



SYNOPSIS

Senate Bills and Joint Resolutions
2020 Maryland General Assembly Session

January 29, 2020
Schedule 17

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 29, 2020

SB 469 Senators West and Waldstreicher

CORPORATIONS AND ASSOCIATIONS – CORPORATIONS AND REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUSTS – MISCELLANEOUS

Providing an October 1, 2020, effective date of certain articles of incorporation filed with the State Department of Assessments and Taxation for record; authorizing the articles to contain a delayed effective date, not later than 30 days after the Department accepts the articles for record; authorizing indemnification of a board of directors by a certain vote of certain directors or by a certain vote of a committee of the board; providing that certain stockholders' rights of inspection do not apply to certain corporations; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

CA, Various Sections - amended and § 8-101(e) - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

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SB 470 **Senator Hester****MOTOR VEHICLE AND HOMEOWNER'S INSURANCE – USE OF CLAIM HISTORY IN RATING POLICIES**

Prohibiting an insurer, with respect to private passenger motor vehicle insurance, from increasing the premium for an insured based on a homeowner's insurance claim; and prohibiting an insurer, with respect to homeowner's insurance, from increasing the premium for an insured based on a private passenger motor vehicle insurance claim.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

IN, § 27-501(e-2)(8) and (9) - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 471 **Senator Hester****CONDOMINIUMS – DISCLOSURES TO UNIT OWNERS AND PROHIBITED PROVISIONS IN INSTRUMENTS BY DEVELOPERS (SUNSET ISLAND ACT)**

Clarifying that certain provisions of law relating to closed-door meetings of a board of directors of a condominium do not allow the board to withhold or agree to withhold any information about a legal agreement to which the board is a party from the unit owners; altering the applicability of a certain provision of law concerning claims against a developer or vendor; establishing that a provision in certain instruments made by a developer that prohibits a certain disclosure to unit owners is unenforceable; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

RP, §§ 11-109.1 and 11-134.1 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 472 **Senator Lam, et al****HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATIONS – ADOPTED ANNUAL BUDGET – SUBMISSION TO LOT OWNERS**

Requiring the board of directors or other governing body of a homeowners association to submit the adopted annual budget to the lot owners not more than 30 days after the meeting at which the budget was adopted; and authorizing the adopted annual budget to be sent to each lot owner by electronic transmission, by posting on the homeowners association's home page, or by including the annual proposed budget in the homeowners association's newsletter.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

RP, § 11B-112.2 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 473 **Senator Lam, et al**

DISCRIMINATION IN EMPLOYMENT – REASONABLE
ACCOMMODATIONS FOR APPLICANTS WITH DISABILITIES

Prohibiting an employer from failing or refusing to make a reasonable accommodation for the known disability of an otherwise qualified applicant for employment; and expanding a certain undue hardship exception for employers regarding provision of a certain reasonable accommodation to include certain qualified disabled applicants for employment.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

SG, §§ 20-603 and 20-606(a) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 474 **Senator Lam**

VEHICLE LAWS – PLUG-IN ELECTRIC DRIVE VEHICLES –
RESERVED PARKING SPACES

Prohibiting a person from stopping, standing, or parking a vehicle that is not a plug-in electric drive vehicle in a parking space that is designated for the use of plug-in electric drive vehicles; requiring that a parking space for the use of plug-in electric drive vehicles have certain pavement markings; requiring that a parking space for the use of plug-in electric drive vehicles be counted as part of the overall number of parking spaces for certain purposes; establishing a civil penalty of \$50 for a violation of the Act; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

TR, § 21-1003.2 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 475 **Senator Sydnor, et al**HEALTH INSURANCE – PEDIATRIC AUTOIMMUNE
NEUROPSYCHIATRIC DISORDERS – COVERAGE

Requiring the Maryland Medical Assistance Program, beginning January 1, 2021, to provide services for pediatric autoimmune neuropsychiatric disorders associated with streptococcal infections and pediatric acute onset neuropsychiatric syndrome under certain circumstances; requiring carriers to provide coverage for certain diagnosis, evaluation, and treatment of pediatric autoimmune neuropsychiatric disorders; applying the Act to all policies, contracts, and health benefit plans issued, delivered, or renewed in the State on or after January 1, 2021; etc.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2021

HG, § 15-103(a)(2)(xiii) and (xiv) - amended and HG, § 15-103(a)(2)(xv) and IN, § 15-855 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 476 **Senator Sydnor**

FACIAL RECOGNITION PRIVACY PROTECTION ACT

Expressing the sense of the General Assembly that facial recognition technology can present certain risks as well as provide a variety of benefits and that safeguards are necessary to allow the use of the technology in ways that benefit society; establishing certain requirements and certain prohibited actions relating to provision of facial recognition services by certain persons; prohibiting certain governmental units from using facial recognition services under certain circumstances; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

CL, §§ 14-4201 through 14-4207 and SG, §§ 10-1701 through 10-1709 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 477 **Senator Carozza, et al****PUBLIC HEALTH – EMERGENCY USE AUTO-INJECTABLE EPINEPHRINE PROGRAM – REVISIONS**

Altering the name of the Emergency Use Auto-Injectable Epinephrine Program at Institutions of Higher Education to be the Emergency Use Auto-Injectable Epinephrine Program; authorizing food service facilities under the Program to store and make available for administration auto-injectable epinephrine for individuals who are experiencing or are believed to be experiencing anaphylaxis when a physician or emergency medical services are not immediately available; altering the purpose of the Program; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

HG, §§ 13-7A-01 through 13-7A-04 and 13-7A-07 through 13-7A-09 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 478 **Senator Lam, et al****MARYLAND GREEN PURCHASING COMMITTEE – FOOD PROCUREMENT – GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS**

Requiring the Maryland Green Purchasing Committee to develop on or before January 1, 2022, a certain methodology, in consultation with the Department of the Environment and the Department of General Services, for a unit to estimate greenhouse gas emissions that occur through the life cycle of certain food; requiring each unit to report to the Committee on the unit's progress in reducing the greenhouse gas emissions associated with food procured by the unit on or before August 1, 2024 and each August 1 thereafter; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020

SF, § 11-203(e)(5) - amended and § 14-410.1 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 479 **Senator Kelley, et al****PUBLIC SAFETY – MARYLAND POLICE TRAINING AND STANDARDS COMMISSION – CITATIONS IN LIEU OF ARREST**

Requiring the Maryland Police Training and Standards Commission, in consultation with the Anne Arundel County Police Academy, to develop and maintain a uniform statewide training and certification curriculum that includes role-playing exercises to ensure the use of best practices in the issuance of citations in lieu of arrest.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

PS, § 3-207(j) - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 480 **Senator Kelley**

STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF NURSING HOME ADMINISTRATORS – RENAMING AND LICENSURE OF ASSISTED LIVING MANAGERS

Renaming the State Board of Examiners of Nursing Home Administrators to be the State Board of Long-Term Care Administrators; establishing a license for assisted living managers; altering the membership of the Board; altering the qualifications for certain Board members; altering the name of a certain rehabilitation committee; providing that the Board is a medical review committee under a certain provision of law; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

HO, Various Sections - amended, repealed, and added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 481 **Senator Lee, et al**

CRIMINAL LAW – CRIME OF VIOLENCE – VULNERABLE ADULT

Altering certain definitions of “crime of violence” to include a certain offense of abuse or neglect of a vulnerable adult in the first degree.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

CR, § 14-101(a) and PS, § 5-101(c) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 482 **Senator Lee**

CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – OUT OF COURT STATEMENTS OF CHILD VICTIMS – CHILD NEGLECT

Authorizing a court to admit into evidence in a juvenile court proceeding or in a criminal proceeding an out of court statement made by a child under the age of 13 years who is the alleged victim or the child alleged to need assistance in the case before the court concerning a certain crime of child neglect.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

CP, § 11-304(b) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 483 **Senator Klausmeier, 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: Finance

SB 484 **Senator Klausmeier****HEALTH INSURANCE – PROVIDER PANELS – COVERAGE FOR NONPARTICIPATING PROVIDERS**

Requiring each carrier to inform members and beneficiaries in a certain manner of the right to request a referral to a specialist or nonphysician specialist who is not part of the carrier's provider panel; requiring, under certain circumstances, certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations to cover certain mental health or substance use disorder services provided to a member by a nonparticipating provider at a certain cost; etc.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2021

HG, § 19-710(p) and IN, § 15-830 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 485 **Senator Klausmeier****DEPARTMENT OF STATE POLICE – ALTERNATIVE WORKDAYS**

Altering a certain authorization for certain Department of State Police employees to work an alternative workday to provide that the authorization is for an alternative workday as approved by the Secretary of State Police.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020

PS, § 2-411(a) - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 486 **Senator Serafini, et al**

INCOME TAX – ITEMIZED DEDUCTIONS

Allowing an individual to itemize deductions to compute Maryland taxable income whether or not the individual itemizes deductions on the individual's federal income tax return; providing that, for an individual who does not itemize deductions on the individual's federal income tax return, Maryland itemized deductions shall be determined as if an individual itemized deductions on the federal income tax return; and applying the Act to taxable years after December 31, 2019.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020

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

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 487 **Senator Serafini, et al**

MILITARY SERVICE CREDIT – ELIGIBILITY

Authorizing certain members of the State Retirement and Pension System to receive credit for certain military service even if the member receives military service credit in another retirement system.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020

SP, § 38-104 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 488 **Senator Peters, et al**

INCOME TAX – SUBTRACTION MODIFICATION – MILITARY AND PUBLIC SAFETY RETIREMENT INCOME

Increasing the amount of a subtraction modification under the Maryland income tax to \$20,000 for certain military retirement income for individuals who are at least 55 years old; increasing the amount of a subtraction modification under the Maryland income tax to \$20,000 for certain retirement income attributable to an individual's employment as a correctional officer, a law enforcement officer, or a fire, rescue, or emergency services worker if the individual is at least 55 years old; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020

TG, §§ 10-207(q) and 10-209 - amended and § 10-207(hh) - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 489 **Senator Peters****TEACHERS' RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEMS – REEMPLOYMENT – CLARIFICATION**

Clarifying that a reemployed retiree of the Teachers' Retirement System or Teachers' Pension System is subject to a certain reduction in their retirement allowance if the retiree's compensation is derived from certain State funds; requiring the funding for a reemployed retiree's position to be funded from a non-State source that specifically requires the use of the grant funds to pay the full amount of the compensation of the position to qualify for a certain exemption from a reduction in a retirement allowance; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020

SP, §§ 22-406(c)(1), (4)(xii), and (11) and 23-407(c)(1), (4)(x), and (11) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 490 **Senator Peters, et al****HUMAN SERVICES – YOUTH SERVICES BUREAUS – FUNDING**

Repealing a requirement that the Department of Human Services identify eligible youth services bureaus and estimate the amount of State funds to allocate to each youth services bureau; requiring State matching funds for a youth services bureau to be paid directly to its private sponsor; requiring the Governor to include at least \$1,800,000 in the annual budget bill for youth services bureaus; providing for the allocation of the required funds; etc.

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020

HU, § 9-233 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 491 Senator Kramer**REGULATION OF INVASIVE PLANTS – BAMBOO – PROHIBITIONS**

Prohibiting a person from allowing bamboo to grow without proper upkeep or spread onto adjoining property or public rights-of-way; requiring the Secretary of Agriculture to provide written notice to a certain person under certain circumstances; requiring a certain person to dispose of or contain bamboo in a certain manner on written notice from the Secretary; providing for certain civil penalties for a certain violation; authorizing a governing body of a county to adopt certain rules and regulations; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

AG, §§ 9.5-101, 9.5-302, 9.5-303, and 9.5-306 - amended and LG, § 13-412 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 492 Senator Kramer**INCOME TAX – SUBTRACTION MODIFICATION – STATE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS**

Altering a subtraction modification under the Maryland income tax for certain law enforcement officers to include State law enforcement officers who reside in the political subdivision in which the law enforcement officer is employed with a crime rate that exceeds the State's crime rate; applying the Act to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2019; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020

TG, § 10-207(cc) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 493 Senator Kramer, et al**SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTER NETWORK FUND – MINIMUM APPROPRIATION**

Increasing the required minimum appropriation for the Small Business Development Center Network Fund from \$950,000 to \$1,500,000 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021.

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020

ED, § 13-104 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 494 Senator Kramer**HEALTH CARE FACILITIES – DIALYSIS TREATMENT SERVICES – TRAINING (DIALYSIS PARITY ACT)**

Prohibiting a health care facility from providing peritoneal dialysis or hemodialysis treatment services unless the individual performing the dialysis procedure has been trained in the peritoneal dialysis or hemodialysis technique being performed; establishing civil penalties not exceeding \$5,000 for each violation of the Act; requiring the Maryland Department of Health to adopt certain regulations; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

HG, § 19-150 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 495 Senator Eckardt, et al**BAY RESTORATION FUND – USE OF FUNDS – MUNICIPAL WASTEWATER FACILITIES**

Expanding the authorized uses of the Bay Restoration Fund to include certain costs associated with the connection of a property using an on-site sewage disposal system to an existing municipal wastewater facility that has signed a funding agreement with the Department of the Environment and is under construction to achieve enhanced nutrient removal or biological nutrient removal level treatment; specifying that these costs may be provided only if certain conditions are met; terminating the Act after September 30, 2024; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

EN, § 9-1605.2(h)(2) and (5) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 496 Harford County Senators**HARFORD COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – ON-SALE LICENSE RECORD KEEPING AND ENFORCEMENT**

Requiring a holder of a license with an on-sale privilege in Harford County to keep certain records at the location designated in the license or another location in the county; requiring a certain license holder, on 5 days' notice, to make certain records available for inspection by the Board of License Commissioners for Harford County or a designee of the Board; requiring the Board to impose a certain fine under certain circumstances; and authorizing the Board to suspend a certain license under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020

AB, § 22-1904 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 497 **Senator Ready, et al****DRUGGED DRIVING – CONTROLLED DANGEROUS SUBSTANCE TESTING – AUTHORIZED POLICE OFFICERS**

Authorizing a police officer who has successfully completed a program of training in advanced roadside impaired driving enforcement to request, require, or direct that a person take a test for drug or controlled dangerous substance content under certain circumstances; repealing the authorization for a police officer who is a trainee, or is in a program of training, for certification as a drug recognition expert to request, require, or direct that a person take a test for drug or controlled dangerous substance content; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

TR, § 16-205.1(j) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 498 **Senator Ready, et al****DRUNK AND DRUGGED DRIVING – TESTING – WARRANTS**

Establishing an exception to the prohibition on compelling a person to undergo a certain test of the person's breath or blood for a test that is required by a valid warrant.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

TR, § 16-205.1(b)(1) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 499 **Senator Griffith, et al****ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS – DATA COLLECTION AND TRACKING – MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISES**

Requiring the Department of Commerce in a certain annual report on economic development programs to include information for minority business enterprises on the number of enterprises that received assistance from each economic development program and the percentage of assistance distributed to each minority business enterprise from each economic development program compared to the total assistance distributed from each economic development program.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

EC, § 2.5-109 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 500 **Senator Eckardt****TALBOT COUNTY – TURKEY AND DEER HUNTING – SUNDAYS**

Authorizing the Department of Natural Resources to allow a person to hunt turkey on a Sunday in Talbot County through participation in a certain junior hunt; authorizing the Department to allow a person to hunt deer on a Sunday in Talbot County with a firearm through participation in a certain junior deer hunt or during any Sunday during the winter portion of a certain deer firearms season in a certain region; and applying the Act.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020

NR, § 10-410(a)(15) - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 501 **Senators Griffith and Hershey****MARYLAND LOAN ASSISTANCE REPAYMENT PROGRAM FOR PHYSICIANS AND PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS – ADMINISTRATION AND FUNDING**

Transferring oversight of the Maryland Loan Assistance Repayment Program for Physicians and Physician Assistants from the Office of Student Financial Assistance within the Maryland Higher Education Commission to the Maryland Department of Health; requiring the Department, by October 1, 2021, and each October 1 thereafter, to submit a report to the General Assembly on the number of eligible physicians and physician assistants who applied for and participated in the Program that includes certain information; etc.

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020

HG, §§ 24-1701, 24-1702(b)(1), 24-1704, 24-1705, and 24-1706 - amended and § 24-1707 - added and HO, §§ 14-207 and 15-206(c) - amended

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

SB 502 **Senators Hershey and Ferguson****HEALTH INSURANCE – TELEHEALTH – DELIVERY OF MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES – COVERAGE FOR HOME SETTINGS**

Requiring the Maryland Medical Assistance Program to provide, subject to a certain limitation, mental health services appropriately delivered through telehealth to a patient in the patient's home setting; altering the definition of telehealth as it applies to certain provisions of law governing coverage of telehealth by certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations to include the delivery of mental health care services to a patient in a certain setting; etc.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2021

HG, § 15-103(a)(2)(xiii) and (xiv) - amended and § 15-103(a)(2)(xv) - added and IN, § 15-139 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 503 **Senator Elfreth****CITY OF ANNAPOLIS – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES LICENSES – CLUB PUBLIC EVENT PERMIT**

Establishing a club public event permit in the City of Annapolis; authorizing the Board of License Commissioners to issue the permit to a holder of a Class C license; specifying that the permit authorizes a club to sell certain alcoholic beverages to a certain individual for on-premises consumption during a certain public event; requiring a permit holder to apply to the Board at least 45 days before an event; authorizing the Board to approve up to 12 public events per permit holder in a calendar year; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020

AB, § 10-1104 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 504 **Senator Pinsky, et al****OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL – SPECIAL EDUCATION OMBUDSMAN**

Establishing the Special Education Ombudsman in the Office of the Attorney General to serve as a resource to provide information and support to parents, students, and educators regarding special education rights and services; requiring the Attorney General, and the Secretary of Budget and Management, to set the salary and qualifications for the Ombudsman; requiring the Ombudsman to submit a report with recommendations concerning the State's special education services by July 1, 2022, and each July 1 thereafter; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020

SG, §§ 6-501 through 6-506 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 505 **Senators Hough and Hester****CRIMES AGAINST ANIMALS – INTERFERENCE WITH EQUINES**

Altering a certain prohibition against interfering with, injuring, tampering with, or destroying a horse used for a certain purpose to prohibit a person from interfering with, injuring, tampering with, or destroying an equine used for a certain purpose or for any other lawful activity; changing the crime from a felony to a misdemeanor; and altering the maximum penalty to include a fine not exceeding \$1,000 or imprisonment not exceeding 1 year or both.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

CR, § 10-620 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 506 **Senator Hough, et al****FIREARMS – HANDGUN PERMIT – PRELIMINARY APPROVAL**

Authorizing a person to apply for preliminary approval of a handgun permit to wear, carry, or transport a handgun without completing a certified firearms training course; requiring the Secretary of State Police to investigate an application for a handgun permit; requiring the Secretary to issue preliminary approval if the applicant meets certain requirements except the certified firearms training course; requiring an applicant to satisfy the firearms training requirement within 120 days after receipt of preliminary approval; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

PS, § 5-306 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 507 **Senator West**ESTATES AND TRUSTS – HEALTH SAVINGS ACCOUNTS –
ESTABLISHMENT

Providing that a health savings account is established on the first day that an individual becomes covered under a high deductible health plan; requiring a health savings account to be opened with a trustee or custodian within a certain time period; and clarifying that a health savings account is established regardless of certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

ET, § 14.5-401 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 508 **Senator Bailey**ST. MARY'S COUNTY – POSSESSION OF TOBACCO PRODUCT OR
ELECTRONIC SMOKING DEVICE BY AN INDIVIDUAL UNDER THE
AGE OF 21 YEARS – PROHIBITION

Prohibiting the possession of a tobacco product or an electronic smoking device by an individual under the age of 21 years in St. Mary's County, subject to certain exceptions; establishing that a violation of the Act is a civil offense; establishing that certain procedures apply to a minor who violates the Act; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

CR, § 10-108 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 509 **Senator Bailey, et al**CRIMINAL LAW – CRIMES AGAINST PROPERTY – RIGHT TO
DEFEND PROPERTY (CASTLE DOCTRINE)

Establishing that an occupant of a dwelling is justified in using any degree of physical force against another person, including deadly physical force, when the other person has made an unlawful entry into the dwelling, the occupant reasonably believes that force or deadly force is necessary to repel an attack, and the amount and nature of the force used by the occupant are reasonable under the circumstances; establishing that a person acting in accordance with the Act is immune from certain criminal prosecution; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

CR, § 3-209 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 510 **Senator Bailey, et al****NATURAL RESOURCES – COMMERCIAL FISHING – USE OF HAUL SEINES**

Establishing an exception to the prohibition against fishing with a haul seine; and providing that, if a haul seine is set on a Friday, a person may empty it during the period from 12:01 a.m. on the following Saturday until sunrise on the following Monday.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

NR, § 4-713(h) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 511 **Senator Kelley, et al****TASK FORCE ON ORAL HEALTH IN MARYLAND**

Establishing the Task Force on Oral Health in Maryland to study access to dental services for all State residents, identify areas lacking in dental services for a significant number of people, identify barriers to receiving services, analyze the impact of barriers, assess options to eliminate barriers, and make recommendations on methods to increase access to dental services; requiring the Task Force to submit an interim report by May 1, 2021, and a final report by December 1, 2021, to certain committees of the General Assembly; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020

Assigned to: Finance

SENATE BILLS REASSIGNED January 28, 2020**SB 402** **Senators Kagan and Lam****HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONERS – TELEHEALTH**

Authorizing certain health care practitioners to establish a practitioner–patient relationship through certain telehealth interactions under certain circumstances; requiring a health care practitioner providing telehealth services to be held to the same standards of practice that are applicable to in–person settings; requiring a health care practitioner to perform a clinical evaluation appropriate for the condition the patient presents before providing certain treatment or issuing a prescription through telehealth; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020

HO, §§ 1-1001 through 1-1006 - added

Reassigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 444 **Senator Kelley**

STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF NURSING HOME ADMINISTRATORS – BOARD MEMBERSHIP AND PROVISIONAL LICENSING REQUIREMENTS

Repealing the requirement that the Secretary of Health make certain recommendations for the appointment of certain members of the State Board of Examiners of Nursing Home Administrators after consulting with certain associations and societies; requiring the Secretary to recommend to the Governor professionals who have certain qualifications for certain appointments to the Board; authorizing the Board to issue a provisional license for a period of less than 90 days; and clarifying the length of a certain provisional period.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020

HO, §§ 9-202(a) and (b) and 9-301 - amended

Reassigned to: Finance