



# SYNOPSIS

Senate Bills and Joint Resolutions  
2020 Maryland General Assembly Session

**February 3, 2020**  
**Schedule 20**

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## **SENATE BILLS INTRODUCED February 3, 2020**

### **SB 614** Baltimore County Senators

COMMUNITY PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS PROGRAM –  
BALTIMORE COUNTY AND HOWARD COUNTY – EXPANSION

Altering the purpose of the Community Parks and Playgrounds Program to include making flexible grants available to the governing bodies of Baltimore County and Howard County for certain purposes; and altering a certain public policy.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

NR, § 5-9C-02 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

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**SB 615**     **Senators Klausmeier and Zucker**

## MARYLAND SENATOR EDWARD J. KASEMEYER COLLEGE INVESTMENT PLAN – STATE CONTRIBUTIONS – ALTERATIONS

Clarifying that a State contribution to a Maryland Senator Edward J. Kasemeyer College Investment Plan may be made to one account for each qualified beneficiary; limiting, for State contribution application periods after December 31, 2020, a qualified beneficiary from receiving more than one State contribution for each year the beneficiary is eligible for the State contribution; and authorizing the Maryland 529 Board to adopt certain regulations.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020

ED, § 18-19A-04.1(a) - amended and § 18-19A-04.1(h) - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 616**     **Senator Klausmeier, et al**

## LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT – INJURED WORKERS’ INSURANCE FUND – REVISIONS

Requiring, rather than authorizing, the Injured Workers’ Insurance Fund to be the third-party administrator for the State’s Self-Insured Workers’ Compensation Program for State Employees under a contract with the State; authorizing the Fund to use nonsupervisory employees of the Chesapeake Employers’ Insurance Company; authorizing nonsupervisory employees of the Company to be assigned to perform certain functions under a certain contract; altering the membership of the Board for the Fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

LE, §§ 10-102, 10-105, and 10-106(a) - amended

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 617**     **Senator Klausmeier**

## STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION – FINANCIAL LITERACY INSTRUCTION – REPORTING

Requiring the State Department of Education to report to the Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee and the House Committee on Ways and Means, on or before December 1 each year, on the implementation by local school systems of certain standards and objectives in the program of instruction in financial literacy specified in COMAR 13A.04.06.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020

ED, § 4-111.1 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 618**     **Senator Klausmeier****PUBLIC SAFETY – HYDRAULIC ELEVATOR INSPECTIONS – PRIVATELY OWNED BUILDINGS**

Removing a certain type of hydraulic elevator in a privately owned building from a requirement for a certain test; requiring, beginning October 1, 2022, a certain annual test on a certain type of hydraulic elevator in a privately owned building be performed by a licensed elevator mechanic in the presence of a third-party qualified elevator inspector; altering a certain date to October 1, 2021 on which certain elevator inspections are required to begin; and requiring the Secretary of Labor to make certain reports; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

PS, §§ 12-801(h) through (u) and 12-806(d) - amended and § 12-801(h) - added  
Assigned to: Finance

**SB 619**     **Senator Klausmeier****WORKERS' COMPENSATION – FEES FOR LEGAL SERVICES**

Authorizing the Maryland Workers' Compensation Commission, if there is no compensation payable to a covered employee, to order that a fee of not more than \$2,000 for legal services rendered on behalf of the covered employee be payable by the covered employee, an employer or its insurer, a self-insured employer, or the Uninsured Employers' Fund.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

LE, § 9-731 - amended  
Assigned to: Finance

**SB 620**     **Senator Rosapepe****PONGAL DAY**

Requiring the Governor annually to proclaim January 14 as Pongal Day, Pongal being one of the main festivals celebrating the importance of the harvest in the state of Tamil Nadu in south India, Sri Lanka, and many other countries.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

GP, § 7-402 - added  
Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 621 Senator Rosapepe****MARYLAND MORTGAGE LENDER LAW – CONSIDERATIONS OF A MORTGAGE SERVICER – BORROWER’S ABILITY TO REPAY**

Prohibiting a mortgage servicer from making or modifying certain mortgage loans without giving due regard to the borrower’s ability to repay the loans; requiring that due regard to a borrower’s ability to repay include consideration of a debt-to-income ratio and verification of certain income and assets through the review of certain written documentation; and exempting certain mortgage loans from the Act.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

FI, § 11-522 - added

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 622 Senator Rosapepe****CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS’ RETIREMENT SYSTEM – MEMBERSHIP**

Altering the membership of the Correctional Officers’ Retirement System to include certain individuals serving in certain positions in the Department of Juvenile Services; providing for the calculation of a certain benefit from the Correctional Officers’ Retirement System for individuals serving in certain positions on or before June 30, 2020; requiring the State Retirement Agency, on or before January 1, 2021, to notify the individuals who are affected by the Act of their right to transfer certain service credits; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020

SP, §§ 25-201(a)(10) and (11) and 25-401 - amended and § 25-201(a)(12) - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

**SB 623 Senator Benson, et al****HEALTH INSURANCE – OUT-OF-POCKET MAXIMUMS AND COST-SHARING REQUIREMENTS – CALCULATION**

Requiring, to the extent authorized under federal law, certain entities to include payments made by certain persons when calculating certain contributions to an out-of-pocket maximum or a cost-sharing requirement for an insured, a subscriber, or a member; and applying the Act to all policies, contracts, and health benefit plans issued, delivered, or renewed in the State on or after January 1, 2021

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2021

IN, § 15-118 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 624**     **Senator Benson, et al****HEALTH – MOBILE RESPONSE AND STABILIZATION SYSTEM FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES IN MARYLAND – STUDY**

Requiring the Maryland Department of Health and the Governor’s Commission to Study Mental and Behavioral Health in Maryland jointly to take certain actions in order to develop and implement a comprehensive mobile response and stabilization system for children and families in the State; and requiring the Department and the Commission jointly to submit their findings and recommendations to certain committees in the General Assembly on or before December 1, 2020.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2020

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 625**     **Senator Kramer, et al****BUSINESS REGULATION – RETAIL PET STORES – INTERNET SALES OF DOMESTIC ANIMALS(NO MORE PUPPY– AND KITTEN–MILLS ACT OF 2020)**

Altering the definition of “retail pet store” to include a for–profit establishment that, by Internet transaction, sells domestic animals to be kept as household pets for purposes of certain provisions of law regulating retail pet stores.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020

BR, § 19-701(g) - amended

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 626**     **Senator Kramer, et al****RETAIL PET STORES – TRANSPORTATION OF CATS AND DOGS BY COMMON CARRIER – PROHIBITION**

Prohibiting retail pet stores from transporting into or within the State, by common carrier or other for–hire transportation service, cats or dogs for sale or transfer in the State.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020

BR, § 19-703 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 627**     **Senator Kramer, et al****CRIMES – UNATTENDED DOGS IN EXTREME WEATHER CONDITIONS**

Prohibiting a person from leaving a dog outside and unattended for longer than 30 minutes without access to continuous suitable shelter during extreme weather conditions; providing that a violation of the Act is a civil offense with a first violation receiving a warning, a second violation receiving a \$500 fine, and a subsequent violation receiving a fine of \$1,000 each.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

CR, § 10-623 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 628**     **Senator Kagan****UTILITIES – SURVIVING SPOUSE OF ACCOUNT HOLDER – PROTECTIONS**

Requiring a certain utility, on presentation of certain documents and without requiring certain information or imposing a fee or penalty, to temporarily keep a certain account open for a certain period of time or transfer a certain account to a surviving spouse under certain circumstances; and authorizing a certain utility to impose a fee or penalty or terminate an account for nonpayment under certain circumstances or close a certain account under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

PU, § 5-501 - added

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 629**     **Senator Kagan, et al****NATURAL RESOURCES – SAV PROTECTION ZONES AND HYDRAULIC CLAM DREDGES (AQUATIC HABITAT PROTECTION ACT)**

Authorizing the Secretary of Natural Resources to adopt regulations to define and govern the use of hydraulic clam dredges, subject to certain requirements; increasing the frequency with which the Department of Natural Resources must update the delineations of SAV protection zones; requiring the updated delineations to include areas where submerged aquatic vegetation has been mapped by certain aerial surveys in at least 1 of the previous 5 years; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020

NR, §§ 4-221, 4-1001(m), 4-1006.1, and 4-1037(6) and (7) - amended and § 4-1037(8) - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 630**     **Senator Kagan, et al****GRANT APPLICATIONS AND REPORTING – UNIFORM FORMS AND REQUIREMENTS**

Establishing the Maryland Efficient Grant Application Council to study and make recommendations to the Governor’s Grants Office and the Board of Public Works regarding the entire life cycle of a grant and the creation of certain materials for use by certain grant-making agencies, grant applicants, and grant recipients; requiring the Board to adopt by regulation a uniform grant application form, uniform financial controls and reporting requirements, and uniform performance progress reporting requirements on or before July 1, 2021: etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020

SF, §§ 2-209 and 2-210 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 631**     **Senator Serafini****INCOME TAX STANDARD DEDUCTION – ALTERATION AND COST OF LIVING**

Increasing the minimum and maximum limitation amounts of certain standard deductions allowed for an individual under the Maryland income tax; applying the Act to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2019; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020

TG, § 10-217 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

**SB 632**     **Senator Kelley, et al****HEALTH FACILITIES – HOSPITALS – DISCLOSURE OF OUTPATIENT FACILITY FEES (FACILITY FEE RIGHT-TO-KNOW ACT)**

Requiring certain hospitals to provide each patient with a certain written notice related to outpatient facility fees that are charged for services provided at the hospital that is in a certain form; requiring that certain notices be provided to certain patients in certain manners and at certain times; requiring each hospital that charges an outpatient facility fee to use a certain range of fees and fee estimates; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

HG, § 19-349.2 - added

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 633 Senator Waldstreicher****MARYLAND POLICE TRAINING AND STANDARDS COMMISSION – TRAINING REQUIREMENTS – HATE CRIMES**

Requiring the Maryland Police Training and Standards Commission to require entrance-level and in-service police training conducted by the State and each county and municipal police training school to include in their curriculum training relating to the criminal laws concerning recognition of, reporting of, and response to hate crimes.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

PS, § 3-207(a)(6) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 634 Senators Waldstreicher and Zucker****MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM – PROVISION OF SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGY SERVICES**

Requiring the Maryland Medical Assistance Program to provide school psychology services provided by a school psychologist who is certified by the State Department of Education to practice school psychology.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

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

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 635 Senator Waldstreicher****CRIMINAL LAW – FALSE STATEMENTS – EMERGENCY OR COMMISSION OF CRIME**

Prohibiting a person from making or causing to be made a certain statement, report, or complaint to a certain governmental emergency report recipient with reckless disregard of causing bodily harm to an individual as a direct result of a response to the statement, report, or complaint; establishing penalties for a violation of the Act; providing for the venue for a prosecution for a violation of the Act; providing that a person who violates the Act is civilly liable to a certain individual; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

CR, § 9-501.1 - added and CJ, § 3-8A-19(d)(3)(i) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings



**SB 636**     **Senator Jennings**MARYLAND REVISED UNIFORM LAW ON NOTARIAL ACTS –  
DELAY OF EFFECTIVE DATE

Altering the effective date from October 1, 2020, to October 1, 2021, of Chapter 407 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2019, which altered and established certain laws governing notaries public.

## VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

Chapter 407 of the Acts of 2019, § 5 and SG, § 18-202 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 637**     **Senator King**

## CHILDREN – THERAPEUTIC NURSERY PROGRAM – FUNDING

Establishing the Therapeutic Nursery Program to provide specialized child care and early childhood education by educators, early intervention providers, mental health providers, and health-care providers to children under the age of 6 years who have delays in development, social or emotional functioning or physical disabilities; requiring, beginning in fiscal year 2022, the Governor to include in the annual budget bill a certain appropriation to the Program; and authorizing the Program to be funded from the General Fund; etc.

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020

ED, § 8-420 - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

**SB 638**     **Senator King**

## MARYLAND CHILD TAX CREDIT

Allowing certain taxpayers with federal adjusted gross income for the taxable year that is \$6,000 or less to claim a credit against the State income tax for certain dependent children under certain circumstances; providing that the credit is equal to \$500 for each qualified child; allowing certain taxpayers to claim a refund in the amount of any excess credit; applying the Act to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2019, but before January 1, 2025; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020

TG, § 10-751 - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

**SB 639 Senator Guzzone, et al**STATE MEDICAL, NURSING, AND SECURITY PERSONNEL –  
COMPENSATION

Requiring the pay scale for a certain physician position in a certain facility to be the same as the pay scale for a certain psychiatrist position; requiring certain nursing positions to receive a certain upward adjustment in their pay scales when there is an upward adjustment to the pay scales for initial appointments to certain positions; requiring the pay scale for security attendants at a certain facility to be at least equal to the pay scale for correctional officers; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020

HG, § 10-415 - added and TR, § 2-103.4(g) - amended

Assigned to: Finance and Budget and Taxation

**SB 640 Senator Guzzone**MARYLAND SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND – BOARD OF DIRECTORS –  
REAPPOINTMENTS

Prohibiting, with a certain exception, a member of the Board of Directors of the Maryland School for the Blind who serves three consecutive terms from being reappointed for 1 year after completion of those terms; and authorizing the immediate reappointment of the Chairman of the Board after the completion of three consecutive terms.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020

ED, § 8-310 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 641 Senator Benson, et al**MARYLAND WAGE AND HOUR LAW AND MARYLAND WAGE  
PAYMENT AND COLLECTION LAW – REVISIONS  
(MARYLAND WAGE PROTECTION ACT)

Requiring that a certain summary that certain employers are required to keep conspicuously posted in certain places of employment include certain antiretaliation provisions; prohibiting certain employers from taking certain actions under the Maryland Wage and Hour Law and the Maryland Wage Payment and Collection Law; prohibiting certain employers from discriminating against certain employees under certain circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

LE, §§ 3-103, 3-403(13) and (14), 3-423, 3-428, 3-504, 3-507.2(a) and (b), and 3-508 - amended and §§ 3-403(15) and 3-501.1 - added

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 642 Senator Kelley, et al****HOME- AND COMMUNITY-BASED WAIVER SERVICES – ALTERATIONS AND TASK FORCE**

Altering the required contents of a certain waiver submitted by the Maryland Department of Health to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services; requiring the Department to send monthly letters to individuals who are eligible or likely to be eligible for waiver participation; requiring that certain letters be sent in a sufficient quantity to allow for at least 7,500 individuals to participate in the waiver; requiring the Department to ensure that certain individuals receive certain services within a certain period of time; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020

HG, § 15-132 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 643 Senator Edwards****GARRETT COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ACT OF 2020**

Altering, in Garrett County, the days the holder of a manufacturer's license may sell or deliver alcoholic beverages; authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Garrett County to issue an on-premises consumption permit to the holder of a Class 1 distillery license; authorizing the Board to issue a refillable container permit for wine in the county under certain circumstances; setting annual and issuing fees for certain permits; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020

AB, §§ 21-402, 21-403, 21-804(b), 21-903(b) and (c), and 21-1101 - amended and § 21-1104.1 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 644 Senators Gallion and Hester****INCOME TAX CHECKOFF – THE BLUEPRINT FOR MARYLAND'S FUTURE FUND**

Establishing an income tax checkoff for voluntary contributions to The Blueprint for Maryland's Future Fund; requiring the Comptroller to include a checkoff on the individual income tax return; requiring the Comptroller to collect and account for contributions made through the checkoff and to credit the proceeds to the Fund after deducting the amount necessary to administer the checkoff; applying the Act to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2019; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020

ED, § 5-219(f) - amended and TG, §§ 2-116 and 10-804(l) - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

**SB 645**     **Senator Smith****STATE INCOME AND PROPERTY TAX CREDITS – PURPLE LINE CONSTRUCTION ZONE**

Allowing certain qualified businesses impacted by the construction of the Purple Line light rail project in Montgomery County and Prince George’s County a credit against the State income tax and State property tax; requiring the Department of Transportation to determine the eligible amount of the income tax credit; making the income tax credit refundable; requiring the Department to administer the income tax credit; requiring the Department to make determinations and implement processes relevant to certifying qualified businesses; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2020

TG, § 10-751 and TP, § 9-112 - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

**SB 646**     **Senator Smith, et al****PUBLIC SAFETY – ACCESS TO FIREARMS – STORAGE REQUIREMENTS**

Altering a certain prohibition to prohibit a person from storing or leaving a loaded or unloaded firearm in a location where a minor could gain access to the firearm; repealing a certain exception to the prohibition; prohibiting a person from storing or leaving a loaded or unloaded firearm in a location where an unsupervised minor could gain access to the firearm and an unsupervised minor does gain access to the firearm; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

CR, § 4-104 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 647**     **Senator Lam, et al**

ELECTION LAW – INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION – VOTER REGISTRATION AND VOTING BY STUDENTS (STUDENT VOTER EMPOWERMENT ACT OF 2020)

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

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

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

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 648**     **Senator Lam**

ELECTION LAW – COUNTY CENTRAL COMMITTEES – DEMOCRATIC PARTY REQUIREMENTS

Repealing certain provisions of law concerning the composition of Democratic Party Central Committees in certain counties; requiring the members of each county Democratic Party Central Committee to be elected in accordance with certain rules and bylaws; requiring that the method of election of members of each county Democratic Party Central Committee promote geographic balance to the extent practicable; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

EL, § 4-203 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 649**     **Senator Lam, et al****PUBLIC INFORMATION ACT – MOTOR VEHICLE ADMINISTRATION  
– WARRANT FOR PERSONAL INFORMATION AND REPORTING**

Requiring a custodian of records for the Motor Vehicle Administration to deny inspection by United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement of the part of a public record that contains personal information unless the custodian is provided with a valid warrant or valid subpoena issued by a federal court or a court of this State; and requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration to annually report certain information to the General Assembly on or before June 1, 2022, and each June 1 thereafter; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

GP, § 4-320 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 650**     **Senator Young****VEHICLE LAWS – TITLE SERVICE AGENTS – OUT-OF-STATE  
VEHICLE TITLES AND REGISTRATIONS**

Prohibiting a title service agent or an agent or employee of a title service agent from performing a service related to an out-of-state title, registration, or registration plate for a vehicle that is required to be titled and registered in this State.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

TR, § 15-606 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 651**     **Senator Young, et al****INCOME TAX – SUBTRACTION MODIFICATION – LIVING ORGAN  
DONORS**

Increasing, from \$7,500 to \$10,000, the amount of a subtraction modification under the Maryland income tax for certain expenses paid or incurred by an individual that are attributable to the individual's donation of an organ; applying the Act to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2019; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020

TG, § 10-208(w) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

**SB 652**     **Senator Young****REAL PROPERTY – CONDOMINIUMS AND HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATIONS – GOVERNING BODIES**

Requiring the governing body of a condominium to convene at least two meetings each year; requiring the developer of a condominium to establish a certain board of directors, if the developer has not done so already, and appoint a certain unit owner to the board of directors within 30 days after the date 25% of currently subdivided units are conveyed under certain circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

RP, §§ 11-109(a) and (c), 11-114.1(d), 11-116, 11-132, 11B-106.1, 11B-111, 11B-111.6(d), and 11B-112(a) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 653**     **Senator Lee, et al****CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – PROBATION BEFORE JUDGMENT – FACTS JUSTIFYING A FINDING OF GUILT AND SUSPENSION OF SENTENCE**

Authorizing a court to stay the entering of judgment, defer further proceedings, and place a certain defendant on probation subject to reasonable conditions if the court finds facts justifying a finding of guilt; repealing a requirement that the certain written consent of the defendant to the probation before judgment occur after a determination of guilt or acceptance of a nolo contendere plea; and authorizing a court to suspend a portion or all of a certain sentence as a condition of a probation before judgment.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

CP, § 6-220(b) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 654**     **Senator Hettleman****MOTOR VEHICLE LIABILITY INSURANCE – PREMIUM INCREASES – CONSUMER COMPLAINTS**

Repealing a requirement that an insured mail or transmit to the Maryland Insurance Commissioner a protest within 30 days after the mailing date of a certain notice when protesting a proposed premium increase for a policy of private passenger motor vehicle liability insurance; and requiring the Maryland Insurance Administration to submit to the General Assembly a report on or before December 1 each year detailing the number of protests of motor vehicle liability insurance premium increases received and the insurers involved.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

IN, § 27-614(d)(1) - amended and § 27-614(h) - added

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 655**     **Senator Hettleman****HIGH PERFORMANCE AND GREEN BUILDINGS – COMMUNITY COLLEGES AND PUBLIC SCHOOLS – REPEAL OF REQUIREMENTS AND GUIDELINES**

Repealing the requirement that the construction and renovation of certain community college buildings be done in a manner that makes the buildings high performance buildings; repealing the requirement to establish a process to allow a community college to obtain a waiver from the high performance buildings requirement; and repealing a requirement that the Maryland Green Building Council develop guidelines for new public school buildings to achieve a LEED Silver or comparable rating without requiring an independent certification.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020

SF, §§ 3-602.1(c) and (e) and 4-809(f) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 656**     **Senator Kramer, et al****UTILITY REGULATION – CONSIDERATION OF CLIMATE AND LABOR**

Requiring the Secretary of the Environment to prepare a certain recommendation in connection with certain issues considered by the Public Service Commission; requiring the Secretary of Natural Resources to incorporate an evaluation of the impact of certain electric power plants on climate change into the Power Plant Research Program; requiring the Commission to consider the maintenance of fair and stable labor standards and the protection of the global climate in supervising and regulating certain public service companies; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

EN, § 2-405(a), NR, § 3-303, and PU, §§ 2-113 and 7-207(e) - amended

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 657**     **Senator Kramer****INCOME TAX – PERSONAL EXEMPTION – DISABLED INDIVIDUALS**

Authorizing individuals who have a permanent physical disability to deduct \$1,000 as a personal exemption under the Maryland income tax; applying the Act to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2019; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020

TG, § 10-211 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation



**SB 658**     **Senator Kramer, et al**

HIGHER EDUCATION – COLLECTIVE BARGAINING – GRADUATE ASSISTANTS (GRADUATE ASSISTANT COLLECTIVE BARGAINING FAIRNESS ACT)

Granting collective bargaining rights to graduate students within the University System of Maryland, Morgan State University, and St. Mary's College of Maryland.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020

SP, §§ 3-101, 3-102, and § 3-403(d) - amended

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 659**     **Senator Kramer**

INSURANCE – MEDICARE SUPPLEMENT POLICY PLANS – OPEN ENROLLMENT PERIOD FOLLOWING BIRTHDAY

Requiring a carrier to make available to an individual enrolled in a Medicare supplement policy plan different Medicare supplement policy plans with certain benefits during the 30 days following the individual's birthday; prohibiting a carrier, for a plan required to be made available under certain provisions of the Act, from denying or conditioning the effectiveness of the plan or discriminating in the pricing of the plan, based on certain factors; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

IN, § 15-909(b)(6) - added

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 660**     **Senator Kramer**

COLLECTIVE BARGAINING – CHANCELLOR OF THE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF MARYLAND – NEGOTIATIONS

Requiring the Chancellor of the University System of Maryland to act on behalf of the University System of Maryland and certain system institutions for the purpose of collective bargaining; providing for the negotiation of a certain consolidated memorandum of understanding under certain circumstances; making conforming changes; repealing a provision of law authorizing certain presidents of certain system institutions to cooperate for the purpose of collective bargaining; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2020

SP, §§ 3-101, 3-2A-09(a), 3-306(c), 3-403(d), 3-501(a), (d), and (f), and 3-601 - amended and § 3-602 - repealed and added

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 661**     **Senator Augustine, et al****HEALTH INSURANCE – PROSTATE CANCER SCREENING – PROHIBITING COST-SHARING**

Prohibiting certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations from applying a deductible, a copayment, or coinsurance to coverage for prostate cancer screenings; prohibiting certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations from reducing or eliminating certain coverage due to certain provisions of law; 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

IN, § 15-825 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 662**     **Senators Zucker and Kelley****STATE CHILD WELFARE SYSTEM – REPORTING**

Altering the contents of a certain report required by the Department of Human Services regarding children and foster youth in the State child welfare system; requiring the State Department of Education, on or before December 1 each year, to report to the General Assembly and the Department of Human Services certain information regarding children and foster youth in the State child welfare system; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

FL, § 5-1312 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 663**     **Senators Patterson and Kagan****STATE BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS – DENTAL SPECIALIZATION – REQUIREMENTS**

Altering, to be the National Commission on Recognition of Dental Specialties and Certifying Boards rather than the American Dental Association, the entity whose requirements regarding specialties an applicant for a teacher's license to practice dentistry must meet under certain circumstances; altering the entity with respect to which the State Board of Dental Examiners is authorized to approve an area of specialty recognized by the entity; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

HO, §§ 4-302(g) and 4-504 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 664**     **Senator Lee**

## DECLARATION OF RIGHTS – RIGHT TO PRIVACY

Proposing an amendment to the Maryland Constitution to establish that each individual has a natural, essential, and inherent right to privacy that guarantees freedom from government intrusion; providing that the right to privacy includes the right of an individual to live free from intrusions caused by or directly traceable to the unauthorized collection of certain data; etc.

## CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT – CONTINGENT

Maryland Constitution, Declaration of Rights, Art. 48 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 665**     **Senators Lee and Carozza**

## FAMILY LAW – CUSTODY EVALUATOR – INFORMATION TO PARTIES

Requiring a court to provide to the parties in an action in which child support, custody, or visitation is at issue, certain information regarding a custody evaluator in the jurisdiction; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

FL, § 1-204 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 666**     **Senator Lee**

## ELECTION LAW – TIME OFF FOR EMPLOYEE VOTING

Requiring every employer in the State to allow any employee, rather than any employee who claims to be a registered voter, in the State a certain period of absence from work to vote in an election, rather than only on election day; repealing a requirement that an employee furnish proof to the employer that the employee voted or attempted to vote on a form prescribed by the State Board of Elections; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2020

EL, § 10-315 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 667**     **Senators Rosapepe and Ready**

UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF MARYLAND – TEXTBOOKS – AVAILABILITY OF FREE DIGITAL MATERIALS (TEXTBOOK TRANSPARENCY ACT OF 2020)

Requiring each constituent institution of higher education in the University System of Maryland to develop a method to clearly and conspicuously show students in the online course catalog which courses use free digital materials and may provide access to certain low-cost print materials; and providing that certain free digital materials include certain resources and be equally accessible and usable by individuals with disabilities, to the extent practicable.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020

ED, § 12-114.2 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 668**     **Senator Rosapepe, et al**

PURPLE LINE MARKETING ACT

Requiring the Maryland Transit Administration, in partnership with certain stakeholders, to develop and implement a Purple Line marketing plan designed to generate early interest in and promote use of the Purple Line; requiring the Governor to include in the annual budget bill \$1,000,000 from the Transportation Trust Fund for the marketing plan in fiscal years 2021 through 2024; requiring the Administration, by December 31, 2020, 2021, and 2022, to submit a certain report to certain standing committees of the General Assembly; etc.

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

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2020

TR, § 7-712 - added

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 669 The President (By Request – Prescription Drug Affordability Board)****PUBLIC HEALTH – PRESCRIPTION DRUG AFFORDABILITY BOARD  
AND FUND**

Repealing certain provisions of law requiring the Prescription Drug Affordability Board to determine a certain funding source on or before a certain date; requiring the Board to assess and collect a certain fee from certain persons in a certain manner; requiring the Board to calculate a certain fee in a certain manner; requiring entities assessed a certain fee to pay a the fee on or before October 1 each year; establishing the Prescription Drug Affordability Fund as a special, nonlapsing fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2020

HG, § 21-2C-11 and SF, § 6-226(a)(2)(ii)121. and 122. - amended and SF, § 6-226(a)(2)(ii)123. - added

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 670 Senator Zucker, et al****DEPARTMENT OF AGING – ASSISTED LIVING PROGRAM SUBSIDIES  
– DETERMINATIONS**

Requiring the Secretary of Aging to pay to certain low-income seniors a \$1,000 subsidy from State general funds to help low-income seniors reside in assisted living programs; increasing, except under certain circumstances, a certain subsidy in effect for certain periods of time based on annual growth in a certain consumer price index; requiring the Secretary, beginning March 1, 2023, to determine and announce the growth in the consumer price index over a certain period of time, if any, and a new subsidy for low-income seniors; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020

HU, § 10-211 - amended

Assigned to: Finance and Budget and Taxation

**SB 671**     **Senator West****BAY RESTORATION FUND – ALLOCATION OF FEES, AUTHORIZED USES, AND COUNTY AUTHORITY TO INCUR INDEBTEDNESS**

Requiring the Comptroller to set aside and deposit into a certain separate account in the Bay Restoration Fund \$25,000,000 from certain Bay Restoration Fees in fiscal year 2021 and each fiscal year thereafter; authorizing the use of certain funds in a certain separate account for all costs associated with the installation of a certain new on-site sewage disposal system or the repair or replacement of a failing on-site sewage disposal system with a certain new system; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020

EN, § 9-1605.2(h)(1) and (2)(i)1. - amended and LG, §§ 19-1001 through 19-1004 - added

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

**SB 672**     **Senator Ready, et al****CRIMINAL LAW – THEFT OF A HANDGUN**

Classifying the theft of a handgun as a felony; and establishing certain penalties for theft of a handgun.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

CR, § 7-104 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 673**     **Senator Klausmeier****STATE BOARD OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SPECIALISTS – FEES – GENERAL FUND**

Repealing provisions creating the State Board of Environmental Health Specialists Fund; and requiring the State Board of Environmental Health Specialists to pay money collected for its services into the General Fund of the State.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020

HO, § 21-206 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 674**     **Senator Edwards**

## GUN THEFT FELONY ACT OF 2020

Classifying the theft of a firearm as a felony; and establishing certain penalties for theft of a firearm.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

CR, § 7-104 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 675**     **Senator West**BALTIMORE COUNTY – FORECLOSURE PROCEEDINGS –  
AFFIDAVIT THAT PROPERTY IS VACANT OR UNFIT FOR HUMAN  
HABITATION

Authorizing a person with a secured interest in residential property in Baltimore County, under certain circumstances, to file an order to docket or complaint to foreclose accompanied by an affidavit that the residential property is vacant or unfit for human habitation under certain housing codes; providing, with a certain exception, that the requirements of certain provisions of law do not apply to an action to foreclose a mortgage or deed of trust on the property for which the affidavit is issued; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

RP, § 7-105.13 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 676**     **Senator Kelley, et al**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION – PUBLIC UTILITY REGULATION  
FUND – CAP

Increasing, from 0.17% to 0.25%, the maximum that may be charged to certain public service companies for a State fiscal year to reimburse the Public Service Commission for certain costs and expenses.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2020

PU, § 2-110(c)(12) - amended

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 677**     **Senator Eckardt****RENEWABLE ENERGY PORTFOLIO STANDARD – MUNICIPAL ELECTRIC UTILITIES**

Setting the renewable energy portfolio standard for municipal electric utilities for 2020 and later.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

PU, § 7-703(e) - amended

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 678**     **Senator Eckardt****NATURAL RESOURCES – RECLASSIFICATION OF OYSTER SANCTUARIES – AUTHORIZATION**

Authorizing the Department of Natural Resources to reclassify an oyster sanctuary in which the oyster population has declined by 15% or more over a 10-year period as an oyster seed sanctuary; establishing the purpose of an oyster seed sanctuary; requiring that any activity conducted in an oyster seed sanctuary comply with certain adaptive management practices; and requiring that an oyster seed sanctuary be considered an oyster sanctuary for purposes of calculating a certain oyster habitat objective.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020

NR, § 4-215(e)(3) - amended and § 4-1014.5 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 679**     **Senator Washington****CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – PRETRIAL RELEASE – REIMBURSEMENT OF SPECIAL CONDITION COSTS**

Requiring the county to reimburse a defendant for the costs necessary to satisfy special conditions of release imposed by a court or District Court commissioner if all charges arising out of a single incident receive a not guilty disposition.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

CP, § 5-301 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings



**SB 680**     **Senator Washington, et al****FAMILY LAW – MINORS – EMANCIPATION (EMANCIPATION OF MINORS ACT)**

Extending the jurisdiction of the equity court to include a petition for the emancipation of a minor; authorizing a minor to file a petition for emancipation in the minor's own name subject to certain requirements; prohibiting a parent from filing a petition for the emancipation of a minor; requiring that a certain petition for the emancipation of a minor contain certain information; requiring a court to appoint a certain attorney to represent the petitioner on the filing of a petition for the emancipation of a minor; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

FL, § 1-201(b) - amended and §§ 5-2A-01 through 5-2A-07 - added and GP, § 1-401(a) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 681**     **Senator Washington, et al****ELECTRICITY SUPPLIERS AND GAS SUPPLIERS – CONSUMER PROTECTIONS**

Authorizing the Office of People's Counsel to investigate and request certain documents from an electricity supplier or a gas supplier under certain circumstances; requiring the Office of People's Counsel to have a reasonable basis before initiating a certain investigation; requiring an electricity supplier or a gas supplier to provide certain written responses and documents to the Office of People's Counsel under certain circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

PU, §§ 2-204, 7-507(f) and (k), 7-603, and 7-604 - amended and § 7-311 - added

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 682**     **Senator Washington, et al****CORRECTIONAL SERVICES – PRERELEASE UNIT FOR WOMEN – REQUIREMENT TO OPERATE**

Requiring, instead of authorizing, the Commissioner of Correction to operate a prerelease unit for women.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

CS, § 3-301 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 683**     **Senator Washington, et al****CORRECTIONS – WOMEN’S PRERELEASE UNIT – REQUIREMENTS  
(WOMEN’S PRERELEASE EQUITY ACT)**

Defining the term “prerelease unit for women” as it relates to prerelease services provided by the Division of Correction; requiring the Commissioner of Correction to determine where to place a prerelease unit for women; requiring a certain prerelease unit to be placed in a location determined by zip codes where the largest percentage of inmates are likely to be released; and authorizing a certain inmate to have certain community access.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

CS, §§ 3-101(d) and 3-301.1 - added § 3-305 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 684**     **Senator Washington, et al****CORRECTIONAL SERVICES – PRERELEASE UNIT FOR WOMEN –  
FACILITIES AND SERVICES (GENDER-RESPONSIVE PRERELEASE  
ACT)**

Requiring the Commissioner of the Division of Correction to provide a comprehensive rehabilitative prerelease facility for female inmates; requiring the Commissioner to provide evidence-based and gender-responsive prerelease services for certain female inmates; establishing the content for certain services provided by the Commissioner; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

CS, § 3-303 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 685**     **Senator Washington, et al****ELECTRICITY AND GAS – ENERGY SUPPLIERS – ASSISTED  
CUSTOMERS**

Prohibiting a retail electricity or natural gas supplier from knowingly enrolling a certain residential customer with or submitting an enrollment to change the customer’s electricity supplier to a competitive supplier if the customer had received certain financial assistance in the preceding 12 months; requiring an electric company to confirm certain matters in its records at a certain time; requiring an electric company to reject a certain enrollment or change request under certain circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020

PU, §§ 7-505(e) and 7-604.2 - added and § 7-510(c)(2) - amended

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 686**     **Senator Washington, et al****RESIDENTIAL ELECTRICITY AND GAS SUPPLY BILLING INFORMATION – REPORTS**

Requiring certain persons to submit to the Public Service Commission beginning July 1, 2021, monthly reports containing detailed billing information on the supply of electricity and gas to certain residential customers; requiring certain initial reports to include information from the previous 12 months; providing for the required contents of each report; requiring certain information to be organized by low-income customers and all other customers; requiring the Commission to make each report available to certain persons; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

PU, § 7-311 - added

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 687**     **Senator McCray, et al****CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – EXPUNGEMENT OF CONVICTION – DRIVING WHILE PRIVILEGE IS CANCELED, SUSPENDED, REFUSED, OR REVOKED**

Authorizing a person to file a certain petition for expungement if the person is convicted of a certain misdemeanor involving driving while the person's license or privilege to drive is canceled, suspended, refused, or revoked.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

CP, § 10-110 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 688**     **Senators Klausmeier and Elfreth****COMMISSIONER OF LABOR AND INDUSTRY – CONSTRUCTION SERVICES – STOP WORK ORDERS**

Requiring the Commissioner of Labor and Industry to issue a stop work order requiring the cessation of all business operations to certain employers for certain violations of certain wage and hour laws or workplace fraud laws; providing that a certain stop work order takes effect when served and remains in effect until the Commissioner issues an order releasing the stop work order; requiring the Commissioner to issue an order releasing a certain stop work order on a certain showing by the employer; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

LE, § 2-105.1 - added

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 689**     **Senators Klausmeier and King****UNLAWFUL TAKING OF OYSTERS FROM SUBMERGED LAND LEASES AND WATER COLUMN LEASES – PENALTIES**

Establishing a minimum fine of \$2,000 and maximum fine of \$3,000 for unlawfully taking oysters from a submerged land lease or water column lease under certain circumstances; requiring a person who unlawfully takes oysters from a submerged land lease or water column lease to complete a certain class at the person's expense; providing that a person who commits a certain second or subsequent offense is guilty of the crime of theft and subject to certain criminal penalties; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020

NR, § 4-1201 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 690**     **Senator Klausmeier****PUBLIC HEALTH – LONG-TERM CARE PLANNING**

Requiring the Maryland Department of Health, on or before January 1, 2021, to develop and publish materials to assist State residents with long-term care family planning; requiring certain materials to meet certain requirements, be consistent with certain other materials, and include certain contact information; requiring the Department to make certain materials available in certain languages; and requiring certain State agencies to update certain websites in a certain manner on or before January 1, 2021.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

HG, § 20-2001 - added

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 691**     **Senator Klausmeier, et al****CRIMINAL LAW – FELONY SECOND DEGREE ASSAULT – SPORTS OFFICIAL**

Prohibiting a person from intentionally causing physical injury to another if the person knows or has reason to know that the other is an official, an umpire, a referee, or a judge officiating at a sporting event.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

CR, § 3-203 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 692**     **Senator Klausmeier****HEALTH OCCUPATIONS – PHYSICAL THERAPISTS AND PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANTS – QUALIFICATIONS**

Establishing a certain educational qualification required for an applicant for a physical therapist assistant license who was educated in limited physical therapy outside of any state; and altering certain educational qualifications for applicants for physical therapy licenses or physical therapist assistant licenses who were educated in any state to require the applicant to have graduated from a certain accredited physical therapist assistant program and have satisfactorily completed the clinical training required.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020

HO, §§ 13-303 and 13-304 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 693**     **Senator Guzzone, et al****STATE PERSONNEL – MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH – PAY RATES AND STAFFING REQUIREMENTS**

Requiring that the pay rate for employees who are not receiving a forensic pay premium at Clifton T. Perkins Hospital be at least a two grades higher than the employee's pay rate effective June 30, 2020; requiring that the pay rate for certain employees in the Behavioral Health Administration or the Developmental Disabilities Administration be equal to the pay rate effective on July 1, 2020, for similarly trained, qualified, or licensed employees at Clifton T. Perkins Hospital under certain circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020

SP, § 8-203 - added

Assigned to: Finance and Budget and Taxation

**SB 694**     **Senator Guzzone****CORPORATE INCOME TAX – SINGLE SALES FACTOR APPORTIONMENT EXEMPTION – WORLDWIDE HEADQUARTERED COMPANY ELECTION**

Requiring a certain worldwide headquartered company, if the company's parent corporation is a franchisor, to employ at the parent corporation's principal executive office in the State at least 400 full-time employees at all times between July 1, 2017, and June 30, 2020, in order to elect to use a certain formula to apportion certain income to the State for purposes of the income tax on corporations; applying the Act to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2019; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020

TG, § 10-402 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

**SB 695**     **Senator Klausmeier****EDUCATION – COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH EDUCATION PROGRAM – SKIN CANCER**

Requiring each county board of education to provide age-appropriate instruction on skin cancer as part of the comprehensive health education program.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020

ED, § 7-446 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 696**     **Senator Klausmeier****PUBLIC HEALTH – SUBSTANCE-RELATED DISORDER SERVICES (MARYLAND PATIENT PROTECTION AND TREATMENT ETHICS ACT)**

Requiring any marketing or advertising materials published or provided by a behavioral health program to provide certain information about treatment services provided by the behavioral health program; prohibiting a health care practitioner from knowingly and willfully making certain statements or providing certain information; prohibiting a health care practitioner from knowingly making false or misleading statements; requiring a certain behavioral health program to include a certain statement in any advertising; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

HG, §§ 7.5-601 through 7.5-606, 7.5-608 through 7.5-611, and 19-2505 - added and §§ 7.5-607 and 19-2504 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 697**     **Senator Klausmeier**

## INSURANCE – HEALTH CARE SHARING MINISTRIES

Repealing a certain exemption from certain insurance laws for certain voluntary noncontractual religious publication arrangements; exempting from certain insurance laws certain health care sharing ministries; requiring a person to obtain a certificate of registration from the Maryland Insurance Commissioner to act as a health care sharing ministry in the State; requiring the Commissioner to send a notice of an impending expiration of a certificate of registration not later than 30 days before the expiration; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

IN, § 1-202(a)(4) - repealed, §§ 1-202(a)(4), 8-701 through 8-707, and 27-402(15) - added, and § 27-402(14) and (15) - amended

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 698**     **Senators Waldstreicher and Sydnor**

## DIVISION OF PAROLE AND PROBATION – CENTRAL HOME DETENTION UNIT – POWERS

Establishing the Central Home Detention Unit of the Division of Parole and Probation; authorizing the Director of the Division of Parole and Probation to authorize parole and probation employees of the Central Home Detention Unit to exercise certain powers, including executing warrants for the retaking or arrest of certain offenders and executing search warrants; requiring an employee of the Central Home Detention Unit to meet certain minimum qualifications and training of the Maryland Police Training and Standards Commission; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

CS, § 6-108.1 - added and CP, § 2-101 and PS, §§ 3-101 and 3-201 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 699**     **Senator Waldstreicher, et al****CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – AUTOMATIC EXPUNGEMENT –  
POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA**

Requiring all court records and police records relating to certain charges of possession of marijuana to be automatically expunged on or before certain dates under certain circumstances; requiring a court with certain jurisdiction to initiate efforts to automatically expunge all court records and police records relating to a certain charge 4 years after disposition of the charge; and requiring expungement of court records and police records relating to a certain case to be completed on or before 4 years and 90 days after disposition.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

CP, § 10-105.1 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 700**     **Senator Waldstreicher, et al****PROPERTY TAX CREDIT – DISABLED MILITARY PERSONNEL AND  
SURVIVING SPOUSES**

Expanding eligibility for a certain credit authorized against the county or municipal corporation property tax to include certain members or retired members of the armed forces of the United States and certain surviving spouses; authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City or the governing body of a county or municipal corporation to provide, by law, for certain eligibility criteria; applying the Act to all taxable years beginning after June 30, 2020; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2020

TP, § 9-258 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation



**SB 701**     **Senator Waldstreicher, et al**

END-OF-LIFE OPTION ACT (RICHARD E. ISRAEL AND ROGER “PIP” MOYER ACT)

Authorizing an individual to request aid in dying by making certain requests; prohibiting another individual from requesting aid in dying on behalf of an individual; requiring a certain request to be made in a certain manner; requiring a written request for aid in dying to meet certain requirements; establishing certain requirements for witnesses to a written request for aid in dying; requiring a written request for aid in dying to be in a certain form; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

CR, § 3-103 - amended and HG, §§ 5-6A-01 through 5-6A-16 and IN, § 27-208.1 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 702**     **Senator Waldstreicher**

CRIMINAL LAW – EXPLOITATION OF VULNERABLE ADULT OR ELDERLY INDIVIDUAL – UNDUE INFLUENCE

Altering the definition of “undue influence” for purposes of provisions of law prohibiting the exploitation of certain vulnerable adults or individuals at least 68 years old; requiring a court, in determining whether a transfer of property was induced by undue influence, to consider certain factors; and applying the Act prospectively.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

CR, § 8-801(a)(6) - amended and § 8-801(g) - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 703**     **Senator Beidle, et al**

CIRCUIT COURT JUDGES – SELECTION AND TENURE

Proposing an amendment to the Maryland Constitution relating to the selection and tenure of circuit court judges; requiring Senate confirmation of individuals appointed by the Governor to the office of judge of a circuit court; providing for contested elections following an appointment to fill a vacancy in the office of judge of a circuit court under certain circumstances; providing for the reappointment of certain judges; submitting the amendment to the qualified voters of the State for their adoption or rejection; etc.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT – CONTINGENT

Maryland Constitution, Art. IV, §§ 3 and 5 - repealed and added and Art. XVIII, § 6 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 704 Senator Carter, et al****CRIMINAL LAW – DRUG PARAPHERNALIA FOR ADMINISTRATION  
– DECRIMINALIZATION**

Repealing the prohibition against a person using or possessing with intent to use drug paraphernalia to inject, ingest, inhale, or otherwise introduce into the human body a controlled dangerous substance; repealing the prohibition against a person delivering or selling, or manufacturing or possessing with intent to deliver or sell drug paraphernalia under certain circumstances; repealing the prohibition against a person possessing or distributing controlled paraphernalia under certain circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

CR, §§ 5-619(c) and (d) and 5-620(a) and (b) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 705 Senators Carter and West****MARYLAND TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION – DISABLED REDUCED  
FARE PROGRAM – OPIOID TREATMENT PROGRAM PATIENTS**

Requiring the Maryland Transit Administration to make available to opioid treatment programs monthly transit passes that are for use by patients of opioid treatment programs who qualify for the administration's Disabled Reduced Fare Program and may be issued to patients on site at opioid treatment programs by staff; requiring the passes to be made available at a reduced price that reflects the price of a monthly pass issued under the Disabled Reduced Fare Program as of October 1, 2020; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020

TR, § 7-712 - added

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 706 Senator Carter****JUVENILE LAW – INFORMAL ADJUSTMENT**

Authorizing a certain court to refer a certain matter to the Department of Juvenile Services for a certain informal adjustment if the time for a certain adjudicatory hearing has been waived and the petition is not the result of an unsuccessful informal adjustment; providing a certain exception to the requirement that the court hold an adjudicatory hearing; and requiring a certain petition to be dismissed if a certain informal adjustment is successfully completed.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

CJ, §§ 3-8A-10(e) and 3-8A-18(b) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 707**     **Senator Carter****TASK FORCE ON THE TOURISM INDUSTRY IN MARYLAND**

Establishing the Task Force on the Tourism Industry in Maryland to review the need for additional funding, training, and other resources necessary to increase diversity and inclusion in the tourism industry in the State; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Task Force; requiring the Task Force to report its recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly by January 1, 2022; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 708**     **Senator Carter****MARYLAND VIOLENCE INTERVENTION AND PREVENTION PROGRAM FUND AND ADVISORY COUNCIL – ALTERATIONS**

Requiring the Governor to include \$10,000,000 in the annual State budget to the Maryland Violence Intervention and Prevention Program Fund; requiring that the appropriation be composed of at least \$5,000,000 in general funds; authorizing the Fund to be used for oversight of the Fund, public outreach and education, and technical assistance and best practice education for grantees; requiring the Executive Director of the Maryland Violence Intervention and Prevention Advisory Council to oversee certain evaluations; etc.

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020

PS, §§ 4-901 through 4-905 - amended and § 4-907 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings and Budget and Taxation

**SB 709**     **Senator Carter****VEHICLE LAWS – CANCELED, REVOKED, AND SUSPENDED DRIVER’S LICENSES – PENALTIES**

Altering the penalties for a person who displays a canceled, revoked, or suspended driver’s license, and for a person who violates the prohibition against driving a motor vehicle while the person’s driver’s license or privilege to drive is suspended for failure to satisfy a motor vehicle judgment, to a fine not exceeding \$500 and an assessment of 3 points; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

TR, §§ 16-301(r)(3), 16-303(h) and (k), and 16-402(a)(16) and (36) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 710 Senator Bailey****HEALTH – GENERAL – PRESCRIPTION DRUG MONITORING PROGRAM – COUNTY HEALTH OFFICER**

Requiring the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program, in accordance with regulations adopted by the Secretary of Health, to disclose prescription monitoring data to a local health department or a local health officer for the purpose of evaluating the distribution or abuse of a monitored prescription drug; and authorizing the Program to request the technical advisory committee to review the request and provide certain guidance and interpretation before disclosing information under a certain provision of this Act.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

HG, § 21-2A-06(b) and (e) - amended

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 711 Senator Bailey****AQUACULTURE – WATER COLUMN LEASES – CONFLICT RESOLUTION**

Requiring the Department of Natural Resources to consider conflict resolution between shoreline property owners and water column aquaculture lease applicants before issuing the lease.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2020

NR, § 4-11A-08 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 712 Senators Carter and Lam****MARYLAND ELECTRONIC COURTS – ELECTRONIC FILING – SEALING OF DOCUMENTS**

Authorizing an individual who files a document using the system of electronic filing and case management established by the Court of Appeals to request that the document be sealed in a certain manner; requiring the clerk to temporarily seal a certain document pending a determination by the court if the document should be sealed or for a certain period of time; requiring the court to issue a certain order under certain circumstances; and requiring the clerk to make a certain document available to the public under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

CJ, § 6-412 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 713**     **Senator Carter, et al****OPPORTUNITY ZONE ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM – ELIGIBILITY – LEAD-BASED PAINT AFFECTED PROPERTIES**

Altering the information required to be provided to the Department of Commerce in order to qualify for certain tax credit enhancements under the Opportunity Zone Enhancement Program to include, with respect to certain qualified opportunity zone business property, a detailed plan for the performance of certain lead hazard reduction activities; applying the Act to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2019; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020

EC, § 6-1001 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 714**     **Senator Carter, et al****BALTIMORE CITY – ORPHANS’ COURT JUDGES – COMPENSATION**

Authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City to determine the salary of the judges of the Orphans’ Court for Baltimore City; authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City to determine the pension of the judges of the Orphans’ Court for Baltimore City; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

ET, § 2-108(d) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 715**     **Senator Guzzone, et al****HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT CREDIT PROGRAM**

Establishing the Affordable Housing Development Credit Program within the Division of Development Finance of the Department of Housing and Community Development to provide certain owners of certain low-income housing projects certain tax credits for a certain number of years; authorizing an owner or a developer of a low-income housing project to submit a certain application to the Department to enroll in the Program on or after July 1, 2020, but before July 1, 2023; etc.

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020

HS, §§ 4-2701 through 4-2708, IN, §§ 6-105.3 and 6-303.1, and TG, §§ 8-222, 8-418, and 10-751 - added and TG, § 10-749(b) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

**SB 716**     **Senator Augustine, et al**MARYLAND COUNCIL ON HEALTH IN ALL POLICIES –  
ESTABLISHMENT

Establishing the Maryland Council on Health in All Policies to employ a health in all policies framework, a public health framework through which public and private policy makers and stakeholders use a collaborative approach to improve health outcomes and reduce health inequities in the State; providing, to the extent practicable, Council members are to reflect the geographic, racial, ethnic, cultural, and gender diversity of the State; requiring the Council to submit a report by December 1 each year on the Council’s activities; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

HG, §§ 13-4101 through 13-4106 - added

Assigned to: Finance and Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 717**     **Senator Griffith, et al**EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT – INDIVIDUALS WITHOUT  
QUALIFYING CHILDREN – ELIGIBILITY

Expanding the eligibility of the Maryland earned income tax credit to allow certain individuals without qualifying children to claim the credit; providing that the amount of the credit that may be claimed by certain individuals is adjusted for inflation each year; and applying the Act to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2019.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020

TG, § 10-704 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

**SB 718**     **Senator Griffith, et al**INCOME TAX – FILM PRODUCTION ACTIVITY TAX CREDIT –  
ALTERATIONS

Altering the definition of “total direct costs” to include certain compensation for writers, directors, or producers; increasing to \$20,000,000 the maximum amount of tax credits that the Secretary of Commerce may issue in a fiscal year; and applying the Act to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2019.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020

TG, § 10-730(a)(9) and (f)(1) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

**SB 719**     **Senator Griffith, et al****EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT – INDIVIDUALS WITHOUT QUALIFYING CHILDREN – CALCULATION AND REFUNDABILITY**

Altering the calculation of the Maryland earned income tax credit to allow certain individuals without qualifying children to claim an increased credit; allowing certain individuals to claim a refund of the credit; applying the Act to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2019; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020

TG, § 10-704 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

**SB 720**     **Senator Hester, et al****REGULATIONS AFFECTING SMALL BUSINESSES – CERTIFICATION OF COMPARABLE LOCAL REGULATION**

Requiring a certain unit of State government proposing a regulation affecting small businesses to include a certain certification stating whether a certain comparable regulation has been adopted by a unit of local government in a certain economic impact analysis rating and a certain economic impact analysis; and authorizing a certain unit of State government to include a statement that compliance with the local regulation will constitute compliance with a proposed regulation under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

SG, § 2-1505.2(d) and (e) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 721**     **Senator Hester, et al****EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT – CHIEF RESILIENCE OFFICER – APPOINTMENT AND DUTIES**

Requiring the Director of the Maryland Emergency Management Agency to appoint a Chief Resilience Officer to be responsible for coordinating State and local efforts to build resilience to risks identified in the Maryland Hazard Mitigation Plan; providing that the Chief Resilience Officer serves at the pleasure of the Director; establishing additional duties of the Chief Resilience Officer as identification of funding streams and technical assistance and working with leaders of vulnerable industries; requiring a certain report; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020

PS, § 14-104.1 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs



**SB 722**     **Senator Hester, et al****CLEAN ENERGY LOAN PROGRAM – ENVIRONMENTAL REMEDIATION AND RESILIENCY PROJECTS**

Expanding the purpose of a certain clean energy loan program; providing loans to certain property owners for environmental remediation projects intended to remove environmental or health hazards; providing loans for resiliency projects to increase the capacity of a structure or infrastructure to withstand natural disasters and the effects of climate change; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

LG, §§ 1-1101 and 1-1103 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 723**     **Senators Hester and Jennings****CONSUMER PROTECTION – RIGHT TO REPAIR**

Requiring an original equipment manufacturer to make available, on certain terms, certain materials or updates to an independent repair provider or owner of digital electronic equipment; providing that a violation of certain provisions of the Act is an unfair, abusive, or deceptive trade practice and subject to certain enforcement and penalty provisions; applying the Act prospectively; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

CL, §§ 13-301(14)(xxxii) and 14-4201 through 14-4204 - added and § 13-301(14)(xxxii) and (xxxiii) - amended

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 724**     **Senator Hester****STATE PERSONNEL – INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND CYBERSECURITY QUALIFICATIONS – ESTABLISHED (MARYLAND STATE IT HIRING ACT)**

Requiring the Secretary of Budget and Management, in partnership with the Secretary of Information Technology and the State Chief Information Security Officer, to establish certain minimum qualifications for skilled service and professional service classes of State employees in the information technology and cybersecurity fields; requiring the Secretary of Budget and Management to revise the standards for position selection plans for certain classifications of State employees in certain fields by January 1, 2022; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

SP, § 4-201 - amended

Assigned to: Finance



**SB 725**     **Senator Lam, et al**MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH – PUBLIC HEALTH  
OUTREACH PROGRAMS – COGNITIVE IMPAIRMENT, ALZHEIMER’S  
DISEASE, AND OTHER TYPES OF DEMENTIA

Requiring the Maryland Department of Health, in partnership with the Department of Aging, the Virginia I. Jones Alzheimer’s Disease and Related Disorders Council, and the Alzheimer’s Association, to incorporate certain information regarding cognitive impairment, Alzheimer’s disease, and other types of dementia into relevant public health outreach programs administered by the Maryland Department of Health.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

HG, § 18-110 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 726**     **Senator Lam, et al**EDUCATION – SCHOOL PHYSICAL EXAMINATIONS – PHYSICIAN  
ASSISTANT

Altering the types of health care providers required to complete a physical examination of a student entering the Maryland Public School System for the first time to include a physician assistant.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020

ED, § 7-402 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 727**     **Senator Lam**INSURANCE LAW – APPLICATION TO DIRECT PRIMARY CARE  
AGREEMENTS – EXCLUSION

Defining a “direct primary care agreement” as a written contract in which a primary care provider agrees to provide certain primary care services to a patient for a certain fee and for a certain period of time and that has certain elements; excluding a direct primary care agreement from certain definitions for the purpose of certain provisions of insurance law; and providing that certain provisions of insurance law do not apply to a direct primary care agreement.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

IN, §§ 1-101(l-1), 10-103(b)(9), 11-601(d)(2)(v), 14-101.1, 18-101(f)(3)(iv), and 31-101(g)(6) - added and Various Sections - amended

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 728 Senator Lam****HEALTH FACILITIES – FREESTANDING AMBULATORY CARE FACILITIES – ADMINISTRATION OF ANESTHESIA**

Requiring the Secretary of Health to establish through regulations a provision requiring an ambulatory surgical facility to ensure that a health care practitioner administering anesthesia for a procedure has access to all medical resources necessary to adequately and safely care for the patient, as determined by the practitioner in consultation with the health care provider performing the procedure.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

HG, § 19-3B-03 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 729 Senator Lam****PUBLIC HEALTH – PROHIBITION ON TESTING COSMETICS ON ANIMALS**

Prohibiting a person from conducting or contracting for animal testing in the development of a cosmetic; prohibiting a manufacturer from selling or offering for sale in the State a cosmetic under certain circumstances beginning July 1, 2021; providing that certain provisions of the Act do not apply to certain animal testing; prohibiting a political subdivision from adopting or enforcing provisions of local law relating to animal testing on cosmetics; establishing certain penalties for certain violations of the Act; etc.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2021

HG, § 21-259.2 - added and § 21-1215 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 730 Senator Lam****ENVIRONMENT – SALE AND APPLICATION OF COAL TAR PAVEMENT PRODUCTS – PROHIBITION**

Prohibiting, on or after October 1, 2021, a person from selling or offering for sale coal tar pavement products or from applying coal tar pavement products to a pavement or a similar surface; and establishing a civil penalty not to exceed \$500 for a first offense and not exceeding \$1,000 for a second or subsequent offense for certain violations.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

EN, §§ 9-2301 through 9-2303 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 731**     **Senators Lam and Carter****CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – COMMITTED PERSONS – RELEASE PROCEEDINGS**

Providing that a certain committed person may file exceptions to a certain report of the Office of Administrative Hearings only if that person appeared at a certain release hearing; altering a provision of law to require a court to hold a certain hearing unless all parties that appeared at a certain prior hearing waive the hearing, rather than requiring the court to hold a certain hearing unless a certain committed person and the State’s Attorney waive the hearing; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

CP, §§ 3-116, 3-117, 3-119, 3-121(a) through (d), and 3-122 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 732**     **Senator Lam****HEALTH OCCUPATIONS – ATHLETIC TRAINING – REVISIONS**

Altering the definition of “practice athletic training”; requiring a licensed athletic trainer to practice athletic training in accordance with standards of practice established by certain organizations; repealing certain provisions of law requiring an athletic trainer to practice in a certain setting; altering the information that is required to be included in an evaluation and treatment protocol; repealing certain definitions; and repealing certain obsolete provisions.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

HO, §§ 14-5D-01, 14-5D-05, 14-5D-07(a), 14-5D-10, and 14-5D-11 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 733**     **Senator Lam, et al****PUBLIC HEALTH – CARE OF MEDICALLY FRAGILE INDIVIDUALS (CHANNING’S LAW)**

Requiring the Office of Health Care Quality to establish, by December 31, 2021, a training program and a skills review for nurses who care for medically fragile individuals in the individuals’ homes; defining “medically fragile individual” as a person under 21 who has a complex medical condition requiring professional or parental supervision on a 24-hour basis; requiring, beginning January 1, 2022, a nurse who provides care to a medically fragile individual to complete a certain training program before beginning to provide care; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

HG, §§ 20-2001 through 20-2005 - added

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 734**     **Senator Lam, et al****ELECTRIC VEHICLE RECHARGING EQUIPMENT FOR MULTIFAMILY UNITS ACT**

Providing that certain provisions of a recorded covenant or restriction, a declaration, or the bylaws or rules of a condominium or homeowners association are void and unenforceable if they prohibit or unreasonably restrict the installation or use of electric vehicle recharging equipment; requiring certain owners of electric vehicle recharging equipment to be responsible for certain costs and disclosures; requiring a unit owner or lot owner to obtain certain permits or approval; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

RP, §§ 11-111.4, 11B-111.8, and 14-129 - added and SG, § 9-20B-05(f)(10) and (11) - amended and § 9-20B-05(f)(11) - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings and Finance

**SB 735**     **Senator Lam, et al****CRIMINAL LAW – SODOMY AND UNNATURAL OR PERVERTED SEXUAL PRACTICE – REPEAL**

Repealing the crimes of sodomy and unnatural or perverted sexual practice; clarifying that certain evidence is not admissible as an infamous crime; and providing that a certain conviction may not be expunged under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

CR, §§ 3-321 and 3-322 - repealed, CR, § 3-321 and CP, § 10-105(a-1) - added, and CJ, CR, CP, and FL, Various Sections - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 736**     **Senator Miller****OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL – MANDATED APPROPRIATION**

Requiring the Governor, in each fiscal year, to include in the annual budget bill an appropriation of at least \$2,547,873 to the Office of the Attorney General to fund 25 positions to combat and reduce violent crime in Baltimore City.

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020

SG, § 6-105.1 - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

**SB 737**     **Senator Elfreth****SUSTAINABLE MARYLAND PROGRAM FUND – ESTABLISHMENT**

Establishing the Sustainable Maryland Program Fund to expand and enhance Sustainable Maryland's promotion and support of communities in the State in the effort to realize environmental, economic, and social sustainability; specifying that the Fund may be used for educating communities in the development of strategies to achieve green community certification; requiring, beginning with fiscal year 2022, the Governor to include in the annual budget bill an appropriation of \$750,000 to the Fund; etc.

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020

ED, § 13-105 - 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 and Budget and Taxation

**SB 738**     **Senator Feldman****HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS AND HEALTH BENEFIT PLANS – DISCRIMINATION IN PROVISION OF SERVICES**

Altering the actions with regard to which hospitals and related institutions are prohibited from discriminating against individuals on certain bases; altering the characteristics of an individual on the basis of which hospitals and related institutions are prohibited from discriminating against the individual in certain actions; providing that certain provisions of the Act do not prohibit certain persons from refusing, withholding from, or denying any person services for certain reasons except under certain circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

HG, § 19-355 and SG, § 20-101 - amended and SG, §§ 20-4A-01 through 20-4A-03 - added

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 739**     **Senator Feldman****ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – ADVANCED CLEAN ENERGY AND CLEAN ENERGY INNOVATION INVESTMENTS AND INITIATIVES**

Altering references to the term “clean energy” to be “advanced clean energy” for purposes of certain provisions of law concerning the Maryland Clean Energy Center and the Maryland Energy Innovation Institute; altering certain findings of the General Assembly, the purposes of certain provisions of law concerning the development of clean energy industries in the State, and the purposes, powers, and duties of the Center and Institute to include certain actions supporting clean energy innovation; etc.

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

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

EC, Various Sections - amended, added, & repealed & SG, § 9-20B-05(f)(10) and (11) - amended & § 9-20B-05(f)(11) & (f-4) - added

Assigned to: Finance and Budget and Taxation

**SB 740**     **Senator Feldman****PUBLIC UTILITIES – LOW-INCOME AND MIDDLE-INCOME HOUSING – ENERGY PERFORMANCE TARGETS**

Requiring the Public Service Commission, for the 2021–2023 program cycle, by regulation or order, to the extent that the Commission determines that low-income programs are available, to require the Department of Housing and Community Development to procure or provide for electricity customers energy efficiency and conservation programs and services designed to achieve a target annual incremental gross energy savings of at least 1% per year starting in 2021; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020

PU, § 7-211.1 - added and SG, § 9-20B-05 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 741**     **Senator Feldman**CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY –  
ELECTRIC FACILITIES – STUDY AND PROCEDURES

Requiring the Secretary of Natural Resources to require the Department of Natural Resources, within 60 days of the filing of a certain application with the Public Service Commission, to complete an independent environmental and socioeconomic project assessment report and any other additional required study; requiring the Secretary of Natural Resources and the Secretary of the Environment to forward certain information to the Public Service Commission in accordance with a certain procedural schedule adopted by the Commission; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

NR, § 3-306 and PU, § 7-207 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 742**     **Senator Lee**LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT – FAIR RECRUITMENT AND  
TRANSPARENCY ACT

Providing that an agreement by a foreign worker to waive certain rights is void as contrary to public policy; requiring an individual to be licensed by the Commissioner of Labor and Industry before the individual may perform a foreign labor contracting service in the State for consideration; providing that a certain license authorizes the licensee to perform foreign labor contracting services for consideration; establishing a Workgroup to Study the International Exchange Visitor Workers in Maryland; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020

LE, Various Sections - amended and §§ 7-312.1, 7-401.1, 7-401.2, 7-401.3, and 7-508 - added

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 743 Senator Lee****ADOPTION – ACCESS TO BIRTH AND ADOPTION RECORDS AND SEARCH, CONTACT, AND REUNION SERVICES**

Repealing certain provisions of law specifying that certain provisions of law apply only to adoptions in which a juvenile court enters an order for adoption on or after January 1, 2000; altering, from 21 to 18, the age at which an adoptee, or biological parent if the adoptee is at least a certain age, may apply for a copy of certain birth and adoptions records; requiring the Director of Social Services to develop and make available a certain contact preference form; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

FL, Various Sections and HG, § 4-211(g) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 744 Senators Hough and Young****FREDERICK COUNTY – BOARD OF EDUCATION – COMPENSATION**

Increasing the amount of annual compensation of the president of the Frederick County Board of Education, from \$11,000 to \$15,000, and of the other voting members, from \$10,000 to \$14,000, beginning with the commencement on December 6, 2022, of the term of office of members of the county board elected in the general election of 2022.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020

ED, § 3-5B-03 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 745 Senator Hough****CRIMINAL ORGANIZATIONS – PENALTIES, PROCEDURE, AND ELEMENTS**

Replacing the term “gang” as it pertains to certain prohibitions against participation in a criminal gang with the term “organization”; requiring certain local jurisdictions to use certain divested assets for certain purposes under certain circumstances; providing that in a certain prosecution, a defendant may be found to have been a member of or belonged to a criminal organization only under certain circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

CS, CR, ED, and RP, Various Sections - amended and CR, § 9-808 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings



**SB 746**     **Senator Beidle, et al**

## STATE FIRE MARSHAL – SPRINKLER SYSTEMS ENFORCEMENT

Requiring the State Fire Marshal to enforce any requirements relating to the installation of automatic sprinkler systems in new one- and two-family dwellings.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

PS, § 6-305(a) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 747**     **The President (By Request – Department of Legislative Services)**

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – MARYLAND TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION – REVISION

Revising, restating, and recodifying the laws of the State relating to the Maryland Technology Development Corporation; making certain technical and stylistic changes; providing for the construction of the Act; authorizing the publisher of the Annotated Code to make certain corrections in a certain manner; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

EC, Various Sections - amended

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 748**     **The President (By Request – Department of Legislative Services)**

## ANNUAL CURATIVE BILL

Generally curing previous Acts of the General Assembly with possible title defects.

EMERGENCY BILL

Assigned to: Senate Rules

**SB 749 The President (By Request – Department of Legislative Services)****ANNUAL CORRECTIVE BILL**

Correcting certain errors or omissions in certain articles of the Annotated Code and in certain uncodified laws; clarifying language; correcting certain obsolete references; reorganizing certain sections of the Annotated Code; ratifying certain corrections made by the publishers of the Annotated Code; providing that the Act is not intended to affect any law other than to correct technical errors; providing for the correction of certain errors and obsolete provisions by the publishers of the Annotated Code; etc.

**EMERGENCY BILL**

Various Sections of Various Articles - added, amended, and repealed

Assigned to: Senate Rules

**SB 750 Senator Cassilly****LOW SPEED ELECTRIC VEHICLES – USE BY MUNICIPALITIES**

Establishing an exception under certain circumstances for low speed electric vehicles to the vehicle registration requirement; authorizing the Motor Vehicle Administration to issue a permit to a municipality that authorizes the municipality to operate on a highway up to four low speed electric vehicles; authorizing a municipality to apply for a permit; requiring a permit applicant to state certain information; establishing certain operating requirements for a municipal low speed electric vehicle; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2020

TR, §§ 11-130.1, 13-402(c)(15), 21-104.5, and 24-113.4 - added and § 13-402(c)(13) and (14) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SENATE JOINT RESOLUTIONS INTRODUCED February 3, 2020****SJ 4 Senator Bailey, et al****RECOGNITION OF MARYLAND LICENSE SUSPENSIONS AND REVOCATIONS BY THE POTOMAC RIVER FISHERIES COMMISSION**

Requesting the Potomac River Fisheries Commission to take action, consistent with the Interstate Wildlife Violator Compact, to prohibit a person from participating in a fishery under the Commission's jurisdiction if the person's license to catch, sell, buy, process, transport, export, or otherwise deal in fish in Maryland has been suspended or revoked.

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SJ 5****Senator Kelley, et al**

CONGRESSIONAL ACTION – SURPRISE BILLING – AIR AMBULANCE

Urging the U.S. Congress to pass legislation that prohibits the balance billing of consumers by certain air ambulances.

Assigned to: Finance

**SENATE BILLS REASSIGNED January 31, 2020****SB 529****Senator Feldman**

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION – ELECTRIC COMPANIES AND ELECTRIC COOPERATIVES – CUSTOMER IDENTIFICATION

Requiring the Public Service Commission to adopt regulations requiring electric companies and electric cooperatives to adopt a method for an electricity supplier enrolling a certain customer to provide certain information to adequately identify the customer without using the customer's account number; requiring the regulations to require that a certain customer enrolling with an electricity supplier may offer certain information as proof of identity under certain circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

PU, § 7-311 - added

Reassigned to: Finance

**SB 546****Senator Young**

PUBLIC SAFETY – RESIDENTIAL ELEVATORS – INSPECTIONS

Establishing that, beginning January 1, 2021, a certain elevator installed in a certain residential dwelling is subject to provisions of law requiring certain inspections; requiring certain inspections at certain times; exempting a certain elevator from a certain requirement; and requiring the installation of a life screen barrier by a certified elevator contractor.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

PS, § 12-804 - amended and § 12-804.1 - added

Reassigned to: Finance