



# SYNOPSIS

House Bills and Joint Resolutions  
2020 Maryland General Assembly Session

**January 17, 2020**  
**Schedule 7**

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**PLEASE NOTE:** January 17 – Bill request deadline.  
February 7 – Bill introduction deadline.  
All bills must be given to the Chief Clerk by 5:00 P.M. on Thursday, February 6.  
As required by House Rule 32(b), bills introduced after this date will be referred to the House Rules and Executive Nominations Committee.

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## **HOUSE BILLS INTRODUCED JANUARY 17, 2020**

### **HB 231 Delegate Lierman, et al**

#### **HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES MADE EQUAL ACT**

Expanding the housing policy of the State to include providing for fair housing to all citizens regardless of source of income; stating the Act seeks to deconcentrate poverty by providing additional opportunities for tenants utilizing public subsidies to live in certain neighborhoods; prohibiting a person from refusing to sell or rent a dwelling to any person because of source of income; establishing qualifications and limitations on the prohibition against discrimination in housing based on source of income; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

SG, §§ 20-701, 20-702, 20-704, 20-705, 20-707, and 20-1103 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

#### **Department of Legislative Services**

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**HB 232 Delegate Fraser–Hidalgo, et al****MARYLAND ZERO EMISSION ELECTRIC VEHICLE  
INFRASTRUCTURE COUNCIL – REPORTING, MEMBERSHIP, AND  
SUNSET EXTENSION**

Altering the deadlines for the interim and final reporting requirements for the Maryland Zero Emission Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Council; altering the membership of the Council by adding one representative of an electric vehicle driver advocacy organization instead of the Baltimore Electric Vehicle Initiative and two, instead of one, representative of the environmental community; and extending until June 30, 2026, the termination date for the Council.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2020

Chapters 400 and 401 of the Acts of 2011, §§ 1(c)(9)(iv) and (xii) and (h) and 2, as amended - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

**HB 233 Delegate Pippy, et al****CRIMINAL LAW – ASSAULT IN THE FIRST DEGREE – SUFFOCATION  
OR STRANGULATION**

Prohibiting a person from intentionally suffocating or strangling another in the commission of an assault; and providing a penalty of imprisonment not exceeding 25 years for a violation of the Act.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

CR, § 3-202 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 234 Delegate Henson****CHILD SUPPORT – SUSPENSION OF PAYMENTS AND ARREARS FOR  
INCARCERATED OBLIGORS – MODIFICATIONS**

Altering a condition relating to an incarcerated obligor's term of imprisonment under which the obligor's child support payment is not considered past due and arrearages will not accrue if the obligor will be incarcerated for more than 180 consecutive calendar days .

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

FL, § 12-104.1 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 235 Delegate Carey, et al**

## STATE GOVERNMENT – DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY – CYBERSECURITY

Requiring the Secretary of Information Technology, in consultation with the Attorney General, to advise and oversee a consistent cybersecurity strategy for units of State government, including institutions under the control of the governing boards of public institutions of higher education, counties, school districts, municipal corporations, and other political subdivisions of the State; requiring the Secretary to advise and consult with the Legislative and Judicial branches regarding cybersecurity strategy; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

SF, §§ 3A-301 and 3A-303(a) - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

**HB 236 Delegate Carey**

## HUNTING AND FISHING LICENSES – ACTIVE MILITARY, FORMER PRISONERS OF WAR, RECIPIENTS OF THE PURPLE HEART AWARD, AND DISABLED VETERANS

Repealing a requirement that the Department of Natural Resources submit a certain report to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before December 31, 2019; and repealing the termination provision for certain provisions of law relating to the issuance of complimentary or discounted hunting and fishing licenses to certain military personnel, former prisoners of war, recipients of the Purple Heart Award, and disabled veterans.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2020

Chapter 463 of the Acts of 2017, § 2 - repealed and § 3 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

**HB 237 Delegate Carey, et al**

## COMMERCIAL LAW – PERSONAL INFORMATION PROTECTION ACT – REVISIONS

Requiring a business that maintains personal information of an individual residing in the State to implement and maintain certain security procedures and practices; altering the circumstances under which the owner or licensee of certain computerized data is required to notify certain individuals of a certain breach; altering the time periods within which certain notifications regarding the breach of a security system are required to be given; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

CL, §§ 14-3501, 14-3503(a), and 14-3504 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 238 Allegany County Delegation**

ALLEGANY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION – ELECTED MEMBERS  
– FILLING A VACANCY

Requiring the Board of County Commissioners of Allegany County, rather than the Governor, to fill a vacancy in an elected member’s position on the Allegany County Board of Education for the remainder of that term and until a successor is elected and qualifies.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020

ED, § 3-201(e) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 239 Delegate Moon, et al**

MARYLAND POLICE TRAINING AND STANDARDS COMMISSION –  
BODY–WORN CAMERA POLICY

Requiring a certain policy developed and published by the Maryland Police Training and Standards Commission to address the use of a body–worn camera by an off–duty law enforcement officer authorized or approved by a law enforcement agency to work secondary employment who is in the uniform of the agency or is identifiable as a law enforcement officer .

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

PS, § 3-511 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 240 Delegate Holmes**

REAL PROPERTY – HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATIONS – NUMBER OF  
DECLARANT VOTES

Altering the number of votes to which a declarant is entitled when voting on a homeowners association matter before and after any lot that may be part of the development is subdivided and recorded under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

RP, § 11B-111.7 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

**HB 241 Delegate Holmes****REAL PROPERTY – GROUND LEASES – PAST DUE GROUND RENT**

Clarifying that a ground lease holder may not bring any suit, action, or proceeding against the current leasehold tenant or a former leasehold tenant to recover the ground rent that was due and owing before the date the current leasehold tenant acquired title to the leasehold interest if the ground lease was not registered in accordance with certain law prior to the date the current leasehold tenant acquired title, notwithstanding any other provision of law.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

RP, § 8-806 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

**HB 242 Delegate Atterbary****CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – MOTION TO VACATE JUDGMENT – HUMAN TRAFFICKING (TRUE FREEDOM ACT OF 2020)**

Altering the eligibility for the filing of a certain motion to vacate judgment if the person's participation in the offense was a direct result of being a victim of human trafficking; requiring that a certain motion be served on a certain State's Attorney; requiring that a certain motion be mailed to a victim or victim's representative at a certain address if the qualifying offense occurred within 5 years before the filing of the motion; requiring the court to take certain factors into consideration when making a certain finding; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2020

CP, §§ 8-302 and 10-105(a) - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 243 Delegate Krebs, et al****CEMETERIES – PERPETUAL CARE – DISTRIBUTION FROM PERPETUAL CARE TRUST FUND**

Requiring a distribution from a perpetual care trust fund made under certain circumstances to be used only for the perpetual care of the cemetery, including the maintenance of the grounds, roads, and paths and the repair and renewal of buildings; permitting a certain cemetery to select a certain method of distribution from a certain trust fund; requiring the trustee to distribute a certain income from the perpetual care trust fund if the cemetery does not select a method of distribution from the perpetual care trust fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

BR, § 5-603 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

**HB 244 Delegate Moon, et al****CRIMINAL RECORDS – DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION – PROHIBITED ACTS**

Prohibiting certain entities from requiring the disclosure of a conviction that the Governor pardoned in an application, interview or other means; prohibiting an educational institution from refusing a person's admission solely because the person refused to disclose information about a conviction that the governor pardoned or charges which were expunged; prohibiting a private entity from disclosing information relating to a certain conviction or certain records; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

CP, § 10-109 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 245 Delegates Luedtke and Mosby****ELECTION LAW – INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION – VOTER REGISTRATION AND VOTING BY STUDENTS (STUDENT VOTER EMPOWERMENT ACT OF 2020)**

Requiring the State Board of Elections to maintain a page on its website that includes clear information about voter registration and voting by students enrolled in institutions of higher education, including links to information on voting by absentee ballot for students outside the State; requiring a public institution of higher education to designate a staff member as the student voting coordinator; requiring the student voting coordinator to develop and implement a plan to increase student voter registration; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

EL, §§ 1-101(bb-1), 3-103, 3-204(c), and 3-204.2(f) - added, §§ 1-101(bb-1), 2-303(a), and 3-204(b) - amended, and § 3-204(c) - repealed

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 246 Delegate Pippy, et al****SEXUAL SOLICITATION OF A MINOR – SOLICITATION THROUGH PARENT, GUARDIAN, OR CUSTODIAN – PROHIBITION AND PENALTIES**

Prohibiting a person from knowingly and with a certain intent soliciting the consent of a parent, guardian, or custodian of a minor, or a person believed to be a parent, guardian, or custodian of a minor, to engage in certain prohibited sexual acts with the minor; and establishing and altering penalties with a the first offense receiving a penalty of imprisonment not to exceed 10 years or a fine of up to \$25,000 or both, and for a second or subsequent offense, imprisonment of up to 20 years, or a fine of up to \$50,000 or both.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

CR, § 3-324 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 247 Delegate Malone****ORPHANS' COURTS – APPEALS – PROCEDURES**

Requiring a certain appeal from a final judgment of an orphans' court to be made by filing a certain notice, rather than a certain order; extending from 30 days to 60 days the standard period of time within which the register of wills must transmit all pleadings and orders of the proceedings to the court to which the appeal is taken; applying the Act prospectively; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

CJ, § 12-502 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 248 Delegate Atterbeary, et al****PROTECTIVE ORDERS – RELIEF ELIGIBILITY – RAPE AND SEXUAL OFFENSES**

Removing rape and certain sexual offenses from the list of offenses alleged to have been committed by a certain respondent against a certain victim for which a peace order petition may be filed under certain circumstances; and altering the definition of “person eligible for relief” for purposes of certain provisions of law relating to domestic violence protective orders to include an individual who alleges the commission of certain acts against the individual by a certain respondent.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

CJ, § 3-1503(a) and FL, § 4-501(m) - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 249 Delegates C. Watson and Carey****CONSUMER PROTECTION – RIGHT TO OPT OUT OF THIRD–PARTY DISCLOSURE**

Authorizing consumers to demand that a business not disclose the consumer’s personal information to third parties and to exercise the right to opt out of third–party disclosure through a certain setting, including a browser setting, browser extension, or global device setting; prohibiting a business from disclosing the personal information of a consumer to a third party if the business has certain knowledge of or willfully disregards the fact the consumer is under the age of 18; etc.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2021

CL, § 13-301(14)(xxxii) and (xxxiii) - amended and §§ 13-301(14)(xxxiv) and 14-4201 through 14-4203 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 250 Delegate Atterbary****FAMILY LAW – FINAL PROTECTIVE ORDER – EXTENSION**

Specifying that, if a petitioner or person eligible for relief files a certain motion to extend the term of a final protective order during the term of the order and a hearing on the motion is not held before the order’s original expiration date, the order is automatically extended and its terms remain in full force and effect until the hearing on the motion.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

FL, § 4-507 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 251 Delegate M. Jackson (Chair, Joint Committee on Pensions)****TEACHERS’ RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEMS – OBSOLETE REEMPLOYMENT PROVISIONS**

Repealing certain obsolete provisions relating to the reemployment of certain teachers and principals who are retirees of the Teachers’ Retirement and Pension Systems.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020

SP, §§ 22-406(c)(5), (6), (7), and (10) and 23-407(c)(5), (6), (7), and (10) - amended

Assigned to: Appropriations



**HB 252** Delegate McIntosh, et al

PUBLIC SAFETY – DEPARTMENT OF STATE POLICE – PRIMARY ENFORCEMENT FOR INTERSTATE 83 (JONES FALLS EXPRESSWAY) IN BALTIMORE CITY

Establishing as a responsibility of the Department of State Police primary traffic enforcement and emergency response on Interstate 83 (Jones Falls Expressway) in Baltimore City between Fayette Street and the City border with Baltimore County; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

PS, § 2-301(a) - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HOUSE BILL REASSIGNED JANUARY 16, 2020****HB 79** Delegate Rosenberg

MARYLAND TECHNOLOGY INTERNSHIP PROGRAM – QUALIFICATIONS FOR PARTICIPATION – ALTERATIONS

Expanding the definition of “technology–based business” to include a nonprofit organization exempt from taxation under § 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code for purposes of the Maryland Technology Internship Program; and altering from 3.0 to 2.5 the cumulative grade point average that a certain individual must maintain or have maintained during a certain academic year to qualify for participation in the Maryland Technology Internship Program.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020

ED, §§ 18-3001 and 18-3005 - amended

Reassigned to: Appropriations