



# SYNOPSIS

Senate Bills and Joint Resolutions  
2020 Maryland General Assembly Session

**January 15, 2020**  
**Schedule 7**

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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 15, 2020**

### **SB 183 Senator Lam**

HEALTH INSURANCE – HEALTH BENEFIT PLANS – SPECIAL ENROLLMENT PERIOD FOR PREGNANCY

Altering, to remove a requirement that a health care practitioner confirms a pregnancy and to add a requirement that the eligible employee or the employee’s spouse or dependent attests to the pregnancy, the circumstances under which certain individuals who become pregnant are eligible for a certain special enrollment period; altering the date on which the special enrollment period for certain individuals who become pregnant begins; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

IN, § 15-1201(j) - repealed and §§ 15-1208.1(c)(5), (e)(2), and (f)(2) and 15-1316(a), (c)(2), (d)(2), (e), and (f)(2) - amended

Assigned to: Finance

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**SB 184**     **Senator Lam, et al**

## UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND, BALTIMORE – STUDY ON THE HEALTH EFFECTS OF AIR TRAFFIC NOISE

Requiring the University of Maryland, Baltimore to study the health effects of air traffic noise on communities near Baltimore/Washington International Thurgood Marshall Airport since the implementation of the Next Generation Air Transportation System; requiring the study to evaluate certain health outcomes, costs, and cost savings; requiring the Governor to provide in the 2022 budget bill an appropriation of at least \$130,000 for the purpose of carrying out study; etc.

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

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 185**     **Senator Jennings**

## BALTIMORE COUNTY – SALES AND USE TAX EXEMPTION – QUALIFIED OPPORTUNITY ZONES

Providing an exemption from the sales and use tax for certain construction material or warehousing equipment purchased solely for use in a qualified opportunity zone in Baltimore County under certain circumstances; requiring a buyer claiming the exemption to provide a vendor evidence of eligibility issued by the Comptroller; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020

TG, § 11-236 - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

**SB 186**     **Senator Kelley**

## LIFE AND HEALTH INSURANCE GUARANTY CORPORATION ACT – REVISIONS

Revising the Life and Health Insurance Guaranty Corporation Act; altering the persons to whom and circumstances under which the Life and Health Insurance Guaranty Corporation is required to provide certain coverage; providing that the Act does not provide coverage to persons who acquire the right to receive certain payments; altering the policies and contracts issued by member insurers that may not be provided coverage under the Act; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

IN, §§ 9-401 through 9-403, 9-405 through 9-407, 9-407.1, 9-408 through 9-412, and 9-414 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 187**     **Senator West****CIVIL ACTIONS – HEALTH CARE MALPRACTICE CLAIMS (LIFE CARE ACT)**

Authorizing an expert witness in a certain health care malpractice claim, suit, or action to testify in the form of an opinion or otherwise under certain circumstances; requiring an expert witness testifying on a certain issue under certain circumstances in a certain health care malpractice claim, suit, or action to meet certain qualifications; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

CJ, § 3-2A-02 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 188**     **Senator Gallion, et al****PUBLIC HEALTH – MISBRANDED FOOD – MEAT PRODUCTS**

Providing that a food is misbranded if it is offered for sale in the State with a label that identifies the product as a meat or a meat product and the product contains animal tissue cultured from animal cells outside the animal from which the tissue is derived or is made from plants or insects.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

HG, § 21-210 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 189**     **Senators Gallion and Bailey****STATE BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICAL EXAMINERS – PRACTICING VETERINARY MEDICINE WITHOUT A LICENSE – CEASE AND DESIST ORDER AND CIVIL PENALTY**

Authorizing, on review and approval of the Secretary of Agriculture or the Secretary's designee, the State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners to issue a cease and desist order and impose a certain civil penalty against a person who practices, attempts to practice, or offers to practice veterinary medicine without a license; specifying that a civil penalty imposed under the Act may not exceed \$5,000 for each violation; requiring the Board to consider certain factors in setting the amount of a civil penalty; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

AG, § 2-313.2 - added

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

**SB 190 The President (By Request – Administration)****BUDGET BILL (FISCAL YEAR 2021)**

Making the proposed appropriations contained in the State Budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021, in accordance with Article III, Section 52 of the Maryland Constitution; etc.

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

**SB 191 The President (By Request – Administration)****CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – MARYLAND CONSOLIDATED CAPITAL BOND LOAN OF 2020, AND THE MARYLAND CONSOLIDATED CAPITAL BOND LOANS OF 2013, 2014, 2016, 2017, AND 2019**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt in the amount of One Billion, One Hundred and Four Million, One Hundred Fourteen Thousand Dollars (\$1,104,114,000), the proceeds to be used for certain necessary building, construction, demolition, planning, renovation, conversion, replacement, and capital equipment purchases of the State, for acquiring certain real estate in connection therewith, and for grants to certain subdivisions and other organizations for certain development and improvement purposes; etc.

**VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES**

Various Chapters of the Acts of Various Years, Various Sections - amended & Chapter 14 of the Acts of 2019, §§ 12, 13, and 14 - repealed

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

**SB 192 The President (By Request – Administration)****BUDGET RECONCILIATION AND FINANCING ACT OF 2020**

Authorizing, altering, or requiring the distribution and payment of certain revenue in certain fiscal years; altering the requirement that the Comptroller provide notice of abandoned property in a certain manner; altering the manner in which the Governor is required to provide certain budget books; repealing and altering certain programs; increasing the amount local governments are required to reimburse the State for certain services; repealing a requirement that the State appropriate money for certain purposes; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

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

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2020

CL, EC, ED, HG, HS, IN, SF, TG, and TP, and Various Chapters, Various Sections - added, amended, and repealed

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

**SB 193 Senator Kagan****PUBLIC INFORMATION ACT – DENIAL OF PART OF A PUBLIC RECORD – INVESTIGATIONS BY INSPECTORS GENERAL**

Authorizing a custodian to deny inspection of records of investigations conducted by or investigatory files compiled by an inspector general whose office is created by State law or the laws of a political subdivision of the State. EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

GP, § 4-351 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 194 Senator Reilly****ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – LIQUOR LICENSES – TRANSFER OF LICENSE**

Authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Anne Arundel County to allow a license holder to transfer an alcoholic beverages license to other premises within the same tax assessment district as the premises for which the license was issued if the premises were substantially destroyed by fire, explosion, or catastrophe, taken by condemnation, or taken by the exercise of the power of eminent domain.

EMERGENCY BILL

AB, § 11-1702 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 195 Senators Feldman and Hershey****AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE – USAGE-BASED INSURANCE – APPLICATION AND NOTICE**

Establishing that the application of a certain insurance program on vehicle operation during the current policy period is not a violation of certain restrictions on classification for private passenger motor vehicle insurance; excluding the application of certain provisions on exclusion of drivers to an insurance program that measures the operation of an insured vehicle during the current policy period; and requiring that a certain notice include certain information for a premium increase due to a certain insurance program.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

IN, §§ 11-318(b), 27-609, and 27-614(c) - amended

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 196**     **Senator Simonaire**

ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – BOARD OF EDUCATION – VOTING

Requiring the affirmative vote of at least six, rather than five, members of the Anne Arundel County Board of Education for the approval of any action by the county board; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

ED, § 3-2A-06 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs