



SYNOPSIS

Senate Bills and Joint Resolutions
2018 Maryland General Assembly Session

January 15, 2018
Schedule 4

PLEASE NOTE: January 23 – Bill request deadline.
February 2 – Bill introduction deadline.
All bills should be given to the Secretary of the Senate's office by 5:00 P.M. on Monday, February 5.
As required by Senate Rule 32(b), bills introduced after this date will be referred to the Senate Rules Committee.

SENATE BILLS INTRODUCED January 15, 2018

SB 156 **Senators Norman and Salling**

PUBLIC SAFETY – HANDGUN PERMIT – CHURCH OR RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATION PROPERTY

Requiring the Secretary of State Police to issue a handgun permit to a person who is otherwise qualified, has the consent of a bona fide church or religious organization to carry a handgun on the property of the church or religious organization during services and gatherings, and has the intent to wear, carry, or transport a handgun for purposes related to self-protection or the protection of others while on the property of the church or religious organization; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

PS, §§ 5-306(a) and 5-307 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

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SB 157 **Senator Brochin, et al****COURTS – SMALL CLAIMS – JURISDICTIONAL LIMIT**

Increasing from \$5,000 to \$7,500 the minimum amount in controversy in civil cases over which the District Court and the circuit courts have concurrent jurisdiction; increasing from \$5,000 to \$7,500 the maximum amount of money over which the District Court has exclusive jurisdiction in a small claim action; increasing from \$5,000 to \$7,500 the minimum amount in controversy in civil cases in which appeals from the District Court are required to be heard on the record; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

CJ, §§ 4-402(d)(1)(i), 4-405, and 12-401(f) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 158 **Senator Rosapepe****HOMESTEAD PROPERTY TAX CREDIT PROGRAM – ELIGIBILITY AWARENESS**

Requiring the State Department of Assessments and Taxation, on or before February 1, 2019, and at least every 3 years thereafter, to identify homeowners who may be eligible for but have failed to apply for a certain homestead property tax credit; and requiring the Department to contact each homeowner identified under the Act by mail to inform the homeowner that the homeowner may be eligible for the property tax credit and how to apply for the credit.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

TP, § 9-105(f) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 159 **Senator Edwards****CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – WASHINGTON COUNTY – HANCOCK COMMUNITY POOL**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$100,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Hancock for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of a community pool for the Town of Hancock, located in Washington 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 160 **Senator Nathan–Pulliam, et al**

JUVENILE LAW – TRUANCY – AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Altering the application of a certain affirmative defense to certain charges relating to truancy to be statewide.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

ED, § 7-301(e) and (e-1) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 161 **Senator Nathan–Pulliam, et al**

PUBLIC AND NONPUBLIC SCHOOLS – STUDENT SICKLE CELL DISEASE MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS

Requiring the State Department of Education and the Maryland Department of Health to establish certain guidelines for certain employees to utilize in the management of a student’s sickle cell disease while the student is on the premises of a public or nonpublic school during certain hours and at school–sponsored activities, in collaboration with certain individuals; requiring a county board of education, on or before July 1, 2019, to establish a policy for public schools within its jurisdiction to utilize certain guidelines; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

ED, § 7-441 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 162 **Senator Nathan–Pulliam, et al**

CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – BALTIMORE CITY – HARVEY JOHNSON COMMUNITY CENTER

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 Beloved Community Services Corporation for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of the Harvey Johnson Community 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 163 **Senator Nathan–Pulliam, et al****PUBLIC HEALTH – COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKERS – ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND CERTIFICATION**

Establishing the State Community Health Worker Advisory Committee; requiring the Advisory Committee to advise the Maryland Department of Health on certain matters relating to the certification and training of community health workers; requiring the Department to adopt certain regulations for accrediting community health worker training programs; requiring the Department to adopt regulations relating to the certification of community health workers; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

HG, §§ 13-3601 through 13-3609 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 164 **Senator Nathan–Pulliam, et al****EDUCATION – STUDENT USE OF BACKPACKS – ASSESSMENT AND REDUCTION OF HEALTH EFFECTS**

Requiring that public school personnel, parents, and students receive educational information concerning the health effects of student use of overweight backpacks; authorizing a county board of education to allow Doctors of Chiropractic Medicine to conduct scoliosis examinations on students in the county schools; requiring school personnel to engage parent–teacher associations and students to assess matters concerning students’ use of backpacks and to promote certain strategies relating to students’ backpack usage; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

ED, § 7-405 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 165 **Senator Serafini, et al****INCOME TAX – FLAT TAX**

Altering the State individual income tax rate to be 3.9% for individuals or spouses filing joint returns with federal adjusted gross income in excess of \$30,000; and applying the Act to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2018.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

TG, § 10-105 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 166 **Senator Serafini, et al**

CORPORATE INCOME TAX – FEDERAL REPATRIATION HOLIDAY

Providing a subtraction modification under the Maryland corporate income tax for certain dividends included in federal taxable income as a result of a certain repatriation holiday enacted by federal legislation; requiring the Comptroller to provide for the administration of the Act if certain federal legislation is enacted; applying the Act to all taxable years beginning after December 31, 2017; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

TG, § 10-307(e) - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 167 **Senator Feldman**

PUBLIC INFORMATION ACT – SUITS FILED BY CUSTODIANS – PROHIBITION

Prohibiting a custodian that receives a request from a person wishing to inspect a public record from filing suit under the Public Information Act against the requesting person.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

GP, § 4-1A-10 - amended and § 4-404 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 168 **Senator Feldman**

LIFE INSURANCE – LIFE OF A MINOR – UNDERWRITING STANDARDS AND PROCEDURES

Authorizing a life insurer to refuse an application for a policy of life insurance on the life of a minor under certain circumstances; requiring an application for a policy of life insurance on the life of a minor to include a certain consent and certain signatures; requiring a life insurer to have justification for underwriting and issuing a life insurance policy on the life of a minor; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

IN, §§ 16-119 and 27-803.1 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 169 **Senators Feldman and Brochin****PUBLIC HEALTH – PRESCRIPTION DRUG AND MEDICAL SUPPLY ACCESS AND AFFORDABILITY WORKGROUP**

Requiring the Secretary of Health to convene a workgroup to study the advisability of the State forming a generic drugs and medical supplies purchasing cooperative and establishing Maryland as an open formulary State; requiring the workgroup to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before January 1, 2019; terminating the Act after June 30, 2019; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

Assigned to: Finance

SB 170 **Senator Lee, et al****CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – VIOLATION OF CONDITIONS OF RELEASE**

Expanding the list of charges to which a certain prohibition against violating a certain condition of pretrial or posttrial release is applicable.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

CP, § 5-213.1 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 171 **Senator Eckardt****TALBOT COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION – START DATE OF TERM FOR MEMBERS**

Altering the date for the start of the term for a member elected to serve on the Talbot County Board of Education from January 1 to December 1 after the member's election.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

ED, § 3-12A-01(e) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 172 **Senator Hershey****KENT COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – SALES IN RESTAURANTS**

Repealing in Kent County the requirement that the average daily receipts from the sale of food in a restaurant with a Class B beer, wine, and liquor license be at least 60% of the average daily receipts of the business; and applying to a restaurant in Kent County the provision requiring a restaurant with a Class B beer, wine, and liquor license to have average daily receipts from the sale of food that exceed the average daily receipts from the sale of alcoholic beverages.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

AB, § 24-902 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 173 **Senator Hershey****KENT COUNTY – ORPHANS’ COURT JUDGES – COMPENSATION**

Establishing that a judge of the Orphans’ Court for Kent County shall receive a salary set by the Kent County Commissioners; establishing that each judge shall receive an allowance for travel expenses in accordance with the county budget; requiring the County Commissioners to pay the travel allowance quarterly; and applying the Act.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

ET, § 2-108(p) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 174 **Senator Middleton****HEALTH INSURANCE – HEALTH BENEFIT PLAN PREMIUM RATE REVIEW PROCESS**

Altering the factors the Maryland Insurance Commissioner is required to consider in a certain manner in determining whether to disapprove or modify a premium rate filing; and applying the Act.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

IN, § 11-603 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 175 **Senator Middleton****EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES – EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES BOARD – APPOINTMENTS**

Repealing a provision that prohibits the Governor from appointing a member of the Board of Regents of the University System of Maryland, the Board of Directors of the Medical System Corporation, or an officer or a full-time employee of the Medical System Corporation or the University of Maryland, Baltimore Campus to the Emergency Medical Services Board.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

ED, § 13-505 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 176 **Senator Guzzone (Chair, Joint Committee on Pensions)****JUDGES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM – MANDATORY RETIREMENT AGE – CLARIFICATION OF ELIGIBILITY FOR ALLOWANCE**

Clarifying the eligibility for a retirement allowance for certain members of the Judges' Retirement System who reach the mandatory retirement age required by Article IV, § 3 of the Maryland Constitution and have less than 5 years of eligibility service.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

SP, § 27-401(b) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION INTRODUCED January 15, 2018**SJ 1** **Senator Serafini, et al****EXPOSURE OF MINORS TO PORNOGRAPHY – DEGRADATION OF PUBLIC HEALTH**

Declaring that the exposure of minors to pornography and pornographic material is a public health hazard in the State that is leading to the degradation of the health and well-being of State residents; finding that the proliferation of pornography accessible to minors causes certain health effects that affect State institutions and all State residents; etc.

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SENATE BILL REASSIGNED January 12, 2018

SB 130 **Senator Zirkin**

ELECTION OF CIRCUIT COURT JUDGES – NONPARTISAN ELECTIONS

Establishing a method of electing judges to the circuit court on a nonpartisan basis, without regard to political party affiliation; establishing a primary election for candidates for nomination for a circuit court judgeship to be administered in a certain manner under certain circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2019

EL, §§ 5-703(a), 5-703.1(a), 5-706, and 9-210(a) - amended and §§ 8-901 through 8-905 - added

Reassigned to: Judicial Proceedings