



# SYNOPSIS

House Bills and Joint Resolutions  
2017 Maryland General Assembly Session

**January 18, 2017**  
**Schedule 5**

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**PLEASE NOTE:** January 24 – Bill request deadline.  
February 10 – Bill introduction deadline.  
All bills must be given to the Chief Clerk by 5:00 P.M. on Thursday, February 9.  
As required by House Rule 32(b), bills introduced after this date will be referred to the House Rules and Executive Nominations Committee.

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## **HOUSE BILLS INTRODUCED JANUARY 18, 2017**

**HB 119** Chair, Environment and Transportation Committee (By Request – Departmental – Transportation)

WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT AUTHORITY –  
WASHINGTON METRORAIL SAFETY COMMISSION –  
ESTABLISHMENT AND COMPACT

Establishing the Washington Metrorail Safety Commission and the Metrorail Safety Commission Interstate Compact; granting the Commission specified safety, regulatory, and enforcement authority over the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority; specifying the membership, powers, organization, and duties of the Commission; making the Act contingent upon the enactment of a similar Act by the Commonwealth of Virginia and by the District of Columbia; etc.

CONTINGENT – EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2017

TR, § 10-208 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

### **Department of Legislative Services**

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**HB 120 Chair, Environment and Transportation Committee (By Request – Departmental – Agriculture)**

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE – SEAFOOD AND AQUACULTURE  
PRODUCT MARKETING

Transferring the Seafood Marketing and Aquaculture Development Program, the Seafood Marketing Fund, the Seafood Program Management Team, the Innovative Seafood Technologies Program, and the Seafood Marketing Advisory Commission from the Department of Natural Resources to the Department of Agriculture; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

AG, §§ 2-106(a), 10-1001, 10-1002, and 10-1101(l) and NR, §§ 4-701(g)(2) and 4-11A-03 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

**HB 121 Chair, Environment and Transportation Committee (By Request – Departmental – Environment)**

ENVIRONMENT – HAZARDOUS MATERIAL SECURITY – REPEAL

Repealing a requirement to deposit specified fees collected by the Department of the Environment into a separate account within the Community Right-to-Know Fund; repealing a requirement that specified persons analyze the security of specified facilities in accordance with specified requirements; repealing a specified fee; repealing a requirement that the Department adopt specified hazardous material security standards; repealing a requirement that the Department adopt specified regulations; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

EN, §§ 7-604(m) and 7-701 through 7-709 - repealed

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

**HB 122 Chair, Environment and Transportation Committee (By Request – Departmental – State Police)**

MOTOR VEHICLES – ELECTRONIC INSPECTION CERTIFICATES FOR  
USED VEHICLES – SUNSET EXTENSION

Extending the termination date to June 30, 2020, for specified provisions of the used vehicle inspection law applicable to the electronic submission of an inspection certificate.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2017

Chapter 91 of the Acts of 2014, § 3 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

**HB 123 Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee (By Request – Departmental – Maryland Insurance Administration)**

**HEALTH INSURANCE – REQUIRED CONFORMITY WITH FEDERAL LAW**

Making specified provisions of the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act relating to preventive and wellness services and chronic disease management applicable to individual health insurance coverage and health insurance coverage offered in specified small group and large group markets; altering specified provisions of law relating to special enrollment periods in the small employer health insurance market; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2017

IN, §§ 15-137.1, 15-1208.2(d), 15-1301(l), and 31-101(g) - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

**HB 124 Chair, Environment and Transportation Committee (By Request – Departmental – Environment)**

**ENVIRONMENT – SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLING FACILITIES**

Requiring the Department of the Environment to adopt specified regulations relating to recycling facilities, including conditions for specified permit exemptions; providing that specified enforcement provisions apply to specified violations; requiring the Department to convene and consult with a workgroup of affected stakeholders in developing specified regulations; and requiring the workgroup to include representatives of specified entities.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

EN, § 9-101(j) - amended and § 9-1713 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

**HB 125 Chair, Environment and Transportation Committee (By Request – Departmental – Environment)**

**ENVIRONMENT – EMERGENCY ACTION PLANS FOR DAMS**

Requiring specified dam owners to prepare and submit to the Department of the Environment an emergency action plan that contains specified information by August 1, 2017; requiring the Department's approval of an emergency action plan; requiring specified dam owners to provide a copy of an emergency action plan to specified agencies; requiring specified dam owners to update and test an emergency action plan in a specified manner; and authorizing the Department to adopt specified regulations.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

EN, § 5-503.1 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

**HB 126 Chair, Environment and Transportation Committee (By Request – Departmental – Natural Resources)**

**NATURAL RESOURCES – WILDLIFE AND HUNTING**

Clarifying the authorized uses of the State Wildlife Management and Protection Fund; repealing specified requirements that the Department of Natural Resources use specified funds from specified hunting license sales for specified purposes; requiring a person who harvests a game bird or mammal to report the harvest in accordance with specified regulations; requiring a person who possesses a game bird or mammal killed by means other than hunting to report the possession in accordance with specified regulations; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

NR, §§ 10-209(g), 10-415(e), and 10-418(a) - amended, §§ 10-308, 10-415(b) and (f), and 10-503 - repealed, and § 10-415(b) and (f) - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

**HB 127 Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee (By Request – Departmental – Health and Mental Hygiene)**

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE – BOARD OF REVIEW – REPEAL**

Repealing provisions of law relating to the Board of Review of the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene; repealing provisions of law that require the Board of Review to make specified recommendations to the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene, advise the Secretary on specified matters, hear and determine specified appeals, and report at specified intervals to the Secretary; repealing provisions of law that authorize a person to file an appeal with the Board of Review; etc.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

HG, §§ 2-201 through 2-207 - repealed and HG and HO, Various Sections - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

**HB 128** Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee (By Request – Departmental – Disabilities)

STATE DISABILITIES PLAN AND INTERAGENCY DISABILITIES BOARD – REVISIONS

Altering the date, from October 1 to December 1 of each year, by which the Secretary of Disabilities must submit an annual analysis of the State’s progress in implementing the State Disabilities Plan and related performance objectives to the Governor and the General Assembly; altering the membership of the Interagency Disabilities Board; and altering the required elements of the State Disabilities Plan.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

HU, §§ 7-113(f), 7-128, and 7-132 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

**HB 129** Chair, Environment and Transportation Committee (By Request – Departmental – Natural Resources)

BAYSTAT PROGRAM AND BAYSTAT SUBCABINET – RENAMING

Renaming the BayStat Program to be the BayTrack Program; and renaming the BayStat Subcabinet to be the Bay Cabinet.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

NR, §§ 8-2A-01(b), 8-2A-03, and 8-2A-04 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

**HB 130** Chair, Environment and Transportation Committee (By Request – Departmental – Agriculture)

MARYLAND WINE AND GRAPE PROMOTION FUND

Repealing the Maryland Wine and Grape Promotion Council; requiring the Governor’s Advisory Commission on Maryland Wine and Grape Growing to advise and recommend to the Secretary of Agriculture for approval the allocation of specified funds for specified projects; and repealing a specified defined term.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

AG, §§ 2-1101, 2-1102, and 10-1206 - amended and § 2-1103 - repealed

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

**HB 131 Chair, Environment and Transportation Committee (By Request – Departmental – Planning)**

STATE PLANNING – CENTRAL DEPOSITORY

Repealing a specified provision of law relating to the submission of specified plans to the Department of Planning; clarifying specified provisions of law relating to the plans, amendments, and revisions for which the Department is a depository; requiring a specified unit of government or agency to submit to the Department an electronic version of specified plans, amendments, and revisions; and requiring the Department to post on its Web site specified plans, revisions, and amendments.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

SF, § 5-501 - amended and § 5-502 - repealed

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

**HB 132 Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee (By Request – Departmental – Aging)**

LONG-TERM CARE OMBUDSMAN PROGRAM – REGULATIONS

Requiring the Secretary of Aging to consult with the State Long-Term Care Ombudsman when adopting specified regulations that relate to the Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program, including specified annual reviews, resident councils and family councils in long-term care facilities, training and designating ombudsmen, conflicts of interest, and confidentiality of specified information and documents.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

HU, §§ 10-902, 10-904, and 10-906 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

**HB 133 Chair, Environment and Transportation Committee (By Request – Departmental – Environment)**

ENVIRONMENT – REDUCTION OF LEAD RISK IN HOUSING – NOTIFICATION OF ELEVATED BLOOD LEAD LEVEL

Requiring the Department of the Environment or a local health department to notify the person at risk, or in the case of a minor, the parent or legal guardian of the person at risk, and the owner of the affected property on receipt of specified blood lead tests under specified circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

EN, §§ 6-304 and 6-846 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

**HB 134 Chair, Appropriations Committee and Chair, Environment and Transportation Committee (By Request – Departmental – Human Resources)**

HOMELESSNESS AND SUPPORTIVE SERVICES – TRANSFER TO DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Transferring specified responsibilities relating to the Interagency Council on Homelessness and the Homeless Women – Crisis Shelter Home Program from the Department of Human Resources to the Department of Housing and Community Development; providing for the transfer of the functions, powers, and duties of the Bureau of Homeless Services; requiring the Council to appoint a specified transition team; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

HS, §§ 4-2101, 4-2103, 4-2201, and 4-2208 - amended

Assigned to: Appropriations and Environment and Transportation

**HB 135 Chair, Economic Matters Committee (By Request – Departmental – Labor, Licensing and Regulation)**

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE – ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSION OF INFORMATION AND DOCUMENTS – AUTHORITY

Authorizing the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation, individuals, and employers to electronically send specified information and documents relating to unemployment insurance; and requiring the Department to adopt regulations establishing the methods and means for information and documents to be sent electronically.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

LE, § 8-108 - added and §§ 8-629(f), 8-638(e), and 8-806(g) - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 136 Chair, Economic Matters Committee (By Request – Departmental – Maryland Insurance Administration)**

**INSURANCE – PUBLIC ADJUSTERS**

Altering specified provisions concerning the licensing and practice of public adjusters; adding and altering specified definitions relating to public adjusters; providing an exception to licensing for specified marketing activities; repealing the requirement that public adjuster license application forms include specified employment disclosures; altering the title that a licensed public adjuster may use; repealing the requirement for specified experience before taking a specified written examination; etc.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2018

IN, §§ 10-401 through 10-403, 10-405 through 10-407, 10-409, and 10-409.1 - amended and §§ 10-411 through 10-416 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 137 Chair, Economic Matters Committee (By Request – Departmental – Labor, Licensing and Regulation)**

**UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE – RECOVERY OF BENEFITS – COLLECTION BY ASSESSMENT**

Authorizing the Secretary of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation to recover unemployment insurance benefits by assessment in the same manner as provided in a specified provision of law for the assessment of past due contributions.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

LE, § 8-809(d) - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 138 Chair, Economic Matters Committee (By Request – Departmental – Labor, Licensing and Regulation)**

**OCCUPATIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSING BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND REGULATORY ENTITIES – NOTIFICATIONS OF APPLICANTS, LICENSEES, REGISTRANTS, AND PERMIT HOLDERS**

Altering the methods by which specified occupational and professional licensing boards, commissions, and other regulatory entities are authorized to send specified notices to specified applicants and specified renewal notices to specified licensees, registrants, or permit holders; altering specified requirements for, and the contents of, specified notices; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

BOP, BR, and PS, Various Sections - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters



**HB 139**    **Chair, Economic Matters Committee (By Request – Departmental – Labor, Licensing and Regulation)**

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE – EMPLOYER DETERMINATIONS –  
PROCESS AND APPEAL RIGHTS

Specifying the process and timeframe for exercising specified appeal rights related to employer determinations under the unemployment insurance law; requiring the Lower Appeals Division to hear and decide appeals from review determination decisions; authorizing an employer to file an appeal of a specified review determination decision to the Lower Appeals Division and the Board of Appeals under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

LE, Various Sections - amended and added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 140**    **Chair, Economic Matters Committee (By Request – Departmental – Labor, Licensing and Regulation)**

STATE COMMISSION OF REAL ESTATE APPRAISERS, APPRAISAL  
MANAGEMENT COMPANIES, AND HOME INSPECTORS –  
SUPERVISION OF APPRAISER TRAINEES

Altering the qualifications for a real estate appraisal license and for a certificate for residential or general real estate appraisal to require that the applicant provide real estate appraiser services as a trainee under the supervision of only a certified appraiser.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

BOP, §§ 16-302(d)(2) and 16-503(b)(2) - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 141 Chair, Economic Matters Committee (By Request – Departmental – Labor, Licensing and Regulation)**

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE – ELIGIBILITY FOR BENEFITS – BUSINESS OPERATION CLOSINGS

Authorizing the Secretary of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation to exempt employees of an employer that closes its business operation or part of its business operation for a definite period not exceeding 10 weeks for inventory, vacation, or another purpose from the requirement to actively seek work during that period to be eligible to receive unemployment insurance benefits; and providing that a specified exemption may be granted only with respect to a specific business operation closing.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

LE, § 8-904 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 142 Chair, Economic Matters Committee (By Request – Departmental)**

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS – MORTGAGE LENDERS – EXAMINATIONS AND RECORDS

Altering the time period during which the Commissioner of Financial Regulation must examine the business of specified mortgage lender licensees from at least once during any 36-month period to at least once during any 60-month period; and altering the minimum time period for which licensed mortgage lenders must retain specified records from 25 to 61 months.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

FI, §§ 11-513 and 11-515(a) - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 143 Chair, Ways and Means Committee (By Request – Departmental – State Board of Elections)**

ELECTIONS – MISCELLANEOUS DUTIES AND PROCEDURES

Repealing a specified duty of a local election director; repealing the requirement that the State Board of Elections print specified forms; requiring political parties to certify to the State Board the residential addresses of candidates; repealing the requirement that specified candidates be identified on the ballot by the state in which the candidate resides; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

EL, §§ 2-206, 6-103, 8-503, 9-210(h), and 12-103 and GP, § 5-605 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 144** Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee (By Request – Departmental – General Services)

PROCUREMENT – DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES – EXEMPTION FOR HISTORIC STRUCTURES

Providing that specified provisions of law do not apply to procurement by the Department of General Services for the renovation of a structure that was built during the 18th or 19th century or that is listed in or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

SF, § 11-203(a)(1)(xvii) - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

**HB 145** Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee (By Request – Departmental – Health and Mental Hygiene)

BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF NURSING HOME ADMINISTRATORS – NONLICENSED PERSONS – PROVISIONAL LICENSURE

Requiring the owner of a nursing home or other appropriate nursing home authority, under specified circumstances, to immediately appoint a nonlicensed person to serve in the capacity of interim nursing home administrator; authorizing the appointed nonlicensed person to act as the interim nursing home administrator on filing an application with the State Board of Nursing Home Administrators requesting a provisional license; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

HO, § 9-301 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

**HB 146** Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee (By Request – Departmental – Aging)

SECRETARY OF AGING – ADMINISTRATION OF COMMODITY SUPPLEMENTAL FOOD PROGRAM AND REGULATORY AUTHORITY

Requiring the Secretary of Aging to administer the federal Commodity Supplemental Food Program using specified funds and resources received from the United States Department of Agriculture in accordance with a specified law; and authorizing the Secretary to adopt specified regulations.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

HU, § 10-204 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

**HB 147 Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee (By Request – Departmental – Aging)**

**HEALTHY AGING PROGRAM**

Establishing the Healthy Aging Program in the Department of Aging; specifying the purposes of the Program; providing that funding for the Program shall be as provided in the State budget; authorizing the Secretary of Aging to accept money from specified sources for the Program; authorizing the Secretary to adopt regulations to implement the Program; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

HU, § 10-205 - amended and §§ 10-1101 and 10-1102 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

**HB 148 Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee (By Request – Departmental – Maryland State Archives)**

**STATE ARCHIVES – CARE OF FINE ART OR DECORATIVE ART – PROCUREMENT EXEMPTION**

Exempting the preservation, conservation, proper care, restoration, and transportation by the State Archives of art, in the custody of the Commission on Artistic Property and owned by or loaned to the State, from specified provisions of State procurement law.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

SF, § 11-203(a)(1)(xvii) and (xviii) - amended and § 11-203(a)(1)(xix) - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

**HB 149 Chair, Environment and Transportation Committee (By Request – Departmental – Transportation)**

**TRANSPORTATION – LIGHT RAIL AND METRO SUBWAY – STATE SAFETY OVERSIGHT AUTHORITY**

Designating the Office of the Secretary of Transportation as the State Safety Oversight Authority for the Maryland Transit Administration's light rail transit system and Metro subway in accordance with federal law; requiring the deputy secretary of transportation or the deputy secretary's designee to exercise safety authority over the Administration's light rail transit system and Metro subway; and authorizing the Office of the Secretary to adopt regulations to carry out its safety oversight authority.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2017

TR, § 2-102(c) - amended and § 7-203.1 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

**HB 150 The Speaker (By Request – Administration)****BUDGET BILL (FISCAL YEAR 2018)**

Making the proposed appropriations contained in the State Budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, in accordance with Article III, Section 52 of the Maryland Constitution; etc.

Assigned to: Appropriations

**HB 151 The Speaker (By Request – Administration)****CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – MARYLAND CONSOLIDATED CAPITAL BOND LOAN OF 2017, AND THE MARYLAND CONSOLIDATED CAPITAL BOND LOANS OF 2009, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, AND 2016**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt in the amount of \$1,013,267,000, the proceeds to be used for specified necessary building, construction, demolition, planning, renovation, conversion, replacement, and capital equipment purchases of the State, for acquiring specified real estate in connection therewith, and for grants to specified subdivisions and other organizations for specified development and improvement purposes, subject to specified requirements; etc.

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

**VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES**

Various Chapters of Various Years, Various Sections - amended and repealed

Assigned to: Appropriations

**HB 152 The Speaker (By Request – Administration)****BUDGET RECONCILIATION AND FINANCING ACT OF 2017**

Authorizing or altering the distribution of specified revenue; altering or repealing specified required appropriations; authorizing the use of specified funds for specified purposes; altering the Special Fund from which a specified racing purse and a related bonus award program is funded; providing a specified amount of aid to specified institutions; altering a specified rate increase for community service providers; limiting increases in specified mandated spending; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

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

**EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2017**

BR, ED, HG, HS, LE, LG, PS, SF, SG, TP, and Various Chapters of the Acts, Various Sections - amended, added, and repealed

Assigned to: Appropriations

**HB 153 The Speaker (By Request – Administration)****CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – QUALIFIED ZONE ACADEMY BONDS**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt in the amount of \$4,823,000, the proceeds to be used as grants to the Interagency Committee on School Construction and the Maryland State Department of Education for the renovation, repair, and capital improvements of qualified zone academies; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds and the further grant of funds to eligible school systems for specified purposes, subject to a requirement that the grantees document the provision of a required matching fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2017

Assigned to: Appropriations

**HB 154 Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee (By Request – Departmental – Maryland Insurance Administration)****INSURANCE – PHARMACY BENEFITS MANAGERS – REGISTRATION EXPIRATION DATE**

Altering the date on which the registration of a pharmacy benefits manager expires unless the registration is renewed.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

IN, § 15-1605(a) - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

**HB 155 Chair, Environment and Transportation Committee (By Request – Departmental – Agriculture)****MARYLAND AGRICULTURAL LAND PRESERVATION FOUNDATION – EASEMENT TERMINATION**

Altering the procedures for terminating an easement purchased by the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation; establishing specified criteria to be considered by a county governing body and the Foundation for approving or denying a termination of an easement; providing for the effect of a county governing body's denial of a request to terminate an easement; applying the Act to an easement that is eligible for termination and acquired by the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation on or before September 30, 2004; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

AG, § 2-514 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation