



SYNOPSIS

Senate Bills and Joint Resolutions
2018 Maryland General Assembly Session

January 30, 2018
Schedule 14

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 29, 2018*

SB 527 Senator Astle

HEALTH – STANDARDS FOR INVOLUNTARY ADMISSIONS AND PETITIONS FOR EMERGENCY EVALUATION – MODIFICATION

Altering a certain exception to allow for the involuntary admission of certain individuals who have a mental disorder, have experienced an overdose, have a history of persistent substance abuse, or present a danger to the life safety of the individual or others to certain facilities or a Veterans' Administration hospital; altering certain circumstances to allow a petition for an emergency evaluation to be made for certain individuals; altering the circumstances for petitions for the emergency evaluation of certain individuals; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

HG, §§ 10-617, 10-622, 10-623, and 10-632 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

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SB 528 **Senator Astle****CRIMINAL LAW – HATE CRIMES GROUP VICTIM**

Prohibiting a person from committing certain acts against a group because of the group's race, color, religious beliefs, sexual orientation, gender, disability, or national origin, or because the group is homeless.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

CR, § 10-304 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 529 **Senator Astle****VEHICLE MANUFACTURERS – NOTICE TO PURCHASERS AND LESSEES – WARRANTY REQUIREMENTS**

Requiring a motor vehicle manufacturer, distributor, or factory branch to provide a certain notice of warranty requirements to the purchaser or lessee of a new motor vehicle within 90 days after the purchase or lease of the motor vehicle.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

TR, § 15-210.1 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 530 **Senator Young, et al****HOSPITALS – PATIENT'S BILL OF RIGHTS**

Requiring each administrator of a hospital to provide patients with a certain patient's bill of rights; requiring each administrator of a hospital to provide certain patients with a translator, an interpreter, or another accommodation to provide certain assistance to patients; requiring each administrator of a hospital to conspicuously post copies of the patient's bill of rights on the hospital's website and in areas of the hospital accessible to patients; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

HG, § 19-342 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 531 Senator Middleton**INSURANCE LAW – APPLICATION TO DIRECT PRIMARY CARE AGREEMENTS – EXCLUSION**

Defining a “direct primary care agreement” as a written contract in which a primary care provider agrees to provide certain primary care services to a patient for a certain fee and for a certain period of time and that has certain elements; excluding a direct primary care agreement from certain definitions for the purpose of certain provisions of insurance law; and providing that certain provisions of insurance law do not apply to a direct primary care agreement.

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IN, §§ 1-101(1-1), 10-103(b)(9), 11-601(d)(2)(v), 14-101.1, 18-101(f)(3)(iv), and 31-101(g)(6) - added and Various Sections - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 532 Senator Pinsky, et al**HIGHER EDUCATION – FINANCIAL AID – IN-STATE STUDENTS (THE JILL WRIGLEY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP EXPANSION ACT)**

Making individuals who are eligible for in-State financial aid eligible for a Delegate Howard P. Rawlings Educational Excellence Award and part-time grants.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

ED, §§ 18-303(a) and 18-1401(c) - amended and §§ 18-303.2 and 18-1401.1 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 533 Senator Ready, et al**CRIMINAL LAW – HOMICIDE – UNBORN CHILD (LAURA AND REID’S LAW)**

Expanding the application of certain provisions relating to a prosecution for murder or manslaughter of a viable fetus to a prosecution for murder or manslaughter of an unborn child.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

CR, § 2-103 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SENATE BILL REASSIGNED January 29, 2018**SB 421** Senator Robinson, et al

GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF SMALL, MINORITY, AND WOMEN
BUSINESS AFFAIRS – EMPLOYMENT UNDER PROCUREMENT
CONTRACTS – STUDY

Requiring the Governor's Office of Small, Minority, and Women Business Affairs to study the employment of ethnic minorities and women under procurement contracts at Baltimore–Washington International Thurgood Marshall Airport; requiring the Office to review, assess, and examine certain matters related to the employment of ethnic minorities and women under procurement contracts at the Baltimore–Washington International Thurgood Marshall Airport; terminating the Act after June 30, 2019; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2018

Reassigned to: Finance