



SYNOPSIS

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SENATE BILLS INTRODUCED *February 5, 2018*

SB 893 **Senator Feldman**

CORPORATIONS AND ASSOCIATIONS – CORPORATE RECORDS AND ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSIONS

Authorizing certain records of a corporation to be maintained by means of any information storage device, method, or electronic network or database, including a distributed electronic network or database, under certain circumstances; requiring a corporation to convert a record maintained in a certain manner into a clearly legible written form on the request of a certain person; authorizing certain communications, consents, and requests to be made by means of a certain electronic transmission; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

CA, §§ 1-101(m), 2-111, 2-209, 2-210(c), 2-313, 2-504(a) and (c), 2-505, 2-510, 2-512, and 2-513 - amended and §§ 2-114 and 2-115 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

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SB 894 Senator Feldman**METRO OVERSIGHT ENHANCEMENT ACT**

Establishing certain requirements for the appointment and removal of the inspector general of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority by the Board of Directors of the Authority; specifying certain powers and requirements of the inspector general; requiring the Office of the Inspector General to be funded with a grant of at least 0.05% of the annual operating budget of the Authority; requiring that the Office of the Inspector General be operationally and functionally independent of the Authority; etc.

CONTINGENT – EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2018

TR, § 10-204 Title III Article III § 9 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 895 Senator Guzzone**STATE POLICE RETIREMENT SYSTEM – DEFERRED RETIREMENT OPTION PROGRAM – ALTERATIONS**

Increasing the maximum number of years of eligibility service that certain members of the State Police Retirement System may have to participate in the Deferred Retirement Option Program (DROP) to 30; increasing the number of years that certain members of the State Police Retirement System may participate in the DROP; authorizing certain individuals, subject to certain limitations and requirements, to elect to extend their participation in the DROP; etc.

CONTINGENT – EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

SP, § 24-401.1(c) and (d) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 896 Senator Guzzone**PUBLIC HEALTH – HEALTH RECORD AND PAYMENT CLEARINGHOUSE – PILOT PROGRAM**

Requiring the Maryland Health Care Commission, subject to certain limitations, to establish and implement a certain health record and payment clearinghouse pilot program on or before July 1, 2020; requiring the Commission, on or before July 1, 2019, to develop certain standards and determine certain information; authorizing the Commission to contract with an outside entity to establish and maintain the health record and payment clearinghouse; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

HG, §§ 19-150 and 19-151 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 897 **Senator Guzzone****PROPERTY TAX – HOMEOWNERS’ PROPERTY TAX CREDIT – REPEAL OF AGE REQUIREMENT**

Repealing the requirement that a homeowner be at least 70 years old to apply to the State Department of Assessments and Taxation for a reimbursement of the homeowner’s property tax credit; and applying the Act to taxable years beginning after June 30, 2015.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2018

TP, § 9-104(u) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 898 **Senator Guzzone****MARYLAND PENSION CLIMATE CHANGE RISK ACT**

Requiring that, consistent with certain fiduciary duties, the investment policy manual adopted by the Board of Trustees for the State Retirement and Pension System include certain policies and address certain details regarding the management of climate risks in the investment of State Retirement and Pension System assets; requiring the Board of Trustees to conduct or commission a climate risk assessment of the investments of the several systems by January 31, 2019, and every 4 years thereafter; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

SP, § 21-116 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 899 **Senator Guzzone (Chair, Joint Committee on Pensions)****STATE RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEM – INVESTMENT DIVISION**

Clarifying that the compensation of the Executive Director for the State Retirement Agency and certain staff shall be as provided in the State budget; requiring the Board of Trustees for the State Retirement and Pension System to adopt certain criteria for setting the qualifications and compensation of the Chief Investment Officer for the State Retirement and Pension System; prohibiting certain adjustments to the compensation of the Chief Investment Officer; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

SP, §§ 21-118(c)(1), 21-118.1, 21-122, 21-303(d)(2), 21-315, and 21-316(b) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 900 **Senators King and DeGrange****GAMING – FANTASY COMPETITIONS – PROHIBITION ON OPERATION OF ELECTRONIC DEVICE**

Prohibiting a person from operating a kiosk or machine physically located in a place of business that offers fantasy competition to the public.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

CR, § 12-114 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 901 **Senator King****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: Budget and Taxation

SB 902 **Montgomery County Senators****CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – MONTGOMERY COUNTY – POOLESVILLE GRAPE CRUSHING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FACILITY**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$1,000,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Montgomery County Revenue Authority for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of the Poolesville Grape Crushing Economic Development Facility, 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.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2018

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 903 **Senator Waugh, et al****SOUTHERN MARYLAND – UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF MARYLAND PARTNERSHIP ACT OF 2018**

Repealing provisions that establish the Southern Maryland Higher Education Center and its governance.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

ED, §§ 24-301 through 24-309 - repealed

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 904 **Senators Waugh and Miller****PUBLIC SCHOOLS – SOCIAL MEDIA USE BY EDUCATORS**

Requiring the State Board of Education to develop a certain model policy for public schools regarding the use of social media by educators; requiring the model policy to include certain guidelines and model forms; requiring each local school system to establish a certain policy regarding the use of social media and to provide certain training; prohibiting an educator from publishing a work product or image of a student on a social media personal account; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

ED, § 7-441 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 905 **Senators Waugh and Miller****CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – CALVERT COUNTY – EAST-JOHN YOUTH CENTER POOLS**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt in the amount of \$75,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the East-John Youth Center, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of the pools at the East-John Youth Center, located in Calvert 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 906 **Senator Waugh****CONSTRUCTION OF A HIGHWAY OR COUNTY ROAD –
COMMERCIAL PROPERTY – ACCESS ROADS**

Requiring the State Highway Administration, a county, or a municipal corporation to offer certain commercial businesses impacted by the construction of certain highways an entrance to certain access roads; and requiring the commercial businesses to reimburse the Administration, a county, or a municipal corporation certain costs related to the entrance to the access road.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

TR, § 8-662 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 907 **Senator Waugh****PUBLIC SAFETY – FIREARMS DATABASE**

Requiring the Secretary of State Police to create and maintain a database containing information regarding the use of firearms in the commission of a crime and in self-defense; requiring the database to include certain information; and requiring the database to be open to the public.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

PS, § 5-147 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 908 **Senator Waugh, et al****PARTIAL REPEAL OF FIREARMS SAFETY ACT OF 2013**

Repealing the designation of certain firearms as assault weapons; repealing the prohibition on certain persons transporting an assault weapon into the State or possessing, selling, offering to sell, transferring, purchasing, or receiving an assault weapon; prohibiting, with certain exceptions, a person from transporting an assault pistol into the State or possessing, selling, offering to sell, transferring, purchasing, or receiving an assault pistol; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2018

CR, §§ 4-301 through 4-304 and 4-306 and PS, § 5-101 - amended and PS, Various Sections - repealed

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 909 **Senator Waugh****ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – CLASS 1 DISTILLERY LICENSE – ON-SITE CONSUMPTION PERMIT**

Authorizing the holder of a Class 1 distillery license to sell mixed drinks made from liquor manufactured by the license holder and other ingredients, for on-premises consumption; authorizing a local licensing board to grant an on-site consumption permit to the holder of a Class 1 distillery license; authorizing a local licensing board to establish and charge a fee for a certain permit; and requiring the holders of a certain permit to comply with certain requirements and restrictions.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

AB, § 2-202 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 910 **Senator Waugh****ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – CLASS 9 LIMITED DISTILLERY LICENSE – ON-SITE CONSUMPTION PERMIT**

Authorizing the Comptroller to grant a Class 9 limited distillery license to the holder of an on-site consumption permit; authorizing a holder of the permit to sell mixed drinks made from liquor that the holder produces and other ingredients for on-premises consumption; authorizing a local licensing board to establish and charge a fee for a certain permit; and requiring the holder of a certain permit to comply with certain requirements.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

AB, § 2-203 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 911 **Senator Waugh, et al****VETERAN SUICIDE PREVENTION – COMPREHENSIVE ACTION PLAN**

Requiring the Department of Veterans Affairs to develop a certain action plan to increase access to and the availability of professional veteran health services to prevent veteran suicides; requiring the plan to address certain matters; requiring the Department to collaborate with interested parties in developing the plan; requiring the Department to implement certain initiatives and reforms by June 30, 2022, and June 30, 2028; terminating the Act after June 30, 2028; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

SG, § 9-947 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 912 **Senator Ferguson, et al****MARYLAND PRENATAL AND INFANT CARE COORDINATION SERVICES GRANT PROGRAM FUND (THRIVE BY THREE FUND)**

Establishing the Maryland Prenatal and Infant Care Coordination Services Grant Program Fund to make grants to counties and municipalities to provide care coordination services and evidence-based supports or interventions to low-income pregnant and postpartum women and to children from birth to 3 years old; authorizing any county or municipality to apply for a grant; requiring that an application for a grant from the Fund include certain evidence and a certain plan; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

HG, §§ 24-1501 through 24-1505 and SF, § 6-226(a)(2)(ii)103. - added and SF, § 6-226(a)(2)(ii)101. and 102. - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 913 **Senator Ferguson****CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – BALTIMORE CITY – BALTIMORE REGIONAL EMPLOYMENT AND EDUCATION 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 CASA de Maryland, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of the Baltimore Regional Employment and Education Center, located in Baltimore City; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2018

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 914 **Senator Ferguson****CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – BALTIMORE CITY – JEWISH VOLUNTEER CONNECTION MAKERSPACE**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$250,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of The Associated: Jewish Community Federation of Baltimore, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of the Jewish Volunteer Connection Makerspace, 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

SB 915 Senator Ferguson**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – BALTIMORE CITY – LIBERTY SHIP S.S. JOHN W. BROWN**

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 Project Liberty Ship, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of the World War II Liberty Ship S.S. John W. Brown, 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

SB 916 Senator Ferguson**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – BALTIMORE CITY – WESTPORT COMMUNITY LAND TRUST**

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 Directors of the Westport Community Economic Development Corporation for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of rowhome properties for the Westport Community Land Trust, 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

SB 917 Senator Ferguson**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – BALTIMORE CITY – PRATT STREET AND HOWARD STREET PLAZA**

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 Bromo Tower Arts and Entertainment, Inc. and the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of the Pratt Street and Howard Street plaza, 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

SB 918 **Senator Ferguson****CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – BALTIMORE CITY – FEDERAL HILL
STREETSCAPE IMPROVEMENTS**

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 Federal Hill Main Street, Inc. and the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of the streetscape along Cross Street, Light Street, and Charles Street in Federal Hill, located in Baltimore City; requiring the grantee to provide and expend a certain matching fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2018

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 919 **Senator Ferguson****CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – BALTIMORE CITY – PORT
DISCOVERY CHILDREN’S MUSEUM**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$250,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of The Baltimore Children’s Museum, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of the Port Discovery Children’s Museum, 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

SB 920 **Senator Ferguson****CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – BALTIMORE CITY – BALTIMORE
MUSEUM OF INDUSTRY**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$225,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Trustees of the Baltimore Museum of Industry, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of the whirley crane at the Baltimore Museum of Industry, 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

SB 921 **Senator Hershey****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: Finance

SB 922 **Senator Hershey****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 provide certain referrals to certain treatment providers; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

HG, § 8-408 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 923 **Senator Hershey****MARYLAND ALL-PAYER MODEL AGREEMENT – MEDICARE SKILLED NURSING FACILITY 3-DAY RULE – WAIVER**

Requiring, on or before September 1, 2018, the Maryland Department of Health to request approval from the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation of a waiver of the Medicare Skilled Nursing Facility 3-Day Rule and its applicability to Medicare beneficiaries in the State; requiring the request to be included in a request by the Department for updates to and an extension of the Maryland All-Payer Model Agreement submitted to the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation under certain provisions of federal law; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

Assigned to: Finance

SB 924 **Senator Ferguson****PUBLIC HEALTH – SPLASH PADS – REGULATIONS**

Defining the term “splash pad” to mean an outdoor play area with sprinklers, fountains, nozzles, and other devices or structures that spray water and in which water is not allowed to accumulate and is not used for submersion of the human body; and authorizing the Secretary of Health to adopt rules and regulations to govern the sanitary condition of splash pads and any sanitary feature connected to a splash pad.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

HG, § 20-303.1 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 925 **Senator Kasemeyer****PROPERTY TAX – LIABILITY FOR PAYMENT OF TAX ON LEASED PROPERTY**

Providing that a lien that is the result of unpaid property tax of the lessee of certain interests in property of certain governmental entities does attach, under certain circumstances, to certain property; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

TP, § 10-403 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 926 **Senator Hershey****NATURAL RESOURCES – OYSTER PLANTING – SUBSTRATE MATERIAL**

Establishing that the Department of Natural Resources may plant or allow to be planted only certain native oyster shell, including fossilized native oyster shell, of the species *Crassostrea virginica* for use as substrate for an oyster restoration, propagation, or replenishment project; authorizing the Department to use certain alternate materials as substrate for a project if certain entities recommend or approve the use and after the Department prepares a certain analysis for and holds a public hearing on the project; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

NR, § 4-1016 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 927 Senator Benson**ALARM SYSTEMS – REGISTRATION AND RENEWAL – PENALTIES**

Authorizing a county and a municipality to impose a penalty against an alarm system contractor for the alarm system contractor's or the alarm user's failure to register an alarm system under certain circumstances; authorizing a county and a municipality to impose a penalty against an alarm system contractor for the alarm system contractor's or the alarm user's failure to renew an alarm system's registration under certain circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

LG, § 1-1312 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 928 Senator Benson, et al**PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY – PROPERTY TAX CREDIT – SUPERMARKETS**

Authorizing the governing body of Prince George's County to grant, by law, a property tax credit against the personal property tax imposed on personal property of a supermarket that completes certain construction and is located in a certain food desert retail incentive area; requiring the governing body of Prince George's County to designate what constitutes a food desert retail incentive area for purposes of the tax credit; applying the Act to all taxable years beginning after June 30, 2018; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2018

TP, § 9-318(h) - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 929 Senator Benson**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: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 930 Senator Benson**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY – THE TRAINING SOURCE**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$350,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of The Training Source, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of The Training Source facility, 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 931 Senator Benson**REAL PROPERTY – CONDOMINIUMS AND HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATIONS – DISPUTE SETTLEMENT**

Altering the procedures a council of unit owners or a board of directors of a condominium shall take before a penalty for a violation of the condominium’s rules can be imposed on an alleged violator; establishing procedures a board of directors or other governing body of a homeowners association shall take before a penalty for a violation of the homeowners association’s rules can be imposed on an alleged violator; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

RP, § 11-113 - amended and § 11B-111.7 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 932 Senator Ramirez**STATE LOTTERY AND GAMING CONTROL COMMISSION – VIDEO LOTTERY FACILITIES – REGULATIONS RELATING TO CHEATING**

Requiring the State Lottery and Gaming Control Commission to adopt certain regulations establishing certain procedures to address cheating and the use of cheating or thieving devices in certain video lottery facilities, parking areas, and adjacent facilities by certain persons or individuals; requiring the Commission to adopt certain regulations ensuring that certain individuals are charged with criminal trespass; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

SG, § 9-1A-04(d) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 933 **Senator Kasemeyer****MARYLAND COLLEGE INVESTMENT PLAN – STATE MATCH REQUIREMENT – REVISIONS**

Requiring the Maryland 529 Board to develop an application form for a certain State contribution program that includes certain information; altering the date by which a certain contribution must be made to receive a certain State matching contribution; altering the date by which the Board is required to develop and implement a certain outreach and marketing plan; providing for the retroactive application of the Act; etc.

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

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2018

ED, § 18-19A-04.1 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 934 **Senator Nathan–Pulliam, et al****STATE BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS – LICENSURE – FACULTY MEMBERS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY**

Requiring, under certain circumstances, that a dentist who is a faculty member at the University of Maryland School of Dentistry and was trained at a foreign dental school be qualified by the State Board of Dental Examiners to take a certain examination; requiring the Board to issue a general license to practice dentistry under certain circumstances; requiring a dentist who was issued a general license to practice dentistry under certain provisions of the Act to surrender the license under certain circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

HO, § 4-302(d) - amended and § 4-306.1 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 935 **Senator Salling****MARYLAND TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY – BROENING HIGHWAY/AUTHORITY DRIVE TOLL FACILITY – BYPASS**

Requiring the Maryland Transportation Authority to allow a vehicle to bypass the Broening Highway/Authority Drive toll facility under certain circumstances; and specifying that the Authority may satisfy the requirements of the Act by constructing and maintaining a certain jersey barrier.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

TR, § 4-312(c) - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 936 **Senators Hershey and Middleton**

DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES ADMINISTRATION –
COMMUNITY–BASED RESIDENTIAL PROGRAMS – DEFINITION OF
ALTERNATIVE LIVING UNIT

Altering the definition of “alternative living unit” under provisions of law relating to community–based residential programs under the Developmental Disabilities Administration and the operation of alternative living units.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

HG, § 7-101(d) - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 937 **Senator Kelley**

MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM – HOME– AND
COMMUNITY–BASED WAIVER SERVICES – PROHIBITION ON
DENIAL

Prohibiting the Maryland Department of Health from denying an individual access to a home– and community–based services waiver due to a lack of funding for waiver services if the individual is discharged from a certain health care facility directly to the individual’s home and is eligible for certain funding within 45 days after the discharge.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

HG, § 15-137 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 938 **Senator Kelley**

CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – SENTENCING GUIDELINES –
PREVIOUSLY ADJUDICATED DELINQUENT

Repealing the requirement that criminal sentencing guidelines adopted by the State Commission on Criminal Sentencing Policy set forth a range of increased severity for defendants who have been previously adjudicated delinquent.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

CP, § 6-208 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 939 **Senator Kelley**

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: Finance

SB 940 **Senator Brochin**

ELECTION LAW – POLLING PLACES – ELECTION JUDGES

Authorizing a local board of elections to provide election judges who are not registered with either the majority party or the principal minority party at a polling place in addition to providing an equal number of election judges from the majority party and the principal minority party; repealing a provision of law authorizing a local board to provide election judges who are not registered with either the majority party or the principal minority party only under certain circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2019

EL, § 10-201 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 941 **Senator Brochin**

CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – BALTIMORE COUNTY – BALTIMORE COUNTY ANIMAL SERVICES

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$100,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the County Executive and County Council of Baltimore County for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of a sound wall along the property line of the Baltimore County Animal Services facility, located in Baltimore 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 942 **Senators Brochin and Klausmeier****PROPERTY TAX – ELECTRONIC NOTIFICATION OF TAX SALES**

Requiring a certain property record account to include a contact e-mail address, if designated by the owner of the property; requiring the tax collector in Baltimore County, under certain circumstances, to send a certain statement and notice electronically to a certain e-mail address at least 30 days before certain property is advertised for sale; providing that failure of the collector to send the electronic statement and notice does not invalidate or affect certain taxes, sales, proceedings, or titles to property; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

TP, §§ 2-211(b) and 14-812 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 943 **Senator Nathan-Pulliam****MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM AND HEALTH INSURANCE – COVERAGE – HEPATITIS C DRUGS**

Requiring the Maryland Medical Assistance Program to provide coverage for certain hepatitis C drugs; requiring certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations to provide coverage for certain hepatitis C drugs; prohibiting certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations from denying an insured or enrollee coverage based on the insured or enrollee's level or severity of liver damage; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

HG, § 15-103(a)(2)(xi) and (xii) - amended and HG, § 15-103(a)(2)(xiii) and IN, § 15-853 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 944 **Senator Young****PUBLIC HEALTH – SUBCUTANEOUS IMPLANTING OF IDENTIFICATION DEVICE – PROHIBITION**

Prohibiting a person or an agent, a representative, or a designee of the State or a local government from requiring, coercing, or compelling an individual to undergo a certain implanting of a certain identification device; authorizing an individual who is implanted with a subcutaneous identification device in violation of a certain provision of the Act to file a civil action in a certain court within a certain time period; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

HG, §§ 20-1901 and 20-1902 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 945 **Senator Young****MOTOR VEHICLE INSURANCE – DISCRIMINATION IN UNDERWRITING AND RATING – USE OF OCCUPATION OR EDUCATION LEVEL**

Prohibiting an insurer, with respect to private passenger motor vehicle insurance, from refusing to underwrite, canceling, refusing to renew, rating a risk, or increasing a renewal premium based, in whole or in part, on the occupation, or on the education level attained by, the insured or applicant.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

IN, § 27-501(e-2) - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 946 **Senator Young****HEALTH INSURANCE – FREEDOM OF CHOICE OF LABORATORY ACT**

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

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2019

IN, §§ 15-2001 through 15-2005 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 947 **Senator Rosapepe****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: Finance

SB 948 **Senator Rosapepe****WASHINGTON SUBURBAN SANITARY COMMISSION – MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISES – SUBCONTRACTING**

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: Finance

SB 949 **Senator Rosapepe, 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: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs and Finance

SB 950 **Senator Eckardt****HEALTH OCCUPATIONS – TREATMENT OF LYME DISEASE AND OTHER TICK–BORNE DISEASES – DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS**

Prohibiting a certain health practitioner from being disciplined under certain circumstances solely because of the health practitioner’s diagnostic evaluation, testing, or treatment of Lyme disease or another tick–borne disease in a patient; authorizing a certain disciplinary body to discipline a certain health practitioner if the body makes a certain determination; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

HO, § 1-224 - added and § 1-604 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 951 **Senators Eckardt and Ferguson****TAX SALES – VACANT AND ABANDONED PROPERTY**

Authorizing all counties and municipal corporations to release liens for unpaid real property taxes or other charges and assessments to facilitate a transfer of real property if certain conditions are satisfied; authorizing a county to direct the tax collector to withhold certain real property from tax sale under certain circumstances; requiring a county to develop objective criteria for designating certain property to be withheld from tax sale; making conforming changes; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

TP, §§ 14-806, 14-811, 14-817(c), 14-824, and 14-833(c)(2), (f), and (g) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 952 **Senators Eckardt and Ferguson****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: Budget and Taxation

SB 953 **Senators Eckardt and Ferguson****TAX – PROPERTY – COLLATERALIZATION OF TAX LIEN SECURITIES**

Authorizing a county or municipal corporation to place tax liens into a trust for the purpose of issuing tax lien collateralized securities for certain purposes; providing that the securities are the obligation of the county or municipal corporation payable on certain conditions; providing that a tax lien collateralized security may not be issued under the Act unless approved by the governing body of the county or municipal corporation issuing the security; and requiring a county or municipal corporation to adopt certain rules and procedures.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

TP, § 14-807 - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 954 **Senators Eckardt and Ferguson****PROPERTY TAX – IN REM FORECLOSURE AND SALE – VACANT AND ABANDONED PROPERTY**

Requiring a tax collector to withhold from tax sale certain real property designated by a county or municipal corporation for sale under a certain process; authorizing a county or municipal corporation to initiate an in rem foreclosure and sale of certain real property for delinquent taxes; requiring a county or municipal corporation to enact certain laws authorizing in rem foreclosure and sale of certain real property; requiring the tax collector to commence an in rem foreclosure action; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

TP, § 14-811 - amended and §§ 14-873 through 14-880 - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 955 **Senator Eckardt****INCOME TAX – ANGEL INVESTOR TAX CREDIT PROGRAM**

Allowing a credit against the State income tax for a certain percentage of an investment made in a qualified innovation business, not to exceed \$50,000, or \$100,000 for a qualified investor that is a married couple filing jointly or a pass-through entity; requiring a qualified investor to meet certain requirements in order to be eligible for the credit; requiring the Department of Commerce to administer the credit; applying the Act to certain taxable years beginning after December 31, 2017; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

EC, § 2.5-109(a)(4) - amended and TG, § 10-746 - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 956 **Senator Eckardt****ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – MARYLAND BEER AND BREWERY PROMOTION PROGRAM – ESTABLISHMENT**

Establishing the Maryland Beer and Brewery Promotion Program in the Department of Commerce; providing for the purposes of the Program; establishing qualifications for participation in the Program; requiring an applicant to submit a certain application; authorizing the Program to provide certain grants to certain nonprofit organizations and government agencies, subject to a certain limitation; establishing the Maryland Beer and Brewery Promotion Fund as a special, nonlapsing fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

EC, §§ 5-1701 through 5-1705 - added and TG, § 2-301 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 957 **Senator Eckardt****INCOME TAX CREDITS – POULTRY HOUSES – LED LIGHTING AND SOLAR PANEL SYSTEMS**

Allowing a credit against the State income tax for expenses related to the installation of certain lighting systems on certain poultry houses; requiring the Maryland Energy Administration to administer the tax credit; requiring the Administration to issue tax credit certificates not exceeding \$5,000; requiring the Administration to approve applications for tax credits on a first-come, first-served basis and in a timely manner; applying the Act to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2017, but before January 1, 2023; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

TG, § 10-746 - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 958 **Senator Edwards****NATURAL RESOURCES – CHESAPEAKE AND ATLANTIC COASTAL BAYS 2010 TRUST FUND – PURPOSE AND AUTHORIZED USE OF FUNDS**

Renaming the Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays 2010 Trust Fund to be the Chesapeake Bay and State Waters Trust Fund; modifying the purpose of the Fund to include the restoration and protection of the health of the waters of the State; expanding the use of the Fund to include certain projects to improve and protect the health of the waters of the State; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

EN, § 9-1617.1(a)(2), NR, Various Sections, and TG, §§ 2-1104(a)(1) and (b)(3) and 2-1302.1(a)(2) and (b)(2) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 959 **Senator Edwards****NATURAL RESOURCES – HUNTING – BLACK BEARS**

Prohibiting a person from hunting or participating in a hunt for black bears without first obtaining a permit from the Department of Natural Resources; and establishing an exception, applicable in Allegany County and Garrett County and if the Department uses a lottery process to issue a limited number of permits, that authorizes a person to hunt black bears on property the person owns during the open season without a permit if the property is at least 100 acres in size and the person complies with all other applicable laws.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

NR, § 10-416.1 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 960 **Senator Edwards****MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST – PROPERTY SUBJECT TO HISTORIC PRESERVATION EASEMENT – APPLICATION FOR CHANGE OR ALTERATION**

Requiring the Maryland Historical Trust to notify, within a certain period of time, a certain applicant of the decision of the Director of the Maryland Historical Trust on an application for the change or alteration of a property subject to a certain historic preservation easement; and defining “general repair and maintenance”.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

SF, § 5A-320 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 961 **Calvert County Senators****CALVERT COUNTY – YOUTH RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FUND AND DISTRIBUTION FROM ADMISSIONS AND AMUSEMENT TAX REVENUES**

Requiring funds in the Calvert County Youth Recreational Opportunities Fund to be used for the sole purpose of completing the development of Ward Farm Recreation and Nature Park until the development of the park is complete; requiring the Calvert County Board of County Commissioners to adopt a certain plan after the development of the park is complete; altering certain distributions of revenue from the State’s admissions and amusement tax on electronic bingo and electronic tip jars in Calvert County; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

NR, § 5-1901 and TG, § 2-202(b) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 962 **Senator Hough, et al****COURTS – CERTIFICATE OF MERIT – PROVIDER OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES**

Requiring the contents of the certificate of a qualified expert to include a statement from a qualified expert that the licensed professional failed to meet an applicable standard of professional care and supervision; applying the Act prospectively; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

CJ, § 3-2C-02 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 963 **Senator Hough, et al****CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – VICTIM SERVICES UNIT – VICTIMS’
COMPENSATION**

Establishing a Victim Services Unit in the Governor’s Office of Crime Control and Prevention; transferring the Criminal Injuries Compensation Board from the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services to the Unit; transferring the program for sexual assault forensic examinations from the Maryland Department of Health to the Unit; requiring the Governor’s Office of Crime Control and Prevention to report on matters related to crime victims by December 31, 2020; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

CS, § 2-201(10) - repealed and § 2-201(11) through (14) - amended, CP, Various Sections - added and amended, and HG, § 15-127 - repealed

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 964 **Senator Lee****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: Finance

SB 965 **Senator Lee****FAMILY LAW – AGE OF MAJORITY – JURISDICTION OF COURT**

Providing that an equity court shall retain jurisdiction for the purpose of awarding child support, in accordance with the child support guidelines, for a child who has attained the age of 18 years and who is enrolled in secondary school; providing that an equity court shall retain jurisdiction for the purpose of awarding support for a young adult who has attained the age of 18 years and who is not enrolled in secondary school; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

FL, § 1-201 and GP, § 1-401 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 966 **Senators Ferguson and Rosapepe****RISE ZONES – EXPANSION AND INCOME TAX CREDIT**

Repealing a limitation on the number of Regional Institution Strategic Enterprise zones that may be approved in a county or municipal corporation; providing that a business entity in a RISE zone is eligible for a certain tax credit; authorizing certain business entities to apply for a certain tax credit certificate; requiring the Secretary of Commerce, in consultation with the Maryland Technology Development Corporation, to approve certain applications for certain tax credit certificates in a certain manner; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

EC, §§ 5-1404(f) and 5-1406 - amended and TG, § 10-746 - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 967 **Senator Ferguson, et al****HERITAGE STRUCTURE REHABILITATION TAX CREDIT –
COMMERCIAL REHABILITATIONS – TRANSFERABILITY AND
AFFORDABLE HOUSING**

Making the State income tax credit under the heritage structure rehabilitation tax credit program transferable and refundable under certain circumstances; authorizing an additional 5% tax credit for certain expenditures under the program for certain commercial rehabilitations that qualify as affordable housing; repealing a requirement that rehabilitation of certain structures be treated as a single commercial rehabilitation under the program; applying the Act to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2017; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

SF, § 5A-303(a) through (c) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 968 **Senator Eckardt****TASK FORCE ON RURAL INTERNET, BROADBAND, WIRELESS, AND CELLULAR SERVICE – STUDY AND EXTENSION**

Requiring the Task Force on Rural, Internet, Broadband, Wireless, and Cellular Service, in conducting a certain study, to solicit input from local governments, Internet service providers, and wireless service providers on identifying unserved and underserved areas in Western Maryland counties, Southern Maryland counties, Eastern Shore counties, and Frederick, Carroll, and Harford counties; extending the date by which the Task Force must report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly to November 30, 2018; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2018

Chs. 620 and 621 of the Acts of 2017, §§ 1(f) and (g) and 2 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 969 **Senator Manno, et al****PUBLIC HEALTH – ACCESS TO EMERGENCY CONTRACEPTION – STUDENT HEALTH CENTERS AND VENDING MACHINES**

Requiring a public institution of higher education to require a student health center to provide during the regular hours of operation of the student health center on-site access to certain emergency contraception and contraceptive counseling or referrals for contraceptive counseling to other qualified health care providers; requiring a public institution of higher education to ensure the availability of certain emergency contraception at all times, such as through vending machines or other similar devices; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

ED, § 15-123 - added and HG, § 21-1111 - amended

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

SB 970 **Senator Manno, et al****INCOME TAX CREDIT – ENDOW MARYLAND – CREDIT AMOUNTS**

Increasing from \$250,000 to \$1,000,000 the aggregate amount of State income tax credits the Department of Housing and Community Development is authorized to issue in a taxable year for donations to certain qualified permanent endowment funds at certain community foundations; and applying the Act to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2018.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

TG, § 10-736 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 971 **Senator Manno, et al****CORPORATIONS AND ASSOCIATIONS – RECORDATION AND FILING
– PROOF OF OCCUPATIONAL OR PROFESSIONAL LICENSE**

Prohibiting the State Department of Assessments and Taxation from accepting for recordation or filing certain documents unless the entity requesting the recordation or filing has provided the Department certain proof that the owner of the entity, or a member, a partner, or an authorized agent of the entity, holds a certain occupational or professional license; and applying the Act.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

CA, § 1-201 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 972 **Senator Manno, et al****INCOME TAX – SUBTRACTION MODIFICATION – FIRST-TIME
HOMEBUYER SAVINGS ACCOUNTS**

Allowing a subtraction modification under the Maryland income tax for contributions to a certain first-time homebuyer savings account during a taxable year and certain earnings on the account; providing that an account holder may claim the subtraction modification under certain circumstances; providing that transfers of money to or from the account are subject to certain requirements and limitations; applying the Act to all taxable years beginning after December 31, 2017; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

TG, § 10-208(w) - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 973 **Senator Manno****MARYLAND TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY – VIDEO TOLLS –
COLLECTION**

Clarifying that the Maryland Transportation Authority may refer certain unpaid video tolls and associated civil penalties to the Central Collection Unit for collection; authorizing the Authority to recall certain unpaid video tolls and associated civil penalties from the Central Collection Unit under certain circumstances; establishing that the Central Collection Unit may not collect certain unpaid video tolls and associated civil penalties under certain circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2018

SF, § 3-302 and TR, § 21-1414 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 974 **Senator Manno**

STATE GOVERNMENT – OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL – APPROPRIATION AND STAFFING (JUDICIAL USE, SPENDING, TRIAL, INVESTIGATION, AND CONSTITUTIONAL ERRATA (JUSTICE) ACT OF 2018)

Requiring the Governor to appropriate at least \$1,000,000 in fiscal year 2020, and each fiscal year thereafter, in addition to the Governor's appropriation in the State budget to the Office of the Attorney General, to be used for certain purposes.

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

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

SG, § 6-106.1 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 975 **Senator Nathan–Pulliam**

TASK FORCE TO STUDY DRUG ADDICTION AS A CHRONIC DISEASE

Establishing the Task Force to Study Drug Addiction as a Chronic Disease; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Task Force; 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 April 1, 2020; terminating the Act on September 30, 2020; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

Assigned to: Finance

SB 976 **Senators Klausmeier and Smith**

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: Budget and Taxation

SB 977 **Senator Klausmeier****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 to prepare a certain annual report; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

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

Assigned to: Finance

SB 978 **Senator Klausmeier, et al****CAREER PREPARATION EXPANSION ACT**

Requiring the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation to develop a certain mobile application to target industry employers where skills align with the skills developed through membership in the Career Technology Student Organization; requiring the State Department of Education to adopt regulations requiring the award of high school credit for certain apprenticeship programs; requiring the Secretary of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation to require certain information from each employing unit; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

BR, ED, and LE, Various Sections - added and amended

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

SB 979 **Senator Klausmeier****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: Finance

SB 980 **Senator Muse****INHERITANCE TAX – EXEMPTION – NIECES AND NEPHEWS**

Providing an exemption from the inheritance tax for property that passes from a decedent to or for the use of a niece or nephew of the decedent.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

TG, § 7-203(b) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 981 **Senator Muse, et al****HOSPITALS – DISCHARGE OF PATIENTS – EMERGENCY MEDICAL CONDITIONS AND EXTREME TEMPERATURES (REBECCA’S LAW)**

Prohibiting a hospital from discharging into extreme outdoor temperatures a patient that an employee of the hospital has reason to believe is suffering from an emergency medical condition and lacks certain capacity to seek shelter, without assistance, from the extreme temperatures; providing that a person who violates certain provisions of the Act shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction is subject to a fine of up to \$5,000 or imprisonment not to exceed 90 days or both; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

HG, § 19-308.8 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 982 **The President (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: Judicial Proceedings

SB 983 **Senator Miller**

MARYLAND HISTORICAL SOCIETY – FUNDING

Requiring that the Maryland Historical Society receive, for fiscal year 2020 and each fiscal year thereafter, \$250,000 from certain funds distributed to the Maryland State Arts Council from certain revenue distributed from the State admissions and amusement tax on electronic bingo and electronic tip jars.

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

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2018

TG, § 2-202(c) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 984 **Senator Zucker, et al**

GENERAL PROVISIONS – OPEN MEETINGS ACT – APPLICATION TO GOVERNOR’S CABINET AND GOVERNOR’S EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

Altering the definition of “public body” for the purposes of the Open Meetings Act to include the Governor’s cabinet and the Governor’s Executive Council and any committee of the Council; authorizing the cabinet and the Council and any committee of the Council to meet in closed session for cause subject to a certain provision of law; requiring that each open session of the cabinet and the Council and any committee of the Council be streamed live; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

GP, §§ 3-101(h), 3-206(b)(2)(ii), 3-305, and 3-306 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 985 **Senator Norman, et al**

CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – HARFORD COUNTY – THE CHILDREN’S CENTER OF NORTH HARFORD

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt in the amount of \$180,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of The Children’s Center of North Harford, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of the Baity Building at The Children’s Center of North Harford, located in Harford 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 986 Senator Kelley**STATE EMPLOYEE AND RETIREE HEALTH AND WELFARE BENEFITS PROGRAM – CONTRACEPTIVE DRUGS AND DEVICES AND MALE STERILIZATION**

Requiring the Secretary of Budget and Management to ensure that the State Employee and Retiree Health and Welfare Benefits Program complies with certain provisions of the Insurance Article relating to the coverage of contraceptive drugs and devices and male sterilization.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

SP, § 2-503(a) - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 987 Senator Kelley, et al**STATE FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT – GRANT TO INDIVIDUAL ERRONEOUSLY CONVICTED, SENTENCED, AND CONFINED**

Altering a provision of law to require, rather than authorize, the Board of Public Works to pay a certain grant to a certain individual who has been erroneously convicted, sentenced, and confined; requiring a certain grant made by the Board to include at least \$50,000 for each year that the individual was in custody, and a reasonable amount not exceeding \$10,000 for payment of the individual's living expenses on release from confinement; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

SF, § 10-501 - amended and § 10-502 - added and TG, § 10-207(gg) - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings and Budget and Taxation

SB 988 Senators Edwards and Serafini**CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM – MEMBERSHIP**

Altering the membership of the Correctional Officers' Retirement System to include certain individuals serving in certain positions in the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services; providing that certain members of the Correctional Officers' Retirement System who meet certain criteria may receive a normal service retirement allowance that is based on certain creditable service; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

SP, §§ 25-201 and 25-401 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 989 **Senator Edwards, et al****ONE MARYLAND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TAX CREDITS – SIMPLIFICATION AND ALTERATION**

Altering the definition of “qualified distressed county” by altering certain income levels in the definition and renaming it to be “Tier I county”; repealing a certain start-up tax credit under the One Maryland Economic Development Tax Credit Program; expanding the eligibility requirements for a certain project tax credit by altering, under certain circumstances, the number of qualified positions that must be created by a qualified business entity; altering the calculation of the project tax credit; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

EC, Various Sections - amended, repealed, and added and TG, § 10-210.1(a) and (b)(1) and (3) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 990 **Senator Norman, et al****CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – HARFORD COUNTY – MIRACLE LEAGUE BASEBALL FIELD**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt in the amount of \$125,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Miracle League of Harford County, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of the Miracle League Baseball Field, located in Harford County; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2018

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 991 **Senator Jennings****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: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 992 **Senator Jennings**SENIOR CITIZEN ACTIVITIES CENTERS – BINGO GAMES –
AUTHORIZATION

Allowing an individual who is at least 21 years old to conduct a bingo game involving cash prizes if the game is conducted at a certain senior citizen activities center in a certain manner.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

SG, § 9-1C-02 - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 993 **Senator Jennings**CORPORATIONS AND ASSOCIATIONS – FEE FOR PROCESSING
ARTICLES OF DISSOLUTION AND CERTIFICATES OF
CANCELLATION – REPEAL

Repealing the nonrefundable \$100 fee charged by the State Department of Assessments and Taxation for processing articles of dissolution and certificates of cancellation filed by certain business entities with the Department.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

CA, § 1-203(b)(1) and (4)(i) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 994 **Senator Peters, 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: Budget and Taxation

SB 995 **Senators Peters and Guzzone****CORPORATE INCOME TAX – SINGLE SALES FACTOR APPORTIONMENT**

Altering the formula used to apportion income to the State for corporations that carry on a trade or business in and out of the State; authorizing certain corporations to elect to use a certain formula to apportion certain income; applying the Act to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2017; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

TG, § 10-402 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 996 **Senator Peters, et al****INCOME TAX – SUBTRACTION MODIFICATION – MILITARY RETIREMENT INCOME – INDIVIDUALS AT LEAST 65 YEARS OLD**

Altering a subtraction modification under the State income tax for certain military retirement income for individuals who are at least 65 years old from \$10,000 to \$15,000; and applying the Act to all taxable years beginning after December 31, 2017.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

TG, § 10-207(q) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 997 **Senator Peters, et al****INCOME TAX – SUBTRACTION MODIFICATION – PERPETUAL CONSERVATION EASEMENTS**

Providing a subtraction modification under the Maryland income tax for the first \$250,000 in proceeds from the sale of a perpetual conservation easement on real property in the State; and applying the Act to all taxable years beginning after December 31, 2017.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

TG, § 10-207(gg) - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 998 **Senator Peters, et al****STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION – REAL SCHOOL GARDENS
PILOT PROGRAM – ESTABLISHED**

Establishing the REAL School Gardens Pilot Program; specifying the purpose of the Program; requiring certain counties to implement the Program; requiring the State Department of Education to implement the Program in coordination with REAL School Gardens; requiring the Governor’s proposed budget for fiscal year 2020 to appropriate \$200,000 to the Department to be used only for the Program; requiring the Department to obtain the services of an independent third party to conduct a certain review on or before June 30, 2020; etc.

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

ED, § 7-125 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 999 **Senators Peters and DeGrange****RECORDATION TAX – EXEMPTIONS**

Altering an exemption from recordation tax to include certain transactions of an original mortgagor; altering the definition of “business entity” to include a partnership and business trust to exempt from the recordation tax transfers between certain related business entities; and altering an exemption from recordation tax for certain transfers of a controlling interest.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

TP, §§ 12-108(g) and (p) and 12-117(c) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 1000 **Senator Peters****FUNERAL DIRECTORS, MORTICIANS, AND CREMATORY
OPERATORS – DISPOSITION OF BODY BY CREMATION –
REQUIREMENT AND LIABILITY**

Requiring a certain practitioner to dispose of the body of a decedent by cremation if the practitioner receives a certain authorizing document; prohibiting a certain practitioner from requesting or soliciting the consent of certain persons or considering the objection of certain persons to the cremation of a certain body before cremating a certain body if the practitioner received a certain document; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

HG, § 5-509.1 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 1001 Senators Peters and Rosapepe**MARYLAND SMALL BUSINESS RETIREMENT SAVINGS PROGRAM – REVISIONS**

Altering the entities for which the State Department of Assessments and Taxation is required to waive a certain filing fee; designating the Maryland Small Business Retirement Savings Board as a body politic and corporate; authorizing the appointing authority, rather than the Governor, to remove a member of the Board; altering a requirement related to the preparation, adoption, and review of a written statement of investment policy; authorizing, rather than requiring, the Board to procure certain insurance; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

CA, § 1-203(b)(14), LE, Various Sections, and SP, § 2-512(a) - amended and LE, § 12-101(e) - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation and Finance

SB 1002 Senator Pinsky, 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 Healthy 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: Finance

SB 1003 Senators Pinsky and PetersMAGNETIC LEVITATION TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM –
LIMITATIONS

Prohibiting a person from constructing a magnetic levitation transportation system or certain facilities or structures in a local jurisdiction unless the local legislative body and the local executive review and approve the construction; prohibiting a unit of State or local government from approving the construction, or condemnation of property for the construction, of a magnetic levitation transportation system or certain facilities or structures in a local jurisdiction unless certain local bodies review and approve; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2018

LU, § 7-105 - added, PU, §§ 1-101(y) and 5-407 - amended, and SF, § 7-238 - amended and § 7-239 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 1004 Senators Pinsky and PetersCOUNTIES – ASSET TRANSFER FOR HIGH-SPEED
TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM – HEARING AND APPROVAL
REQUIREMENTS

Requiring the governing body of a county to hold a public hearing before the transfer of an asset of the county as part of the development of a high-speed transportation system; requiring notice of the public hearing to be delivered by first-class mail to homeowners and businesses within 500 feet of the asset; requiring a supermajority vote for approval by certain county and municipal entities of a transfer of an asset of a county as part of the development of a high-speed transportation system; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

LG, § 12-413 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 1005 Senators Pinsky and Peters

COUNTIES AND MUNICIPALITIES – ASSET TRANSFER FOR HIGH-SPEED TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM – AGREEMENTS

Requiring a county, before the transfer of an asset of the county as part of the development of a high-speed transportation system that passes through the county, if the asset is located in a municipality, to negotiate a certain written agreement with the municipality concerning the approval by and financial remuneration to the municipality.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

LG, § 12-413 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 1006 Senator Pinsky

SEA LEVEL RISE INUNDATION AND COASTAL FLOODING – CONSTRUCTION, ADAPTATION, MITIGATION, AND DISCLOSURE

Altering the definition of the term “Coast Smart” for purposes of certain provisions of law relating to certain construction practices that address certain impacts associated with sea level rise and coastal flooding to apply to highway facilities; altering the application of certain design and siting criteria to apply, beginning on July 1, 2019, to certain State and local projects for which at least 30% of the project costs are funded with State funds; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

NR, §§ 3-1001 through 3-1004 - amended, NR, §§ 3-1009, 3-1012, 3-1015, and 3-1018 and RP, § 10-711 - added, and SF, § 3-602.3 - repealed

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 1007 Senator Pinsky

PRESCRIPTION DRUG MONITORING PROGRAM – OPIOID DATA – DISCLOSURE

Requiring the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program to disclose prescription drug monitoring data, in accordance with certain regulations, on the approval of the Secretary of Health, to the Attorney General for the purpose of law enforcement; requiring, rather than authorizing, the Program to make a certain notification and provide certain education to a certain prescriber or dispenser; requiring that the notification be made and the education be provided within a certain period of time; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

HG, § 21-2A-06 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 1008 Senator Jennings**HIGHER EDUCATION – DELEGATE SCHOLARSHIPS – QUALIFICATIONS**

Altering the qualifications for recipients of delegate scholarships; requiring applicants for a delegate scholarship to be either a resident of the State or, if the applicant is an individual who is on active duty with the United States military, domiciled in the State; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

ED, § 18-502 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 1009 Senators Guzzone and Conway**DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES – BIRD-SAFE BUILDING STANDARDS(MARYLAND BIRD-SAFE BUILDINGS ACT OF 2018)**

Requiring the Department of General Services to establish certain standards for State buildings to minimize adverse impacts on birds; requiring each building constructed, acquired, or substantially altered by the Department to meet the standards to the extent practicable; requiring the Department to reduce the lighting of existing public buildings in a certain manner; and requiring the Secretary of General Services to adopt certain regulations.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

SF, § 4-410 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 1010 Senator Zucker, 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: Finance

SB 1011 Senator Feldman, et al

PROTECT MARYLAND HEALTH CARE ACT OF 2018

Establishing the Maryland Insurance Stabilization Fund and the Health Insurance Down Payment Escrow Fund; specifying the purposes of the funds; requiring, beginning on a certain date, an individual to maintain certain coverage for certain individuals; requiring that an individual pay a certain payment under certain circumstances; requiring the Exchange to take certain steps to facilitate the enrollment of certain individuals into certain coverage under certain circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

IN, SF, and TG, Various Sections - added and SF, § 6-226(a)(2)(ii)101. and 102. - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 1012 Senator Feldman, 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: Finance

SB 1013 Senator Ready

FIRST RESPONDERS – MANDATORY AUTISM TRAINING

Requiring the Maryland Police Training and Standards Commission to develop an autism awareness training program for certain first responders; and requiring certain first responders to complete a certain autism awareness training program.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

PS, §§ 3-219 and 7-404 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 1014 Senator Ready**ESTATES AND TRUSTS – BREACH OF TRUST ACTION – LIMITATION PERIOD**

Establishing that the terms of a trust do not prevail over certain periods of limitation in bringing a judicial action; prohibiting a beneficiary from bringing a judicial action against a trustee for breach of trust more than 1 year after the date the beneficiary or the representative of the beneficiary is sent a certain report; providing that a certain report adequately discloses the existence of a potential claim for breach of trust for certain purposes; providing that the Act does not limit certain actions; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

ET, § 14.5-105 - amended and § 14.5-904 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 1015 Senator Miller**GAMING – FANTASY COMPETITIONS – OPERATORS AND VIDEO LOTTERY FACILITIES**

Authorizing the State Lottery and Gaming Control Commission to adopt certain regulations related to fantasy competitions; authorizing, subject to a certain referendum, the Commission to authorize the holder of a certain license to offer fantasy competitions to the public; submitting certain provisions of the Act to a referendum of the qualified voters of the State; etc.

CONTINGENT – EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

SG, § 9-1D-01 - amended and § 9-1D-02 - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 1016 Senator Rosapepe**STATE EMPLOYEE AND RETIREE HEALTH AND WELFARE BENEFITS PROGRAM – EXPANSION OF PARTICIPATING UNITS**

Requiring that, on the termination of any health benefits contract that exists on July 1, 2018, a county, municipal corporation, or county board must enroll and participate in the State Employee and Retiree Health and Welfare Benefits Program; requiring the Program to encompass all units in all county governments, municipal corporations, and county boards; requiring the Secretary of Budget and Management to adopt certain regulations specifying certain employees who are eligible to participate in the Program with certain subsidies; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

SP, §§ 2-501, 2-502, 2-507(a), 2-512(a), and 2-513 - amended and § 2-503(d)(4) - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 1017 Senator Robinson**ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – CLASS 5 BREWERIES – ON-PREMISES SALES**

Raising to 25,000 the maximum number of barrels of beer that a holder of a Class 5 brewery license may sell for on-premises consumption in a single year; repealing a certain procedure under which a holder of a Class 5 license may sell an additional 1,000 barrels of beer for on-premises consumption; and repealing the requirement for the Comptroller annually to report certain information regarding the sale of additional beer to certain legislative committees.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

AB, § 2-207(f) and (k) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 1018 Senator Robinson**STATE GOVERNMENT – STATE SONG – REVISION**

Revising the State song to be the poem “Maryland, my Maryland!”, written by Sean Tully in 2017 and derived from the poem “Maryland! My Maryland!”, written by James Ryder Randall in 1861.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

GP, § 7-318 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 1019 Senator Robinson**LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT – STATE MINIMUM WAGE RATE – INCREASE**

Specifying the State minimum wage rate that is in effect for certain time periods for certain employers, including midsized and small employers; increasing, except under certain circumstances, the State minimum wage rate in effect for certain periods of time based on certain calculations; requiring the Commissioner of Labor and Industry, beginning at a certain time, to annually determine and announce the growth in the Consumer Price Index, if any, and the new State minimum wage rate under a certain provision of the Act; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

LE, § 3-413 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 1020 Senator Conway**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: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 1021 Senator Conway**COMMUNITY COLLEGES – BACCALAUREATE DEGREES – PROHIBITION**

Prohibiting community colleges from awarding baccalaureate degrees; requiring baccalaureate degrees to be awarded by public senior higher education institutions, private nonprofit institutions of higher education, or out-of-state senior higher education institutions or for-profit institutions of higher education under certain circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2018

ED, § 16-108 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 1022 Senator Conway**BALTIMORE CITY – PROPERTY TAX CREDIT – RENTAL DISCOUNT FOR BALTIMORE CITY PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICERS**

Authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City to grant, by law, a property tax credit against the property tax imposed on certain rental dwellings in Baltimore City; establishing that qualified landlords that provide certain rental discounts to certain public safety officers may be eligible for the tax credit; providing that, for a taxable year, qualified landlords that receive the credit are ineligible to receive certain other credits against the county property tax in that taxable year; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2018

TP, § 9-304(k) - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 1023 Senator Conway, et al**HEALTH – DRUG COST REVIEW COMMISSION**

Establishing the Drug Cost Review Commission; providing for the purpose of the Commission; providing for the membership of the Commission; requiring certain conflicts of interest to be disclosed and considered when appointing members to the Commission; specifying the terms of the initial members of the Commission; providing for the election of the chair of the Commission and requiring the chair to hire certain staff; requiring that the staff of the Commission receive a certain salary; etc.

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

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

HG, §§ 21-2C-01 through 21-2C-11 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 1024 Senator Conway**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 on or before a December 1, 2018 that include a certain application process to begin accepting applications on or before a 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: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs and Finance

SB 1025 Senator Madaleno, et al**DEPARTMENT OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES – STUDY – SALES AND USE TAX COLLECTION BY OUT-OF-STATE VENDORS**

Requiring the Department of Legislative Services to retain an independent consultant to study certain matters concerning the impact, collection, and administration of the sales and use tax with respect to sales or deliveries by out-of-state vendors to customers in the State; requiring the Department to report to the Governor and certain committees of the General Assembly on or before July 1, 2019; and terminating the Act after June 30, 2019.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2018

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 1026 Senator Madaleno**MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH – EMPLOYED BENEFICIARIES OF ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS**

Requiring the Maryland Department of Health annually to identify the 50 employers that have the highest number of employees receiving certain medical assistance or benefits; requiring the Department, on or before February 1 each year, to report to the General Assembly certain information regarding each of the identified employers; requiring the reports to be made available to the public on the Department's website; authorizing the Department to establish interagency agreements to obtain certain information; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

HG, § 15-1101 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 1027 Senator Madaleno, et al**HIGHER EDUCATION – TRANSFER STUDENT EDUCATION RECORDS – REQUIREMENTS**

Requiring an institution of higher education, within 30 days after accepting a student to transfer to the institution, to request and obtain records of any disciplinary actions taken against the student from certain institutions of higher education; requiring the institution of higher education to impose certain individualized conditions on the attendance and enrollment of a certain student who has violated a certain sexual assault policy; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

ED, § 11-602 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 1028 Senator Madaleno, et al**HEALTH OCCUPATIONS – CONVERSION THERAPY FOR MINORS – PROHIBITION (YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH PROTECTION ACT)**

Prohibiting certain mental health or child care practitioners from engaging in conversion therapy with individuals who are minors; providing that a certain mental health or child care practitioner who engages in conversion therapy with a minor shall be considered to have engaged in unprofessional conduct subject to disciplinary action; defining “conversion therapy” as a practice or treatment by a mental health or child care practitioner that seeks to change an individual’s sexual orientation or gender identity; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

HO, § 1-212.1 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 1029 Senator Madaleno, et al**OIL AND GAS DRILLING AND PRODUCTION – RESTRICTIONS**

Proposing an amendment to the Maryland Constitution to impose certain restrictions on the drilling or production of oil or gas in the State and to prohibit the General Assembly, on or after November 15, 2018, from authorizing any drilling for oil or gas except by an act passed in a certain manner and if approved through a certain referendum; and submitting the amendment to the qualified voters of the State for their adoption or rejection.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT – CONTINGENT

Maryland Constitution, Art. XX, § 1 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 1030 Senator Hough**OFF-HIGHWAY RECREATIONAL VEHICLE FUND – ESTABLISHMENT**

Establishing the Off-Highway Recreational Vehicle Fund in the Department of Natural Resources; providing that the Fund consists of certain money and certain revenue; requiring the Fund to be used for the acquisition, construction, and maintenance of trails for use by off-highway recreational vehicles; requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration to remit to the Comptroller one-half of the revenues collected for the off-highway recreational vehicle titling fee for deposit into the Fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

NR, § 5-209.1 and SF, § 6-226(a)(2)(ii)103. - added and TR, §§ 12-120 and 13-802 and SF, § 6-226(a)(2)(ii)101. and 102. - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 1031 Senators Hough and Lee**VEHICLE LAWS – MANUFACTURERS AND DEALERS – CONSUMER DATA PROTECTION**

Prohibiting manufacturers, distributors, and factory branches, or their agents, from requiring or coercing a dealer to share consumer data from the dealer's data management system in certain manners; prohibiting manufacturers, distributors, and factory branches, or their agents, from taking adverse action against a dealer for refusing to share certain consumer data; requiring manufacturers, distributors, and factory branches, or their agents, to provide certain indemnification to dealers; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

TR, § 15-207.1 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 1032 Senator Hough**FREDERICK COUNTY – SCENIC RIVER ADVISORY BOARD – COMPOSITION**

Altering the composition of a scenic river advisory board in Frederick County if the scenic or wild river for which the board was created flows through Frederick County and one or more other counties.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

NR, § 8-403 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 1033 Senator Hough, et al**PUBLIC SENIOR HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS –
DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS – STUDENTS AND STUDENT
ORGANIZATIONS**

Establishing the right to an attorney or a nonattorney advocate for a student or student organization at public senior higher education institutions at certain disciplinary proceedings designed to address a violation of the institution's rules; requiring certain represented persons to pay for the attorney or nonattorney advocate; authorizing the attorney or nonattorney advocate to participate throughout the disciplinary proceedings, including by performing certain services; applying the Act; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

ED, §§ 11-1401 through 11-1408 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 1034 Senator Hough, et al**HUMAN SERVICES – STATE PUBLIC ASSISTANCE ELIGIBILITY –
ARREST WARRANT**

Prohibiting an individual from being eligible for public assistance funded by the State under certain programs during a month in which the individual is the subject of an arrest warrant.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

HU, § 5-609 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 1035 Senator Smith**DECLARATION OF RIGHTS – RIGHT TO INFORMATION**

Proposing an amendment to the Maryland Constitution to establish that the Constitution of the United States of America provides to the people of the State a representative government and guarantees the rights of free speech, assembly, and petition, and that the public has a right to have access to information in a timely, open, and transparent manner regarding how, when, and by and from whom funds are raised and spent to influence State elections, governmental actions in selecting candidates for office, and ballot questions; etc.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT – CONTINGENT

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

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 1036 Senator Smith

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: Judicial Proceedings

SB 1037 Senator Smith

MONTGOMERY COUNTY – FIRE AND EXPLOSIVE INVESTIGATOR – DEFINITION

Altering a certain definition to provide that a Montgomery County fire and explosive investigator is an individual who is assigned full time to the Fire and Explosive Investigations Section of the Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service, rather than the Montgomery County Fire Marshal’s Office.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

CP, § 2-208.1(a) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 1038 Senator Smith, et al

CRIMINAL LAW – ANIMAL CRUELTY – SENTENCING CONDITIONS AND SELLING BAN

Authorizing a court as a condition of sentencing to prohibit a defendant convicted of certain crimes relating to cruelty against animals from owning, possessing, or residing with an animal for a certain period of time, including the life of the defendant; prohibiting a person convicted of certain crimes relating to cruelty against animals from selling, offering for sale, or trading an animal, except to dispose of an animal in accordance with a court order; and providing penalties for violation of the Act.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

CR, §§ 10-606, 10-607, 10-607.1, and 10-608 - amended and § 10-608.1 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 1039 Senator Smith, et al**CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT – CANNABIS – USE, POSSESSION, CULTIVATION, AND SALE**

Amending the Maryland Constitution to establish that, subject to certain exceptions, an individual in the State who is at least 21 years old may under State law use cannabis, possess up to 1 ounce of cannabis, cultivate up to 6 cannabis plants, and share a certain amount of cannabis; providing that the amendment does not require or prohibit certain employment policies, authorize certain driving conduct, or change certain existing laws, with a certain exception; etc.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT – CONTINGENT

Maryland Constitution, Art. XX, §§ 1 and 2 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 1040 Senator Smith, et al**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – DORCHESTER COUNTY – PATRIOT POINT**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$500,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Patriot Point LLC for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of the Patriot Point retreat facility, located in Dorchester 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 1041 Senator Smith**EDUCATION – TEACHER CERTIFICATION – MONTESSORI SCHOOLS**

Making an individual eligible for a certificate to teach students in a Montessori school if the individual meets certain requirements; authorizing the State Board of Education to require an individual to successfully pass an examination to be certified under the Act; providing that, subject to a certain exception, an individual that satisfies the requirements under the Act may not be required to meet any additional requirements to be certified to teach students at a Montessori school; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

ED, § 6-123 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 1042 Senator Smith, et al**ACCESS TO MARYLAND COURTS ACT**

Authorizing a court to award to a prevailing plaintiff reasonable attorney's fees and expenses in certain actions seeking to remedy a violation of a certain provision of the Maryland Constitution or the Maryland Declaration of Rights; authorizing a court to award reasonable attorney's fees and expenses to a prevailing defendant under certain circumstances; providing that the combined total of certain damages and certain attorney's fees and expenses awarded may not exceed certain limits on liability; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

CJ, §§ 3-2101 and 3-2102 - added and CJ, § 5-303(a) and SG, §§ 12-104(a) and 12-109 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 1043 Senators Kagan and Reilly**ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – BEER FRANCHISE AGREEMENTS – NOTICE OF NONRENEWAL OR TERMINATION**

Altering the policy of the State regarding beer franchise agreements; limiting the application of the time frame for nonrenewal or termination of a beer franchise agreement to a large franchisor that manufactures more than a certain number of barrels of beer each year; establishing a requirement regarding the nonrenewal or termination of a beer franchise agreement for a small franchisor that manufactures a certain number of barrels of beer or less each year; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

AB, §§ 5-101, 5-103, 5-107, and 5-108 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 1044 Senator Salling**ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – CLASS 5 BREWERIES – ON-PREMISES CONSUMPTION – HOURS OF OPERATION**

Repealing certain restrictions on individuals to whom a Class 5 brewery may sell and deliver beer; specifying that a Class 5 brewery license entitles the holder to sell certain beer to an individual for on-premises consumption; altering the hours of operation for serving or selling beer for on-premises consumption at Class 5 breweries by specifying the hours for a Class 5 brewery with a certain permit and a certain license and the hours for a Class 5 brewery without a certain permit and a certain license; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

AB, § 2-207(c), (f), and (h) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 1045 Senator KaganSTATE GOVERNMENT – GRANTS AND CONTRACTS –
REIMBURSEMENT OF INDIRECT COSTS

Requiring that the terms of a certain grant or contract allow for reimbursement of indirect costs at the same rate the nonprofit organization has negotiated to receive for certain reimbursement or, under certain circumstances, at a rate of at least 10%; and applying the Act.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

SF, § 2-208 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 1046 Senator Kagan

GAS PRICE CLARITY ACT OF 2018

Altering the information about a certain measurement of certain gasoline that must be stated on a sign on the premises of a retail service station dealer to require the highest price, or the cash price and the credit price, be stated in a clear and visible manner; authorizing a certain sign to state the highest price for a certain measurement of certain other motor fuel products; and repealing a certain exemption from a certain signage requirement for certain retail service station dealers.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

BR, § 10-315 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 1047 Senator KaganCONSUMER PROTECTION – SCANNING OR SWIPING
IDENTIFICATION CARDS AND DRIVER’S LICENSES – PROHIBITION

Prohibiting a person from using a scanning device to scan or swipe an identification card or a driver’s license of an individual to obtain personal information of the individual; prohibiting a person from retaining, selling, or transferring to another person any information collected from scanning or swiping an individual’s identification card or driver’s license under certain circumstances; providing a violation of the Act constitutes an unfair or deceptive trade practice under the Maryland Consumer Protection Act; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

CL, § 14-1326 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 1048 Senator Smith, et al**SECURE AND ACCESSIBLE REGISTRATION ACT**

Redesignating electronic voter registration agencies as automatic voter registration agencies; requiring automatic voter registration agencies to inform an applicant completing an applicable transaction that the applicant shall be registered to vote or shall have a voter registration record updated unless the applicant declines these services or is determined not to be eligible to register to vote; requiring automatic voter registration agencies to implement automatic voter registration by July 1, 2019; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019

EL, §§ 3-203, 3-204.2, and 16-101 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 1049 Senator Smith, et al**HIGHER EDUCATION – ENDOWED UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF MARYLAND SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM – ESTABLISHED**

Establishing the Endowed University System of Maryland Scholarship Program; authorizing the Board of Regents of the University System of Maryland to transfer up to \$50,000,000 from the non-State supported fund balance to a certain quasi-endowment fund; establishing the Endowed University System of Maryland Scholarship Fund as a quasi-endowment fund; specifying the purpose of the Fund is to provide scholarships to certain low-income Maryland residents; requiring the Board to administer the Fund; etc.

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

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

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation and Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 1050 Senator Smith, et al**CIVIL ACTIONS – BODY ATTACHMENT – PROCEDURES**

Requiring a judicial officer to give a certain individual taken into custody on a body attachment the opportunity to make a complete declaration of the individual's income and assets on a certain form; requiring a judicial officer to release an individual on personal recognizance without any additional conditions and to provide a copy of a certain declaration to a certain judgment creditor under certain circumstances; and requiring the Court of Appeals to adopt a certain form.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

CJ, § 6-411 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 1051 Senator Kagan**PUBLIC SAFETY – 9–1–1 EMERGENCY TELEPHONE SYSTEM – TRUST FUND AND FEES (CARL HENN'S LAW)**

Authorizing the Emergency Number Systems Board to use the 9–1–1 Trust Fund to reimburse counties for capital and operating costs of a certain enhanced 9–1–1 system under certain circumstances; and altering the method for calculating the 9–1–1 fee and a certain additional fee.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

PS, §§ 1-308, 1-310, and 1-311 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 1052 Senator Kagan**9–1–1 TRUST FUND – PUBLIC SAFETY ANSWERING POINT – MANDATORY REPORTING**

Prohibiting a director of a certain public safety answering point from requesting or receiving any money from a certain 9–1–1 Trust Fund unless, under certain circumstances, the director generates certain reports and submits those reports to certain entities; specifying that certain reports are not subject to the Public Information Act; and specifying that certain entities may discuss certain information only in certain closed sessions or executive sessions.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

PS, § 1-308 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 1053 Senator Kagan**PUBLIC SAFETY – 9–1–1 PUBLIC SAFETY TELECOMMUNICATORS – BENEFITS**

Expanding the eligibility for the Edward T. and Mary A. Conroy Memorial Scholarship Program to include certain 9–1–1 public safety telecommunicators and eligible dependents of 9–1–1 public safety telecommunicators; authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City or the governing body of a county or of a municipal corporation to grant a property tax credit for 9–1–1 public safety telecommunicators; providing that the credit may not exceed \$2500 per dwelling and the amount of property tax imposed on the dwelling; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2018

ED, § 18-601(a)(5) - amended and PS, § 1-202.1 and TP, § 9-261 - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 1054 Senator Kagan**PUBLIC INFORMATION ACT – 9–1–1 COMMUNICATIONS – DENIAL OF PART OF A PUBLIC RECORD**

Requiring a custodian of records to deny inspection of the part of a 9–1–1 communications record that contains certain information, subject to a certain exception; authorizing a custodian to redact certain information if a failure to do so would result in a constructive denial of the entire public record; requiring a custodian to allow inspection by the person in interest; providing that the Act may not be construed to affect the discovery or evidentiary rights of certain parties; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

GP, § 4-341 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 1055 Senator Hershey**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – KENT COUNTY – KENT SCHOOL**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$200,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Trustees of the Kent School, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of a new HVAC system at Kent School, located in Kent 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 1056 Senator Hershey, et al**RURAL HEALTH COLLABORATIVE PILOT**

Establishing the Rural Health Collaborative Pilot in the Maryland Department of Health to lead a regional partnership in building a rural health care system that enhances access to and utilization of health care services designed to meet certain goals; establishing a Rural Health Care Collaborative Executive Committee; requiring the Committee to appoint an Executive Director of the Collaborative; requiring the Collaborative to direct the establishment of certain rural health complexes; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

HG, §§ 2-901 through 2-908 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 1057 Cecil County Senators**CECIL COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – ALCOHOL AWARENESS PROGRAM**

Requiring a license holder in Cecil County to ensure that each individual employed in a supervisory capacity and each bartender at a licensed premises be certified by an approved alcohol awareness program; requiring at least one certified individual to be present on the licensed premises at all times when alcoholic beverages may be sold; providing that, if at least 5 years have elapsed since a certain violation, a certain subsequent violation will be considered a first offense for a certain purpose; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

AB, §§ 17-1901 and 17-2802 - amended and § 17-1903 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 1058 Senator Hershey, et al**RENEWABLE ENERGY – OFFSHORE WIND PROJECTS – DISTANCE REQUIREMENTS**

Altering from between 10 to 30 to not less than 26 nautical miles the distances required of certain qualified offshore wind projects from the State shoreline; prohibiting the Public Service Commission from approving certain offshore wind projects unless certain wind turbines are installed; requiring certain wind turbines to be installed in a certain manner for certain purposes; excluding from the calculation of certain ORECs the generation or capacity of certain wind turbines; requiring the Commission to enter a certain order; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

PU, §§ 7-701(k) and (n), 7-704.1(e) and (f), and 7-704.2(c) - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 1059 Senators Kagan and Benson**MOTOR VEHICLE INSURANCE – DISCRIMINATION IN UNDERWRITING AND RATING – USE OF MARITAL STATUS OR GENDER**

Repealing a certain provision of law prohibiting an insurer, with respect to private passenger motor vehicle insurance, from increasing a certain premium for a certain spouse based on a certain change in marital status; and prohibiting an insurer, with respect to private passenger motor vehicle insurance, from refusing to underwrite, canceling, refusing to renew, rating a risk, or increasing a renewal premium based, in whole or in part, on the marital status or the gender of the insured or applicant.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

IN, § 27-501(e-2) - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 1060 Senator Kagan, 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; requiring a nonpublic school that is found to have engaged in or be engaging in a certain discriminatory act to repay to the General Fund all State funds; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

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

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 1061 Senators Kagan and Pinsky**BALLOT ACCESS – VOTER REGISTRATION – AFFILIATING WITH A PARTY**

Allowing voters who have declined to affiliate with a political party to affiliate with a party at any time individuals may register to vote; requiring an election judge to follow certain procedures to determine the voter's qualifications if a voter who has declined to affiliate with a political party requests to affiliate with a party during early voting; altering provisions relating to early voting to allow voters who have declined to affiliate with a political party to affiliate with a party and be issued a ballot to vote; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

EL, §§ 3-303 and 3-305 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 1062 Baltimore City Senators (By Request – Baltimore City Administration)**WEAPON CRIMES – DETACHABLE MAGAZINES AND REGULATED FIREARMS – POSSESSION**

Prohibiting a person from possessing a certain detachable magazine that has a capacity of more than 10 rounds of ammunition; prohibiting a person from possessing a regulated firearm if the person was previously convicted of a certain crime involving possessing, owning, carrying, or transporting a firearm after having been convicted of a certain other crime; and applying certain penalties.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

CR, § 4-305 and PS, § 5-133(c) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION INTRODUCED February 5, 2018**SJ 10** Senator Kelley**POSTCONVICTION REVIEW – CONVICTIONS RESULTING FROM PLEAS**

Stating the intent of the General Assembly that a criminal defendant who seeks postconviction review under a certain provision of law may not be precluded from seeking relief because a certain conviction was the result of a guilty plea, an Alford plea, or a plea of nolo contendere.

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SENATE BILLS REASSIGNED February 5, 2018**SB 723 Senator Lee****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

Reassigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 725 Senator Zirkin**BULLYING, CYBERBULLYING, HARASSMENT, AND INTIMIDATION
– CIVIL RELIEF AND SCHOOL RESPONSE**

Authorizing a victim of cyberbullying or a parent or guardian of a victim of cyberbullying to bring a certain action for injunctive relief against a certain individual; authorizing a school principal to make a certain report if, after an investigation is completed, the school principal has reason to believe that a student has engaged in conduct that constitutes a certain criminal offense; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

CJ, §§ 3-2101 through 3-2104 and 5-643 - added and ED, §§ 7-303.1 and 7-305.2 - added and §§ 7-424(a), 7-424.1, and 7-424.3 - amended

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