



SYNOPSIS

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SENATE BILLS INTRODUCED February 10, 2017

SB 1032 Senator Robinson

FAMILY LAW – GRANDPARENT VISITATION

Altering the circumstances under which an equity court may grant visitation rights to a grandparent of a child.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

FL, § 9-102 - amended

Assigned to: Senate Rules

SB 1033 Senator Eckardt

RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY – VACANT AND ABANDONED PROPERTY – EXPEDITED FORECLOSURE

Authorizing a secured party to petition a circuit court for leave to immediately commence an action to foreclose a mortgage or deed of trust on residential property if the property is vacant and abandoned under specified circumstances; requiring a court to rule on a specified petition promptly after the petition is filed; providing that a residential property is vacant and abandoned if specified criteria apply to the property; etc.

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RP, § 7-105.1(b) - amended and § 7-105.14 - added

Assigned to: Senate Rules

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SB 1034 Senator King, et al**MARYLAND PUBLIC BROADCASTING COMMISSION – RECORDING AND DISTRIBUTION DURING LEGISLATIVE SESSION – FUNDING**

Requiring, each fiscal year, that the Governor include in the annual budget bill an appropriation of \$500,000 to the Maryland Public Broadcasting Commission to be used for specified activities; providing for the calculation of the appropriation; requiring the Commission to record and distribute specified events or activities; requiring the Governor, under specified circumstances, to increase the total appropriation to the Commission by a specified percentage; etc.

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

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2017

ED, §§ 24-204(d) and 24-205(d) - added

Assigned to: Senate Rules

SB 1035 Senator Ferguson**BALTIMORE CITY – 46TH DISTRICT ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ACT OF 2017**

Authorizing the Board to issue a Class B beer, wine and liquor license for a restaurant in the area that is commonly known as Port Covington; requiring that the restaurant be capable of seating more than 150 individuals, have a minimum capital investment of \$700,000, and average daily receipts from the sale of food that are at least 60% of the total daily receipts; providing the Board cannot issue more than a combined total of five Class B beer, wine, and liquor licenses for use by establishments in a specified area; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

§ 12-1604(c) and (g) - amended

Assigned to: Senate Rules

SB 1036 Senator Young**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – FREDERICK COUNTY – THE YOUTH RANCH**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt in the amount of \$150,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Maryland Sheriffs' Youth Ranch, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of The Youth Ranch, located in Frederick County; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2017

Assigned to: Senate Rules

SB 1037 Senator Ramirez**HEALTH CARE MALPRACTICE QUALIFIED EXPERT – LIMITATION ON TESTIMONY IN PERSONAL INJURY CLAIMS – REPEAL**

Repealing the requirement that a health care provider who attests in a certificate of a qualified expert or who testifies in relation to a proceeding before an arbitration panel or a court concerning compliance with or departure from standards of care devote no more than 20% of the provider's professional activities to activities that directly involve testimony in personal injury claims.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

CJ, § 3-2A-04(b) - amended

Assigned to: Senate Rules

SB 1038 Senators Serafini and Ready**NATALIE M. LAPRADE MEDICAL CANNABIS COMMISSION – MEDICAL CANNABIS GROWER LICENSES**

Increasing the number of medical cannabis grower licenses that may be authorized by the Natalie M. LaPrade Medical Cannabis Commission from 15 to 17; requiring the Commission to grant specified approval to specified applicants.

EMERGENCY BILL

HG, § 13-3306(a) - amended

Assigned to: Senate Rules

SB 1039 Washington County Senators**WASHINGTON COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – HOTEL AND MOTEL LICENSES**

Altering the privileges of Class B beer, wine, and liquor hotel and restaurant licenses issued in Washington County so that the privileges may be exercised for on- and off-premises consumption for licenses that had on- and off-sale privileges on or before June 30, 2016, and for on-premises consumption only for all other licenses.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

AB, § 31-903 - amended

Assigned to: Senate Rules

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION INTRODUCED February 10, 2017

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Senator Conway, et al

PROTECTION OF THE FEDERAL AFFORDABLE CARE ACT

Expressing the sharp disagreement of the General Assembly of Maryland with the repeal of the Affordable Care Act; urging the U.S. Congress to promptly protect provisions of the federal Affordable Care Act that ensure all Marylanders have access to affordable health insurance coverage, free from discriminatory rates and policies; urging the Governor of Maryland to join in urging the U.S. congress to promptly protect specified provisions of the federal Affordable Care Act; etc.

Assigned to: Senate Rules