



SYNOPSIS

Senate Bills and Joint Resolutions
2018 Maryland General Assembly Session

January 26, 2018
Schedule 12

PLEASE NOTE: February 2 – Bill introduction deadline.

All bills should be given to the Secretary of the Senate's office by 5:00 P.M. on Monday, February 5.

As required by Senate Rule 32(b), bills introduced after this date will be referred to the Senate Rules Committee.

SENATE BILLS INTRODUCED January 26, 2018

SB 451 **Senator Waugh**

CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – ST. MARY'S COUNTY – ST. MARY'S NURSING CENTER

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$250,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Trustees of the St. Mary's Nursing Center, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of the St. Mary's Nursing Center building, located in St. Mary's County; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; etc.

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Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

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SB 452 Senator Middleton**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – CHARLES COUNTY – VELOCITY CENTER**

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 Trustees of the College of Southern Maryland for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of the Velocity Center, located in Charles County; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; etc.

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Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 453 Senator Middleton**INSURANCE ARTICLE – REFERENCES TO VEHICLES AND AUTOMOBILES – CONSISTENCY**

Altering certain references to vehicles and certain automobiles in certain provisions of the Insurance Article for the purpose of consistency.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

IN, Various Sections - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 454 Senator Ready**CARROLL COUNTY – INSTANT TICKET LOTTERY MACHINES – FRATERNAL AND SORORAL ORGANIZATIONS**

Expanding the list of organizations in certain counties that may be licensed to operate not more than five instant ticket lottery machines to include certain fraternal and sororal organizations in Carroll County; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

SG, § 9-112 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 455 **Senator King, et al****CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – MONTGOMERY COUNTY – RCI GROUP HOME RENOVATIONS**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$400,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of Residential Continuum, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of RCI group homes, located in Montgomery County; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; etc.

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Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 456 **Senator Kelley, et al****TOBACCO PRODUCTS – MINIMUM AGE AND CIVIL FINES**

Altering certain provisions of law to prohibit a certain person from distributing a certain tobacco product to an individual under the age of 21 years, rather than to a minor; prohibiting a person from distributing a certain tobacco product without first examining a government-issued photographic identification of a certain purchaser or recipient in order to determine the date of birth of the prospective purchaser or recipient; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

CR, HG, LG, and SF, Various Sections - amended and HG, § 24-307 - repealed
Assigned to: Finance

SB 457 **Senator Salling, et al****SALES AND USE TAX – RATE REDUCTION**

Altering the maximum rate of the admissions and amusement tax that a county or municipal corporation may set for gross receipts that are also subject to the State sales and use tax; altering the rate of the sales and use tax; altering the percentage of gross receipts from vending machine sales to which the sales and use tax rate is applied; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

TG, §§ 4-105(b), 11-104(a), (b), (g), (h)(2), and (i), and 11-301 - amended
Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 458 **Senator Salling, et al****INCOME TAX – SUBTRACTION MODIFICATION – MILITARY RETIREMENT INCOME**

Removing the limitation on the amount of military retirement income that may be subtracted from federal adjusted gross income for State income tax purposes; and applying the Act to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2017.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

TG, § 10-207(q) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 459 **Senator Salling, et al****PROPERTY TAX – EXEMPTION FOR DISABLED VETERANS – PERCENTAGE OF DISABILITY**

Expanding eligibility for a property tax exemption for the dwelling house of a disabled veteran to include veterans with a service connected disability of at least 80%; and applying the Act to taxable years beginning after June 30, 2018.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2018

TP, § 7-208(a) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 460 **Senator Lee****CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – MONTGOMERY COUNTY – BENDER JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER OF GREATER WASHINGTON**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$75,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Bender JCC of Greater Washington, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of the Bender Jewish Community Center, located in Montgomery County; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; etc.

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Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 461 **Senator Zucker, et al****SELLING OR PROVIDING ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES TO INDIVIDUALS WITH INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES AND OTHERS – REPEAL OF PROHIBITION**

Repealing provisions of law in Allegany, Carroll, Charles, Harford, Kent, Montgomery, Queen Anne's, and Washington counties that prohibit a license holder or employee from knowingly selling or providing an alcoholic beverage to an individual with an intellectual disability or to an individual if a family member or guardian has given written notice to the license holder or employee under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

AB, §§ 9-2704, 16-2704, 18-2704, 22-2705, 24-2704, 25-2705, 27-2704, and 31-2704 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 462 **Senator Klausmeier****CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – BALTIMORE COUNTY – NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY OF MARYLAND**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$390,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Trustees of The Natural History Society of Maryland, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of the collections and learning center at the Natural History Society of Maryland facility, located in Baltimore County; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a certain requirement; etc.

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Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 463 **Senators Klausmeier and Smith****STATE RACING COMMISSION – EQUINE MEDICAL DIRECTOR – EMPLOYMENT AND COSTS**

Authorizing the State Racing Commission to employ an equine medical director; and requiring the Commission to direct that thoroughbred and standardbred track licensees, thoroughbred and standardbred owners and trainers, and thoroughbred and standardbred breeders pay the cost of employing the equine medical director based on a certain percentage.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

BR, § 11-207 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 464 **Senator Klausmeier, et al**STATE PERSONNEL – EMPLOYEES IN THE SAME CLASSIFICATION
– PAY RATES

Requiring that, when an appointing authority of a unit in the State Personnel Management System appoints an employee to a certain position, the Secretary of Budget and Management shall require that the pay rate of each incumbent employee in the unit who is in the same classification as, and has a pay rate lower than, the newly appointed employee be adjusted to equal the pay rate of the newly appointed employee; providing that the Secretary is not required to make certain pay rate adjustments under certain circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

SP, § 8-106(c) - added and TR, § 2-103.4(g) - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 465 **Senator Lee, et al**CIVIL ACTIONS – MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS INVOLVING
PEDESTRIANS OR NONMOTORIZED VEHICLES – COMPARATIVE
NEGLIGENCE

Prohibiting recovery by a certain plaintiff from being barred in a certain civil action due to the plaintiff's negligence, except under certain circumstances; requiring any damages awarded under the Act to be diminished in proportion to the amount of negligence attributed to the plaintiff; providing for the prospective application of the Act; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

CJ, § 11-302 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 466 **Senator Eckardt, et al**ESTATES AND TRUSTS – ADMINISTRATION OF ESTATES – WAIVER
OF FEES

Authorizing the registers of wills to waive certain fees for the administration of an estate if certain real property subject to administration in the State is to be transferred to a certain individual or is encumbered by a lien and subject to sale under certain provisions of law, and the estate is unable to pay the fees by reason of poverty; and applying the Act prospectively.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

ET, § 2-206(a) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 467 **Senator Eckardt, et al****SALES AND USE TAX – TAX-FREE PERIOD FOR BACK-TO-SCHOOL SHOPPING – SCHOOL SUPPLIES**

Expanding the tax-free period for back-to-school shopping to include certain school supplies; defining “school supplies” as pens, pencils, crayons, binders, folders, notebooks, and loose-leaf paper; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

TG, § 11-228 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 468 **Senator Eckardt, et al****LANDLORD AND TENANT – RESIDENTIAL LEASES – WATER AND SEWER BILLS**

Requiring a landlord that requires a tenant to make payments for water or sewer utility services to the landlord to use a written lease that includes a certain notice and to provide a copy of a certain water or sewer bill to a tenant under certain circumstances; and providing for the application of the Act.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

RP, § 8-205.1 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 469 **Senator Salling, et al****PUBLIC HEALTH – SCHOOL BUILDINGS – MINIMUM HEALTH STANDARDS (HEALTHY SCHOOLS PROGRAM)**

Establishing the Healthy Schools Program in the State to promote a healthy environment in the public schools by adopting minimum standards designed to protect the health of the occupants of public school buildings; requiring the Secretary of Health, in consultation with the Interagency Committee on School Construction, to adopt minimum standards to protect the health of the occupants of public school buildings; authorizing a representative of the Secretary to inspect a public school to make a certain determination; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

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

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 470 **Senator Salling, et al****HIGHER EDUCATION – SENATORIAL AND DELEGATE SCHOLARSHIPS – REIMBURSEMENT OF CERTIFICATE AND LICENSE PROGRAMS**

Authorizing certain recipients of a senatorial scholarship to use the scholarship to reimburse certain expenses for certificate or license programs at community colleges; exempting certain applicants from the requirement that certain senatorial scholarship recipients take a certain examination and be enrolled in certain institutions; and authorizing certain students to use a delegate scholarship to reimburse certain expenses for certificate or license programs at community colleges.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

ED, §§ 18-402(a), 18-405(a), 18-406, and 18-506 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 471 **Senator Pinsky****CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY – LANHAM BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB SPORTS PARK RENOVATION**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$75,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Lanham Boys and Girls Club, Incorporated for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of the Lanham Boys and Girls Club Sports Park, located in Prince George’s County; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2018

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 472 **Senator Hough, et al****PUBLIC SAFETY – PERMIT TO WEAR, CARRY, OR TRANSPORT A HANDGUN – EXPIRATION AND RENEWAL**

Altering the time period in which a permit to wear, carry, or transport a handgun expires to be 5 years after the issuance; and altering the time period for renewal of a permit to wear, carry, or transport a handgun to 5 years after the last renewal.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

PS, § 5-309 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 473 **Senator Rosapepe, et al****PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY – SCHOOL OVERCROWDING
REDUCTION ACT OF 2018**

Establishing the Prince George’s County Public School Facility Construction Innovation Incentive Program to encourage the Prince George’s County public school system to pursue innovative public school facility construction projects by certain means; specifying a certain percentage increase in the State share of eligible costs for certain projects that are approved to participate in the Incentive Program; exempting alternative financing methods used in Prince George’s County from certain requirements; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

ED, §§ 4-114 and 4-126 - amended and § 5-314 - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 474 **Senator Benson, et al****ETHICS – LOCAL PUBLIC ETHICS COMMISSIONS AND ENTITIES –
MEETING AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS**

Requiring each local ethics commission or a certain entity to meet at least three times each year; and requiring each local ethics commission or a certain entity to submit to the local governing body and to certain members of the General Assembly a report on the administration of the local public ethics laws by that local ethics commission or entity on or before October 1 each year.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

GP, § 5-807 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 475 **Senator Middleton, et al****EMERGENCY VEHICLES – ORGAN DELIVERY VEHICLES**

Altering the defined term “emergency vehicle” to include certain organ delivery vehicles; authorizing the Motor Vehicle Administration to designate an organ delivery vehicle as an emergency vehicle only under certain circumstances; authorizing the driver of an emergency vehicle to exercise certain privileges while transporting, under certain circumstances, human organs or medical personnel; authorizing organ delivery vehicles to be equipped with certain lights or signal devices; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

TR, §§ 11-118, 21-106, and 22-218(c)(1) and (4) - amended and §§ 11-142.1 and 22-218(c)(13) - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 476 **Senator Klausmeier**

DISPENSING OF NALOXONE – HOSPITAL EMERGENCY DEPARTMENTS – REGISTERED NURSES

Authorizing a certain health care provider to delegate the dispensing of naloxone to a licensed registered nurse, while working in a hospital emergency department, under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

HG, § 13-3106 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 477 **Senator Kagan, et al**

PUBLIC INFORMATION ACT – REQUIRED DENIALS – PHYSICAL ADDRESSES, E-MAIL ADDRESSES, AND TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Requiring a custodian to deny inspection of a distribution list and a request to be added to a distribution list that identifies a physical address, an e-mail address, or a telephone number of an individual that is used by a governmental entity or an elected official for the sole purpose of periodically sending news about certain activities or sending informational notices or emergency alerts; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

GP, § 4-341 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 478 **Senator Conway**

CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – BALTIMORE CITY – FULL CIRCLE AUTO REPAIR AND TRAINING CENTER

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$250,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of Vehicles for Change, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of the Full Circle Auto Repair and Training Center facility, located in Baltimore City; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2018

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation