



SYNOPSIS

Prefiled Senate Bills and Joint Resolutions
2020 Maryland General Assembly Session

January 8, 2020
Schedule 1

PLEASE NOTE: The following legislation was prefiled for the 2020 Session.
Senate Bills 2 through 5 will appear in later synopses.

SENATE BILLS INTRODUCED January 8, 2020

SB 1

Senator Peters, et al

BUILT TO LEARN ACT OF 2020

Requiring or authorizing, under certain circumstances, the Maryland Stadium Authority to contract for, manage, and oversee certain public school facility projects; authorizing the Prince George's County government and Board of Education to enter into a certain public-private partnership to enhance the delivery of public school construction projects in the county; requiring the Governor, beginning in fiscal year 2020, to include in the annual budget certain supplemental funding to be used for certain educational purposes; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

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

CONTINGENT – VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

EC, ED, SF, and SG, Various Sections - amended and added and ED, §§ 5-317 and 5-324 - repealed

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

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SB 6 **Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee (By Request – Departmental – Labor)**

STATE REAL ESTATE COMMISSION – SUNSET EXTENSION

Continuing the State Real Estate Commission in accordance with the provisions of the Maryland Program Evaluation Act (sunset law) by extending to July 1, 2032, the termination provisions relating to certain statutory and regulatory authority of the Commission.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

BOP, § 17-702 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 7 **Chair, Budget and Taxation Committee (By Request – Departmental – General Services)**

MARYLAND GREEN BUILDING COUNCIL – MEMBERSHIP

Altering the membership of the Maryland Green Building Council by removing the Secretary of Housing and Community Development, or the Secretary's designee, as a member and substituting the Secretary of Labor, or the Secretary's designee, as a member.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

SF, § 4-809(b) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 8 **Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Uninsured Employers' Fund)**

UNINSURED EMPLOYERS' FUND – ADDITIONAL ASSESSMENT ON AWARDS AND SETTLEMENTS – AMOUNT

Altering the percentage of the additional assessment from 1% to up to 3% that the Uninsured Employers' Fund Board may direct the Workers' Compensation Commission to impose on certain awards and settlements if the Board determines that the reserves of the Uninsured Employers' Fund are inadequate to meet anticipated losses.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020

LE, § 9-1007 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 9 **Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee (By Request – Departmental – Agriculture)**

AGRICULTURE – MARYLAND EGG LAW – REVISIONS

Altering the scope of certain provisions of the Maryland Egg Law to include certain eggs produced from certain poultry; requiring shell eggs produced from poultry other than domesticated chickens to be sold by net quantity; authorizing the Secretary of Agriculture to conduct certain examinations, testing, and sampling for certain purposes; specifying that shell eggs are adulterated when the shell eggs are subjected to certain contamination or conditions; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

AG, §§ 4-301, 4-302, 4-304, 4-307, 4-308, 4-310, 4-311, 4-311.2, and 4-311.7 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 10 **Senators Lam and Hough**

GENERAL ASSEMBLY – SPECIAL ELECTION TO FILL A VACANCY IN OFFICE

Proposing an amendment to the Maryland Constitution to require an individual appointed by the Governor to fill a vacancy in the office of Delegate or Senator in the General Assembly to serve for the remainder of the term if the vacancy occurs after a certain date; requiring that a special election be held at the same time as a certain regular statewide election to fill a vacancy in the office of Delegate or Senator in the General Assembly if the vacancy occurs on or before a certain date; etc.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT – CONTINGENT

Maryland Constitution, Art. III, § 13 and Art. XVII, § 2 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 11 **Senator West**

BALTIMORE COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS – QUALIFICATIONS

Requiring that each member of the Board of License Commissioners for Baltimore County be a resident and voter of Baltimore County.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020

AB, § 13-202 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 12 **Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee (By Request – Departmental – Labor)**

PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS – QUALIFICATIONS FOR LICENSURE – EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENTS

Requiring certain applicants for a license to practice engineering to have a certain number of years of progressive work experience in engineering to qualify for a license; and repealing a provision of law that required a certain applicant for a license to practice engineering to have at least 5 years of work experience in responsible charge of other engineers.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

BOP, § 14-305(b)(1)(ii), (c)(2), and (d)(1)(i) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 13 **Senators Hershey and Reilly**

CHESAPEAKE BAY BRIDGE – RECONSTRUCTION ADVISORY GROUP AND TRAFFIC STUDY

Establishing the Chesapeake Bay Bridge Reconstruction Advisory Group; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Advisory Group; requiring the Advisory Group to hold monthly meetings and study certain issues and make recommendations relating to traffic on the Chesapeake Bay Bridge and surrounding roadways; requiring the State Highway Administration, in collaboration with the Maryland Transportation Institute, to conduct a certain traffic management and technology study; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

TR, § 4-211 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 14 **Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Labor)**

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS – STATE BANKS, TRUST COMPANIES, AND SAVINGS BANKS – INCORPORATORS

Reducing the number and altering the qualifications of the incorporators required to form a commercial bank or a savings bank in the State; repealing certain provisions relating to additional and vacant directorships of certain commercial banks; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

FI, §§ 3-201, 3-202(b), 4-201, and 4-202(b) - amended and § 3-407 - repealed

Assigned to: Finance

SB 15 **Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Labor)****FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS – COMMISSIONER OF FINANCIAL REGULATION – BANKING INSTITUTION POWERS**

Altering the process for and circumstances under which a banking institution may engage in any additional activity, service, or other practice that is authorized for national banking associations; requiring a banking institution to provide written notice to the Commissioner of Financial Regulation at least 45 calendar days before engaging in any additional activity, service, or other practice; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

FI, § 5-504 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 16 **Senator Reilly****BUSINESS OCCUPATIONS AND PROFESSIONS – MASTER ELECTRICIANS GUARANTY FUND – ESTABLISHMENT**

Requiring the State Board of Master Electricians to establish a Master Electricians Guaranty Fund; requiring the State Board to maintain the Fund at a level of \$250,000, submit a certain report, deposit certain money into the Fund, and administer the Fund; requiring applicants for a State license to provide electrical services to pay a \$100 fee into the Fund; requiring the State Board to charge State licensees an additional \$50 fee if the Fund falls below the \$250,000 level; limiting awards from the Fund to \$20,000 per claimant; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

BOP, §§ 6-5A-01 through 6-5A-11 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs and Budget and Taxation

SB 17 **Senator Young, et al****MOTOR VEHICLE INSURANCE – USE OF CREDIT HISTORY IN RATING POLICIES**

Prohibiting an insurer, with respect to private passenger motor vehicle insurance, from rating a risk based, in whole or in part, on the credit history of an applicant or insured in any manner; repealing certain provisions of law authorizing an insurer to use the credit history of an applicant or insured to rate a new policy of private passenger motor vehicle insurance; applying the Act to all private passenger motor vehicle insurance policies issued, delivered, or renewed in the State on or after October 1, 2020; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

IN, § 27-501(e-2) - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 18 **Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee (By Request – Departmental – Environment)****ENVIRONMENT – LEAD POISONING PREVENTION COMMISSION**

Altering the membership of the Lead Poisoning Prevention Commission; repealing certain requirements related to the Commission's development of recommendations for establishing a window replacement program; repealing certain provisions requiring the Commission to study and collect information related to the availability of certain insurance and the adequacy of certain qualified offer caps; altering the subjects that the Commission may appoint a subcommittee to study; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

EN, §§ 6-807 and 6-810 - amended and § 6-809 - repealed

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 19 **Senator Young****AGRICULTURE – MANAGEMENT-INTENSIVE FARMING AND GRAZING**

Requiring the University of Maryland Extension to provide a dedicated extension agent to assist individuals with the adoption of management-intensive farming and grazing practices; requiring the Governor to provide at least \$500,000 each year to support the Department of Agriculture's activities related to management-intensive farming and grazing, beginning in fiscal year 2022; authorizing the Department of Agriculture to use its allocation from the Bay Restoration Fund to fund management-intensive grazing activities; etc.

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020

AG, §§ 8-702 and 8-703, EN, § 9-1605.2(h)(2)(ii) and (i)(2)(xi), and NR, § 8-2A-01(c) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 20 **Senator Patterson****GENERAL PROVISIONS – COMMEMORATIVE DAYS – TUSKEGEE AIRMEN COMMEMORATION DAY**

Requiring the Governor annually to proclaim the fourth Thursday in March as Tuskegee Airmen Commemoration Day; and requiring the proclamation to urge educational and cultural organizations to observe Tuskegee Airmen Commemoration Day through appropriate and informative programs and activities.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

GP, § 7-402 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 21 **Senator Kagan****ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – MANUFACTURER'S LICENSES – REQUIREMENTS FOR FOOD SALES**

Requiring the holder of a manufacturer's license in each jurisdiction of the State to provide or conspicuously display a menu of food options or conspicuously display the actual food items available for purchase if the holder sells food for on-premises consumption; and applying the provisions of the Act to all jurisdictions without exception or variation.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020

AB, Various Sections - added and amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 22 **Senator West****ELECTION LAW – POLLING PLACES AT CONTINUING CARE RETIREMENT COMMUNITIES**

Requiring local boards of elections to establish separate precincts in continuing care retirement communities of 200 or more individuals who are at least 60 years old specifically to serve at least the residents of those retirement communities if a continuing care retirement community requests a polling place be established on the premises; requiring continuing care retirement community providers to provide certain facilities and services to the local board if a certain polling place is established on the premises; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2021

EL, § 2-303(a) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 23 **Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Secretary of State)****BUSINESS REGULATION – TRADEMARKS, SERVICE MARKS, AND TRADE NAMES – REGISTRATION**

Altering certain classes of goods and services for which a person may register a mark; prohibiting a person from registering a certain name or surname as a mark; requiring an applicant for registration of a mark or renewal of a mark to submit 3 different specimens or reproductions of the mark as used; prohibiting the specimens or reproductions from including certain business papers; requiring the Secretary of State to include a full description of the mark on a certain certificate of registration; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

BR, §§ 1-401(b) and (c), 1-404(c)(1), 1-405, 1-406, 1-409(b), 1-410(b) and (c), and 1-411(c) - amended and § 1-410(e) - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 24 **Senator Young****SMALL BUSINESS FAIRNESS ACT**

Requiring affiliated retail trade and food services corporations with multiple locations to compute Maryland taxable income using a combined reporting method; requiring, subject to regulations, certain groups of retail trade and food services corporations to file income tax returns reflecting the aggregate income tax liability of all the members of the group; requiring the Comptroller to report to the General Assembly by March 31 each year an estimate of the total additional tax revenue resulting from the combined reporting method; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020

TG, §§ 10-402.1 and 10-402.2 - added and § 10-811 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 25 **Senator Simonaire****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: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 26 **Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Commerce)****PARTNERSHIP FOR WORKFORCE QUALITY PROGRAM – ALTERATIONS**

Expanding the purpose of the Partnership for Workforce Quality Program and the eligible uses of grants under the Program to include training for new employees; increasing from 60% to 80% the minimum percentage of the money available to the Program that must be reserved for certain employers and, for those employers, increasing from 150 to 500 the maximum number of employees based in the State; and establishing that a maximum of \$200,000 of the money available to the Program may be provided to a certain employer.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020

EC, §§ 3-403, 3-405(a), and 3-412(c) - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 27 **Senator Hayes****HIGHER EDUCATION – POLICY ON STUDENT CONCERNS ABOUT ATHLETIC PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES – SHORT TITLE**

Establishing the short title “Jordan McNair Act” for Subtitle 16 of Title 11 of the Education Article.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020

ED, § 11-1602 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 28 **Senator Lam, et al****SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT – PROHIBITION ON RELEASING A BALLOON INTO THE ATMOSPHERE**

Prohibiting a person from knowingly and intentionally releasing or causing to be released, or organizing the release of, a certain balloon into the atmosphere; authorizing the Department of the Environment to delegate certain enforcement authority to a certain unit, officer, or official of a local government; requiring a certain unit, officer, or official of a local government with delegated enforcement authority to report certain violations to the Department; establishing a civil penalty of \$250 for a violation of the Act; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

EN, § 9-2301 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 29 **Senators Carozza and Lee****CRIMINAL LAW – LIFE–THREATENING INJURY INVOLVING A MOTOR VEHICLE OR VESSEL – CRIMINAL NEGLIGENCE (WADE’S LAW)**

Prohibiting a person from causing a life–threatening injury to another as a result of the person’s driving, operating, or controlling a motor vehicle or vessel in a criminally negligent manner; exempting certain conduct that results in a life–threatening injury to another; and establishing a penalty of imprisonment not exceeding 18 months or a fine not exceeding \$5,000 or both for a violation of the Act.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

CR, § 3-212.1 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 30 **Senator Lee**CRIMINAL LAW – CRIMES INVOLVING COMPUTERS –
RANSOMWARE

Prohibiting a person from knowingly possessing certain ransomware with the intent to use that ransomware for introduction into the computer, computer network, or computer system of another person without the authorization of the other person; establishing that a person who violates the Act is guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction is subject to imprisonment not exceeding 10 years or a fine not exceeding \$10,000 or both; applying the Act prospectively; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

CR, § 7-302 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 31 **Senator Beidle**ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – BOARD OF COMMUNITY COLLEGE
TRUSTEES

Requiring the members of the Board of Community College Trustees for Anne Arundel County to reside in Anne Arundel County; establishing a 4-year term for nonstudent members; and limiting nonstudent members to three consecutive full terms.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020

ED, § 16-401 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 32 **Senator Beidle, et al**ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – BOARD OF
LICENSE COMMISSIONERS MEMBERSHIP REVISIONS

Requiring the Governor to appoint five members, instead of three, to the Board of License Commissioners for Anne Arundel County; requiring that members be appointed from each legislative district in Anne Arundel County; limiting the number of terms that a member of the Board may serve to 4 consecutive terms; staggering the terms of members of the Board; altering certain requirements for political diversity among members of the Board; authorizing the Board, rather than the Governor, to designate a chair of the Board; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020

AB, §§ 11-202 and 11-203 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 33 **Senator Kagan****ELECTION LAW – VOTING BY ABSENTEE BALLOT – PREPAID POSTAGE FOR RETURN OF BALLOTS**

Requiring that certain required envelopes used by certain voters voting by absentee ballot to return their ballots include prepaid postage; requiring the State Board of Elections to reimburse each local board of elections for 50% of the costs of prepaid postage included on ballot/return envelopes or return envelopes provided to a voter voting by absentee ballot; and requiring that absentee ballots be accompanied by instructions for the postage of certain absentee ballot envelopes.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2021

EL, § 9-310 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 34 **Senator Kagan****CONSUMER PROTECTION – SCANNING OR SWIPING IDENTIFICATION CARDS AND DRIVER’S LICENSES – PROHIBITION**

Prohibiting a person from using a scanning device to scan or swipe an individual’s identification card or a driver’s license to obtain personal information; prohibiting a person from retaining, selling, or transferring any information collected from scanning or swiping an individual’s identification card or driver’s license; providing that the Act does not prohibit a law enforcement officer from using a scanning device to record, retain, or transmit information if acting within the scope of the officer’s official duties; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

CL, § 13-301 - amended and § 14-1327 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 35 **Senator Hough****CRIMINAL LAW – CRIME OF VIOLENCE – DEFINITION**

Altering the definition of “crime of violence” to remove an exception for the use of a firearm in the commission of a certain offense of possession with intent to distribute a controlled dangerous substance.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

CR, § 14-101(a) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 36 **Senator Hough****CORRECTIONAL SERVICES – ELIGIBILITY FOR PAROLE – LIFE IMPRISONMENT**

Increasing, from 15 years to 25 years, the amount of time that an inmate who has been sentenced to life imprisonment after being convicted of a crime committed on or after October 1, 2020, must serve before becoming eligible for parole consideration.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

CS, § 7-301(d) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 37 **Senator Beidle, et al****ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – CLASS B AND CLASS H LICENSES – RENEWALS**

Requiring a license holder, before each renewal of a Class B or Class H alcoholic beverages license in Anne Arundel County, to attest in a sworn statement that the gross receipts from food sales for the 12-month period immediately preceding the application for renewal were equal to at least 51% of the gross receipts from the sale of food and alcoholic beverages.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020

AB, §§ 11-802, 11-805, 11-902, and 11-905 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 38 **Senator West****ELECTION LAW – CAMPAIGN FINANCE VIOLATIONS – INJUNCTIVE RELIEF**

Authorizing a candidate to seek an immediate injunction against any violation of § 13-309(a)(3) or (6) of the Election Law Article by the campaign finance entity supporting the candidacy of any candidate for the same office.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2021

EL, § 13-605 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 39 **Senator Waldstreicher****PUBLIC SAFETY – REGULATED FIREARM – DEFINITION**

Altering the definition of “regulated firearm” to include the Anderson Manufacturing .223 caliber AM-15 and .300 caliber AM-15.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

PS, § 5-101(r) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 40 **Senator Lam****SALES AND USE TAX – DIAPERS – EXEMPTION**

Exempting the sale of diapers from the sales and use tax.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020

TG, § 11-211(c) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 41 **Senator Lam****BALTIMORE COUNTY – VEHICLE HEIGHT MONITORING SYSTEMS**

Authorizing the use of certain vehicle height monitoring systems in Baltimore County to enforce certain State and local laws restricting the presence of certain vehicles during certain times; and applying to Baltimore County certain provisions of law relating to vehicle height monitoring systems.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

TR, § 24-111.3 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 42 **Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Health)****HEALTH SERVICES COST REVIEW COMMISSION – DUTIES AND REPORTS – REVISIONS**

Altering the information required to be included in a certain annual report required to be submitted to certain persons by the Health Services Cost Review Commission; altering a certain reporting date from October 1 to May 1 of each year; repealing the requirement that the Commission annually publish certain acute care hospital charges; authorizing the Commission, on request of the Secretary of Health, to assist in the implementation of federally approved model programs; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020

HG, Various Sections - amended and repealed and IN, § 15-604 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 43 **Senator Simonaire**

LICENSING – FINGERPRINT REQUIREMENT

Exempting certain applicants for certain licenses from the requirement to submit a set of fingerprints with the application if the applicant has submitted certain fingerprints for a prior license application in the State.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

BOP, § 1-209 and BR, § 1-211 - added and PS, §§ 5-107(b)(3), 5-108(c)(1), 5-117.1(f)(3), 5-305(c), and 11-106(b) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs and Judicial Proceedings

SB 44 **Senator Lam**

PUBLIC BUILDINGS – CHANGING FACILITIES FOR ADULT DIAPERS

Requiring, except under certain circumstances, that a diaper-changing facility suitable for changing the diaper of an adult be installed in public buildings, in certain public restrooms, or in a public restroom which undergoes substantial renovation after October 1, 2020; requiring certain entities to report to the Department of General Services the location of a suitable diaper-changing facility; requiring the Department to maintain a list of the locations of diaper-changing facilities on its website; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

SF, §§ 2-801 through 2-803 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 45 **Senator Waldstreicher**

CRIMINAL LAW – CHILD PORNOGRAPHY – DISTRIBUTION, CREATION, OR POSSESSION BY MINOR SUBJECT

Altering certain elements of the crimes of distribution or creation of child pornography and possession of child pornography to exclude from criminal liability a certain minor who is the subject of the pornographic matter.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

CR, §§ 11-207 and 11-208 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 46 **Senator Lee****STATE'S ATTORNEY – REQUIRED DISCLOSURE – FACIAL RECOGNITION AND DNA ANALYSIS AND SEARCH**

Requiring the State's Attorney in a certain criminal case to make a timely disclosure to a defendant if certain facial recognition technology or certain forensic genetic genealogical DNA analysis technology has been used during the criminal investigation; and defining certain terms.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

CJ, § 10-924 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 47 **Senators Kagan and Reilly (By Request – Commission to Advance Next Generation 9–1–1 Across Maryland)****COMMISSION TO ADVANCE NEXT GENERATION 9–1–1 ACROSS MARYLAND – EXTENSION AND ALTERATION**

Requiring the Commission to Advance Next Generation 9–1–1 Across Maryland to report certain findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before December 15, 2020, and on or before December 15, 2021; and extending the termination date for the Commission by 2 years to June 30, 2022.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2020

Chapter 301 of the Acts of 2018, §§ 1 and 2 and Chapter 302 of the Acts of 2018, §§ 1 and 2 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 48 **Chair, Budget and Taxation Committee (By Request – Departmental – Assessments and Taxation)****PROPERTY TAX – HOMEOWNERS' AND RENTERS' PROPERTY TAX CREDITS – DEADLINES**

Extending from September 1 to October 1 the deadlines by which certain applicants may apply for the homeowners' and renters' property tax credits; requiring the State Department of Assessments and Taxation to make available certain homeowners' tax credit application forms by the February 15 preceding the taxable year in which the homeowners' property tax credit is sought; changing from May 1 to April 15 the deadline by which applicants must submit their homeowners' tax credit applications to be reflected on a county's tax bill; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2020

TP, §§ 9-102(f) and 9-104(l) and (o) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 49 **Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Human Services)**

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES – FOOD SUPPLEMENT PROGRAM – RENAMING

Renaming the food supplement program in the Department of Human Services to be the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program; providing that the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program is the successor of the food supplement program; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020

HU, §§ 5-501 and 5-503 through 5-505 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 50 **Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Maryland Insurance Administration)**

INSURANCE – MARYLAND AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE FUND – NOTICE OF CANCELLATION

Requiring the Maryland Automobile Insurance Fund to send a written notice of intention to certain policyholders at least 10 days before the Fund proposes to cancel a certain policy for nonpayment of a premium owed under a certain installment payment plan.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

IN, § 20-516 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 51 **Senator Patterson**

VIDEO LOTTERY TERMINAL PROCEEDS – LOCAL IMPACT GRANTS – REIMBURSEMENT FOR MARYLAND ROUTE 210 PROJECTS

Requiring, rather than authorizing, the Governor to include in the annual State budget an amount equal to the lesser of \$15,000,000 or the amount sufficient to reimburse Prince George's County for the use of local impact grant funds from video lottery terminals to pay for Maryland Route 210 infrastructure projects.

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020

SG, § 9-1A-31(b)(4) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 52 **Senator Simonaire, et al****ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – OFF-SALE LICENSES – ASSESSMENT DISTRICTS**

Defining the term “assessment district” in a provision relating to the issuance of certain off-sale alcoholic beverages licenses in Anne Arundel County as a tax assessment district established by the county through local law.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020

AB, § 11-1602 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 53 **Senator Reilly****MARYLAND INCOME TAX REFUNDS – ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – WARRANT INTERCEPT PROGRAM**

Authorizing a warrant official to certify to the Comptroller the existence of an outstanding warrant; providing that the Comptroller may not pay Maryland income tax refunds to individuals with outstanding warrants under certain circumstances; providing that the requirement applies only to residents of Anne Arundel County or individuals with warrants from Anne Arundel County; requiring the Comptroller to withhold and pay required amounts under certain circumstances; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

TG, §§ 13-935 through 13-940 - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 54 **Senators Lam and Kelley****ELECTRONIC SMOKING DEVICES – ADDED FLAVORING – PROHIBITION ON SHIPPING, IMPORT, OR SALE**

Prohibiting a person from shipping, importing, or selling into or within the State an electronic smoking device to which an artificial or natural flavoring, other than tobacco, is added to impart a particular aroma or taste; and declaring the intent of the General Assembly.

EMERGENCY BILL

BR, § 16.7-213 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 55 **Senator Young****INCOME TAX CHECKOFF – MARYLAND ASSAULT WEAPONS BUYBACK FUND**

Establishing the Maryland Assault Weapons Buyback Fund as a special, nonlapsing fund and establishing a related income tax return checkoff; requiring the Department of State Police to administer the Fund and to adopt certain regulations to implement the Fund; requiring the State Treasurer to hold the Fund and the Comptroller to account for the Fund; requiring the Governor for fiscal year 2022 to appropriate \$50,000 for the Fund; specifying the purpose for which the Fund may be used; etc.

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020

PS, § 4-1501, SF, § 6-226(a)(2)(ii)123., and TG, §§ 2-116 and 10-804(1) - added and SF, § 6-226(a)(2)(ii)121. and 122. - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 56 **Senator Kagan****ELECTION LAW – PETITIONS AND BALLOT QUESTIONS – PLAIN LANGUAGE REQUIREMENT**

Requiring that the signature page of a petition seeking to place a question on the ballot provide, under certain circumstances, certain information in plain language reasonably calculated to be understood by an individual who has attained no higher than a grade 6 level of reading comprehension; and requiring that a certain statement about the purpose of a question on the ballot be in plain language reasonably calculated to be understood by an individual who has attained no higher than a grade 6 level of reading comprehension.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2021

EL, §§ 6-201(c) and 7-103(b) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 57 **Senator Simonaire, et al****ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – PETITION OF SUPPORT**

Repealing, in Anne Arundel County, the requirement that certain applicants for certain local alcoholic beverages licenses include a petition of support with the license application.

EMERGENCY BILL

AB, § 11-1401 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 58 **Senator West****EXPANSION OF COMMERCIAL GAMING – REFERENDUM – SPORTS WAGERING**

Providing that the General Assembly may authorize, by law, the State Lottery and Gaming Control Commission to issue certain sports wagering licenses; providing that a license may be issued only to the holder of a video lottery operation license or a license for thoroughbred racing or harness racing; declaring the intent of the General Assembly that State revenues generated by the proposed sports wagering be used for dedicated purposes including public education; submitting the Act to a referendum of the qualified voters of the State; etc.

CONTINGENT – EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 59 **Senator Young****STATE LOTTERY – INSTANT TICKET LOTTERY MACHINES – FRATERNAL ORGANIZATIONS (“SLOTS” FOR HOMELESS VETERANS ACT)**

Authorizing the Director of the State Lottery and Gaming Control Agency to issue certain fraternal organizations a license for not more than 5 instant ticket lottery machines; providing that proceeds from instant ticket lottery machine sales by a fraternal organization are to be distributed in a certain manner, including 10% to go into a special fund to be used to assist veterans and their families; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020

SG, § 9-112 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 60 **Senator Simonaire, et al****ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – ILLEGAL DUMPING AND LITTER CONTROL LAW – ADOPTION OF LOCAL ORDINANCE**

Authorizing the governing body of Anne Arundel County to adopt a certain ordinance to prohibit littering and to impose certain criminal and civil penalties.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

CR, § 10-110(j)(2) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 61 **Senators Kagan and Reilly****PUBLIC SAFETY – 9–1–1 FEES – AUDITS**

Requiring the Comptroller, in consultation with the Emergency Number Systems Board, rather than the Board, to adopt procedures for certain auditing surcharge collection and remittance; requiring that the procedures be consistent with certain audit and appeal procedures; authorizing the Comptroller to issue an administrative subpoena to compel compliance with a certain audit; requiring the Comptroller to develop and distribute informational materials to telephone companies and CMRS providers; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

PS, § 1-310 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 62 **Senator Hayes****LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT – SECURE MARYLAND WAGE ACT**

Requiring that certain employees working at a heightened security interest location be paid a certain wage or combination of wages and benefits; declaring findings of the General Assembly; specifying that certain provisions of the Act do not diminish certain rights of certain covered employees; specifying that a certain agreement to work for less than a certain wage is void under certain circumstances; requiring an employer to keep certain records for at least 3 years; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

LE, §§ 3-102 and 3-403(13) and (14) and SF, § 18-102 - amended and LE, §§ 3-103(m), 3-403(15), and 3-1501 through 3-1511 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 63 **Senator Hayes****BALTIMORE CITY – PROPERTY TAX CREDIT FOR NEWLY
CONSTRUCTED DWELLINGS – REAUTHORIZATION AND
MODIFICATION**

Reauthorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City to grant, by law, a certain property tax credit against the property tax imposed on certain newly constructed dwellings in Baltimore City, subject to certain limitations; expanding the tax credit program to authorize the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City to grant, by law, the property tax credit to certain owners of certain substantially rehabilitated dwellings; providing that the property tax credit may not be granted on or after July 1, 2025; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2020

TP, § 9-304(d) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 64 **Senator Lee****CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – EVIDENCE – CAUSING UNAVAILABILITY
OF WITNESS**

Altering certain provisions relating to the admission in evidence, during certain criminal trials, of a statement offered against a party who caused the unavailability of the declarant of the statement under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

CJ, § 10-901 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 65 **Senator Ellis****COUNTIES – CONSTRUCTION OF SIDEWALKS AND CROSSWALKS –
SAFE ALTERNATIVE ROUTES TO PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

Requiring a county board of education to prepare and post on the county's website each year a report that identifies certain information related to transportation services for certain public school students and certain safe alternative routes; requiring the governing body of a county to construct sidewalks and crosswalks necessary to create safe alternative routes for public school students who are ineligible for transportation services based on the distance between a residence and the school; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2020

ED, § 7-801(d) and LG, § 12-506.1 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 66 **Senator Ellis****INCOME TAX – CREDIT FOR SMALL BUSINESSES – STATE
MINIMUM WAGE INCREASE**

Allowing a credit against the State income tax for certain wages paid by certain small businesses during the taxable year to certain minimum wage employees under certain circumstances; requiring the Maryland Department of Labor, on application by a small business, to issue a tax credit certificate in a certain amount; requiring the Department to report to the Comptroller, on or before January 31 each year, on the tax credit certificates issued; requiring the Department and the Comptroller to adopt certain regulations; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020

TG, § 10-751 - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 67 **Senator West****PUBLIC INFORMATION ACT – APPLICATIONS FOR INSPECTION –
RESPONSES AND TIME LIMITS**

Decreasing the time periods within which a custodian is required to grant or deny a certain application to inspect a public record and produce a public record in response to an approved application; altering the circumstances under which and the time period within which a custodian is required to indicate certain information in writing or by e-mail; decreasing, from 10 to 5 working days, the time period within which a custodian who denies the application is required to give the applicant a certain written statement; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

GP, § 4-203 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 68 **Senator Waldstreicher****CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – PRETRIAL RELEASE – PRETRIAL RISK
ASSESSMENT INSTRUMENTS**

Requiring a jurisdiction that uses a pretrial risk assessment instrument to aid in determining the eligibility for pretrial release of an individual charged with a crime to have an independent validation study of the instrument conducted at least once every 3 years; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

CP, § 5-103 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 69 **Senator Hayes****BALTIMORE CITY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – CLASS A-7
LICENSES – SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM**

Extending in Baltimore City the time during which the Board of License Commissioners may issue a Class A-7 license; altering the hours of operation for a holder of a Class A-7 license; requiring the holder of a Class A-7 license to install and operate a digital surveillance system on the licensed premises in accordance with regulations that the Board adopts; requiring the Board to adopt, in consultation with the Baltimore Police Department, digital surveillance regulations on or before August 15, 2020; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020

AB, § 12-902.1 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 70 **Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Labor)****CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS – CORRECTIONAL EDUCATION
COUNCIL – MANDATORY EDUCATION PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS**

Increasing, from 120 to 240, the minimum number of calendar days that the Correctional Education Council must require certain inmates in correctional institutions to participate in a certain mandatory education program.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

LE, § 11-902(b) - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 71 **Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee (By
Request – Departmental – Labor)****STATE BOARD OF PILOTS – SUNSET EXTENSION**

Continuing the State Board of Pilots in accordance with the provisions of the Maryland Program Evaluation Act (sunset law) by extending to July 1, 2032, the termination provisions relating to certain statutory and regulatory authority of the Board.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

BOP, § 11-802 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 72 **Senator McCray****BALTIMORE CITY – MEMBERS OF THE COMMAND STAFF OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT – RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS**

Authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City to require certain members of the command staff of the Police Department of Baltimore City to reside in Baltimore City; requiring a certain local law, ordinance, or policy enacted or adopted by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City to include a certain waiver or exemption; and providing for the prospective application of a certain local law, ordinance, or policy enacted or adopted by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

PLL of Baltimore City, Art. 4, § 16-2A - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 73 **Senator McCray****BALTIMORE CITY – 45TH DISTRICT – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – CLASS B–D–7 LICENSE**

Authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Baltimore City to issue a Class B–D–7 license in the 5400 block of Harford Road in the 45th alcoholic beverages district if the applicant meets certain requirements.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020

AB, § 12-1603(c) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 74 **Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee (By Request – Departmental – Environment)****ENVIRONMENT – MARINE CONTRACTORS LICENSING BOARD – AUTHORITY, PROGRAM EVALUATION, AND TERMINATION**

Establishing that the Marine Contractors Licensing Board is subject to the Maryland Program Evaluation Act; establishing that the Board is a unit in the Department of the Environment; authorizing the Board, by regulation, to establish certain license categories; requiring the Board to include a license category on each license issued by the Board; providing for the termination of the Board and certain provisions of law relating to the Board after July 1, 2031; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

SG, § 8-403(35) - added and EN, §§ 1-406, 17-101, 17-201, 17-305, and 17-401 - amended and § 17-501 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 75 **Senator Ellis****BUSINESS REGULATION – HOME BUILDERS – PERFORMANCE BOND REQUIREMENT**

Requiring a person that constructs new homes for sale to the public to purchase a performance bond for the construction of each new home; requiring the liability under a performance bond to be for a period of 5 years after completion; prohibiting a home builder from beginning construction of a new home under certain circumstances; and altering the circumstances under which a building and permits department of a county may not issue a certain permit to include failure to purchase a performance bond.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

BR, § 4.5-302.1 - added and § 4.5-601 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 76 **Senator Ellis****LEGAL HOLIDAY – MARYLAND EMANCIPATION DAY – ESTABLISHMENT**

Establishing November 1 as the legal State holiday of Maryland Emancipation Day; and making Maryland Emancipation Day a public school holiday, a bank holiday, and a State employee holiday.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

ED, § 7-103(c)(1), FI, § 5-705(a)(1), GP, § 1-111(a), and SP, § 9-201 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs and Budget and Taxation

SB 77 **Senator Ellis****IDENTIFICATION CARDS AND DRIVER'S LICENSE RENEWALS – INMATES**

Repealing a certain requirement that the Commissioner of Correction issue a certain identification card to an inmate on release from a correctional facility; requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration to issue an identification card that meets the requirements for secondary identification to an inmate on release from a correctional facility; providing that a license held by an inmate in a correctional facility remains in full force and effect during the inmate's term of confinement; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

CS, § 9-609 - amended and § 9-609.1 - repealed and TR, § 12-301.1 - added and § 16-115 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 78 **Senator Hough****PUBLIC SCHOOLS – STUDENT DISCIPLINE REGULATIONS –
REMEDIAL MEASURES**

Requiring certain regulations regarding student discipline adopted by county boards of education to account for the individual who was harmed by behavior that violates the expectations that contribute to the well-being of the school community by requiring certain actions, as applicable.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020

ED, § 7-306(d) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 79 **Chair, Budget and Taxation Committee (By Request – Departmental –
Lottery and Gaming Control Agency)****GAMING – VIDEO LOTTERY FACILITIES AND LICENSES –
DEFINITIONS**

Altering the definition of “video lottery facility” to include a casino for the purposes of the federal Bank Secrecy Act of 1970 and its related regulations; and altering the definitions of “video lottery facility” and “video lottery operation license” to include the operation of table games.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

SG, § 9-1A-01(aa) and (bb) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 80 **Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee (By
Request – Departmental – Military)****MARYLAND INTRASTATE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
ASSISTANCE COMPACT**

Renaming the Maryland Emergency Management Assistance Compact to be the Maryland Intrastate Emergency Management Assistance Compact; altering the purpose of the Compact; requiring a certain official to designate more than one authorized representative for receiving requests for assistance; altering the information that must be provided by a request for assistance; repealing the authority of a certain official to advise the Maryland Emergency Management Agency of certain requests and provide copies of certain requests; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

PS, §§ 14-801 through 14-803 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 81 **Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee (By Request – Departmental – Military)**

STATE GOVERNMENT – EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT –
CONTINUITY PLANNING

Requiring certain principal departments of the Executive Branch to develop, annually update, and submit to the Maryland Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) certain continuity of operations plans; requiring certain continuity of operations plans to include certain information; requiring MEMA to develop certain guidelines and to serve as a coordinating agency under certain circumstances; authorizing MEMA to resolve conflicts between principal department continuity of operations plans; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

PS, § 14-116 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 82 **Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Information Technology)**

MANAGEMENT OF EMARYLAND MARKETPLACE

Providing that the Department of General Services has sole management responsibility for eMaryland Marketplace.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020

SF, § 13-101(c) - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 83 **Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee (By Request – Departmental – Information Technology)**

STATE GOVERNMENT – DELIVERY OF NOTICES AND
COMMUNICATIONS BY ELECTRONIC MEANS – AUTHORIZED

Authorizing a unit of State government to deliver certain notices and communications to a certain individual by electronic means if the individual has consented to receive such notices or communications from the unit; providing that delivery of a certain notice or communication in a certain manner shall be considered equivalent to delivery by first-class mail; establishing certain requirements, procedures, and conditions for the delivery of a notice or communication by electronic means; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

GP, § 1-404 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 84 **Senators Simonaire and Peters****FUNERAL ESTABLISHMENTS AND CREMATORIES – UNCLAIMED CREMAINS OF VETERANS – NOTIFICATION, DISPOSITION, AND REPORTING**

Requiring a licensed funeral establishment and the holder of a permit for the business of operating a crematory in possession of unclaimed cremated remains of a certain veteran or a certain eligible dependent to notify the Department of Veterans Affairs within a certain period of time for the purpose of disposition of the cremains; requiring a funeral establishment or crematory to transfer certain cremains to the Department for the purpose of disposition of the cremains; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

HO, § 7-406 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 85 **Senator Ellis****MARYLAND NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION FUNDING**

Requiring that, in fiscal years 2022 through 2031, the Governor include in the annual budget bill or the capital budget bill at least \$235,000,000 for certain eligible community development programs; providing that, subject to a certain requirement, the Governor's appropriation may include funds required to be appropriated under other provisions of law; and requiring that certain funds are used for certain purposes and distributed in a certain manner.

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

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

HS, § 6-801 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs and Budget and Taxation

SB 86 **Senator Simonaire****NATURAL RESOURCES – FISHING AND HUNTING RIGHTS**

Stating certain findings of the General Assembly related to fishing and hunting; and establishing that it is the intent of the General Assembly that residents of the State have a right to fish and to hunt subject to regulations and restrictions under laws that the General Assembly enacts.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

NR, §§ 4-103 and 10-102 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 87 **Senator Lam****CAMPAIGN FINANCE – CONTRIBUTIONS, EXPENDITURES, OR DONATIONS BY FOREIGN-INFLUENCED CORPORATIONS OR FOREIGN PRINCIPALS**

Prohibiting a foreign-influenced corporation from making a contribution to a campaign finance entity or making a donation to a person that makes independent expenditures or electioneering communications; prohibiting a foreign-influenced corporation or a foreign principal from making an independent expenditure or electioneering communication; requiring a corporation that makes a certain contribution, communication, or donation to file a certain statement with the State Board of Elections within 7 days; etc.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2021

EL, § 13-236.1 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 88 **Senator Hayes****ABANDONED PROPERTY IN POSSESSION OF A MUSEUM**

Authorizing certain museums located in the State to claim title to property that is on permanent loan or that was loaned for a certain term that has expired by giving notice that the museum is terminating the loan of the property; authorizing a museum to take possession of certain property if the lender fails to respond to a notice provided by certified mail within 60 days; authorizing a museum to acquire a certain lien for the costs of certain conservation measures taken on the property; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

CL, §§ 16-801, 16-802, and 17-401 through 17-408 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 89 **Senator Kagan****STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS – CERTIFICATION OF VOTING SYSTEMS – STANDARDS**

Altering the standards for certification of a voting system by the State Board of Elections to include a requirement that the voting system accommodate multiple methods of voting, including ranked choice voting.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

EL, § 9-102(d) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 90 **Senator Simonaire**MARYLAND VETERANS SERVICE ANIMAL PROGRAM –
DEFINITIONS

Defining the terms “service dog”, “support dog”, and “therapy horse” for the purposes of the provisions of law governing the Maryland Veterans Service Animal Program in the Department of Veterans Affairs.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

SG, § 9-957 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 91 **Senator Kagan**ELECTION LAW – INDIVIDUALS RELEASED FROM CORRECTIONAL
FACILITIES – VOTER REGISTRATION

Requiring a correctional facility to provide an inmate who has completed a sentence of imprisonment for a felony conviction with a voter registration form before releasing the inmate; requiring a correctional facility to inform the inmate that the inmate will have the right to vote after the inmate’s release from the correctional facility, and the inmate must register to vote after the inmate’s release to exercise the right to vote; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

EL, § 3-204.3 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs and Judicial Proceedings

SB 92 **Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee (By Request – Departmental – Agriculture)**

SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE – WEED CONTROL LAW

Authorizing the Secretary of Agriculture to enter into an agreement with a county or other subdivision of the State to conduct surveys and perform other work related to noxious weeds or other plant species within the county or subdivision; providing that the agreement between the Secretary and the county or subdivision of the State may be terminated by either party on 30 days’ written notice; and defining “subdivision of the State” to include a soil conservation district.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

AG, § 9-403 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 93 **Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Maryland Insurance Administration)**

INSURANCE – NONRESIDENT INSURANCE PRODUCERS – CANCELLATION

Requiring the holder of a nonresident insurance producer license to maintain a current license as a resident insurance producer in good standing in the holder's home state; authorizing the Maryland Insurance Commissioner to cancel a nonresident producer license after receiving notification that the producer no longer has a home state license; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

IN, § 10-119 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 94 **Senator Eckardt**

MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION – EXCEPTION FOR GOLF CARTS – HOOPERS ISLAND

Creating an exception from motor vehicle registration requirements under certain circumstances for golf carts on Upper or Middle Hoopers Island; providing that a person who operates a golf cart on a highway on Upper or Middle Hoopers Island may operate the golf cart only on highways on which the maximum speed does not exceed 30 miles per hour between dawn and dusk and only if the golf cart is equipped with certain lighting devices; requiring a person who operates a golf cart to keep as far to the right as feasible; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

TR, § 13-402(c)(12) - amended and § 21-104.5 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 95 **Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Maryland Insurance Administration)**

PUBLIC ADJUSTERS – DISBURSEMENT OF INSURANCE SETTLEMENT PAYMENTS

Obligating public adjusters to disburse insurance settlement payments received on behalf of the insured within 30 days after the date of the payment from an insurer.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

IN, § 10-414 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 96 **Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Maryland Insurance Administration)**

INSURANCE – THIRD PARTY ADMINISTRATORS – TERM AND REINSTATEMENT OF REGISTRATION

Altering the date on which a third party administrator’s registration expires; increasing the period of time during which a third party administrator may reinstate an expired registration from 3 months to 1 year; increasing the amount of the reinstatement fee a person whose third party administrator’s registration has expired is required to pay to \$100; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

IN, §§ 8-308 and 8-308.1 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 97 **Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Maryland Insurance Administration)**

PRIVATE PASSENGER MOTOR VEHICLE LIABILITY INSURANCE – PROTESTS – CONSUMER COMPLAINT PORTAL

Authorizing insureds to protest certain proposed actions of insurers, with respect to a policy of private passenger motor vehicle liability insurance or a binder of private passenger motor vehicle liability insurance, by filing the protest electronically through the consumer complaint portal on the Maryland Insurance Administration’s website within 30 days after the mailing date on the notice of proposed action; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

IN, § 27-613 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 98 **Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Maryland Insurance Administration)**

HEALTH INSURANCE – TECHNICAL CORRECTION AND REQUIRED CONFORMITY WITH FEDERAL LAW

Requiring a certain carrier to provide an open enrollment period for eligible employees and dependents who gain access to new qualified health plans as a result of a permanent move and who had coverage for prenatal care or services or had medically needy coverage as described in certain federal regulations for 1 or more days during the 60 days before the date of the permanent move.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

IN, § 15-1208.2(d)(4)(x) - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 99 **Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Maryland Insurance Administration)**

HEALTH INSURANCE BENEFIT CARDS, PRESCRIPTION BENEFIT CARDS, AND OTHER TECHNOLOGY – IDENTIFICATION OF REGULATORY AGENCY

Requiring certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, health maintenance organizations, and managed care organizations to indicate in a certain manner on a health insurance benefit card or prescription benefit card or other technology which State agency regulates the policy or contract offered by the entity; etc.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2021

IN, § 15-130(b) - amended and § 15-130.1 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 100 **Senator Eckardt**

DORCHESTER COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – CLASS C BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR LICENSE

Authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Dorchester County, rather than the Dorchester County Council, to issue a Class C beer, wine, and liquor license; altering the authorized holders of the license to include a nonprofit organization operating on certain premises known as Governors Hall at Sailwinds Park under certain circumstances rather than Sailwinds of Cambridge, Inc.; and requiring the Board, rather than the County Council, to remit the \$1,000 license fee under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020

AB, § 19-903 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 101 Senator Simonaire, et al**COURTS – COURT DOG AND CHILD WITNESS PROGRAM – ESTABLISHED**

Establishing the Court Dog and Child Witness Program; providing the Program is in the circuit court of each county that participates; providing participation in the Program is voluntary; establishing the purpose of the Program; requiring participating courts to adhere to rules adopted by the Administrative Office of the Courts; requiring the Administrative Office of the Courts to develop a plan to implement the Program; requiring the Administrative Office of the Courts to establish standards for participants in the Program; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

CJ, § 9-501 - added and Chapter 467 of the Acts of 2016, § 2, as amended - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 102 Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Health)**VITAL RECORDS – BIRTH CERTIFICATES – CHANGE OF NAME OF CHILD**

Altering the circumstances under which the Maryland Department of Health has the authority to change the name on a birth certificate without a court order to allow the Department, if only one parent is named on the birth certificate of the child, to change the name on receipt of certain documents from the parent named on the birth certificate; and providing that only one affidavit signed by both parents named on the birth certificate is required under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

HG, § 4-214(c)(2) - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 103 **Senators Eckardt and Klausmeier****HEALTH OCCUPATIONS – DIAGNOSTIC EVALUATION AND TREATMENT OF PATIENTS – DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS (THE PATIENT’S ACCESS TO INTEGRATIVE HEALTHCARE ACT OF 2020)**

Prohibiting a health occupations board from disciplining a certain health care practitioner under certain circumstances because of the health care practitioner’s use of a certain diagnostic evaluation or treatment of a patient; authorizing a health occupations board to discipline a certain health care practitioner if the board determines that the diagnostic evaluation, testing, or treatment has a significant safety risk greater than conventional methods and that the risk is not outweighed by potential benefits; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020

HO, § 1-225 - added and § 1-604 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 104 **Senator Young****OFFICE OF CEMETERY OVERSIGHT – CEMETERY FINANCIAL STATEMENT – REQUIREMENTS**

Altering the items that are required to be included with a financial statement submitted to the Director of the Office of Cemetery Oversight to allow, at the election of the business, an existing business in operation for 5 or more years to submit federal tax returns filed by the business for the prior year instead of a certain financial stability statement.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

BR, § 5-304 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 105 **Senator Ellis****SOUTHERN MARYLAND RAPID TRANSIT PROJECT – REQUIREMENTS AND FUNDING**

Requiring the State Department of Transportation promptly to undertake all steps necessary to complete the design, engineering, and National Environmental Policy Act process and secure a record of decision for the Southern Maryland Rapid Transit Project; requiring the Governor to include in the annual State budget an appropriation of \$12,000,000 from the Transportation Trust Fund in fiscal year 2022 and \$15,000,000 in fiscal year 2023 for certain purposes related to the Project; etc.

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 106 Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Health)**HEALTH CARE FACILITIES – CERTIFICATE OF NEED – EXCEPTION FOR STATE-OWNED FACILITIES**

Altering the definition of “health care facility” to exempt State-owned facilities from the requirement that a health care facility have a certificate of need issued by the Maryland Health Care Commission.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020

HG, § 19-114(d) - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 107 Senator Ellis**REAL PROPERTY – COMMON OWNERSHIP COMMUNITIES – PAYMENT OF FEES**

Requiring a mortgagor or a grantor who secures a mortgage or deed of trust for the purchase of a single family dwelling unit that is subject to fees imposed by a common ownership community to pay the fees as part of the payments made under the mortgage or deed of trust; requiring a mortgagor or grantor to notify the mortgagee or grantee and the governing body of the common ownership community of the decision to pay the common ownership community fees to the mortgagee or grantee; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

RP, § 7-114 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 108 Senator Ellis**INCOME TAX – CREDIT FOR QUALIFIED COMMUTERS**

Allowing a credit against the State income tax for certain commuting costs incurred by certain qualified individuals who reside outside a 5-mile radius of the nearest commuter rail station and commute a certain number of miles during the taxable year; providing for the calculation of the credit; making the credit refundable; requiring a qualified individual to submit an application to the Department of Transportation on or before January 31 of the calendar year following the taxable year during which the commuting costs were incurred; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020

TG, § 10-751 - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 109 **Senator Ellis****DISABLED ACTIVE DUTY SERVICE MEMBERS, DISABLED VETERANS, AND SURVIVING SPOUSES – EXEMPTION FROM PROPERTY TAX AND OTHER CHARGES AND REFUNDS**

Exempting certain dwelling houses owned by a disabled active duty service member, disabled veteran, or surviving spouse from certain governmental or taxing authority charges; requiring the State, a county, or a municipal corporation to pay a certain refund to a disabled active duty service member, disabled veteran, or surviving spouse under certain circumstances; requiring the State, a county, or a municipal corporation to pay interest on the refund under certain circumstances; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2020

LG, § 16-108.1 and TP, § 1-306 - added and TP, § 7-208(g) and (h) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 110 **Senator Ellis****MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM – DOULAS**

Requiring the Maryland Medical Assistance Program, subject to the limitations of the State budget, and as permitted by federal law, to provide certified doula services including childbirth education and support services and emotional and physical support provided during pregnancy, labor, birth, and postpartum; authorizing the Secretary of Health to contract with certified doulas for the provision of care under the Maryland Medical Assistance Program; etc.

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

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

HG, § 15-103(a)(2)(xiii) and (xiv) and (c) - amended and § 15-103(a)(2)(xv) - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 111 Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Maryland Insurance Administration)

INSURANCE – UNIVERSAL AND VARIABLE LIFE INSURANCE – NOTICE

Requiring certain insurers to send a written notice to policyholders of universal or variable life insurance if the policy contains a provision that allows the policyholder to reduce the face amount of the policy; requiring that the notice state certain information; authorizing the insurer to include certain information in a billing statement to the policyholder; and requiring that the notice be sent to the policyholder's last known address at the beginning of a certain grace period and at least 30 days before the termination of coverage.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

IN, § 16-219 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 112 Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Maryland Insurance Administration)

HEALTH INSURANCE – HEALTH INFORMATION – DISCLOSURES BETWEEN CARRIERS

Requiring a carrier to disclose protected health information to another carrier for health care operation activities under certain circumstances; requiring any request for or disclosure of protected health information to comply with certain federal laws and regulations; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

IN, § 15-1412 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 113 Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Maryland Insurance Administration)

HEALTH INSURANCE – PROVIDER PANELS – DEFINITIONS OF PROVIDER AND HEALTH CARE SERVICES

Defining the term “health care services” and altering the definition of “provider” for purposes of certain provisions of law governing provider panels of certain health insurance carriers.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

IN, § 15-112 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 114 **Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee (By Request – Departmental – Natural Resources)**

NATURAL RESOURCES – NUISANCE ORGANISMS – PILOT PROJECTS AND NORTHERN SNAKEHEADS

Authorizing the Department of Natural Resources to adopt regulations to conduct pilot projects to demonstrate and evaluate new approaches for the management and control of nuisance organisms; and authorizing the holder of a commercial northern snakehead license to use hook and line gear.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

NR, §§ 4-205.1(b) and 4-701.1 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 115 **Chair, Budget and Taxation Committee (By Request – Departmental – Assessments and Taxation)**

ANNUAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY REPORTS – SUBMISSION

Altering the reference to a certain report that certain entities are required to file each year with the State Department of Assessments and Taxation from a report on personal property to an annual report; altering the reference to a certain report the Department may require certain entities to file to the report on personal property; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020

TP, §§ 11-101 and 11-102 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 116 **Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee (By Request – Departmental – Labor)**

MARYLAND HOME IMPROVEMENT COMMISSION – SUNSET EXTENSION

Continuing the Maryland Home Improvement Commission in accordance with the provisions of the Maryland Program Evaluation Act (sunset law) by extending to July 1, 2032, the termination provisions relating to certain statutory and regulatory authority of the Commission.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

BR, § 8-802 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 117 Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Labor)**REAL ESTATE APPRAISERS AND REAL ESTATE APPRAISER TRAINEES – LICENSES AND CERTIFICATES – EXPERIENCE, RENEWAL, AND REINSTATEMENT REQUIREMENTS**

Altering, from 2,000 to a minimum number set by a certain entity in regulation, the number of hours of experience required of an applicant to qualify for a real estate appraisal license or a certificate for residential or general real estate appraisal; increasing from 2 to 3 years the time period during which an individual may apply for reinstatement of a license to provide real estate appraisal services or a certificate to provide certified real estate appraisal services; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

BOP, §§ 16-302(d), 16-310, 16-503(b), 16-512, and 16-5A-04(b)(1) - amended and § 16-5A-05 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 118 Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee (By Request – Departmental – Agriculture)**LAND USE – ALCOHOL PRODUCTION AND AGRICULTURAL ALCOHOL PRODUCTION**

Defining the terms “alcohol production” and “agricultural alcohol production”; authorizing a local jurisdiction to adopt the definitions of “alcohol production” and “agricultural alcohol production” by local ordinance, resolution, law, or rule; and providing for the application of the Act to charter counties.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

LU, § 1-401(b) - amended and §§ 4-213 and 4-214 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 119 Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Labor)**LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT – WAGE PAYMENT AND COLLECTION – ORDER TO PAY WAGES**

Increasing from \$3,000 to \$5,000 the maximum amount of wages included in a complaint for failure to pay wages that initiates a certain procedure for resolving wage complaints and for which the Commissioner of Labor and Industry is authorized to issue an order to pay wages.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020

LE, § 3-507.1 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 120 **Senator Lee**

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 on cybersecurity strategy; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

SF, §§ 3A-301 and 3A-303(a) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 121 **Senator Eckardt**

SALES AND USE TAX – AIRCRAFT PARTS AND EQUIPMENT – EXEMPTION

Providing an exemption from the sales and use tax for materials, parts, and equipment used to repair, maintain, or upgrade aircraft or the avionics systems of aircraft if the materials, parts, or equipment are installed on the aircraft; requiring the Comptroller to report to the General Assembly by December 31 each year on the amount of sales and use tax revenue lost from the exemption and any change to the number of aviation technicians employed in the State as a result of the exemption; terminating the Act after June 30, 2025; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020

TG, § 11-236 - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 122 Senator McCray**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – OPPORTUNITY ZONE INCENTIVES –
ALTERATION OF THE MORE JOBS FOR MARYLANDERS AND
OPPORTUNITY ZONE ENHANCEMENT PROGRAMS**

Altering certain terms relating to eligibility for benefits under the More Jobs for Marylanders and Opportunity Zone Enhancement programs; altering, to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2018, but before January 1, 2022, the time for which enhancements under the Opportunity Zone Enhancement Program are applicable; limiting eligibility for certain Opportunity Zone Enhancement Program benefits to investments in biotechnology and cybersecurity companies established in opportunity zones by March 1, 2018; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020

EC, §§ 6-801(c), 6-1001(b), 6-1002, 6-1006, and 6-1007 and TP, § 9-110(a)(6) through (8) - amended and TP, § 9-110(a)(5) - repealed

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation