



SYNOPSIS

Senate Bills and Joint Resolutions
2017 Maryland General Assembly Session

January 30, 2017
Schedule 14

PLEASE NOTE: February 3 – Bill introduction deadline.

All bills should be given to the Secretary of the Senate's office by 5:00 P.M. on Monday, February 6.

As required by Senate Rule 32(b), bills introduced after this date will be referred to the Senate Rules Committee.

SENATE BILLS INTRODUCED January 30, 2017

SB 436 **Senator Eckardt**

INCOME TAX – CREDIT FOR NURSE PRACTITIONER OR LICENSED PHYSICIAN IN PRECEPTORSHIP PROGRAM – ALTERATIONS

Altering the application of a specified fee assessed by the Board of Nursing for the renewal of a nurse practitioner who holds an advanced practice certification; altering the number of hours, so that the required minimum of three rotations must consist of at least 120 hours or the requisite number of hours for a completed unit of community–based training, that a specified nurse practitioner or licensed physician must work in a specified preceptorship program in order to qualify for a specified credit against the State income tax; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

HO, § 8-206(b) and TG, § 10-739(b)(1) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

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SB 437 **Senator Conway, et al****PUBLIC HEALTH – EXPENSIVE DRUGS – MANUFACTURER REPORTING AND DRUG PRICE TRANSPARENCY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Requiring, on or before March 31 each year, the manufacturer of an expensive drug sold or offered for sale in the State to file with the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene a specified annual report; establishing the Drug Price Transparency Advisory Committee; requiring a manufacturer of an expensive drug to file a notice with the Secretary before increasing a specified price or a specified cost by more than a specified percentage or amount during specified periods of time; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

HG, §§ 21-228, 21-229, and § 21-229.1 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 438 **Senator Conway****STATE LOTTERY TICKETS – INTERNET SALES – PROHIBITION**

Prohibiting the State Lottery and Gaming Control Agency from allowing a person to purchase a State lottery ticket through an electronic device that connects to the Internet, such as a personal computer or mobile device.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

SG, § 9-111(e) - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 439 **Senator Conway, et al****STATE PROCUREMENT – INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY – NONVISUAL ACCESS**

Requiring the Secretary of Information Technology to appoint an access technology officer in accordance with specified requirements; requiring the access technology officer to develop a provision for inclusion in all State procurement contracts that requires a specified determination within 18 months from contract commencement; requiring the Department, on or before January 1, 2018, to adopt new nonvisual access procurement standards that are consistent with specified federal standards; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

SF, §§ 3A-301, 3A-303, and 3A-311 - amended and § 3A-303.1 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 440 **Senators Conway and Salling**ENVIRONMENT – WATER MANAGEMENT – SEDIMENT CONTROL
AT LARGE REDEVELOPMENT SITES

Prohibiting a county or municipality from issuing a grading or building permit until the developer submits a grading and sediment control plan approved by the Department of the Environment if the property that is the subject of the permit is, or is included in, a large redevelopment site; requiring the Department to determine specified criteria for large redevelopment sites; providing that the Department is the approval authority for large redevelopment sites; and defining the term “large redevelopment site”.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

EN, §§ 4-101.1, 4-103(a), and 4-105 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 441 **Senator Simonaire, et al**VETERANS AFFAIRS – MARYLAND VETERANS SERVICE ANIMAL
PROGRAM – ESTABLISHMENT

Establishing the Maryland Veterans Service Animal Program in the Department of Veterans Affairs to identify eligible veterans who may participate in the Program and be paired with service dogs, provide additional funding mechanisms to assist veterans, and encourage successful Program participants to assist in outreach to identify potential participants; requiring the Department to select nonprofit entities to implement a training protocol, select participants, and provide services and training to specified veterans; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

SG, § 9-957 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 442 **Senator Madaleno, et al**FAMILY LAW – PROTECTING THE RESOURCES OF CHILDREN IN
STATE CUSTODY

Requiring the Department of Human Resources to take specified actions when serving as a representative payee or fiduciary for specified federal benefits for a child in the Department’s custody; requiring the Department to provide specified notice to the child, through the child’s attorney, of specified actions taken with respect to specified benefits for the child; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

FL, § 5-527.1 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 443 **Senator Salling, et al**

COURTS – FORCIBLE ENTRY INTO VEHICLE TO ASSIST TRAPPED ANIMAL – IMMUNITY

Establishing that a person is not criminally or civilly liable for damage resulting from the forcible entry into a motor vehicle for the purpose of removing an animal from the vehicle under specified circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

CJ, § 5-643 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 444 **Senator Salling, et al**

SERVICE ANIMALS – AGGRAVATED CRUELTY AND FALSE REPRESENTATION

Providing that a person who, except in self-defense, intentionally inflicts bodily harm, permanent disability, or death on a service animal is guilty of the felony of aggravated cruelty to animals; prohibiting a person from making a false statement that an animal is a service animal for specified purposes; providing that a violation of the Act is a misdemeanor and on conviction is subject to a maximum fine of \$500; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

CR, § 10-606 - amended and HU, § 7-705.1 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 445 **Senator Cassilly**

CRIMINAL LAW – SMOKING MARIJUANA IN A PUBLIC PLACE – PROHIBITION

Prohibiting a person from smoking marijuana in a public place, in or on a public conveyance, or in any specified area otherwise accessible to the public; establishing a penalty of a fine not to exceed \$500 for a violation of the Act; providing for the expungement of a conviction under the Act; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

CR, § 5-601(c)(4) - repealed and § 5-601.2 - added and CP, § 10-105(a) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 446 **Senator Feldman, et al**

STATE PERSONNEL – GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES – EXCLUSIVE REPRESENTATIVES

Expanding the application of provisions of law governing grievance procedures for specified employees in the State Personnel Management System to include specified exclusive representatives; authorizing specified exclusive representatives to present specified grievances in a specified manner; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

SP, §§ 12-101, 12-102, and 12-103(a) - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 447 **Senators Waugh and Ready**

CORRECTIONAL SERVICES – MURDER – DIMINUTION CREDITS

Prohibiting the earning of diminution credits to reduce the term of confinement of an inmate who is serving a sentence for murder in the first degree or murder in the second degree in a State or local correctional facility; and providing for the application of the Act.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

CS, §§ 3-702 and 11-502 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 448 **Senator Guzzone (Chair, Joint Committee on Pensions)**

STATE RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEM – SMALL PROCUREMENTS – MEDICAL EVALUATIONS FOR DISABILITY RETIREMENT BENEFITS

Increasing from \$25,000 to \$50,000 the maximum threshold amount for a small procurement by the State Retirement Agency for an independent medical evaluation by a physician and specified related testimony for purposes of disability retirement benefits.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

SF, § 13-109 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 449 **Senator Kasemeyer****ESTATES AND TRUSTS – VEHICLE TRANSFERS – EXCISE TAX AND FEE EXEMPTION**

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

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

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 450 **Senator Manno****OPEN MEETINGS ACT – REQUIRED TRAINING FOR MEMBERS OF PUBLIC BODIES**

Repealing the requirement that a public body designate a specified individual to receive training on the Open Meetings Act and forward a specified list to the Open Meetings Compliance Board; and requiring that specified individuals complete specified classes or submit a letter to the Board stating that the specified individual is unable or unwilling to complete the class within 90 days after becoming a member of a public body.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

GP, § 3-213 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 451 **Senator Zucker****CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – MONTGOMERY COUNTY – GOOD HOPE LOCAL PARK**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$125,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Maryland–National Capital Park and Planning Commission for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of Good Hope Local Park, located in Montgomery 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 452 Senator Manno, et al**EDUCATION – ACCOUNTABILITY PROGRAM – ASSESSMENTS (LESS TESTING, MORE LEARNING ACT OF 2017)**

Requiring the State Board of Education to adopt regulations limiting the amount of time in the aggregate that may be devoted to federal, State, and locally mandated assessments for each grade to 2% of the specified minimum required annual instructional hours; prohibiting time devoted to teacher-selected classroom quizzes and exams, portfolio reviews, or performance assessments from being counted toward the specified testing time limits; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

ED, § 7-203 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 453 Senators Young and Hough**FREDERICK COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – RESTAURANTS – AVERAGE DAILY RECEIPTS**

Requiring a restaurant in Frederick County to have average daily receipts from the sale of food that are at least 40% of the total average daily receipts of the restaurant until 10 p.m. each day; providing that the requirement expires at 10 p.m.; and establishing that there is no requirement for average daily receipts for a restaurant from the sale of food and alcoholic beverages after 10 p.m. each day.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

AB, § 20-104 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 454 Senator Zucker**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – MONTGOMERY COUNTY – FRIENDS HOUSE**

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 Friends House for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of the Friends House, located in Montgomery 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 455 Senator Zucker**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – MONTGOMERY COUNTY – DAMASCUS RECREATIONAL PARK**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$100,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Maryland–National Capital Park and Planning Commission for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of Damascus Recreational Park, located in Montgomery 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 456 Carroll County Senators**CARROLL COUNTY – STATE’S ATTORNEY – SALARY**

Altering the salary of the State’s Attorney for Carroll County; providing that the State’s Attorney’s salary is the following percentages of the salary of a judge of the District Court of Maryland: 80%, ending on December 3, 2018, 90%, beginning on December 4, 2018, and 100, beginning on December 3, 2019; providing thereafter, a specified salary increase will take effect at the beginning of the elected term of office and may not increase during the specified term; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

CP, § 15-407 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 457 Carroll County Senators**CARROLL COUNTY – SHERIFF’S SALARY**

Altering the salary of the Sheriff of Carroll County to \$100,000 beginning December 4, 2018, and to \$110,000 beginning December 3, 2019; and providing for the application of the Act.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

CJ, § 2-309(h)(1) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 458 **Senator Ready****EDUCATION – FOREIGN LANGUAGE REQUIREMENT – COMPUTER PROGRAMMING LANGUAGE COURSES**

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

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

ED, § 7-205.4 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 459 **Senator Feldman****BAIL BOND – INSTALLMENT CONTRACT – CONFESSED JUDGMENT PROHIBITION**

Prohibiting a bail bondsman from including a specified confessed judgment clause in a specified agreement to accept payment for the premium charged for a bail bond in installments; and providing that it is an unfair trade practice to include a specified confessed judgment clause in a specified agreement to accept payment for the premium charged for a bail bond in installments.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

IN, § 10-309 - amended and § 27-225 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 460 **Senator Conway (By Request – Baltimore City Administration)****EDUCATION – DEBT SERVICE FOR TRANSFERRED SCHOOLS – COUNTY REIMBURSEMENT GRACE PERIOD**

Establishing a 2–year period of time during which a county government is not required to reimburse the State for outstanding debt service for specified school buildings that are transferred to a county government; and requiring a county government to reimburse the State for a specified amount of outstanding debt service for specified school buildings after the 2–year period of time has elapsed.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

ED, § 5-308 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 461 Senator Conway (By Request – Baltimore City Administration)**PLUMBING AND HEATING, VENTILATION, AIR-CONDITIONING,
AND REFRIGERATION INSPECTORS – QUALIFICATIONS**

Providing an exception to the authority of a county or local government to employ only plumbing inspectors who hold a master plumbing license issued by specified entities; authorizing a county or local government to hire plumbing inspectors who obtain certification by the International Code Council as a mechanical inspector within 6 months of being hired; providing that plumbing and HVAC inspectors must have at least 5 years of experience before being appointed or employed; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

BOP, § 12-503(b) and BR, § 9A-403(a) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 462 Senator Conway**COMMISSION TO STUDY THE DISPROPORTIONATE JUSTICE
IMPACT ON MINORITIES**

Establishing the Commission to Study the Disproportionate Justice Impact on Minorities; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Commission; prohibiting a member of the Commission from receiving specified compensation, but authorizing the reimbursement of specified expenses; requiring the Commission to identify, study, report on, and make recommendations to the Governor and General Assembly on or before December 1, 2017; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2017

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 463 Senator Conway**BUSINESS REGULATION – LIMITED RESIDENTIAL LODGING**

Requiring innkeepers and hosting platform operators that offer specified types of limited residential lodging to maintain specified licenses and records and operate in a specified manner; requiring that the records be made available to specified law enforcement agencies; authorizing specified law enforcement agencies to order an innkeeper to cease and desist from offering limited residential lodging; requiring innkeepers to ensure that limited residential lodging units comply with laws applicable to similar accommodations; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

BR, § 15-201, PS, § 9-201(e),(f),(g),(h), and (i), and SG, §§ 20-301 & 20-303(a)(3) - amended & BR, §§ 15-208 & 15-209 & LU, § 4-105 - added

Assigned to: Finance and Budget and Taxation

SB 464 **Senators Zucker and King****CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – MONTGOMERY COUNTY –
COMMUNITY SERVICES FOR AUTISTIC ADULTS AND CHILDREN**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$95,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of Community Services for Autistic Adults and Children, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of a new water tower and sprinkler system at the Community School of Maryland, located in Montgomery County; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2017

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 465 **Senator Kagan, et al****MARYLAND NONPROFIT DEVELOPMENT CENTER PROGRAM AND
FUND – BRIDGE LOANS**

Renaming the Maryland Not-For-Profit Development Center Program and the Maryland Not-For-Profit Development Center Program Fund to be the Maryland Nonprofit Development Center Program and the Maryland Nonprofit Development Center Program Fund; expanding the scope of the Program to include bridge loans for specified nonprofit entities; expanding the Fund to include specified proceeds of video lottery terminals; requiring specified money in the Fund to be transferred to the Education Trust Fund under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

EC, §§ 5-1201 through 5-1205 and SG, § 9-1A-27(a) - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 466 **Senators Kagan and Middleton****PUBLIC SAFETY – 9–1–1 EMERGENCY TELEPHONE SYSTEM – REVISIONS (CARL HENN’S LAW)**

Extending the presumption of compensability under the workers’ compensation law to include, subject to specified conditions, specified individuals who work at public safety answering points and secondary public safety answering points and suffer from heart disease or hypertension resulting in partial or total disability or death; establishing the 9–1–1 Advisory Council; requiring the Council to make specified recommendations to the Emergency Number Systems Board; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

LE, § 9-503(b) and (e) and PS, Various Sections - amended and PS, §§ 1-304.1, 1-304.2, 1-315, and 1-316 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 467 **Senator Feldman****PUBLIC SAFETY – FIREARMS DISQUALIFICATIONS – ANTIQUE FIREARM**

Applying specified provisions disqualifying a person from possessing a rifle or shotgun to an antique firearm.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

PS, §§ 5-133.3(b) and (d) and 5-205 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 468 **Senator Astle****LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT – NONCOMPETE AND CONFLICT OF INTEREST CLAUSES**

Providing that specified noncompete and conflict of interest provisions that restrict the ability of an employee to enter into employment with a new employer or to become self-employed in the same or similar business or trade are null and void as being against the public policy of the State.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

LE, § 3-715 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 469 **Senator Robinson, et al****CORRECTIONAL SERVICES – PRISON ARTISTS MARKETPLACE PROGRAM – ESTABLISHMENT**

Requiring the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services to establish the Prison Artists Marketplace Program; specifying that the purpose of the Program is to display and sell artistic works created by inmates during a term of incarceration; requiring that the artistic works be sold at a marketplace at Druid Hill Park in Baltimore City; requiring a specified distribution of the proceeds from the sale of artistic works; stating it is the intent of the General Assembly to employ inmates who are eligible for work release; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

CS, § 9-521 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 470 **Senator Kagan****CONSUMER PROTECTION – SCANNING IDENTIFICATION CARDS AND DRIVER’S LICENSES – PROHIBITION**

Prohibiting a person from using a machine to scan an identification card or a driver’s license; prohibiting a person from retaining any information collected from scanning an identification card or a driver’s license or the barcode on the identification card or driver’s license; making a violation of the Act an unfair or deceptive trade practice under the Maryland Consumer Protection Act and subject to specified enforcement and penalty provisions; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

CL, § 14-1326 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 471 **Senator Nathan–Pulliam, et al****MORGAN STATE UNIVERSITY – TASK FORCE ON RECONCILIATION AND EQUITY**

Requiring Morgan State University to convene a task force to foster reconciliation and achieve racial equity by taking specified actions; requiring the task force to include specified members and consult with specified units of State government; requiring the task force to hold hearings at locations throughout the State and invite persons to testify, to study and make recommendations regarding specified matters, and to monitor and evaluate the implementation of specified recommendations using specified criteria; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2017

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 472 **Senator Young, et al****ENVIRONMENT – MUNICIPAL STORMWATER CHARGES –
PROPERTY SUBJECT TO CHARGES**

Providing a specified exception to an exemption from specified taxes, user charges, and utility fees relating to stormwater for property owned by a county; providing that property owned by the State or a unit of State government, a county, a college or university, or a local school system is subject to specified stormwater charges imposed by the governing body of the municipality within which the property is located under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

LG, § 21-626 and EN, § 4-204(a) and (d) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs and Budget and Taxation

SB 473 **Calvert County Senators****CALVERT COUNTY – BONDING AUTHORITY**

Authorizing and empowering the County Commissioners of Calvert County, from time to time, to borrow not more than \$17,620,000 to finance the construction, improvement, or development of specified public facilities in Calvert County and to effect such borrowing by the issuance and sale of its general obligation bonds in like par amount; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2017

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 474 **Senator Guzzone, et al****CIGARETTE RESTITUTION FUND – ESTABLISHMENT OF
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH TREATMENT ACCOUNT AND FUNDING FOR
SUBSTANCE USE TREATMENT SERVICES**

Requiring the Cigarette Restitution Fund to include a separate account to be used for substance use treatment, with priority given to residential treatment services, recovery support housing, and specified crisis response services, and for rate adjustments for specified agencies or programs; requiring specified distributions from the account to be used to supplement and not supplant specified other funds; prohibiting more than \$10,000,000 from being appropriated from the account in any fiscal year; etc.

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

SF, § 7-317 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation and Finance

SB 475 **Senator Guzzone, et al****DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES ADMINISTRATION – CRISIS RESOLUTION AND CRISIS PREVENTION SERVICES – FUNDING AND REPORTING**

Requiring a specified report on the Waiting List Equity Fund to include information regarding individuals in the crisis resolution category of the waiting list for developmental disabilities services; establishing mandated appropriations for developmental disabilities community services; declaring the intent of the General Assembly that an individual, after receiving services provided with specified funds, continue to receive uninterrupted developmental disabilities services in accordance with the individual's needs; etc.

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

HG, §§ 7-101 and 7-205(f) - amended and § 7-205.1 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 476 **Senator Guzzone, et al****BEHAVIORAL HEALTH COMMUNITY PROVIDERS – KEEP THE DOOR OPEN ACT**

Requiring, except under specified circumstances, the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to adjust the rate of reimbursement for community providers each fiscal year by the rate adjustment included in the State budget for that fiscal year; requiring, on or before December 1, 2019, and on December 1 annually thereafter, the Department to submit a report to the Governor and General Assembly on the impact of the reimbursement rate adjustment on community providers and other specified outcomes; etc.

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

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2017

HG, § 16-201.3 - added

Assigned to: Finance and Budget and Taxation

SB 477 **Senator Kelley, et al****CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – CHARGING PROCEDURES AND DOCUMENTS – CITATION**

Modifying the categories of offenses for which a police officer is required to charge by citation; repealing a provision of law authorizing a police officer to charge by citation for specified offenses; and modifying the circumstances under which a police officer may charge a defendant by citation; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

CP, § 4-101(c) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 478 **Senator Eckardt, et al****STATE RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEM – GUARANTEED RETIREMENT INCOME PLAN AND RETIREMENT SAVINGS PLAN**

Altering specified local employer contributions for members of the Teachers' Pension System; establishing a guaranteed retirement income plan and a retirement savings plan under the State Retirement and Pension System; requiring that members of the Employees' Pension System or the Teachers' Pension System elect to become members of the guaranteed retirement income plan or the retirement savings plan by June 15, 2018; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

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

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2017

SP, Various Sections - added and amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 479 **Senator Robinson****BALTIMORE CITY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – MARKETPLACE LICENSE**

Establishing a marketplace license in a specified alcoholic beverages district in Baltimore City; authorizing the Baltimore City Board of License Commissioners to issue the license; specifying the scope, hours for sale, and fees for the license; authorizing a holder of a Class B beer, wine, and liquor license to surrender the license to the Board under specified circumstances; and requiring the Board to issue a substitute marketplace license under specified circumstances.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

AB, § 12-1001.1 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 480 **Senator Lee, et al**

CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – SHIELDABLE CONVICTION – MOTION TO VACATE JUDGMENT

Altering the type of conviction on which a specified motion to vacate may be based; altering the contents of the motion; requiring a specified person to provide the State’s Attorney with a copy of the motion; authorizing the State’s Attorney to file a response to the motion at a specified time; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

CP, § 8-302 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 481 **Senator Feldman**

CORPORATIONS – MARYLAND GENERAL CORPORATION LAW – MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

Altering specified requirements for the resident agent of a Maryland corporation, a limited partnership, and a Maryland statutory trust; prohibiting the charter or bylaws of a corporation from imposing liability on a specified stockholder for the attorney’s fees or expenses of the corporation or any other party in connection with an internal corporate claim; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

CA, Various Sections - added and amended and CJ, § 6-102.1 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 482 **Senator Klausmeier**

CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – BALTIMORE COUNTY – WHITE MARSH VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$350,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the White Marsh Volunteer Fire Company, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of the White Marsh Volunteer Fire Company building, located in Baltimore 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 483 **Senator Klausmeier, et al****STATE PERSONNEL – EMPLOYEES IN THE SAME CLASSIFICATION
– PAY RATES**

Requiring that when an appointing authority of a unit in the State Personnel Management System appoints an employee to a position in the skilled service or the professional service, the Secretary of Budget and Management shall require that the pay rate of each incumbent employee in the unit who is in the same classification as, and has a pay rate lower than, the newly appointed employee be adjusted to equal the pay rate of the newly appointed employee; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

SP, § 8-106(c) - added and TR, § 2-103.4(g) - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 484 **Senator Madaleno, et al****MARYLAND TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION – FAREBOX RECOVERY,
GOALS, AND PERFORMANCE INDICATORS**

Repealing the requirement that a specified percentage of operating costs for specified public transit services must be recovered by the Maryland Transit Administration from specified revenues; establishing specified goals for the Administration; altering requirements for specified annual reports submitted by the Administration to specified committees of the General Assembly; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

TR, § 7-208 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 485 **Senator Serafini****EDUCATION – REMOTE CLASSROOM TECHNOLOGY GRANT
PROGRAM – ESTABLISHMENT (PEYTON'S BILL)**

Establishing the Remote Classroom Technology Grant Program to provide grants to public schools to purchase technology to allow students with medical conditions to participate in classrooms remotely if in-person attendance is not possible; requiring the State Department of Education to implement and administer the Program; authorizing the Governor to include in the State budget an appropriation of at least \$500,000 to the Program; and authorizing the Department to adopt specified regulations.

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

ED, § 7-124 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 486 Senator Serafini, et al**STATE EMPLOYEES AND TEACHERS – CASH BALANCE PLAN**

Establishing a cash balance plan under the State Retirement and Pension System; requiring that individuals who on June 30, 2018, are members of specified pension systems become members of the cash balance plan on July 1, 2018; requiring that individuals who are employed on or after July 1, 2018, by participating employers become members of the cash balance plan; requiring the Board of Trustees of the State Retirement and Pension System to administer the cash balance plan; etc.

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

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2018

SP, §§ 21-304(b)(4)(iii), 23-203, 23-204(c), 23-208, and 30-302 - amended and §§ 21-304(b)(4)(iv) and 33-101 through 33-209 - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 487 Senator McFadden (By Request – Baltimore City Administration), et al**BALTIMORE CITY – RESIDENTIAL GROUND LEASES – ABANDONED PROPERTY**

Prohibiting a ground lease holder from bringing any suit, action, proceeding or other effort to recover ground rent due and owing on abandoned property in Baltimore City before title was acquired by Baltimore City under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

RP, § 8-806(c)(1) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 488 Prince George's County Senators**PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES REGULATION REFORM ACT OF 2017**

Requiring the County Executive for Prince George's County, instead of the Governor, to appoint members to the Board of License Commissioners for Prince George's County; requiring the appointments to be made after a hearing; requiring the County Executive to appoint an eligible individual to fill a vacancy under specified circumstances; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

AB, §§ 26-202, 26-205, and 26-206 - amended and § 26-209 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 489 **Senator Robinson****CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – BALTIMORE CITY – GARRETT–JACOBS MANSION**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$200,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Trustees of the Garrett–Jacobs Mansion Endowment Fund, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of the Garrett–Jacobs Mansion, 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

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION INTRODUCED January 30, 2017**SJ 3** **Senator Bates, et al****UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION – AMENDMENTS CONVENTION – LIMITATIONS ON FEDERAL POWER**

Applying to the U.S. Congress for an amendments convention called under Article V of the U.S. Constitution, on the application of the legislatures of two-thirds of the several states, to propose amendments to the U.S. Constitution that impose fiscal restraints on the federal government, limit the power and jurisdiction of the federal government, and limit the terms of office for officials of the federal government and for the members of the U.S. Congress.

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs