



# SYNOPSIS

Senate Bills and Joint Resolutions  
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## SENATE BILLS INTRODUCED February 9, 2018

### **SB 1072** Caroline County Senators

#### CAROLINE COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – BED AND BREAKFAST LICENSE

Establishing a 7-day Class B–BB (bed and breakfast) on–sale beer, wine, and liquor license in Caroline County; providing the qualifications that must be met for the issuance or renewal of the license; authorizing the license holder to sell alcoholic beverages to guests of certain catered events on– and off–premises under certain circumstances; authorizing the license holder to allow certain guests to consume personal alcoholic beverages on the premises under certain circumstances and subject to a certain limitation; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

AB, § 15-1001 - added

Assigned to: Senate Rules

### **SB 1073** Senator Pinsky

#### RAILROAD COMPANIES – CONDEMNATION AUTHORITY – APPLICATION

Establishing that certain authority of railroad companies to acquire property by condemnation does not apply to an entity that owns or operates a railroad powered by a magnetic levitation propulsion system, or passenger or freight transportation for which pressurized capsules or pods travel at high speed in reduced–pressure tubes.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

PU, § 5-409 - amended

Assigned to: Senate Rules

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**SB 1074 Senator Mathias****HEALTH INSURANCE AND PHARMACY BENEFITS MANAGERS – REIMBURSEMENT FOR AND PROVISION OF PHARMACY SERVICES**

Authorizing a pharmacist or a pharmacy to decline to dispense a prescription drug or provide a pharmacy service to a member if the amount reimbursed by an insurer, a nonprofit health service plan, or a health maintenance organization is less than the acquisition cost; prohibiting a pharmacy benefits manager from reimbursing a pharmacy or pharmacist for a product or a pharmacy service in an amount less than the amount the pharmacy benefits manager reimburses itself for the same product or pharmacy service; applying the Act; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

IN, §§ 15-1012 and 15-1632 - added

Assigned to: Senate Rules

**SB 1075 Senator Mathias****HEALTH INSURANCE – FREEDOM OF CHOICE OF PHARMACY ACT**

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

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2019

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

Assigned to: Senate Rules

**SB 1076 Senator Mathias****HEALTH INSURANCE – ACCESS TO AND COVERAGE OF SPECIALTY DRUGS – DEFINITION**

Altering the definition of “specialty drug” for purposes of certain provisions of law governing access to specialty drugs through certain pharmacies so as to include a drug designated as a limited distribution drug, a drug that is not available in an oral or self-administered formulation, or a drug that requires special handling above and beyond refrigeration or patient counseling; etc.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2019

IN, § 15-847 - amended and § 15-547.1 - added

Assigned to: Senate Rules

**SB 1077 Senator Mathias****PHARMACY BENEFITS – PROCESSING AND ADJUDICATION OF CLAIMS – RESTRICTIONS ON FEES**

Prohibiting pharmacy benefits managers and certain purchasers from directly or indirectly charging a contracted pharmacy, or holding a contracted pharmacy responsible for, certain fees; and defining “contracted pharmacy”.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

IN, § 15-1628.2 - added

Assigned to: Senate Rules

**SB 1078 Senator Benson****MEDICAL CANNABIS – ADVERTISING – RESTRICTIONS**

Prohibiting a certifying provider, dispensary, processor, or grower or officers, managers, and employees of the certifying provider, dispensary, processor, or grower from cooperating, directly or indirectly, in advertising if the advertising has the purpose or effect of steering or influencing patient or caregiver choice of a certifying provider or approved medical cannabis product; prohibiting an advertisement for cannabis from containing certain statements, offers, or images; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

HG, § 13-3317 - added

Assigned to: Senate Rules

**SENATE BILLS REASSIGNED February 8, 2018****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

Reassigned to: Finance and Budget and Taxation

**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

Reassigned 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

Reassigned to: Finance and Budget and Taxation

**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

Reassigned 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

Reassigned to: Judicial Proceedings