



SYNOPSIS

Senate Bills and Joint Resolutions
2018 Maryland General Assembly Session

January 17, 2018
Schedule 5

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 17, 2018

SB 177 Senator Manno

ELECTRIC VEHICLE RECHARGING EQUIPMENT REBATE PROGRAM AND ELECTRIC VEHICLE EXCISE TAX CREDIT – FISCAL YEAR 2017 APPLICANTS

Establishing the Fiscal Year 2017 Electric Vehicle Recharging Equipment Rebate Program to provide rebates to individuals and entities that qualified for a rebate in fiscal year 2017 but did not receive it due to a limitation on the total amount of rebates to be issued in fiscal year 2017; limiting the rebate to applicants that applied for a rebate during fiscal year 2017; allowing a credit against the motor vehicle excise tax for certain qualified plug-in electric drive vehicles; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

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SB 178 Senator Guzzone (Chair, Joint Committee on Pensions)**STATE RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEM – BOARD OF TRUSTEES – OATH**

Altering from 10 to 30 days after the appointment or election of an individual to the Board of Trustees for the State Retirement and Pension System during which the individual is required to take the oath of office; clarifying that individuals appointed or elected to the Board of Trustees take a certain oath required by Article I, § 9 of the Maryland Constitution; requiring the oath to be taken before a clerk or deputy clerk of a circuit court; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

SP, § 21-104(c) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 179 Senator Guzzone**PROPERTY TAX CREDITS – REAL PROPERTY USED FOR ROBOTICS PROGRAMS**

Authorizing the governing body of a county or municipal corporation to grant, by law, a certain property tax credit against the county or municipal corporation property tax imposed on real property used exclusively for the purposes of a public school robotics program or nonprofit robotics program in the State; authorizing the governing body of a county or municipal corporation to provide, by law, for certain matters relating to the tax credit; and applying the Act to taxable years beginning after June 30, 2018.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2018

TP, § 9-261 - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 180 Senator Lee, et al**CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – VICTIM NOTIFICATION – DISSEMINATION AND NATIONAL STANDARDS**

Altering a definition of “disseminate” to exclude providing information to victims of crime or their representatives; altering the purposes of certain provisions of law relating to the Criminal Justice Information System; and requiring the Department of Information Technology to conduct a certain study relating to interfaces used for automated victim notification and to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before December 31, 2018.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2018

CP, §§ 10-201(g) and 10-203 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 181 Senator Astle**MEDICAL CANNABIS – PROVIDER APPLICATIONS – OPIOID USE DISORDER**

Encouraging the Natalie M. LaPrade Medical Cannabis Commission to approve certain patient applications for patients who have an opioid use disorder.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

HG, § 13-3304(d) - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 182 Senator Astle, et al**INCOME TAX CREDIT – VENISON DONATION – FEED THE HUNGRY ORGANIZATIONS**

Allowing an individual to claim a credit against the State income tax for certain qualified expenses if the individual harvests an antlerless deer and donates the deer meat to certain organizations; requiring the Comptroller to report to the General Assembly on the effectiveness of the tax credit, including the number of deer donated under the program and the total cost of the tax credit; applying the Act to all taxable years beginning after December 31, 2017, but before January 1, 2023; terminating the Act after June 30, 2023; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

TG, § 10-746 - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 183 Senator Simonaire**NATURAL RESOURCES – ELECTRONIC LICENSING – RECREATIONAL LICENSE DONATION FUND – DONATIONS**

Requiring the Department of Natural Resources to create an opportunity for a person purchasing an angler's license, a Chesapeake Bay and coastal sport fishing license, or a hunting license and corresponding stamps to make a voluntary monetary donation to the Recreational License Donation Fund; requiring the Department to collect donations and deposit them into the Fund; expanding the contents of the Fund to include donations made under the Act; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

NR, §§ 1-403 and 1-405(h) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 184 Senator Kasemeyer, et al

INCOME TAX – PERSONAL EXEMPTIONS – ALTERATION

Altering the determination of the number of exemptions that an individual may use to calculate a certain deduction under the Maryland income tax; and applying the Act to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2017.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

TG, § 10-211 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 185 The President (By Request – Administration)

BUDGET BILL (FISCAL YEAR 2019)

Making the proposed appropriations contained in the State Budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019, in accordance with Article III, Section 52 of the Maryland Constitution; etc.

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 186 The President (By Request – Administration)

CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – MARYLAND CONSOLIDATED CAPITAL BOND LOAN OF 2018, AND THE MARYLAND CONSOLIDATED CAPITAL BOND LOANS OF 2007, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, AND 2017

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt in the amount of \$1,000,179,000, the proceeds to be used for certain necessary building, construction, demolition, planning, renovation, conversion, replacement, and capital equipment purchases of the State, for acquiring certain real estate in connection therewith, and for grants to certain subdivisions and other organizations for certain development and improvement purposes, subject to certain requirements; etc.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

Various Chapters of the Acts of Various Years, Various Sections - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 187 The President (By Request – Administration)**BUDGET RECONCILIATION AND FINANCING ACT OF 2018**

Authorizing or altering the distribution of certain revenue; altering or repealing certain required appropriations; repealing a requirement that the Comptroller pay certain amounts from a certain Special Fund for a certain purpose; reducing the maximum amount of certain teacher or school employee stipends; providing a certain amount of aid to certain institutions of higher education in accordance with a certain action by the Board of Public Works; altering certain rate increases for community service providers; etc.

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

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2018

BR, ED, HG, HS, NR, SF, TP, and Various Chapters of the Acts of Various Years, Various Sections - amended, repealed, and added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 188 Senator Madaleno, et al**MARYLAND CONSOLIDATED CAPITAL BOND LOAN OF 2017 – PUBLIC SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM – BALTIMORE CITY HEATING AND VENTILATION PROJECTS**

Amending the Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loan of 2017 to expand a statement of intent of the General Assembly to require that certain funds from the fiscal 2017 Statewide Contingency are to be used for heating and ventilation projects in Baltimore City Public Schools.

EMERGENCY BILL

Chapter 22 of the Acts of 2017, § 1(3) Item DE02.02(B) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 189 Senator Ferguson, et al**BALTIMORE CITY – PROPERTY TAX CREDIT – LOW-INCOME EMPLOYEES**

Authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City to grant, by law, a certain property tax credit against the property tax imposed on certain dwellings in Baltimore City that are owned by certain low-income employees of Baltimore City; providing that the credit may not exceed the lesser of \$2,500 per dwelling or the amount of property tax imposed on the dwelling; applying the Act to taxable years beginning after June 30, 2018; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2018

TP, § 9-304(k) - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 190 **Senators Kagan and Rosapepe****ELECTION LAW – INTERNATIONAL ELECTION OBSERVERS**

Requiring that a list of registered voters be provided to an international election observer on receipt of certain documentation; requiring an election judge to protect an international election observer's rights; requiring an election judge to allow an international election observer to have access to the voting room; authorizing a local board to determine where an international election observer may be present and assign an international election observer to a particular polling place, as appropriate; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2018

EL, §§ 1-101(bb-1) and 10-311.1 - added and §§ 1-101(bb-1), 3-506, 10-303(d), 10-304, 10-308, 10-309, and 11-301(a-1) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 191 **Senator Serafini, et al****INCOME TAX – ITEMIZED DEDUCTIONS**

Allowing an individual to itemize deductions to compute Maryland taxable income whether or not the individual itemizes deductions on the individual's federal income tax return; providing that, for an individual who does not itemize deductions on the individual's federal income tax return, Maryland itemized deductions shall be determined as if an individual itemized deductions on the federal income tax return; applying the Act to tax years after 2018; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

TG, §§ 10-217(a)(1) and 10-218 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 192 **Senator Serafini, et al****WORKGROUP ON CATEGORIES FOR FUNDING PRIORITIES IN THE ANNUAL STATE BUDGET**

Establishing a Workgroup on Categories for Funding Priorities in the Annual State Budget; specifying that the purpose of the Workgroup is to study, evaluate, and make recommendations concerning budgeting models used by state or local governments in the United States that utilize well-defined service categories to set priorities and allocate resources; requiring the Workgroup to report its findings to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before December 31, 2018; etc.

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

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2018

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 193 **Senator Serafini**

INCOME TAX – INTEREST RATE – WYNNE CASE

Repealing a requirement that the Comptroller set the annual interest rate on income tax refunds that result from the decision under Maryland State Comptroller of the Treasury v. Brian Wynne at a certain amount; requiring the Comptroller to pay additional interest amounts to taxpayers that received income tax refunds with interest calculated using a certain interest rate; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

Chapter 464 of the Acts of 2014, § 16 - repealed

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 194 **Senator Serafini, et al**CALCULATION OF TAXABLE INCOME – ITEMIZED DEDUCTIONS –
PROPERTY TAXES

Allowing an individual, under certain circumstances, to increase the amount of itemized deductions used to determine Maryland taxable income by the amount of certain real or personal property taxes paid by the individual and not included as part of the individual's federal itemized deductions; and applying the Act to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2017.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

TG, 10-218(b) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 195 **Senator Pinsky, et al**

BUSINESS RELIEF AND TAX FAIRNESS ACT OF 2018

Prohibiting the State Department of Assessments and Taxation from imposing a fee for the filing of certain documents by corporations or business entities with 10 or fewer employees; requiring certain corporations to compute Maryland taxable income using a certain combined reporting method; requiring, subject to certain regulations, certain groups of corporations to file a combined income tax return reflecting the aggregate income tax liability of all the members of the group; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

CA, § 1-203(b)(3)(ii) and TG, § 10-811 - amended and TG, §§ 10-402.1 and 10-402.2 - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 196 **Senator Hough, et al****PUBLIC SAFETY – HANDGUN QUALIFICATION LICENSE –
ISSUANCE WITH PERMIT TO CARRY, WEAR, OR TRANSPORT**

Requiring the Secretary of State Police to issue a certain handgun qualification license to a person who has been issued a permit to carry, wear, or transport a handgun without an additional application or fee.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

PS, § 5-306(d) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 197 **The President (By Request – Administration), et al****CRIMES – FIREARMS – PENALTIES**

Altering penalties for certain crimes relating to firearms; adding certain crimes relating to firearms to a certain definition of “crime of violence”; and adding certain crimes relating to firearms as predicate crimes under a certain prohibition against possessing a regulated firearm by a person previously convicted of certain crimes.

EMERGENCY BILL

CR, §§ 4-204, 5-621, and 14-101(a) and PS, § 5-133(c), (d), and (e) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 198 **The President (By Request – Administration), et al****CRIMINAL GANG OFFENSES – PENALTIES, PROCEDURE, AND
ELEMENTS**

Providing that the juvenile court does not have jurisdiction over a certain child alleged to have committed a certain criminal gang offense under certain circumstances; altering penalties for certain criminal gang offenses; providing that certain sentences imposed shall be consecutive to certain sentences; altering the elements of a certain criminal gang offense; requiring certain local jurisdictions to use certain divested assets for certain purposes under certain circumstances; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

CJ, § 3-8A-03(d)(4) and CR, §§ 9-801, 9-802, 9-803, 9-804(a) and (g), and 9-807 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 199 The President (By Request – Administration), et al**CRIMINAL LAW – VIOLENT OFFENDERS – PENALTIES
(ACCOUNTABILITY FOR VIOLENT CRIMINALS ACT OF 2018)**

Increasing the amount of time a certain inmate who is sentenced to life imprisonment must serve before parole eligibility; eliminating parole eligibility for certain violent offenders under certain circumstances; restricting a court from ordering a certain substance use evaluation and commitment for a certain defendant charged with, convicted of, or serving a sentence for a crime of violence under certain circumstances; and making the provisions of the Act severable.

EMERGENCY BILL

CS, § 7-301(d), CR, § 14-101(d), and HG, §§ 8-505(a), 8-506(a)(1), and 8-507(a) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 200 Senator Klausmeier**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – BALTIMORE COUNTY – OVERLEA
HIGH SCHOOL TURF FIELD**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt in the amount of \$500,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Overlea High Sports Boosters, Inc. and the Baltimore County Board of Education for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of an artificial turf field at Overlea High School, 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 201 **Senator Brochin****PUBLIC HEALTH – PRESCRIPTION DRUG MANUFACTURERS – SALES TO WHOLESALE DISTRIBUTORS**

Requiring a prescription drug or device manufacturer to submit certain average sales prices to the Maryland Department of Health for each calendar quarter within 30 days after the end of the quarter; requiring the Department to make the average sales price submitted by a manufacturer available on the Department's website not later than 10 days after it receives the average sales prices; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

HG, §§ 21-2C-01 through 21-2C-04 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 202 **Senator Lee, et al****CONSUMER PROTECTION – CREDIT REPORT SECURITY FREEZES – NOTICE AND FEES**

Prohibiting a consumer reporting agency from charging a fee for the placement of a security freeze requested by a consumer or a certain consumer representative under certain circumstances; prohibiting a consumer reporting agency from charging a fee for the temporary lift or removal of a security freeze that has been placed on the consumer's credit report; and altering the contents of a certain notice that must be included with a certain summary of rights provided to a consumer.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

CL, §§ 14-1212.1(i) and (j), 14-1212.2(g) and (i), and 14-1212.3(i) - amended

Assigned to: Finance