



SYNOPSIS

Senate Bills and Joint Resolutions
2020 Maryland General Assembly Session

January 24, 2020
Schedule 14

PLEASE NOTE: January 31 – Bill introduction deadline.

All bills should be given to the Secretary of the Senate's office by 5:00 P.M. on Monday, February 3.

As required by Senate Rule 32(b), bills introduced after this date will be referred to the Senate Rules Committee.

SENATE BILLS INTRODUCED January 24, 2020

SB 353 **Senator Edwards**

BLACK BEAR DAMAGE REIMBURSEMENT FUND – PETS

Adding pets to the list of items damaged for which a person may be reimbursed from the Black Bear Damage Reimbursement Fund.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

NR, § 10-423.1 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 354 **Senator Edwards**

GARRETT COUNTY – OVERDUE PROPERTY TAX – INTEREST RATE

Increasing, from 1% to 1.5%, the rate of interest for overdue property tax in Garrett County; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020

TP, § 14-603(b)(1) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

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SB 355 **Senators Augustine and Feldman****HEALTH OCCUPATIONS – PHARMACISTS – ADMINISTRATION OF VACCINATIONS**

Authorizing a pharmacist to administer certain vaccinations to an individual that is at least 9 years old but under the age of 18 years; altering the age of an individual to whom a pharmacist may administer certain vaccinations; requiring a pharmacist to administer certain vaccinations under a written protocol; authorizing a pharmacist to administer certain vaccinations to an adult; repealing a requirement that a certain written protocol be vaccine specific; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

HO, § 12-508 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 356 **Senator Serafini, et al****POSSESSION OF MEDICAL CANNABIS – LOCAL CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES AND HOME DETENTION PROGRAM – PROHIBITION**

Providing that a certain provision of law may not be construed to authorize the possession of marijuana or cannabis on the grounds of a local correctional facility or while an offender is in a home detention program; authorizing the imposition of certain penalties for the possession of marijuana or cannabis on the grounds of a local correctional facility and while an offender is in a home detention program; applying the Act prospectively; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

HG, § 13-3314 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 357 **Senator Serafini, et al****PAIN-CAPABLE UNBORN CHILD PROTECTION ACT**

Prohibiting, except under certain circumstances, the performance or inducement or attempted performance or inducement of an abortion unless a certain determination as to the probable age of the unborn child is made by a certain physician; providing that the failure of a physician to perform certain actions is deemed “unprofessional conduct”; requiring the Maryland Department of Health to adopt certain regulations on or before January 1, 2021; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

HG, §§ 20-217 through 20-225 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 358 **Senators Serafini and Edwards****SALES AND USE TAX REFUND – TARGET REDEVELOPMENT AREA
– WASHINGTON COUNTY**

Authorizing certain persons to claim a refund for the sales and use tax imposed on the sale of certain construction material and warehousing equipment purchased in years 2021 through 2025 and used solely in a certain target redevelopment area in Washington County; limiting to \$500,000 the aggregate amount of sales and use tax refunds that may be issued by the Comptroller in a fiscal year; requiring the Comptroller to approve refunds on a first-come, first-served basis and to adopt certain regulations; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020

TG, § 11-412 - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 359 **Senator Serafini, et al****CORPORATIONS AND ASSOCIATIONS – DISADVANTAGED
BUSINESS ENTERPRISES AND VETERAN-OWNED SMALL BUSINESS
ENTERPRISES – FILING FEE EXEMPTION AND STUDY**

Requiring the State Department of Assessments and Taxation to waive certain document filing fees for certain entities certified under the federal Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program and certain veteran-owned small business enterprises; and requiring the Department to study and make recommendations regarding certain filing fees on or before January 1, 2021.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

CA, § 1-203(b)(13) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 360 **Senator Beidle, et al****ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – CLASS MT
(MOVIE THEATER) LICENSE**

Establishing a Class MT (movie theater) beer, wine, and liquor license in Anne Arundel County; authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Anne Arundel County to issue the license to the owner of a movie theater; authorizing a license holder to sell beer, wine, and liquor to certain patrons at retail at the place described in the license for on-premises consumption; specifying the license holder may sell beer, wine, and liquor during normal hours of business but not later than midnight; providing an annual fee of \$1,200; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020

AB, § 11-1006.1 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 361 **Senator Beidle, et al**ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES –
BARBERSHOP AND BEAUTY SALON LICENSE

Establishing a barbershop and beauty salon beer and wine license in Anne Arundel County; specifying the individuals who are qualified to hold the license include the holder of a certain barbershop permit or a certain beauty salon permit; authorizing the holder of a license to serve not more than 5 ounces of beer or wine to a customer for on-premises consumption; specifying the hours during which a license holder is authorized to serve beer and wine; stating that a license holder need not obtain a certain Sunday license; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020

AB, § 11-1002 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 362 **Senator Kagan**

ELECTION LAW – ABSENTEE BALLOTS – TIMING OF CANVASS

Altering the time that a local board of elections may begin opening absentee ballot envelopes to canvass the absentee ballots cast in an election to before 9 a.m. on the Friday following election day instead of prior to 8 a.m. on the Wednesday following election day.

EMERGENCY BILL

EL, § 11-302(b) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 363 **Senator Kagan, et al**STATE GOVERNMENT – OPEN MEETINGS – REQUIREMENTS AND
APPLICATION OF OPEN MEETINGS ACT (MARYLAND STATE
AGENCY TRANSPARENCY ACT)

Providing that the Maryland Technology Development Corporation is subject to the Open Meetings Act; requiring certain State agencies to make publicly available on their websites open meeting agendas 48 hours in advance of each meeting or, under certain circumstances, as far in advance of the meeting as practicable; requiring certain State agencies to post on their websites certain meeting minutes not more than a 2 business days after the minutes are approved; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

EC, §§ 10-407(a) and 10-607(a), EL, § 2-102(d), PS, § 1-305(e), and PU, § 2-108(b) - amended and EC, § 10-407(f) and TR, § 4-211 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 364 **Senator Lee**

MARYLAND COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS – CIVIL PENALTIES

Providing that certain maximum penalty amounts the Maryland Commission on Civil Rights is authorized to seek if it finds that a respondent has engaged in a discriminatory act regarding public accommodations and certain actions by persons licensed or regulated by a unit in the Maryland Department of Labor do not apply if the discriminatory act is committed by the agent or employee of the respondent; requiring any civil penalties collected under the Act be paid to the complainant, not the General Fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

SG, § 20-1016 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 365 **Senator Lee**

CRIMINAL LAW – CHILD PORNOGRAPHY AND EXHIBITION AND DISPLAY OF OBSCENE ITEMS TO MINORS

Establishing certain exceptions to provisions of law relating to the display and exhibition of a certain item to a minor, child pornography, and possession of a visual representation of a child under the age of 16 years; prohibiting a minor from engaging in certain conduct involving the display or exhibition of an item to another minor, child pornography, and possession of certain visual representations; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

CJ, § 3-8A-19(d) and CR, §§ 11-203, 11-207, and 11-208 - amended and CR, § 11-212 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 366 **Senator Ready**

CARROLL COUNTY – EDUCATION – JUNIOR RESERVE OFFICER TRAINING CORPS INSTRUCTORS

Altering the definition of “public school employee” for the purposes of provisions of law governing collective bargaining for certificated employees in Carroll County to include Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC) instructors.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020

ED, § 6-401(e) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 367 **Senator Washington, et al****STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION – GUIDELINES ON TRAUMA–INFORMED APPROACH**

Establishing the Trauma–Informed Schools Initiative in the State Department of Education to expand the use of the trauma–informed approach used in schools and intensively train schools on becoming trauma–informed schools; requiring the Department to develop and distribute certain guidelines and to develop a website on the trauma informed approach; requiring, on or before July 1, 2020, the Department to select one school each from certain areas to receive intensive training on the trauma–informed approach; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020

ED, § 7-427.1 - added and SF, § 6-226(a)(2)(ii)121. and 122. - amended and § 6-226(a)(2)(ii)123. - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 368 **Senator West****COURTS – PROHIBITED INDEMNITY AND DEFENSE LIABILITY AGREEMENTS**

Prohibiting a provision in a contract or an agreement with a design professional for professional services that requires the design professional to indemnify or hold harmless certain parties unless the design professional is at fault for causing the loss, damage, or expense indemnified; prohibiting a provision in a contract or an agreement with a design professional for professional services that requires the design professional to defend certain parties against liability or certain claims; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

CJ, § 5-401(a) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 369 **Senators West and Hester****WORKGROUP TO STUDY MARYLAND'S EMERGING DIGITAL ECONOMY**

Recognizing that manufacturers will need to partner with industry leaders, education stakeholders and others to explore new solutions to a global digital technology transformation the Workgroup to Study Maryland's Emerging Digital Economy is established to study and make recommendations on the State's entry into Industry 4.0 technology ; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Workgroup; requiring the Workgroup to report its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly by December 1, 2021; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020

Assigned to: Finance

SB 370 **Senator Carter, et al****DRIVER'S LICENSE SUSPENSIONS – FAILURE TO SATISFY JUDGMENT – PENALTIES AND ASSESSMENT OF POINTS**

Altering the assessment of points and penalties associated with driving a motor vehicle while the person's driver's license or privilege to drive is suspended for failure to satisfy a certain judgment.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

TR, § 16-303(h) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 371 **Senator Carter, et al****ENVIRONMENT – DRINKING WATER OUTLETS IN SCHOOL BUILDINGS – TESTING FOR ELEVATED LEVEL OF LEAD**

Altering the definition of “elevated level of lead” for purposes of certain provisions of law relating to testing for the presence of lead in certain drinking water outlets in certain school buildings to be a lead concentration in drinking water that exceeds 5 parts per billion rather than a certain standard recommended by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency; and requiring certain regulations adopted by the Department of the Environment to require that certain testing be conducted at least once every 18 months.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020

EN, §§ 6-1501(c), 6-1502(c) and (e), and 6-1503(a) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 372 Senator West, et alELECTION LAW – CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES – VOTER
REGISTRATION AND VOTING

Requiring the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services to provide each individual who is released from a correctional facility with a voter registration application and documentation informing the individual that the individual's voting rights have been restored; requiring the State Board of Elections to adopt certain regulations establishing a program to inform eligible voters incarcerated in correctional facilities of upcoming elections and how to exercise the right to vote; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2020

CS, § 2-501 and EL, § 1-303.1 - added

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