



SYNOPSIS

Senate Bills and Joint Resolutions
2017 Maryland General Assembly Session

January 20, 2017
Schedule 8

PLEASE NOTE: January 24 – Bill request deadline.
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 20, 2017

SB 231 Senator Manno, et al

LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT – HIRING AND PROMOTION
PREFERENCES – VETERANS OF COMMISSIONED CORPS

Altering the definition of “eligible veteran” to include the Commissioned Corps of the Public Health Service and the Commissioned Corps of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration for the purpose of granting a preference in hiring and promotion to eligible veterans, spouses of eligible veterans, and surviving spouses of eligible veterans.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

LE, § 3-714 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 232 **Senator Manno, et al**EDUCATION – PREGNANT AND PARENTING STUDENTS –
ATTENDANCE POLICY

Specifying that a student's absence from school due to the student's pregnancy or parenting needs is a lawful absence; requiring each county board of education to develop a written attendance policy for pregnant and parenting students that meets specified requirements; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

ED, § 7-301.1 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 233 **Senator Madaleno**MARYLAND COUNCIL ON ADVANCEMENT OF SCHOOL–BASED
HEALTH CENTERS

Transferring the Maryland Council on Advancement of School–Based Health Centers from the State Department of Education to the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene; requiring the Maryland Community Health Resources Commission to provide staff support for the Council; authorizing the Commission to seek the assistance of organizations with expertise in school–based health care or specified other matters to provide additional staffing resources to the Commission and the Council; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

HG, §§ 19-22A-01, 19-22A-02, 19-22A-03(a), and 19-22A-05 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs and Finance

SB 234 **Senator Waugh**

ST. MARY'S COUNTY – LAND RECORDS – REPEAL

Repealing a specified provision of law concerning the preparation of specified documents submitted for inclusion in the land records of St. Mary's County.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

PLL of St. Mary's Co, Art. 19, § 73-1 - repealed

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 235 **Senator Guzzone**

SALES AND USE TAX – EXEMPTION – SERVICE PERFORMED BY PERSON PRACTICING ENGINEERING

Providing a specified exemption from the sales and use tax for the sale of a service performed by a person practicing engineering.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

TG, § 11-219(e) - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 236 **Senator Eckardt, et al**

INCOME TAX – PERSONAL EXEMPTIONS – INFLATION ADJUSTMENT

Increasing the amount of specified exemptions allowed under the State income tax for taxable years beginning after December 31, 2017, by a specified cost-of-living adjustment.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

TG, § 10-211(c) - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 237 **Senator Eckardt, et al**

INCOME TAX – STANDARD DEDUCTION – INFLATION ADJUSTMENT

Increasing the minimum and maximum limitation amounts of the standard deduction allowed under the State income tax for taxable years beginning after December 31, 2017, by a specified cost-of-living adjustment; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

TG, § 10-217(d) - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 238 **Senator Eckardt, et al**

INCOME TAX SUBTRACTION MODIFICATION – RETIREMENT INCOME (FAIRNESS IN TAXATION FOR RETIREES ACT)

Including income from specified retirement plans within a subtraction modification allowed under the Maryland income tax for retired individuals who are at least 65 years old or who are disabled or whose spouse is disabled; applying the Act to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2016; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

TG, § 10-209 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 239 **Senator Robinson, et al****PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX – EXEMPTION – PROPERTY OWNED BY NEW OR RELOCATED BUSINESS**

Providing an exemption from personal property tax for property that is owned by a business that has organized under the laws of Maryland during the current tax year or that relocates its headquarters to Maryland during the current tax year; and applying the Act to taxable years beginning after June 30, 2017.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2017

TP, § 7-245 - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 240 **Senator Robinson, et al****DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE – ABUSER REGISTRY WORKGROUP RECOMMENDATIONS – REPORT**

Requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to report on the status of the implementation of specified recommendations of the Abuser Registry Workgroup; and requiring the Department to submit a report to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before September 1, 2017.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2017

Assigned to: Finance

SB 241 **Senator Robinson****CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – BALTIMORE CITY – HAMPDEN FAMILY CENTER**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$250,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of The Hampden Family Center, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of the Hampden Family 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 242 **Senator Robinson****CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – BALTIMORE CITY – ST. FRANCIS NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER**

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 the St. Francis Neighborhood Center Corporation for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of the St. Francis Neighborhood 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 243 **Senator Robinson, et al****CORRECTIONAL SERVICES – INMATES – FINANCIAL LITERACY TRAINING**

Requiring the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services to offer financial literacy training to an inmate who has been sentenced to a term of incarceration in the Division of Correction and who is within 1 year of being released from a correctional facility; specifying the objective and instructional topics of the financial literacy training; and authorizing the Department to consult or collaborate with any public or private agency, entity, or individual in developing the curriculum for the financial literacy training.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

CS, § 9-616 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings and Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 244 **Senator Robinson, et al****TASK FORCE TO STUDY SUSPENSION RATES OF AFRICAN AMERICAN PREKINDERGARTEN STUDENTS**

Establishing the Task Force to Study Suspension Rates of African American Prekindergarten Students; providing the purpose of the task force is to determine whether specified students are suspended at a higher rate than students of other races, determine the resources available to remedy suspensions of specified students, and to make recommendations to deter specified suspensions; requiring the Task Force to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before December 1, 2018; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 245 **Senator Salling, et al****PUBLIC SAFETY – PERMIT TO CARRY, WEAR, OR TRANSPORT A HANDGUN – QUALIFICATIONS**

Clarifying that 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 246 **Senator Mathias****SOMERSET COUNTY – STATE’S ATTORNEY – ANNUAL SALARY**

Increasing the annual salary of the State’s Attorney for Somerset County from \$98,000 to \$113,066; and providing that the provisions of the Act will take effect at the beginning of the next following term of office.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

CP, § 15-420(b) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 247 **Senator Ramirez****REAL PROPERTY – NOTICES OF FORECLOSURE SALE AND POSTPONEMENT OR CANCELLATION OF FORECLOSURE SALE**

Requiring the person authorized to make a foreclosure sale to give written notice of the proposed sale to a specified condominium or homeowners association that, at least 30 days before the date of the proposed sale, has recorded a statement of lien against the property; requiring the trustee, within 14 days after the postponement or cancellation of a foreclosure sale, to send a notice that the sale was postponed or canceled to the record owner; applying the Act to a foreclosure sale scheduled after the effective date of the Act; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

RP, § 7-105.2 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 248 **Senator Middleton****SENIOR CALL–CHECK SERVICE AND NOTIFICATION PROGRAM – ESTABLISHMENT**

Altering the purpose of and programs to be funded by the Universal Service Trust Fund; requiring the Secretary of Information Technology to certify specified information; requiring the Public Service Commission to determine the amount of a specified monthly surcharge; requiring the Legislative Auditor to conduct specified postaudits for a specified additional purpose; establishing the Senior Call–Check Service and Notification Program; providing a mechanism for the funding of the Program; etc.

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

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2017

SF, § 3A-506 - amended and §§ 3A-701 and 3A-702 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 249 **Senator Simonaire****INCOME TAX – SUBTRACTION MODIFICATION – DONATION OF RENTED EQUIPMENT**

Allowing a subtraction modification under the Maryland individual and corporate income tax for the fair market value of any rental agreements for equipment provided at no cost to and accepted by specified entities under specified circumstances; providing that the subtraction may not exceed \$5,000 for any taxable year; applying the Act to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2016; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

TG, § 10-208(w) - added and § 10-308(b) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 250 **Senators Norman and Zirkin****CIVIL PROCEEDINGS – CONTINUANCES AGREED TO BY ALL PARTIES**

Requiring a court to continue a specified civil proceeding if all parties agree to the continuance, under specified circumstances; authorizing a court to assess specified costs and expenses occasioned by a specified continuance in accordance with the Maryland Rules; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

CJ, § 6-412 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 251 **Senator Simonaire****ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – PROPERTY TAX – CREDIT FOR SENIORS OF LIMITED INCOME**

Authorizing the governing body of Anne Arundel County or of a municipal corporation in Anne Arundel County to grant, by law, a tax credit against the county or municipal corporation property tax imposed on real property owned and used as a principal residence by an individual who is at least 62 years old and of limited income; applying the Act to taxable years beginning after June 30, 2017; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2017

TP, § 9-303(b)(7) - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 252 The President (By Request – Administration)

REDISTRICTING REFORM ACT OF 2017

Creating the General Assembly and Congressional Redistricting and Apportionment Commission; requiring the Commission to divide the State to create General Assembly legislative districts and congressional districts, as specified; providing for the membership, qualifications, and duties of the Commission; specifying requirements for the adoption of redistricting plans; requiring the Legislative Auditor to establish and administer an application process for individuals seeking appointment to the Commission; etc.

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

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT – CONTINGENT – VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

Maryland Constitution, Art. III, § 3 - amended & § 5 - repealed & added & Art. IV, § 14 - amended & EL, §§ 8-7A-01 thru 8-7A-14 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 253 The President (By Request – Administration)

LEGISLATIVE TRANSPARENCY ACT OF 2017

Altering the annual reporting requirement of the State Open Meetings Law Compliance Board; altering the scope of the training requirements under the Open Meetings Act; requiring a lobbyist who invites specified employees of the Executive Branch to a meal or reception to register specified information with the State Ethics Commission; requiring reports filed with the Ethics Commission after a specified date to be made available in a specified format; requiring the General Assembly to make available specified video of specified meetings; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

GP, § 3-101(d-1) - added and §§ 3-204(d) and (e), 3-211, 3-213, 5-709, and 5-710(a) - amended and SG, § 2-1805 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION INTRODUCED January 20, 2017

SJ 1 Senator Edwards

NATIONAL DAY OF THE COWBOY

Encouraging the Congress of the United States of America to designate the fourth Saturday in July of each year as the National Day of the Cowboy; encouraging the people of the United States of America to annually observe the fourth Saturday in July as the National Day of the Cowboy; etc.

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs