended

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

**HB 1655 Delegate Jalisi****MEDICAL CANNABIS – CERTIFYING PROVIDERS – WRITTEN CERTIFICATIONS**

Altering the definition of “written certification”, for purposes of provisions of law governing medical cannabis, to require that a written certification issued by a certifying provider to a specified qualifying patient include a specified recommendation on the amount of medical cannabis that would be necessary to meet the needs of the qualifying patient.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

HG, § 13-3301(n) - amended

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

**HB 1656 Delegates Hayes and Mosby****CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – BALTIMORE CITY – HAMPDEN FAMILY 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 The Hampden Family Center, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of the Hampden Family 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.

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Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

**HB 1657** Delegate Rosenberg, et al

STATE DESIGNATIONS – THE PREAKNESS STAKES AS THE STATE  
CULTURAL EVENT

Designating the Preakness Stakes as the State cultural event.

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GP, § 7-313 - added

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