



# SYNOPSIS

Senate Bills and Joint Resolutions  
2017 Maryland General Assembly Session

**February 1, 2017**  
**Schedule 16**

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**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.

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## **SENATE BILLS INTRODUCED February 1, 2017**

**SB 499**     **Senators Norman and Lee**

**FAMILY LAW – DIVORCE ON GROUNDS OF MUTUAL CONSENT – COURT APPEARANCE**

Repealing the requirement that both parties appear before the court at an absolute divorce hearing in order for the court to decree an absolute divorce on the grounds of mutual consent.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

FL, § 7-103(a)(8) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

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**SB 500**     **Senator Norman****SMALL CLAIM ACTION APPEALS FROM DISTRICT COURT –  
NONATTORNEY REPRESENTATION**

Exempting specified representatives of specified entities from the requirement of admission to the Bar of Maryland and other requirements of the Court of Appeals for representing the entity in the appeals of specified civil actions originating in the District Court under specified circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

BOP, § 10-206(b) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 501**     **Senator Norman****REAL PROPERTY – WRONGFUL DETAINER ACTIONS – TRIAL BY  
JURY**

Authorizing a party to a specified wrongful detainer action brought in the District Court to elect a trial by jury in accordance with the Maryland Rules; authorizing a specified party to appeal to the Court of Special Appeals no later than 10 days from the entry of judgment, if judgment was entered by the circuit court; and providing for the prospective application of the Act.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

RP, § 14-132 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 502**     **Senator Nathan–Pulliam****CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – BALTIMORE CITY – COMMUNITY  
EMPOWERMENT AND WELLNESS CENTER**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt in the amount of \$500,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Bethel Outreach Center, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of the Community Empowerment and Wellness 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 503**     **Senator Nathan–Pulliam****HEALTH OCCUPATIONS BOARDS – RACIAL AND ETHNIC HEALTH DISPARITIES – INFORMATION CAMPAIGNS – REPORTING**

Requiring each health occupations board established under the Health Occupations Article to report an update on the status of specified information campaigns and other outreach efforts designed to educate specified individuals regarding racial and ethnic health disparities to specified committees of the General Assembly on or before January 1, 2018.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2017

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 504**     **Senator Manno****CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – MONTGOMERY COUNTY – YOUNG ISRAEL SHOMRAI EMUNAH SOCIAL HALL**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$50,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of Young Israel Shomrai Emunah of Greater Washington for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of the Young Israel Shomrai Emunah Social Hall, 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 505**     **Senator Kelley, et al****CIVIL ACTIONS – CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE – STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS AND REQUIRED FINDINGS**

Altering the statute of limitations on civil actions arising out of an alleged incident or incidents of sexual abuse that occurred while the victim was a minor; providing that, in a specified action, damages may be awarded against a person or governmental entity that is not an alleged perpetrator only under specified circumstances; providing that a specified action is exempt from specified provisions of the Local Government Torts Claims Act; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

CJ, §§ 5-117 and 5-304(a) and SG, § 12-106(a) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 506 Senator Reilly****ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – ADMISSIONS AND AMUSEMENT TAX – EXEMPTION – AGRICULTURAL TOURISM**

Authorizing Anne Arundel County or a municipal corporation in Anne Arundel County to exempt from the admissions and amusement tax gross receipts from any admissions and amusement charges for any activities related to agricultural tourism.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

TG, § 4-104(g) - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

**SB 507 Senators Simonaire and DeGrange****CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – HANCOCK’S RESOLUTION VISITOR CENTER AND BARN**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$250,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the County Executive and County Council of Anne Arundel County and the Board of Directors of the Friends of Hancock’s Resolution, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of a visitor center and barn at Hancock’s Resolution Historic Park, located in Anne Arundel County; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2017

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

**SB 508 Senator Robinson****TASK FORCE TO STUDY THE FEASIBILITY OF AND IMPACT ON SMALL AND MINORITY BUSINESSES IN MARYLAND CONDUCTING BUSINESS INTERNATIONALLY**

Establishing the Task Force to Study the Feasibility of and Impact on Small and Minority Businesses in Maryland Conducting Business Internationally; requiring the Task Force to study and make recommendations regarding the challenges of and the opportunities for small and minority businesses engaged in international business, and the feasibility of partnerships between small and minority businesses in Maryland and businesses in other countries; requiring the Task Force to report to the General Assembly by December 31, 2018; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2017

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 509**     **Senator Peters****PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY – ORPHANS’ COURT JUDGES – SALARY**

Altering the salaries of the judges of the Orphans’ Court for Prince George’s County to \$42,000 through the end of calendar year 2018, \$43,000 for calendar year 2019, \$44,000 for calendar year 2020, and \$45,000 for calendar year 2021 and each subsequent calendar year; and providing for the application of the Act.  
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

ET, § 2-108(q) - repealed and added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 510**     **Senator Norman****CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – EXPUNGEMENT – NOLLE PROSEQUI**

Repealing the prohibition on the filing of a petition for expungement based on a nolle prosequi within 3 years after the disposition unless the petitioner files with the petition a specified waiver and release.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

CP, § 10-105(c)(1) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 511**     **Senator Norman, et al****PUBLIC SAFETY – PERMIT TO CARRY, WEAR, OR TRANSPORT A HANDGUN – QUALIFICATIONS**

Clarifying that personal protection or self–defense can qualify as a good and substantial reason to wear, carry, or transport a handgun for purposes of the issuance by the Secretary of State Police of a permit to carry, wear, or transport a handgun.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

PS, § 5-306(a) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 512**     **Senator Norman, et al****CIVIL ACTIONS AND PROCEDURES – GARNISHMENTS – SPOUSAL PROPERTY**

Establishing a presumption that a garnishment against specified property held jointly by spouses in specified financial institutions is valid unless, within 30 days after service of the writ of garnishment on the garnishee, either spouse files a motion objecting to the garnishment and serves a copy of the motion on the judgment creditor, the garnishee, and any other person named on the account; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

CJ, § 11-603 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 513**     **Senator Muse****PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – SUNDAY OFF-SALE PERMIT – REPEAL**

Repealing in Prince George’s County the Sunday off-sale permit that authorizes Sunday alcoholic beverages sales for off-premises consumption by Class A beer, wine, and liquor license holders and specified Class B beer, wine, and liquor license holders.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

AB, § 26-1104 - repealed and §§ 26-2004(b) and 26-2006(a) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 514**     **Senator Astle****CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – YWCA DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND TRAFFICKING SHELTERS**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$1,000,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of The Young Women’s Christian Association of Annapolis and Anne Arundel County, Maryland, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of the YWCA Domestic Violence and Trafficking Shelters, located in Anne Arundel County; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2017

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

**SB 515**     **Senator Jennings, et al**

## COLLECTIVE BARGAINING – FIREFIGHTERS – MARTIN STATE AIRPORT

Making specified provisions of law that relate to collective bargaining for State employees apply to firefighters for the Martin State Airport at the rank of captain or below who are employed by the Military Department.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

SP, § 3-102(a) - amended

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 516**     **Senators Zucker and Simonaire**

## STATE GOVERNMENT – MARYLAND MANUAL – REVISIONS (MARYLAND MANUAL MODERNIZATION ACT)

Altering specified provisions of law to require the State Archives to compile, edit, and publish an online Maryland Manual that describes the State and its government and federal officials and agencies directly related to the State; requiring, as provided in the State budget, the State Archives to update the Maryland Manual as necessary to maintain the accuracy of the information and to annually preserve a version that contains specified changes; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

SG, § 9-1026 - amended and § 9-1027 - repealed

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 517**     **Senator Zucker, et al**

## SECRETARIES OF PRINCIPAL DEPARTMENTS – SUPERVISION AND REVIEW OF DECISIONS AND ACTIONS BY UNITS WITHIN DEPARTMENTS

Requiring the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene to adopt regulations for the supervision of, and the secretary of each principal department to supervise, each unit that is composed of individuals participating in the occupation or profession regulated by the unit in order to prevent anticompetitive actions and to determine whether the actions further a clearly articulated State policy to displace competition; requiring the Office of Administrative Hearings to perform a specified review; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2017

HO, § 1-203 and SG, § 8-205(b) - amended and SG, § 8-205.1 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 518**     **Senators Young and Hough**

## FREDERICK COUNTY – GAMING EVENTS – SUNDAY HOURS OF OPERATION

Specifying that, in Frederick County, a gaming permit authorizes a gaming event to be conducted on a Sunday during the hours of sale for alcoholic beverages that are sold at the establishment where the gaming event is conducted.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

CR, § 13-1304 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

**SB 519**     **Senators Young and Hough**

## FREDERICK COUNTY – HUNTING – NONGAME BIRDS AND MAMMALS

Repealing a prohibition in Frederick County against hunting or attempting to hunt nongame birds and mammals without first obtaining a hunting license.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2017

NR, § 10-301(b) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 520**     **Senator Young**

## STATE REAL ESTATE COMMISSION – PROPERTY MANAGERS – REGISTRATION

Requiring a person who provides property management services to be registered as a property manager by the State Real Estate Commission before practicing in the State; prohibiting the providing of, attempting to provide, or offering to provide property management services unless registered with the Commission as a property manager; subjecting violators of this prohibition to a civil fine of not more than \$1,000; requiring specified property managers to be covered by a specified surety bond; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

BOP, §§ 17-3B-01 through 17-3B-08 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs



**SB 521**     **Senator Ready, et al**COMMUNITY COLLEGES – SMALL COMMUNITY COLLEGES –  
FUNDING

Altering the amount of the unrestricted grant provided to small community colleges.

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

ED, § 16-305(f) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

**SB 522**     **Senator King, et al**INCOME TAX CREDIT – ELIGIBLE EMPLOYERS – ELIGIBLE  
INTERNSHIPS

Allowing specified eligible employers a credit against the State income tax for employing specified interns, which may not exceed \$1,000 for each eligible intern or 10% of the wages paid to each eligible intern, subject to specified limitations; requiring an eligible employer to enter into a specified agreement with an eligible higher education institution; requiring a specified eligible employer to submit a specified application at a specified time; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

TG, § 10-741 - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

**SB 523**     **Senator Lee**

## TRANSPORTATION – IGNITION INTERLOCK DEVICES – DEFINITION

Altering the definition of “ignition interlock system” to require that an ignition interlock device be equipped with a camera capable of recording the image of the driver of the motor vehicle in which the device is installed; making conforming changes; providing for a specified contingency; etc.

CONTINGENT – EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

TR, §§ 21-902.2(a) and 27-107(a) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 524**     **Senator Lee****CRIMINAL LAW – COMMITTING A CRIME OF VIOLENCE IN THE PRESENCE OF A MINOR – REPEAL OF RESIDENCE REQUIREMENT**

Repealing the requirement that the crime be committed in a residence to convict a person of violating the prohibition against committing a crime of violence when the person knows or reasonably should know that a minor who is at least 2 years old is present; and applying the Act prospectively.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

CR, § 3-601.1 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 525**     **Senator Lee, et al****MARYLAND PERSONAL INFORMATION PROTECTION ACT – REVISIONS**

Requiring a specified business, when destroying an employee's or a former employee's records that contain specified personal information of the employee or former employee, to take specified steps to protect against unauthorized access to or use of the information; altering the circumstances under which a specified business that owns, licenses, or maintains computerized data that includes specified personal information must conduct a specified investigation and notify specified persons of a specified breach; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

CL, §§ 14-3501, 14-3502, 14-3504, and 14-3506 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 526**     **Senator Ferguson, et al****BALTIMORE CITY – PROPERTY TAX CREDIT – RENTAL DISCOUNT FOR BALTIMORE CITY POLICE OFFICERS**

Authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City to grant, by law, a specified property tax credit against the property tax imposed on specified apartment buildings in Baltimore City; establishing that specified landlords that provide specified rental discounts to specified police officers may be eligible for the tax credit; establishing the amount of the tax credit; applying the Act to taxable years beginning after June 30, 2017; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2017

TP, § 9-304(k) - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

**SB 527**     **Senator Middleton****CREDIT REGULATION – UNSECURED OPEN END CREDIT PLANS – FEES AND CHARGES**

Providing that specified fees and charges permitted to be imposed on a consumer borrower under an unsecured open end credit plan, when combined with any interest charged under the plan, may not exceed an effective rate of 33% per annum simple interest; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

CL, § 12-905 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 528**     **Senator Kelley, et al****COURTS – CONCEALMENT OF PUBLIC HAZARDS (SUNSHINE IN LITIGATION ACT)**

Prohibiting a court from entering an order or a judgment that conceals information related to a public hazard; providing that confidentiality provisions that conceal information related to a public hazard are unenforceable; providing that a substantially affected person, including news media, has standing to contest an order, a judgment, an agreement, or a contract that violates the Act; providing that a person with standing may bring an action for declaratory judgment to contest a violation of the Act; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

CJ, § 6-412 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 529**     **Senator Benson****CONDOMINIUMS – DELINQUENT OWNERS – RESTRICTIONS ON COMMON ELEMENT USAGE**

Authorizing a council of unit owners to enact specified bylaws prohibiting or restricting the use of common elements by a unit owner who is delinquent in payment of assessments under specified circumstances; providing specified requirements for bylaws implementing a prohibition or restriction on the use of specified common elements by specified delinquent owners; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

RP, § 11-104(e) - added and §§ 11-104(e), 11-108(a), and 11-109(d) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 530 Senator Benson****REAL PROPERTY – REGULATION OF COMMON OWNERSHIP  
COMMUNITY MANAGERS**

Creating the State Board of Common Ownership Community Managers in the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation; providing for the composition of the Board and the appointment, terms, and expenses of the Board members; providing that the Act does not prohibit specified persons from providing services under specified circumstances; requiring an individual to be issued a license by the Board before providing management services for a common ownership community under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

BOP, BR, CA, RP, SF, and SG, Various Sections - amended and added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 531 Senator Benson****HOUSING COUNSELOR AND AFTERCARE PROGRAM**

Establishing the Housing Counselor and Aftercare Program in the Department of Human Resources to assist families and individuals who are experiencing, or who are in imminent danger of, a housing crisis in obtaining and maintaining permanent housing; requiring the Governor to include an appropriation for the Program of \$516,828 in the annual budget each fiscal year beginning in fiscal year 2019; etc.

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

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

HU, §§ 6-801 through 6-807 - added and RP, § 14-126.1(i) - amended

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 532 Senator Benson****TEMPORARY FAMILY HEALTH CARE STRUCTURES – PERMITS**

Requiring a legislative body to consider a temporary family health care structure a permitted accessory use in a single-family residential zoning district on specified lots if the structure is used by a caregiver of a mentally or physically impaired person under specified circumstances; specifying the procedures for an individual to apply for a specified permit; prohibiting a local department of planning and zoning from denying an application under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

HG, § 19-1801 & LU, §§ 1-401(b)(12) thru (22) & 10-103(b)(14) thru (19) - amended & LU, §§ 1-401(b)(12), 4-211, & 10-103(b)(14) - added

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 533**     **Senator Benson, et al****LOW-COST AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE PROGRAM**

Establishing a Low-Cost Automobile Insurance Program; establishing the purpose of the Program; providing that the Program is part of the Maryland Automobile Insurance Fund; altering the purpose of the Fund; providing for the administration and development of the Program; authorizing the Program to sell, issue, and deliver specified policies of automobile insurance to individuals who meet specified eligibility requirements; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

IN, § 20-301 - amended and §§ 20-6A-01 through 20-6A-08 - added

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 534**     **Senator Benson, et al****MOTOR VEHICLE INSURANCE – DISCRIMINATION IN UNDERWRITING AND RATING – PROHIBITIONS**

Prohibiting an insurer, with respect to private passenger motor vehicle insurance, from refusing to underwrite, canceling, refusing to renew, rating a risk, or increasing a renewal premium based, in whole or in part, on the marital status or employment or occupation of or education level attained by the insured or applicant; repealing specified provisions of law authorizing an insurer, under specified circumstances, to use the credit history of an applicant to rate a new policy of private passenger motor vehicle insurance; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

IN, § 27-501(e-2) - amended

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 535**     **Senator Salling, et al****HIGHWAY DEDICATION – SENATOR NORMAN R. STONE, JR. HIGHWAY**

Requiring the State Highway Administration to dedicate a specified portion of highway in Baltimore County as the Senator Norman R. Stone, Jr. Highway.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

TR, § 8-659 - added

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 536**     **Senator Salling, et al****MARYLAND TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY – VEHICLES NOT USING BRIDGE – TOLL PROHIBITION**

Prohibiting the Maryland Transportation Authority from charging a toll at a toll plaza adjacent to a bridge that is a transportation facilities project for a vehicle that does not traverse the bridge; and requiring the Authority to direct, by physical traffic management measures, vehicles that do not traverse the bridge into a toll-free lane through the toll plaza or construct a lane bypassing the toll plaza for use by vehicles that do not traverse the bridge.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

TR, § 4-312(c) - amended

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 537**     **Senators Salling and Bates****PUBLIC HEALTH – SCHOOL BUILDINGS – MINIMUM HEALTH STANDARDS (HEALTHY SCHOOLS PROGRAM)**

Establishing the Healthy Schools Program in the State; specifying the purpose of the Program is to promote a healthy environment in each public school through adoption of regulations establishing minimum standards designed to protect the health of the occupants of public school buildings; authorizing a representative of the Secretary of the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to enter and inspect a public school to determine if the public school is in violation of a specified regulation; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

HG, §§ 24-1701 through 24-1706 - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

**SB 538**     **Senator Salling****PUBLIC SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION – REGULATIONS – EQUITABLE DISTRIBUTION OF PROJECTS AND IMPROVEMENTS**

Requiring the Board of Public Works, at the recommendation of the Interagency Committee on School Construction, to adopt specified regulations that require each local school system to use a specified method for determining funding requests for public school construction projects and public school capital improvements that will result in an equitable distribution of projects and improvements in each legislative district within the geographical boundary of the local school system.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

ED, § 5-301(b-2) - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

**SB 539 The President (By Request – Administration), et al****CRIMINAL LAW – DISTRIBUTION OF OPIOIDS RESULTING IN DEATH**

Prohibiting a person from distributing an opioid or opioid analogue, the use of which causes the death of another, with a specified exception; establishing penalties for a violation of the Act; providing that it is not a defense under the Act that the defendant did not distribute the opioid or opioid analogue directly to the decedent; providing that it is a defense under the Act that the defendant was an active user of an opioid or opioid analogue at the time of the distribution causing the death of the decedent; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

CR, § 5-602.1 - added

Assigned to: Senate Rules

**SB 540 The President (By Request – Administration), et al****STATE RETIREMENT CHOICE FOR THE 21ST CENTURY WORKFORCE**

Establishing the State Retirement Choice Plan; authorizing specified individuals who are employed by specified participating employers on or after July 1, 2018, to become members of the State Retirement Choice Plan; prohibiting specified individuals from electing to participate in the State Retirement Choice Plan; requiring specified individuals to be enrolled in the Employees' Pension System if a specified election is not made; requiring the Board of Trustees for the State Retirement and Pension System to adopt regulations; etc.

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

SP, §§ 2-509.2 and 33-101 through 33-206 - added and § 23-201 - amended

Assigned to: Senate Rules

**SB 541**     **Senator Conway (By Request – Baltimore City Administration)****BALTIMORE CITY – BOARD OF MUNICIPAL AND ZONING APPEALS  
– APPEALS AUTHORITY**

Limiting the authority of the Baltimore City Board of Municipal and Zoning Appeals to hear and decide specified appeals to instances when the Board is authorized to hear and decide the appeals by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City by local law or the Charter of Baltimore City; and stating that the Act does not prohibit an administrative official or unit from making a specified decision when authorized by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City by local law or the Charter of Baltimore City.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

LU, § 10-404 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 542**     **Senator Conway****MARYLAND LEAD POISONING RECOVERY ACT**

Establishing that the Act applies only to an action brought by a unit of State or local government or by an owner of a residential building against a specified manufacturer of lead pigment for specified damages allegedly caused by the presence of lead-based paint in a residential building; providing that the Act does not apply to specified actions for specified damages arising from personal injury or death or to specified actions against a person other than a manufacturer; etc.

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

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

CJ, §§ 3-2101 through 3-2107 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 543**     **Senator Conway****HIGHER EDUCATION – ADMISSIONS PROCESS – CRIMINAL  
HISTORY (MARYLAND FAIR ACCESS TO EDUCATION ACT OF 2017)**

Prohibiting specified institutions of higher education from inquiring into or considering information about the criminal history of applicants unless the specified institution knows or should know the crime is ongoing; allowing specified institutions of higher education to inquire into or consider the criminal history of students for purposes of campus residency and deciding whether students may participate in specified activities or aspects of campus life; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

ED, §§ 26-501 through 26-506 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs



**SB 544**     **Baltimore City Senators****BALTIMORE CITY – OFFICE OF THE BALTIMORE CITY SHERIFF – POSITIONS**

Authorizing the Baltimore City Sheriff to establish a pay scale under specified circumstances; requiring the Sheriff of Baltimore City to appoint an information technology specialist to a specified rank to assess and manage the technology needs of the Sheriff's Office; requiring the Sheriff of Baltimore City to appoint a chief financial officer to a specified rank to manage the budget, grants, and revenue of the Sheriff's Office; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

CJ, § 2-309(d) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 545**     **Senator Conway (By Request – Baltimore City Administration), et al****BALTIMORE CITY – LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS' BILL OF RIGHTS – HEARING BOARD**

Excluding Baltimore City from a specified provision allowing for an alternative method for forming a hearing board under the Law Enforcement Officers' Bill of Rights when the alternative method has been agreed to under specified exclusive collective bargaining agreements; excluding Baltimore City from a specified provision under which specified findings of fact and penalty determinations made by a hearing board are final; and providing for the prospective application of the Act.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

PS, §§ 3-107(c) and 3-108(c) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 546**     **Senator Conway****ENVIRONMENT – WATER SERVICE – SHUTOFF NOTICE DISCLOSURES AND VULNERABLE POPULATION PROTECTION**

Authorizing a provider of water or sewerage system service to temporarily shut off service for reasons of health or safety or in a State or national emergency; requiring a provider to mail a specified notice when temporarily shutting off service; prohibiting a provider from shutting off service unless the provider provides specified notices at the premises within specified time periods; prohibiting a provider from shutting off service for specified reasons; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

EN, §§ 9-2A-01 through 9-2A-05 - added and §§ 9-658(g)(2), 9-662, 9-724, 9-939, and 9-951 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 547**     **Senator Conway****CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – BALTIMORE CITY – WOODBOURNE CENTER VOCATIONAL PROGRAM**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt in the amount of \$375,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Woodbourne Center, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of the Woodbourne Center Vocational Program, 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 548**     **Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee****STATE BOARD OF MORTICIANS AND FUNERAL DIRECTORS – SUNSET EXTENSION AND PROGRAM EVALUATION**

Continuing the State Board of Morticians and Funeral Directors in accordance with the provisions of the Maryland Program Evaluation Act (sunset law) by extending to July 1, 2028, the termination provisions relating to the statutory and regulatory authority of the Board; requiring that an evaluation of the Board and the statutes and regulations that relate to the Board be performed.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2017

HO, § 7-702 and SG, § 8-405(b)(2) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 549**     **Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee****STATE BOARD OF PHYSICIANS AND ALLIED HEALTH ADVISORY COMMITTEES – SUNSET EXTENSION AND PROGRAM EVALUATION**

Continuing the State Board of Physicians and the related allied health advisory committees in accordance with the provisions of the Maryland Program Evaluation Act (Sunset Law) by extending to July 1, 2023, the termination provisions relating to statutory and regulatory authority of the State Board of Physicians and the committees; altering the content of a specified statistical report regarding complaints of sexual misconduct; altering the definition of “allied health professional” to include naturopathic doctors; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2017

HO, IN, SG, and Chapter 539 of the Acts of 2007, Various Sections - amended, added, and repealed

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 550**     **Senator Hough**FREDERICK COUNTY – ETHICS REQUIREMENTS AND CAMPAIGN  
ACTIVITY CONCERNING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND COUNTY  
COUNCIL

Requiring nonelected members of boards and commissions in Frederick County to vacate office on becoming a candidate for an elected office, as specified; prohibiting a business entity, and a lawyer or lobbyist for the business entity, that has a pending bid or application before a county board or commission from making a contribution to candidates, as specified; requiring a campaign finance entity for a candidate to disclose a contribution within a specified time period; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

GP, §§ 5-865 through 5-869 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 551**     **Senator Hershey**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – KENT COUNTY – ECHO HILL  
OUTDOOR SCHOOL

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$310,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Echo Hill Outdoor School, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of the Echo Hill Outdoor School, located in Kent 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 552**     **Senator Hershey**MARYLAND PERSONAL INFORMATION PROTECTION ACT –  
SECURITY BREACH NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS –  
MODIFICATIONS

Altering the applicability of specified security breach investigation and notification requirements to specified businesses; authorizing a specified business to elect to provide a specified notification; prohibiting a specified business from requiring or compelling a specified business to make a specified election; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

CL, §§ 14-3504(b) and (c) and 14-3507 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 553**     **Senator Hershey**

## RECOVERY RESIDENCE RESIDENTIAL RIGHTS PROTECTION ACT

Requiring, beginning November 1, 2017, a behavioral health program or specified health professional, when referring an individual to receive services at a recovery residence, to provide the individual with a specified list; requiring specified recovery residence certification requirements to include a requirement that a recovery residence make arrangements for the receipt of specified services for specified residents; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

HG, § 7.5-501 - added and §§ 19-2501 through 19-2503 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 554**     **Senator Hershey, et al**

## NATURAL RESOURCES – GILL NETS – MESH SIZE

Establishing that a specified person may not set or fish any gill net that has a mesh size exceeding 7 inches or a stretched mesh size exceeding 7.5 inches for gill nets used in the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

NR, § 4-710(c) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 555**     **Senator Hershey**

## CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – KENT COUNTY – CAMP FAIRLEE

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 Easter Seals Delaware & Maryland's Eastern Shore, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of Camp Fairlee, located in Kent 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 556**     **Senator Bates**ESTATES AND TRUSTS – GUARDIANSHIP OF A DISABLED PERSON  
– VISITATION AND NOTIFICATION

Authorizing a court to order visitation for interested parties eligible to be appointed as a guardian of a person; authorizing a court to identify a specified interested party entitled to visitation in the order of appointment; providing that the identification of a specified interested party in the order does not limit visitation by other specified interested parties; requiring a guardian of the person to notify specified interested parties within a specified time period after specified events; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

ET, §§ 13-705.1 and 13-708.1 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 557**     **Senator Bates, et al**EDUCATION – MARYLAND EDUCATION OPPORTUNITY ACCOUNT  
PROGRAM – ESTABLISHED

Establishing the Maryland Education Opportunity Account Program; stating a specified goal of the State; authorizing a parent of an eligible student to enroll in the Program; declaring that a specified student remains an eligible student under specified circumstances; establishing a Maryland Education Opportunity Account Authority; establishing the membership of the Authority; authorizing specified members to designate a representative with specified rights, powers, and duties; etc.

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

ED, §§ 5-701 through 5-710 - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

**SB 558**     **Senator Norman, et al**MOTOR VEHICLES – SEASONAL EXCEPTIONAL MILK HAULING  
PERMIT

Authorizing the State Highway Administration to issue a seasonal exceptional milk hauling permit that authorizes specified axle configurations and specified increased weight limits from March 1 until June 30 annually under specified circumstances.

EMERGENCY BILL

TR, § 24-113.2 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 559**     **Senator Kasemeyer****BALTIMORE COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – ISSUANCE OF LICENSES NEAR PLACES OF WORSHIP**

Authorizing the Baltimore County Board of License Commissioners to issue or transfer a specified license for an establishment that is at least 100 feet away from a place of worship under specified circumstances and subject to specified restrictions and qualifications.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

AB, § 13-1601 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 560**     **Senators Young and Smith****NATURAL RESOURCES – WILDLIFE TRAFFICKING PREVENTION**

Prohibiting a person from purchasing, selling, offering for sale, or possessing with the intent to sell specified parts or products of specified animal species under specified circumstances, subject to specified exceptions; establishing penalties for a violation of the Act; requiring that fines and restitution imposed under the Act be credited to the Department of Natural Resources for the benefit of the State Wildlife Management and Protection Fund to be used for the preservation of threatened or endangered species; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

NR, § 10-209 - amended and §§ 10-2B-01 through 10-2B-10 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 561**     **Senator Brochin, et al****PUBLIC SAFETY – CRIMINAL INJURIES COMPENSATION BOARD – INELIGIBILITY**

Providing that a person is not eligible for an award from the Criminal Injuries Compensation Board if, within 10 years before requesting an award, the person has been convicted of a specified crime of violence, burglary, or an attempt to commit burglary.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

CP, § 11-808 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 562**     **Senators Kelley and Lee****HEALTH CARE DECISIONS ACT – ADVANCE DIRECTIVES AND SURROGATE DECISION MAKING – DISQUALIFIED INDIVIDUALS**

Prohibiting specified individuals from serving as a health care agent under specified circumstances; prohibiting specified individuals from making decisions about health care for specified individuals who have been certified to be incapable of making an informed decision under the Health Care Decisions Act; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

HG, §§ 5-602(b) and 5-605(a) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 563**     **Senator Madaleno, et al****TRANSPORTATION – HIGHWAY USER REVENUES – DISTRIBUTION TO MUNICIPALITIES**

Altering the authorized uses of highway user revenues; requiring that specified additional distributions of highway user revenues be made in specified fiscal years to Baltimore City and, under specified circumstances, municipalities; requiring that specified additional distributions of highway user revenues be allocated among municipalities in a specified manner; repealing obsolete distributions and transfers of highway user revenues for specified fiscal years; etc.

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

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

TR, §§ 8-402 and 8-403 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

**SB 564**     **Senator Madaleno, et al****TRANSPORTATION – HIGHWAY USER REVENUES – DISTRIBUTION TO MUNICIPALITIES**

Altering the percentages of highway user revenues that are required to be distributed to Baltimore City and municipalities in specified fiscal years; altering the percentages in specified fiscal years of highway user revenues that are required to be used as authorized under the Transportation Trust Fund; repealing obsolete distributions and transfers of highway user revenues for specified fiscal years; etc.

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

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

TR, §§ 8-402 and 8-403 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

**SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION INTRODUCED February 1, 2017****SJ 4**      **Senator Pinsky, et al****UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION – AMENDMENTS CONVENTION –  
DEMOCRACY AMENDMENT**

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 an amendment to the U.S. Constitution that affirms every citizen's individual right to vote, reserves inalienable political rights to natural persons, and authorizes regulation of contributions and expenditures intended to influence elections.

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs