



# SYNOPSIS

Prefiled Senate Bills and Joint Resolutions  
2017 Maryland General Assembly Session

**January 11, 2017**  
**Schedule 1**

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**PLEASE NOTE:** The following legislation was prefiled for the 2017 Session.

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## **SENATE BILLS INTRODUCED January 11, 2017**

### **SB 1**      **Senator Conway**

#### **EDUCATION – SPECIALIZED INTERVENTION SERVICES – REPORTS**

Requiring county boards of education, beginning in the 2018–2019 school year, to report specified information relating to the provision of specialized intervention services to the State Department of Education and the General Assembly on or before December 1 each year; requiring county boards and the Department to publish annually this same information on their Web sites; etc.

**EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017**

ED, § 5-111.1 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

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**SB 2 Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Planning)****MARYLAND HERITAGE AREAS AUTHORITY – REVISION OF BOUNDARIES AND BOUNDARY MAPS**

Altering the process by which the Maryland Heritage Areas Authority may amend or revise the boundaries of a recognized heritage area by allowing publication in the Maryland Register of a revised Uniform Resource Locator (URL) to a geographical information system file in addition to publication of a revised drawing or boundary description; requiring the Authority to send a copy of each boundary map for a recognized heritage area to the county clerk where the heritage area is located; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

FI, §§ 13-1101 and 13-1110(d) - amended

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 3 Senator Salling, et al****INCOME TAX – SUBTRACTION MODIFICATION – MILITARY RETIREMENT INCOME**

Removing the limitation on the amount of military retirement income that may be subtracted from federal adjusted gross income for State income tax purposes; and applying the Act to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2016.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

TG, § 10-207(q) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

**SB 4 Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee (By Request – Departmental – Office of Minority Affairs)****MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISES – PROGRAM PARTICIPATION – REQUIREMENTS AND REAUTHORIZATION**

Clarifying what constitutes good cause for the purposes of removal of a minority business enterprise after commencement of work on a contract; requiring minority business enterprises serving as subcontractors on specified contracts to submit, within 10 days after notice of intent to award a contract, specified documentation to the procurement officer of the unit and to the contractor; altering the termination date for provisions of law concerning the Minority Business Enterprise Program to July 1, 2018; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

SF, §§ 14-302, 14-303, and 14-309 and Chapter 154 of the Acts of 2012, § 2, as amended - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 5**      **Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request – Departmental – Juvenile Services)**

JUVENILE LAW – CONTINUED DETENTION – MINIMUM AGE

Prohibiting the continued detention, beyond emergency detention, of a child under the age of 12 years, unless the child is alleged to have committed murder in the first degree, attempted murder in the first degree, rape in the first degree, or sexual offense in the first degree under specified provisions of law.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

CJ, § 3-8A-15 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 6**      **Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs 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: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 7**      **Senator Pinsky**

GOVERNOR'S P-20 LEADERSHIP COUNCIL – COLLEGE AND CAREER READINESS AND COLLEGE COMPLETION REPORTING – REVISIONS

Altering a specified reporting requirement of the Governor's P-20 Leadership Council relating to college and career readiness and college completion strategies.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

ED, § 24-801(m) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 8**      **Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Maryland Insurance Administration)**

**INSURANCE – RISK MANAGEMENT AND OWN RISK AND SOLVENCY ASSESSMENT ACT**

Requiring specified insurers to maintain a risk management framework; requiring specified insurers to conduct an own risk and solvency assessment regularly or at any time when there are significant changes to the insurer's risk profile; requiring specified insurers to provide the Maryland Insurance Commissioner with an own risk and solvency assessment report on request; establishing the manner in which specified insurers may comply with the reporting requirement; establishing a penalty of up to \$25,000 for failure to comply; etc.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2018

IN, §§ 32-101 through 32-110 - added

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 9**      **Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request – Departmental – Transportation)**

**MOTOR VEHICLES – AUTONOMOUS AND CONNECTED VEHICLES**

Authorizing the Motor Vehicle Administration, in consultation with the Department of State Police, to adopt regulations governing the inspection, registration, and safe testing and operation of autonomous and connected vehicles and the safe testing and operation of autonomous technologies on the highways of the State.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

TR, § 25-101.2 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 10**      **Senator Cassilly**

**CHILD CUSTODY AND VISITATION – DEPLOYED PARENTS**

Prohibiting a court in any child custody or visitation proceeding from considering, in and of itself, a parent's past deployment or possible future deployment in determining the best interest of a child except under specified circumstances; authorizing a party or witness who is subject to deployment to provide testimony and present evidence by electronic means or by telephone under specified circumstances; authorizing the court to grant caretaking or decision-making authority to a nonparent under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

FL, § 9-108 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 11**      **Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request – Departmental – Public Safety and Correctional Services)**

**CORRECTIONAL SERVICES – CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS’ BILL OF RIGHTS – COMPOSITION OF HEARING BOARD**

Altering specified provisions of law relating to the required ranks of correctional officer members of a hearing board under the Correctional Officers’ Bill of Rights; altering a specified provision of law to require that correctional officers assigned to serve on a hearing board be selected from a list of correctional officers eligible to serve on disciplinary hearing boards established by the Secretary of the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services, or the Secretary’s designee; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

CS, § 10-909(c) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 12**      **Senator Ramirez**

**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: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 13**      **Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee (By Request – Departmental – Military)**

**PUBLIC SAFETY – STATE MILITIA**

Clarifying that service in the Maryland Defense Force is at will and voluntary; altering the classes of State militia; repealing the requirement that a specified individual take a specified oath; repealing specified authorization and requirements relating to organizational commanders; prohibiting the Maryland Defense Force or its members from accepting gifts, donations, gratuities, or anything of value in exchange for a service rendered; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

PS, Various Sections - amended and repealed

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 14**      **Senator Madaleno, et al****EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT – INDIVIDUALS WITHOUT QUALIFYING CHILDREN – EXPANSION**

Altering the calculation of the Maryland earned income tax credit to allow specified individuals without qualifying children to claim an increased credit; expanding eligibility of the credit to allow specified individuals without specified qualifying children to claim the credit; allowing specified individuals to claim the credit without regard to a specified age limitation; applying the Act to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2016; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

TG, § 10-704 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

**SB 15**      **Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Maryland Insurance Administration)****INSURANCE – CHARITABLE GIFT ANNUITIES – SPECIAL PERMIT HOLDERS – REQUIRED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

Requiring a holder of a special permit needed to make agreements with donors for annuity payments to specified entities to submit to the Maryland Insurance Commissioner a certified audited fiscal year–end financial statement of the holder instead of an annual report; requiring the financial statement to be prepared by a certified public accountant and presented in a specified manner; authorizing the Commissioner to waive the requirement to submit the financial statement under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

IN, § 16-114 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 16**      **Senators Hough and Ready****PUBLIC SAFETY – FIREARM APPLICATION**

Repealing a requirement that a firearm application contain a copy of the applicant's handgun qualification license; and requiring that a firearm application contain the applicant's handgun qualification license number, with a specified exception.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

PS, § 5-118(b) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 17**      **Chair, Finance 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: Finance

**SB 18**      **Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee (By Request – Departmental – State Ethics Commission)**

PUBLIC ETHICS – BICOUNTY COMMISSIONS – FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE

Altering duties of executive directors of bicounty commissions relating to the provision of ethics forms, as specified; requiring commissioners and applicants for appointment as commissioners to file financial disclosure statements electronically, as specified; requiring the filing of paper copies of financial disclosure statements with specified officials in specified counties; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

GP, §§ 5-824, 5-825, and 5-826 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 19**      **Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Maryland Insurance Administration)**

**INSURANCE – SURPLUS LINES INSURERS, SURPLUS LINES BROKERS, AND REINSURERS**

Altering the requirements an insurer must meet to be approved as a surplus lines insurer by the Maryland Insurance Commissioner; providing for the expiration of a surplus lines insurer's approval; establishing a process for renewal of a surplus lines insurer's approval; clarifying that a requirement to report specified business subject to tax and pay the tax stated in the report at specified intervals applies only to surplus lines brokers that have transacted surplus lines business in the State during the reporting period; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

IN, § 2-112(a)(8) - repealed, § 2-112(a)(8) and (9) - added, and §§ 2-112(a)(9), (10), and (11), 3-318, and 3-325 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 20**      **Senator Mathias**

**WICOMICO COUNTY – VEHICLE DEALER'S LICENSES – MOTOR HOME AND TRAVEL TRAILER SHOWS**

Exempting an out-of-state dealer of Class M motor homes or Class G trailers from specified license requirements solely for the purpose of displaying and selling vehicles at a specified vehicle show in Wicomico County; authorizing specified out-of-state dealers and salesmen to participate in a specified vehicle show in Wicomico County; authorizing specified dealers and salesmen to conduct all activities involved in a vehicle sale at a specified vehicle show in Wicomico County; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

TR, §§ 15-101, 15-302, and 15-304 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 21**      **Chair, Finance 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: Finance

**SB 22**      **Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request – Departmental – Public Safety and Correctional Services)**

CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – CRIMINAL INJURIES COMPENSATION  
BOARD – CLAIMANT AWARD BASIS

Reducing the minimum eligibility threshold for an award of lost earnings or support from the Criminal Injuries Compensation Board; establishing eligibility for a specified award of up to 2 weeks of lost average weekly wages for a parent, child, or spouse of a victim who died as a direct result of a crime or delinquent act; and prohibiting a specified lost wage claim from exceeding \$2,000.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

CP, §§ 11-810 and 11-811 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 23**      **Senator Klausmeier, et al**

HANDGUN PERMITS – ALTERNATIVE EXPIRATION DATE –  
PRIVATE DETECTIVES, SECURITY GUARDS, AND SPECIAL POLICE  
OFFICERS

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

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

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

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 24**      **Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request – Departmental – State Police)**

**PUBLIC SAFETY – EYEWITNESS IDENTIFICATION POLICIES – REPEAL OF SUBMISSION REQUIREMENT**

Repealing requirements that each law enforcement agency in the State file a copy of its written policy relating to eyewitness identification with the Department of State Police and that the Department of State Police compile and allow public inspection of the policies.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

PS, § 3-506 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 25**      **Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Transportation)**

**MARYLAND TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION – TRANSIT SERVICE – CONTRACTED TAXICAB SERVICE**

Altering the definition of “transit service” to include taxicab service; clarifying that fares imposed by the Maryland Transit Administration for any transit service utilizing taxicabs are not subject to supervision or regulation by any instrumentality, agency, or unit of the State or any of its political subdivisions; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2017

TR, §§ 7-101(n) and 7-505 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 26**      **Senator Kagan, et al**

**MARYLAND FALSE CLAIMS ACT – MUNICIPAL CORPORATIONS**

Altering the definition of “governmental entity” to include a municipal corporation for purposes of the Maryland False Claims Act; and providing for the prospective application of the Act.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

GP, § 8-101(e) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 27**      **Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request – Departmental – Human Resources)**

**CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT – SUBSTANCE-EXPOSED NEWBORNS – REPORTING**

Repealing specified provisions exempting a health care practitioner from making a specified report regarding a substance-exposed newborn under specified circumstances; and making the Act an emergency measure.

**EMERGENCY BILL**

FL, § 5-704.2 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 28**      **Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee (By Request – Departmental – Lottery and Gaming Control Agency)**

**STATE LOTTERY TICKETS – PROHIBITED ACTS – DELIVERY SERVICE**

Prohibiting a person or governmental unit from selling or purchasing a State lottery ticket on behalf of specified individuals and delivering or transmitting the ticket or an electronic image of the ticket to an individual as a for-profit business delivery service; etc.

**EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017**

SG, § 9-124(b)(3) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 29**      **Senator Pinsky**

**NATURAL RESOURCES – FOREST CONSERVATION ACT – FOREST CONSERVATION THRESHOLDS AND REFORESTATION REQUIREMENTS**

Clarifying that units of local government with planning and zoning authority may adopt specified forest conservation thresholds and reforestation requirements that are more stringent than specified forest conservation thresholds and reforestation requirements in State law.

**EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2017**

NR, § 5-1606 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 30**      **Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request – Departmental – Natural Resources)**

VESSELS – OPERATING WHILE UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF OR  
IMPAIRED BY ALCOHOL OR DRUGS

Extending to all vessels the application of specified alcohol– and drug–related offenses.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2017

NR, § 8-738(a) - amended and § 8-738(g) - repealed

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 31**      **Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Maryland Insurance Administration)**

TITLE INSURANCE – RATE MAKING – USE OF RATING  
ORGANIZATIONS FOR FILINGS

Providing that specified provisions of law governing rating organizations apply to rate making for title insurance; authorizing a title insurer to satisfy its obligations to make filings by being a member of or a subscriber to a specified title rating organization and authorizing the Maryland Insurance Commissioner to accept filings on its behalf from the title rating organization; etc.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

IN, §§ 11-202, 11-403, and 11-404 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 32**      **Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Maryland Insurance Administration)**

MOTOR VEHICLE LIABILITY INSURANCE – CANCELLATION OF  
POLICY OR BINDER – SCOPE OF NOTICE REQUIREMENTS

Clarifying that provisions of law that require an insurer to take specified actions before canceling, failing to renew, or reducing coverage under a policy or binder of private passenger motor vehicle liability insurance do not apply to cancellation of the policy or binder during the 45–day underwriting period in accordance with specified provisions of law.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

IN, § 27-613(a) - amended

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 33**      **Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Labor, Licensing and Regulation)**

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: Finance

**SB 34**      **Chair, Budget and Taxation Committee (By Request – Departmental – Transportation)**

MOTOR VEHICLES – LEASED VEHICLES – INSPECTIONS, INSURANCE, AND EXCISE TAX

Exempting from the motor vehicle excise tax a vehicle that is leased by the State or a political subdivision of the State; prohibiting the Motor Vehicle Administration from issuing, reinstating, or renewing a vehicle registration for a motor vehicle lessee who has an unpaid insurance penalty; and exempting a leased vehicle transferred to the lessee at the end of the lease term from the requirement to obtain a motor vehicle safety inspection.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

TR, §§ 13-810(a)(3), 17-106(e)(3), and 23-106(a)(7) and (8) - amended and § 23-106(a)(9) - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

**SB 35**      **Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request – Departmental – Juvenile Services)**

JUVENILE LAW – INFORMAL ADJUSTMENT – MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAM

Establishing that a juvenile informal adjustment process may exceed 90 days if a juvenile intake officer determines that additional time is necessary for a child to complete a substance abuse treatment or mental health program that is part of the informal adjustment process.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

CJ, § 3-8A-10(f) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 36**      **Senator Mathias****TAX CREDITS – ELECTRONIC FILING REQUIREMENTS – WAIVER**

Authorizing the Comptroller, under specified circumstances, to grant a waiver from the requirement that a taxpayer claiming specified tax credits submit a claim for the credit by electronic means; and applying the Act to tax years beginning after December 31, 2016.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

TG, § 10-804(j) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

**SB 37**      **Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request – Departmental – Office of Crime Control and Prevention)****FUNDS – OBSOLETE PROVISIONS – REPEAL**

Repealing provisions of law establishing the Maryland Drug and Alcohol Grants Program Fund; repealing the authorization for the Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention to establish specified grant programs; repealing specified provisions of law establishing the Law Enforcement Equipment fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

CR, §§ 5-1001 and 5-1002 and PS, §§ 4-301 through 4-304 and 4-401 through 4-404 - repealed

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 38**      **Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Health and Mental Hygiene)****DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE – UPDATING ADVISORY BOARDS AND COUNCILS**

Establishing a State Advisory Council on Health and Wellness to address chronic disease in the State by repealing and consolidating three existing State advisory councils that address physical fitness, arthritis, and heart disease and stroke; providing for the duties and membership of the Advisory Council; authorizing the Advisory Council to create specified committees; requiring the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene to adopt specified regulations to implement the Advisory Council; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

HG and HO, Various Sections - added, repealed, and amended

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 39**      **Senator Mathias****SOMERSET COUNTY – CODE OF PUBLIC LOCAL LAWS – CROSS-REFERENCES AND CORRECTIONS**

Correcting cross-references to the Annotated Code of Maryland in the Code of Public Local Laws of Somerset County; and updating incorrect references to the County Treasurer to the Supervisor of Tax Collection in the Code of Public Local Laws of Somerset County.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

PLL of Somerset Co, Art. 20, §§ 2-303, 2-408, 2-409, 2-411(b)(1), 2-414(c), 2-415, 7-204(f), 8-103, and 9-104 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 40**      **Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Maryland Insurance Administration)****TITLE INSURANCE PRODUCERS – LICENSING OF BUSINESS ENTITIES AND ON-SITE REVIEWS**

Altering a specified prohibition on converting or misappropriating specified trust money; requiring specified controlling persons and specified trust money controllers to hold a license to act as a title insurance producer and, if applicable, a specified appointment; altering the requirements for a license as a title insurance producer if the applicant is a business entity; requiring the Maryland Insurance Commissioner to make a specified investigation under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

IN, § 10-121 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 41**      **Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee (By Request – Departmental – Health and Mental Hygiene)**

STATE BOARD OF NURSING – NURSE LICENSURE COMPACT – REVISIONS

Changing the name of the Nurse Multistate Licensure Compact to the Nurse Licensure Compact; altering the findings of the party states to the Compact; providing that a multistate license to practice specified types of nursing issued by a home state to a resident in that state will be recognized by each party state for a specified purpose; providing that the party states create and establish a joint public entity known as the Interstate Commission of Nurse Licensure Compact Administrators; etc.

CONTINGENT – EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

HO, §§ 8-7A-01 and 8-7A-03 through 8-7A-05 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 42**      **Senator Simonaire, et al**

CRIMINAL LAW – HATE CRIMES – LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS (BLUE LIVES MATTER ACT OF 2017)

Including law enforcement officers within the scope of specified prohibitions against committing crimes against specified persons, damaging property of specified persons, and burning objects and damaging specified buildings in circumstances exhibiting animosity against persons or groups due to race, color, religious beliefs, sexual orientation, gender, disability, national origin, or status as homeless.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

CR, §§ 10-301, 10-304, and 10-305 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 43**      **Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request – Departmental – Juvenile Services)**

JUVENILE COURT RECORDS – DISCLOSURE

Establishing that specified provisions regarding the confidentiality of juvenile court records do not prohibit access to and confidential use of a juvenile court record by the Department of Human Resources for the purpose of claiming specified federal funds.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

CJ, § 3-8A-27(b) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 44**      **Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee (By Request – Departmental – Maryland State Archives)**

RECORDS MANAGEMENT AND PRESERVATION – STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS – RESPONSIBILITIES

Applying specified provisions of law regarding records management and preservation to instrumentalities of the State, counties, and municipalities; altering the procedures required to be included in a program for the management of records; requiring each head of a unit to designate a records officer to carry out specified functions; requiring a records officer to notify the State Archives that records of the unit are no longer needed for the transaction of business; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

SG, §§ 10-608, 10-610, 10-611(2), 10-614, and 10-616 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 45**      **Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request – Departmental – Transportation)**

MOTOR VEHICLE ADMINISTRATION – DRIVING INSTRUCTORS – CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORDS CHECKS

Requiring the Criminal Justice Information System Central Repository of the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services to provide to the Motor Vehicle Administration specified revised criminal history record information under specified circumstances; altering the application process for a criminal history records check for driving instructors; making a technical correction; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

TR, § 15-804(b) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 46**      **Senator Simonaire, et al****HUNTING AND FISHING LICENSES – ACTIVE MILITARY, FORMER PRISONERS OF WAR, RECIPIENTS OF THE PURPLE HEART AWARD, AND DISABLED VETERANS**

Authorizing the Department of Natural Resources to issue specified complimentary fishing licenses to an out-of-state person who certifies that the person is a former prisoner of war or a 100% service connected disabled American veteran if the person's state of residence extends similar privileges to specified individuals; requiring the Department to implement specified programs to provide specified discounted licenses to Maryland residents who are recipients of the Purple Heart Award; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

NR, §§ 4-604(c) and (f), 4-607, 4-614(a)(3), 4-745(a), (c), and (e), 10-301(g), and 10-303(a)(2) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 47**      **Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Aging)****REPORTING ABUSE TO THE LONG-TERM CARE OMBUDSMAN PROGRAM AND THE OFFICE OF HEALTH CARE QUALITY**

Clarifying that suspected abuse of a resident of a related institution is required to be reported to the Office of Health Care Quality and the Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program; requiring an ombudsman to comply with a specified federal law when reporting suspected abuse, neglect, self-neglect, or exploitation of an alleged vulnerable adult; authorizing the Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program to notify the Office of Health Care Quality or a law enforcement agency of an alleged abuse only under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

FL, § 14-302 and HG, § 19-347 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 48**      **Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Maryland Insurance Administration)**

**HEALTH INSURANCE – MEDICARE SUPPLEMENT POLICIES FOR DUAL ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUALS – OPEN ENROLLMENT PERIOD**

Requiring specified health insurance carriers, under specified circumstances, to make available during a specified time period Medicare supplement policy plans A and C to individuals who are under the age of 65 years but are eligible for Medicare due to a disability; and repealing an obsolete provision of law relating to open enrollment in specified Medicare supplement policy plans for individuals terminated from the Maryland Health Insurance Plan.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2017

IN, § 15-909(b) - amended

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 49**      **Senators Cassilly and Jennings**

**LANDLORD AND TENANT – MILITARY PERSONNEL – LIMITATION ON LIABILITY FOR RENT**

Altering the circumstances under which the liability of a person on active duty with the United States military, for rent under a lease, is limited; limiting the liability for rent of the spouse of a person on active duty with the United States military under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

RP, § 8-212.1 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 50**      **Senator Astle**

**CEMETERIES – AUTHORITY TO MAINTAIN AND REPAIR MEMORIALS AND MONUMENTS**

Establishing that, except as provided by specified provisions of law, the owner of a burial lot is responsible for the maintenance and repair of specified monuments or memorials; authorizing a responsible party for a cemetery to maintain or repair a memorial or monument if specified notice is given and a specified person fails to object; requiring specified notice to be sent by first-class mail to the last known address of the owner, be published once a week for 3 weeks in a specified publication and to include specified information; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

BR, §§ 5-503(e) and 5-804 - added and § 5-603(e) - amended

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 51**      **Senator Klausmeier****WORKERS' COMPENSATION – PERMANENT TOTAL DISABILITY – SURVIVAL OF CLAIM**

Providing that, under specified circumstances, the right to compensation for permanent total disability due in part to accidental personal injury or resulting from an occupational disease and payable under specified provisions of law survives to specified individuals under specified circumstances; applying the Act prospectively; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

LE, § 9-640 - amended and § 9-641 - added

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 52**      **Senator Young****SALES AND USE TAX – EXEMPTION – DISPOSABLE MEDICAL SUPPLIES AND CONDOMS**

Specifying that an exemption from the sales and use tax for the sale of disposable medical supplies includes specified items; and providing an exemption from the sales and use tax for the sale of condoms.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

TG, § 11-211(a) and (c) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

**SB 53**      **Senator DeGrange****INCOME TAX – SUBTRACTION MODIFICATION – OLYMPIC AND PARALYMPIC GAMES MEDALS AND PRIZES**

Providing a subtraction modification under the Maryland income tax for the value of any medals awarded by the International Olympic Committee or the International Paralympic Committee and the amount of any prize money or honoraria that is received from the United States Olympic Committee that is the result of a performance at the Olympic Games or the Paralympic Games; applying the Act to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2016; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

TG, § 10-207(ee) - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

**SB 54**      **Senators Young and Waugh****MOTOR FUEL TAX – AVIATION GASOLINE – DEFINITION**

Altering the definition of aviation gasoline for purposes of the motor fuel tax; providing that “aviation gasoline” is gasoline that is used to propel gasoline-powered aircraft and does not include gasoline used to propel a motor vehicle; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

TG, § 9-101(c) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

**SB 55**      **Senator Cassilly****EMPLOYERS OF EX-OFFENDERS – LIABILITY FOR NEGLIGENT HIRING OR INADEQUATE SUPERVISION – IMMUNITY**

Establishing that specified employers are not liable for negligently hiring or failing to adequately supervise an employee based on evidence that the employee has received probation before judgment for an offense or has been convicted of an offense under specified circumstances; providing that the Act does not limit or abrogate specified other immunities or defenses; applying the Act prospectively; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

CJ, § 5-427 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 56**      **Senator Simonaire****CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – SUN VALLEY PARK PLAYGROUND**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt in the amount of \$50,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the County Executive and the County Council of Anne Arundel County for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of the playground at Sun Valley Park, located in Anne Arundel County; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2017

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

**SB 57**      **Senators DeGrange and Kasemeyer****INCOME TAX CREDIT – CLASS F VEHICLES – EXTENSION**

Extending, for 3 taxable years, the authorization for an individual or a corporation to claim a State income tax credit for the expense of registering a Class F (tractor) vehicle in the State; repealing obsolete language; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

Chapter 425 of the Acts of 2013, § 22 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

**SB 58**      **Senators Kagan and Rosapepe****ELECTION LAW – ELECTION OBSERVERS**

Requiring that a copy of a list of registered voters be provided to an election observer on receipt of specified documentation; requiring an election judge to protect an election observer in the exercise of specified rights; requiring an election judge to designate reasonable times for election observers to examine polling lists; requiring an election judge to allow an election observer to have access to the voting room at a polling place; providing that, except under specified circumstances, an election observer has specified rights; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

EL, §§ 1-101(w-1) and 10-311.1 - added and §§ 3-506, 10-303(d), 10-304, 10-308, 10-309, and 11-301(a-1) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 59**      **Senator Waugh****CRABS – HARVEST TIMES – TROTLINES AND CRAB POTS**

Requiring the Department of Natural Resources to adopt regulations that provide the option to a tidal fish licensee authorized to catch crabs using trotlines and crab pots to work specified hours on Labor Day, Memorial Day, July 4, and the day before each of these holidays; requiring a licensee who chooses the early hours option to notify the Department of that choice by August 31 of the previous license year; prohibiting a licensee who chooses the early hours option from changing that option until the following license year; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

NR, § 4-803 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 60**      **Senator Young****PRIMARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION – HEALTH AND SAFETY  
(SUGAR-FREE SCHOOLS ACT)**

Requiring specified county boards of education to develop a plan on or before August 1, 2018, for reducing students' total sugar intake per school meal based on specified recommendations; requiring each county board to convene a workgroup to study the best practices of other jurisdictions to lower students' total sugar intake per school meal, consider whether the results of the study would be appropriate in the local school system, and make recommendations to the county board based on specified information; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

ED, § 7-440 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 61**      **Senator Mathias****HEALTH INSURANCE – COVERAGE FOR DIGITAL TOMOSYNTHESIS**

Establishing that a specified coverage requirement that applies to specified insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations includes coverage for digital tomosynthesis under specified circumstances; prohibiting a copayment or coinsurance requirement that is greater than for other breast cancer screenings; applying the Act to all policies, contracts, and health benefit plans issued, delivered, or renewed in the State on or after January 1, 2018; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

IN, § 15-814 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 62**      **Senator Young****REAL PROPERTY – BACKYARD GARDENS – PROHIBITION ON  
RESTRICTIONS**

Prohibiting specified documents from prohibiting a specified homeowner or tenant from installing or cultivating a backyard garden; establishing that a specified homeowner or tenant may not be prohibited from installing or cultivating a backyard garden on specified property; providing that a local jurisdiction may not prohibit specified backyard gardens; applying the prohibition to charter counties and Baltimore City; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

LU, §§ 1-401(b) and 10-103(b) - amended and LU, § 4-104(c) and RP, § 14-133 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 63**      **Senator Simonaire****CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – DOWNS PARK AMPHITHEATER**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$100,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the County Executive and County Council of Anne Arundel County for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of the Downs Park Amphitheater, 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: Budget and Taxation

**SB 64**      **Senator Kagan****VOTER REGISTRATION – AFFILIATING WITH A PARTY**

Allowing voters who have declined to affiliate with a political party to affiliate with a party at any time individuals may register to vote; altering provisions concerning the timing of requests to affiliate with a party to conform with the procedures for early voting; altering provisions relating to early voting to allow voters who have declined to affiliate with a political party to affiliate with a party and be issued a ballot to vote; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

EL, §§ 3-303 and 3-305 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 65**      **Senator Reilly****COMMERCIAL LAW – COPYRIGHT INFRINGEMENT – ASSERTIONS MADE IN BAD FAITH**

Prohibiting a person from making specified assertions of copyright infringement in bad faith; authorizing a court to consider specified factors as evidence of whether a person has made an assertion of copyright infringement in bad faith or in good faith; altering the authority of the Attorney General and the Division of Consumer Protection of the Office of the Attorney General to take specified actions; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

CL, §§ 11-1601 and 11-1603 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 66**      **Senator Simonaire****HUNTER SAFETY COURSES – INCENTIVES PROGRAM – ESTABLISHMENT**

Authorizing the Department of Natural Resources to adopt regulations to establish a program of incentives for the completion of a hunter safety course by an individual who is not required by law to complete a hunter safety course; and providing that the program may include discounts on hunting licenses and any other incentive the Department determines to be appropriate.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

NR, § 10-301.1 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 67**      **Senator Waugh****INCOME TAX – SUBTRACTION MODIFICATION – MILITARY COMPENSATION**

Altering a subtraction modification under the Maryland income tax for specified military compensation to repeal a requirement that the compensation be attributable to military service of the individual outside the United States; repealing a specified limitation on the amount of the subtraction modification; and applying the Act to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2016.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

TG, § 10-207(p) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

**SB 68**      **Senator Young****CRIMINAL LAW – VETERANS – MEDICAL CANNABIS**

Adding posttraumatic stress disorder to the definition of “debilitating medical condition” for the purposes of specified affirmative defenses to a charge of use or possession of marijuana; establishing a specified affirmative defense for a charge of use or possession of marijuana for a specified qualified veteran patient; establishing a specified written certification for a qualified veteran patient; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

CR, § 5-601(c)(3) - amended and HG, §§ 13-3401 through 13-3405 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 69**      **Senator Simonaire****CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – LOOPERS FIELD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$50,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the County Executive and County Council of Anne Arundel County for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of Loopers Field, 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: Budget and Taxation

**SB 70**      **Senator Waugh****UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE – EXEMPTION FROM COVERED EMPLOYMENT – YOUTH SPORTS ORGANIZATION VOLUNTEERS**

Providing that, under specified circumstances, work that is performed by volunteers for youth sports organizations is not covered employment under the unemployment insurance law.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

LE, § 8-206(i) - added

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 71**      **Senator McFadden****CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – BALTIMORE CITY – HOEN LITHOGRAPH BUILDING RENOVATION**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$200,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the 2101 East Biddle, LLC for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of the Hoen Lithograph 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: Budget and Taxation

**SB 72**      **Senator Klausmeier, 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: Finance

**SB 73**      **Senator Reilly****ESTATES AND TRUSTS – SHARE OF INTESTATE ESTATE INHERITED BY SURVIVING SPOUSE**

Increasing the share of the intestate estate of a decedent inherited by a surviving spouse under specified circumstances from the first \$15,000 to the first \$100,000 plus one-half of the residue.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

ET, § 3-102 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 74**      **Senator Kagan****MARYLAND CODE – STANDARDIZATION OF TERMINOLOGY – NONPROFITS**

Making stylistic changes to various provisions of law to standardize the terminology used to refer to nonprofit persons where appropriate; and providing that, except as expressly stated in the Act, the Act shall be construed as a nonsubstantive revision and does not render any substantive change in the law of the State.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

AB, BR, CL, CA, EC, EL, GP, HO, HS, HU, IN, LE, LU, NR, PU, SF, SP, and TG, Various Sections - amended

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 75**      **Senator McFadden****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: Budget and Taxation

**SB 76**      **Senator Reilly****CIRCUIT COURT REAL PROPERTY RECORDS IMPROVEMENT FUND – CHANGE OF NAME**

Changing the name of the Circuit Court Real Property Records Improvement Fund to the State Judiciary Technology Fund.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

CJ, §§ 7-102(b), 7-202(e), 7-301(c)(4), 13-601(c), and 13-602(a)(1) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 77**      **Senator Simonaire****ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY AND HARFORD COUNTY – COURTHOUSE DOG AND CHILD WITNESS PILOT PROGRAM**

Expanding the application of the Courthouse Dog and Child Witness Pilot Program to civil court proceedings.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2017

Chapter 467 of the Acts of 2016, § 1 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 78**      **Senator Rosapepe****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: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 79**      **Senators Reilly and DeGrange****FAMILY LAW – DESTITUTE ADULTS – EXTRAORDINARY MEDICAL EXPENSES FOR DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AND CIVIL ACTION**

Adding the extraordinary medical expenses of a destitute adult child with a developmental disability to the support required from the destitute adult child's parent if the parent has or is able to earn sufficient means to provide the support; providing that a court may divide the support obligation for the extraordinary medical expenses of a destitute adult child with a developmental disability between the destitute adult child's parents in proportion to the parents' income; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

FL, §§ 13-101 through 13-103 and 13-107 - amended and § 13-110 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 80**      **Senator Mathias****CRIMINAL LAW – ANIMAL ABUSE – PENALTIES AND RESTITUTION**

Prohibiting a person from committing specified abusive acts involving 10 or more animals; establishing penalties of up to \$2,500 or up to 3 years imprisonment for a violation of the Act; authorizing a court to order a person convicted of or found to have committed a delinquent act to pay restitution to specified entities for expenses incurred as a result of the violation; authorizing a court to order a minor convicted or found delinquent under Act, the minor's parent, or both to pay specified restitution under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

CR, §§ 10-604 and 10-606 - amended and CP, § 5-201(c) - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 81**      **Senator Simonaire****INTERSTATE BOATING VIOLATOR COMPACT**

Authorizing the Governor to enter into the Interstate Boating Violator Compact; providing that the purposes of the Compact are to provide a means for party states to participate in a specified reciprocal program and to provide for the fair and impartial treatment of boating violators operating within party states; providing for a Board of Boating Compact Administrators for specified purposes; requiring the Department of Natural Resources to adopt specified regulations; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

NR, §§ 8-801 through 8-804 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 82**      **Senator Middleton****DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE – RENAMING**

Renaming the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to be the Maryland Department of Health; renaming the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene to be the Secretary of Health; providing that the Maryland Department of Health is the successor of the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene; providing that specified names and titles of a specified unit and officials in laws and other documents mean the names and titles of the successor unit and officials; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

HG, §§ 1-101(c) and (k), 2-101, and 2-102(a) and SG, § 8-201(b)(8) - amended

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 83**      **Senator Kagan****FAMILY LAW – DIVORCE – RESTORATION OF FORMER NAME**

Authorizing the court, on motion of a party filed within 18 months after a final decree of absolute divorce is entered, to change the name of the requesting party to either the name given the party at birth or any other former name the party wishes to use under specified circumstances; and specifying that provisions of law relating to a change of name do not apply to a change of name in connection with a decree of absolute divorce.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

FL, § 7-105 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 84**      **Senator Mathias****MARYLAND ANIMAL ABUSE REGISTRY**

Requiring the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services to establish the Maryland Animal Abuse Registry; requiring the Registry to be updated in a specified manner and to include specified information; requiring a person convicted of crimes involving animal cruelty to register with the county sheriff within 10 days of conviction for a period of 5 years from the date of judgment or the date of release from incarceration, whichever is later; requiring a registrant to update specified information for registration; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

CP, §§ 11-1101 through 11-1111 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 85**      **Senator Conway****FAMILY LAW – TREATMENT FOSTER CARE HOMES – SIBLINGS**

Authorizing the placement of up to three children, if two of the children are siblings, requiring treatment in a treatment foster care home so that siblings may be placed together if it is in the siblings' best interests; and defining "treatment foster care home" as an out-of-home placement facility that is part of a program designed and implemented by a child placement agency to provide intensive casework and treatment in a family setting to children with special, physical, emotional, or behavioral needs.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

FL, § 5-525.2 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 86**      **Senator Norman****MOTOR VEHICLES – USE OF FOG LIGHTS WHEN WINDSHIELD WIPERS OPERATING – REPEAL**

Repealing the authority of a driver to use a vehicle's fog lights instead of the vehicle's headlamps during the continuous operation of the vehicle's windshield wipers under specified circumstances.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

TR, § 22-201.2 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 87**      **Senators Astle and Middleton**MARYLAND TOURISM DEVELOPMENT BOARD – DESTINATION  
MARKETING ORGANIZATION OFFICIALS – VOTING RIGHTS

Granting the destination marketing organization officials who are members of the Maryland Tourism Development Board specified voting rights.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

EC, § 4-204(a) - amended

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 88**      **Senator Simonaire**

## GENERAL PROVISIONS – STATE DESIGNATIONS – GREAT SEAL

Repealing a specified statutory translation of the Calvert family motto depicted on the Great Seal of the State; and establishing a specified meaning for the Calvert family motto, “Fatti maschii parole femine”, which generally means “Strong deeds, gentle words”.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

GP, § 7-102(b)(1) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 89**      **Senator Cassilly**VEHICLE LAWS – DRIVERS’ LICENSES AND VEHICLE  
REGISTRATIONS – MAILING ADDRESS

Requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration to include a vehicle owner’s mailing address on the vehicle registration card; requiring an applicant for a driver’s license to provide the Administration with a mailing address; requiring drivers’ licenses issued by the Administration to display a mailing address; requiring individuals who have applied for or obtained a driver’s license to notify the Administration within 30 days of a change in mailing address; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

TR, §§ 13-408, 16-106(b)(1), 16-111.1(d), and 16-116(a) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 90**      **Senator Young****PUBLIC AND NONPUBLIC SCHOOLS – CLASSWORK AND ASSESSMENT INVOLVING LIVE AND DEAD ANIMALS – STUDENT RIGHT OF REFUSAL**

Authorizing a student in a public school or nonpublic school to refuse to participate in or observe, in whole or in part, classwork or an assessment that includes specified actions conducted on a specified animal; authorizing a student to exercise a specified right of refusal on the day the classwork or assessment is scheduled to be performed; requiring a specified student to complete specified classwork or a specified assessment by an alternate educational method determined by a specified teacher for a specified purpose; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

ED, § 7-124 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 91**      **Senators Kagan and Waugh****STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS – OPEN MEETINGS – VIDEO STREAMING AND RECORDING (STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS TRANSPARENCY ACT)**

Requiring the State Board of Elections to make available to the public on the Internet live video streaming and archived video recordings of its open meetings; and requiring the State Board to make the video recording of a meeting available for a minimum of 4 years after the date of the meeting.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

EL, § 2-102 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 92**      **Senator Salling****GENERAL PROVISIONS – COMMEMORATIVE DAYS – BRAIN CANCER AWARENESS DAY**

Requiring the Governor to annually proclaim May 1 as Brain Cancer Awareness Day.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

GP, § 7-406 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs