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MARYLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
DEPARTMENT OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES

**Effective Dates**

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**2017 Chapters – Effective October 1, 2017**

**SB 22  
Chapter 7      Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request –  
Departmental – Public Safety and Correctional Services)**

**CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – CRIMINAL INJURIES  
COMPENSATION BOARD – CLAIMANT AWARD BASIS**

Reducing the minimum eligibility threshold for an award of lost earnings or support from the Criminal Injuries Compensation Board; establishing eligibility for a specified award of up to 2 weeks of lost average weekly wages for a parent, child, or spouse of a victim who died as a direct result of a crime or delinquent act; and prohibiting a specified lost wage claim from exceeding \$2,000.

**SB 24  
Chapter 8      Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request –  
Departmental – State Police)**

**PUBLIC SAFETY – EYEWITNESS IDENTIFICATION POLICIES –  
REPEAL OF SUBMISSION REQUIREMENT**

Repealing requirements that each law enforcement agency in the State file a copy of its written policy relating to eyewitness identification with the Department of State Police and that the Department of State Police compile and allow public inspection of the policies.

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- HB 642**  
**Chapter 12**      **Delegate C. Wilson, et al**  
CIVIL ACTIONS – CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE – STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS AND REQUIRED FINDINGS
- Altering the statute of limitations on civil actions arising out of an alleged incident or incidents of sexual abuse that occurred while the victim was a minor; establishing a statute of repose for specified civil actions relating to child sexual abuse; providing that, in a specified action filed more than a specified number of years after the victim reaches the age of majority, damages may be awarded against a person or governmental entity that is not an alleged perpetrator only under specified circumstances; etc.
- HB 1325**  
**Chapter 13**      **Delegate Fraser-Hidalgo, et al**  
OIL AND NATURAL GAS – HYDRAULIC FRACTURING – PROHIBITION
- Prohibiting a person from engaging in the hydraulic fracturing of a well for the exploration or production of oil or natural gas in the State; repealing a provision of law that requires the Department of the Environment to adopt specified regulations; and repealing a provision of law that prohibits the Department from issuing a specified permit until October 1, 2017.
- SB 291**  
**Chapter 15**      **Senator Rosapepe, et al**  
MARYLAND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICE – COLLECTIVE BARGAINING
- Requiring the Maryland Environmental Service, consistent with specified provisions of law, to recognize and deal with an employee organization once elected as an exclusive representative, to collectively bargain, and to enter into specified types of agreements applicable to specified State employees; and providing for an exception to an exemption from specified provisions of State personnel law.

- HB 5**  
**Chapter 20**      **Delegate Barkley, et al**  
PRIVATE PASSENGER MOTOR VEHICLE LIABILITY  
INSURANCE – ENHANCED UNDERINSURED MOTORIST  
COVERAGE
- Authorizing a specified insured to elect to obtain specified enhanced underinsured motorist coverage under a private passenger motor vehicle liability insurance policy; requiring specified insurers to offer an enhanced underinsured motorist coverage under specified circumstances; altering a specified prohibition on the recovery of benefits under specified coverages; applying the Act to each policy of private passenger motor vehicle insurance issued, sold, or delivered in the State on or after July 1, 2018; etc.
- HB 879**  
**Chapter 31**      **The Speaker (By Request – Administration)**  
PUBLIC INTEGRITY ACT OF 2017
- Altering provisions of the ethics law governing the period of time during which former members of the General Assembly are prohibited from representing or assisting specified parties for compensation in specified matters; altering the penalty for a specified offense relating to bribery of a public employee; altering the definition of “legislative action” to include testimony and other advocacy; prohibiting a state official from using public resources to solicit specified political contributions; etc.
- HB 664**  
**Chapter 33**      **Delegate Reilly, et al**  
STATE GOVERNMENT – DISPLAY OF THE POW/MIA FLAG ON  
STATE BUILDING GROUNDS
- Requiring the Secretary of General Services and the Secretary of Transportation to cause the POW/MIA flag to be flown on the grounds of State buildings under their control whenever the flag of the United States is flown; defining “POW/MIA flag” as the POW/MIA flag of the National League of Families of American Prisoners and Missing in Southeast Asia; and providing specified exceptions.

**SB 19**                    **Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental –**  
**Chapter 37**                **Maryland Insurance Administration)**

**INSURANCE – SURPLUS LINES INSURERS, SURPLUS LINES  
BROKERS, AND REINSURERS**

Altering the requirements an insurer must meet to be approved as a surplus lines insurer by the Maryland Insurance Commissioner; providing for the expiration of a surplus lines insurer's approval; establishing a process for renewal of a surplus lines insurer's approval; clarifying that a requirement to report specified business subject to tax and pay the tax stated in the report at specified intervals applies only to surplus lines brokers that have transacted surplus lines business in the State during the reporting period; etc.

**SB 31**                    **Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental –**  
**Chapter 38**                **Maryland Insurance Administration)**

**TITLE INSURANCE – RATE MAKING – USE OF RATING  
ORGANIZATIONS FOR FILINGS**

Providing that specified provisions of law governing rating organizations apply to rate making for title insurance; authorizing a title insurer to satisfy its obligations to make filings by being a member of or a subscriber to a specified title rating organization and authorizing the Maryland Insurance Commissioner to accept filings on its behalf from the title rating organization; etc.

**Section 1 and 2 Only**

**SB 32**                    **Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental –**  
**Chapter 39**                **Maryland Insurance Administration)**

**INSURANCE – CANCELLATION OF POLICY OR BINDER –  
NOTICE REQUIREMENTS**

Requiring an insurer to file a copy of a specified notice of cancellation of a policy or binder of workers' compensation insurance with a specified designee of the Workers' Compensation Commission; clarifying that provisions of law requiring an insurer to take specified actions before canceling or refusing to renew coverage under a policy of worker's compensation insurance do not apply to the cancellation of the policy or binder during a specified 45-day underwriting period; etc.

**SB 38**                    **Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental –**  
**Chapter 40**                **Health and Mental Hygiene)**

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE –**  
**UPDATING ADVISORY BOARDS AND COUNCILS**

Establishing a State Advisory Council on Health and Wellness to address chronic disease in the State by repealing and consolidating three existing State advisory councils that address physical fitness, arthritis, and heart disease and stroke; altering the membership of the State Child Fatality Review Team to include specified representatives; declaring the intent of the General Assembly; etc.

**SB 40**                    **Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental –**  
**Chapter 41**                **Maryland Insurance Administration)**

**TITLE INSURANCE PRODUCERS – LICENSING OF BUSINESS**  
**ENTITIES AND ON-SITE REVIEWS**

Altering a specified prohibition on converting or misappropriating specified trust money; requiring specified controlling persons and specified trust money controllers to hold a license to act as a title insurance producer and, if applicable, a specified appointment; altering the requirements for a license as a title insurance producer if the applicant is a business entity; requiring the Maryland Insurance Commissioner to make a specified investigation under specified circumstances; etc.

**SB 94**                    **Senator Reilly**  
**Chapter 43**

**INSURANCE PREMIUMS – PAYMENT BY CREDIT CARD –**  
**REIMBURSEMENT FOR EXPENSES**

Providing that specified provisions of law do not prohibit insurance producers from charging and collecting from insureds actual expenses incurred by the insurance producer for payment of the premium for a policy by use of a credit card, subject to specified conditions; requiring an insurance producer, under specified circumstances, to fully disclose the availability of all acceptable payment methods and any charge for actual expenses incurred; providing that specified credit card expenses may not be considered premium under the Act; etc.

- HB 800**  
**Chapter 44**      **Delegate Adams, et al**  
INSURANCE PREMIUMS – PAYMENT BY CREDIT CARD – REIMBURSEMENT FOR EXPENSES  
Providing that specified provisions of law do not prohibit insurance producers from charging and collecting from insureds actual expenses incurred by the insurance producer for payment of the premium for a policy by use of a credit card, subject to specified conditions; requiring an insurance producer, under specified circumstances, to fully disclose the availability of all acceptable payment methods and any charge for actual expenses incurred by the insurance producer for payment of a premium by use of a credit card; etc.
- SB 106**  
**Chapter 45**      **Senator Ready**  
CARROLL COUNTY – LOCAL GOVERNMENT TORT CLAIMS ACT  
Removing a reference to a specified public transportation provider in Carroll County from the definition of “local government” under the Local Government Tort Claims Act.
- HB 219**  
**Chapter 46**      **Carroll County Delegation**  
CARROLL COUNTY – LOCAL GOVERNMENT TORT CLAIMS ACT  
Removing a reference to a specified public transportation provider in Carroll County from the definition of “local government” under the Local Government Tort Claims Act.
- SB 101**  
**Chapter 47**      **Senator Waugh**  
ST. MARY’S COUNTY – LICENSING AND OPERATION OF AMUSEMENT DEVICES – REPEAL  
Repealing provisions of law that relate to the licensing and operation of specified amusement devices in St. Mary’s County.
- HB 194**  
**Chapter 48**      **St. Mary’s County Delegation**  
ST. MARY’S COUNTY – LICENSING AND OPERATION OF AMUSEMENT DEVICES – REPEAL  
Repealing provisions of law that relate to the licensing and operation of specified amusement devices in St. Mary’s County.

- SB 140**                    **Senator Waugh**  
**Chapter 49**                **ST. MARY'S COUNTY – LOCAL PLUMBING CODE – REPEAL**  
Repealing a provision of law related to the adoption of a plumbing code in St. Mary's County.
- HB 207**                    **St. Mary's County Delegation**  
**Chapter 50**                **ST. MARY'S COUNTY – LOCAL PLUMBING CODE – REPEAL**  
Repealing a provision of law related to the adoption of a plumbing code in St. Mary's County.
- SB 163**                    **Senator Waugh**  
**Chapter 51**                **ST. MARY'S COUNTY – ELECTRICIANS AND BOARD OF ELECTRICAL EXAMINERS – REPEAL**  
Repealing specified provisions of law that relate to the Board of Electrical Examiners and the licensing and regulation of electricians in St. Mary's County.
- HB 208**                    **St. Mary's County Delegation**  
**Chapter 52**                **ST. MARY'S COUNTY – ELECTRICIANS AND BOARD OF ELECTRICAL EXAMINERS – REPEAL**  
Repealing specified provisions of law that relate to the Board of Electrical Examiners and the licensing and regulation of electricians in St. Mary's County.
- SB 128**                    **Senator Simonaire**  
**Chapter 53**                **PUBLIC HEALTH – REQUIRED TEMPERATURES FOR SALE OF CRAB MEAT – REPEAL**  
Repealing a specified provision of law that prohibits a person from keeping for sale any unfrozen crab meat, any frozen crab meat, or any pasteurized crab meat at temperatures that exceed specified maximum temperatures.

- HB 524**            **Delegate Jacobs**  
**Chapter 54**        **PUBLIC HEALTH – REQUIRED TEMPERATURES FOR SALE OF CRAB MEAT – REPEAL**
- Repealing a specified provision of law that prohibits a person from keeping for sale any unfrozen crab meat, any frozen crab meat, or any pasteurized crab meat at temperatures that exceed specified maximum temperatures.
- SB 165**            **The President (By Request – Department of Legislative Services – Code Revision)**  
**Chapter 55**        **CODE REVISION – MARYLAND VEHICLE LAW – PENALTIES**
- Revising, restating, and recodifying the laws of this State relating to penalties for violations of the Maryland Vehicle Law; repealing specified redundant provisions; clarifying language; making specified technical and stylistic changes; providing for the construction of the Act; providing for the effect and construction of specified provisions of the Act; and authorizing the publisher of the Annotated Code to make specified corrections in a specified manner.
- SB 183**            **The President (By Request – Department of Legislative Services)**  
**Chapter 56**        **MOLD REMEDIATION SERVICES PROVIDERS – LICENSURE AND PROGRAM EVALUATION**
- Allowing the Maryland Mold Remediation Services Act to terminate on July 1, 2019, in accordance with provisions of the Maryland Program Evaluation Act (Sunset Law); and extending to July 1, 2019, the deadline for licensure under the Maryland Mold Remediation Services Act.



**SB 190**            **The President (By Request – Department of Legislative**  
**Chapter 57**        **Services)**

**ELEVATOR SAFETY REVIEW BOARD – SUNSET EXTENSION,  
PROGRAM EVALUATION, AND REPORTING REQUIREMENT**

Continuing the Elevator Safety Review Board in accordance with the provisions of the Maryland Program Evaluation Act (sunset law) by extending to July 1, 2029, the termination provisions relating to the statutory and regulatory authority of the Board; requiring that an evaluation of the Board and the statutes and regulations that govern the Board be performed on or before a specified date; requiring the Board to study, make recommendations, and report its findings on specified matters on or before October 1, 2018; etc.

**HB 117**            **The Speaker (By Request – Department of Legislative**  
**Chapter 58**        **Services)**

**ELEVATOR SAFETY REVIEW BOARD – SUNSET EXTENSION,  
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**SB 216**            **Senator Kelley, et al**  
**Chapter 67**

**MARYLAND CAREGIVERS SUPPORT COORDINATING  
COUNCIL – RENAMING AND ALTERING MEMBERSHIP AND  
DUTIES**

Renaming the Maryland Caregivers Support Coordinating Council to be the Maryland Commission on Caregiving; altering the membership of the Commission to include specified members of the General Assembly; requiring the Governor, when appointing members, to consider groups representing specified individuals such as those with disabilities, disorders affecting an entire lifespan, and those who reflect the diversity of the State; requiring the Commission to provide ongoing analysis of best practices in family caregiver support programs; etc.

- HB 769**                    **Delegate West, et al**  
**Chapter 68**                **MARYLAND CAREGIVERS SUPPORT COORDINATING COUNCIL – RENAMING AND ALTERING MEMBERSHIP AND DUTIES**
- Renaming the Maryland Caregivers Support Coordinating Council to be the Maryland Commission on Caregiving; altering the membership of the Commission to include specified members of the General Assembly; requiring the Governor, when appointing members, to consider groups representing specified individuals such as those with disabilities, disorders affecting an entire lifespan, and those who reflect the diversity of the State; requiring the Commission to provide ongoing analysis of best practices in family caregiver support programs; etc.
- SB 426**                    **Senator Klausmeier**  
**Chapter 69**                **WORKERS’ COMPENSATION – PERMANENT TOTAL DISABILITY – SURVIVAL OF CLAIM**
- Increasing, from \$45,000 to \$65,000, the limitation on the survivability of the right to compensation for permanent total disability payable under specified provisions of law; and applying the Act prospectively.
- HB 1294**                 **Delegate Valderrama**  
**Chapter 70**                **WORKERS’ COMPENSATION – PERMANENT TOTAL DISABILITY – SURVIVAL OF CLAIM**
- Increasing, from \$45,000 to \$65,000, the limitation on the survivability of the right to compensation for permanent total disability payable under specified provisions of law; and applying the Act prospectively.
- SB 518**                    **Senators Young and Hough**  
**Chapter 75**                **FREDERICK COUNTY – GAMING EVENTS – SUNDAY HOURS OF OPERATION**
- Specifying that, in Frederick County, a gaming permit authorizes a gaming event to be conducted on a Sunday during the hours of sale for alcoholic beverages that are sold at the establishment where the gaming event is conducted.

- SB 681**                    **Senator Ramirez, et al**  
**Chapter 86**                **CONSUMER PROTECTION – RECOVERING OF BEDDING – LIMITATION**
- Prohibiting a person from recovering specified bedding that is intended to be sold or offered for sale to a consumer in the State unless the person clearly marks the bedding as used; establishing that a violation of the Act is a misdemeanor and on conviction a person is subject to a maximum fine of \$500.
- HB 115**                    **The Speaker (By Request – Department of Legislative**  
**Chapter 100**                **Services)**
- MOLD REMEDIATION SERVICES PROVIDERS – LICENSURE AND PROGRAM EVALUATION**
- Allowing the Maryland Mold Remediation Services Act to terminate on July 1, 2019 in accordance with provisions of the Maryland Program Evaluation Act (sunset law); extending to July 1, 2019, the deadline for licensure under the Maryland Mold Remediation Services Act.
- HB 143**                    **Chair, Ways and Means Committee (By Request –**  
**Chapter 107**                **Departmental – State Board of Elections)**
- ELECTIONS – MISCELLANEOUS DUTIES AND PROCEDURES**
- Repealing a specified duty of a local election director; repealing the requirement that the State Board of Elections print specified forms; requiring political parties to certify to the State Board the residential addresses of candidates; repealing the requirement that specified candidates be identified on the ballot by the state in which the candidate resides; altering from 20 to 8 days the time after which a candidate who fails to file a specified financial disclosure statement is deemed to have withdrawn the candidacy; etc.

**HB 145**            **Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee (By**  
**Chapter 109**    **Request – Departmental – Health and Mental Hygiene)**

**BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF NURSING HOME**  
**ADMINISTRATORS – NONLICENSED PERSONS –**  
**PROVISIONAL LICENSURE**

Requiring the owner of a nursing home or other appropriate nursing home authority, under specified circumstances, to immediately appoint a nonlicensed person to serve in the capacity of interim nursing home administrator; authorizing the appointed nonlicensed person to act as the interim nursing home administrator on filing an application with the State Board of Nursing Home Administrators requesting a provisional license; etc.

**HB 146**            **Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee (By**  
**Chapter 110**    **Request – Departmental – Aging)**

**SECRETARY OF AGING – ADMINISTRATION OF COMMODITY**  
**SUPPLEMENTAL FOOD PROGRAM AND REGULATORY**  
**AUTHORITY**

Requiring the Secretary of Aging to administer the federal Commodity Supplemental Food Program using specified funds and resources received from the United States Department of Agriculture in accordance with a specified law; and authorizing the Secretary to adopt specified regulations.

**HB 154**            **Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee (By**  
**Chapter 113**    **Request – Departmental – Maryland Insurance**  
**Administration)**

**INSURANCE – PHARMACY BENEFITS MANAGERS –**  
**REGISTRATION EXPIRATION DATE**

Altering the date on which the registration of a pharmacy benefits manager expires unless the registration is renewed.

**HB 155**            **Chair, Environment and Transportation Committee (By**  
**Chapter 114**   **Request – Departmental – Agriculture)**

**MARYLAND AGRICULTURAL LAND PRESERVATION  
FOUNDATION – EASEMENT TERMINATION**

Altering the procedures for terminating an easement purchased by the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation; establishing specified criteria to be considered by a county governing body and the Foundation for approving or denying a termination of an easement; requiring a county governing body to provide public notice of and to conduct a public hearing on the termination request; providing for the effect of a county governing body's denial of a request to terminate an easement; etc.

**HB 198**            **Charles County Delegation**

**Chapter 115**   **JUNK DEALERS AND SCRAP METAL PROCESSORS – CELL  
TOWER BATTERIES – REQUIRED RECORD**

Altering the definition of junk or scrap metal to include cell tower batteries; and requiring a junk dealer or scrap metal processor to keep a specified accurate record of each purchase of a cell tower battery in the State.

**HB 199**            **Chair, Appropriations Committee (By Request –**  
**Chapter 116**   **Departmental – Aging)**

**CAPITAL GRANTS FOR SENIOR CITIZEN ACTIVITIES CENTERS**

Allowing more than one grant for a senior citizen activity center from the Senior Citizen Activities Centers Capital Improvement Grants Program if the sum of grants made for any single center does not exceed \$800,000 in any 15-year period.

**HB 431**            **St. Mary's County Delegation**

**Chapter 119**   **ST. MARY'S COUNTY – TAX EXEMPTIONS – REPEAL OF LOCAL  
PROVISIONS**

Repealing provisions of law that relate to exemptions for specified persons engaged in the business of manufacturing in St. Mary's County from specified taxes under specified circumstances.

- SB 297**                    **Senator Waugh**  
**Chapter 120**            **ST. MARY'S COUNTY – TAX EXEMPTIONS – REPEAL OF LOCAL PROVISIONS**
- Repealing provisions of law that relate to exemptions for specified persons engaged in the business of manufacturing in St. Mary's County from specified taxes under specified circumstances.
- HB 565**                    **Carroll County Delegation**  
**Chapter 121**            **CARROLL COUNTY – DETENTION CENTER – POLYGRAPH TESTING**
- Establishing that a specified prohibition on requiring an employee or a prospective employee to take a polygraph examination or similar test as a condition of prospective or continued employment does not apply to an individual employed as a correctional officer or in another specified capacity at the Carroll County Detention Center.
- SB 372**                    **Carroll County Senators**  
**Chapter 122**            **CARROLL COUNTY – DETENTION CENTER – POLYGRAPH TESTING**
- Establishing that a specified prohibition on requiring an employee or a prospective employee to take a polygraph examination or similar test as a condition of prospective or continued employment does not apply to an individual employed as a correctional officer or in any other capacity that involves direct personal contact with an inmate in the Carroll County Detention Center.
- HB 291**                    **Delegate Davis**  
**Chapter 123**            **HOMEOWNER'S INSURANCE – NOTICES**
- Authorizing specified notices and statements relating to homeowner's insurance to be delivered by electronic means if the insurer complies with specified requirements; authorizing insurers to comply with specified renewal notice requirements relating to homeowner's insurance by sending a specified notice; requiring the Maryland Insurance Commissioner to adopt by regulation a specified notice to be provided to insureds and policyholders at each renewal that contains specified information; etc.

**SB 279**            **Senator Middleton, et al****Chapter 124**      **HOMEOWNER’S INSURANCE – NOTICES**

Authorizing specified notices and statements relating to homeowner’s insurance to be delivered by electronic means if the insurer complies with specified requirements; authorizing insurers to comply with specified renewal notice requirements relating to homeowner’s insurance by sending a specified notice; requiring the Maryland Insurance Commissioner to adopt by regulation a specified notice to be provided to insureds and policyholders at each renewal that contains specified information; etc.

**HB 534**            **Delegate Parrott, et al****Chapter 136**      **RAILROAD GRADE CROSSINGS – EXEMPT HIGHWAY–RAIL GRADE CROSSING PLAQUE**

Authorizing the State Highway Administration to erect an exempt highway–rail grade crossing plaque at each railroad grade crossing in the State that is no longer in use by a railroad; specifying that the design and placement of a plaque shall be erected in accordance with the federal Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices; and exempting specified vehicles from the requirement to stop at specified railroad grade crossings if the railroad grade crossing has an exempt highway–rail grade crossing plaque.

**HB 1440**          **Calvert County Delegation****Chapter 146**      **CALVERT COUNTY – SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL CONTRACTS**

Authorizing Calvert County to enter into a contract for solid waste disposal that may include transportation, may require payment of specified funds or receipt of specified payment, and is for an initial term of not more than 20 years.

**SB 349**            **Senator Zirkin, et al****Chapter 158****CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – SEXUAL ASSAULT VICTIMS’ RIGHTS  
– DISPOSAL OF RAPE KIT EVIDENCE AND NOTIFICATION**

Requiring a specified health care provider to provide a victim of sexual assault with written information describing the laws and policies governing the testing, preservation, and disposal of a sexual assault evidence collection kit; requiring a hospital or child advocacy center to transfer a sexual assault evidence collection kit to a law enforcement agency within 30 days of the exam; prohibiting a law enforcement agency from destroying or disposing of specified evidence of sexual assault within 20 years of its collection; etc.

**HB 255**            **Delegate Hettleman, et al****Chapter 159****CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – SEXUAL ASSAULT VICTIMS’ RIGHTS  
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**SB 217**            **Senator Kelley, et al****Chapter 160****CRIMINAL LAW – SEXUAL OFFENSES – PHYSICAL  
RESISTANCE**

Establishing that evidence of physical resistance by a victim is not required to prove that a sexual crime was committed; establishing that a specified provision of the Act may not be construed to affect the admissibility of evidence of actual physical resistance by a victim of a sexual crime; etc.



**SB 944**            **Senator Smith****Chapter 161****CRIMINAL LAW – SEXUAL OFFENSES – CLASSIFICATION**

Reclassifying criminal conduct currently classified as sexual offense in the first degree and sexual offense in the second degree as rape in the first degree and rape in the second degree, respectively; and repealing the crimes of sexual offense in the first degree, sexual offense in the second degree, attempted sexual offense in the first degree, and attempted sexual offense in the second degree.

**HB 647**            **Delegate Reznik, et al****Chapter 162****CRIMINAL LAW – SEXUAL OFFENSES – CLASSIFICATION**

Reclassifying criminal conduct currently classified as sexual offense in the first degree and sexual offense in the second degree as rape in the first degree and rape in the second degree, respectively; and repealing the crimes of sexual offense in the first degree, sexual offense in the second degree, attempted sexual offense in the first degree, and attempted sexual offense in the second degree.

**HB 429**            **Delegate Dumais, et al****Chapter 163****CRIMINAL LAW – SEXUAL OFFENSES – PHYSICAL RESISTANCE**

Establishing that evidence of physical resistance by a victim is not required to prove that a sexual crime was committed; establishing that a specified provision of the Act may not be construed to affect the admissibility of evidence of actual physical resistance by a victim of a sexual crime; etc.

**SB 666**            **Senator Hough, et al****Chapter 165****DISCLOSURE OF MEDICAL RECORDS – GUARDIAN AD LITEM – VICTIMS OF CRIME OR DELINQUENT ACTS**

Requiring a health care provider to disclose a medical record without specified authorization to a guardian ad litem appointed by a court to protect specified interests of a minor or a disabled or elderly individual who is a specified victim, for a specified purpose and for use in specified court proceedings; authorizing a specified guardian ad litem to redisclose a specified record under specified circumstances; etc.

- HB 233**            **Delegate Barron, et al**  
**Chapter 166**    **DISCLOSURE OF MEDICAL RECORDS – GUARDIAN AD LITEM  
– VICTIMS OF CRIME OR DELINQUENT ACTS**
- Requiring a health care provider to disclose a medical record without specified authorization to a guardian ad litem appointed by a court to protect specified interests of a minor or a disabled or elderly individual who is a specified victim, for a specified purpose and use in specified court proceedings; authorizing a specified guardian ad litem to redisclose a specified record under specified circumstances; etc.
- SB 229**            **Senator Cassilly, et al**  
**Chapter 167**    **CRIMINAL LAW – HOMICIDE BY MOTOR VEHICLE OR VESSEL  
WHILE IMPAIRED BY CONTROLLED DANGEROUS  
SUBSTANCE – PENALTIES**
- Increasing penalties from 3 years to 5 years imprisonment for the crime of homicide by motor vehicle or vessel while impaired by a controlled dangerous substance.
- HB 635**            **Delegate Valentino-Smith, et al**  
**Chapter 168**    **CRIMINAL LAW – HOMICIDE BY MOTOR VEHICLE OR VESSEL  
WHILE IMPAIRED BY A CONTROLLED DANGEROUS  
SUBSTANCE – PENALTIES**
- Increasing penalties from 3 years to 5 years imprisonment for the crime of homicide by motor vehicle or vessel while impaired by a controlled dangerous substance.
- SB 207**            **Senator Feldman**  
**Chapter 169**    **CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – CHARGES AGAINST  
CORRECTIONAL OFFICER – REVIEW BY STATE’S ATTORNEY**
- Altering a definition to make specified provisions of law requiring State’s Attorney review of an application for a statement of charges against a law enforcement officer applicable to an application for a statement of charges against specified other law enforcement officers.

- HB 166**            **Delegate Dumais**  
**Chapter 170**    **CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – CHARGES AGAINST**  
                         **CORRECTIONAL OFFICER – REVIEW BY STATE’S ATTORNEY**
- Altering a definition to make specified provisions of law requiring State’s Attorney review of an application for a statement of charges against a law enforcement officer applicable to an application for a statement of charges against specified other law enforcement officers.
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- SB 201**            **Senator King, et al**  
**Chapter 175**    **EDUCATION – FIRE DRILL REQUIREMENTS – STATE FIRE**  
                         **PREVENTION CODE**
- Requiring the State Superintendent of Schools to require each county superintendent of schools to hold fire drills in each public school in accordance with the State Fire Prevention Code.
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- HB 1066**         **Delegate Ebersole**  
**Chapter 176**    **EDUCATION – FIRE DRILL REQUIREMENTS – STATE FIRE**  
                         **PREVENTION CODE**
- Requiring the State Superintendent of Schools to require each county superintendent of schools to hold fire drills in each public school in accordance with the State Fire Prevention Code.
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- SB 909**            **Charles County Senators (By Request)**  
**Chapter 177**    **CHARLES COUNTY – COLLECTIVE BARGAINING FOR PUBLIC**  
                         **SAFETY OFFICIALS**
- Altering the definition of “employer” to include Charles County under specified provisions of law; authorizing fire, emergency medical service, paramedic, and rescue employees to collectively bargain with specified counties and municipal corporations; altering a specified provision of law to provide that, with respect to Charles County, a memorandum of understanding between Charles County and a specified exclusive representative is subject to specified provisions concerning budgetary and fiscal procedures; etc.

- HB 446**                    **Charles County Delegation (By Request)**  
**Chapter 178**                CHARLES COUNTY – COLLECTIVE BARGAINING FOR PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICIALS
- Altering the definition of “employer” to include Charles County under specified provisions of law; authorizing fire, emergency medical service, paramedic, and rescue employees to collectively bargain with specified counties and municipal corporations; altering a specified provision of law to provide that, with respect to Charles County, a memorandum of understanding between Charles County and a specified exclusive representative is subject to specified provisions concerning budgetary and fiscal procedures; etc.
- HB 1466**                   **Delegate P. Young, et al**  
**Chapter 179**                STATE PERSONNEL – DISABLED VETERANS – NONCOMPETITIVE APPOINTMENT
- Authorizing an appointing authority to select specified disabled veterans for specified positions in the State Personnel Management System using a specified selection process; requiring an appointing authority for a specified position in a unit in the Executive Branch of State government with an independent personnel system to develop a specified selection process for disabled veterans; requiring a specified appointing authority to interview specified disabled veterans under specified circumstances; etc.
- HB 275**                    **Delegate Queen, et al**  
**Chapter 183**                DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE – RECOMMENDED COURSES IN MILITARY CULTURE
- Requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, in consultation with the Department of Veterans Affairs, to provide to specified health occupations boards a list of recommended courses in military culture.
- SB 375**                    **Senator Jennings**  
**Chapter 185**                INSURANCE – BAIL BONDSMEN – CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS
- Requiring insurance producers who sell, solicit, or negotiate bail bonds to receive continuing education that directly relates to bail bond insurance.

- HB 451**            **Delegate Cluster**  
**Chapter 186**    **INSURANCE – BAIL BONDSMEN – CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS**
- Requiring insurance producers who sell, solicit, or negotiate bail bonds to receive continuing education that directly relates to bail bond insurance.
- SB 790**            **Senator Smith**  
**Chapter 187**    **CRIMINAL LAW – ANIMAL CRUELTY – APPLICABILITY**
- Clarifying that a person who has charge or custody of an animal and who unnecessarily fails to provide the animal with proper air, proper space, proper shelter, or proper protection from the weather is guilty of violating a specified prohibition against abuse or neglect of an animal; and clarifying that a person who intentionally mutilates, intentionally tortures, intentionally cruelly beats, or intentionally cruelly kills an animal is guilty of violating a specified prohibition against aggravated cruelty to animals.
- HB 455**            **Delegate Atterbeary, et al**  
**Chapter 188**    **CRIMINAL LAW – ANIMAL CRUELTY – APPLICABILITY**
- Clarifying that a person who has charge or custody of an animal and who unnecessarily fails to provide the animal with proper air, proper space, proper shelter, or proper protection from the weather is guilty of violating a specified prohibition against abuse or neglect of an animal; and clarifying that a person who intentionally mutilates, intentionally tortures, intentionally cruelly beats, or intentionally cruelly kills an animal is guilty of violating a specified prohibition against aggravated cruelty to animals.
- SB 23**             **Senator Klausmeier, et al**  
**Chapter 190**    **HANDGUN PERMITS – ALTERNATIVE EXPIRATION DATE – PRIVATE DETECTIVES, SECURITY GUARDS, AND SPECIAL POLICE OFFICERS**
- Authorizing the Secretary of State Police to establish an alternative expiration date for a permit to carry, wear, or transport a handgun that coincides with the expiration of a license, certification, or commission for a specified private detective, specified security guard, or specified special police officer.

- HB 877**            **Delegate McComas, et al**  
**Chapter 191**      **HANDGUN PERMITS – ALTERNATIVE EXPIRATION DATE – PRIVATE DETECTIVES, SECURITY GUARDS, AND SPECIAL POLICE OFFICERS**
- Authorizing the Secretary of State Police to establish an alternative expiration date for a permit to carry, wear, or transport a handgun that coincides with the expiration of a license, certification, or commission for a specified private detective, specified security guard, or specified special police officer.
- SB 43**            **Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request –**  
**Chapter 193**      **Departmental – Juvenile Services)**
- JUVENILE COURT RECORDS – DISCLOSURE**
- Establishing that specified provisions regarding the confidentiality of juvenile court records do not prohibit access to and confidential use of a juvenile court record by the Department of Human Resources for the purpose of claiming specified federal funds.
- SB 35**            **Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request –**  
**Chapter 194**      **Departmental – Juvenile Services)**
- JUVENILE LAW – INFORMAL ADJUSTMENT – MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAM**
- Establishing that a juvenile informal adjustment process may exceed 90 days if a juvenile intake officer determines that additional time is necessary for a child to participate in a substance-related disorder treatment program or a mental health program that is part of the informal adjustment process.

**SB 45**                    **Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request –**  
**Chapter 195**           **Departmental – Transportation)**

**MOTOR VEHICLE ADMINISTRATION – DRIVING  
INSTRUCTORS – CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORDS CHECKS**

Requiring the Criminal Justice Information System Central Repository of the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services to provide to the Motor Vehicle Administration specified revised criminal history record information under specified circumstances; altering the application process for a criminal history records check for driving instructors; making a technical correction; etc.

**HB 669**                    **Delegate Arentz, et al**

**Chapter 197**           **PUBLIC SCHOOLS – BOARDS OF EDUCATION – ANONYMOUS  
TWO-WAY ELECTRONIC TIP PROGRAMS**

Authorizing a county board of education to establish an anonymous two-way electronic tip program; providing that the purpose of the program is for a student, a parent, guardian, or close adult relative of a student, or a school staff member to report acts of bullying, harassment, or intimidation; requiring each county board of education that establishes an anonymous two-way electronic tip program to publicize the program in specified locations; authorizing the Governor to include funding in the State budget for the program; etc.

**HB 1261**                **Delegate Wilkins, et al**

**Chapter 198**           **BARBERS – CRIMINAL PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS OF  
BARBERING LAW – REPEAL**

Repealing specified criminal penalties for violations of the barbering law; etc.

- HB 221**                    **Delegate Cullison**  
**Chapter 199**            MARYLAND COUNCIL ON ADVANCEMENT OF  
SCHOOL–BASED HEALTH CENTERS
- Transferring the Maryland Council on Advancement of School–Based Health Centers from the State Department of Education to the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene; requiring the Maryland Community Health Resources Commission to provide staff support for the Council; authorizing the Commission to seek the assistance of organizations with expertise in school–based health care or specified other matters to provide additional staffing resources to the Commission and the Council; etc.
- SB 185**                    **Senator Feldman**  
**Chapter 200**            PUBLIC HEALTH – REPEAL OF AIDS EDUCATION PROGRAM  
FOR PERSONS CONVICTED OF DRUG– OR SEX–RELATED  
CRIMES
- Repealing a specified educational program on acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS) for persons convicted of specified drug– or sex–related crimes.
- HB 445**                    **Delegate West, et al**  
**Chapter 201**            PUBLIC HEALTH – REPEAL OF AIDS EDUCATION PROGRAM  
FOR PERSONS CONVICTED OF DRUG– OR SEX–RELATED  
CRIMES
- Repealing a specified educational program on acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS) for persons who plead guilty or nolo contendere to or are found guilty of specified drug– or sex–related crimes.



**SB 671**            **Senator Kelley, et al****Chapter 202****DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES – PUBLIC ASSISTANCE ELIGIBILITY – FINANCIAL RECORDS**

Requiring the Department of Human Resources, on a showing by an applicant for long-term Medicaid benefits that the applicant has been unable to obtain from a specified fiduciary institution financial records related to financial and real property assets necessary to establish the applicant's eligibility or ineligibility for public assistance, to request and obtain the records; requiring the Department to adopt regulations stating the requirements an applicant must satisfy for the Department to request financial records; etc.

**HB 752**            **Delegate Kelly****Chapter 203****DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES – PUBLIC ASSISTANCE ELIGIBILITY – FINANCIAL RECORDS**

Requiring the Department of Human Resources, on a showing by an applicant for long-term care Medicaid benefits that the applicant has been unable to obtain from a specified fiduciary institution financial records related to financial and real property assets necessary to establish the applicant's eligibility or ineligibility for Medicaid benefits, to request the records; requiring the Department to adopt regulations stating the requirements an applicant must satisfy for the Department to request financial records; etc.

**SB 906**            **Senator Muse****Chapter 204****CHILD SUPPORT –NONCOMPLIANCE WITH COURT ORDER – LICENSE SUSPENSION**

Extending from 60 to 120 days the time period that an individual with a commercial driver's license may be out of compliance with the most recent order of the court in making child support payments before the Child Support Enforcement Administration may notify the Motor Vehicle Administration to suspend the individual's driver's license; altering the circumstances under which the Child Support Enforcement Administration may request that a specified licensing authority suspend or deny a specified license; etc.

**HB 147**            **Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee (By Chapter 206 Request – Departmental – Aging)**

**HEALTHY AGING PROGRAM**

Establishing the Healthy Aging Program in the Department of Aging; specifying the purposes of the Program; providing that funding for the Program shall be as provided in the State budget; authorizing the Secretary of Aging to accept money from specified sources for the Program; authorizing the Secretary to adopt regulations to implement the Program; etc.

**SB 47**            **Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Chapter 207 Aging)**

**REPORTING ABUSE TO THE LONG-TERM CARE OMBUDSMAN PROGRAM AND THE OFFICE OF HEALTH CARE QUALITY**

Clarifying that suspected abuse of a resident of a related institution is required to be reported to the Office of Health Care Quality; requiring the recipient of a specified report to promptly notify, to the extent allowed by specified laws, the administrator of the related institution; requiring the Office of Health Care Quality once it has received a specified report to promptly notify the Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program; clarifying the entities to which a law enforcement agency is required to report the findings of an investigation; etc.

**HB 132**            **Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee (By Chapter 208 Request – Departmental – Aging)**

**LONG-TERM CARE OMBUDSMAN PROGRAM – REGULATIONS**

Requiring the Secretary of Aging to consult with the State Long-Term Care Ombudsman when adopting specified regulations that relate to the Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program, including specified annual reviews, resident councils and family councils in long-term care facilities, training and designating ombudsmen, conflicts of interest, and confidentiality of specified information and documents.

**HB 128**            **Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee (By**  
**Chapter 211**    **Request – Departmental – Disabilities)**

**STATE DISABILITIES PLAN AND INTERAGENCY DISABILITIES BOARD – REVISIONS**

Altering the date, from October 1 to December 1 of each year, by which the Secretary of Disabilities must submit an annual analysis of the State's progress in implementing the State Disabilities Plan and related performance objectives to the Governor and the General Assembly; altering the membership of the Interagency Disabilities Board; and altering the required elements of the State Disabilities Plan.

**HB 298**            **Delegate Kelly, et al**

**Chapter 219**    **HEALTH INSURANCE – LICENSED CLINICAL PROFESSIONAL ART THERAPISTS – REIMBURSEMENT**

Adding a licensed clinical professional art therapist to the types of licensed clinical counselors and therapists whose services entitle an insured or specified other persons to reimbursement, under specified circumstances, under specified health insurance policies, contracts, or certificates.

**HB 190**            **Delegate Queen, et al**

**Chapter 220**    **MAMMOGRAPHY CENTERS – DENSE BREAST TISSUE – NOTIFICATION OF BREAST CANCER SCREENING OPTIONS**

Altering the notice that specified mammography centers are required to include in a specified screening results letter; and requiring the notice to state that together, a patient and the patient's physician can decide whether additional screening options might be right for the patient.

**SB 753**            **Senator Guzzone**

**Chapter 242**    **TAX SALES – FORECLOSURE OF RIGHT OF REDEMPTION – NAMING OF DEFENDANTS**

Establishing requirements for naming of the defendants in an action to foreclose the right of redemption on property sold at a tax sale; and establishing requirements for filing a specified affidavit in an action to foreclose the right of redemption on property sold at a tax sale.

- HB 861**            **Delegate D. Barnes, et al**  
**Chapter 243**    **TAX SALES – FORECLOSURE OF RIGHT OF REDEMPTION – NAMING OF DEFENDANTS**
- Establishing requirements for naming of the defendants in an action to foreclose the right of redemption on property sold at a tax sale; and establishing requirements for filing a specified affidavit in an action to foreclose the right of redemption on property sold at a tax sale.
- SB 6**                **Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs**  
**Chapter 246**    **Committee (By Request – Departmental – Labor, Licensing and Regulation)**
- OCCUPATIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSING BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND REGULATORY ENTITIES – NOTIFICATIONS OF APPLICANTS, LICENSEES, REGISTRANTS, AND PERMIT HOLDERS**
- Altering the methods, to include both mail and electronic transmission, by which specified occupational and professional entities are authorized to send notices to specified applicants and specified renewal notices to specified licensees, registrants, or permit holders, subject to a specified condition; requiring specified entities to mail to the licensee, permit holder, or registrant notice of a switch to electronic transmission and to request verification of current e-mail addresses on file; etc.
- HB 138**            **Chair, Economic Matters Committee (By Request –**  
**Chapter 247**    **Departmental – Labor, Licensing and Regulation)**
- OCCUPATIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSING BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND REGULATORY ENTITIES – NOTIFICATIONS OF APPLICANTS, LICENSEES, REGISTRANTS, AND PERMIT HOLDERS**
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**HB 141**            **Chair, Economic Matters Committee (By Request –**  
**Chapter 248**    **Departmental – Labor, Licensing and Regulation)**

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE – ELIGIBILITY FOR BENEFITS  
– BUSINESS OPERATION CLOSINGS

Authorizing the Secretary of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation to exempt employees of an employer that closes its business operation or part of its business operation for a definite period not exceeding 10 weeks for inventory, vacation, or another purpose from the requirement to actively seek work during that period to be eligible to receive unemployment insurance benefits; and providing that a specified exemption may be granted only with respect to a specific business operation closing.

**SB 17**            **Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental –**  
**Chapter 249**    **Labor, Licensing and Regulation)**

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**HB 135**            **Chair, Economic Matters Committee (By Request –**  
**Chapter 250**    **Departmental – Labor, Licensing and Regulation)**

UNEMPLOYMENT        INSURANCE                –        ELECTRONIC  
TRANSMISSION OF INFORMATION AND DOCUMENTS –  
AUTHORITY

Authorizing the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation, individuals, and employers to electronically send specified information and documents relating to unemployment insurance; and requiring the Department to adopt regulations establishing the methods and means for information and documents to be sent electronically.

**HB 139**      **Chair, Economic Matters Committee (By Request –**  
**Chapter 251**   **Departmental – Labor, Licensing and Regulation)**

**UNEMPLOYMENT      INSURANCE      –      EMPLOYER**  
**DETERMINATIONS – PROCESS AND APPEAL RIGHTS**

Specifying the process and timeframe for exercising specified appeal rights related to employer determinations under the unemployment insurance law; requiring the Lower Appeals Division to hear and decide appeals from review determination decisions; authorizing an employer to file an appeal of a specified review determination decision to the Lower Appeals Division and the Board of Appeals under specified circumstances; etc.

**HB 140**      **Chair, Economic Matters Committee (By Request –**  
**Chapter 252**   **Departmental – Labor, Licensing and Regulation)**

**STATE COMMISSION OF REAL ESTATE APPRAISERS,**  
**APPRAISAL MANAGEMENT COMPANIES, AND HOME**  
**INSPECTORS – SUPERVISION OF APPRAISER TRAINEES**

Altering the qualifications for a real estate appraisal license and for a certificate for residential or general real estate appraisal to require that the applicant provide real estate appraiser services as a trainee under the supervision of only a certified appraiser.

**SB 87**      **Senators Astle and Middleton**

**Chapter 260**   **MARYLAND TOURISM DEVELOPMENT BOARD –**  
**DESTINATION MARKETING ORGANIZATION OFFICIALS –**  
**VOTING RIGHTS**

Granting the destination marketing organization officials who are members of the Maryland Tourism Development Board specified voting rights.

**HB 505**      **Delegate McMillan**

**Chapter 261**   **MARYLAND TOURISM DEVELOPMENT BOARD –**  
**DESTINATION MARKETING ORGANIZATION OFFICIALS –**  
**VOTING RIGHTS**

Granting the destination marketing organization officials who are members of the Maryland Tourism Development Board specified voting rights.

- SB 70**                    **Senator Waugh**  
**Chapter 262**            **UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE – EXEMPTION FROM COVERED EMPLOYMENT – YOUTH SPORTS WORKERS**
- Providing that, under specified circumstances, work that is performed by qualifying youth sports workers for youth sports organizations is not covered employment under the unemployment insurance law.
- SB 72**                    **Senator Klausmeier, et al**  
**Chapter 263**            **WORKERS’ COMPENSATION – TIERED RATING PLANS AND MERIT RATING PLANS**
- Authorizing a workers’ compensation insurer to develop a tiered rating plan that establishes discrete tiers based on risk attributes that are not arbitrary, capricious, or unfairly discriminatory and are reasonably related to the insurer’s business and economic purposes; requiring a workers’ compensation insurer to submit a tiered rating plan to the Insurance Commissioner at least 30 days in advance of the plan’s use; authorizing a workers’ compensation insurer to use a specified merit rating plan under specified circumstances; etc.
- HB 1315**                **Delegate Valderrama, et al**  
**Chapter 264**            **WORKERS’ COMPENSATION – TIERED RATING PLANS AND MERIT RATING PLANS**
- Authorizing a workers’ compensation insurer to develop a tiered rating plan that establishes discrete tiers based on risk attributes that are not arbitrary, capricious, or unfairly discriminatory and are reasonably related to the insurer’s business and economic purposes; requiring a workers’ compensation insurer to submit a tiered rating plan to the Insurance Commissioner at least 30 days in advance of the plan’s use; authorizing a workers’ compensation insurer to use a specified merit rating plan under specified circumstances; etc.
- SB 206**                **Senator Feldman, et al**  
**Chapter 265**            **FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS – QUALIFICATIONS OF DIRECTORS OF COMMERCIAL BANKS – RESIDENCY**
- Decreasing from a majority to at least 30%, the percentage of the directors of a commercial bank who are required to be residents of the State.

- HB 718**            **Delegate Carey**  
**Chapter 266**    **FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS – QUALIFICATIONS OF DIRECTORS OF COMMERCIAL BANKS – RESIDENCY**
- Decreasing from a majority to at least 30% the percentage of the directors of a commercial bank who are required to be residents of the State.
- SB 382**            **Senator McFadden**  
**Chapter 280**    **STATE EMPLOYEE AND RETIREE HEALTH AND WELFARE BENEFITS PROGRAM – PARTICIPATION BY SATELLITE ORGANIZATIONS**
- Altering the definition of “qualifying not-for-profit organization”, for purposes of provisions of law that authorize specified qualifying not-for-profit organizations to participate in the State Employee and Retiree Health and Welfare Benefits Program, to include a corporation, a limited liability company, or any other entity wholly owned by the Legal Aid Bureau, Inc.; etc.
- SB 130**            **Senator Simonaire**  
**Chapter 282**    **ELECTION LAW – BALLOT ISSUES – CONTRIBUTIONS OR DONATIONS BY FOREIGN PRINCIPALS**
- Prohibiting a foreign principal from making a contribution to a ballot issue committee or making a donation to a person that makes independent expenditures or electioneering communications relating to a ballot issue; and defining a specified term.



**SB 18**                    **Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs**  
**Chapter 283**           **Committee (By Request – Departmental – State Ethics**  
                                 **Commission)**

**PUBLIC ETHICS – BICOUNTY COMMISSIONS – FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE**

Altering duties of executive directors of bicounty commissions relating to the provision of ethics forms, as specified; requiring commissioners and applicants for appointment as commissioners to file financial disclosure statements electronically with the Ethics Commission; requiring the filing of paper copies of financial disclosure statements with specified officials in specified counties; requiring the Ethics Commission to promptly delete a statement electronically filed by an applicant who is not appointed; etc.

**SB 882**                    **Senator Simonaire**  
**Chapter 284**

**ELECTION LAW – CAMPAIGN SIGNS AT POLLING PLACES**

Altering the time period during which campaign signs shall be allowed on the premises of polling places for an election.

**HB 619**                    **Delegate Hornberger, et al**  
**Chapter 285**

**ELECTION LAW – CAMPAIGN SIGNS AT POLLING PLACES**

Altering the time period during which campaign signs shall be allowed on the premises of polling places for an election.

**SB 162**                    **Senator Waugh**  
**Chapter 286**

**ST. MARY'S COUNTY – MOBILE HOME PARKS – REPEAL**

Repealing specified provisions of law that relate to the licensing and operation of mobile home parks in St. Mary's County.

**HB 163**                    **St. Mary's County Delegation**  
**Chapter 287**

**ST. MARY'S COUNTY – MOBILE HOME PARKS – REPEAL**

Repealing specified provisions of law that relate to the licensing and operation of mobile home parks in St. Mary's County.

- HB 187**            **St. Mary’s County Delegation**  
**Chapter 290**    ST. MARY’S COUNTY – FOXES AND HOUNDS – REPEAL OF PROVISIONS
- Repealing specified provisions of law that relate to trapping or shooting specified foxes or shooting or molesting specified hounds in St. Mary’s County.
- SB 103**            **Senator Waugh**  
**Chapter 291**    ST. MARY’S COUNTY – FOXES AND HOUNDS – REPEAL OF PROVISIONS
- Repealing specified provisions of law that relate to trapping or shooting specified foxes or shooting or molesting specified hounds in St. Mary’s County.
- SB 104**            **Senator Waugh**  
**Chapter 292**    ST. MARY’S COUNTY – REGULATION OF ANIMALS – DOGS
- Requiring the Animal Control Division of the Department of Emergency Services and Technology in the St. Mary’s County government, rather than the county tax collector, to perform specified duties relating to the issuance and replacement of dog licenses and dog tags; and requiring the general shape of dog tags to remain unchanged from year to year.
- HB 108**            **St. Mary’s County Delegation**  
**Chapter 293**    ST. MARY’S COUNTY – REGULATION OF ANIMALS – DOGS
- Requiring the Animal Control Division of the Department of Emergency Services and Technology in the St. Mary’s County government, rather than the county tax collector, to perform specified duties relating to the issuance and replacement of dog licenses and dog tags; and requiring the general shape of dog tags to remain unchanged from year to year.

**SB 124**            **Senator Waugh****Chapter 294**    **ST. MARY'S COUNTY – VOCATIONAL TRAINING FACILITY – REPEAL**

Repealing a provision of law that relates to the authority of the County Commissioners of St. Mary's County to establish a specified board of directors for the purposes of establishing and overseeing a vocational training facility for specified purposes.

**HB 209**            **St. Mary's County Delegation****Chapter 295**    **ST. MARY'S COUNTY – VOCATIONAL TRAINING FACILITY – REPEAL**

Repealing a provision of law that relates to the authority of the County Commissioners of St. Mary's County to establish a specified board of directors for the purposes of establishing and overseeing a vocational training facility for specified purposes.

**HB 679**            **St. Mary's County Delegation****Chapter 296**    **ST. MARY'S COUNTY – METROPOLITAN COMMISSION – PERSONNEL**

Altering the type of position of specified personnel in the St. Mary's County Metropolitan Commission; establishing specified personnel positions in the Commission as contractual positions; and establishing that the Director of the Commission is the immediate supervisor of the General Counsel, Treasurer or Chief Financial Officer, Chief Engineer, and any other department director.

**SB 395**            **Senator Waugh****Chapter 297**    **ST. MARY'S COUNTY – METROPOLITAN COMMISSION – PERSONNEL**

Altering the type of position of specified personnel in the St. Mary's County Metropolitan Commission; establishing specified personnel positions in the Commission as contractual positions; and establishing that the Director of the Commission is the immediate supervisor of the General Counsel, Treasurer or Chief Financial Officer, Chief Engineer, and any other department director.

- SB 102**                    **Senator Waugh**  
**Chapter 298**            **ST. MARY'S COUNTY – FARM FENCES – REPEAL**  
Repealing specified provisions of law that relate to joint fences for adjoining farms in St. Mary's County.
- HB 109**                    **St. Mary's County Delegation**  
**Chapter 299**            **ST. MARY'S COUNTY – FARM FENCES – REPEAL**  
Repealing specified provisions of law that relate to joint fences for adjoining farms in St. Mary's County.
- SB 998**                    **Senator Conway**  
**Chapter 300**            **BALTIMORE CITY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR TASTING LICENSE**  
Authorizing the Baltimore City Board of License Commissioners to issue a Class BWLT beer, wine, and liquor (on premises) tasting license in a specified portion of the 43rd legislative district of Baltimore City.
- HB 837**                    **Delegate McIntosh, et al**  
**Chapter 301**            **BALTIMORE CITY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR TASTING LICENSE**  
Authorizing the Baltimore City Board of License Commissioners to issue a Class BWLT beer, wine, and liquor (on premises) tasting license in a specified portion of the 43rd legislative district of Baltimore City.
- SB 212**                    **Senator Hershey**  
**Chapter 302**            **BALTIMORE METROPOLITAN COUNCIL – QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY – MEMBERSHIP**  
Adding to the Baltimore Metropolitan Council a member who is appointed by the Board of County Commissioners of Queen Anne's County; providing that the new member serves at the pleasure of the Board; and providing that a Delegate or Senator who represents a district located in Queen Anne's County may be appointed as a member of the Council.

- HB 173**            **Delegate Arentz, et al**  
**Chapter 303**    **BALTIMORE METROPOLITAN COUNCIL – QUEEN ANNE’S COUNTY – MEMBERSHIP**
- Adding to the Baltimore Metropolitan Council a member who is appointed by the Board of County Commissioners of Queen Anne’s County; providing that the new member serves at the pleasure of the Board; and providing that a Delegate or Senator who represents a district located in Queen Anne’s County may be appointed as a member of the Council.
- HB 1343**           **Howard County Delegation**  
**Chapter 309**    **HOWARD COUNTY – FIRE AND EXPLOSIVE INVESTIGATOR – AUTHORITY HO. CO. 24–17**
- Providing that under specified circumstances, a Howard County fire and explosive investigator operating in Howard County has the same authority as the State Fire Marshal and a full–time investigative and inspection assistant in the Office of the State Fire Marshal to make arrests without a warrant, to exercise specified powers of arrest, and to carry a firearm; etc.
- HB 283**            **Delegate Krebs, et al**  
**Chapter 341**    **PROCUREMENT – PROHIBITIONS ON PARTICIPATION**
- Providing that specified prohibitions on participation in procurement apply only for a specified period of time following the issuance of an invitation for bids or a request for proposals; providing that specified prohibitions on participation in procurement do not apply to a subsequent invitation for bids or request for proposals for which the specifications are reused under specified circumstances; etc.

**HB 781**      **Delegate Kramer****Chapter 343****RETAIL PET STORES – ANIMAL SELLER, DOG CAGE SIGNS,  
AND RECORDS – REQUIREMENT REVISIONS**

Requiring a retail pet store to ensure that a specified person from whom the retail pet store obtains a cat or dog has not received a specified citation on a specified report for a direct or critical violation within a specified period of time; requiring specified information to be posted on or near each dog's cage in a retail pet store; and requiring a specified written record about each dog in the possession of a retail pet store to include specified information.

**SB 34**      **Chair, Budget and Taxation Committee (By Request –  
Chapter 344**      **Departmental – Transportation)****MOTOR VEHICLES – LEASED VEHICLES – INSPECTIONS,  
INSURANCE, AND EXCISE TAX**

Exempting from the motor vehicle excise tax a vehicle that is leased by the State or a political subdivision of the State; prohibiting the Motor Vehicle Administration from issuing, reinstating, or renewing a vehicle registration for a motor vehicle lessee who has an unpaid insurance penalty; and exempting a leased vehicle transferred to the lessee at the end of the lease term from the requirement to obtain a motor vehicle safety inspection.

**HB 603**      **Delegate Parrott, et al****Chapter 345****VEHICLE LAWS – OUT-OF-STATE VEHICLES – REQUIRED  
SECURITY**

Altering the defined term “required security” as it applies to motor vehicles in the State to include specified security for out-of-state motor vehicles.

**HB 26**            **Delegate Holmes****Chapter 346****REAL PROPERTY – NOTICES OF FORECLOSURE SALE AND POSTPONEMENT OR CANCELLATION OF FORECLOSURE SALE**

Requiring the person authorized to make a foreclosure sale to give written notice of the proposed sale to a specified condominium or homeowners association that, at least 30 days before the date of the proposed sale, has recorded a statement of lien against the property; requiring the trustee, within 14 days after the postponement or cancellation of a foreclosure sale, to send a notice that the sale was postponed or canceled to the record owner; applying the Act to a foreclosure sale scheduled after the effective date of the Act; etc.

**SB 247**            **Senators Ramirez and Muse****Chapter 347****REAL PROPERTY – NOTICES OF FORECLOSURE SALE AND POSTPONEMENT OR CANCELLATION OF FORECLOSURE SALE**

Requiring the person authorized to make a foreclosure sale to give written notice of the proposed sale to a specified condominium or homeowners association that, at least 30 days before the date of the proposed sale, has recorded a statement of lien against the property; requiring the trustee, within 14 days after the postponement or cancellation of a foreclosure sale, to send a notice that the sale was postponed or canceled to the record owner; applying the Act to a foreclosure sale scheduled after the effective date of the Act; etc.

**HB 760**            **Delegate Arentz, et al****Chapter 350****STATE REAL ESTATE COMMISSION – REAL ESTATE BROKERAGE SERVICES – DUTIES AND OBLIGATIONS**

Specifying that a licensee of the State Real Estate Commission does not breach a duty or obligation to a client by showing a lessee other available properties or by discussing other properties with prospective buyers or lessees during an open house if the licensee has the written consent of the seller or lessor to do so.

**SB 917**            **Senator Mathias, et al****Chapter 353**    **MOTOR VEHICLES – SEASONAL EXCEPTIONAL POULTRY HAULING PERMIT**

Authorizing the State Highway Administration to issue a seasonal exceptional poultry hauling permit that authorizes specified axle configurations and specified increased weight limits while carrying live poultry from a farm to a processing facility from November 1 until April 30 annually in specified counties; requiring, before October 1 each year, each specified poultry processing facility to submit to the Administration a complete list of registered combinations of vehicles used for carrying live poultry; etc.

**HB 753**            **Delegate West, et al****Chapter 354**    **MARYLAND TRUST ACT – REPRESENTATIVES OF BENEFICIARIES**

Authorizing a settlor of a trust to designate specified persons to serve as a representative or successor representative of a beneficiary of the trust, to designate specified persons who may in turn designate a representative or successor representative of a beneficiary of the trust, and to specify the order of priority among those persons; prohibiting a trustee from serving as a representative of a specified beneficiary under specified circumstances; etc.

**SB 793**            **Senator Smith****Chapter 355**    **MARYLAND TRUST ACT – REPRESENTATIVES OF BENEFICIARIES**

Authorizing a settlor of a trust to designate specified persons to serve as a representative or successor representative of a beneficiary of the trust, to designate specified persons who may in turn designate a representative or successor representative of a beneficiary of the trust, and to specify the order of priority among those persons; prohibiting a trustee from serving as a representative of a specified beneficiary under specified circumstances; etc.



- HB 754**                    **Delegates West and Lierman**  
**Chapter 356**            **MARYLAND TRUST ACT – NOTICE AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS – EXEMPTIONS**
- Exempting specified persons from specified requirements under the Maryland Trust Act to provide specified notice and specified information to themselves.
- SB 792**                    **Senator Smith**  
**Chapter 357**            **MARYLAND TRUST ACT – NOTICE AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS – EXEMPTIONS**
- Exempting specified persons from specified requirements under the Maryland Trust Act to provide specified notice and specified information to themselves.
- HB 759**                    **Delegates Kramer and West**  
**Chapter 358**            **CORPORATIONS – FORMATION OF A HOLDING COMPANY BY MERGER**
- Establishing a process for the formation of a specified holding company through the merger of a Maryland parent corporation with or into a specified wholly owned subsidiary of the Maryland parent corporation; providing that a vote of the stockholders of the parent corporation is not necessary to authorize the merger except under specified circumstances; requiring that the merger be approved by a majority of the entire board of directors of the parent corporation; etc.
- SB 398**                    **Senator Feldman**  
**Chapter 359**            **CORPORATIONS – FORMATION OF A HOLDING COMPANY BY MERGER**
- Establishing a process for the formation of a specified holding company through the merger of a Maryland parent corporation with or into a specified wholly owned subsidiary of the Maryland parent corporation; providing that a vote of the stockholders of the parent corporation is not necessary to authorize the merger except under specified circumstances; requiring that the merger be approved by a majority of the entire board of directors of the parent corporation; etc.

- SB 1057**      **Senator Lee**  
**Chapter 360**    **PUBLIC INFORMATION ACT – DENIALS OF INSPECTION – EXPLANATION REGARDING REDACTION**
- Requiring, under specified circumstances, a custodian of a public record to include in a specified written statement an explanation of why redacting information would not address the reasons for denying inspection of a public record.
- HB 321**      **Montgomery County Delegation and Prince George’s County**  
**Chapter 361**    **Delegation**
- MARYLAND–NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION – AUDIT COMMITTEE AND OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL MC/PG 110–17**
- Establishing an Audit Committee in the Maryland–National Capital Park and Planning Commission; authorizing the Commission to adopt specified rules of procedure and delegate specified functions to the Audit Committee; establishing an Office of the Inspector General in the Commission; authorizing the Office to conduct specified investigations, analyses, audits and reviews; requiring the Inspector General to submit specified written reports to the Audit Committee and Commission for publication on the Commission’s Web site; etc.
- HB 1063**      **Delegate Stein, et al**  
**Chapter 373**    **AGRICULTURE – MARYLAND HEALTHY SOILS PROGRAM**
- Establishing the Maryland Healthy Soils Program to increase biological activity and carbon sequestration in the State’s soils by promoting practices based on emerging soil science; requiring the Department of Agriculture to provide incentives, including research, education, technical assistance, and, subject to available funding, financial assistance, to farmers to implement farm management practices that contribute to healthy soils; requiring the Department to determine if the program could complement other agricultural programs; etc.

**HB 1349 Delegate Robinson****Chapter 374****ENVIRONMENT – COMPOSTABLE, DEGRADABLE, AND BIODEGRADABLE PLASTIC PRODUCTS – LABELING**

Prohibiting a person from selling a specified plastic product that is labeled as biodegradable, degradable, or decomposable on or after October 1, 2018, subject to a specified exception; prohibiting a person from selling a specified plastic product labeled as compostable or home compostable on or after October 1, 2018, unless the plastic product meets specified standards; establishing specified penalties; providing for the disposition of specified penalties collected under the Act; etc.

**HB 124 Chair, Environment and Transportation Committee (By Chapter 376 Request – Departmental – Environment)****ENVIRONMENT – SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLING FACILITIES**

Requiring the Department of the Environment to adopt specified regulations relating to recycling facilities, including conditions for specified permit exemptions; providing that specified enforcement provisions apply to specified violations; requiring the Department to convene and consult with a workgroup of affected stakeholders in developing specified regulations; and requiring the workgroup to include representatives of specified entities.

**HB 133 Chair, Environment and Transportation Committee (By Chapter 378 Request – Departmental – Environment)****ENVIRONMENT – REDUCTION OF LEAD RISK IN HOUSING – NOTIFICATION OF ELEVATED BLOOD LEAD LEVEL**

Requiring the Department of the Environment or a local health department to notify the person at risk, or in the case of a minor, the parent or legal guardian of the person at risk, and the owner of the affected property on receipt of specified blood lead tests under specified circumstances.

- HB 66**  
**Chapter 385**      **Delegate Lam**  
ENVIRONMENT – LEAD AND MERCURY WHEEL WEIGHTS – PROHIBITED
- Prohibiting specified persons from using, allowing to be used, or selling specified lead wheel weights after January 1, 2020; requiring the State to ensure that no vehicle purchased for the State fleet after January 1, 2019, is equipped with an externally attached lead wheel weight that is composed of greater than 0.1% lead or 0.1% mercury by weight; prohibiting a tire on a vehicle in the State fleet that is balanced or replaced after January 1, 2018, from being equipped with specified lead wheel weights; etc.
- SB 1040**  
**Chapter 387**      **Senator Ready, et al**  
ENVIRONMENT – WATER AND SEWER AND SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN APPROVAL
- Reducing the number of days from 90 to 60 that the Department of the Environment has to take specified actions on a proposed county plan or a proposed revision or amendment to a county plan; reducing the number of days from 90 to 45 for an extension of a specified review period; authorizing an additional extension of time for a specified review period, subject to specified notice requirements; requiring a written notice to include specified information; etc.
- SB 355**  
**Chapter 388**      **Senators Serafini and Astle**  
GAS COMPANIES – RATE REGULATION – ENVIRONMENTAL REMEDIATION COSTS
- Authorizing the Public Service Commission, when determining specified expenses while setting a just and reasonable rate for a gas company, to include all costs reasonably incurred by the gas company for performing environmental remediation of real property in response to a State or federal law, regulation, or order under specified conditions; authorizing that specified environmental remediation costs be included in a gas company’s specified expenses regardless of specified circumstances; etc.

**HB 1350**      **Delegate Rose, et al****Chapter 392****PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION – APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY – CONSISTENCY WITH COMPREHENSIVE PLAN**

Requiring the Public Service Commission, rather than the Department of Planning, to provide a copy of application materials for a certificate of public convenience and necessity to each specified unit of local government in which the construction of a generating station is proposed to be located and to specified public officials; requiring the Commission to take final action on the application only after due consideration of the consistency of the application with the jurisdiction's comprehensive plan and zoning; etc.

**HB 586**      **Delegate Hettleman, et al****Chapter 395****MARYLAND FARMS AND FAMILIES ACT**

Establishing the Maryland Farms and Families Program in the Department of Agriculture; establishing that the purpose of the Program is to double the purchasing power of food–insecure Maryland residents with limited access to fresh fruits and vegetables and to increase revenue for farmers through redemption of specified benefits at Maryland farmers markets; establishing a Maryland Farms and Families Fund; requiring the Governor to include a \$500,000 appropriation to the Fund each fiscal year subject to the limitations of the State budget; etc.

**SB 278**      **Senator Middleton, et al****Chapter 396****MARYLAND FARMS AND FAMILIES ACT**

Establishing the Maryland Farms and Families Program in the Department of Agriculture; establishing that the purpose of the Program is to double the purchasing power of food–insecure Maryland residents with limited access to fresh fruits and vegetables and to increase revenue for farmers through redemption of specified benefits at Maryland farmers markets; establishing a Maryland Farms and Families Fund; requiring the Governor to include a \$500,000 appropriation to the Fund each fiscal year subject to the limitations of the State budget; etc.

**SB 1190**      **Senators Eckardt and Serafini****Chapter 397****BAY RESTORATION FUND – UPGRADED WASTEWATER FACILITIES – GRANTS TO COUNTIES AND MUNICIPALITIES**

Authorizing the Department of the Environment to use funds from the Bay Restoration Fund to provide grants to a county or municipality that upgraded a wastewater facility to enhanced nutrient removal before July 1, 2013, under specified circumstances; and specifying that the Department may award up to \$2,000,000 in grants on a first-come, first-served basis.

**HB 477**      **Delegate Beitzel****Chapter 404****NATURAL RESOURCES – PROTECTION AND RESTORATION OF STATE-OWNED LAKES**

Establishing the State Lakes Protection and Restoration Fund as a special, nonlapsing fund; specifying the purpose of the Fund is to protect and restore State-owned lakes; requiring the Department of Natural Resources to develop a specified budget; requiring any interest earning of the Fund be credited to the Fund; requiring the Department, in coordination with local governments, organizations, and citizens, to develop an annual work plan that prioritizes and details projects that will receive funding from the Fund; etc.

**SB 396**      **Senator Edwards****Chapter 405****NATURAL RESOURCES – PROTECTION AND RESTORATION OF STATE-OWNED LAKES**

Establishing the State Lakes Protection and Restoration Fund as a special, nonlapsing fund; specifying the purpose of the Fund is to protect and restore State-owned lakes; requiring the Department of Natural Resources to develop a specified budget; requiring any interest earnings of the Fund be credited to the Fund; requiring the Department, in coordination with local governments, organizations, and citizens, to develop an annual work plan that prioritizes and details projects that will receive funding from the Fund; etc.

**HB 1253**      **Delegate Long**  
**Chapter 408**    **STATE BOAT ACT – REMOVAL OF ABANDONED OR SUNKEN VESSELS**

Altering the definition of “abandoned vessel” to include a sunken vessel but exclude specified historic property or submerged archaeological historic property; clarifying that specified provisions of law relating to the removal and disposal of abandoned vessels apply to sunken vessels; extending liability protections for damage that may occur during removal, storage, or custody of an abandoned or sunken vessel to a person that removes, preserves, or stores the abandoned or sunken vessel on behalf of the Department of Natural Resources; etc.

**HB 941**      **Delegate A. Miller, et al**  
**Chapter 410**    **CRIMINAL LAW – ANIMAL ABUSE EMERGENCY COMPENSATION FUND – ESTABLISHMENT**

Requiring specified fines to be remitted to the Animal Abuse Emergency Compensation Fund; establishing the Animal Abuse Emergency Compensation Fund; providing for the uses, purposes, sources of funding, investment of money, and auditing of the Fund; requiring the Executive Director of the Governor’s Office of Crime Control and Prevention (GOCCP) to administer the Fund; providing that the Fund is a continuing, nonlapsing fund not subject to specified provisions of law; etc.

**SB 269**      **Senator Lee, et al**  
**Chapter 411**    **EMERGENCY VETERINARY CARE – IMMUNITY FROM LIABILITY**

Providing that prohibitions relating to the practice of veterinary medicine do not apply to emergency veterinary care for which a person may not be held civilly liable; providing immunity from civil liability for specified people providing emergency veterinary aid, care, or assistance to an animal where the owner or custodian is not available to grant permission under specified circumstances; etc.

- HB 216**                    **Delegate Lam, et al**  
**Chapter 412**            **EMERGENCY VETERINARY CARE – IMMUNITY FROM LIABILITY**
- Providing that prohibitions relating to the practice of veterinary medicine do not apply to emergency veterinary care for which a person may not be held civilly liable; providing immunity from civil liability for specified people providing emergency veterinary aid, care, or assistance to an animal where the owner or custodian is not available to grant permission under specified circumstances; etc.
- SB 143**                    **Senator Zirkin**  
**Chapter 413**            **INJURY TO OR DEATH OF PET – DAMAGES**
- Providing that a person who tortiously causes an injury to or death of a pet while acting through an animal under the person's ownership is liable to the owner of the pet for specified compensatory damages; increasing from \$7500 to a maximum of \$10,000 the cap on the compensatory damages for which a person who tortiously causes an injury to or death of a pet is liable; and applying the Act prospectively.
- HB 334**                    **Delegate Kramer, et al**  
**Chapter 414**            **LOCAL GOVERNMENT – REGULATION OF ANIMALS – KENNEL LICENSES**
- Requiring a person to obtain a kennel license from a local licensing agency if the person owns or has custody of 6 or more, instead of 15 or more, unspayed female dogs over the age of 6 months kept for specified breeding purposes or if the person sells dogs from six or more litters in a year.
- SB 573**                    **Senator Feldman**  
**Chapter 415**            **LOCAL GOVERNMENT – REGULATION OF ANIMALS – KENNEL LICENSES**
- Requiring a person to obtain a kennel license from a local licensing agency if the person owns or has custody of 6 or more, instead of 15 or more, unspayed female dogs over the age of 6 months kept for specified breeding purposes or if the person sells dogs from six or more litters in a year.



**HB 1463 Delegate Frush, et al****Chapter 417 VETERINARY PRACTITIONERS – ANIMAL CRUELTY AND ANIMAL FIGHTING – REPORTING**

Requiring a veterinary practitioner who has reason to believe that an animal that has been treated by the veterinary practitioner has been subjected to cruelty or fighting in violation of specified provisions of law to report the suspected animal cruelty or animal fighting to the appropriate law enforcement agency or county animal control agency in a timely manner; authorizing the State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners to impose specified disciplinary actions on a veterinary practitioner under specified circumstances; etc.

**HB 710 Charles County Delegation****Chapter 418 CHARLES COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – ALCOHOL AWARENESS CERTIFICATION**

Requiring in Charles County an alcoholic beverages license holder or an individual designated by the license holder who is employed in a supervisory capacity to be certified by an approved alcohol awareness program and to be present on the licensed premises at all times when alcoholic beverages may be sold; providing a penalty of \$100 for a first violation of the Act; and providing, for each subsequent offense, a fine not to exceed \$500 or a suspension or revocation of the license or both.

**HB 1300 Charles County Delegation****Chapter 419 CHARLES COUNTY – GARBAGE DISPOSAL SERVICES – PROVIDER DISPLACEMENT**

Requiring the County Commissioners of Charles County to hold a specified public hearing and provide specified notice before taking any action that results in a specified displacement of a person that has been providing garbage collection, removal, or disposal services; requiring the county commissioners to provide written notice by registered mail at least 3 years before a specified displacement to a specified person; etc.

- HB 243**                    **St. Mary’s County Delegation**  
**Chapter 423**            **ST. MARY’S COUNTY – AUDITING REQUIREMENTS – REPEAL**  
Repealing specified provisions of law that relate to the appointment, salary, removal, and powers of a county auditor for St. Mary’s County; and repealing specified provisions of law concerning a specified annual audit and an accounting system in the county.
- SB 737**                    **Senator Waugh**  
**Chapter 424**            **ST. MARY’S COUNTY – BONDS AND OTHER EVIDENCES OF INDEBTEDNESS – LIMITATIONS AND REPAYMENT**  
Altering specified limits on debt in St. Mary’s County; subjecting specified bonds and other evidences of indebtedness issued under the authority of the St. Mary’s County Sanitary Commission Act to a specified limitation; and requiring the responsibility for repayment to remain with the St. Mary’s County Metropolitan Commission.
- HB 404**                    **St. Mary’s County Delegation**  
**Chapter 425**            **ST. MARY’S COUNTY – LAND RECORDS – REPEAL**  
Repealing a specified provision of law concerning the preparation of specified documents submitted for inclusion in the land records of St. Mary’s County.
- SB 735**                    **Senator Waugh**  
**Chapter 426**            **ST. MARY’S COUNTY – METROPOLITAN COMMISSION – AUTHORITY TO BORROW MONEY**  
Requiring the Board of County Commissioners of St. Mary’s County, when the St. Mary’s County Metropolitan Commission plans to borrow any money, to review and approve any loan application before the Commission submits the loan application to a lender.
- SB 298**                    **Senator Waugh**  
**Chapter 428**            **ST. MARY’S COUNTY – SHERIFF, COUNTY TREASURER, AND STATE’S ATTORNEY – SALARIES**  
Altering the salary of the Sheriff of St. Mary’s County, the County Treasurer of St. Mary’s County, and the State’s Attorney for St. Mary’s County; and providing for the application of the Act.

- HB 218**                    **Carroll County Delegation**  
**Chapter 433**            **CARROLL COUNTY – HUCKSTER, HAWKER, OR PEDDLER  
LICENSE – REPEAL**
- Repealing specified provisions of law that relate to licenses issued to hucksters, hawkers, or peddlers selling fruits or vegetables in Carroll County.
- SB 324**                    **Carroll County Senators**  
**Chapter 434**            **CARROLL COUNTY – MECHANICAL MUSICAL DEVICES –  
LICENSING REQUIREMENTS – REPEAL**
- Repealing a licensing requirement for specified mechanical musical devices in Carroll County.
- SB 457**                    **Carroll County Senators**  
**Chapter 436**            **CARROLL COUNTY – SHERIFF’S SALARY**
- Altering the salary of the Sheriff of Carroll County to \$100,000 beginning December 4, 2018, and to \$110,000 beginning December 3, 2019; and providing for the application of the Act.
- SB 456**                    **Carroll County Senators**  
**Chapter 437**            **CARROLL COUNTY – STATE’S ATTORNEY – SALARY**
- Altering the salary of the State’s Attorney for Carroll County; providing that the State’s Attorney’s salary is the following percentages of the salary of a judge of the District Court of Maryland: 80%, ending on December 3, 2018, 90%, beginning on December 4, 2018, and 100%, beginning on December 3, 2019; providing thereafter, a specified salary increase will take effect at the beginning of the elected term of office and may not increase during the specified term; etc.

- SB 309**            **The President (By Request – Administration), et al**  
**Chapter 438**      **STATE FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT – SMALL AND**  
                         **MINORITY BUSINESS PARTICIPATION**
- Incorporating specified findings and evidence associated with a specified Minority Business Enterprise Program; requiring that approved applicants for a proposed offshore wind project comply with the Program to a specified extent; clarifying what constitutes good cause for the removal of a certified minority business enterprise after the execution of a contract; altering a requirement that specified units structure procurement procedures to achieve a minimum percentage of the dollar value of contracts for small businesses; etc.
- Section 2 Only (Sections 1 and 3 – Emergency)**
- HB 1382**           **Delegate Barron**  
**Chapter 439**      **ELECTION LAW – CANDIDATE FOR CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE**  
                         **DEFEATED IN PRIMARY ELECTION**
- Prohibiting a candidate for the office of judge of the circuit court who is defeated for the nomination at a primary election in each contest for the office of circuit court judge in which the candidate appears on the ballot from appearing on the ballot at the next succeeding general election as a candidate for any office; etc.
- SB 1121**           **Senator Conway**  
**Chapter 440**      **ELECTION LAW – CANDIDATE FOR CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE**  
                         **DEFEATED IN PRIMARY ELECTION**
- Prohibiting a candidate for the office of judge of the circuit court who is defeated for the nomination at a primary election in each contest for the office of circuit court judge in which the candidate appears on the ballot from appearing on the ballot at the next succeeding general election for any office; etc.

- HB 386**                    **Montgomery County Delegation**  
**Chapter 444**                **MONTGOMERY COUNTY – ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT –  
BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICTS MC 12–17**
- Removing Montgomery County from the scope of law governing the establishment of business improvement districts; authorizing Montgomery County or a municipal corporation in Montgomery County to create specified business improvement districts; providing for the legislative purposes of a district; requiring the county or a municipal corporation in the county to adopt specified local laws to provide for the creation and organization of a district; providing for the governance of the business improvement district corporation; etc.
- SB 497**                    **Chair, Budget and Taxation Committee (By Request –  
Chapter 446**                **Departmental – Lottery and Gaming Control Agency)**
- GAMING – VIDEO LOTTERY FACILITIES – OPERATION  
LICENSE RENEWAL TERM AND LOCAL DEVELOPMENT  
COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP**
- Altering the period of time, from 1 year to 2 years, by which a video lottery operation licensee must notify the State Lottery and Gaming Control Commission of its intent to reapply for a video lottery operation license; altering the membership of specified video lottery facility local development councils to include 15 members appointed by the chief executive of the specified county, in consultation with the Senators and Delegates who represent the communities surrounding the facility and specified other entities; etc.
- HB 813**                    **Delegate Bromwell, et al**  
**Chapter 447**                **STATE LOTTERY TICKETS – INTERNET SALES – PROHIBITION**
- Prohibiting the State Lottery and Gaming Control Agency from allowing the establishment of any system or program that allows a person to purchase a State lottery ticket through an electronic device that connects to the Internet such as a personal computer or mobile device.

- SB 438**                    **Senator Conway**  
**Chapter 448**            **STATE LOTTERY TICKETS – INTERNET SALES – PROHIBITION**  
Prohibiting the State Lottery and Gaming Control Agency from allowing the establishment of any system or program that allows a person to purchase a State lottery ticket through an electronic device that connects to the Internet, such as a personal computer or mobile device.
- HB 1537**                **Delegate Bromwell, et al**  
**Chapter 449**            **VIDEO LOTTERY FACILITIES – DONATION OF COINS FROM GAMING PAYOUTS – EXPANSION**  
Requiring the State Lottery and Gaming Control Commission to adopt regulations that require each video lottery operator to adopt specified procedures to offer specified players the opportunity to donate coins when receiving cash on payout to the Maryland Veterans Trust Fund under specified circumstances.
- SB 1125**                **Senator Klausmeier**  
**Chapter 450**            **VIDEO LOTTERY FACILITIES – DONATION OF COINS FROM GAMING PAYOUTS – EXPANSION**  
Requiring the State Lottery and Gaming Control Commission to adopt regulations that require each video lottery operator to adopt specified procedures to offer specified players the opportunity to donate coins when receiving cash on payout to the Maryland Veterans Trust Fund under specified circumstances.
- HB 300**                 **Delegate Fennell, et al**  
**Chapter 451**            **VIDEO LOTTERY TERMINALS – DISPOSITION OF UNCLAIMED WINNINGS**  
Specifying that a jackpot won at a video lottery terminal that is not claimed by the winner within 182 days after the jackpot is won shall become the property of the State and be distributed in a specified manner.

- SB 228**                    **Senator Salling, et al**  
**Chapter 452**                **VIDEO LOTTERY TERMINALS – DISPOSITION OF UNCLAIMED WINNINGS**
- Specifying that a jackpot won at a video lottery terminal that is not claimed by the winner within 182 days after the jackpot is won shall become the property of the State and be distributed in a specified manner.
- SB 509**                    **Senator Peters**  
**Chapter 454**                **PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY – ORPHANS’ COURT JUDGES – SALARY**
- Increasing the salary of each associate judge of the Orphans’ Court for Prince George’s County from \$42,000 to \$50,000, and the salary of the Chief Judge from \$42,500 to \$55,000 per year; and applying the Act.
- HB 1551**                    **Prince George’s County Delegation**  
**Chapter 456**                **PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY LOCAL MANAGEMENT BOARD – STRATEGIC PLAN, REPORT, AND STUDY PG 426–17**
- Requiring the Prince George’s County Local Management Board to develop and implement a strategic plan to raise revenues to match the total funding provided by the Governor’s Office for Children by January 1, 2018; requiring the Local Management Board to submit a specified report by January 1 each year; requiring Prince George’s County to study the feasibility of converting the Local Management Board into a quasi–public nonprofit corporation and the leveraging of specified funds by specified quasi–public nonprofit corporations; etc.
- HB 874**                    **Delegates Cassilly and Szeliga**  
**Chapter 464**                **AIR NAVIGATION PROTECTION FROM HAZARDS ACT OF 2017**
- Creating an exemption under the Forest Conservation Act for the cutting or clearing of trees to comply with a specified provision of law relating to obstructions to air navigation; and providing that the exemption does not apply to the cutting or clearing of trees to facilitate the expansion or extension of the boundaries of any airport or runway.

- SB 639**                    **Senator Edwards**  
**Chapter 471**            **ALLEGANY COUNTY – SHERIFF’S DEPUTIES – SALARY AND DUTIES**
- Altering the salary of a Sheriff’s deputy in Allegany County; and clarifying that at least one of the Sheriff’s deputies is required to be assigned by the Sheriff to execute process, orders, and directions for the juvenile court and specified other duties as assigned by the Sheriff.
- HB 85**                    **Anne Arundel County Delegation**  
**Chapter 474**            **ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – CHARITABLE GAMING**
- Authorizing specified organizations in Anne Arundel County to conduct a card game, card tournament, or casino event under specified circumstances; requiring an organization to obtain a permit from the County Department of Inspections and Permits; specifying that a permit holder may receive no more than one permit per calendar year; requiring a participant in specified gaming events to be at least 21 years of age; requiring an individual who volunteers as an operator of specified gaming events to be at least 18 years of age; etc.
- SB 50**                    **Senator Astle, et al**  
**Chapter 477**            **CEMETERIES – AUTHORITY TO MAINTAIN AND REPAIR MEMORIALS AND MONUMENTS**
- Establishing that the owner of a burial lot is responsible for the care of specified monuments or memorials; providing that this Act does not prohibit a responsible party for a cemetery from maintaining or repairing a memorial or monument under specified circumstances; etc.
- SB 636**                    **Senators Klausmeier and King**  
**Chapter 478**            **COMMISSION ON THE COMMEMORATION OF THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PASSAGE OF THE 19TH AMENDMENT TO THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION**
- Altering the membership of the Commission on the Commemoration of the 100th Anniversary of the Passage of the 19th Amendment to the United States Constitution to include a representative of the Maryland Heritage Women’s History Center.



- HB 789**                    **Delegate Cullison**  
**Chapter 480**            **CONDOMINIUMS AND HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATIONS – AMENDMENT OF GOVERNING DOCUMENTS**
- Altering the minimum percentage of affirmative votes required to amend the bylaws of a condominium to require the affirmative vote of unit owners in good standing having at least 60% of the votes in the council of unit owners; repealing specified provisions concerning the minimum percentage of affirmative votes required to amend a specified governing document of a homeowners association created before a specified date; etc.
- SB 809**                    **Senator Muse, et al**  
**Chapter 481**            **CONDOMINIUMS AND HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATIONS – SALES OF COMMON ELEMENTS AND COMMON AREAS**
- Requiring the governing body of a condominium or, under specified circumstances, the developer to provide written notice no less than 30 days before the sale of any common element under specified circumstances; requiring the governing body of a homeowners association, or, under specified circumstances, the declarant to provide specified notice before the sale of any common area under specified circumstances; etc.
- SB 1027**                **Senator Manno**  
**Chapter 482**            **COURTS – ACTION FOR VIOLATION OF COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT OR BREACH OF DUTY OF FAIR REPRESENTATION – LIMITATIONS PERIOD**
- Establishing a specified limitations period on an action for injunctive relief or damages for a violation of a collective bargaining agreement covering an employee of the State or a political subdivision of the State or a breach by an exclusive representative of the duty of fair representation owed to an employee of the State or a political subdivision of the State; and applying the Act prospectively.

- HB 852**            **Delegate Barkley, et al**  
**Chapter 483**      **COURTS – ACTION FOR VIOLATION OF COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT OR BREACH OF DUTY OF FAIR REPRESENTATION – LIMITATIONS PERIOD**
- Establishing a specified limitations period on an action for injunctive relief or damages for a violation of a collective bargaining agreement covering an employee of the State or a political subdivision of the State or a breach by an exclusive representative of the duty of fair representation owed to an employee of the State or a political subdivision of the State; and applying the Act prospectively.
- SB 781**            **Senator Lee, et al**  
**Chapter 485**      **CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – TESTING – HIV AND HEPATITIS C**
- Including hepatitis C as a disease for which a person charged with causing prohibited exposure may be tested under specified circumstances; authorizing a judge to issue an emergency order to obtain an oral swab from a person to be tested for the presence of HIV when it is made to appear there is probable cause to believe that the person has caused prohibited exposure to a victim; requiring a law enforcement officer to deliver an oral swab to a local health official or health care provider for immediate testing; etc.
- HB 1375**         **Delegate Proctor, et al**  
**Chapter 486**      **CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – TESTING – HIV AND HEPATITIS C**
- Including hepatitis C as a disease for which a person charged with causing prohibited exposure may be tested under specified circumstances; authorizing a judge to issue an emergency order to obtain an oral swab from a person to be tested for the presence of HIV when it is made to appear there is probable cause to believe that the person has caused exposure to a victim; requiring a law enforcement officer to deliver an oral swab to a local health official or health care provider for immediate testing; etc.

- SB 799**                    **Senator Muse, et al**  
**Chapter 488**            **DRIVER IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AND FAILURE TO PAY CHILD SUPPORT – DRIVER’S LICENSE SUSPENSIONS – PENALTIES AND ASSESSMENT OF POINTS**
- Altering the assessment of points and the penalties associated with the suspension of a driver’s license or privilege to drive of an individual who fails to attend a specified driver improvement program or is an obligor 60 days or more out of compliance with the most recent order of the court in making child support payments.
- HB 293**                    **Delegate Dumais, et al**  
**Chapter 490**            **FAMILY LAW – DIVORCE – DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ORDER**
- Repealing a provision providing that an order or a decision in a domestic violence proceeding is inadmissible as evidence in a divorce proceeding; and repealing a provision prohibiting a court from considering compliance with a domestic violence order as grounds for granting a decree of limited or absolute divorce.
- SB 85**                    **Senator Conway, et al**  
**Chapter 491**            **FAMILY LAW – TREATMENT FOSTER CARE HOMES – SIBLINGS**
- Authorizing the placement of more than two children in a treatment foster care home in order to place siblings together if the local department makes a written finding that placing the siblings together is in their best interests and that the siblings will not harm other children placed at the same treatment foster care home; and requiring the local department to notify the Administration of the placement.
- HB 1207**                **Delegate Pena–Melnyk, et al**  
**Chapter 492**            **FAMILY LAW – TREATMENT FOSTER CARE HOMES – SIBLINGS**
- Authorizing the placement of more than two children in a treatment foster care home in order to place siblings together if the local department makes a written finding that placing the siblings together is in their best interests and that the siblings will not harm other children placed at the same treatment foster care home; and requiring the local department to notify the Social Services Administration of the Department of Human Resources of the placement.

- HB 1182**      **Frederick County Delegation**  
**Chapter 495**      **FREDERICK COUNTY – STATE’S ATTORNEY – ANNUAL SALARY**
- Altering the annual salary of the State’s Attorney for Frederick County; requiring the salary of the State’s Attorney for Frederick County to increase in a percentage equal to the average annual increment and salary adjustment given to Frederick County employees over the State’s Attorney’s prior 4–year term; and providing for the application of the Act.
- SB 88**              **Senator Simonaire**  
**Chapter 496**      **GENERAL PROVISIONS – STATE DESIGNATIONS – GREAT SEAL**
- Repealing a specified statutory translation of the Calvert family motto depicted on the Great Seal of the State; and establishing a specified meaning for the Calvert family motto, “Fatti maschii parole femine”, which generally means “Strong deeds, gentle words”.
- SB 15**              **Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Maryland Insurance Administration)**  
**Chapter 504**      **INSURANCE – CHARITABLE GIFT ANNUITIES – SPECIAL PERMIT HOLDERS – REQUIRED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**
- Requiring a holder of a special permit needed to make agreements with donors for annuity payments to specified entities to submit to the Maryland Insurance Commissioner audited fiscal year–end financial statements of the holder instead of an annual report; requiring the financial statements to be audited by a certified public accountant and presented in a specified manner; authorizing the Commissioner to waive the requirement to submit the financial statements under specified circumstances; etc.
- HB 1277**      **Delegate Davis**  
**Chapter 505**      **INSURANCE – PRODUCER LICENSING – EXAMINATIONS**
- Altering the number of days from 14 to 4 an applicant for a license to act as an insurance producer who fails a specified examination must wait before retaking the examination.

**HB 236 Delegate Barron, et al****Chapter 507 LEGAL ADVICE TO CORPORATIONS – CLARIFICATION**

Altering an exception to the requirement that an individual be admitted to the Maryland Bar before the individual may practice law in the State by authorizing an individual who is admitted to the bar of any other state to provide legal advice to the individual's employer or the employer's organizational affiliates.

**SB 794 Senator Smith****Chapter 508 LEGAL ADVICE TO CORPORATIONS – CLARIFICATION**

Altering an exception to the requirement that an individual be admitted to the Maryland Bar before the individual may practice law in the State by authorizing an individual who is admitted to the bar of any other state to provide legal advice to the individual's employer or the employer's organizational affiliates.

**SB 2 Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental –  
Chapter 512 Planning)****MARYLAND HERITAGE AREAS AUTHORITY – REVISION OF  
BOUNDARIES AND BOUNDARY MAPS**

Altering the process by which the Maryland Heritage Areas Authority may amend or revise the boundaries of a recognized heritage area by allowing publication in the Maryland Register of a revised Uniform Resource Locator (URL) to a geographical information system file in addition to publication of a revised drawing or boundary description; requiring the Authority to send a copy of each boundary map for a recognized heritage area to the county clerk where the heritage area is located; etc.

- HB 1513**      **Delegate Jones, et al**  
**Chapter 513**   **MARYLAND HISTORIC TRUST GRANT FUND IMPROVEMENT ACT**
- Authorizing the Maryland Historic Trust Grant Fund to be used to pay for specified reasonable and necessary administrative costs, not to exceed 5% of the specified appropriation to the MHT Grant Fund; requiring the Governor, beginning in fiscal year 2018, to include an appropriation of \$1,500,000 to the Fund in the annual State budget bill subject to specified limitations; limiting to 10% of all grants awarded the amount of grants from the Fund that may be awarded to historic properties owned by the Maryland Historic Trust; etc.
- HB 482**      **Delegate Cullison, et al**  
**Chapter 515**   **MARYLAND NURSE PRACTICE ACT – REVISIONS**
- Altering the membership of the State Board of Nursing; requiring that specified petitions for membership on the Board have at least a specified number of signatures of support from nurses with a specified license; altering the requirements for the election of Board officers; requiring the Board to hold a special election within a specified time period to fill a specified vacancy of a Board officer under specified circumstances; altering the requirements for a quorum of the Board; authorizing the Board to employ a deputy director; etc.
- SB 385**      **Senator Nathan–Pulliam, et al**  
**Chapter 516**   **MARYLAND NURSE PRACTICE ACT – REVISIONS**
- Altering the membership of the State Board of Nursing; requiring that specified petitions for membership on the Board have at least a specified number of signatures of support from nurses with a specified license; altering the requirements for the election of Board officers; requiring the Board to hold a special election within a specified time period to fill a specified vacancy of a Board officer under specified circumstances; altering the requirements for a quorum of the Board; authorizing the Board to employ a deputy director; etc.

**SB 818**            **Senator Hershey****Chapter 517****MARYLAND OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH ACT – VOLUNTARY PROTECTION PROGRAM**

Establishing a Voluntary Protection Program in the Division of Labor and Industry to encourage participating employers to have exemplary worker safety and health programs; requiring the Commissioner of Labor and Industry to recognize specified employers under the Program; requiring an employer who wishes to participate in the Program to submit a specified application; authorizing the Commissioner to perform specified evaluations; etc.

**HB 1386**            **Delegate Lisanti, et al****Chapter 519****MARYLAND PUBLIC ETHICS LAW – MEMBERS AND EMPLOYEES OF BOARDS OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS AND LIQUOR CONTROL BOARDS**

Making State restrictions and requirements of the Maryland Public Ethics Law apply to members and employees of specified boards of license commissioners and liquor control boards by adding the members and employees of the boards to a specified list of public officials; establishing an exception for specified counties; altering or repealing specified provisions to remove members and employees of boards of license commissioners from the scope of specified provisions of law that apply to counties and municipal corporations; etc.

**HB 595**            **Delegate McMillan, et al****Chapter 520****MORTGAGES AND DEEDS OF TRUST – PREREQUISITES TO RECORDING**

Repealing the requirement that a mortgage or deed of trust bear a specified certification that the instrument was prepared by a specified person in order to be recorded; providing that a deed other than a mortgage, deed of trust, or an assignment or release of a mortgage or deed of trust may not be recorded unless the instrument bears specified certification of preparation; etc.

**SB 376**            **Senator Norman****Chapter 521**    **MORTGAGES AND DEEDS OF TRUST – PREREQUISITES TO RECORDING**

Repealing the requirement that a mortgage or deed of trust bear a specified certification that the instrument was prepared by a specified person in order to be recorded; providing that a deed other than a mortgage, deed of trust, or an assignment or release of a mortgage or deed of trust may not be recorded unless the instrument bears specified certification of preparation; etc.

**HB 627**            **Delegate C. Howard, et al****Chapter 522**    **MOTOR FUEL TAX REFUND – DEMAND RESPONSE TRIPS**

Adding vehicles used to provide demand response services to those vehicles that qualify for a specified motor fuel tax refund.

**HB 792**            **Delegate Barkley, et al****Chapter 524**    **OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE AUDITS – PERFORMANCE AUDITS – LOCAL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES LICENSING BOARDS**

Requiring the Office of Legislative Audits, at the request of the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House, to conduct a performance audit of the local alcoholic beverages licensing board for a county or the City of Annapolis to evaluate the effectiveness and efficiency of the board's management practices and use of resources; authorizing the employees and specified representatives of the Office of Legislative Audits to have access to specified records; requiring specified audit reports to be sent to specified persons; etc.

**HB 1394**          **Delegate McMillan, et al****Chapter 529**    **PROPERTY TAX – REASSESSMENT AFTER APPEAL**

Prohibiting the supervisor or the State Department of Assessments and Taxation from automatically eliminating a reduction in the assessment of a property that was granted by a property tax assessment appeal board or the Maryland Tax Court during a subsequent reassessment; and authorizing the supervisor or the Department to eliminate a reduction in the assessment granted by a property tax assessment appeal board or the Maryland Tax Court if the specified reason for the reduction no longer applies.



- HB 1402**      **Delegate McMillan, et al**  
**Chapter 530**    **PROPERTY TAX APPEALS – PAYMENT OF REFUNDS –  
DEADLINE AND NOTICE**
- Requiring a tax collector to issue a refund of excess property tax to a taxpayer within 30 days after the State Department of Assessments and Taxation provides to the tax collector specified notice that a specified appeal authority has issued a decision reducing the taxpayer's assessment; and specifying the contents of the notice.
- SB 817**      **Senator Hershey, et al**  
**Chapter 531**    **PUBLIC SAFETY – AGRITOURISM – PERMIT EXEMPTION**
- Adding Cecil County and Garrett County to the list of counties that exempt agricultural buildings engaged in agritourism from a specified permit requirement; providing that no more than 200 people at one time be allowed to occupy a building engaged in agritourism; and requiring that the total width of means of egress meets or exceeds a specified standard that applies to egress components other than stairways in a building without a sprinkler system in Cecil County and Garrett County.
- HB 261**      **Delegate Jackson, et al**  
**Chapter 534**    **PUBLIC UTILITIES – TERMINATION OF SERVICE TO  
MULTIFAMILY DWELLING UNIT – NOTIFICATION TO  
PROPERTY OWNER OR PROPERTY MANAGER**
- Requiring a public service company that intends to terminate, because of nonpayment, electric or gas service to a specified customer to notify the property owner or manager before terminating service if the public service company has received a specified customer's consent; authorizing a specified property owner or manager to require, as a term of a specified lease, a specified tenant to assure that a specified customer provides consent for the property owner or manager to receive a specified notice of termination of services; etc.

- HB 511**            **Delegate Jameson, et al**  
**Chapter 535**    **PUBLIC UTILITIES – WATER COMPANIES AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL COMPANIES – RATE CASES AND PROCEEDINGS**
- Authorizing the technical staff of the Public Service Commission to assist a water company or a sewage disposal company in establishing a proposed just and reasonable rate; authorizing the technical staff to seek information from specified companies under specified circumstances; requiring the Commission to restrict the availability of specified staff–assisted rate cases to companies who gross annual revenue for a specified time period are below an amount determined by the Commission, not to exceed \$1,000,000; etc.
- SB 218**            **Senator Middleton, et al**  
**Chapter 536**    **PUBLIC UTILITIES – WATER COMPANIES AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL COMPANIES – RATE CASES AND PROCEEDINGS**
- Authorizing the technical staff of the Public Service Commission to assist a water company or a sewage disposal company in establishing a proposed just and reasonable rate; authorizing the technical staff to seek information from specified companies under specified circumstances; requiring the Commission to restrict the availability of specified staff–assisted rate cases to companies who gross annual revenues for a specified time period are below an amount determined by the Commission, not to exceed \$1,000,000; etc.
- SB 44**            **Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs**  
**Chapter 539**    **Committee (By Request – Departmental – Maryland State Archives)**
- RECORDS MANAGEMENT AND PRESERVATION – STATE UNITS AND PUBLIC OFFICIALS – RESPONSIBILITIES**
- Altering the procedures required to be included in a program for the management of records; requiring each head of a unit of State government to designate a records officer to carry out specified functions; providing that the Records Management Division is required to study the records management practices of the units of State government; altering examples of records that are required to be offered by a public official to the State Archives for transfer; etc.

**SB 676**            **Senator Kelley****Chapter 540**      **REQUIREMENTS FOR FILIAL SUPPORT – REPEAL**

Repealing the prohibition on the neglect or refusal, by an adult child who has or is able to earn sufficient means, to provide a destitute parent with food, shelter, care, and clothing; altering the definition of “responsible relative”, as it relates to responsibility for the cost of specified services provided in a facility or program operated or funded by the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, to exclude from the definition the children of a recipient of specified services; etc.

**HB 764**            **Delegate West, et al****Chapter 541**      **REQUIREMENTS FOR FILIAL SUPPORT – REPEAL**

Repealing the prohibition on the neglect or refusal, by an adult child who has or is able to earn sufficient means, to provide a destitute parent with food, shelter, care, and clothing; altering the definition of “responsible relative”, as it relates to responsibility for the cost of specified services provided in a facility or program operated or funded by the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, to exclude from the definition the children of a recipient of specified services; etc.

**HB 44**             **Delegate McCray****Chapter 542**      **RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY – GROUND LEASE REGISTRATION FORMS – CONTACT INFORMATION OPTION**

Requiring the ground lease registration form required by the State Department of Assessments and Taxation to include a section that allows the ground lease holder to include a telephone number and e-mail address; and requiring the reporting form for changes or corrections required by the State Department of Assessments and Taxation to include a section that provides the ground lease holder the option to provide the ground lease holder’s telephone number and e-mail address.

**SB 500**            **Senator Norman****Chapter 544****SMALL CLAIM ACTION APPEALS FROM DISTRICT COURT –  
NONATTORNEY REPRESENTATION**

Exempting specified representatives of specified entities from the requirement of admission to the Bar of Maryland and other requirements of the Court of Appeals for representing the entity in the appeals of specified civil actions originating in the District Court under specified circumstances.

**HB 1054**            **Delegate West, et al****Chapter 546****STATE BOARD OF PHYSICIANS – PHYSICIAN LICENSURE –  
PROHIBITION ON REQUIRING SPECIALTY CERTIFICATION**

Prohibiting the State Board of Physicians from requiring, as a qualification to obtain a license or as a condition to renew a license, certification by a specified accrediting organization that specializes in a specific area of medicine or maintenance of certification by a specified accrediting organization that includes specified reexamination as a requirement for maintaining certification.

**SB 989**            **Senators Nathan–Pulliam and Mathias****Chapter 547****STATE BOARD OF PHYSICIANS – PHYSICIAN LICENSURE –  
PROHIBITION ON REQUIRING SPECIALTY CERTIFICATION**

Prohibiting the State Board of Physicians from requiring, as a qualification to obtain a license or as a condition to renew a license, certification by a specified accrediting organization that specializes in a specific area of medicine or maintenance of certification by a specified accrediting organization that includes specified reexamination as a requirement for maintaining certification.

**HB 1183 Delegate West****Chapter 548****STATE BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS – REVISIONS**

Renaming the graduate social worker license issued by the State Board of Social Work Examiners to be the master social worker license; requiring a specified licensed bachelor social worker or licensed master social worker to submit specified information to the Board to obtain approval by the Board to engage in independent practice; authorizing the Board to reject an application for independent practice if the applicant has not completed the specified supervised experience required; etc.

**Except Section 1****SB 986 Senator Nathan–Pulliam****Chapter 549****STATE BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS – REVISIONS**

Renaming the graduate social worker license issued by the State Board of Social Work Examiners to be the master social worker license; requiring a specified licensed bachelor social worker or licensed master social worker to submit specified information to the Board to obtain approval by the Board to engage in independent practice; authorizing the Board to reject an application for independent practice if the applicant has not completed the specified supervised experience required; etc.

**Except Section 1****HB 78 Delegate Korman, et al****Chapter 552****STATE GOVERNMENT – MARYLAND MANUAL – REVISIONS  
(MARYLAND MANUAL MODERNIZATION ACT)**

Altering specified provisions of law to require the State Archives to compile, edit, and publish an online Maryland Manual that describes the State, its government, and federal officials and agencies directly related to the State; requiring, as provided in the State budget, the State Archives to update the Maryland Manual to maintain its accuracy and to annually preserve a version that contains changes made in the preceding year; encouraging the Archivist to reach out to specified entities regarding the availability of the Maryland Manual; etc.

- HB 165**                    **Delegates Barron and Pena–Melnyk**  
**Chapter 553**            STATE GOVERNMENT – MARYLAND UNIFORM ELECTRONIC  
LEGAL MATERIALS ACT
- Requiring an official publisher that publishes legal material in an electronic record to designate the electronic record as official, under specified circumstances, and authenticate the electronic record in a specified manner; providing that specified legal material in an electronic record is presumed to be an accurate copy; requiring an official publisher of specified legal material in an electronic record to provide for the preservation and security of the record and to ensure that it is reasonably available to the public; etc.
- SB 137**                    **Senator Lee, et al**  
**Chapter 554**            STATE GOVERNMENT – MARYLAND UNIFORM ELECTRONIC  
LEGAL MATERIALS ACT
- Requiring an official publisher that publishes legal material in an electronic record to designate the electronic record as official, under specified circumstances, and authenticate the electronic record in a specified manner; providing that specified legal material in an electronic record is presumed to be an accurate copy; requiring an official publisher of specified legal material in an electronic record to provide for the preservation and security of the record, and to ensure that it is reasonably available to the public; etc.
- HB 1120**                **Delegates Fraser–Hidalgo and Stein**  
**Chapter 560**            VEHICLE LAWS – DEALERS – PERFORMANCE STANDARDS
- Establishing that specified provisions of State law governing performance standards for vehicle dealers apply to vehicle manufacturers notwithstanding specified other agreements; requiring that the assignment of a dealer’s market area meet specified standards; and requiring vehicle manufacturers to consider specified factors in assigning a market area and applying performance standards, sales objectives, or programs for measuring dealer performance.

**HB 355**            **Montgomery County Delegation and Prince George’s County**  
**Chapter 561**   **Delegation**

WASHINGTON SUBURBAN SANITARY COMMISSION –  
DISCRIMINATION – PROHIBITED MC/PG 102–17

Prohibiting the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission from discriminating against a person on the basis of religion, marital status, or gender identity; and altering a nondiscrimination clause required in all contracts entered into by the Commission to require the contractor not to discriminate in any manner against an employee or applicant for employment on the basis of religion, marital status, or gender identity and require the contractor to include a similar nondiscrimination clause in all subcontracts.

**HB 1476**            **Delegate Glenn, et al**  
**Chapter 565**

WORKERS’ COMPENSATION – FAILURE TO REPORT  
ACCIDENTAL PERSONAL INJURY – PENALTY

Altering a specified violation relating to an employer failing to report an accidental personal injury within a specified time required under the workers’ compensation law to require the violation to be a knowing violation; and increasing the penalty from up to \$50 to a maximum of \$500 imposed on an employer for a specified violation.

**SB 867**            **Senator Klausmeier, et al**  
**Chapter 566**

WORKERS’ COMPENSATION – FAILURE TO REPORT  
ACCIDENTAL PERSONAL INJURY – PENALTY

Altering a specified violation relating to an employer failing to report an accidental personal injury within a specified time required under the workers’ compensation law to require the violation to be a knowing violation; and increasing the penalty from up to \$50 to a maximum of \$500 imposed on an employer for a specified violation.

**HB 1484 Delegates Glenn and W. Miller****Chapter 567****WORKERS' COMPENSATION – MEDICAL BENEFITS –  
PAYMENT OF MEDICAL SERVICES AND TREATMENT**

Requiring a provider to submit to an employer or an employer's insurer, within a specified period of time, a specified bill for specified medical services or treatment to a covered employee under a under a specified provision of law; and prohibiting the employer or the employer's insurer from being required to pay a bill submitted after a specified period of time except under specified circumstances.

**SB 194 Senator Klausmeier, et al****Chapter 568****WORKERS' COMPENSATION – MEDICAL BENEFITS –  
PAYMENT OF MEDICAL SERVICES AND TREATMENT**

Requiring a provider to submit to an employer or an employer's insurer within a specified period time, a specified bill for providing medical service or treatment to a covered employee under specified provisions of law; and prohibiting the employer or the employer's insurer from being required to pay a bill submitted after a specified period of time except under specified circumstances.

**HB 1619 Delegate Clippinger****Chapter 575****MARYLAND STADIUM AUTHORITY – MARYLAND SPORTS AND  
AFFILIATED FOUNDATIONS – ESTABLISHMENT**

Establishing the Maryland Sports office in the Maryland Stadium Authority; requiring Maryland Sports to implement a program to bring regional, national, and international sporting events to the State in order to maximize utilization of sports facilities, to enhance economic development, and to promote the State as a sporting events destination; and requiring the State Ethics Commission to review the Authority's policies on conflicts of interest and approve them, if appropriate, to govern specified officials and employees.



- SB 433**                    **Senator Klausmeier, et al**  
**Chapter 578**                **SUBSTANCE USE TREATMENT – INPATIENT AND INTENSIVE  
OUTPATIENT PROGRAMS – CONSENT BY MINOR**
- Authorizing parents or specified guardians to apply, on behalf of a minor, for admission of the minor to a certified intensive outpatient alcohol and drug abuse program; requiring specified programs to make a specified note on an application for admission in order for an individual to be retained for specified treatment; providing that specified programs have the right to discharge an individual admitted for specified treatment if the individual is not complying with the policies and procedures of the treatment program or the facility; etc.
- HB 869**                    **Delegate S. Howard, et al**  
**Chapter 580**                **RECOVERY RESIDENCE RESIDENTIAL RIGHTS PROTECTION  
ACT**
- Requiring, beginning November 1, 2017, a behavioral health program or specified health professional, when referring an individual to receive services at a recovery residence, to provide the individual with a list of certified recovery residences operating in the State and information on where specified services may be obtained; and requiring, on or before November 1, 2017, the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to publish a specified list on its Web site.
- HB 950**                    **Delegate Pena–Melnyk, et al**  
**Chapter 582**                **UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF MARYLAND – CONSTITUENT  
INSTITUTIONS – ALCOHOL AND DRUG ADDICTION  
RECOVERY PROGRAM**
- Requiring the Board of Regents of the University System of Maryland, on a recommendation from the Chancellor, to establish general standards and guidelines for a collegiate recovery program to be implemented at the constituent institutions; requiring the president of each constituent institution, in collaboration with faculty, staff, and students enrolled at the institution, to develop and implement a collegiate recovery program tailored for the institution; requiring the program to include specified features; etc.

- HB 857**            **Delegate Angel, et al**  
**Chapter 584**    **MARYLAND MENTAL HEALTH LAW – SMALL PRIVATE GROUP HOME – DEFINITION**
- Altering the definition of “small private group home” by increasing from 8 to 9 the maximum number of individuals who may be admitted by a small private group home for the purposes of specified provisions of law governing residences in which individuals who have been or are being treated for a mental disorder may be provided care or treatment in a homelike environment; etc.
- HB 390**            **The Speaker (By Request – Administration), et al**  
**Chapter 586**    **IMPROVING THE STATE PROCUREMENT OVERSIGHT STRUCTURE**
- Repealing a specified provision of law relating to prequalification of bidders and offerors; increasing from \$100,000 to \$200,000 the total value of specified contracts, leases, or other agreements that require a business to file a specified disclosure with the Secretary of State; requiring the Department of Transportation, in consultation with a specified press association, to study the use and costs of public announcements of specified solicitations and report to specified committees of the General Assembly by December 1, 2017; etc.
- SB 310**            **The President (By Request – Administration), et al**  
**Chapter 587**    **IMPROVING THE STATE PROCUREMENT OVERSIGHT STRUCTURE**
- Repealing a specified provision of law relating to prequalification of specified bidders and offerors; increasing from \$100,000 to \$200,000 the total value of specified contracts, leases, or other agreements that require a business to file a specified disclosure with the Secretary of State; requiring the Department of Transportation, in consultation with a specified press association, to study the use and costs of public announcements of specified solicitations and report to specified committees of the General Assembly by December 1, 2017; etc.

**SB 311**            **The President (By Request – Administration), et al**  
**Chapter 588**       **PROMOTING EFFICIENCIES IN STATE PROCUREMENT**

Altering provisions of State procurement law; altering the dollar value threshold that triggers the requirement to publish notice in eMaryland Marketplace; specifying a preferred procurement method for human, social, cultural, or educational services; establishing qualification based selection as the method of procurement for specified procurements; clarifying the authority of the board of trustees of a community college to advertise specified bids on eMaryland Marketplace; etc.

**HB 426**            **The Speaker (By Request – Administration), et al**  
**Chapter 589**       **PROMOTING EFFICIENCIES IN STATE PROCUREMENT**

Altering provisions of State procurement law; altering the dollar value threshold that triggers the requirement to publish notice in eMaryland Marketplace; specifying a preferred procurement method for human, social, cultural, or educational services; establishing qualification based selection as the method of procurement for specified procurements; clarifying the authority of the board of trustees of a community college to advertise specified bids on eMaryland Marketplace; etc.

**HB 1021**          **Delegate Reznik, et al**  
**Chapter 590**       **REORGANIZATION OF STATE PROCUREMENT**

Reorganizing procurement by establishing a Chief Procurement Officer to control and oversee specified State procurement activity; providing for the appointment of the Chief Procurement Officer; renaming the Procurement Advisory Council as the Procurement Improvement Council; requiring the Council to advise the General Assembly on proposed legislation to enhance the efficiency and transparency of State procurement; transferring to the Department of General Services the authority of specified primary procurement units; etc.

**Except Sections 1, 2, 6, and 7**

**SB 1085**      **Senator Conway****Chapter 592****MORGAN STATE UNIVERSITY – DESIGNATION AS THE STATE’S PREEMINENT PUBLIC URBAN RESEARCH UNIVERSITY**

Designating Morgan State University as the State’s preeminent public urban research university; requiring Morgan State University to be dedicated to the development and delivery of comprehensive and high-quality academic programs and services to the University community and the citizens of the State, and to serve a diverse citizenry in an innovative and collaborative manner; etc.

**SB 487**      **Senator McFadden (By Request – Baltimore City**  
**Chapter 595**   **Administration), et al****BALTIMORE CITY – RESIDENTIAL GROUND LEASES – ABANDONED PROPERTY**

Prohibiting a ground lease holder from taking specified actions against the current leasehold tenant of specified abandoned property in Baltimore City to recover ground rent due and owing from a former leasehold tenant before the date that the current leasehold tenant acquired title to the property under specified circumstances.

**HB 226**      **Delegate Anderson****Chapter 599****BALTIMORE POLICE DEPARTMENT – REPORTING ON COMMUNITY POLICING**

Altering the date, from January 1 to February 1 of each year, by which the Police Commissioner of Baltimore City is required to report specified information concerning the Baltimore Police Department to the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore and the General Assembly for the previous calendar year; and altering a specified reporting requirement to include the number of instances of use of force that resulted in transport of a civilian to a hospital by an emergency vehicle, under specified circumstances.

- SB 680**                    **Senator Lee, et al**  
**Chapter 605**            **ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES INVESTIGATIONS –**  
                                 **COMPLETION TIME**
- Increasing, from 30 days to 60 days, the period of time during which a local department of social services must complete an investigation of a report of abuse, neglect, self–neglect, or financial exploitation when the report does not indicate that an emergency exists.
- SB 714**                    **Senator McFadden**  
**Chapter 606**            **CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – INDIGENT INDIVIDUAL –**  
                                 **INDIGENCY DETERMINATION**
- Requiring a District Court commissioner to determine whether a specified individual qualifies as indigent; authorizing an individual charged with a crime that carries a penalty of incarceration to apply for representation by the Office of the Public Defender; requiring the Office to represent an indigent individual if the initial appearance or bail review is before a judge; providing that representation terminates at the end of the initial appearance under specified conditions; etc.
- SB 1106**                 **Senator Zucker**  
**Chapter 610**            **HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONERS – USE OF TELETHERAPY**
- Authorizing specified health care practitioners to use teletherapy for a specified patient under specified circumstances; and requiring specified health occupations boards to adopt specified regulations on or before April 1, 2018, that, to the extent practicable, are uniform and nonclinical.
- SB 1033**                 **Senators Eckardt and Mathias**  
**Chapter 617**            **RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY – VACANT AND ABANDONED**  
                                 **PROPERTY – EXPEDITED FORECLOSURE**
- Authorizing a secured party to petition a circuit court for leave to immediately commence an action to foreclose a mortgage or deed of trust on residential property if the property is vacant and abandoned under specified circumstances; requiring a secured party to send a copy of a specified petition to specified persons under specified circumstances; requiring a court to rule on a specified petition promptly after the petition is filed; applying the Act prospectively; etc.



**HB 253 Delegate Angel, et al****Chapter 623****STATE BOARD OF NURSING – REGISTERED NURSES AND LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSES – RENEWAL OF LICENSES – CONTINUING EDUCATION UNITS**

Altering the requirements to renew specified licenses by authorizing specified registered nurses and licensed practical nurses to renew a license if the registered nurse or licensed practical nurse submits to the State Board of Nursing specified evidence of completion of a specified number of continuing education units as required by regulations adopted by the Board.

**HB 793 Delegates Angel and Malone****Chapter 624****FAMILY LAW – DIVORCE – RESTORATION OF FORMER NAME**

Authorizing the court, on motion of a party filed within 18 months after a final decree of absolute divorce is entered, to change the name of the requesting party to either the name given the party at birth or any other former name the party wishes to use under specified circumstances; and specifying that provisions of law relating to a change of name do not apply to a change of name in connection with a decree of absolute divorce.

**SB 83 Senator Kagan****Chapter 625****FAMILY LAW – DIVORCE – RESTORATION OF FORMER NAME**

Authorizing the court, on motion of a party filed within 18 months after a final decree of absolute divorce is entered, to change the name of the requesting party to either the name given the party at birth or any other former name the party wishes to use under specified circumstances; and specifying that provisions of law relating to a change of name do not apply to a change of name in connection with a decree of absolute divorce.

**HB 735 Delegate Malone, et al****Chapter 626****ESTATES AND TRUSTS – SHARE OF INTESTATE ESTATE INHERITED BY SURVIVING SPOUSE**

Increasing the share of the intestate estate of a decedent inherited by a surviving spouse under specified circumstances from the first \$15,000 to the first \$40,000 plus one-half of the residue.

- SB 73**                    **Senator Reilly**  
**Chapter 627**            **ESTATES AND TRUSTS – SHARE OF INTESTATE ESTATE  
INHERITED BY SURVIVING SPOUSE**
- Increasing the share of the intestate estate of a decedent inherited by a surviving spouse under specified circumstances from the first \$15,000 to the first \$40,000 plus one-half of the residue.
- HB 906**                    **Delegate Malone, et al**  
**Chapter 628**            **CRIMINAL LAW – CRIME OF VIOLENCE – HOME INVASION**
- Classifying the offense of home invasion as a crime of violence under a specified provision of law.
- SB 632**                    **Senator Kagan, et al**  
**Chapter 630**            **ELECTION LAW – PERSONS DOING PUBLIC BUSINESS –  
REPORTING BY GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES**
- Repealing the requirement that a governmental entity notify the State Board of Elections if a person doing public business with the governmental entity fails to file a specified statement; requiring a specified governmental entity to provide the State Board with specified information; authorizing the governmental entity to comply with a specified provision of the Act by sending a specified quarterly report to the State Board no later than 10 business days after the close of each calendar quarter; etc.
- SB 74**                    **Senator Kagan**  
**Chapter 631**            **MARYLAND CODE – STANDARDIZATION OF TERMINOLOGY –  
NONPROFITS**
- Making stylistic changes to various provisions of law to standardize the terminology used to refer to nonprofit persons where appropriate; and providing that, except as expressly stated in the Act, the Act shall be construed as a nonsubstantive revision and does not render any substantive change in the law of the State.



**SB 26**                    **Senator Kagan, et al**  
**Chapter 632**            **MARYLAND FALSE CLAIMS ACT – MUNICIPAL CORPORATIONS**

Altering the definition of “governmental entity” to include a municipal corporation for purposes of the Maryland False Claims Act; requiring the attorney for each municipal corporation to report annually, beginning October 1, 2016, to the General Assembly on the number of specified civil actions and the number of specified claims made by a governmental entity that are settled without filing a civil action; and providing for the prospective application of the Act.

**HB 1492**                **Delegate Hayes, et al**  
**Chapter 636**            **HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – FOOD DESERTS – SMALL LOANS**

Authorizing the Department of Housing and Community Development to meet the funding obligations for sustainable communities and food deserts by using any specified financial assistance available to the Department; authorizing the Department to provide small loans under the Business Development Program that are not more than \$50,000 per loan to approved entities for assistance in providing better access to healthy food in food deserts; and authorizing the Department to work with intermediaries to administer the specified small loans.

**HB 269**                **Delegate Krimm, et al**  
**Chapter 637**            **HOUSING NAVIGATOR AND AFTERCARE PROGRAM**

Establishing the Housing Navigator and Aftercare Program to assist families and individuals who are experiencing, or who are in imminent danger of, a housing crisis in obtaining and maintaining permanent housing; requiring the Governor, subject to limitations of the State budget, to include an appropriation for the Program of \$516,828 in the annual budget each fiscal year beginning in fiscal year 2019; etc.

**Contingency met**

**SB 531**            **Senator Benson, et al****Chapter 638**    **HOUSING NAVIGATOR AND AFTERCARE PROGRAM**

Establishing the Housing Navigator and Aftercare Program to assist families and individuals who are experiencing, or who are in imminent danger of, a housing crisis in obtaining and maintaining permanent housing; requiring the Governor, subject to the limitations of the State budget, to include an appropriation for the Program of \$516,828 in the annual budget each fiscal year beginning in fiscal year 2019; etc.

**Contingency met****HB 916**            **Delegate Sydnor, et al****Chapter 639**    **MOTOR VEHICLE INSURANCE – DISCRIMINATION IN UNDERWRITING AND RATING – PROHIBITIONS**

Prohibiting an insurer, with respect to private passenger motor vehicle insurance, from increasing the premium for an insured who becomes a surviving spouse based solely on the insured's change in marital status.

**SB 534**            **Senator Benson, et al****Chapter 640**    **MOTOR VEHICLE INSURANCE – DISCRIMINATION IN UNDERWRITING AND RATING – PROHIBITIONS**

Prohibiting an insurer, with respect to private passenger motor vehicle insurance, from increasing the premium for an insured who becomes a surviving spouse based solely on the insured's change in marital status.

**HB 1163**          **Delegate A. Miller, et al****Chapter 643**    **CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – CONDITIONAL RELEASE – ELECTRONIC MONITORING (AMBER'S LAW)**

Requiring a judicial officer to provide a specified individual with the opportunity to request specified reasonable protections for the safety of an alleged victim or the victim's family at a specified time; requiring that a specified victim impact statement identify a request by a victim that a person be placed on electronic monitoring or electronic monitoring with victim stay-away alert technology; requiring that information be available to a victim on how to request that a person be placed on specified electronic monitoring; etc.

- HB 1279**      **Delegate Morales, et al**  
**Chapter 644**    **POLICE TRAINING COMMISSION – TRAINING REQUIREMENTS – HUMAN TRAFFICKING**
- Requiring the Police Training Commission to require that the specified entrance-level and in-service police training conducted by the State and each county and municipal police training school include specified training relating to the criminal laws concerning human trafficking, including services and support available to victims and the rights and appropriate treatment of victims; etc.
- SB 220**      **Senator Lee, et al**  
**Chapter 645**    **POLICE TRAINING COMMISSION – TRAINING REQUIREMENTS – HUMAN TRAFFICKING**
- Requiring the Police Training Commission to require that the specified entrance-level and in-service police training conducted by the State and each county and municipal police training school include specified training relating to the criminal laws concerning human trafficking, including services and support available to victims and the rights and appropriate treatment of victims; etc.
- SB 221**      **Senator Lee, et al**  
**Chapter 646**    **ADULT ENTERTAINMENT ESTABLISHMENTS – NATIONAL HUMAN TRAFFICKING RESOURCE CENTER HOTLINE INFORMATION – SIGN POSTING REQUIREMENTS**
- Requiring the owner of an adult entertainment establishment to post the National Human Trafficking Resource Center Hotline information sign in each restroom of the adult entertainment establishment in a specified manner; requiring an agency that determines a specified violation has occurred to notify the owner of the adult entertainment establishment or the owner's agent of the violation; providing a maximum civil penalty of \$1,000 for each restroom without the specified notification; etc.

- HB 653**            **Delegate B. Wilson**  
**Chapter 647**    **CRIMES – SOLICITATION TO COMMIT MURDER OR ARSON – STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS**
- Increasing the statute of limitations to 3 years for the crime of solicitation to commit murder in the first degree, arson in the first degree, or arson in the second degree.
- SB 387**            **Senator Lee**  
**Chapter 648**    **CRIMES – SOLICITATION TO COMMIT MURDER OR ARSON – STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS**
- Increasing the statute of limitations for the crime of solicitation to commit murder in the first degree, murder in the second degree, arson in the first degree, or arson in the second degree.
- HB 521**            **Delegate B. Wilson, et al**  
**Chapter 649**    **CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – SEX OFFENDER REGISTRANT – NOTICE OF INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL**
- Requiring a specified sex offender registrant to notify each local law enforcement unit where the registrant resides or habitually lives at least 21 days, instead of 3 days, before the registrant leaves the United States to commence residence or employment or attend school in a foreign country.
- HB 738**            **Delegate B. Wilson**  
**Chapter 650**    **CRIMINAL LAW – SEX OFFENSES – OUT-OF-STATE CONVICTIONS**
- Providing that a specified conviction from another state or a federal, military, or Native American tribal court may serve as a predicate crime for a specified enhanced penalty for repeat sex offenders.

**HB 1263 Delegate Dumais****Chapter 651****FAMILY LAW – CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT – DEFINITIONS**

Altering the definition of “abuse” for the purpose of specified child abuse and neglect statutes to include the physical or mental injury of a child by a person who, because of the person’s position or occupation, exercises authority over the child under specified circumstances; providing that “abuse” does not include the physical injury of a child by accidental means; altering the definition of “mental injury” for the purpose of specified child abuse and neglect statutes; etc.

**SB 996 Senators Lee and Muse****Chapter 652****FAMILY LAW – CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT – DEFINITIONS**

Altering the definition of “abuse” for the purpose of specified child abuse and neglect statutes to include the physical or mental injury of a child by a person who, because of the person’s position or occupation, exercises authority over the child under specified circumstances; providing that “abuse” does not include the physical injury of a child by accidental means; altering the definition of “mental injury” for the purpose of specified child abuse and neglect statutes; etc.

**SB 272 Senator Kelley, et al****Chapter 655****GUARDIANSHIP AND CHILD IN NEED OF ASSISTANCE PROCEEDINGS – JURISDICTION AND AUTHORITY OF JUVENILE COURT**

Authorizing the juvenile court to direct the provision of specified services to a specified child during a specified disposition hearing; requiring the juvenile court to direct the provision of specified services to a specified child during a permanency planning hearing or guardianship hearing; providing that, if the juvenile court enters an order directing the provision of services to a specified child under specified provisions of law, the juvenile court retains jurisdiction for as long as the order is effective and for specified purposes; etc.

- SB 505**                    **Senator Kelley, et al**  
**Chapter 656**            **CIVIL ACTIONS – CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE – STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS AND REQUIRED FINDINGS**
- Altering the statute of limitations on civil actions arising out of an alleged incident or incidents of sexual abuse that occurred while the victim was a minor; establishing a statute of repose for specified civil actions relating to child sexual abuse; providing that, in a specified action filed more than a specified number of years after the victim reaches the age of majority, damages may be awarded against a person or governmental entity that is not an alleged perpetrator only under specified circumstances; etc.
- HB 498**                    **Delegate Hettleman**  
**Chapter 657**            **HEALTH CARE DECISIONS ACT – ADVANCE DIRECTIVES AND SURROGATE DECISION MAKING – DISQUALIFIED INDIVIDUALS**
- Prohibiting specified individuals from serving as a health care agent under specified circumstances; establishing a specified exception; prohibiting specified individuals from making decisions about health care for specified individuals under specified circumstances; requiring a person who obtains specified information that would prohibit an individual from serving as a health care agent or making health care decisions for a specified individual to provide the information to a specified health care provider or facility; etc.
- HB 81**                    **Delegate Morhaim, et al**  
**Chapter 666**            **ESTATES AND TRUSTS – CONDITIONS OF DISABILITY AND INCAPACITY – CONFINEMENT**
- Repealing “confinement” as a condition of disability for purposes of guardianship proceedings to protect a disabled individual’s property; and repealing “confinement” as a condition of incapacity as defined under the Maryland Trust Act.

**HB 518 Delegate Morhaim, et al****Chapter 668 PUBLIC HEALTH – PRENATAL HIV TESTING**

Requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, in consultation with stakeholders, to adopt regulations establishing requirements for prenatal HIV testing; requiring providers of prenatal medical care to follow the Department's requirements for prenatal HIV testing; requiring the Department to provide the requirements established for prenatal HIV testing to hospitals that offer obstetric services and specified organizations; etc.

**Except Section 2 – Contingent****HB 295 Delegate Kramer****Chapter 671 CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – CRIMINAL INJURIES  
COMPENSATION BOARD – IMPAIRED BOATING**

Making victims of a specified offense involving the operation of a vessel while under the influence of or impaired by alcohol or drugs eligible for payment through the Criminal Injuries Compensation Board; and providing for the prospective application of the Act.

**HB 493 Delegate Kramer, et al****Chapter 672 LONG-TERM CARE INSURANCE – PREMIUM RATES**

Requiring the Maryland Insurance Commissioner to provide information on the Maryland Insurance Administration's Web site describing specified factors and a specified process relating to premium rates for policies or contracts of long-term care insurance; requiring the Administration to make a specified assessment and determination relating to nonforfeiture benefits and to report its findings to specified committees of the General Assembly on or before January 1, 2018; etc.

- HB 744**            **Delegates Kramer and West**  
**Chapter 674**    **CORPORATIONS – MARYLAND GENERAL CORPORATION LAW**  
                         **– MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS**
- Altering specified requirements for the resident agent of a Maryland corporation, a limited partnership, and a Maryland statutory trust; prohibiting the charter or bylaws of a corporation from imposing liability on a specified stockholder for the attorney’s fees or expenses of the corporation or any other party in connection with an internal corporate claim; etc.
- SB 579**            **Senator Mathias, et al**  
**Chapter 675**    **STATE GOVERNMENT – DISPLAY OF THE POW/MIA FLAG ON**  
                         **STATE BUILDING GROUNDS**
- Requiring the Secretary of General Services and the Secretary of Transportation to cause the POW/MIA flag to be flown on the grounds of State buildings under their control whenever the flag of the United States is flown; defining “POW/MIA flag” as the POW/MIA flag of the National League of Families of American Prisoners and Missing in Southeast Asia; etc.
- HB 740**            **Delegate Angel, et al**  
**Chapter 678**    **PRESIDENT JIMMY CARTER CANCER TREATMENT ACCESS**  
                         **ACT**
- Prohibiting a specified insurer, nonprofit health service plan, or health maintenance organization from imposing a step therapy or fail–first protocol on an insured or an enrollee for a specified prescription drug used in the treatment of a specified cancer under specified circumstances; and applying the Act to all policies, contracts, and health benefit plans issued, delivered, or renewed in the State on or after October 1, 2017.



- SB 919**                    **Senator Mathias, et al**  
**Chapter 679**                **PRESIDENT JIMMY CARTER CANCER TREATMENT ACCESS ACT**
- Prohibiting a specified insurer, nonprofit health service plan, or health maintenance organization from imposing a step therapy or fail–first protocol on an insured or an enrollee for a specified prescription drug used in the treatment of a specified cancer under specified circumstances; and applying the Act to all policies, contracts, and health benefit plans issued, delivered, or renewed in the State on or after October 1, 2017.
- HB 82**                      **Delegate Carr (Chair, Joint Committee on Federal Relations)**  
**Chapter 681**                **WOODROW WILSON BRIDGE AND TUNNEL COMPACT – REPEAL**
- Repealing provisions relating to the Woodrow Wilson Bridge and Tunnel Compact; repealing a requirement that the Governor execute the compact with the Commonwealth of Virginia and the District of Columbia under specified circumstances; repealing the Woodrow Wilson Memorial Bridge and Tunnel Authority; repealing a requirement that the compact may not be interpreted to affect the levy of specified taxes; repealing the specified powers of the Authority to operate a project to upgrade the Interstate 95 Potomac River crossing; etc.
- SB 125**                    **Senator Feldman**  
**Chapter 682**                **WOODROW WILSON BRIDGE AND TUNNEL COMPACT – REPEAL**
- Repealing provisions relating to the Woodrow Wilson Bridge and Tunnel Compact; repealing a requirement that the Governor execute the compact with the Commonwealth of Virginia and the District of Columbia under specified circumstances; repealing the Woodrow Wilson Memorial Bridge and Tunnel Authority; repealing a requirement that the compact may not be interpreted to affect the levy of specified taxes; repealing the specified powers of the Authority to operate a project to upgrade the Interstate 95 Potomac River crossing; etc.

- HB 263**            **Delegate Carr, et al**  
**Chapter 683**    **SCHOOL BUS MONITORING CAMERAS – EXCLUSION OF VEHICLE RENTAL COMPANIES – REPEAL AND NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENT**
- Altering the definition of “owner” to repeal the exclusion of motor vehicle rental companies as owners of motor vehicles for the purpose of the enforcement of violations of overtaking and passing school vehicles operating alternately flashing red lights that are recorded by school bus monitoring cameras; requiring a law enforcement agency to provide a specified notice to a motor vehicle rental company before issuing a specified citation; etc.
- HB 492**            **Delegate Carr, et al**  
**Chapter 684**    **VEHICLE LAWS – CERTIFICATE OF TITLE – TRANSFER-ON-DEATH BENEFICIARY DESIGNATION**
- Requiring that an application for a certificate of title of a motor vehicle contain specified information on a beneficiary under specified circumstances; requiring that a certificate of title issued for a motor vehicle by the Motor Vehicle Administration contain a specified notation indicating a beneficiary under specified circumstances; authorizing a sole owner of a motor vehicle to designate a beneficiary on the death of the owner; etc.
- HB 459**            **Delegate Queen, et al**  
**Chapter 687**    **HIGHER EDUCATION – ADULT CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS – JOB TRAINING AND EDUCATION**
- Requiring, under specified circumstances and subject to specified funding recommendations, postsecondary education and workforce training programs developed and recommended by the Correctional Education Council to provide inmates in correctional institutions in the Division of Correction with the requisite training, certifications, and experience to obtain careers in in-demand job sectors; authorizing the Justice Reinvestment Oversight Board to make a specified recommendation; etc.

**SB 979**            **Senator Edwards****Chapter 694**    **VEHICLE LAWS – ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLES AND SNOWMOBILES**

Prohibiting an individual from driving or attempting to drive an all-terrain vehicle or a snowmobile on portions of a highway in the State on which an all-terrain vehicle or a snowmobile is authorized unless the individual holds a driver's license or is specifically exempted; applying specified provisions of law relating to the operation of a snowmobile to the operation of an all-terrain vehicle; prohibiting a person under 16 years of age from operating specified vehicles on public property unless accompanied by a specified adult; etc.

**SB 591**            **Senator Edwards****Chapter 695**    **GARRETT COUNTY – PAYMENT TO RESCUE SQUADS**

Altering the Public Local Laws of Garrett County to require the Board of County Commissioners of Garrett County to appropriate specified funds for the benefit of specified rescue squads; and authorizing the County Commissioners to pay the value of a specified appropriation to a rescue squad by in-kind payment of personnel, equipment, or services.

**SB 341**            **Senator Edwards****Chapter 696**    **VEHICLE LAWS – SCHOOL VEHICLES – DEFINITION**

Altering the definition of "school vehicle" to include specified vehicles that meet or comply with specified standards and requirements, were originally titled and used to transport children, students, and teachers in another state, comply with the regulations on transporting children enrolled in the federally funded Head Start Program, and are used only for transporting children to and from a Head Start program.

- HB 11**  
**Chapter 697**      **Delegate Lam, et al**  
VEHICLE LAWS – CAUSING DIESEL EMISSIONS TO DISCHARGE ONTO ANOTHER – PROHIBITION
- Prohibiting a person from causing a diesel-powered motor vehicle to emit clearly visible smoke, soot, or other exhaust emissions onto another person or motor vehicle; and providing for the application of the Act.
- HB 1468**  
**Chapter 700**      **Delegate Valentino-Smith, et al**  
MEDICAL RECORDS – DISCLOSURE OF DIRECTORY INFORMATION AND MEDICAL RECORDS
- Altering the circumstances under which a health care provider may disclose a medical record developed primarily in connection with mental health services; authorizing a health care provider to disclose directory information about a patient to a specified individual except under specified circumstances; requiring a health care provider to inform a patient of health care information that the health care provider may include in a specified directory and the persons to whom the information may be disclosed; etc.
- SB 584**  
**Chapter 701**      **Senator Rosapepe, et al**  
MEDICAL RECORDS – DISCLOSURE OF DIRECTORY INFORMATION AND MEDICAL RECORDS
- Altering the circumstances under which a health care provider may disclose a medical record developed primarily in connection with mental health services; authorizing a health care provider to disclose directory information about a patient to a specified individual except under specified circumstances; requiring a health care provider to inform a patient of health care information that the health care provider may include in a specified directory and the persons to whom the information may be disclosed; etc.

- HB 1071**      **Delegate Valentino–Smith, et al**  
**Chapter 702**   **VEHICLE LAWS – VICTIM’S REPRESENTATIVE NOTIFICATION**  
                         **– LICENSE SUSPENSION HEARING**
- Requiring the Maryland Police Training and Standards Commission to distribute the victim’s representation notification form developed by the Governor’s Office of Crime Control and Prevention to each law enforcement agency in the State; requiring a specified investigating agency to provide specified information and a specified form to a victim’s representative; altering the time period during which a victim’s representative may file a specified form to at least 30 days prior to a specified hearing; etc.
- HB 836**      **Delegate Folden, et al**  
**Chapter 703**   **CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – EXPUNGEMENT – COMMON LAW**  
                         **BATTERY**
- Authorizing a person to file a petition for expungement based on a conviction of common law battery; and providing that a petition for expungement based on a conviction of common law battery may not be filed earlier than 15 years after the person satisfied the sentence or sentences imposed for all convictions for which expungement is requested, including parole, probation, or mandatory supervision.
- HB 851**      **Delegate Folden, et al**  
**Chapter 704**   **LANDLORD AND TENANT – MILITARY PERSONNEL –**  
                         **LIMITATION ON LIABILITY FOR RENT**
- Altering the circumstances under which the liability for rent under a lease is limited for a person on active duty with the United States military; limiting the liability for rent of the spouse of a person on active duty with the United States military under specified circumstances; clarifying that the liability of a person on active duty or the spouse of a person on active duty for rent under a lease under specified circumstances may not exceed specified rent, charges, and costs; etc.

**SB 49**                    **Senators Cassilly and Jennings****Chapter 705****LANDLORD AND TENANT – MILITARY PERSONNEL –  
LIMITATION ON LIABILITY FOR RENT**

Altering the circumstances under which the liability of a person on active duty with the United States military, for rent under a lease, is limited; limiting the liability for rent of the spouse of a person on active duty with the United States military under specified circumstances; clarifying that the liability of a person on active duty or the spouse of a person on active duty for rent under a lease may not exceed any rent or lawful charges then due and payable plus 30 days under specified conditions; etc.

**HB 1275**                **Delegate Vogt, et al****Chapter 706****STATE GOVERNMENT – DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS  
AFFAIRS – VETERANS’ SERVICES SPECIALISTS**

Requiring units of State government to designate an employee of the unit as a veterans’ services specialist to coordinate services with the director of the veterans Outreach and Advocacy Program in the Department of Veterans Affairs and attend specified training to provide the Department of Veterans Affairs with specified information, and to post specified information on the unit’s Web site; requiring the Department to coordinate specified meetings and submit a specified report; etc.

**SB 857**                    **Senators Smith and Waugh****Chapter 707****STATE GOVERNMENT – DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS  
AFFAIRS – VETERANS’ SERVICES SPECIALISTS**

Requiring units of State government to designate an employee of the unit as a veterans’ services specialist to coordinate services with the director of the veterans Outreach and Advocacy Program in the Department of Veterans Affairs and attend specified training, to provide the Department of Veterans Affairs with specified information, and to post specified information on the unit’s Web site; requiring the Department to coordinate specified meetings and submit a specified report; etc.

- HB 176**                    **Delegate Morgan, et al**  
**Chapter 710**                **MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION – EXCEPTION FOR GOLF CARS – GOLDEN BEACH PATUXENT KNOLLS**
- Creating an exception from motor vehicle registration requirements for golf carts in the community of Golden Beach Patuxent Knolls, St. Mary's County; providing that a person who operates a golf cart in Golden Beach Patuxent Knolls may operate the golf cart only on specified roads, between dawn and dusk, and only if the golf cart is equipped with specified lighting; authorizing the St. Mary's County Department of Public Works and Transportation to designate the specified highways on which a person may operate a golf cart; etc.
- HB 951**                    **Delegate Lisanti, et al**  
**Chapter 711**                **STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION – ALFRED B. HILTON MEMORIAL BRIDGE – DEDICATION**
- Requiring the State Highway Administration to dedicate the bridge located at the intersection of Maryland Route 22 and Interstate Highway 95 as the Alfred B. Hilton Memorial Bridge.
- SB 1157**                    **Senator Cassilly, et al**  
**Chapter 712**                **STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION – ALFRED B. HILTON MEMORIAL BRIDGE – DEDICATION**
- Requiring the State Highway Administration to dedicate the bridge located at the intersection of Maryland Route 22 and Interstate Highway 95 as the Alfred B. Hilton Memorial Bridge.
- HB 1017**                    **Chair, Judiciary Committee (By Request – Departmental –**  
**Chapter 717**                **Transportation)**  
**MOTOR VEHICLE ADMINISTRATION – DRIVING RECORDS – EXPUNGEMENT**
- Altering the standards and procedures applicable to the expungement of public driving records by the Motor Vehicle Administration; prohibiting the Administration from expunging specified driving record entries; and requiring the Administration to adopt specified regulations.

- SB 290**                    **Senator Middleton, et al**  
**Chapter 725**            **MOTOR VEHICLE LIABILITY INSURANCE POLICIES –  
PLACEMENT AND REINSTATEMENT**
- Authorizing a specified motor vehicle insurer and the Maryland Automobile Insurance Fund to reinstate a specified private passenger motor vehicle liability insurance policy in a specified manner under specified circumstances; requiring a policyholder to provide to a specified insurer and the Fund a specified certification in a specified form and manner and at a specified time; requiring a specified reinstatement to be implemented in accordance with specified guidelines; etc.
- HB 1273**                    **Delegate Cullison, et al**  
**Chapter 726**            **PHARMACISTS – SUBSTITUTION AND DISPENSING OF  
BIOLOGICAL PRODUCTS**
- Authorizing a pharmacist to substitute an interchangeable biological product for a prescribed product under specified circumstances; requiring a pharmacist or the pharmacist’s designee, except under specified circumstances, to inform specified consumers of the availability of an interchangeable biological product and the approximate cost difference as compared to a specified drug; requiring the State Board of Pharmacy to maintain on its Web site a link to specified lists of biological products; etc.
- SB 1**                        **Senator Conway, et al**  
**Chapter 728**            **EDUCATION – SPECIALIZED INTERVENTION SERVICES –  
REPORTS**
- Requiring county boards of education, beginning in the 2018–2019 school year, to report specified information relating to the provision of specialized intervention services to the State Department of Education and the General Assembly on or before December 1 each year; requiring county boards and the Department to publish annually this same information on their Web sites; requiring the Department to establish guidelines for the report that each county board is required to submit regarding specialized intervention services; etc.



**HB 1145**      **Delegate Tarlau, et al**  
**Chapter 730**   **PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYEE WHISTLEBLOWER PROTECTION ACT**

Prohibiting a public school employer from taking or refusing to take specified personnel actions as a reprisal against public school employees who disclose specified behavior; providing that specified protections under the Act apply only if specified employees have a good faith belief that the employer is engaged or has engaged in unlawful activity which poses a danger to public health or safety; requiring a public school employee to exhaust all administrative remedies before instituting a specified civil action; etc.

**SB 1191**      **Senators Manno and Nathan-Pulliam**  
**Chapter 732**   **SCHOOLS AND CHILD CARE CENTERS – STATE GRANT PROGRAM – SECURITY UPGRADES FOR FACILITIES AT RISK OF HATE CRIMES OR ATTACKS**

Authorizing the Maryland Center for School Safety to make grants for specified security-related projects to schools and child care centers determined to be at risk of specified hate crimes or attacks; authorizing specified schools or child care centers to apply to the Center for a specified State grant; establishing the terms and conditions for the use of specified State grant funds by specified recipients; etc.

**SB 1169**      **Senator Bates, et al**  
**Chapter 733**   **UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE – CHARGE OF BENEFITS – WAIVER DUE TO NATURAL DISASTER**

Authorizing the Secretary of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation to waive the charge of benefits against the earned rating record of an employing unit if the benefits are paid to a claimant during a specified period of unemployment because the employing unit shut down due to a natural disaster and the Governor declared a state of emergency due to the natural disaster; and providing that the waiver may be in effect only for a specified period.

- HB 439**            **Delegate Otto**  
**Chapter 734**    **SOMERSET COUNTY – STATE’S ATTORNEY – ANNUAL SALARY**  
Increasing the annual salary of the State’s Attorney for Somerset County from \$98,000 to \$113,066; and providing that the provisions of the Act will take effect at the beginning of the next following term of office.
- HB 1320**           **Charles County Delegation**  
**Chapter 735**    **SOUTHERN MARYLAND CODE COUNTIES – TOWING COMPANIES – AUTHORITY TO REGULATE**  
Authorizing the county commissioners of a code county in the Southern Maryland class to adopt rules and regulations for the licensing, maintenance, and operation of towing companies in the county for specified purposes; authorizing the rules and regulations adopted by the county commissioners to require a person who operates a towing company in the county to obtain a license and pay a specified fee; requiring the county commissioners, before adopting regulations, to hold a public hearing that is advertised in advance; etc.
- HB 1500**           **Harford County Delegation**  
**Chapter 736**    **SHERIFF OF HARFORD COUNTY – SALARY**  
Increasing from \$98,500 to \$136,000 the annual salary of the Sheriff of Harford County beginning December 1, 2018; providing that the Act does not apply to the salary or compensation of the Sheriff of Harford County while serving in a specified term of office; and providing for the application of the Act.
- HB 926**            **Delegate McComas, et al**  
**Chapter 739**    **CHILD SUPPORT – HEALTH INSURANCE – DEFINITION**  
Defining the term “health insurance” to include medical insurance, dental insurance, prescription drug coverage, and vision insurance for purposes of calculating a child support obligation under the child support guidelines.

- HB 1246**      **Delegate Clark, et al**  
**Chapter 746**    **FORESTS AND PARKS – PUBLIC RECREATION ON PRIVATE AND STATE-OWNED LAND – HUNTING**
- Expanding a specified liability exemption for a landowner who agrees to the use of a defined part of the landowner's property for cross-country skiing or off-highway vehicle use to apply to hunting.
- HB 889**      **Delegate Stein**  
**Chapter 748**    **VEHICLE LAWS – HOV LANES – TOW TRUCKS**
- Authorizing a properly registered tow truck to be driven in a high occupancy vehicle lane at all times regardless of the number of passengers in the vehicle while responding to a call for service if the tow truck has been authorized by an appropriate law enforcement agency to use high occupancy vehicle lanes.
- SB 668**      **Senator Norman, et al**  
**Chapter 751**    **VEHICLE LAWS – OPERATION OF MOTORCYCLES – HANDLEBAR HEIGHT**
- Increasing, from 15 inches to 20 inches, the maximum height that the handlebars of a motorcycle may be above a specified part of the motorcycle seat in order for a person to lawfully operate the motorcycle.
- SB 707**      **Senators Norman and Cassilly**  
**Chapter 752**    **VEHICLE LAW – WASTE AND RECYCLING COLLECTION VEHICLES – USE OF YELLOW AND AMBER LIGHTS (THE SENATOR BOB HOOPER SANITATION SAFETY ACT)**
- Authorizing waste or recycling collection vehicles to be equipped with or display yellow or amber lights or signal devices; etc.
- HB 952**      **Delegate Healey, et al**  
**Chapter 753**    **VEHICLE LAW – WASTE AND RECYCLING COLLECTION VEHICLES – USE OF YELLOW AND AMBER LIGHTS (THE SENATOR BOB HOOPER SANITATION SAFETY ACT)**
- Authorizing waste or recycling collection vehicles to be equipped with or display yellow or amber lights or signal devices; etc.

**HB 997 Delegates Fraser–Hidalgo and Kramer****Chapter 754 VEHICLE LAWS – BICYCLES, PLAY VEHICLES, AND UNICYCLES – OPERATION ON SIDEWALKS AND IN CROSSWALKS**

Providing that, subject to specified provisions of law, a person has specified rights and is subject to specified restrictions applicable to pedestrians while the person is lawfully operating a bicycle, play vehicle, or unicycle on a sidewalk or sidewalk area or in or through a crosswalk; providing that, at an intersection, a person operating a bicycle, play vehicle, or unicycle is subject to specified traffic control signals; etc.

**HB 1335 Delegate Wilkins, et al****Chapter 756 VEHICLE LAWS – OBSTRUCTION HANGING FROM REARVIEW MIRROR – ENFORCEMENT**

Providing for enforcement only as a secondary offense for a violation of the prohibition under specified circumstances against a person driving a vehicle on a highway with any object, material, or obstruction hanging from the rearview mirror that interferes with the clear view of the driver through the windshield.

**HB 1150 Delegates McMillan and Folden****Chapter 757 VEHICLE LAWS – OFF–HIGHWAY RECREATIONAL VEHICLES**

Altering the definition of “off–highway recreational vehicle” as it applies to the Maryland Vehicle Law to include a side–by–side utility vehicle; and altering the fee for a certificate of title for an off–highway recreational vehicle to \$35.

**HB 1447 Delegate McMillan, et al****Chapter 758 MOTOR VEHICLE ADMINISTRATION – REGISTRATION PLATES – RETURN**

Providing that registration plates that are required to be returned to the Motor Vehicle Administration may be returned through the mail.

- HB 1456**      **Delegate Parrott**  
**Chapter 759**   **VEHICLE LAWS – PASSING TO THE RIGHT – USE OF SHOULDER**
- Authorizing the driver of a vehicle to pass to the right of another vehicle making or about to make a left turn by driving outside the marked lane onto the shoulder, if the driver can do so without leaving the paved surface.
- HB 1301**      **Delegate Frush, et al**  
**Chapter 760**   **VEHICLE LAWS – SCHOOL CROSSING GUARDS – AUTHORITY TO DIRECT TRAFFIC**
- Expanding the authority of school crossing guards to direct traffic by authorizing a school crossing guard who meets specified qualifications to direct vehicles and pedestrians on a highway or on school grounds in order to assist nonschool vehicles in entering and leaving school grounds.
- HB 1334**      **Delegate A. Washington, et al**  
**Chapter 761**   **STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION – TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES – DECORATIVE TREATMENTS**
- Requiring the State Highway Administration to establish a policy regarding the application of decorative treatments on traffic control devices that have been marred by graffiti or vandalism; authorizing a person to apply to a district office within the Administration for a permit to install decorative treatments, including a digitally printed vinyl wrap or paint, on a traffic control device; authorizing a district office to issue a specified permit; requiring the Administration to adopt specified regulations; etc.

- SB 815**                    **Senators Rosapepe and Middleton**  
**Chapter 764**            **STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY – REGISTERED PHARMACY  
TECHNICIANS – EXEMPTION FOR PHARMACY STUDENTS**
- Providing that a specified provision of law requiring an individual to be registered and approved by the State Board of Pharmacy as a pharmacy technician before performing delegated pharmacy acts does not apply to a pharmacy student who is currently completing the first year of a professional pharmacy education program and performs, under the direct supervision of a licensed pharmacist, delegated pharmacy acts in accordance with specified regulations; etc.
- HB 983**                    **Delegate Pena–Melnyk, et al**  
**Chapter 765**            **HEALTH INSURANCE – HEALTH CARE SERVICES DELIVERED  
THROUGH TELEHEALTH – COVERAGE**
- Requiring the health care services delivered through telehealth under health insurance to include counseling for substance use disorders; and applying the Act to all policies, contracts, and health benefit plans issued, delivered, or renewed in the State on or after October 1, 2017.
- HB 184**                    **Delegate Morales, et al**  
**Chapter 768**            **PUBLIC HEALTH – TREATMENT OF  
ATTENTION–DEFICIT/HYPERACTIVITY DISORDER –  
IDENTIFICATION AND POSTING OF INFORMATION**
- Requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to identify, in consultation with stakeholders who wish to participate, specified up–to–date, evidence–based, written information relating to attention–deficit/hyperactivity disorder; requiring the Department to post specified information in a printable form on the Department’s Web site that may be accessed by health care practitioners engaged in treating children and adolescents for attention–deficit/hyperactivity disorder; etc.

- HB 912**            **Delegate Morales, et al**  
**Chapter 769**    **STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF PSYCHOLOGISTS –**  
**CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORDS CHECKS – RENEWALS AND**  
**REINSTATEMENTS**
- Requiring the State Board of Examiners of Psychologists to begin, by March 2019, a process of requiring criminal history records checks on selected renewal applicants as determined by regulations adopted by the Board and specified former licensees and registrants who file for reinstatement; requiring an additional criminal history records check to be performed every 6 years after a renewal applicant was required to submit to a criminal history records check; etc.
- HB 957**            **Delegate Miele, et al**  
**Chapter 770**    **STATE BOARD OF PHYSICIANS – MEDICAL PROFESSIONAL**  
**LIABILITY INSURANCE COVERAGE – VERIFICATION,**  
**PUBLICATION, AND NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS**  
**(JANET’S LAW)**
- Requiring a specified physician to provide the State Board of Physicians with verification or documentation within 25 business days after the physician receives the request from the Board that the physician maintains medical professional liability insurance; requiring the public profile of specified licensees of the Board to include information on whether the licensee maintains medical professional liability insurance; requiring each licensee practicing medicine to provide a specified written notification; etc.
- HB 584**            **Delegate K. Young, et al**  
**Chapter 771**    **INVESTIGATIONAL DRUGS, BIOLOGICAL PRODUCTS, AND**  
**DEVICES – RIGHT TO TRY ACT**
- Authorizing a manufacturer of an investigational drug, biological product, or device to make available the investigational drug, biological product, or device to eligible patients; requiring a manufacturer of an investigational drug, biological product, or device to notify a specified patient and a specified health care provider of specified side effects or risks; requiring the Office of the Attorney General to develop an informed consent form that meets specified requirements; etc.

- HB 185**                    **Delegates Rosenberg and Waldstreicher**  
**Chapter 773**            DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE –  
DISTRIBUTION OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS TO MINORS –  
PROHIBITION AND ENFORCEMENT
- Prohibiting specified persons from distributing tobacco products, paraphernalia, or coupons to a minor; providing that a person who violates a specified provision of the Act is subject to civil penalties; providing that a conviction for a violation of specified provisions of law precludes a proceeding for a specified civil penalty arising out of the same violation; providing that enforcement of a specified civil penalty precludes a prosecution for a violation of specified provisions of law arising out of the same violation; etc.
- HB 1107**                **Delegate Rosenberg**  
**Chapter 774**            PROCUREMENT – INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATIVE  
PURCHASING AGREEMENTS
- Requiring a specified procurement officer to make a specified determination before a primary procurement unit is authorized to take specified action regarding an intergovernmental cooperative purchasing agreement; requiring a primary procurement unit to post specified determinations on the primary procurement unit’s Web site; requiring an intergovernmental cooperative purchasing agreement to be approved by a specified unit head and subject to specified other approval under specified circumstances; etc.
- SB 7**                      **Senator Pinsky**  
**Chapter 775**            GOVERNOR’S P–20 LEADERSHIP COUNCIL – COLLEGE AND  
CAREER READINESS AND COLLEGE COMPLETION  
REPORTING – REVISIONS
- Altering a specified reporting requirement of the Governor’s P–20 Leadership Council relating to college and career readiness and college completion strategies.



- HB 167**            **Delegate McCray, et al**  
**Chapter 776**        **COUNTIES AND MUNICIPALITIES – AT–WILL SUPERVISORY EMPLOYEES – RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS**
- Authorizing a county or municipality to require a specified at–will supervisory employee to reside in the State, county, or municipality or within a certain distance of the State, county, or municipality as a condition of employment under specified circumstances; providing that a local law, ordinance, or policy enacted or adopted under the Act shall apply only prospectively; etc.
- HB 1600**           **Delegate Jones**  
**Chapter 784**        **STATE BOARD OF COSMETOLOGISTS – LICENSE RENEWAL – CONTINUING EDUCATION**
- Requiring the State Board of Cosmetologists, beginning on October 1, 2018, to require a licensee renewing a license to complete at least six credit hours of continuing education approved by the Board to qualify for the renewal of a license.
- HB 529**            **Chair, Ways and Means Committee (By Request –**  
**Chapter 786**        **Departmental – State Board of Elections)**
- ELECTION LAW – POLITICAL PARTIES, CANDIDACY, AND CAMPAIGN FINANCE**
- Altering required provisions to be included in the constitution and bylaws of political parties, as specified; altering to not later than the first Monday in July the date by which candidates for public office must file a declaration of intent, as specified; altering the number of petition signatures a candidate who seeks nomination by petition must file to appear on the general election ballot; requiring a specified governmental entity to provide the State Board of Elections with specified information regarding specified persons; etc.

**HB 602**      **Delegate Robinson, et al****Chapter 787**      **KEEP ANTIBIOTICS EFFECTIVE ACT OF 2017**

Authorizing, on or after January 1, 2018, the administration of specified antimicrobial drugs to cattle, swine, or poultry if, in the professional judgment of a licensed veterinarian, the administration is necessary for specified purposes; prohibiting specified antimicrobial drugs from being administered to cattle, swine, or poultry in a specified pattern or for specified purposes; requiring the Department of Agriculture each year to collect publicly available data on the use in the State of specified antimicrobial drugs; etc.

**SB 422**      **Senator Pinsky, et al****Chapter 788**      **KEEP ANTIBIOTICS EFFECTIVE ACT OF 2017**

Authorizing, on or after January 1, 2018, the administration of specified antimicrobial drugs to cattle, swine, or poultry if, in the professional judgment of a licensed veterinarian, the administration is necessary for specified purposes; prohibiting specified antimicrobial drugs from being administered to cattle, swine, or poultry in a specified pattern or for specified purposes; requiring the Department of Agriculture each year to collect publicly available data on the use in the State of specified antimicrobial drugs; etc.

**SB 853**      **Senator Madaleno, et al****Chapter 792**      **TRANSITIONAL SUPPORTS FOR EX-OFFENDERS – REPEAL OF RESTRICTIONS (MARYLAND EQUAL ACCESS TO FOOD ACT OF 2017)**

Repealing specified provisions of law subjecting specified individuals convicted of specified felonies involving a controlled dangerous substance who apply for temporary cash assistance or food stamps to specified testing and treatment requirements and sanctions; altering the criminal violations that make specified recipients ineligible for temporary cash assistance or food stamps for 1 year after conviction and subject to specified testing and treatment requirements and sanctions; etc.

- HB 860**            **Delegate Lierman, et al**  
**Chapter 793**    **TRANSITIONAL SUPPORTS FOR EX-OFFENDERS – REPEAL OF RESTRICTIONS (MARYLAND EQUAL ACCESS TO FOOD ACT OF 2017)**
- Repealing specified provisions of law subjecting individuals convicted of specified felonies involving a controlled dangerous substance who apply for temporary cash assistance or food stamps to specified testing and treatment requirements and sanctions; altering the criminal violations that make specified recipients ineligible for temporary cash assistance or food stamps for 1 year after conviction and subject to specified testing and treatment requirements and sanctions; etc.
- HB 73**            **Delegate Luedtke**  
**Chapter 796**    **ELECTION LAW – ELECTION JUDGES – MINIMUM AGE**
- Authorizing a minor who is at least 16 years old and who is a registered voter to be appointed and serve as an election judge; requiring the State Board of Elections to survey the local boards of elections concerning minor election judges authorized by the Act; and requiring the State Board to report the survey results and its findings and recommendations concerning the value of 16-year-old election judges to specified committees of the General Assembly on or before February 1, 2019.
- SB 811**            **Senator Zirkin, et al**  
**Chapter 797**    **CIVIL CASES – MARYLAND LEGAL SERVICES CORPORATION FUND – SURCHARGES – REPEAL OF SUNSET**
- Repealing the termination date of specified provisions of law altering specified surcharges on specified fees, charges, and costs in specified civil cases and requiring a specified informational budget to be prepared for the Maryland Legal Services Corporation and submitted to the General Assembly.

- HB 972**            **Delegate Dumais, et al**  
**Chapter 798**    **CIVIL CASES – MARYLAND LEGAL SERVICES CORPORATION  
FUND – SURCHARGES – REPEAL OF SUNSET**
- Repealing the termination date of specified provisions of law altering specified surcharges on specified fees, charges, and costs in specified civil cases and requiring a specified informational budget to be prepared for the Maryland Legal Services Corporation and submitted to the General Assembly.
- SB 348**            **Senator Kelley, et al**  
**Chapter 799**    **STATE COMPENSATION FOR ERRONEOUS CONVICTION AND  
IMPRISONMENT – CERTIFICATION OF ERROR**
- Authorizing a specified individual to request that a State’s Attorney certify that a conviction was made in error under specified circumstances; providing that an individual is eligible for a specified grant from the Board of Public Works if a State’s Attorney has certified that the individual’s conviction was made in error; establishing the Task Force to Study Erroneous Conviction and Imprisonment; requiring the Task Force to report its findings to the Governor and General Assembly by December 15, 2017.
- HB 593**            **Delegate Dumais**  
**Chapter 800**    **STATE COMPENSATION FOR ERRONEOUS CONVICTION AND  
IMPRISONMENT – CERTIFICATION OF ERROR**
- Authorizing a specified individual to request that a State’s Attorney certify that a conviction was made in error under specified circumstances; providing that an individual is eligible for a specified grant from the Board of Public Works if a State’s Attorney has certified that the individual’s conviction was made in error; establishing the Task force to Study Erroneous Conviction and Imprisonment; requiring the Task Force to report its finding to the Governor and General Assembly by December 15, 2017; etc.
- SB 949**            **Senators Smith and Madaleno**  
**Chapter 801**    **CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – EXPUNGEMENT – POSSESSION OF  
MARIJUANA**
- Authorizing a person to file a petition for expungement at a specified time if the person was convicted of possession of marijuana.

**HB 739**      **Delegate Moon, et al****Chapter 802**      **PUBLIC SAFETY – SWAT TEAMS – STANDARDS**

Requiring the Maryland Police Training and Standards Commission to adopt a specified set of standards for the training and deployment of SWAT teams and of law enforcement officers not on a SWAT team who conduct no-knock warrant service in the State; and defining “SWAT team” as an agency-designated unit of law enforcement officers who are selected, trained, and equipped to work as a coordinated team to resolve specified critical incidents that may exceed the capabilities of first responders or investigative units.

**SB 941**      **Senator Smith, et al****Chapter 803**      **PUBLIC SAFETY – SWAT TEAMS – STANDARDS**

Requiring the Maryland Police Training and Standards Commission to adopt a specified set of standards for the training and deployment of SWAT teams and of law enforcement officers not on a SWAT team who conduct no-knock warrant service in the State; and defining “SWAT team” as an agency-designated unit of law enforcement officers who are selected, trained, and equipped to work as a coordinated team to resolve specified critical incidents that may exceed the capabilities of first responders or investigative units.

**SB 224**      **Senator Lee, et al****Chapter 804**      **PUBLIC SAFETY – REGULATED FIREARMS – DEFINITION OF CONVICTED OF A DISQUALIFYING CRIME**

Altering a specified definition of “convicted of a disqualifying crime” to include a case in which a person received probation before judgment for assault in the second degree, if the crime was a specified domestically related crime.

**HB 294**      **Delegate Dumais, et al****Chapter 805**      **PUBLIC SAFETY – REGULATED FIREARMS – DEFINITION OF CONVICTED OF A DISQUALIFYING CRIME**

Altering a specified definition of “convicted of a disqualifying crime” to include a case in which a person received probation before judgment for assault in the second degree if the crime was a specified domestically related crime.

- SB 459**                    **Senator Feldman, et al**  
**Chapter 807**            **BAIL BOND – INSTALLMENT CONTRACT – FORM AND  
CONFESSED JUDGMENT PROHIBITION**
- Requiring an agreement to accept payment for the premium charged for a bail bond in installments to be in a form approved by the Maryland Insurance Commissioner; prohibiting the agreement from including a confessed judgment clause that waives a consumer’s right to assert a specified defense; prohibiting a bail bondsman from including a specified confessed judgment clause that waives a consumer’s right to assert a specified defense in an agreement to accept payment for the premium charged for a bail bond in installments; etc.
- SB 713**                    **Senator Young, et al**  
**Chapter 808**            **PRODUCTS THAT CONTAIN MERCURY – PROHIBITION ON  
SALE OF ELECTRIC SWITCHES, ELECTRIC RELAYS, AND GAS  
VALVE SWITCHES**
- Prohibiting a specified marketer from knowingly selling or providing electric switches, electric relays, and gas valve switches that contain mercury to a consumer on or after October 1, 2018; establishing specified penalties for specified violations; authorizing the Department of the Environment to impose specified penalties in a specified manner for specified violations.
- HB 504**                    **Delegate Robinson, et al**  
**Chapter 809**            **PRODUCTS THAT CONTAIN MERCURY – PROHIBITION ON  
SALE OF ELECTRIC SWITCHES, ELECTRIC RELAYS, AND GAS  
VALVE SWITCHES**
- Prohibiting a specified marketer from knowingly selling or providing electric switches, electric relays, and gas valve switches that contain mercury to a consumer on or after October 1, 2018; establishing specified penalties for specified violations; and authorizing the Department of the Environment to impose specified penalties in a specified manner for specified violations.

- HB 523**            **Delegate Jameson, et al**  
**Chapter 814**    **ELECTRONIC NICOTINE DELIVERY SYSTEMS AND VAPING LIQUID – LICENSING**
- Requiring a person to have an appropriate license whenever the person acts in the State as an electronic nicotine delivery systems manufacturer, retailer, vape shop vendor, wholesaler distributor, or wholesaler importer; providing for specified application procedures and fees; requiring the Comptroller to issue electronic nicotine delivery systems licenses; requiring the Comptroller to pay specified fees into the General Fund of the State; requiring the Comptroller to adopt specified regulations; etc.
- SB 403**            **Senator Astle, et al**  
**Chapter 815**    **PRIVATE PASSENGER MOTOR VEHICLE LIABILITY INSURANCE – ENHANCED UNDERINSURED MOTORIST COVERAGE**
- Authorizing a specified insured to obtain specified enhanced underinsured motorist coverage, instead of specified uninsured motorist coverage, under a private passenger motor vehicle liability insurance policy; requiring specified insurers to offer specified enhanced underinsured motorist coverage under specified circumstances; providing for the characteristics of the enhanced underinsured motorist coverage; applying the Act to motor vehicle policies issued, sold, or delivered in the State on or after July 1, 2018; etc.
- HB 34**            **Delegate Holmes**  
**Chapter 817**    **REAL PROPERTY – HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATIONS – RESALE OF LOT – INSPECTION FEES**
- Authorizing a homeowners association to charge a reasonable fee not to exceed \$50 for an inspection of a lot owner’s lot if the inspection is required by the governing documents of the homeowners association.

**HB 631**            **The Speaker (By Request – Office of the Attorney General), et al**  
**Chapter 818**

**PUBLIC HEALTH – ESSENTIAL OFF-PATENT OR GENERIC DRUGS – PRICE GOUGING – PROHIBITION**

Prohibiting a manufacturer or wholesale distributor from engaging in price gouging in the sale of an essential off-patent or generic drug; establishing that it is not a violation of a specified provision of the Act for a wholesale distributor to increase a price of an essential off-patent or generic drug under specified circumstances; authorizing the Maryland Medical Assistance Program to notify the Attorney General of an increase in the price of an essential off-patent or generic drug under specified circumstances; etc.

**SB 110**            **Senator Conway**  
**Chapter 822**

**PUBLIC HEALTH – EXPEDITED PARTNER THERAPY – TRICHOMONIASIS AND PHARMACIST DISPENSING**

Authorizing, notwithstanding any other provision of law, a licensed pharmacist to prescribe, dispense or otherwise provide antibiotic therapy to a specified partner of a patient diagnosed with trichomoniasis without making a personal physical assessment.

**HB 1626**           **Delegate Ali, et al**  
**Chapter 825**

**ELECTION LAW – EARLY VOTING – REGISTERED VOTER UPDATING THE VOTER'S ADDRESS ON AN EXISTING REGISTRATION**

Altering a specified provision of the election law concerning a registered voter updating the voter's address during early voting to conform to other provisions of the election law applicable to a registered voter updating the voter's address and voting; repealing the requirement that a registered voter updating the voter's address on an existing registration during early voting must provide proof of residency; etc.



- HB 212**                    **Delegate Waldstreicher, et al**  
**Chapter 827**            **CONSUMER PROTECTION – CREDIT REPORT SECURITY FREEZES – PROHIBITION ON FEES AND REQUIRED NOTICES**
- Prohibiting a consumer reporting agency from charging a consumer a fee for placing a security freeze if the consumer has not previously requested the placement of a security freeze from the consumer reporting agency; and altering the contents of a specified notice that must be included with a specified summary of rights provided to the consumer.
- SB 270**                    **Senator Lee, et al**  
**Chapter 828**            **CONSUMER PROTECTION – CREDIT REPORT SECURITY FREEZES – PROHIBITION ON FEES AND REQUIRED NOTICES**
- Prohibiting a consumer reporting agency from charging a consumer a fee for placing a security freeze if the consumer has not previously requested the placement of a security freeze from the consumer reporting agency; and altering the contents of a specified notice that must be included with a specified summary of rights provided to the consumer.
- HB 232**                    **Delegate McKay, et al**  
**Chapter 829**            **CORRECTIONAL SERVICES – COMMISSIONER’S DUTIES – STAFFING REPORT**
- Requiring the Commissioner of Correction to submit a security and staffing report to the Secretary of Public Safety, the Governor, and the General Assembly on or before October 31, 2017, and on or before October 31 in every odd-numbered year thereafter; requiring the report to be based on a joint survey conducted by the administration of the Division of Correction and the exclusive collective bargaining representative of the employees; requiring the report to include specified information; etc.
- HB 1309**                 **Delegate Frush, et al**  
**Chapter 832**            **ENVIRONMENT – RECYCLING – SPECIAL EVENTS**
- Requiring the State, a county, a municipality, or any other local government to provide a specified written statement before issuing a specified permit for a special event.

**SB 885**            **Senators Rosapepe and Kagan****Chapter 833**        **ENVIRONMENT – RECYCLING – SPECIAL EVENTS**

Requiring the State, a county, a municipality, or any other local government to provide to an organizer of a special event a written statement that describes specified requirements and penalties before issuing a permit for the special event; providing a maximum civil penalty of \$300 for each day a violation of the Act exists.

**SB 746**            **Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request –**  
**Chapter 834**        **Maryland Judicial Conference)****DISTRICT COURT COMMISSIONERS – RESIDENCY IN**  
**CONTIGUOUS COUNTY**

Providing that, subject to specified exceptions, a District Court Commissioner may be a resident of a county contiguous to the county in which the commissioner serves.

**HB 1149**           **Delegate Kramer****Chapter 837**        **MARYLAND SECURITIES ACT – VULNERABLE ADULTS**

Altering the Maryland Securities Act to regulate federal exempt broker-dealers; establishing the Securities Act Registration Fund to be used to administer and enforce the Act; altering the actions that are unlawful under the Maryland Securities Act; requiring specified individuals that believe that a specified adult is the subject of financial exploitation to notify the Commissioner within 5 days of developing a reasonable belief that financial exploitation exists or to provide immediate notification under specified circumstances; etc.

**SB 951**            **Senator Smith, et al****Chapter 838**        **MARYLAND SECURITIES ACT – VULNERABLE ADULTS**

Altering the Maryland Securities Act to regulate federal exempt broker-dealers; establishing the Securities Act Registration Fund to be used to administer and enforce the Act; altering the actions that are unlawful under the Maryland Securities Act; requiring specified individuals that believe that a specified adult is the subject of financial exploitation to notify the Commissioner within 5 days of developing a reasonable belief that financial exploitation exists or to provide immediate notification under specified circumstances; etc.

**SB 969**            **Senator Feldman****Chapter 840**    **ELECTRICITY – CONSTRUCTION OF OVERHEAD TRANSMISSION LINES – CONDEMNATION AUTHORITY**

Authorizing a person to which a specified certificate of public convenience and necessity is issued for the construction of a specified overhead transmission line to acquire specified property or rights by condemnation; and applying the Act to the construction of an overhead transmission line for which a certificate of public convenience and necessity is required.

**HB 1415**           **Delegate Anderson****Chapter 841**    **COMMERCIAL LAW – MARYLAND ANTITRUST ACT – INDIRECT PURCHASERS**

Altering the circumstances under which a person, whose business or property has been injured or threatened with injury by a violation of specified provisions of law, may maintain an action for damages, an injunction, or both, against any person who has committed the violation, regardless of whether the person maintaining the action dealt directly or indirectly with the person who has committed the violation; altering a specified defense that a defendant may raise in specified actions for damages; etc.

**SB 858**            **Senator Smith, et al****Chapter 842**    **COMMERCIAL LAW – MARYLAND ANTITRUST ACT – INDIRECT PURCHASERS**

Altering the circumstances under which a person, whose business or property has been injured or threatened with injury by a violation of specified provisions of law, may maintain an action for damages, an injunction, or both, against any person who has committed the violation, regardless of whether the person maintaining the action dealt directly or indirectly with the person who has committed the violation; altering a specified defense that a defendant may raise in specified actions for damages; etc.

**HB 1464 Delegates Waldstreicher and Barkley****Chapter 846 MAKE OFFICE VACANCIES EXTINCT PROGRAM**

Establishing the Make Office Vacancies Extinct Program in the Department of Commerce; providing that the purposes of the Program is to encourage the location of new businesses in the State in counties with a support program to reduce office space vacancies; establishing qualifications for participation in the Program; authorizing the Program to provide for specified grants to specified businesses on a first-come, first-served basis, subject to a specified limitation; establishing a Make Office Vacancies Extinct Matching Fund; etc.

**SB 908 Senator Ferguson, et al****Chapter 849 MARYLAND EDUCATION DEVELOPMENT COLLABORATIVE – ESTABLISHED**

Establishing the Maryland Education Development Collaborative for specified purposes to include activities to promote and enhance 21st-century learning and socioeconomic diversity in the State's public schools; providing that the Collaborative is an instrumentality of the State; establishing a Governing Board of the Collaborative; requiring the Board to establish an Advisory Council to provide advice on matters relating to 21st-century learning, data collection and sharing, and other specified issues; etc.

**HB 88 Baltimore County Delegation****Chapter 850 EDUCATION – SELECTION OF MEMBERS TO THE BALTIMORE COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD**

Prohibiting the Governor from appointing specified individuals as members to the Baltimore County Board of Education in an election year; prohibiting specified individuals from seeking appointment as members of the county board in an election year; requiring the Baltimore County School Board Nominating Commission to hold at least three meetings, each in a different councilmanic district, each year; requiring the County Executive for Baltimore County to designate the chair of the Commission; etc.

**HB 1498**      **Delegates A. Washington and Tarlau****Chapter 851**      **CAMPAIGN FINANCE – POLITICAL ORGANIZATIONS – COMPLIANCE AND DISCLOSURE**

Authorizing a political action committee to establish one compliance account; providing that disbursements from a political action committee compliance account may be made only for purposes of complying with specified campaign finance laws; providing that donations to a political action committee compliance account may be made only if the donor consents to the use of the donation for specified purposes; providing that donations to a political action committee compliance account are not subject to specified limits; etc.

**HB 898**      **Delegate Ebersole, et al****Chapter 852**      **ELECTION LAW – CAMPAIGN FINANCE – COORDINATED EXPENDITURES**

Prohibiting a person from making a coordinated expenditure in excess of specified limits or making a donation to a person for the purpose of furthering a coordinated expenditure in excess of specified limits; prohibiting a candidate or political party from being the beneficiary of a coordinated expenditure in excess of specified limits; providing that a person may not be considered to have made a coordinated expenditure solely on specified grounds; etc.



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**SB 1005      The President (By Request – Justice Reinvestment  
Chapter 515    Coordinating Council)**

### **JUSTICE REINVESTMENT ACT**

Requiring the Division of Parole and Probation to conduct a risk and needs assessment on inmates as soon as feasible after sentencing and develop a case plan to guide an inmate's rehabilitation while in custody; altering the manner in which specified diminution credits may be earned; authorizing expungement for convictions for specified misdemeanors after 10 years, or 15 years under specified conditions; establishing the Justice Reinvestment Oversight Board and the Local Government Justice Reinvestment Commission; etc.

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