



# SYNOPSIS

House Bills and Joint Resolutions  
2018 Maryland General Assembly Session

**February 9, 2018**  
**Schedule 20B**

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## **HOUSE BILLS INTRODUCED FEBRUARY 9, 2018**

### **HB 1461 Delegate Gutierrez, et al**

CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – IMMIGRATION – SUPPORTING ALL  
FAMILIES EVERYWHERE(SAFE ACT)

Providing that an official of State government or a local government is immune from criminal and civil liability for refusing to provide information to the federal government or another state that will be used for certain purposes; stating it is the intent of the General Assembly to maintain community trust in Maryland governmental operations and law enforcement by clarifying the parameters of State and local participation in federal immigration enforcement efforts; requiring the Attorney General to develop certain policies; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

CJ, § 5-527, CP, § 5-103, and SF, § 7-239 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

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**HB 1462 Delegate Ebersole, et al****COMMERCIAL DRIVER'S LICENSES – RECOGNITION, PREVENTION, AND REPORTING OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING**

Requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration to include questions on human trafficking recognition, prevention, and effective reporting as part of the commercial driver's license knowledge test; requiring commercial driver's license training schools to include training on human trafficking recognition, prevention, and effective reporting as part of the curriculum; requiring the Administration to include content on human trafficking recognition, prevention, and effective reporting in its Commercial Driver's License Manual; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

TR, § 16-807(b) - amended and § 16-807.2 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

**HB 1463 Delegate Glass, et al****GAS AND ELECTRICITY – ANALOG, DIGITAL, AND SMART METERS – METER EXCHANGE AND TRANSMISSION OF INFORMATION**

Requiring a utility company to exchange an analog, digital, or smart meter for another certain meter under certain circumstances; prohibiting a utility company from charging or penalizing a customer for taking certain actions; and requiring that a certain utility customer have the opportunity to choose the frequency with which a certain meter transmits certain information.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

PU, § 7-302.1 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 1464 Prince George's County Delegation****PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY – TRUANCY VIOLATIONS – REPORTING OF NEGLECT PG 515–18**

Requiring a school employee, in Prince George's County, to report any person to the Prince George's County Department of Social Services for neglect of a child if the person has legal custody or care and control of a child who is between the ages of 5 and 17 and fails to see that the child attends school or receives certain instruction; providing that a certain criminal penalty does not apply in Prince George's County; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

ED, § 7-301 and FL, § 5-701(s) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 1465 Delegate Walker****TAX SALES – HOMEOWNER PROTECTIONS**

Authorizing a collector of property taxes to withhold from tax sale any property when the total taxes due on the property amount to less than \$750 in any 1 year; requiring a certain mailing sent by a collector of property taxes to the owner of a property before the property is advertised for tax sale to include a separate insert that includes certain information about how a homeowner may access certain services and programs that may assist the homeowner to avoid tax sale costs or foreclosure; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

TP, §§ 14-811, 14-812, and 14-817.1 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 1466 Delegate Miele, et al****EDUCATION – VIDEO ON HARMS AND RISKS OF NARCOTIC DRUGS**

Requiring the State Department of Education, in collaboration with certain other entities, to develop a certain educational video to provide awareness to high school students on the harms and risks of experimenting with narcotic drugs; requiring each public high school annually to show the video to each student in the school and make a certain certification; authorizing each nonpublic high school annually to show the video to each student in the school; terminating the Act after June 30, 2023; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

ED, 7-411.2 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 1467 Delegate Sample–Hughes, et al****PUBLIC HEALTH – SEPSIS PUBLIC AWARENESS CAMPAIGN WORKGROUP**

Requiring the Secretary of Health to establish a Sepsis Public Awareness Campaign Workgroup; providing for the membership of the Workgroup; requiring the Workgroup to develop a certain public awareness campaign, identify, review, and evaluate certain resources, and identify cost-effective methods for dissemination of certain information; and requiring the Workgroup to report to certain committees of the General Assembly on or before December 1, 2018.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2018

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

**HB 1468 Delegate Beidle****TRANSIT – JOB ACCESS AND REVERSE COMMUTE (JARC) PROGRAM**

Establishing the Job Access and Reverse Commute Program in the Maryland Transit Administration; authorizing the Administration to make certain grants under the Program to certain providers for certain employment and commuter projects; providing for the distribution of funds under the Program; requiring the Administration to conduct certain solicitations before accepting grant applications under the Program; establishing a certain application process for a grant under the Program; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

TR, §§ 7-1101 through 7-1108 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

**HB 1469 Delegate Lisanti****ETHICS – MEMBERS OF BOARDS OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS AND LIQUOR CONTROL BOARDS**

Establishing that certain ethics training requirements provided by the State Ethics Commission apply to a member of a board of license commissioners or a liquor control board; and altering the financial disclosure requirements for certain members of a board of license commissioners or a liquor control board.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

GP, §§ 5-205(d) and 5-601 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation and Economic Matters

**HB 1470 Delegate M. Washington****BALTIMORE CITY – LANDLORD AND TENANT – WATER AND SEWER BILLING**

Prohibiting a public service company from terminating water or sewer service to a multifamily dwelling unit in Baltimore City based on the nonpayment of charges; requiring a landlord who collects certain fees or charges in Baltimore City to provide certain billing data to the tenant or provide certain authorization that allows the tenant to directly access certain billing data; authorizing a landlord in Baltimore City to collect certain fees and charges under certain circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

PU, § 7-307.3 and RP, § 8-208 - amended and RP, §§ 8-119 and 8-402.1(d) - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

**HB 1471 Delegate M. Washington****WORKGROUP TO STUDY DESIGN INDUSTRY IMPACTS IN MARYLAND**

Establishing the Workgroup to Study Design Industry Impacts in Maryland for certain purposes; providing particular tasks for the Workgroup; providing for the composition, chair, staffing, and structure of the Workgroup; prohibiting a member of the Workgroup from receiving certain compensation; requiring the Workgroup to study and develop certain plans and frameworks; requiring the Workgroup to report its findings, recommendations, and actions each year to the Governor and General Assembly by December 31; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

EC, §§ 10-1001 through 10-1005 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 1472 Delegate Reznik****MARYLAND STADIUM AUTHORITY – USE OF STATE OWNED OR LEASED SUITE – DISCLOSURE**

Requiring the Governor to report to the Maryland Stadium Authority the name of each person who received a ticket to attend an event or meal in a suite owned or leased by the State in a State owned or leased stadium, the date of the event, the nature of the event, and certain information regarding amounts paid or reimbursed to the State within a certain time period; and requiring the Authority to post a certain statement on the Authority's website.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

EC, § 10-612.1 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

**HB 1473 Delegate Pena–Melnik, et al****PUBLIC HEALTH – EMERGENCY USE AUTO-INJECTABLE EPINEPHRINE PROGRAM FOR FOOD SERVICE FACILITIES AT INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION**

Establishing the Emergency Use Auto–Injectable Epinephrine Program for food service facilities at eligible institutions of higher education; providing for the purpose of the Program; requiring the Maryland Department of Health to adopt certain regulations, collect certain fees, issue and renew certain certificates, approve certain training programs relating to the Program, develop a method by which certain reports may be made, and publish a certain report by January 31 each year; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

HG, §§ 13-7A-01 through 13-7A-09 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

**HB 1474 Delegate Miele****DRIVER’S LICENSES – REVOCATION FOR FIREARMS ON SCHOOL PROPERTY**

Requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration to revoke a person’s driver’s license or privilege for 1 to 3 years if the person is convicted of carrying or possessing a firearm on school property under certain circumstances; requiring a court to notify a person that the person’s driver’s license or privilege shall be revoked for a conviction; requiring a court to notify the Administration of the conviction of certain persons for carrying or possessing a firearm on school property; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

CR, § 4-102 and TR, § 16-208(b) - amended and TR, § 16-206.2 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 1475 Delegate Lisanti****CIVIL ACTIONS – DUTY TO RENDER ASSISTANCE**

Requiring an individual to provide reasonable assistance to another individual who is under threat of or has incurred serious physical injury if providing assistance does not endanger self or others; establishing a civil penalty of \$250 for a violation of the Act; providing civil immunity to an individual who renders reasonable assistance to another individual under the Act subject to certain conditions; and providing for the construction of the Act.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

CJ, § 5-809 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 1476 Delegate Valentino–Smith, et al****EDUCATION – SUPPLEMENTAL PREKINDERGARTEN GRANT – ELIGIBILITY**

Requiring a supplemental prekindergarten grant to be provided in each of fiscal years 2019 and 2020 to county boards of education that make a full–day prekindergarten program available for at least a certain proportion of certain children; etc.

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

ED, § 5-218 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 1477 Delegate Parrott****MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM – WORK AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT REQUIREMENTS – WAIVER**

Requiring the Maryland Department of Health, on or before October 1, 2018, to apply to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services for a waiver under a certain provision of federal law to implement a certain demonstration project establishing work or community engagement requirements on certain enrollees in the Maryland Medical Assistance Program; requiring a certain application to include certain information; and requiring the Department to report to the General Assembly on or before December 1, 2018.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

HG, § 15-149 - added

Assigned to: Appropriations

**HB 1478 Delegate Rose, et al****DRUG OR CONTROLLED DANGEROUS SUBSTANCE TESTING – REQUIREMENTS**

Repealing the requirement that a police officer must be in training for, have completed training for, or be participating in a certain program of training to request, require, or direct certain individuals to undergo certain drug or controlled dangerous substance testing.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

TR, § 16-205.1(j) - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 1479 Delegate Fraser–Hidalgo, et al****PRIVILEGED COMMUNICATIONS – CRITICAL INCIDENT STRESS MANAGEMENT SERVICES**

Prohibiting a critical incident stress management team member from disclosing communications or information received or acquired in confidence from a law enforcement officer, a correctional officer, or an emergency responder in the course of providing critical incident stress management services; prohibiting a critical incident stress management team member from being compelled to testify in certain proceedings or investigations; establishing certain exceptions; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

PS, §§ 1-601 and 1-602 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 1480 The Speaker (By Request – Office of the Attorney General), et al****CONTROLLED DANGEROUS SUBSTANCES – DISTRIBUTORS – REPORTING SUSPICIOUS ORDERS**

Requiring a certain distributor of controlled dangerous substances to report certain suspicious orders to the Maryland Department of Health and the Office of the Attorney General; authorizing a certain distributor to satisfy a certain reporting obligation by providing to the Department and the Office of the Attorney General copies of certain reports; and requiring that the Department and the Office of the Attorney General maintain certain reports confidentially, with a certain exception.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

CR, § 5-303 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations



**HB 1481 Delegate Fraser–Hidalgo, et al****REAL PROPERTY – NEW HOME SALES – INFORMATION ON ENERGY–EFFICIENT OPTIONS**

Requiring, for a development with 11 or more homes to be built by the same builder, a home builder to provide a purchaser with written information on energy–efficient options, including a statement that tax credits may be available related to the energy–efficient options, available for installation in a new home; and requiring a contract for the initial sale of a new home to contain a certain acknowledgment that the purchaser was provided with certain information about energy–efficient options for the home.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

BR, § 4.5-603 - amended and RP, § 14-117(m) - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

**HB 1482 Delegate Arentz, et al****STATE REAL ESTATE COMMISSION – BROKERS – BUSINESS SUCCESSION IN THE EVENT OF DISABILITY**

Authorizing any adult family member of a disabled real estate broker to carry on the business of the disabled broker for 6 months for certain purposes subject to certain qualifications; requiring certain family members to surrender a certain certificate and pocket card and submit certain information to the State Real Estate Commission under certain circumstances; authorizing certain individuals to qualify for a certain license under certain circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

BOP, § 17-319 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 1483 Delegate Saab, et al****DUTIES OF A GUARDIAN OF THE PERSON – PETITION FOR VISITATION**

Authorizing a court to include in an order appointing a guardian of the person of a disabled person the duty to foster and preserve certain family relationships under certain circumstances; establishing the intent of the General Assembly to enforce the right of every adult in the State to visit with and receive certain communication from whomever the adult chooses, with a certain exception; authorizing a certain person to petition a certain court for reasonable visitation with a certain alleged incapacitated or protected person; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

ET, § 13-708(b) - amended and FL, § 15-101 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

**HB 1484 Calvert County Delegation****CALVERT COUNTY – CLASS NB INSTANT BINGO LICENSE**

Authorizing the County Commissioners of Calvert County to issue a Class NB license for conducting instant bingo under certain circumstances; authorizing a certain business or fraternal organization that obtains the approval of the county commissioners to operate up to 25 instant bingo machines; prohibiting the conduct of instant bingo between certain hours on Sunday; authorizing a holder of a Class NB license authorized for conducting instant bingo to issue for one game a prize with a value exceeding \$100; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

CR, §§ 13-705 and 13-707 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 1485 Delegate Fisher****NATURAL RESOURCES – SHELLFISH – HARVESTING BY WHARF OWNERS**

Altering, from 5 to 10 feet, the distance from certain piers, wharves, or other structures in certain counties within which the owner has exclusive use of the area for growing oysters in a certain manner; altering the manner by which oysters may be grown and harvested in proximity to piers, wharves, or other structures; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2018

NR, § 4-11A-17 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

**HB 1486 Delegate McComas****PUBLIC SAFETY – SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC SYSTEMS – LOCKOUT TAG REQUIREMENT**

Requiring a company that installs solar photovoltaic systems to install a certain lockout tag containing a safety warning under certain circumstances; requiring a certain company to provide a certain customer with a certain lockout tag for a solar photovoltaic system that has previously been installed; providing for the enforcement of the Act; establishing a civil penalty of at least \$100 but not more than \$500 for certain violations of the Act; and specifying that a local government shall retain certain funds.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

PS, § 12-705 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 1487 Delegate McComas****WORKGROUP TO STUDY ADOPTING THE UNIFORM VOIDABLE TRANSACTIONS ACT**

Establishing the Workgroup to Study Adopting the Uniform Voidable Transactions Act in Maryland; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Workgroup; prohibiting a member of the Workgroup from receiving certain compensation, but authorizing the reimbursement of certain expenses; requiring the Workgroup to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before December 1, 2018; etc. EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2018

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 1488 Delegates A. Washington and Jackson****PUBLIC SCHOOLS – SCHOOL DISCIPLINE – TRAINING PRACTICES**

Requiring the State Department of Education to develop and implement certain standardized training practices on student discipline for all public school security personnel; requiring the Department to study certain best practices and consult with certain organizations on certain matters on or before July 1, 2019; and requiring a local school system to provide certain training to certain school security personnel on or before July 1, 2020.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

ED, § 7-306 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 1489 Delegate Shoemaker, et al****EDUCATION – DUE PROCESS HEARINGS FOR CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES – BURDEN OF PROOF**

Requiring certain public agencies to bear the burden of proof in due process hearings that are held to resolve a dispute relating to the provision of a free appropriate public education; providing a certain exception for a parent or guardian seeking tuition reimbursement for a unilateral placement of the student by the parent or guardian; and establishing that a certain provision of law is not intended to change certain record-keeping requirements or what constitutes a free appropriate public education under federal or State law.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

ED, § 8-413 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 1490 Delegate A. Washington****LOCAL GOVERNMENT – OVERHEAD TRANSMISSION LINES –  
PROPERTY MAINTENANCE**

Authorizing a county or municipality to enact a law that establishes certain standards and requirements for a certain electric company to follow to maintain a certain property on which an overhead transmission line is located; specifying that certain standards and requirements may relate to certain maintenance and securement on certain property; and authorizing a county or municipality to impose a civil penalty of up to \$500 for a first offense and up to \$1,000 for each subsequent violation.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

LG, § 1-1312 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 1491 Delegate A. Washington****UTILITY SUBMETERING – MULTIPLE OCCUPANCY BUILDINGS**

Requiring the Public Service Commission to conduct a certain study of the effects of master meters in certain residential multiple occupancy buildings; providing for the required elements of the study; requiring the Commission to report its findings to the General Assembly on or before January 15, 2019; and terminating the Act after June 30, 2019.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 1492 Delegate A. Washington****MARYLAND PUBLIC SCHOOL TRANSPARENCY AND  
ACCOUNTABILITY ACT**

Authorizing the county commissioners, county council, or City Council of Baltimore to establish an Office of the Inspector General in the local school system; providing for the selection process, qualifications, term of office, and filling of a vacancy in the Office of the Inspector General; requiring the Inspector General to examine and investigate certain affairs and receive complaints; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

ED, § 4-110 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 1493 Delegate Valderrama, et al****LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT – REGULATION OF FARM LABOR CONTRACTORS AND FOREIGN LABOR CONTRACTORS**

Providing that an agreement by a foreign worker to waive certain rights is void as contrary to public policy; requiring an individual to be licensed by the Commissioner of Labor and Industry before the individual may perform a foreign labor contracting service in the State for consideration; providing that a certain license authorizes the licensee to perform foreign labor contracting services for consideration; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

LE, Various Sections - amended and §§ 7-312.1, 7-401.1, 7-401.2, 7-401.3, and 7-508 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 1494 Delegate Morales, et al****SOCIAL SERVICES – SAFE HARBOR CHILD TRAFFICKING VICTIM SERVICE PILOT PROGRAM**

Establishing the Safe Harbor Child Trafficking Victim Service Pilot Program; providing for the purpose of the pilot program; requiring the local departments of social services in Baltimore and Washington counties to implement the pilot program; requiring certain local departments of social services to refer certain children to the Regional Child Trafficking Advocate within a 24 hours of identification; requiring the Secretary of State, after consultation with certain entities, to appoint certain Advocates; etc.

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

HS, § 4-305 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 1495 Delegate A. Washington****PUBLIC SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION ASSESSMENT AND MAINTENANCE REFORM ACT**

Requiring the Interagency Committee on School Construction to develop and adopt certain educational facilities sufficiency standards, to create the Maryland School Facility Condition Index, and to conduct a statewide facility assessment on or before January 1, 2020, and annually thereafter; requiring the Interagency Committee to establish rankings based on certain criteria; requiring certain conditions for the statewide facility assessment; requiring the Interagency Committee to compare certain data; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

ED, § 5-302.1 - added

Assigned to: Appropriations

**HB 1496 Delegate Glenn, et al****LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT – DISCRIMINATION AGAINST MEDICAL CANNABIS PATIENTS AND CAREGIVERS – PROHIBITION (MEDICAL CANNABIS PATIENT AND CAREGIVER ANTIDISCRIMINATION ACT)**

Prohibiting, except under certain circumstances, a certain employer from taking certain discriminatory actions against or otherwise penalizing a qualifying patient or caregiver based on the individual's status as a qualifying patient or caregiver or, with respect to a certain qualifying patient, a certain drug test result; authorizing certain individuals to file a complaint with the Commissioner of Labor and Industry; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

LE, § 3-715 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

**HB 1497 Delegate Valderrama****WORKERS' COMPENSATION – TEMPORARY TOTAL DISABILITY – CREDIT**

Providing a credit for an employer or insurer for compensation paid to a covered employee who is temporarily totally disabled due to an accidental personal injury or an occupational disease under certain circumstances and during a certain period; and applying the Act prospectively.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

LE, § 9-621 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 1498 Delegate Lisanti****HARFORD COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES LICENSES – SOCIAL ORGANIZATION**

Authorizing a certain social organization in Harford County to seek certain alcoholic beverages licenses under certain circumstances; requiring a social organization seeking a license to meet certain criteria; and authorizing a social organization to sell alcoholic beverages on Monday through Sunday, from 4 p.m. to 11 p.m.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

AB, § 22-909 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 1499 Delegate Valderrama****WORKERS' COMPENSATION – SELF-INSURED EMPLOYERS – SUSPECTED FRAUD REPORTING**

Requiring certain governmental self-insurance groups and employers who self-insure or participate in a self-insurance group in accordance with certain provisions of law governing workers' compensation to report suspected insurance fraud in writing to the Fraud Division of the Maryland Insurance Administration; and providing that certain information, documentation, or other evidence provided by certain self-insureds to certain persons is not subject to public inspection under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

IN, § 27-802 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 1500 Delegate Valderrama****WORKERS' COMPENSATION – THIRD-PARTY ACTIONS – SUBSEQUENT INJURY FUND**

Repealing the authorization for the Subsequent Injury Fund to bring an action for damages against a third party under certain circumstances; repealing the requirement that a covered employee or dependents of a covered employee reimburse the Fund under certain circumstances; repealing the requirement that the Fund pay certain court costs and attorney's fees under certain circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

LE, § 9-902 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 1501 Delegate Lam, et al****HOSPITALS – EDUCATION – CHILD SAFETY SEAT REQUIREMENTS**

Requiring each hospital that provides services to a child under the age of 8 years, at the time of discharge of the child, to provide and discuss with the parent of the child or with the individual to whom the child is released certain information relating to child safety seats, seat belts, and the transportation of children in rear seats; providing that a hospital is not responsible for the failure of certain individuals to whom a child is released to properly transport the child; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

HG, § 19-310.4 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

**HB 1502 Delegate Lam, et al****MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH – DEPUTY SECRETARIES – DUTIES AND QUALIFICATIONS**

Establishing oversight responsibilities for the Deputy Secretary for Behavioral Health, the Deputy Secretary for Health Care Financing, the Deputy Secretary for Operations, the Deputy Secretary for Public Health Services, and the Deputy Secretary for Developmental Disabilities; providing that the deputy secretaries must have at least 5 years of management experience; requiring the Deputy Secretary for Health Care Financing to make a certain appointment to the State Traumatic Brain Injury Advisory Board; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

HG, §§ 2-103(a) and 13-2103(11) - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

**HB 1503 Delegate Lisanti****STATE DESIGNATIONS – STATE WATERFOWL – CANVASBACK DUCK**

Designating the canvasback duck as the State waterfowl.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

GP, § 7-311 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations



**HB 1504 Delegate Lam, et al****TASK FORCE TO STUDY REINSURANCE TO REDUCE HEALTH INSURANCE PREMIUMS**

Establishing the Task Force to Study Reinsurance to Reduce Health Insurance Premiums; providing for the composition, cochairs, and staffing of the Task Force; prohibiting a member of the Task Force from receiving certain compensation, but authorizing the reimbursement of certain expenses; requiring the Task Force to study and make recommendations regarding certain matters; 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 JUNE 1, 2018

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

**HB 1505 Delegate Rosenberg****HEALTH – PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITALS – UNITS LICENSED AS ASSISTED LIVING FACILITIES**

Requiring certain hospitals that provide certain services in a unit that is licensed as an assisted living program to authorize certain patients to seek insurance reimbursement for certain services, bill certain patients in a certain manner, and provide certain staff assistance; and requiring the Office of Health Care Quality, on or before December 30, 2018, to make a certain report to certain committees of the General Assembly.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

HG, § 19-1813 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

**HB 1506 Delegate Kramer****OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL – SECURITIES COMMISSIONER – ASSET RECOVERY FOR EXPLOITED SENIORS**

Authorizing the Securities Commissioner of the Division of Securities of the Office of the Attorney General to bring a civil action for damages against a certain person that violates certain provisions of law on behalf of a certain person; authorizing the Commissioner to recover certain damages; authorizing the Commissioner to recover certain costs under certain circumstances; providing that a certain criminal conviction is not a prerequisite for maintenance of an action under the Act; and applying the Act.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

CA, § 11-209 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 1507 Delegate Angel****COMPULSORY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE – TRUANCY VIOLATIONS – REPORTING OF NEGLECT**

Requiring a school employee to report any person to the local department of social services for neglect of a child if the person has legal custody or care and control of a child who is between certain ages and fails to see that the child attends school or receives certain instruction; repealing certain provisions of law providing a criminal penalty for certain persons; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

ED, § 7-301 and FL, § 5-701(s) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 1508 Delegate Anderson (By Request – Baltimore City Administration)****BALTIMORE CITY – CHILDREN – RECORDS ACCESS**

Extending the termination date of certain provisions of law relating to access to certain court, social services, juvenile, and police records by the Office of Youth Violence Prevention in the Baltimore City Health Department and the Baltimore City Mayor's Office on Criminal Justice under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

Chapter 474 of the Acts of 2013, § 2 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 1509 Delegate Morgan, et al****MARYLAND HEALTH BENEFIT EXCHANGE – INDIVIDUAL EXCHANGE – COPPER PLANS TO LOWER RATES**

Requiring the Maryland Health Benefit Exchange, beginning January 1, 2019, to make copper plans available in the Individual Exchange to certain individuals, notwithstanding certain provisions of law; requiring the Exchange to certify a certain health benefit plan as a copper plan if the plan provides certain coverage, notwithstanding certain provisions of law; etc.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

HG, § 5-615(c)(2)(iv) and IN, Various Sections - amended and IN, §§ 31-101(c-2) and 31-115.1 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

**HB 1510 Delegate Mautz****CORPORATIONS AND ASSOCIATIONS – FILING FEE – ANNUAL REPORT**

Altering a certain fee that the State Department of Assessments and Taxation must collect from a certain limited liability company with fewer than 5 employees for filing a certain annual report.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

CA, § 1-203(b)(3)(ii) - amended and § 1-203(b)(15) - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 1511 Delegate Mautz (By Request)****CREDIT REGULATION – MORTGAGE BROKERS – FINDER’S FEE**

Repealing a certain provision of law limiting the amount of a finder’s fee that may be charged by a mortgage broker obtaining a mortgage loan with respect to the same property more than once within a 24-month period.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

CL, § 12-804 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 1512 Delegate Wivell****HEALTH INSURANCE – DENTAL PREVENTIVE CARE – COVERAGE**

Altering a certain prohibition on a carrier imposing a certain frequency limitation on dental preventive care; and providing for the application of the Act.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2019

IN, § 15-135.1 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

**HB 1513 Delegates Fennell and Davis****COMMERCIAL LAW – MARYLAND CREDIT REPAIR BUSINESSES ACT**

Recodifying provisions relating to the regulation of credit repair businesses by the Commissioner of Financial Regulation; prohibiting a credit repair business and certain persons from receiving certain consideration unless the business is licensed by the Commissioner; prohibiting a credit repair business and certain persons from receiving certain consideration for certain purposes; prohibiting a credit repair business from making, or assisting a consumer to make, a certain false or misleading statement or representation; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

CL, § 14-1901(e) - amended and §§ 14-19A-01 through 14-19A-17 - added and FI, § 11-302(b) - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 1514 Delegate Brooks, et al****BALTIMORE CITY AND BALTIMORE COUNTY – LOW-COST AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE PROGRAM**

Establishing a Low-Cost Automobile Insurance Program for residents of Baltimore City and Baltimore County; 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, on payment of a certain premium, to sell, issue, and deliver certain policies of automobile insurance to individuals who meet certain eligibility requirements; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

IN, § 20-301 - amended and §§ 20-6A-01 through 20-6A-10 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 1515 Delegate Jackson, et al****PUBLIC SAFETY – LENGTH OF SERVICE AWARD PROGRAMS – STATEWIDE SERVICE**

Requiring a Length of Service Award Program to combine active service time earned by an eligible individual in any county in the State when determining eligibility for a benefit under the Program.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

PS, § 7-208 - added

Assigned to: Appropriations

**HB 1516 Delegate Barron, et al****PUBLIC HEALTH – HEALTHY MARYLAND PROGRAM – ESTABLISHMENT (HEALTHY MARYLAND ACT OF 2018)**

Establishing Healthy Maryland as a public corporation and a unit of State government to provide comprehensive universal health coverage for every Maryland resident; requiring Healthy Maryland to provide certain services, a certain system, certain choice and access to certain coordinators and certain providers, and certain financing for residents of the State on or before January 1, 2020; establishing the Health Maryland Board to organize, administer, and market Healthy Maryland and Healthy Maryland Services as a single-payer program; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

HG, IN, and SF, Various Sections - added, amended, and repealed

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

**HB 1517 Delegate Sample–Hughes, et al****BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES AND VOLUNTARY PLACEMENT AGREEMENTS – CHILDREN AND YOUNG ADULTS – REPORTS**

Requiring the Director of the Behavioral Health Administration to prepare a certain annual report on behavioral health services for children and young adults in the State; requiring the Social Services Administration within the Department of Human Services to prepare a certain annual report; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

HG, § 7.5-208 and FL, § 5-505.1 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

**HB 1518 Delegate Wilkins, et al****PUBLIC HEALTH – MATERNAL MORTALITY REVIEW COMMITTEE**

Requiring the Maternal Mortality Review Committee to appoint a certain number of additional members to its membership in existence as of a certain date; requiring the members added to the Committee to include certain individuals and, to the extent practicable, reflect a certain diversity; requiring the Committee to establish a certain Action Task Force subcommittee; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

HG, § 13-1201 - amended and § 13-1206.1 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

**HB 1519 Delegate Pena–Melnyk, et al****SELF–REFERRALS – ONCOLOGY GROUP PRACTICES – EXEMPTION**

Requiring the Maryland Health Care Commission to establish a process to exempt one oncology group practice in certain geographic regions from a certain prohibition against self–referral; requiring the Commission to adopt regulations by December 1, 2018, that include a certain application process to begin accepting applications for the exemption on or before April 1, 2019; requiring an oncology group practice applying for the exemption to submit an application to the Commission on the form the Commission requires; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

HO, §§ 1-301 and 1-302(d)(11) and (12) - amended and §§ 1-302(d)(13) and 1-302.1 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

**HB 1520 Delegate Vallario, et al****CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – PRETRIAL RELEASE SERVICES PROGRAM – VICTIM NOTIFICATION**

Requiring a judicial officer to consider the recommendation of a certain pretrial release services program in making a certain determination; requiring a court or District Court commissioner to consider including certain no contact provisions as a condition of pretrial release if a certain pretrial release services program has made a certain request; requiring a certain pretrial release services program to notify the court on receipt of certain information; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

CP, Various Sections - added and amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 1521 Delegate Glass, et al****SALES AND USE TAX – EXEMPTION – BLUETOOTH**

Providing an exemption under the sales and use tax for the sale of a Bluetooth headset or a consumer electronic device designed to aid in hands–free device use while driving under certain circumstances; and terminating the Act after June 30, 2021.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

TG, § 11-234 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 1522 Delegate Morgan, et al**

## HANDGUN PERMITS – UNIVERSAL RECOGNITION

Specifying that a permit to carry a handgun issued to an individual in Delaware, Pennsylvania, Virginia, Washington, D.C., or West Virginia is valid in Maryland.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

PS, § 5-303.1 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 1523 Delegate Jackson, et al**

## CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OFFENDER REGISTRY

Requiring the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services to establish and maintain the Domestic Violence Offender Registry; requiring the Registry to be updated in a certain manner and to include certain information; specifying the contents of the Registry; requiring a certain person convicted three or more times of a domestically related crime to register with a certain county sheriff; exempting a person from registration under certain circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

CP, §§ 11-1101 through 11-1108 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 1524 Delegate Clippinger, et al**

## JUVENILE JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL

Establishing the Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Council; prohibiting a member of the Council from receiving certain compensation, but authorizing the reimbursement of certain expenses; specifying the duties of the Council; authorizing the Council to request certain technical assistance; requiring the Council to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before December 31, 2019; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 1525 Delegate Morales, et al**

## STATE PERSONNEL – EMPLOYEE MENTORING LEAVE

Entitling State employees to receive up to 40 hours per year of mentoring leave to mentor at-risk youth in certain approved organizations; requiring employees to match certain compensated time for mentoring with personal leave; requiring certain employees to assist with academic tutoring at public schools or nonprofit organizations or to engage in site or community-based mentoring; requiring the Department of Budget and Management to approve certain organizations; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

SP, § 9-1108 - added

Assigned to: Appropriations

**HB 1526 Delegate Sanchez, et al**

## MARYLAND POLICE TRAINING AND STANDARDS COMMISSION – POLICE OFFICER CERTIFICATION – ELIGIBILITY (FREEDOM TO SERVE ACT)

Altering the eligibility requirements for an individual to be certified by the Maryland Police Training and Standards Commission as a police officer to require an individual to be either a United States citizen or a permanent legal resident of the United States who is an honorably discharged veteran of the United States armed forces.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

PS, § 3-209 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 1527 Delegate Carozza, et al**

## HEALTH INSURANCE – FREEDOM OF CHOICE OF PHARMACY ACT

Prohibiting certain carriers from prohibiting an enrollee from selecting, or limiting the ability of an enrollee to select, a certain pharmacy for the receipt of certain services; prohibiting certain carriers, under certain circumstances, from denying a pharmacy a certain right or imposing on an enrollee certain payments, fees, reimbursement amounts, limitations, or conditions for certain services; etc.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2019

IN, §§ 15-805(d), 15-806, and 15-847(d) and (e) - repealed and §§ 15-2001 through 15-2005 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations



**HB 1528 Delegate Clippinger****ELECTRIC UNIVERSAL SERVICE PROGRAM – FUNDS – ARREARAGE PREVENTION**

Authorizing the Department of Human Services to use certain unexpended funds to establish a certain arrearage prevention program; providing the purpose and intent of the program is a one-time grant of money to establish ongoing arrearage prevention activities in the State; providing for the Department to select certain program recipients for certain purposes; requiring a program recipient to demonstrate certain efforts; and authorizing the program to include the installation of certain equipment.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

PU, § 7-512.1(b) - amended and § 7-512.1(h) - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 1529 Delegate Ali, et al****CRIMINAL LAW – ASSAULT – SENTENCING (VIOLENCE PREVENTION EDUCATION ACT)**

Requiring a court to order a certain defendant convicted of assault to participate in a program certified by the Office of Health Care Quality of the Maryland Department of Health for at least 12 weeks as a condition of sentencing.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

CR, §§ 3-202 and 3-203 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 1530 Delegate Flanagan, et al****EDUCATION – STUDENT HEALTH SCREENINGS – BRAIN INJURY**

Requiring county boards of education and county health departments to provide brain injury screenings to certain students; requiring county health departments to fund brain injury screenings for certain students; requiring that brain injury screenings be given to students in certain years; requiring a county board or a county health department to report to the Maryland Department of Health the results of certain brain injury screenings and the number of students receiving certain services; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

ED, § 7-404 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 1531 Delegate S. Howard, et al****TASK FORCE ON THE PREMATURE DISCHARGE OF PATIENTS WITH SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS**

Establishing the Task Force on the Premature Discharge of Patients With Substance Use Disorders to study certain practices and procedures at certain facilities and to make recommendations on necessary changes to improve patient treatment, training for staff, and reporting on early patient discharge; requiring the Task Force to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before January 1, 2019; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2018

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

**HB 1532 Delegate S. Howard, et al****HIGHER EDUCATION – MARYLAND LOAN ASSISTANCE REPAYMENT PROGRAM – FARMERS**

Establishing the Maryland Loan Assistance Repayment Program for Farmers; requiring the Office of Student Financial Assistance in the Maryland Higher Education Commission to assist in the repayment of a higher education loan obtained for tuition, education expenses, or living expenses for undergraduate or graduate study leading to a degree in agriculture or an agriculture-related field, including farming; requiring the Office, in consultation with the Department of Agriculture, to adopt certain regulations; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

ED, § 18-1505 - amended and §§ 18-28A-01 through 18-28A-05 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 1533 Delegate Flanagan, et al****STUDENTS WITH A DISABILITY – BRAIN INJURY SCREENING – EVALUATION FOR INDIVIDUALIZED EDUCATION PROGRAM**

Requiring the State Department of Education to adopt a standard, by regulation, for the provision of a brain injury screening to be given to a child with a disability during an initial evaluation for an individualized education program, using a screening developed with the advice of the State Traumatic Brain Injury Board.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

ED, § 8-404 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 1534 Delegates S. Howard and Ghrist****HANDGUN PERMITS – CRIMINAL HISTORY CHECK – FINGERPRINT SUBMISSION EXCEPTION**

Establishing that the Secretary of State Police is not required to submit certain fingerprints with a certain application for a criminal history records check under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

PS, § 5-305 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 1535 Delegate Vallario, et al****COURTS – FINES – DEFERRED PAYMENT**

Authorizing a court to order a defendant to pay a fine in a deferred payment at a certain time.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

CJ, § 7-503(a) and (b) - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 1536 Delegate Hixson, et al****HIGHER EDUCATION – TUITION RATES – EXEMPTIONS**

Altering the circumstances under which certain individuals are exempt from paying the out-of-state tuition rate at public institutions of higher education; altering the circumstances under which certain individuals are eligible to pay the resident tuition rate at a public senior higher education institution or the in-county rate at a community college; requiring a certain individual to remain exempt from paying certain tuition rates until the individual is awarded a certain degree under certain circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

ED, § 15-106.8 - amended

Assigned to: Appropriations

**HB 1537 Delegate Krimm****COMMISSION TO STUDY NON-EMERGENCY MEDICAL  
TRANSPORTATION FUNDING**

Establishing the Commission to Study Non-Emergency Medical Transportation Funding; providing for the composition, cochairs, and staffing of the Commission; prohibiting a member of the Commission from receiving certain compensation, but authorizing the reimbursement of certain expenses; requiring the Commission to study certain matters and make certain recommendations regarding non-emergency medical transportation and locally operated transit systems; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

**HB 1538 Delegate Glass, et al****PUBLIC SAFETY – HANDGUN PERMITS – SCOPE**

Repealing the authority of the Secretary of State Police to limit the geographic area, circumstances, or times of the day, week, month, or year in which a handgun permit is effective.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

PS, § 5-307 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 1539 Delegate Lisanti, et al****LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT – GENERAL CONTRACTOR LIABILITY  
FOR UNPAID WAGES (CONTRACTORS PAYMENT PROTECTION  
ACT)**

Providing that certain contractors are jointly and severally liable for certain violations of the wage payment and collection law by certain subcontractors under certain circumstances; requiring a subcontractor to indemnify a general contractor for certain wages, damages, interest, penalties, and fees except under certain circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

LE, § 3-507.2 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 1540 Delegates Lisanti and Glass****HEALTH CARE FACILITIES – CLOSING OR PARTIAL CLOSING – PUBLIC NOTICE**

Requiring the Maryland Health Care Commission to publish a certain notice of the closing or partial closing of a certain health care facility within a certain time period; requiring the Commission to ensure that a certain notice is available to the public for certain purposes and a certain local governing body and certain members of the General Assembly; requiring the Commission to publish a notice of certain informational meetings; specifying certain procedures for the publication of certain notices by the Commission; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

HG, § 19-120(l) - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

**HB 1541 Delegate Ebersole, et al****DISCLOSURE OF TAX BENEFITS – NONPROFIT HOSPITALS**

Requiring each nonprofit hospital, each year, to submit to the Comptroller an itemized list of certain tax benefits; requiring the Comptroller to prepare a certain report and to post the report on the Comptroller's website; and requiring the Comptroller, in consultation with certain employee organizations, to adopt certain regulations.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

TG, § 1-206 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

**HB 1542 Delegate Lisanti, et al****DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE – EMPLOYMENT IN THE STATE'S DEFENSE INDUSTRY – ARMY ALLIANCE STUDY**

Requiring the Department of Commerce, in conjunction with the Department of Veterans Affairs and the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation, to conduct a study on employment in the State's defense industry; specifying the minimum requirements of the study; requiring the Department of Commerce to consult with certain entities; requiring the Department of Commerce to report, on or before December 31, 2018, to the General Assembly on the findings of the study; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 1543 Delegate Lisanti, et al****TOW TRUCKS – DRIVER SAFETY ACT**

Requiring a yellow or amber light or signal device on a certain tow truck that is manufactured on or after a certain date to use a light-emitting diode; and authorizing a certain tow truck to display reflective paint or markings in a certain location on the vehicle.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

TR, § 22-218(c)(6) - amended and § 22-420 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

**HB 1544 The Speaker (By Request – Office of the Attorney General), et al****COMMERCIAL LAW – MARYLAND ANTITRUST ACT – CIVIL PENALTY**

Altering the maximum civil penalty that may be assessed against a person for a violation of the Maryland Antitrust Act from \$100,000 to \$10,000; and providing that each day a violation of the Act continues is a separate violation.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

CL, § 11-209(a) - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 1545 Delegates Waldstreicher and A. Washington****STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION – NUTRITION STANDARDS FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL FOOD**

Requiring the State Board of Education to establish minimum nutrition standards for foods provided or sold in public schools, including certain requirements that relate to milk, grains, and sodium content; and requiring the nutrition standards established by the State Board for meals offered by schools that participate in certain federal programs to meet or be more stringent than certain federal nutrition standards and guidelines.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

ED, § 7-441 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 1546 Delegate Hill, et al****PHARMACY BENEFITS MANAGERS – REQUIREMENTS FOR PRIOR AUTHORIZATION**

Prohibiting a pharmacy benefits manager from requiring prior authorization for certain coverage of certain prescription drugs prescribed in certain situations; authorizing a pharmacy benefits manager to require a prescriber to certify certain information after a drug is dispensed by the prescriber; requiring that a prior authorization form include a certain question; prohibiting a pharmacy benefits manager from requesting a reauthorization for a certain prescription drug under certain circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

IN, § 15-1611 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

**HB 1547 Delegate Mautz, et al****NATURAL RESOURCES – CRABBING AUTHORIZATIONS – RECIPROCITY**

Prohibiting the Department of Natural Resources from issuing an authorization to catch crabs to a nonresident unless the state of residence of the nonresident issues a like crabbing license or authorization and makes the crabbing license or authorization available to Maryland residents.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

NR, § 4-701(d) - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

**HB 1548 Delegate Anderson (By Request – Baltimore City Administration)****BALTIMORE CITY – CONTINUING THE CREATING OPPORTUNITIES FOR RENEWAL AND ENTERPRISE (CORE) PARTNERSHIP FUND**

Establishing the Continuing the CORE Partnership Fund to assist the Department of Housing and Community Development in conjunction with the Maryland Stadium Authority and Baltimore City, in expeditiously removing blighted property within Baltimore City; requiring the Secretary to administer the Fund; specifying the contents of the Fund; requiring the Governor to include at least \$30,000,000 in the annual budget bill for the Fund for fiscal year 2020 and \$25,000,000 for the Fund in fiscal years 2021 through 2024; etc.

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

HS, § 4-511 - added

Assigned to: Appropriations

**HB 1549 Delegate W. Miller, et al****COUNTIES AND MUNICIPAL CORPORATIONS – “SANCTUARY LAWS” FOR ILLEGAL ALIENS – PROHIBITION**

Requiring local governments to fully comply with and support federal immigration law; prohibiting local governments from restricting certain individuals from requesting, obtaining, sending, receiving, or maintaining certain immigration information; requiring local governments to implement certain requirements and obligations in a manner that is consistent with federal immigration law and protects civil rights; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

PS, § 3-520 - added and § 4-509 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary and Appropriations

**HB 1550 Delegate Sydnor****JUVENILE LAW – JUVENILE COURT JURISDICTION**

Expanding the jurisdiction of the juvenile court by altering certain provisions of law that exclude from the jurisdiction of the juvenile court a child of a certain age alleged to have committed any of certain offenses; and making certain conforming changes in provisions of law relating to the distinction between an accessory before the fact and a principal in a crime.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

CJ, § 3-8A-03(d) and CP, § 4-204(b) - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 1551 Delegate S. Howard, et al****PUBLIC SAFETY – ASSAULT WEAPONS – REPLACEMENTS**

Authorizing a person to replace a lost or broken assault weapon that was lawfully possessed in accordance with certain provisions of law if the replacement is registered with the Secretary of State Police.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

CR, § 4-303 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary



**HB 1552 Delegate Reznik, et al**

PROCUREMENT – PREFERRED PROVIDERS – PRICE  
DETERMINATIONS, WORK OPPORTUNITIES, AND  
SUBCONTRACTING

Requiring a certain preferred provider to provide supplies and services directly to the State or a certain entity; prohibiting a certain preferred provider from contracting with a subcontractor to provide certain supplies and services; requiring the Pricing and Selection Committee for Blind Industries and Services of Maryland and the Employment Works Program to ensure that not less than a certain percent of certain supplies and services create certain work opportunities; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

SF, §§ 14-103, 14-106(a), (f), and (g), and 18-102(b) - amended and § 14-106(h) and (i) - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

**HB 1553 Delegate Anderson (By Request – Baltimore City Administration)**

BALTIMORE CITY – LANDLORD AND TENANT – FALSE  
REPRESENTATIONS AND UNLAWFUL EVICTIONS

Prohibiting an agent, a landlord, or an operator from making false representations or statements to tenants in violation of certain laws in Baltimore City; prohibiting certain individuals from making false representations or statements in connection with certain proceedings in Baltimore City; prohibiting certain individuals from trying to circumvent certain rights afforded to tenants in connection with the denial of ingress to or egress from a dwelling, diminishing certain services, or penalizing certain tenants in Baltimore City; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

PLL of Baltimore City, Art. 4, § 9-15 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

**HB 1554 Delegate J. Lewis, et al****CHILD SUPPORT – PAYMENT INCENTIVE PROGRAM EXPANSION  
ACT OF 2018**

Requiring the Child Support Administration to develop an electronic application process for participation in the Child Support Payment Incentive Program; requiring the Administration to include certain payments made by a child support obligor when calculating certain uninterrupted payments made under the Program; authorizing the Administration to develop an alternative schedule for a certain obligor; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

FL, § 10-112.1 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 1555 Delegate Reilly****INTERCEPTION OF ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – MEDICAL  
INFORMATION – ONE-PARTY CONSENT**

Establishing that it is lawful under certain circumstances for a patient, or certain other individuals with the knowledge and consent of a patient, to intercept certain oral communications with a health care practitioner under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

CJ, § 10-402(c)(12) - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

**HB 1556 Delegate Valentino-Smith, et al****PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS – PUBLIC NOTICE OF  
SOLICITATIONS AND APPROVAL OF AGREEMENTS**

Prohibiting a certain reporting agency from issuing a public notice of solicitation for a public-private partnership unless the reporting agency provided certain notice and an opportunity to submit written comments to certain counties and municipalities; prohibiting the Board of Public Works, except under certain circumstances, from approving a public-private partnership agreement submitted by a certain reporting agency that involves foreign investment; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

SF, §§ 10A-202 and 10A-203 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

**HB 1557 Delegate Hayes, et al****PROCUREMENT – ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES AND ENGINEERING SERVICES – RECIPROCAL PREFERENCE**

Requiring a unit to give a certain preference under certain circumstances to a certain resident firm that is licensed or otherwise authorized to provide architectural services or engineering services in the State; requiring a certain nonresident firm to submit certain documentation concerning certain preferences to a unit at the request of the unit; requiring a unit to apply certain preferences to certain proposals in a certain manner; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

SF, § 14-401(a)(5) - amended and § 14-401.1 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

**HB 1558 Delegate Morales, et al****PHARMACISTS – DISPENSING OF PRESCRIPTION DRUGS – SINGLE DISPENSING OF DOSAGE UNITS**

Authorizing, with a certain exception, a pharmacist to dispense, in a single dispensing and exercising the pharmacist's professional judgment, a quantity of a prescription drug that is up to a certain number of authorized dosage units and does not exceed a 90-day supply of the prescription drug; providing that the Act does not apply to a certain controlled dangerous substance, certain prescriptions that an authorized prescriber prescribes for a patient, or a certain supply of prescription contraceptives; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

HO, § 12-512 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

**HB 1559 Delegate Vallario, et al****COURT RECORDS – UNSERVED ARREST WARRANT AND CHARGING DOCUMENT – INSPECTION BY ATTORNEY**

Altering a provision of law to authorize an attorney, rather than an attorney who is authorized by a certain individual, to inspect a certain arrest warrant and charging document.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

GP, § 4-316 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 1560 Delegate M. Washington, et al****BALTIMORE CITY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS – WATER AND SEWER BILL DISPUTE PROCESS AND REPORT**

Establishing a Dispute Resolving Board in the Baltimore City Department of Public Works; providing for the appointment, terms, and duties of members of the Board; requiring the Board to review and make determinations on certain disputed unpaid bill claims; providing for the process of filing a certain claim; providing that certain persons are not eligible to file a certain claim under certain circumstances; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

Charter of Balt. City, Art. II, §§ (70) and (71) - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

**HB 1561 Delegates Glass and Vogt****NATURAL RESOURCES – HUNTING – OUTERWEAR EXCEPTION**

Exempting a person hunting wildlife on the person's property with or without a hunting license from certain outerwear requirements.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

NR, § 10-418(a) - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

**HB 1562 Delegate Gutierrez, et al****PEACE ORDERS AND PROTECTIVE ORDERS – SURRENDER OF FIREARMS**

Requiring a temporary peace order and a final peace order to order the respondent to surrender to law enforcement authorities any firearm in the respondent's possession within a certain time frame and to refrain from possession of any firearm for the duration of the temporary peace order or the final peace order; requiring, instead of authorizing, a temporary protective order to order a certain respondent to surrender to law enforcement authorities any firearm in the respondent's possession within a certain time frame; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

FL, §§ 4-505 and 4-509 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 1563 Delegate Parrott, et al****ELECTION LAW – QUALIFICATION OF VOTERS – PROOF OF IDENTITY**

Requiring an election judge to establish a voter's identity and verify the voter's address if the voter seeks to vote a regular ballot; requiring an election judge to qualify a voter by requesting the voter to present a current government-issued photo identification; requiring an election judge to authorize an individual to vote a regular ballot; allowing a voter who is unable to present a certain form of identification to vote by provisional ballot under certain circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2018

EL, §§ 10-310 and 16-201 and TR, § 12-301(b) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 1564 Delegate Glass, et al****INCOME TAX CREDIT – VETERINARY SERVICES**

Allowing certain individuals a credit against the State income tax for the cost of certain veterinary services for certain adopted government service dogs; providing that the credit may not exceed the lesser of \$1,000 or the State income tax imposed for the taxable year; providing that the credit may not be carried over to another taxable year; and applying the Act to all taxable years beginning after December 31, 2017.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

TG, § 10-746 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 1565 Delegate McCray, et al****NONPUBLIC ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS – DISCRIMINATION – PROHIBITION**

Prohibiting a nonpublic elementary or secondary school that receives State funds from refusing enrollment of, expelling, withholding privileges from, or otherwise discriminating against any student or prospective student because of certain factors; making certain provisions of law prohibiting discrimination in employment applicable to certain schools that receive State funds; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

ED, §§ 26-501 through 26-503 - added and SG, Various Sections - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 1566 Delegate W. Miller, et al****PUBLIC UTILITIES – WATER AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL COMPANIES  
– ACQUISITION**

Establishing a certain process for valuing a water company or a sewage disposal company that is the subject of a certain acquisition; requiring the fair market value of the selling utility to be determined in a certain manner under certain circumstances; requiring the Public Service Commission to maintain a list of certain utility valuation experts; requiring certain utility valuation experts to perform separate valuations of a selling utility in a certain manner; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

PU, §§ 6-301 through 6-308 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 1567 Delegate Glass, et al****INCOME TAX CREDIT – CAT AND DOG ADOPTION**

Allowing an individual who adopts a cat or a dog from an animal shelter or a rescue facility a maximum credit of \$100 against the State income tax; providing that an individual may not claim the credit for more than 1 taxable year with respect to the same cat or dog; requiring the Comptroller to adopt certain regulations; and applying the Act to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2017.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

TG, § 10-746 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 1568 Delegate Hill, et al****PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANIES – FACILITY EQUIPMENT – REMOVAL**

Requiring certain public service companies to remove certain facility equipment within a certain period of time; requiring the Public Service Commission to take certain corrective action after a certain consideration; authorizing the Commission to impose a certain civil penalty in addition to certain other penalties; requiring the Commission to determine the amount of any civil penalty after consideration of certain factors; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

PU, § 5-305 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 1569 Delegate Beidle, et al****LOCAL INFRASTRUCTURE FAST TRACK FOR MARYLAND ACT**

Authorizing the Office of Legislative Audits to perform an audit of local governments that receive a distribution of highway user revenues; increasing, over 7 fiscal years, the portion of highway user revenues that is distributed to local governments; altering the allocation of the local share of highway user revenues among Baltimore City, counties, and municipalities; requiring, if distributions to municipalities do not equal \$26,400,000, that additional distributions of highway user revenues be made to municipalities; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

SG, §§ 2-1220(c) and 2-1223(a)(3) and TR, §§ 8-402, 8-403, and 8-412(a)(1) and (c) - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation and Appropriations

**HB 1570 Delegate S. Howard, et al****CRIMINAL LAW – ASSAULT ON AN ELDER ADULT – PENALTIES**

Prohibiting a person from committing first-degree assault or second-degree assault against a certain elder adult; establishing penalties for a violation of the Act; prohibiting a court from suspending a certain mandatory minimum sentence; providing that a certain person is not eligible for parole during a certain mandatory minimum sentence, with a certain exception; applying the Act prospectively; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

CR, §§ 3-202 and 3-203 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 1571 Delegates Wilson and Angel****EDUCATION – CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE PREVENTION – EMPLOYMENT PROCESS**

Requiring a county board of education and a certain contracting agency to require an applicant for a position involving direct contact with minors to provide certain information; requiring the county board or contracting agency to conduct a certain review of the employment history of a certain applicant; requiring the county board or contracting agency to check certain eligibility of a certain applicant; providing that a certain applicant shall be subject to certain discipline under certain circumstances; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

ED, § 6-113.1 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 1572 Delegate McDonough**ATTORNEY GENERAL – FEDERAL GOVERNMENT LAWSUITS –  
ITEMIZED BUDGET SYSTEM

Requiring the Attorney General to create and maintain an itemized budget system for the accounting and use of funds spent in furtherance of lawsuits against the federal government; specifying that the itemized budget system shall be made available to the public under certain circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

SG, § 6-106.1 - amended

Assigned to: Appropriations

**HB 1573 Delegate Arentz**SOLAR ELECTRIC GENERATING FACILITY – NOTICE OF SALE OR  
TRANSFER

Requiring that an owner of a certain solar electric generating facility provide certain notice of the sale or transfer of the facility to certain persons within a certain period of time.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

PU, § 7-215 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 1574 Delegate Hill, et al**MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM – HEALTH RECORD  
AND PAYMENT CLEARINGHOUSE PILOT PROGRAM

Establishing a Maryland Health Record and Payment Clearing House Pilot Program; requiring the Maryland Department of Health on or before December 31, 2018, to identify a certain group to which the Program shall apply; requiring the Department on or before July 1, 2020, to collaborate with the Health Care Commission to implement the Pilot Program; requiring the Commission to develop the Program within the Department by July 1, 2019; requiring the Commission to submit an annual report on the status of the implementation of the Program; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

HG, §§ 19-150 and 19-151 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations



**HB 1575 Delegate Brooks, et al****BALTIMORE COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – MULTIPLE CLASS B LICENSES**

Authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Baltimore County to allow a person to obtain a certain interest in one or more licenses issued in another jurisdiction or state and a certain number of Class B beer, wine, and liquor licenses that the Board issues; repealing a requirement that a restaurant for which a certain license is issued have a certain cocktail lounge or bar seating capacity; requiring a certain restaurant to have a certain minimum capital investment for restaurant facilities; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

AB, § 13-1606 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 1576 Delegates McDonough and Lisanti****ELECTIONS – HEADS OF STATE GOVERNMENTAL UNITS – PROHIBITION ON CANDIDACY FOR PUBLIC OFFICE**

Requiring the head of a State governmental unit to vacate the position before becoming a candidate for a public office; prohibiting the head of a State governmental unit from engaging in certain campaign finance activities or being a candidate for public office while serving as the head of the unit; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

EL, § 5-206 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 1577 Delegate Lam, et al****HUMAN SERVICES – FAMILY NAVIGATION SERVICES – PROVISION AND FUNDING**

Requiring the Governor's Office for Children to fund family navigation services to support parents and other caregivers of children or youth with behavioral health needs or developmental disabilities and to address certain other priorities concerning children and youth; specifying that the services be provided by certain family navigators as determined by local management boards; requiring the Governor to include an appropriation of not less than \$1,665,915 for the services in the annual budget each fiscal year; etc.

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

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

HU, §§ 8-6A-01 through 8-6A-05 - added

Assigned to: Appropriations

**HB 1578 Delegate S. Howard, et al****SECONDHAND PRECIOUS METAL OBJECTS – HOLDING PERIOD AND OBJECTS CONTAINING SILVER**

Altering the definition of “precious metal object” to exclude silver for purposes of provisions of law regulating secondhand precious metal object dealers; altering the holding period for certain secondhand precious metal objects; altering the holding period for certain secondhand precious metal objects in Prince George’s County; and specifying that the holding period does not apply to a secondhand precious metal object that an individual seeks to redeem by presenting an original ticket.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

BR, §§ 12-101(i) and 12-305 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 1579 Delegate S. Howard, et al****ALCOHOL AND DRUG ABUSE PROGRAM FACILITIES – ASAM CRITERIA ASSESSMENTS**

Requiring a certified alcohol and drug abuse program facility to provide a patient with a copy of certain records on the patient’s request; requiring the members of a patient’s ASAM criteria assessment team to meet with the patient for a certain purpose; requiring a certain facility to send certain application records to a certain treatment provider within 72 hours after completing the assessment under certain circumstances; requiring a certain treatment provider to provide certain referrals to certain treatment providers; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

HG, § 8-408 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

**HB 1580 Delegate Fisher****CALVERT COUNTY – COMPETITIVE BIDDING PROCESS**

Altering the method by which the County Commissioners of Calvert County or the official authorized to contract for the county shall invite proposals for certain contracts; and authorizing the Commissioners or the official authorized to contract for the county to use other methods to invite proposals for certain contracts.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

PLL of Calvert Co, Art. 5, § 6-101 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

**HB 1581 Delegate Vallario, et al****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, 2018

CJ, § 3-2A-04(b) - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 1582 Delegate Wilson****HUMAN SERVICES – CHILDREN IN OUT-OF-HOME PLACEMENT – CENTRALIZED COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH CARE MONITORING PROGRAM**

Establishing a State Medical Director for Children in Out-of-Home Placement in the Department of Human Services; providing for the appointment of the State Medical Director; establishing certain qualifications for the State Medical Director; establishing certain responsibilities of the State Medical Director; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

HU, §§ 8-1101 through 8-1104 - added

Assigned to: Appropriations and Health and Government Operations

**HB 1583 Delegate Vallario, et al****BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS – ERRONEOUSLY CONVICTED INDIVIDUAL – RESTITUTION**

Requiring a certain grant made to a certain erroneously convicted individual by the Board of Public Works to include the amounts of certain fines, fees, costs, and restitution; requiring the Board to make a certain grant to a certain individual under certain circumstances; and requiring the Board to use money in the General Emergency Fund or money that the Governor provides in the annual budget in making a certain grant.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

SF, § 10-501 - amended and § 10-502 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 1584 Delegate S. Howard, et al****MARYLAND PERSONAL INFORMATION PROTECTION ACT –  
SECURITY BREACH NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS –  
MODIFICATIONS**

Altering the applicability of certain security breach investigation and notification requirements to certain businesses; prohibiting a certain business from charging a certain owner or licensee of computerized data a fee for providing information that the owner or licensee needs to provide a certain notification; prohibiting a certain owner or licensee from using certain information for certain purposes; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

CL, § 14-3504 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 1585 Delegate Vallario, et al****CIVIL ACTIONS – ACTIVE DUTY SERVICE MEMBERS – ELECTRONIC  
DEPOSITION AND TESTIMONY**

Authorizing a party to a civil action who is entitled to protections under the federal Service Members Civil Relief Act due to the party's active duty status to petition the court to be deposed or to testify under penalty of perjury by certain electronic means; requiring a tribunal of the State to cooperate with other tribunals or the appropriate military representative in designating an appropriate location for the deposition or testimony under the Act; providing for the application of the Act; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

CJ, § 6-412 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 1586 Delegate Anderton****WICOMICO COUNTY – MOTORCYCLES – SUNDAY SALES**

Authorizing a vehicle dealer in Wicomico County to sell, barter, deliver, give away, show, or offer for sale a motorcycle or certificate of title for a motorcycle on Sunday.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2018

BR, § 18-202 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 1587 Delegate S. Howard, et al****PUBLIC SAFETY – FIRE INVESTIGATION SCIENCE ADVISORY WORKGROUP**

Establishing the Fire Investigation Science Advisory Workgroup; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Workgroup; prohibiting a member or an ex officio member of the Workgroup from receiving certain compensation, but authorizing the reimbursement of certain expenses; requiring the Workgroup to obtain certain information and recommendations, meet on a certain schedule, and conduct reviews of certain fire and explosion investigations performed by certain public agencies; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

PS, § 7-404 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 1588 Delegate S. Howard, et al****ZONING AMENDMENTS – ENERGY GENERATION SYSTEMS**

Prohibiting a local legislative body from granting an amendment to change a certain zoning classification based on a certain finding if the primary reason for the proposed amendment is the existence of a certain energy generation system; applying the Act to certain home rule counties and Baltimore City; and defining a certain term.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

LU, §§ 1-401 and 10-103 - amended and § 4-211 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

**HB 1589 Delegate W. Miller****MARYLAND OFFICE FOR REFUGEES AND ASYLEES – PLACEMENT INFORMATION (UNACCOMPANIED ALIEN CHILDREN PLACEMENT TRANSPARENCY ACT)**

Requiring the Maryland Office for Refugees and Asylees to request annually a report from the Office of Refugee Resettlement in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services containing certain information on unaccompanied alien children placed in the State; requiring the Office, subject to a certain restriction, to provide a de-identified, aggregate version of the information to certain county entities within a certain time period; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

HU, § 2-301.1 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 1590 Delegate Corderman, et al****NATALIE M. LAPRADE MEDICAL CANNABIS COMMISSION – QUALIFYING PATIENTS – IDENTIFICATION CARDS AND MOTOR VEHICLE ADMINISTRATION RECORDS**

Requiring certain qualifying patients to carry the identification card issued by the Natalie M. LaPrade Medical Cannabis Commission when in public and surrender the identification card to a uniformed law enforcement officer who demands the card or to elect to include in a certain record kept by the Motor Vehicle Administration information that the patient has an identification card and inform any uniformed law enforcement officer who demands the card of certain information; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

HG, § 13-3302 and TR, § 16-117 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations and Environment and Transportation

**HB 1591 Delegate Impallaria****SOLAR FACILITIES – SITING STANDARDS**

Providing that a solar facility may be allowed only by special exception in certain zones of a local jurisdiction; establishing certain requirements for the application, siting, and operation of a solar facility in certain zones; establishing certain limitations on the siting of a solar facility in certain zones; requiring certain approval to be obtained from certain persons before approval of a certain solar facility in certain zones; prohibiting a solar facility from being located in certain districts or areas; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

LU, Various Sections - amended and added and PU, §§ 7-207, 7-207.1, and 7-207.2 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation and Economic Matters

**HB 1592 Delegate Valderrama**MARYLAND JOCKEY INJURY COMPENSATION FUND, INC. –  
DESIGNATION AS EMPLOYER AND MEMBERSHIP

Requiring that the members of the Maryland Jockey Injury Compensation Fund, Inc. consist of each licensed owner and trainer who is subject to a certain assessment; altering a certain provision of law to provide that the employer of a jockey who is a covered employee under workers' compensation law while performing a service in connection with racing or training is the Fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

BR, § 11-902 and LE, § 9-212 - amended and LE, § 9-1015 - repealed

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 1593 Delegate Sample–Hughes, et al**

## REAL PROPERTY – MOBILE HOME PARKS – LOT RENT INCREASES

Requiring a mobile home park owner who intends to offer the renewal of a certain lease agreement with an increase in rent to provide notice of the rent increase to the resident no later than 60 days before the expiration of the existing lease agreement and make available to the resident a certain option to phase in the rent increase in a certain manner; and applying the Act prospectively.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

RP, § 8A-202 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

**HB 1594 Delegate Carey**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – MORE JOBS FOR MARYLANDERS –  
TIER I ELIGIBILITY

Defining “qualified distressed county” for purposes of expanding eligibility for certain credits and benefits under the More Jobs for Marylanders Program to include certain geographic areas that share the same zip code as a qualified distressed county.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2018

EC, § 6-801 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 1595 Delegate Valentino–Smith, et al****EDUCATION – PER PUPIL ADEQUACY TARGET GRANT – ESTABLISHED**

Establishing a Per Pupil Adequacy Target Grant to provide funds to county boards of education that meet certain criteria; stating the purpose of the grants; requiring a certain grant amount to be provided to certain county boards beginning in fiscal year 2019; requiring the Governor to include in the annual budget bill a certain appropriation beginning in fiscal year 2019; requiring certain county governments to provide certain appropriations in order for certain county boards to be eligible to receive a certain grant; etc.

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

ED, § 5-219 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means and Appropriations

**HB 1596 Delegate Valderrama, et al****LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT – SEXUAL HARASSMENT – CONTRACTUAL WAIVERS AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS**

Providing that a provision in certain employment contracts, policies, or agreements that waive certain rights or remedies to a claim of sexual harassment, discrimination, or retaliation is null and void as being against the public policy of the State; prohibiting an employer from taking certain adverse actions against certain employees; providing that certain employers are liable for certain attorney's fees; applying the Act; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

LE, § 3-715 and SG, § 20-208 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters



**HB 1597 Delegate Sydnor****OCCUPATIONAL LICENSES OR CERTIFICATES – APPLICATION DETERMINATIONS – USE OF CRIMINAL HISTORY**

Prohibiting certain departments that issue occupational licenses or certificates from denying an application for a license or certificate based on an applicant's criminal history if a certain period of time has passed since the applicant's conviction for any crime unless the department makes a certain determination; repealing a certain provision of law that requires a certain department to consider certain information in making application determinations for occupational licenses or certificates; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

CP, § 1-209 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 1598 Delegate Krebs****MASSAGE THERAPISTS – LICENSES AND REGISTRATIONS – EDUCATION AND DISPLAY REQUIREMENTS**

Altering the exemption from certain licensure and registration requirements for certain students enrolled in an approved education program who practice massage therapy; altering the educational requirements to qualify for a license to practice massage therapy; altering the educational requirements to qualify to be registered to practice massage therapy; and requiring each holder of a license or registration to practice massage therapy to display the license or registration and a certain certificate in a certain location.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

HO, §§ 6-301 and 6-302 - amended and § 6-306.1 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

**HB 1599 Delegate Ebersole, et al****CAREER EDUCATION POLICY ACT**

Requiring public high schools to make students aware of certain employment and skills training opportunities through certain apprenticeship sponsors and employers; specifying that a requirement to earn a credit in technology education to graduate may be satisfied by completing certain courses selected by the county board; authorizing certain applicants for legislative scholarships to be enrolled in Workforce Development Sequence courses or be participating in an apprenticeship training program; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

ED, Various Sections - amended and added and LE, §§ 11-405 and 11-504 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means and Economic Matters

**HB 1600 Delegate Miele, et al****BALTIMORE COUNTY ANTI-BULLYING TASK FORCE**

Establishing the Baltimore County Anti-Bullying Task Force; providing for the composition, chairs, and staffing of the Task Force; requiring the Task Force to compile data, study, and make recommendations regarding certain matters; requiring the Task Force to submit a preliminary report by July 1, 2019, and a final report by December 1, 2020, to the Governor, the members of the Baltimore County delegation to the General Assembly, and certain local entities; terminating the Act; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 1601 Delegate Wilkins**

## STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION – TRAUMA–INFORMED SCHOOLS INITIATIVE, PROGRAM, AND FUND

Establishing the Trauma–Informed Schools Initiative in the State Department of Education; requiring the State Department of Education, in consultation with the Maryland Department of Health and the Department of Human Services, to develop certain guidelines and offer certain training; requiring the State Department of Education, in consultation with the Maryland Department of Health and the Department of Human Services, to establish the Trauma–Informed Schools Expansion Program; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2018

ED, § 7-427.1 - added and SF, § 6-226(a)(2)(ii)101. and 102. - amended and § 6-226(a)(2)(ii)103. - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 1602 Delegate P. Young, et al**

## EDUCATION – HIGHER EDUCATION – PRIORITY REGISTRATION FOR VETERANS

Requiring public institutions of higher education to grant priority registration for courses to certain currently serving members and veterans of the armed forces of the United States; providing that a certain course registration priority applies only within 15 years after an eligible service member was on active duty; providing that a certain course registration priority does not apply to an eligible service member after a certain number of academic years; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

ED, § 15-123 - added

Assigned to: Appropriations

**HB 1603 Delegate Sanchez, et al**

## TASK FORCE TO STANDARDIZE DATA COLLECTION ON RACE AND ETHNICITY

Establishing the Task Force to Standardize Data Collection on Race and Ethnicity; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Task Force; prohibiting a member of the Task Force from receiving certain compensation, but authorizing the reimbursement of certain expenses; requiring the Task Force to study and make recommendations regarding certain matters; terminating the Act after June 30, 2019; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2018

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

**HB 1604 Delegate Frick****BUSINESS REGULATION – LIMITED RESIDENTIAL LODGING**

Requiring innkeepers and hosting platform operators that offer certain types of limited residential lodging to operate in a certain manner; requiring that certain records be made available to certain entities; authorizing certain entities to order an innkeeper to cease and desist from offering limited residential lodging; providing that a hosting platform operator may not, except under certain circumstances, participate in or facilitate certain booking transactions; authorizing certain local jurisdictions to adopt certain laws; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

BR, § 15-201 - amended and BR, §§ 15-208 and 15-209 and LU, § 4-105 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 1605 Delegate Miele, et al****TASK FORCE ON MARYLAND STUDENT TRANSPORTATION SAFETY**

Establishing the Task Force on Maryland Student Transportation Safety; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Task Force; prohibiting a member of the Task Force from receiving certain compensation, but authorizing the reimbursement of certain expenses; requiring the Task Force to study and make recommendations regarding certain matters; requiring the Task Force to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and certain committees of the General Assembly on or before January 1, 2019; and terminating the Act.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 1606 Delegate Sydnor****HIGHER EDUCATION – WORKFORCE SHORTAGE VOCATIONAL CERTIFICATE GRANT PROGRAM – ESTABLISHED**

Establishing the Workforce Shortage Vocational Certificate Grant Program; requiring the Maryland Higher Education Commission to administer the Program; providing for the purpose of the Program; establishing requirements of a certain recipient under the Program; requiring the Commission to periodically designate certain vocational workforce shortage fields as eligible under the Program; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

ED, § 18-709 - added

Assigned to: Appropriations

**HB 1607 Delegate Luedtke****EDUCATION – JUVENILE SERVICES EDUCATION PROGRAMS –  
MANAGEMENT AND OPERATION**

Establishing the Juvenile Services Education County Pilot Program; requiring the Program to begin in the 2018–2019 school year; providing for the purpose of the Program; requiring the State Department of Education, after consultation with certain county boards of education, to identify a certain number of juvenile services education programs in certain locations to participate in the Program; etc.

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

ED, § 6-302 - amended and § 22-308 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means and Judiciary

**HB 1608 Delegate Morgan, et al****REAL PROPERTY – TRUST MONEY – ESCROW TRUST ACCOUNTS**

Requiring an escrow agent to deposit trust money into an escrow trust account within a certain period of time; requiring that an escrow trust account be kept only for trust money and be kept separately from an escrow agent's other accounts; prohibiting an escrow agent from using trust money for any purpose other than that for which it is entrusted to the escrow agent; requiring that an escrow trust account be maintained at a financial institution insured by a certain entity; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

RP, §§ 10-801 through 10-806 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

**HB 1609 Delegate Wilkins, et al****HIGHER EDUCATION – PROFESSIONAL LICENSE OR  
CERTIFICATION EXAM SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM – ESTABLISHED**

Establishing the Professional License or Certification Exam Scholarship Program; stating the purpose of the Program; requiring the Office of Student Financial Assistance in the Maryland Higher Education Commission to administer the Program; providing the eligibility criteria to receive a scholarship under the Program; limiting the scholarship amount; requiring the Office to adopt guidelines or regulations necessary to implement the Program; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

ED, § 18-709 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 1610 Delegates Queen and Gibson****STATE-OCCUPIED BUILDINGS – CHILD CARE CENTERS – REQUIREMENTS AND RENOVATIONS**

Requiring, instead of authorizing, the State Department of Education to establish child care centers for the children of State employees in State-occupied buildings under certain circumstances; requiring the Department to survey certain employees and make certain determinations under certain circumstances before the State renovates a certain building; and repealing the pilot program for child care in State-occupied buildings and State complexes.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

ED, §§ 9.5-501, 9.5-502, and 9.5-503(f) - amended and § 9.5-504 - repealed

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

**HB 1611 Delegate Morales, et al****COURTS – CONCEALMENT OF PUBLIC HAZARD AND SEXUAL HARASSMENT (SUNSHINE IN LITIGATION ACT)**

Prohibiting a court from entering an order or a judgment that conceals information related to a public hazard; prohibiting a court from entering an order or a judgment that conceals sexual harassment except under certain circumstances; 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; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

CJ, §§ 6-412 and 6-413 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary and Economic Matters

**HB 1612 Delegate Rosenberg, et al****REAL PROPERTY – WRONGFUL DETAINER – EMERGENCY HEARING ON LEASE AGREEMENT**

Requiring a court to hold an emergency hearing on motion of either party to determine the legitimacy of a lease agreement for contested property in an action alleging wrongful detainer of property.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

RP, § 14-132 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

**HB 1613 Delegate Sanchez****APPOINTMENT OR DESIGNATION OF STANDBY GUARDIAN –  
REMOVAL FROM THE UNITED STATES**

Making certain provisions relating to the appointment or designation of a standby guardian of the person or property of a minor in cases of incapacity, debilitation, or death of a parent applicable to the appointment or designation of a standby guardian of the person or property of a minor in the case of removal from the United States of a parent; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

ET, §§ 13-901(e), 13-903, 13-904, and 13-907 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 1614 Delegate Valentino–Smith, et al****PUBLIC SAFETY – MILITARY SERVICE MEMBERS – CIVIL RELIEF**

Providing that certain rights granted to members of the Maryland National Guard under the Act are in addition to the rights granted by federal law; establishing that the intent of the Act is to supplement certain rights and protections provided by a certain federal statute; authorizing a certain service member to terminate a certain contract at a certain time under certain circumstances; providing for the method by which a certain service member may terminate a certain contract; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

PS, § 13-704 - amended and § 13-704.1 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 1615 Delegate Valentino–Smith, et al****HUMAN SERVICES – TEMPORARY DISABILITY ASSISTANCE  
PROGRAM**

Establishing the Temporary Disability Assistance Program in the Department of Human Services; requiring the Family Investment Administration to be the central coordinating and directing agency of the Program; requiring the Program to be administered by the local departments of social services in a certain manner; specifying the requirements for eligibility for the Program; requiring an application for the Program to include a certain medical report; establishing certain restrictions on the length of eligibility periods; etc.

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

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

HU, § 5-205(a) - amended and §§ 5-5B-01 through 5-5B-12 - added

Assigned to: Appropriations

**HB 1616 Prince George's County Delegation and Montgomery County Delegation****WASHINGTON SUBURBAN SANITARY COMMISSION – MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISES – SUBCONTRACTING PG/MC 115–18**

Altering certain requirements for certain bids or proposals for certain procurement contracts, and certain contracts for goods and services, to be awarded by the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission having an expected degree of minority business enterprise participation; requiring the adoption of regulations requiring that certain bids or proposals include certain information on subcontract opportunities in certain subcontracts; requiring certain reporting on the number of certain enterprises employed in certain contracts; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

PU, §§ 20-203, 20-204, and 20-206 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

**HB 1617 Delegate Morales, 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, 2018

LE, § 3-714 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 1618 Delegates Morales and West****COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICES WAIVERS AND STATE DISABILITIES PLAN – ALTERATIONS (MARYLAND DISABILITIES ACT)**

Requiring that a certain home- and community-based services waiver include a requirement that at least half the waiver participants live in community-based housing immediately before receiving waiver services; requiring that a certain waiver required by the Maryland Department of Health implement a certain waiting list; requiring the Maryland Department of Health to provide individuals on the waiting list with certain information; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

HG, § 15-132 and HU, § 7-132 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations



**HB 1619 Delegate Wivell, et al**

CIVIL ACTIONS – NONATTORNEY REPRESENTATION – CORPORATIONS, PARTNERSHIPS, LLCS, AND SOLE PROPRIETORSHIPS

Altering the rules regarding when a certain nonattorney may appear on behalf of a corporation, partnership, limited liability company, or sole proprietorship in a civil action in the District Court of Maryland or an appeal from the District Court of Maryland.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

BOP, § 10-206(b)(4) - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 1620 Delegate Bromwell, et al**

LOCAL HEALTH SERVICES FUNDING – MODIFICATIONS

Modifying the calculation of local health services funding for fiscal year 2020 and each subsequent fiscal year.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

HG, § 2-302(b)(4) and (5) - amended and § 2-302(b)(6) - added

Assigned to: Appropriations

**HB 1621 Delegates Lisanti and Glass**

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE – HARFORD MEMORIAL HOSPITAL CLOSURE – ECONOMIC IMPACT STUDY

Requiring the Department of Commerce to conduct a study on the economic impact of the closure of Harford Memorial Hospital in Havre de Grace and the transfer of its services to another location; requiring the Department to conduct the study in a certain manner; requiring the Department to develop a revitalization plan for the City in a certain manner; requiring the Department to report certain findings and information to certain committees on or before December 1, 2018; and terminating the Act after June 30, 2019.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2018

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

**HB 1622 Delegate Wilson, et al**

## VIDEO LOTTERY TERMINALS – MINORITY BUSINESS PARTICIPATION GOALS – SUNSET EXTENSION

Providing that a certain applicant or licensee is subject to a certain minority business participation goal established for a unit by the Special Secretary for the Office of Small, Minority, and Women Business Affairs under certain provisions of law; requiring that a certain goal applies to certain construction and procurement related to video lottery terminals; extending a certain termination date to July 1, 2028; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2018

SG, § 9-1A-10 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 1623 Delegate J. Lewis, et al**

## STATE POLICIES, GUIDELINES, AND REGULATIONS – MITIGATION OF DISPARATE IMPACTS

Requiring certain principal departments to develop and implement a procedure for determining whether the adoption of a policy, guideline, or regulation by the department would have or has had a disparate impact on racial minorities and for mitigating the disparate impact; requiring that the procedure include a certain framework, certain indicators, data collection and reporting, and certain staff training; authorizing the departments to hire staff or consultants using certain resources to implement the Act; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

SG, § 10-1701 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

**HB 1624 Delegate Anderton, et al**

## LOCAL GOVERNMENTS – INCOME TAX DISPARITY GRANTS – AMOUNTS

Altering the calculation of certain income tax disparity grants to counties and Baltimore City under certain circumstances and for certain fiscal years; and extending a certain termination provision by 2 years.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

LG, § 16-501 and Chapter 738 of the Acts of 2016, § 2 - amended

Assigned to: Appropriations

**HB 1625 Delegate Miele**

## ELECTED AND PUBLIC OFFICIALS – CRIMES – PENSION FORFEITURE (CLEAN UP ANNAPOLIS ACT)

Requiring certain officials indicted and convicted for certain crimes to reimburse the State for any expenses or per diem spent or reimbursement paid to the official after the official is indicted; establishing that an individual employed in a certain position who is convicted of a certain crime is subject to forfeiture of pension benefits; altering certain provisions of law relating to the forfeiture of benefits from the State Retirement and Pension System for certain public employees; applying the Act prospectively; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2018

GP, § 5-905 - added and SP, §§ 21-702 through 21-704 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

**HB 1626 Delegate Stein, et al**

## PUBLIC INFORMATION ACT – MOTOR VEHICLE ADMINISTRATION – WARRANT OR SUBPOENA FOR PERSONAL INFORMATION

Authorizing a custodian of records for the Motor Vehicle Administration to disclose certain personal information to United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement only after being provided with a valid warrant or subpoena issued by a federal court or a court of this State;

EMERGENCY BILL

GP, § 4-320 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

**HB 1627 Delegates Adams and W. Miller**

## REAL PROPERTY – CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS – RETENTION PROCEEDS

Establishing that a certain remedy for the payment of an undisputed amount owed under a construction contract applies to certain retention proceeds; reducing from \$250,000 to \$100,000 the minimum contract amount for the purpose of the applicability of certain provisions of law relating to retention proceeds; and requiring certain retention proceeds to be paid within 90 days of a certain date of substantial completion.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

RP, §§ 9-303 and 9-304 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 1628 Delegate Hettleman****PRIVILEGED COMMUNICATIONS – MENTAL HEALTH PROVIDERS –  
EXCEPTION FOR SUSPECTED CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT**

Providing that a certain patient privilege does not exist for certain records and certain testimony of a psychiatrist or licensed psychologist, a psychiatric-mental health nursing specialist or professional counselor, or a licensed certified social worker related to suspected child abuse and neglect in certain civil proceedings under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

CJ, §§ 9-109, 9-109.1, and 9-121 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 1629 Delegate Jackson, et al****CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – MARYLAND ANIMAL ABUSE REGISTRY**

Requiring the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services to establish the Maryland Animal Abuse Registry; requiring the Registry to be updated in a certain manner and to include certain information; requiring a certain person convicted of certain crimes involving animals to register with a certain county sheriff; exempting a person from registration under certain circumstances; requiring a court to order a defendant convicted of an animal abuse crime to participate in and pay for certain counseling; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

CR, §§ 10-604 through 10-607.1 and 10-608 - amended and CR, § 10-627 and CP, §§ 11-1101 through 11-1109 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 1630 Delegate Vallario, et al****HIGHER EDUCATION – JAMES PROCTOR SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM  
– ESTABLISHED**

Establishing the James Proctor Scholarship Program at historically black colleges and universities; requiring each historically black college or university to apply funding from the Program to the tuition and fees of an enrolled student who is a resident of the State; requiring certain student financial aid to be applied first to tuition and fees; requiring each historically black college or university to administer the Program; etc.

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

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

ED, §§ 18-2101 through 18-2106 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 1631 Delegate S. Howard, et al**

## COMMERCIAL SOLAR FACILITIES – VICINITY TARIFF

Requiring an electric company to make available to certain retail electric customers a 30% discount on a certain rate based on the location of a customer meter within one-half mile of a commercial solar facility; requiring the discount to be included in a certain tariff; requiring the discount to be offered on an opt-in basis; requiring the electric company to provide notice of the discount to certain customers each year in a certain manner; and providing for the application of the Act.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

PU, § 4-307 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 1632 Delegate R. Lewis, et al**

## PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION – CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY – RAPID HEALTH IMPACT ASSESSMENT REQUIREMENT

Requiring an applicant for a certificate of public convenience and necessity for certain construction to conduct a rapid health impact assessment (HIA) on the project and report on its findings; requiring a rapid HIA report to be completed within 3 weeks after the applicant submits its application to the Commission; requiring an applicant to complete the rapid HIA in a certain manner; requiring the rapid HIA report to be considered part of a certain application; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

PU, § 7-207 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 1633 Delegate Hayes, et al**

## EDUCATION – PUBLIC SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION – CONTINGENCY FUND

Providing that certain public school construction funds that are allocated to a county for certain projects shall be eligible for other projects under certain conditions.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2018

ED, § 5-301(j) - amended

Assigned to: Appropriations

**HB 1634 Delegate Frick, et al**

## FINANCIAL CONSUMER PROTECTION ACT OF 2018

Providing that certain loans are void and unenforceable under certain circumstances; prohibiting a consumer reporting agency from charging a fee for any service relating to a security freeze; requiring the Governor to appropriate certain amounts in the annual State budget for the Commissioner of Financial Regulation and the Office of the Attorney General; prohibiting a person from engaging in student education loan servicing unless the person is licensed by the Commissioner or is exempt from licensing; etc.

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

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

CL and FI - Various Sections - amended and added and CJ, § 3-230.1 and CA, § 11-803 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 1635 Delegates Morhaim and Pena–Melnyk**

## MENTAL HEALTH LAW – INVOLUNTARY ADMISSIONS – REQUIREMENTS AND PROCEDURES

Requiring the Maryland Department of Health to provide for admission of a certain emergency evaluatee to a certain State facility or other certain facility within 6 hours after notification; and prohibiting a certain hearing officer from ordering the release of an individual who meets the requirements for involuntary admission under a certain provision of law on certain grounds.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

HG, §§ 10-625 and 10-632 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

**HB 1636 Delegate Wilson, et al****EDUCATION – TEACHER SALARY ENHANCEMENT GRANT – ESTABLISHED**

Establishing the Teacher Salary Enhancement Grant to fund a certain increase in teacher salaries to county boards of education that provide a certain amount of matching funds; requiring the Governor annually to include a certain amount in the State operating budget for the Grant beginning in fiscal year 2020; requiring the State to distribute a certain Grant at the same time as other funds are distributed; requiring the Grant and certain county board funds to be in addition to certain other funds; etc.

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

ED, § 5-219 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means and Appropriations

**HB 1637 Delegate R. Lewis****LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT – PARKING CASH-OUT PROGRAM – REQUIREMENT**

Requiring certain employers that provide to employees a free parking space or a parking subsidy to establish a certain parking cash-out program; authorizing an employer to provide certain employees with a combination of certain passes, certain subsidies, and cash; authorizing an employee to file a written complaint with the Commissioner of Labor and Industry under certain circumstances; authorizing the Commissioner, on receipt of a written complaint, to investigate whether the Act has been violated; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

LE, §§ 3-103(e)(7) and 3-715 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 1638 Delegate Sydnor, et al****PUBLIC INFORMATION ACT – REVISIONS**

Providing that, except as otherwise provided by law, the Public Information Act does not authorize a custodian of records to allow the inspection of the Social Security number or date of birth of an individual except to a person in interest; requiring, except under certain circumstances, a custodian to deny inspection of a certain part of a personal surveillance video; requiring that a victim who is the subject of a record that is denied inspection be notified of all requests to inspect the record; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2018

GP, §§ 4-101 and 4-103 - amended and §§ 4-327.1 and 4-341 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations and Judiciary

**HB 1639 Delegate Saab, et al****MARYLAND RX PROGRAM – PHARMACY BENEFITS MANAGERS – CONTRACTS WITH PHARMACIES AND PHARMACISTS**

Prohibiting the Department of Budget and Management from contracting with a pharmacy benefits manager under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

SP, § 2-502.1(h) - added and amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

**HB 1640 Delegate S. Howard, et al****CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – SOUTHERN HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC FACILITIES**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt in the amount of \$250,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Education of Anne Arundel County for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of the athletic facilities at Southern High School, located in Anne Arundel County; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2018

Assigned to: Appropriations



**HB 1641 Delegate Carr****MARYLAND TRANSPORTATION PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP  
OVERSIGHT ACT**

Establishing the Office of Transportation Oversight as an independent unit in the Executive Branch of State government; requiring the Governor to annually appropriate \$20,000,000 for the Office; establishing a rebuttable presumption that a certain party to a transportation-related public-private partnership agreement violated certain provisions of the agreement under certain circumstances; exempting certain actions from certain provisions of the Environmental Standing Act; etc.

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

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

NR, §§ 1-504 and 1-507 - amended and TR, §§ 28-101 through 28-302 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

**HB 1642 Delegate Frick, et al****COMMISSIONER OF FINANCIAL REGULATION – STUDENT  
EDUCATION LOANS – OMBUDSMAN AND LICENSING OF  
SERVICERS**

Requiring the Commissioner of Financial Regulation to designate an individual to serve as the Student Loan Ombudsman; establishing the duties and responsibilities of the Student Loan Ombudsman; requiring the Ombudsman, in consultation with the Commissioner, to establish a certain student loan borrower education course with certain requirements; prohibiting a person from engaging in student education loan servicing unless the person is licensed by the Commissioner or is exempt from licensing; establishing application requirements; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

FI, §§ 2-104.1 and §§ 12-1101 through 12-1122 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 1643 Delegate Frick, et al****INCOME TAX – CREDIT FOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE MARYLAND EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION FUND**

Allowing a certain taxpayer to claim a certain credit against the State income tax for certain contributions during the taxable year to the Maryland Excellence in Education Fund; requiring a certain reduction of itemized deductions if the credit is claimed under certain circumstances; providing that any unused credit may be carried forward to succeeding taxable years, subject to certain limitations; establishing the Maryland Excellence in Education Fund; applying the Act to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2017; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

TG, § 10-218 - amended and § 10-746 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 1644 Delegate Corderman, et al****VEHICLE LAWS – REGISTRATION FEE EXEMPTION – ACTIVE MILITARY AND VETERANS**

Establishing an exemption from vehicle registration fees for a vehicle that is owned and personally used by a person who is serving in the armed forces or is a veteran and who relocates to and becomes a resident of the State for employment purposes.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

TR, § 13-903(a) - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

**HB 1645 Delegate Gilchrist, et al****INCOME TAX – SUBTRACTION MODIFICATION – RETIREMENT INCOME**

Altering the calculation of the maximum subtraction modification allowed under the Maryland income tax for certain retirement income for certain taxable years; repealing a certain obsolete provision relating to a rollover IRA retirement plan; including income from an individual retirement account or a certain annuity within a certain subtraction modification for certain retirement income under certain circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

TG, § 10-209 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 1646 Delegate Atterbeary, et al**

## CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – FIREARMS – TRANSFER

Requiring a State's Attorney to serve a certain notice on a certain defendant, defendant's counsel, and the court prior to trial or the acceptance of a plea of guilty or the equivalent of a plea of guilty; requiring a court to inform a defendant convicted of a certain offense that the defendant is prohibited from possessing a certain firearm under certain provisions of law; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

CP, § 6-234 and PS, § 5-133(f) - added and CR, § 4-303 and PS, § 5-205(c) - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 1647 Delegate S. Howard, et al**

## COMMERCIAL LAW – CREDIT CARD PROCESSORS – SERVICE AGREEMENTS

Requiring a credit card processor to send a summary of a certain services agreement to certain businesses; requiring the summary to include certain information; requiring a credit card processor to provide a certain notice regarding a services agreement renewal before a certain date; requiring the notice to disclose certain information; authorizing the Commissioner of Financial Regulation to take certain actions; establishing certain civil penalties for a violation of the Act; and defining certain terms.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

CL, §§ 12-1401 through 12-1404 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 1648 Delegate A. Washington**

## DECLARATION OF RIGHTS – ACCESS TO INFORMATION

Proposing an amendment to the Maryland Constitution to establish that the people have a compelling interest in access to timely and transparent information regarding how, when, and by and from whom funds are raised and spent to influence State elections; requiring the General Assembly to implement and enforce the interests enumerated in this amendment through appropriate legislation; and submitting this amendment to the qualified voters of the State for their adoption or rejection.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT – CONTINGENT

Maryland Constitution, Declaration of Rights, Art. 48 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 1649 Delegate A. Washington****PUBLIC SAFETY – POLICE MISCONDUCT AND CIVIL RIGHTS ACTIONS – SETTLEMENT DATABASE**

Requiring, on or before March 1 each year, a certain law enforcement agency to provide the Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention with the total dollar amount for the previous calendar year that was paid to settle claims and pay judgments for certain police misconduct and civil rights actions; requiring the Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention to adopt certain procedures and analyze and disseminate certain information; requiring a certain annual report; and defining certain terms.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

PS, § 3-520 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 1650 Delegate Rosenberg****MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH – MARYLAND TEENAGE PREGNANCY PREVENTION GRANT PROGRAM**

Establishing the Maryland Teenage Pregnancy Prevention Grant Program in the Maryland Department of Health; requiring the Department to administer the Grant Program to provide grants and contracts on a competitive basis to fund certain programs; requiring the Grant Program to provide certain funding to a program at a certain level if federal funding is discontinued for the program; providing for the funding of the Grant Program; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

HG, § 20-1901 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

**HB 1651 Delegate Wilkins****LOCAL JURISDICTIONS – HOUSING – SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES  
– COMPREHENSIVE PLANS**

Expanding the criteria that the Smart Growth Subcabinet must consider when designating or redesignating an area as a sustainable community to include whether the sustainable community plan addresses certain housing issues; expanding the elements that a planning commission of a local jurisdiction must include in a comprehensive plan to include a certain housing element; and altering the elements that a planning commission of certain jurisdictions may include in a comprehensive plan.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

HS, § 6-205 and LU, §§ 1-406 and 3-102 - amended and LU, §§ 1-411.1 and 3-114 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

**HB 1652 Delegate Sample–Hughes, et al****MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM – TELEMEDICINE –  
ASSERTIVE COMMUNITY TREATMENT AND MOBILE TREATMENT  
SERVICES**

Requiring the Maryland Department of Health, under certain circumstances, to include psychiatrists who are providing Assertive Community Treatment or mobile treatment services to certain Maryland Medical Assistance Program recipients in the types of providers eligible to receive reimbursement for health care services that are delivered through telemedicine and provided to Program recipients; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

HG, § 15-105.2 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

**HB 1653 Delegate Arentz, et al****SOLAR ELECTRIC GENERATING FACILITY DECOMMISSIONING AND RESTORATION – SECURITY – FUND**

Requiring the Public Service Commission to establish a surcharge on certain solar electric generating facilities for a certain purpose on the basis of certain factors; requiring the Comptroller to collect the revenue from the surcharge and deposit it into the Maryland Solar Electric Generating Facility Decommissioning and Restoration Fund; requiring the Commission to review the amount of the surcharge at certain intervals; authorizing the Commission to adjust the surcharge on review; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

PU, §§ 7-215 and 7-216 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 1654 Delegate Frick, et al****COMMERCIAL LAW – INTERNET PRIVACY AND NET NEUTRALITY**

Specifying the circumstances under which a broadband Internet access service provider may handle certain customer personal information in a certain manner; establishing a mechanism through which a broadband Internet access service provider may obtain customer consent to have certain personal information handled in a certain manner; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2018

CL, §§ 14-4101 through 14-4109 and SF, § 2-801 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 1655 Delegate Reznik, et al****COMMERCIAL LAW – PRIVACY AND NET NEUTRALITY PROTECTIONS**

Specifying the circumstances under which a broadband Internet access service provider may handle certain customer personal information in a certain manner; establishing a mechanism through which a broadband Internet access service provider may obtain customer consent to have certain personal information handled in a certain manner; prohibiting a broadband Internet access service provider from taking certain actions based on whether a customer has consented to have certain customer personal information handled in a certain manner; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2018

CL, § 13-301(14)(xxix) - amended and Various Sections - added, LG, § 1-708 - amended, and SF, § 2-801 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 1656 Delegate Arentz, et al****STATE REAL ESTATE COMMISSION – REAL ESTATE GUARANTY FUND – FUND TRANSFER**

Authorizing the State Real Estate Commission to transfer up to \$500,000 to the Real Estate Guaranty Fund from the State Real Estate Commission Fund if the amount in the Guaranty Fund falls below \$300,000 and the Commission is projected to have an operating surplus of at least \$500,000 in the current fiscal year.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

BOP, § 17-403 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 1657 Delegate A. Washington****TEACHERS AND TEACHER PREPARATION PROGRAMS – MARYLAND READING STANDARDS MATRIX – ESTABLISHED**

Requiring the State Department of Education, the University System of Maryland, and the Maryland Higher Education Commission to develop a Maryland Reading Standards Matrix on or before March 1, 2019; requiring the matrix to reflect certain standards and research; requiring the Department, the System, and the Commission to develop a certain syllabus and timeline for certain faculty and to establish a certain accreditation process for certain programs; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2018

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 1658 Delegate A. Washington, et al****ELECTION LAW – ABSENTEE BALLOT REQUESTS, DELIVERY, AND MARKING**

Requiring the State Board of Elections approved absentee ballot application to require the applicant to provide certain information; repealing a provision of law requiring a local board of elections to provide an absentee ballot by facsimile transmission if requested by a voter; altering a certain provision of law to require a local board to provide an absentee ballot by the Internet only if requested by certain uniformed services voters or overseas voters or certain voters with a disability, rather than to any voter on request; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

EL, §§ 9-305, 9-306, and 9-308.1 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 1659 Delegate Otto, et al****PUBLIC SAFETY – RIFLES AND SHOTGUNS – PURCHASES**

Altering a provision of law to authorize a resident of this State who is eligible to purchase a rifle or shotgun under the laws of another state to purchase a rifle or shotgun from a federally licensed gun dealer in the other state, instead of limiting the purchase to an adjacent state; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

PS, § 5-204 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 1660 Delegate Reilly, et al****PROPERTY TAX – REASSESSMENT AFTER APPEAL – APPLICATION**

Applying certain provisions of law that relate to the authority of the State Department of Assessments and Taxation during a reassessment of property after an appeal to certain appeals filed with a supervisor of assessments on or after October 1, 2014, but still pending a final decision on the appeal on or after October 1, 2017.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

Chapter 529 of the Acts of 2017, § 2 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 1661 Delegate Reilly, et al****TASK FORCE TO STUDY PARTNERSHIP FOR ASSESSMENT OF READINESS FOR COLLEGE AND CAREERS (PARCC) TESTING TIME**

Establishing the Task Force to Study Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) Testing Time; providing for the composition, cochairs, and staffing of the Task Force; requiring the Task Force to study and make recommendations regarding certain matters and to submit a preliminary and a final report of its findings and recommendations to the Governor, the State Board of Education, and the General Assembly on or before certain dates; terminating the Act after June 30, 2020; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2018

Assigned to: Ways and Means



**HB 1662 Delegate Kramer, et al**

## NO MORE PUPPY–MILL PUPS ACT OF 2018

Prohibiting retail pet stores from offering for sale, transferring, or disposing of cats or dogs; repealing certain provisions of law that authorize the sale of certain cats and dogs and set forth the requirements for a retail pet store that offers to sell certain cats or dogs under certain circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

BR, §§ 19-701, 19-706, and 19-707 - amended, §§ 19-702.1, 19-703, 19-704, and 19-705 - repealed, and § 19-703 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 1663 Delegates Malone and Hornberger**

## INCOME TAX – SUBTRACTION MODIFICATION FOR QUALIFIED HIGHER EDUCATION EXPENSES – ANNUAL LIMITATION

Increasing, from \$2,500 to \$5,000, the maximum amount allowed in a taxable year as a subtraction modification under the Maryland income tax for advance payments of certain qualified higher education expenses made by an account holder or a contributor under a Maryland Prepaid College Trust contract; and applying the Act to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2017.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

TG, § 10-208(n) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means and Appropriations

**HB 1664 Delegate Malone, et al**

## SALES AND USE TAX – CASUAL AND ISOLATED SALES – EXEMPTION AMOUNT

Increasing from \$1,000 to \$5,000 the amount of the sales price of certain sales that are eligible for an exemption under the sales and use tax for casual and isolated sales.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

TG, § 11-209(a) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 1665 Delegate Mosby****INCOME TAX CREDIT – ENDOWMENTS OF MARYLAND HISTORICALLY BLACK COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES**

Allowing a credit against the State income tax for a certain amount of donations to certain qualified permanent endowment funds at certain institutions of higher education; providing for the carryforward of the credit; requiring the Comptroller, on application of a taxpayer, to issue a tax credit certificate; requiring the application to contain certain information; applying the Act to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2017; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

TG, § 10-746 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 1666 Delegate Malone, et al****SMALL BUSINESS PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX RELIEF ACT OF 2018**

Exempting from the personal property tax persons with certain personal property that has a total assessed value of \$10,000 or less for the taxable year beginning after December 31, 2018, and each taxable year thereafter; requiring a person annually to apply for a certain exemption to the State Department of Assessments and Taxation by a certain time; requiring the Department to establish application procedures for the personal property tax exemption under the Act; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2018

TP, § 7-245 - added and § 11-101 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 1667 Delegate Jalisi****GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANIES – DEPOSIT CHARGES**

Prohibiting a gas company or an electric company from imposing a deposit requirement exceeding 1 month's estimated service charge on customers who are at least 70 years old, have lived at the service address for at least 10 years, and have an annual income at or below 300% of the federal poverty level; prohibiting a gas company or an electric company from terminating certain service under certain circumstances; and providing for the application of the Act.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

PU, § 7-305 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 1668 Delegate Jalisi****MEDICAL CANNABIS – CERTIFYING PROVIDERS – WRITTEN CERTIFICATIONS**

Altering the definition of “written certification”, for purposes of certain provisions of law governing medical cannabis, to require that a written certification issued by a certifying provider to a certain qualifying patient include a certain recommendation on the amount of medical cannabis that would be necessary to meet the medical needs of the qualifying patient.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

HG, § 13-3301(n) - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

**HB 1669 Delegate Jalisi****BALTIMORE COUNTY – PROPERTY TAX – CREDIT FOR INDIVIDUALS AT LEAST 70 YEARS OLD**

Requiring the governing body of Baltimore County to grant a property tax credit against the county property tax imposed on a dwelling owned by a homeowner who is at least 70 years old under certain circumstances; providing for the calculation of, eligibility for, and application of the credit; providing that the State Department of Assessments and Taxation is responsible for certain administrative duties with respect to the credit; applying the Act to taxable years beginning after June 30, 2018; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2018

TP, § 9-245(a) - amended and § 9-305(f) - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 1670 Delegate Jalisi, et al****MOTOR VEHICLE INSURANCE – USE OF CREDIT HISTORY IN RATING POLICIES**

Prohibiting an insurer, with respect to private passenger motor vehicle insurance, from rating a risk based, in whole or in part, on the credit history of an applicant or insured in any manner; repealing certain provisions of law authorizing an insurer to use the credit history of an applicant or insured to rate a new policy of private passenger motor vehicle insurance subject to certain limitations and requirements; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

IN, § 27-501(e-2) - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTIONS INTRODUCED FEBRUARY 9, 2018****HJ 10 Delegates K. Young and Pena–Melnyk****DECREASING SURGICAL BIRTHS**

Recognizing certain benefits conferred on women who give birth and their babies by lowering the rate of surgical births; encouraging providers of maternity care to support and promote nonoperative vaginal births by providing to individuals certain resources and information; and urging certain State agencies to share certain information with parents for a certain purpose and encourage and support certain choices with certain practices.

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

**HJ 11 Delegate Gaines, 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 constitutional rights to natural persons, and authorizes regulation of contributions and expenditures intended to influence elections.

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**HJ 12 Delegate Queen, et al****PRESIDENTIAL AUTHORITY OVER THE USE OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS**

Requesting Maryland's Congressional Delegation to establish a system of checks and balances to ensure that the President of the United States does not have unchecked authority to launch a first strike of nuclear weapons.

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