



# SYNOPSIS

Senate Bills and Joint Resolutions  
2020 Maryland General Assembly Session

**January 13, 2020**  
**Schedule 5**

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**PLEASE NOTE:** January 17 – Bill request deadline.  
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.

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## **SENATE BILLS INTRODUCED January 13, 2020**

### **SB 156** Senator Cassilly, et al

#### HANDGUN QUALIFICATION LICENSE – TRAINING REQUIREMENT – EXEMPTION

Exempting an applicant for a handgun qualification license from the requirement to complete a firearms safety training course if the applicant is a certain retired law enforcement officer or a certain active or retired correctional officer, sheriff, or deputy sheriff who has successfully completed an initial correctional officer, sheriff, or deputy sheriff firearms training course approved by the Secretary of State Police.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

PS, § 5-117.1(e) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

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**SB 157 Senator Cassilly****EMPLOYERS OF EX-OFFENDERS – LIABILITY – IMMUNITY**

Establishing that employers are not liable, under circumstances related to completion of probation and type of work, for negligently hiring or failing to adequately supervise an employee based on evidence that the employee has received probation before judgment for an offense or has been convicted of an offense; providing that the Act does not limit or abrogate other immunities or defenses; providing for the prospective application of the Act; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

CJ, § 5-427 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 158 Senator Cassilly****LODGING ESTABLISHMENTS – ACCESSIBLE ROOMS FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES – BED HEIGHT**

Requiring each room accessible for individuals with disabilities in a lodging establishment to be furnished with a bed of at least a certain height; and defining the term “accessible room” to mean a room in a lodging establishment that is in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act Accessibility Guidelines for Buildings and Facilities.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

BR, § 15-208 - added

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 159 Senator Hayes, et al****BALTIMORE CITY COMMUNITY COLLEGE – PROCUREMENT AUTHORITY**

Exempting Baltimore City Community College from certain provisions of the State procurement law; requiring the Board of Trustees of the College, subject to review and approval by the Board of Public Works and the Joint Committee on Administrative, Executive, and Legislative Review, to develop certain policies and procedures governing procurement; requiring the Board of Trustees to develop an information technology plan that meets certain requirements; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020

ED, § 16-505.3 - added and SF, §§ 3A-302, 3A-402, 4-401(d), 4-402(a), 4-406(a), 11-203(e), and 12-202 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 160**     **Senators Kagan and Reilly**

## FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS – SECURITY QUESTIONS AND MEASURES

Requiring a financial institution that requires a customer to provide an answer to a security question for a certain purpose to allow a customer to choose from at least two options for each required security question; and prohibiting a financial institution from using a customer's mother's maiden name as a means of safeguarding access to the customer's account.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

FI, § 1-212 - added

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 161**     **Senator Elfreth, et al**

## CRIMES – HATE CRIMES – USE OF AN ITEM OR A SYMBOL TO THREATEN OR INTIMIDATE

Prohibiting a person from placing or inscribing an item or a symbol, including an actual or depicted noose or swastika, whether temporary or permanent, on any real or personal property, public or private, without the express permission of the owner, owner's agent, or lawful occupant of the property, with the intent to threaten or intimidate any person or group of persons; and establishing that a penalty of imprisonment not exceeding 3 years or a fine not exceeding \$5,000 or both applies to a violation of the Act.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

CR, § 10-305.1 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 162**     **Senator Elfreth, et al**

## ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – NATURAL RESOURCES – FISHING WITH A HAUL SEINE

Repealing certain provisions of law that restrict the length of a haul seine that a person may use in certain waters of Anne Arundel County; and authorizing a person to use a haul seine to fish in the waters of Anne Arundel County except under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

NR, § 4-714 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 163**     **Senator Elfreth, et al**

## ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – BOARD MEETINGS

Requiring the Board of License Commissioners for Anne Arundel County to publish a meeting agenda not less than 1 week before a meeting; requiring the Board to broadcast via live stream every open meeting online; and altering the timing requirement for publication of meeting minutes to not less than 1 month after a meeting.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

AB, § 11-209 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 164**     **Senator Kelley**

## HOME BUILDER GUARANTY FUND – AWARD LIMITATIONS – REVISIONS

Increasing the total amount of awards, from \$300,000 to \$500,000, the Consumer Protection Division of the Office of the Attorney General is authorized to pay to all claimants for acts or omissions of one registered home builder from the Home Builder Guaranty Fund.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

BR, §§ 4.5-705(e) and 4.5-710 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 165**     **Senator Kelley**

## INSURANCE – INDUSTRY AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION – BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Altering the nominating entity for four board members of the Industry Automobile Insurance Association to reflect the merger of the American Insurance Association and the Property Casualty Insurers Association of America into the American Property Casualty Insurers Association.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

IN, § 20-403 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 166**     **Senator Kelley****DRUGS AND DEVICES – ELECTRONIC PRESCRIPTIONS –  
CONTROLLED DANGEROUS SUBSTANCES**

Authorizing certain controlled dangerous substance prescriptions to be dispensed on an electronic prescription; requiring, except under certain circumstances, a certain health practitioner to issue a prescription for a controlled dangerous substance electronically; authorizing an authorized prescriber to issue a written or oral prescription for a controlled dangerous substance only under certain circumstances; authorizing the Secretary of Health to issue certain waivers; etc.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2021

CR, §§ 5-501, 5-504, and 5-701 and HG, § 21-220 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 167**     **Senator Kelley****INSURANCE – CREDIT FOR REINSURANCE MODEL LAW –  
REVISIONS**

Authorizing the Maryland Insurance Commissioner to defer to, rather than use information provided by, the insurance regulatory agency of a state or the National Association of Insurance Commissioners committee process in the certification or rating of an assuming insurer under certain circumstances; requiring that certain credit be allowed when certain reinsurance is ceded to certain assuming insurers that have their head offices or are domiciled in and licensed in a reciprocal jurisdiction; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

IN, §§ 5-901 and 5-910 - amended and § 5-917 - added

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 168**     **Senator Kelley****ELECTRICITY – RENEWABLE ENERGY PORTFOLIO STANDARD –  
QUALIFYING BIOMASS**

Altering the definition of “qualifying biomass” for purposes of excluding energy derived from certain material from being eligible for meeting certain Tier 1 obligations under the renewable energy portfolio standard; providing that existing obligations or contract rights may not be impaired by the Act; and applying the Act to all renewable energy portfolio standard compliance years beginning January 1, 2021, or later.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

PU, § 7-701(1) - amended

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 169**     **Senator West****HEALTH OCCUPATIONS – VIOLATIONS OF THE MARYLAND DENTISTRY ACT – PENALTIES AND CEASE AND DESIST ORDERS**

Authorizing the State Board of Dental Examiners to issue a cease and desist order for certain violations; increasing certain penalties for certain acts related to the unauthorized practice of dentistry or dental hygiene; authorizing the Board to levy a civil fine of not more than \$50,000 for certain violations under certain circumstances; altering from a misdemeanor to a felony certain penalties for violating certain provisions of law related to dental laboratory work or advertising a dental appliance; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

HO, § 4-321 - added and § 4-606 - amended

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

**SB 170**     **Senator West****REAL PROPERTY – GROUND LEASES – PAST DUE GROUND RENT**

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

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

RP, § 8-806 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 171**     **Senator Guzzone****MOTOR CARRIERS AND FOR-HIRE DRIVING SERVICES – NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS AND VOLUNTEER DRIVERS**

Providing that a motor carrier permit is not required for transportation services that a nonprofit organization provides through the use of a volunteer driver and the volunteer driver's personal vehicle; altering the definition of "transportation network services"; and providing that a nonprofit organization that provides transportation for remuneration to clients of certain services may not be required to obtain a motor carrier permit.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

PU, §§ 9-201, 10-101(n), and 10-102 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 172**     **Senator Hester****BAY RESTORATION FUND – AUTHORIZED USES**

Altering the criteria for determining the use of funds in the Bay Restoration Fund for certain purposes in certain fiscal years to include climate resiliency and flood control; and specifying that certain grants to certain local governments may be used for stormwater management measures that include volume or quality control.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020

EN, § 9-1605.2(i)(2) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 173**     **Senator Hester****VEHICLE LAWS – DRIVER’S LICENSES CONFISCATED FOR REAL ID COMPLIANCE – FAILURE TO POSSESS OR DISPLAY**

Establishing an exception to certain requirements that an individual possess or display a driver’s license under certain circumstances if the individual’s license has been confiscated by a law enforcement officer within the previous 90 days for failure to submit certain documents to the Motor Vehicle Administration; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

TR, § 16-112 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 174**     **Senator West****STATE BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS – PRACTICE OF DENTISTRY – REVISIONS**

Requiring a dental practice to be owned by a licensed dentist or a dental professional corporation; establishing that only a certain individual licensed by the State Board of Dental Examiners may take certain actions; prohibiting any person who is not a licensed dentist to direct, control, or interfere with the independent professional judgement of a dentist or dental hygienist regarding the care of a certain patient; prohibiting a licensed dentist from sharing revenues or splitting fees except under certain circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

HO, §§ 4-101(f-1), 4-103, 4-315(a)(36), and 4-509 - added and §§ 4-101(l), 4-102, and 4-315(a)(34) and (35) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 175**     **Senator West****CONDOMINIUMS – RESPONSIBILITY FOR PROPERTY INSURANCE DEDUCTIBLES**

Specifying that the council of unit owners' property insurance deductible is a common expense if the cause of any damage to the condominium originates from an event outside of the condominium units and common elements; increasing, from \$5,000 to \$10,000, the maximum amount of the council of unit owners' property insurance deductible for which a unit owner is responsible; applying the Act to all policies of property and casualty insurance issued, delivered, or renewed in the State to a condominium council of unit owners; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

RP, § 11-114(g) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 176**     **Senators Eckardt and Carozza****WICOMICO COUNTY – LANDLORD AND TENANT – REPOSSESSION FOR FAILURE TO PAY RENT – PROCEDURES**

Authorizing a landlord in Wicomico County to repossess property for failure to pay rent in a certain manner if judgement is given in favor of the landlord; requiring the landlord to provide a written notice to a certain tenant in a certain manner; establishing a certain rebuttable presumption; requiring a sheriff to notify the District Court if the sheriff reasonably believes certain notice has not been provided; applying the Act prospectively; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

RP, § 8-401(d) - amended and § 8-401(d-1) - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 177**     **Senator Waldstreicher****MOTOR VEHICLE ADMINISTRATION – AUTHORITY TO SUSPEND REGISTRATION FOR VIOLATIONS RECORDED BY TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNAL MONITORING SYSTEMS – REPEAL**

Repealing the Motor Vehicle Administration's authority to suspend the registration of a motor vehicle if the owner or driver of the motor vehicle fails to pay the penalty assessed for a certain violation recorded by a traffic control signal monitoring system.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

TR, § 21-202.1(h) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings



**SB 178**     **Senator Hough, et al**VEHICLE LAWS – MANUFACTURERS AND DEALERS –  
ADVERTISEMENTS

Providing that a manufacturer, distributor, or factory branch may not prohibit a dealer from advertising a vehicle for sale or lease at the purchase price or coerce or require a dealer to change the medium for advertisement of the purchase price; defining “purchase price” as the full delivered price of a vehicle, excluding taxes, title fees, and any freight or certain other dealer processing charges; and requiring a contract for the sale of a vehicle by a dealer to contain a certain statement.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

TR, §§ 15-207(a) and (h) and 15-311(a) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 179**     **Senator Hough, et al**FIREARMS – RIGHT TO PURCHASE, POSSESS, AND CARRY – USE OF  
MEDICAL CANNABIS

Providing that a person may not be denied the right to purchase, possess, or carry a firearm solely on the basis that the person is authorized to use medical cannabis.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

PS, § 5-701 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 180**     **Senator Simonaire**ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – NOTICE OF  
LICENSE APPLICATION

Authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Anne Arundel County to fulfill a certain notice requirement by posting online a completed application for an alcoholic beverages license at least 10 days before the application hearing; and altering a certain notice provision to require the applicant for an alcoholic beverages license, rather than the Board, to post a suitable notice at the location described in the application for at least 10 days before the application hearing.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020

AB, § 11-1508 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 181** Senator Carter

BALTIMORE CITY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – CLASS B–D–7  
LICENSE

Clarifying certain provisions on the hours of sale, in Baltimore City, for Class B–D–7 beer, wine, and liquor license holders to include that the hours of sale are 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. in the area bounded by Liberty Heights Avenue, Northern Parkway, Druid Park Drive, and Wabash Avenue; and making conforming changes.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020

AB, §§ 12-905(d), 12-2004(c), and 12-2005(c) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SENATE BILL REASSIGNED January 10, 2020**

**SB 131** Senator Simonaire

STATE HIGHWAYS – COMMERCIAL SIGNS IN RIGHTS–OF–WAY –  
PENALTIES

Increasing the maximum civil penalty applicable to a violation for affixing a commercial sign to a State highway sign, signal, or marker in the State highway right–of–way to \$100 per commercial sign affixed; and clarifying certain language establishing a civil penalty for a violation of the prohibition against placing or maintaining commercial signs in a State highway right–of–way.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

TR, § 8-605 - amended

Reassigned to: Finance