



# SYNOPSIS

Senate Bills and Joint Resolutions  
2017 Maryland General Assembly Session

**February 27, 2017**  
**Schedule 34**

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## **SENATE BILLS INTRODUCED February 27, 2017**

### **SB 1149 Senator Oaks, et al**

MARYLAND TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION – FREE RIDERSHIP FOR STATE EMPLOYEES

Requiring the Maryland Transit Administration to extend to employees of the Judicial Branch and the Legislative Branch of State government the application of any program, policy, or practice through which free ridership on transit vehicles is offered to employees of the Executive Branch of State government.  
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2017

Assigned to: Senate Rules

### **SB 1150 Senator Young**

HEARING– OR SPEECH–IMPAIRED CHILDREN – SIGN LANGUAGE INSTRUCTION FOR PARENTS AND GUARDIANS

Requiring an individualized education program for a child with a hearing or speech impairment to include educating the child’s parents or guardians in basic sign language; requiring that the Maryland Infants and Toddlers Program include resources such as basic sign language education, digital teaching tools, and online instruction for specified parents or guardians; altering the name of the universal newborn screening program to be the universal newborn screening and parental education program; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

ED, § 8-408.1 - added and § 8-416(a) - amended and HG, § 19-308.5 - amended

Assigned to: Senate Rules

### **Department of Legislative Services**

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**SB 1151 Senator Robinson****CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – BALTIMORE CITY – SELLERS MANSION**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$500,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of St. James' Terrace Apartments, Incorporated for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of the Sellers Mansion 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: Senate Rules

**SB 1152 Senator Oaks****BALTIMORE CITY – TABLE GAMES PROCEEDS – RECREATIONAL FACILITIES**

Providing that the proceeds of table games paid to Baltimore City to be used for recreational facilities may be used only to supplement and not supplant existing expenses or obligations related to recreational facilities.

CONTINGENT – EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

SG, § 9-1A-27(d) - amended

Assigned to: Senate Rules

**SB 1153 Senator Oaks****BALTIMORE CITY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – CLASS B–D–7 LICENSES – HOURS OF SALE**

Specifying 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. as the hours of sale for a holder of a Class B–D–7 beer, wine, and liquor license in a specified area of Baltimore City.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

AB, § 12-905 - amended

Assigned to: Senate Rules

**SB 1154 Senator Oaks****CRIMINAL LAW – ASSAULT BY STRANGULATION OR SUFFOCATION – PENALTIES**

Prohibiting a person from committing an assault by intentionally strangling, suffocating, or impeding the normal breathing or circulation of blood of another by applying pressure to the other person's throat or neck or by blocking the other person's nose or mouth; providing that a person who violates the Act is guilty of assault in the first degree; and providing penalties of up to 25 years of imprisonment for a violation of the Act.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

CR, § 3-202 - amended

Assigned to: Senate Rules

**SB 1155 Senator Oaks****INCOME TAX – EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT – NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY**

Requiring the Comptroller, beginning January 1, 2018, to provide specified written and electronic notice of the availability of credits against the State and federal income taxes for earned income; requiring that specified written notice be included in specified income tax return materials in a specified manner; requiring that specified electronic notice be posted on the Internet tax filing system of the Comptroller in a specified manner; requiring the Comptroller to adopt specified regulations; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

TG, § 10-704(e) - added

Assigned to: Senate Rules

**SB 1156 Senator Reilly****HEALTH INSURANCE – COVERAGE FOR MALE STERILIZATION – HIGH-DEDUCTIBLE HEALTH PLANS**

Exempting a high-deductible health plan from the prohibition on application of a deductible to coverage for male sterilization; and applying the Act to all policies, contracts, and health benefit plans issued, delivered, or renewed in the State on or after January 1, 2018.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2018

IN, § 15-826.2 - amended

Assigned to: Senate Rules

**SB 1157** Senator Cassilly, et al

STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION – ALFRED B. HILTON  
MEMORIAL BRIDGE – DEDICATION

Requiring the State Highway Administration to dedicate the bridge located at the intersection of Maryland Route 22 and Interstate Highway 95 as the Alfred B. Hilton Memorial Bridge.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

TR, § 8-659 - added

Assigned to: Senate Rules