



## MARYLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY DEPARTMENT OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES

### Effective Dates

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## 2021 Chapters – Effective October 1, 2021

### **HB 745**

### **Chapter 43**

#### **Delegate Luedtke**

#### **ELECTION LAW – EARLY VOTING CENTERS**

Altering the number of early voting centers counties are required to establish; clarifying the process by which one additional early voting center may be established in a county in excess of the number of required to be established; and requiring a local board of elections, in determining the location of centers, to take into account the accessibility of centers to historically disenfranchised communities, proximity to dense concentrations of voters, accessibility by public transportation, and equitable distribution of centers in the county.

### **SB 35**

### **Chapter 57**

#### **Senator Feldman**

#### **PROCUREMENT – PREVAILING WAGE – APPLICABILITY**

Altering a certain limitation on the applicability of the Prevailing Wage Law to the construction of a public work for which 25%, rather than 50%, or more of the money used for construction is State money; altering the applicability of the Prevailing Wage Law to public work contracts by reducing the contract threshold amount from \$500,000 to \$250,000; applying the Act only to a public work contract executed on or after October 1, 2021; etc.

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**HB 37**  
**Chapter 58****Delegate Valderrama****PROCUREMENT – PREVAILING WAGE – APPLICABILITY**

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**SB 494**  
**Chapter 61****Senator West, et al****JUVENILES CONVICTED AS ADULTS – SENTENCING – LIMITATIONS AND REDUCTION (JUVENILE RESTORATION ACT)**

Authorizing a court, when sentencing a minor convicted as an adult, to impose a sentence less than a certain minimum term; prohibiting a court from imposing a sentence of life without the possibility of parole or release for a minor; authorizing an individual convicted as an adult for an offense committed as a minor to file a motion to reduce the duration of the sentence; requiring a court to conduct a hearing on a motion to reduce the sentence; requiring notice of the hearing be given to the victim or the victim's representative; etc.

**SB 178**  
**Chapter 62****Senator Carter****MARYLAND POLICE ACCOUNTABILITY ACT OF 2021 – SEARCH WARRANTS AND INSPECTION OF RECORDS RELATING TO POLICE MISCONDUCT (ANTON'S LAW)**

Requiring that an application for a certain no-knock search warrant be approved in writing by a police supervisor and the State's Attorney; requiring a certain no-knock search warrant to be executed between 8:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m., absent exigent circumstances; requiring a certain custodian to allow inspection of certain records by certain persons; providing that a record relating to an administrative or criminal investigation of misconduct by a police officer is not a personnel record for certain purposes; etc.

**HB 790****Chapter 78****Delegate P. Young****PROCUREMENT – OFFICE OF SMALL, MINORITY, AND WOMEN BUSINESS AFFAIRS – SMALL BUSINESS RESERVE PROGRAM AND VETERAN-OWNED SMALL BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PROGRAM**

Providing that the Small Business Reserve Program includes certain veteran-owned small business enterprises that meet certain criteria; requiring the Office of Small, Minority, and Women Business Affairs to adopt regulations to establish a certain overall percentage goal of certain procurement contracts to be made with veteran-owned small business enterprises; requiring certain solicitation documents to include certain information; altering the required contents of a certain annual report; etc.

**SB 598****Chapter 79****Senators Smith and Carozza****PROCUREMENT – OFFICE OF SMALL, MINORITY, AND WOMEN BUSINESS AFFAIRS – SMALL BUSINESS RESERVE PROGRAM AND VETERAN-OWNED SMALL BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PROGRAM**

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**HB 1293****Chapter 80****Delegate Amprey****BALTIMORE CITY – WEST NORTH AVENUE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**

Establishing the West North Avenue Development Authority in Baltimore City to support the development and approval of a comprehensive neighborhood revitalization plan in the target area and the buffer zone; requiring the membership of the Authority to include two members who are residents of communities impacted by the target area or buffer zone; authorizing the Authority to modify the boundaries of the target area and the buffer zone; requiring a report by the Authority on its comprehensive revitalization strategy by October 1, 2023; etc.

**SB 783****Chapter 81****Senator Hayes****BALTIMORE CITY – WEST NORTH AVENUE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**

Establishing the West North Avenue Development Authority in Baltimore City to support the development and approval of a comprehensive neighborhood revitalization plan in the target area and the buffer zone; requiring membership of the Authority to include two members who are residents of communities impacted by the target area or buffer zone; authorizing the Authority to modify the boundaries of the target area and the buffer zone; requiring a report by the Authority on its comprehensive revitalization strategy by October 1, 2023; etc.

**HB 9****Chapter 84****Delegate Shetty****FAMILY LAW – MANDATORY REPORTER TRAINING**

Requiring the Department of Human Services to post on its website a free online course on the identification, prevention, and reporting of child abuse.

**HB 193****Chapter 85****Delegate Guyton****CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – VICTIMS OF CRIME – PRIVATE ROOM**

Requiring the State Board of Victim Services to develop a poster to notify a victim of the right to request a certain private room in a law enforcement agency or unit when reporting a crime, other than homicide, that primarily involves injury to a person; requiring a certain law enforcement agency to display a poster developed by the State Board of Victim Services informing a victim of the right to request a private room; and requiring a certain law enforcement agency to provide a certain private room to a certain victim.

**SB 484****Chapter 86****Senator Hettleman****CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – VICTIMS OF CRIME – PRIVATE ROOM**

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**HB 297****Chapter 92****Delegate Pena–Melnik****MARYLAND LYNCHING TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION COMMISSION – REPORTING AND SUNSET EXTENSION**

Extending the time for the submission of the final report to December 1, 2023, of the Maryland Lynching Truth and Reconciliation Commission and extending the termination date for the Commission to June 30, 2024.

**HB 540****Chapter 93****Delegate Morgan****INTERSTATE OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY LICENSURE COMPACT**

Entering into the Interstate Occupational Therapy Licensure Compact; stating the purpose of the Compact; requiring a state to meet certain requirements to participate in the Compact; establishing certain duties of member states; authorizing a certain state to charge a certain fee for granting a certain compact privilege; requiring certain occupational therapists or occupational therapy assistants to meet certain eligibility requirements to receive certain licensure and exercise a certain privilege; etc.

**Contingency – Subject to the enactment of a similar Act by at least nine other states**

**SB 139****Chapter 94****Senators Carozza and Beidle**

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**SB 86****Chapter 98****Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Labor)**

CORRECTIONAL EDUCATION – CHANGES TO MANDATORY EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

Increasing, from 120 to 240, the number of required days for a certain mandatory education program for correctional institutions in the Division of Correction.

**SB 141****Chapter 99****Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee (By Request – Departmental – Labor)**

STATE BOARD OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTANCY – EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS – OBSOLETE REFERENCES

Updating and correcting obsolete references to certain educational institution accrediting bodies in the Maryland Public Accountancy Act.

**SB 219  
Chapter 100****Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Labor)  
FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS – COMMISSIONER OF FINANCIAL  
REGULATION – MONEY TRANSMISSIONS**

Establishing licensing requirements for certain money transmission locations; altering certain net worth requirements for certain applicants for a license to engage in money transmission; requiring an applicant for a license to engage in money transmission to provide the address of each self-service financial kiosk in a certain application; specifying a \$500 licensing fee that an applicant for a branch location license is required to pay; etc.

**SB 251  
Chapter 101****Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Labor)  
COMMISSIONER OF FINANCIAL REGULATION – LICENSING OF  
NONDEPOSITORY INSTITUTIONS – ELIMINATION OF PAPER  
LICENSE REQUIREMENTS**

Providing for the elimination of certain paper licenses for collection agencies, credit services, lenders, installment lenders, mortgage lenders, mortgage loan originators, sales finance companies, check cashing services, money transmission businesses, and debt management services; providing for the licensing of certain persons for certain activities through the Nationwide Mortgage Licensing System and Registry (NMLS); requiring that certain licenses provided for through NMLS include certain information; etc.

**SB 281  
Chapter 102****Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Labor)  
OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF FINANCIAL REGULATION  
– SUNSET EXTENSION**

Continuing the office of the Commissioner of Financial Regulation in accordance with the provisions of the Maryland Program Evaluation Act (sunset law) by extending to July 1, 2032, the termination provisions relating to the statutory and regulatory authority of the office of the Commissioner of Financial Regulation.

**SB 110**  
**Chapter 103** **Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Maryland Insurance Administration)****PRIVATE PASSENGER MOTOR VEHICLE LIABILITY INSURANCE – NOTICES – ALTERATION OF REQUIREMENTS**

Repealing the requirement that a certain notice required to be sent by an insurer that intends to cancel or fail to renew a policy or binder of private passenger motor vehicle liability insurance or reduce coverage under a policy or private passenger motor vehicle liability insurance be in triplicate; and repealing the requirement that a certain notice required to be sent by an insurer that intends to increase the total premium for a policy of private passenger motor vehicle liability insurance be in duplicate.

**SB 120**  
**Chapter 104** **Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Maryland Insurance Administration)****INSURANCE – CREDIT FOR REINSURANCE MODEL LAW – REVISIONS**

Authorizing the Maryland Insurance Commissioner to adopt certain rules and regulations applicable to certain reinsurance arrangements; limiting the application of the rules and regulations to certain reinsurance; providing that the rules and regulations may require a certain insurer to use the manual adopted by the National Association of Insurance Commissioners for a certain purpose; and prohibiting the regulations from applying to certain cessions to certain assuming insurers.

**SB 226**  
**Chapter 105** **Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Maryland Insurance Administration)****MARYLAND INSURANCE ADMINISTRATION – DELIVERY OF NOTICES AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS BY ELECTRONIC MEANS**

Authorizing the Maryland Insurance Commissioner to send certain notices and communications by electronic means under certain circumstances; authorizing, under certain circumstances, a certain person to send to the Commissioner certain notices and communications by electronic means approved by the Commissioner; prohibiting the Commissioner from requiring a person who is not licensed, certified, or otherwise regulated by the Commissioner to send certain notices and communications by electronic means to the Commissioner; etc.

**SB 181** **Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request – Departmental – Assessments and Taxation)**  
**Chapter 106**

**CORPORATIONS AND ASSOCIATIONS – TRADE NAME CERTIFICATES – REQUIREMENTS**

Requiring that a certain certificate filed with the State Department of Assessments and Taxation disclose an identification number assigned by the Department for the business associated with the certificate.

**SB 320** **Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request – Departmental – Assessments and Taxation)**  
**Chapter 107**

**FOREIGN CORPORATIONS – RESIDENT AGENTS – STATE DEPARTMENT OF ASSESSMENTS AND TAXATION**

Authorizing a foreign corporation to certify that the State Department of Assessments and Taxation is the corporation's resident agent when registering or qualifying with the Department; and authorizing the Department to act as a resident agent for a foreign corporation that does business in the State without a resident agent or with a resident agent who cannot be found or served with the exercise of reasonable diligence.

**HB 738** **Chair, Ways and Means Committee (By Request – Departmental – State Board of Elections)**  
**Chapter 117**

**ELECTION LAW – CERTIFICATES OF CANDIDACY AND BALLOT QUESTIONS – REVISIONS**

Altering the deadlines by which a certificate of candidacy for a successor candidate for Governor or Lieutenant Governor must be filed under certain circumstances; altering the day by which a certain statement regarding certain statewide questions to appear on a ballot is required to be submitted to the State Board of Elections; authorizing an individual to receive a copy of the complete text of all constitutional amendments and questions electronically; etc.

**SB 291** **Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request – Departmental – Transportation)**  
**Chapter 118****MOTOR VEHICLE OFFENSES – FOLLOWING TOO CLOSELY – UNIFIED TRUCK TRAVEL**

Establishing that certain motor vehicle offenses related to following too closely do not apply to a group of individual trucks that are traveling in a unified manner with electronically coordinated speed and braking systems and are being operated in a certain manner; and requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration to adopt certain regulations governing truck travel in a unified manner.

**SB 352** **Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee (By Request – Departmental – Agriculture)**  
**Chapter 121****AGRICULTURE – MULTIFLORA ROSE MANAGEMENT – REPEAL**

Repealing provisions of law declaring that the existence of multiflora rose may be a certain nuisance on land used for agricultural production; repealing provisions of law requiring a person who owns land where multiflora rose is grown to maintain the land in a certain manner; repealing provisions of law requiring the Secretary of Agriculture to make a certain investigation under certain circumstances; repealing provisions of law requiring the Secretary to provide certain notice of a certain violation; etc.

**SB 109** **Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request – Departmental – Secretary of State)**  
**Chapter 124****SECRETARY OF STATE – ADDRESS CONFIDENTIALITY PROGRAMS – MERGER OF PROGRAMS AND EXPANDED PARTICIPANT ELIGIBILITY**

Merging the Address Confidentiality Program and the Human Trafficking Address Confidentiality Program into a single Address Confidentiality Program administered by the Secretary of State; expanding certain eligibility requirements for the Address Confidentiality Program to include certain individuals; repealing the requirement that a request by a Program participant to withdraw from the Address Confidentiality Program be notarized; etc.

**SB 132** **Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request – Departmental – Secretary of State)**  
**Chapter 125**

INSPECTION OF PUBLIC RECORDS – NOTARIES PUBLIC – DISCLOSURE OF HOME ADDRESS AND PHONE NUMBER

Providing that a custodian of a public record is required to disclose the home address or home telephone number of a notary public only if the custodian has not been provided with the business address or business telephone number of the notary public.

**SB 118** **Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request – Departmental – Public Safety and Correctional Services)**  
**Chapter 127**

CORRECTIONAL SERVICES – WARRANT APPREHENSION UNIT – TRANSFER

Transferring the Warrant Apprehension Unit of the Division of Parole and Probation in the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services to the Intelligence and Investigative Division in the Department.

**SB 267** **Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request – Departmental – Human Services)**  
**Chapter 129**

FAMILY LAW – INVESTIGATION OF SUSPECTED CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT – PRELIMINARY REPORT TO STATE'S ATTORNEY

Repealing a requirement that a local department of social services or law enforcement agency provide a local State's Attorney with a report of the preliminary findings of an investigation of suspected child abuse or neglect within 10 days after receiving notice of suspected child abuse or neglect.

**SB 600****Chapter 132****Senator Smith****MARYLAND POLICE ACCOUNTABILITY ACT OF 2021 – SURPLUS MILITARY EQUIPMENT AND INVESTIGATION OF DEATHS CAUSED BY POLICE OFFICERS**

Prohibiting a law enforcement agency from receiving certain equipment from a program operated by the federal government for the transfer of surplus military equipment; requiring a law enforcement agency to notify the Independent Investigative Unit in the Office of the Attorney General of an alleged or potential police-involved death of a civilian by a certain time; establishing the Independent Investigative Unit in the Office of the Attorney General to investigate alleged or potential police-involved deaths of civilians; etc.

**HB 605****Chapter 136****Delegate Kipke****VETERANS – BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES – MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID**

Requiring that the behavioral health services for which the Maryland Department of Health provides service coordination for veterans under certain provisions of law include mental health first aid; requiring that mental health first aid consist of training for veterans and the immediate family members of veterans on how to identify and respond to signs of mental illness and substance use disorders; requiring entities teaching a mental health first aid course to report certain information to the Department; etc.

**SB 164****Chapter 137****Senator Simonaire****VETERANS – BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES – MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID**

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**HB 1347****Chapter 143****Delegate Barve****REAL PROPERTY – IMPERMISSIBLE RESTRICTIONS ON USE –  
PORTABLE BASKETBALL APPARATUSES**

Prohibiting a certain restriction on use regarding land from imposing unreasonable limitations on the location and use of a portable basketball apparatus provided that the property owner owns or has the right to exclusive use of the area in which placement and use of the portable basketball apparatus is to occur; exempting a certain restriction on use regarding certain historic property from the applicability of the Act; etc.

**SB 17****Chapter 144****Senators Carozza and West****CRIMINAL LAW – LIFE-THREATENING INJURY INVOLVING A  
MOTOR VEHICLE OR VESSEL – CRIMINAL NEGLIGENCE  
(WADE'S LAW)**

Prohibiting a person from causing a life-threatening injury to another as a result of the person's driving, operating, or controlling a motor vehicle or vessel in a criminally negligent manner; exempting certain conduct that results in a life-threatening injury to another; and establishing a penalty of imprisonment not exceeding 1 year or a fine not exceeding \$5,000 or both for a violation of the Act.

**HB 425****Chapter 145****Delegate Barron****CRIMINAL LAW – CRIMES INVOLVING COMPUTERS**

Prohibiting a person from committing a certain prohibited act with the intent to interrupt or impair the functioning of a health care facility or a public school; prohibiting a person from knowingly possessing certain ransomware with the intent to use the ransomware for purposes of introduction into a computer, network, or system of another person; providing a penalty for violation of the Act of 2 years of imprisonment and up to a \$5,000 fine or both; authorizing a victim of a certain offense to bring a civil action for damages; etc.

**SB 623****Chapter 146****Senator Lee****CRIMINAL LAW – CRIMES INVOLVING COMPUTERS**

Prohibiting a person from committing a certain prohibited act with the intent to interrupt or impair the functioning of a health care facility or a public school; prohibiting a person from knowingly possessing ransomware with the intent to use the ransomware for the purpose of introduction into the computer, computer network, or computer system of another person without authorization; authorizing a victim of a certain offense to bring a civil action for damages against a certain person; etc.

**HB 881****Chapter 155****Delegate Valentino-Smith****MENTAL HEALTH FACILITIES – SEXUAL ABUSE AND HARASSMENT – REPORTING AND PREVENTION**

Requiring residential treatment facilities to report complaints of sexual abuse and sexual harassment within 24 hours of receiving the complaint to the Behavioral Health Administration, the Office of Health Care Quality, or in the case of a minor, to Child Protective Services; requiring the Office and the Administration to develop and implement a certain reporting system; requiring facilities to develop and implement policies and procedures for responding to complaints of sexual abuse and harassment; etc.

**SB 815****Chapter 156****Senator Klausmeier****MENTAL HEALTH FACILITIES – SEXUAL ABUSE AND HARASSMENT – REPORTING AND PREVENTION**

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**HB 849****Chapter 157****Delegate Rosenberg****PUBLIC HEALTH – MEDICAL RECORDS – FEES**

Prohibiting a health care provider or a representative of the health care provider from charging a fee for providing copies of a medical record requested by a certain person and that will be used for the purpose of filing a claim regarding or appealing a denial of Social Security Disability income or Social Security benefits under Title II or Title XVI of the Social Security Act.

**HB 288****Chapter 158****Delegate Charles****AUDIOLOGY AND SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY  
INTERSTATE COMPACT**

Entering into the Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Interstate Compact; stating the purpose of the Compact; requiring a state to meet certain requirements to participate in the Compact; requiring certain audiologists and speech-language pathologists to meet certain eligibility requirements to exercise the privilege to practice; requiring member states to recognize the right of an audiologist or a speech-language pathologist to practice via telehealth under certain circumstances; etc.

**Contingency – Subject to the enactment of a similar Act by at least nine other states**

**SB 704****Chapter 159****Senator Beidle, et al****NURSING HOMES – TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP – SURVEYS**

Requiring the Maryland Department of Health to conduct a full survey within 3 months after the date of transfer of a licensed nursing home, and an unannounced, on-site follow-up survey within 120 days after the full survey was completed, if the ownership of the nursing home is transferred to a person that does not own or operate another nursing home in the State at the time of the transfer.

**HB 674****Chapter 160****Delegate Valentino-Smith****NURSING HOMES – TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP – SURVEYS**

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**SB 13****Chapter 161****Senator Eckardt****CERTIFIED NURSING ASSISTANTS – CERTIFICATE RENEWAL – TRAINING PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS**

Altering the circumstances under which a certified nursing assistant may renew the certificate to allow the nursing assistant to provide, under certain circumstances, certain evidence of completion of a certain nursing assistant training program or a certain refresher training program as required in certain regulations adopted by the State Board of Nursing; and requiring the Board to adopt certain regulations.

**HB 429****Chapter 162****Delegate Shetty****PHARMACISTS – REQUIRED NOTIFICATION AND AUTHORIZED SUBSTITUTION – LOWER-COST DRUG OR DEVICE PRODUCT**

Requiring a pharmacist, or the pharmacist's designee who is under certain supervision, to inform a consumer of the availability of a therapeutically equivalent brand name drug that is the lowest cost alternative to the originally prescribed drug or device and the cost difference between the equivalent drug or device and the prescribed drug; requiring a pharmacist to provide written notice, or to maintain a record that indicates a patient was notified in writing or orally, that the generic product is equivalent to the brand name product; etc.

**SB 537****Chapter 163****Senator Hershey****PHARMACISTS – REQUIRED NOTIFICATION AND AUTHORIZED SUBSTITUTION – LOWER–COST DRUG OR DEVICE PRODUCT**

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**HB 1007****Chapter 164****Delegate Charkoudian****RENEWABLE ENERGY PORTFOLIO STANDARD AND GEOTHERMAL HEATING AND COOLING SYSTEMS**

Altering the renewable energy portfolio standard in certain years to require a certain percentage of energy from Tier 1 renewable sources each year to be derived from certain geothermal heating and cooling systems; requiring a certain percentage of energy required to be derived from certain geothermal heating and cooling systems to be from systems installed on certain property; altering the methods for calculating certain energy savings; providing for the regulation and enforcement of certain requirements by the Department of Labor; etc.

**HB 118****Chapter 165****Delegates Stein and Malone****VEHICLE LAWS – INJURY OR DEATH OF VULNERABLE INDIVIDUAL – PENALTIES**

Prohibiting an individual from causing the serious physical injury or death of a certain vulnerable individual as a result of the individual operating a vehicle in violation of Maryland Vehicle Law; defining “vulnerable individual” as a person acting lawfully including a pedestrian, certain workers and emergency services personnel, an individual walking an animal, or an individual operating certain modes of transport; establishing certain penalties of a fine of up to \$2,000, community service, motor vehicle safety education; etc.

**SB 293****Chapter 166****Senators Waldstreicher and Carozza****VEHICLE LAWS – INJURY OR DEATH OF VULNERABLE INDIVIDUAL – PENALTIES**

Prohibiting an individual from causing the serious physical injury or death of a vulnerable individual as a result of the individual operating a vehicle in violation of the Maryland Vehicle Law; defining “vulnerable individual” as a pedestrian lawfully engaged in certain activity, including certain workers and emergency services personnel, an individual lawfully walking an animal, or an individual operating certain modes of transport; establishing penalties of a fine of up to \$2,000, community service, and participation in a safety course; etc.

**HB 800****Chapter 169****Delegate Clark****NATURAL RESOURCES – WATERS OF THE STATE – MOBILE LOCATOR APPLICATION**

Requiring the Department of Natural Resources to develop a mobile locator application for use by an individual while on the waters of the State; providing the purpose of the mobile locator is to use interactive maps so an individual can determine their location, in real time, relative to certain leases, bars, and sanctuaries, and any other areas the Department deems relevant; and authorizing the Department to contract with a third party to develop the mobile locator application.

**HB 842****Chapter 172****Delegate Howard****ELECTRIC COMPANIES – BILLING INFORMATION**

Requiring an electric company to provide to a retail electricity customer on request the historic usage and billing information for not less than the preceding 12 months; and providing that the electric company must make the information available, as requested by the customer, either on the company’s website, electronically to the customer in a PDF format, or sent to the customer’s billing address.

**SB 856****Chapter 173****Senator Hershey****ELECTRIC COMPANIES – BILLING INFORMATION**

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**HB 376****Chapter 174****Delegate Mautz****RENEWABLE ENERGY PORTFOLIO STANDARD – MUNICIPAL ELECTRIC UTILITIES**

Setting the renewable energy portfolio standard for municipal electric utilities for 2021 and later.

**SB 153****Chapter 175****Senator Eckardt, et al****RENEWABLE ENERGY PORTFOLIO STANDARD – MUNICIPAL ELECTRIC UTILITIES**

Setting the renewable energy portfolio standard for municipal electric utilities for 2021 and later.

**SB 681****Chapter 176****Senator Ready****MOTOR VEHICLES – INSPECTION CERTIFICATES – EXCEPTION**

Exempting the transfer of a used vehicle from a business entity to a majority owner of the business entity from the requirement to obtain a motor vehicle safety inspection certificate if the vehicle is primarily driven by the majority owner of the business entity and the business entity has been dissolved or is in the process of dissolution.

**SB 350** **Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee (By Request – Departmental – Natural Resources)**  
**Chapter 177****NATURAL RESOURCES – AQUACULTURE – LEASES**

Repealing the authority of the Department of Natural Resources to establish Aquaculture Enterprise Zones and issue leases within those zones for shellfish aquaculture; authorizing the Department to issue enterprise leases under certain circumstances for the cultivation of native or naturalized species of aquatic plants; prohibiting the Department from issuing an enterprise lease for the cultivation of nonnative species; requiring an applicant for a lease to pay an application fee; establishing a maximum lease term of 5 years; etc.

**HB 234** **Delegate Williams****Chapter 178****CRIMINAL LAW – HARM TO SERVICE ANIMALS**

Prohibiting a person from willfully and maliciously killing, injuring, or interfering with the use of a certain service animal in a certain manner, or allowing a certain animal to kill, injure, or interfere with the use of a certain service animal in a certain manner; establishing penalties for a violation of the Act of up to 2 years imprisonment or a fine of up to \$2,500, or both; and authorizing a court to order a certain defendant to pay full restitution for all damages arising out of the offense as a condition of sentencing.

**SB 607** **Senator Jackson****Chapter 179****CRIMINAL LAW – HARM TO SERVICE ANIMALS**

Prohibiting a person from willfully and maliciously killing, injuring, or interfering with the use of a certain service animal, or willfully and maliciously allowing a certain animal to kill, injure, or interfere with the use of a certain service animal; establishing penalties for a violation of certain provisions of the Act of imprisonment of up to 2 years or a fine of up to \$2,500, or both; authorizing a court to order a certain defendant to pay certain restitution as a condition of sentencing; etc.

**SB 639****Chapter 180****Senator Augustine, et al****MARYLAND TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION – INCLUSION FUND – ESTABLISHMENT**

Establishing the Inclusion Fund in the Maryland Technology Development Corporation as a special, nonlapsing fund to provide capital investment in certain technology-based businesses; requiring the Corporation to administer the Fund; requiring the State Treasurer to hold the Fund, and the Comptroller to account for the Fund; specifying the contents of the Fund; specifying the purpose for which the Fund may be used; providing for the investment of money in and expenditures from the Fund; etc.

**HB 186****Chapter 181****Delegate Malone****COURTS – COURT DOG PROGRAM – VETERANS TREATMENT COURTS**

Renaming the Court Dog and Child Witness Program to be the Court Dog Program; expanding the application of the Program to veterans participating in a court-supervised, comprehensive, and voluntary treatment-based program; establishing that the Program shall be in the circuit court of each county that participates in the Program and in the District Court of each county that participates in the Program under certain circumstances; altering the purpose of the Program; etc.

**SB 7****Chapter 182****Senator Simonaire, et al****COURTS – COURT DOG PROGRAM – VETERANS TREATMENT COURTS**

Renaming the Court Dog and Child Witness Program to be the Court Dog Program; expanding the application of the Program to veterans who are participating in a court-supervised, comprehensive, and voluntary treatment-based program; establishing that the Program shall be in the circuit court of each county that participates in the Program and in the District Court of each county that participates in the Program under certain circumstances; altering the purpose of the Program; etc.

**HB 277****Chapter 183****Delegate Atterbeary****CRIMINAL LAW – FIRST-DEGREE CHILD ABUSE – CONTINUING COURSE OF CONDUCT**

Establishing as first-degree child abuse three or more acts that constitute second-degree child abuse committed as a continuing course of conduct; and applying certain penalties.

**SB 505****Chapter 184****Senator Hettleman****CRIMINAL LAW – FIRST-DEGREE CHILD ABUSE – CONTINUING COURSE OF CONDUCT**

Establishing as first-degree child abuse three or more acts that constitute second-degree child abuse committed as a continuing course of conduct; and applying certain penalties.

**HB 646****Chapter 185****Delegate Valentino-Smith****CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT – MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH MILITARY FAMILY ADVOCACY PROGRAM**

Requiring a local department of social services with a military installation in its jurisdiction to enter into a memorandum of understanding with the Military Family Advocacy Program for that installation; and establishing certain requirements for a memorandum of understanding under the Act.

**SB 369****Chapter 186****Senator Peters****CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT – MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH MILITARY FAMILY ADVOCACY PROGRAM**

Requiring a local department of social services with a military installation in its jurisdiction to enter into a memorandum of understanding with the Military Family Advocacy Program for that installation; and establishing certain requirements for a memorandum of understanding under the Act.

**SB 609****Chapter 190****Senators Augustine and Hayes****ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – MARYLAND INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT FINANCING AUTHORITY – MARKETING PLAN**

Requiring the Maryland Industrial Development Financing Authority to work to increase the utilization of certain programs and funds to assist minority and women-owned businesses and consider incentives to encourage the use of certain credit insurance programs; requiring the Authority to develop and implement a certain marketing plan; and requiring the marketing plan implemented in accordance with the Act to identify methods to increase the utilization of certain credit insurance services by certain financial entities.

**HB 1317****Chapter 194****Delegate Smith****BARBERS – EMPLOYMENT OF APPRENTICE BARBERS – ALTERATIONS**

Increasing, from 1 to 3, the maximum number of apprentice barbers per master barber that a barber shop may employ at the same time; and repealing a limit on the total number of apprentice barbers that a barbershop may employ at the same time.

**HB 85****Chapter 199****Delegate Bhandari****BALTIMORE COUNTY – WORKERS’ COMPENSATION – PERMANENT PARTIAL DISABILITY – DETENTION AND CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS**

Providing for enhanced workers’ compensation benefits for a Baltimore County correctional officer and a Baltimore County detention officer for a compensable permanent partial disability of less than 75 weeks; and providing that the Act applies only prospectively.

**SB 651****Chapter 200****Senator Klausmeier****BALTIMORE COUNTY – WORKERS’ COMPENSATION – PERMANENT PARTIAL DISABILITY – DETENTION AND CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS**

Providing for enhanced workers’ compensation benefits for a Baltimore County correctional officer and a Baltimore County detention officer for a compensable permanent partial disability of less than 75 weeks; and providing that the Act applies only prospectively.

**HB 290****Chapter 201****Delegate Hill, et al****EMPLOYMENT DISCRIMINATION – TIME FOR FILING COMPLAINTS**

Extending from 6 months to 300 days the time periods within which a person claiming to be aggrieved by certain discriminatory acts is required to file a complaint with the Commission on Civil Rights; and providing that a complaint filed with a local human relations commission within certain time periods is deemed to have complied with certain provisions of the Act.

**SB 455****Chapter 202****Senator Sydnor****EMPLOYMENT DISCRIMINATION – TIME FOR FILING COMPLAINTS**

Extending from 6 months to 300 days the time periods within which a person claiming to be aggrieved by certain discriminatory acts is required to file a complaint with the Commission on Civil Rights; and providing that a complaint filed with a local human relations commission within certain time periods is deemed to have complied with certain provisions of the Act.

**HB 257****Chapter 219****Delegate Qi****MARYLAND COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS – EMPLOYMENT DISCRIMINATION – REPORTING**

Requiring the Maryland Commission on Civil Rights to include a review of certain data and recommendations, if any, for policy changes to address discriminatory trends noted in the data in its annual report; requiring certain county offices of civil rights, or other appropriate agencies, to report certain information relating to complaints of employment discrimination to the Commission; making the reporting requirement applicable only in certain counties; etc.

**SB 236****Chapter 220****Senator Hettleman****MARYLAND COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS – EMPLOYMENT DISCRIMINATION – REPORTING**

Requiring the Maryland Commission on Civil Rights to include a review of certain data and recommendations, if any, for policy changes to address discriminatory trends noted in the data in its annual report; requiring certain county offices of civil rights, or other appropriate agencies, to report certain information relating to complaints of employment discrimination to the Commission; making the reporting requirement applicable only in certain counties; etc.

**HB 321****Chapter 223****Delegate Ebersole****PUBLIC BUILDINGS – CHANGING FACILITIES – REQUIREMENTS**

Requiring, except under certain circumstances, that changing facilities suitable for changing the diaper of a child and providing personal care for an adult be installed in certain public restrooms in certain public buildings by October 1, 2022; requiring certain entities to report to 2-1-1 Maryland, Inc., the location of changing facilities when changing facilities are installed; requiring 2-1-1 to maintain a list of changing facilities on its website; requiring the Board of Public Works to adopt certain standards; etc.

**SB 61****Chapter 224****Senator Lam****PUBLIC BUILDINGS – CHANGING FACILITIES – REQUIREMENTS**

Requiring, except under certain circumstances, that a changing facility suitable for changing the diaper of a child and providing personal care for an adult be installed in certain public restrooms in certain public buildings by October 1, 2022; requiring certain entities to report to 2-1-1 Maryland, Inc., the location of changing facilities when changing facilities are installed; requiring 2-1-1 Maryland, Inc., to maintain a list of changing facilities on its website; etc.

**HB 756****Chapter 225****Delegate Krimm****OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE AUDITS – ACCEPTANCE AND INVESTIGATION OF ALLEGATIONS OF FRAUD, WASTE, AND ABUSE**

Providing that, except under certain circumstances, information obtained by an employee or authorized representative of the Office of Legislative Audits during an examination or in relation to an act or allegation of fraud, waste, or abuse is confidential and may not be disclosed; requiring the Office to maintain a fraud hotline for reporting of certain allegations in the obligation, expenditure, receipt, or use of State resources; requiring each unit of State government to post a notice on reporting fraud, waste, and abuse; etc.

**HB 281****Chapter 226****Delegate Chang****LOCAL GOVERNMENT – HUMANE SOCIETY AND ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICERS – EDUCATION AND TRAINING REQUIREMENTS**

Requiring a new officer of a humane society or animal control to receive at least 80 hours of training within the first 12 months of employment; requiring an officer of a humane society or animal control to complete at least 6 hours of continuing education every year; requiring the training and continuing education to include instruction on current laws applicable to officers; and authorizing the appropriate unit of a county or municipality to require training in addition to that which is specified in the Act.

**SB 159****Chapter 227****Senator Waldstreicher, et al****LOCAL GOVERNMENT – HUMANE SOCIETY AND ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICERS – EDUCATION AND TRAINING REQUIREMENTS**

Requiring a new officer of a humane society or animal control to receive at least 80 hours of training approved by the appropriate unit of a county or municipality within the first 12 months of employment; requiring an officer of a humane society or animal control to complete at least 6 hours of approved continuing education every year; requiring the training and continuing education to include instruction on certain matters; and authorizing the appropriate unit to require training in addition to that which is specified in the Act.

**SB 459****Chapter 235****Senator Feldman****ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – COMPREHENSIVE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM – ESTABLISHMENT**

Establishing the Comprehensive Technical Assistance Program in the Maryland Technology Development Corporation to provide comprehensive technical assistance to any business that qualifies for financial assistance under the Act or any other program in the portfolio of the Corporation; requiring the technical assistance provided by the Program to incorporate existing services of the Corporation and to include customized applied training services, the use of a network of experienced advisors, and support with accessing private capital; etc.

**HB 987****Chapter 236****Delegate Qi****ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – COMPREHENSIVE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM – ESTABLISHMENT**

Establishing the Comprehensive Technical Assistance Program in the Maryland Technology Development Corporation to provide comprehensive technical assistance to any business that qualifies for certain financial assistance; requiring the Program to include certain types of technical assistance; requiring the Corporation to include a detailed description of the implementation of the program in its annual report to the Governor and the General Assembly; and requiring the Corporation to adopt regulations to carry out the Program.

**HB 5****Chapter 241****Delegate Krebs****CEMETERIES – PERPETUAL CARE – DISTRIBUTION FROM PERPETUAL CARE TRUST FUND**

Requiring a distribution from a perpetual care trust fund to be used only for the perpetual care of the cemetery; requiring the cemetery to submit a statement to the Director of the Office of Cemetery Oversight if the cemetery selects a certain method of distribution from the trust fund; requiring the Office to report to certain committees of the General Assembly by December 1, 2027, the number of cemeteries selecting alternative distribution methods, the investment performance of the trust funds, and any legislative recommendations; etc.

**SB 192****Chapter 242****Senator West****CEMETERIES – PERPETUAL CARE – DISTRIBUTION FROM PERPETUAL CARE TRUST FUND**

Requiring a distribution from a perpetual care trust fund to be used only for the perpetual care of the cemetery; requiring the cemetery to submit a statement to the Director of the Office of Cemetery Oversight if the cemetery selects a certain method of distribution from the trust fund; requiring the Office to report to certain committees of the General Assembly by December 1, 2027, on the number of cemeteries selecting alternative distribution methods, the investment performance of the trust funds, and any legislative recommendations; etc.

**SB 637****Chapter 247****Senator Hayes****COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION – LIVE NEAR YOUR SCHOOL PROGRAM – ESTABLISHMENT**

Authorizing the Community Development Administration in the Department of Housing and Community Development to administer a home buyer assistance program that assists current students and recent graduates of public institutions of higher education to receive certain low-interest mortgages for the purchase of homes near their schools; authorizing the Administration to administer community development projects known as the Live Near Your School program; etc.

**SB 206  
Chapter 249****Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Labor)  
STATE COLLECTION AGENCY LICENSING BOARD – SUNSET  
EXTENSION**

Continuing the State Collection Agency Licensing Board in accordance with the provisions of the Maryland Program Evaluation Act (sunset law) by extending to July 1, 2032, the termination provisions relating to certain statutory and regulatory authority of the Board.

**HB 294  
Chapter 251****Delegate Williams****BUSINESS OCCUPATIONS AND PROFESSIONS – ARCHITECTS –  
SCOPE OF LICENSURE**

Increasing, from \$5,000 to \$25,000, the maximum estimated cost in labor and materials for the alteration of a certain existing building or structure for which a person is not required to employ a licensed architect under certain circumstances; and altering the circumstances under which a person is not required to employ a licensed architect.

**SB 93  
Chapter 252****Senator Griffith****BUSINESS OCCUPATIONS AND PROFESSIONS – ARCHITECTS –  
SCOPE OF LICENSURE**

Increasing, from \$5,000 to \$25,000, the maximum estimated cost in labor and materials for the alteration of a certain existing building or structure for which a person is not required to employ a licensed architect under certain circumstances; and altering the circumstances under which a person is not required to employ a licensed architect.

**HB 189  
Chapter 255****Delegate Qi****MOBILE LAUNDRY FOR THE HOMELESS PILOT PROGRAM**

Establishing the Mobile Laundry for the Homeless Pilot Program in the Division of Neighborhood Revitalization to provide funds to nonprofit organizations to establish or expand mobile laundry services for the homeless; requiring the Division to award funds through certain grants to establish certain mobile laundry services; requiring the Department of Housing and Community Development to evaluate the effectiveness of the Pilot Program and make recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly by December 15, 2024; etc.

**SB 689****Chapter 258****Senator Sydnor****OFFICE OF SMALL, MINORITY, AND WOMEN BUSINESS AFFAIRS – DUTIES OF THE SPECIAL SECRETARY – MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISES**

Expanding the duties of the Special Secretary for the Office of Small, Minority, and Women Business Affairs to include establishing a mentorship program, conducting a feasibility study for creating a technical assistance program to provide support to minority businesses in bids for procurement contracts, providing certain training and educational opportunities for nonminority prime contractors on their responsibilities with respect to minority businesses, and establishing a certain annual awards program; etc.

**SB 610****Chapter 260****Senator Cassilly****LODGING ESTABLISHMENTS – ACCESSIBLE ROOMS FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES – DEADLINES**

Altering the dates by which certain percentages of accessible rooms in a lodging establishment are required to be furnished with a bed of a certain height.

**HB 345****Chapter 263****Delegate Charkoudian****PUBLIC UTILITIES – GAS SERVICE REGULATOR SAFETY (FLOWER BRANCH ACT)**

Requiring that any gas service newly installed at an occupied structure may have a gas service regulator installed only outside the structure; requiring an existing interior gas service regulator in a multifamily residential structure to be relocated outside whenever a gas service line or regulator is replaced; requiring a gas company, on or before January 1, 2022, to file a plan with the Public Service Commission to relocate any gas service regulator that provides service to a multifamily residential structure; etc.

**SB 503****Chapter 264****Senator Smith****PUBLIC UTILITIES – GAS SERVICE REGULATOR SAFETY (FLOWER BRANCH ACT)**

Requiring that any gas service newly installed at an occupied structure may have a gas service regulator installed only outside the structure; requiring an existing interior gas service regulator in a multifamily residential structure to be relocated outside whenever a gas service line or regulator is replaced; requiring a gas company, on or before January 1, 2022, to file a plan with the Public Service Commission to relocate any gas service regulator that provides service to a multifamily residential structure; etc.

**HB 569****Chapter 271****Delegate Clippinger****ELECTRICITY – NET ENERGY METERING – LIMIT**

Increasing to 3,000 megawatts the statewide limit on rated generating capacity for net energy metering under a certain contract or tariff available to certain eligible customer-generators.

**SB 407****Chapter 272****Senator Kramer****ELECTRICITY – NET ENERGY METERING – LIMIT**

Increasing to 3,000 megawatts the statewide limit on rated generating capacity for net energy metering under a certain contract or tariff available to certain eligible customer-generators.

**HB 530****Chapter 283****St. Mary's County Delegation****ST. MARY'S COUNTY – GAMING – ADMINISTRATION OF BINGO LICENSES**

Requiring the Board of County Commissioners of St. Mary's County to designate a person to administer the issuance of bingo licenses in the county; authorizing the Board, in consultation with the designee, to adopt certain regulations; requiring certain organizations to apply to the designee for a bingo license; requiring the designee to charge certain license fees; requiring certain organizations to allow the designee to inspect certain records of the organization; etc.

**HB 860****Chapter 284****Delegate Gilchrist****STATE PLANNING – PRESERVATION OF AGRICULTURAL LAND – GOAL**

Establishing a State goal of preserving a total of 1,030,000 acres of productive agricultural land by 2030 through the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation, the Maryland GreenPrint Program, the Rural Legacy Program, the Maryland Environmental Trust, the Next Generation Farmland Acquisition Program, and local land preservation programs; and declaring the intent of the General Assembly.

**SB 692****Chapter 285****Senator Young****STATE PLANNING – PRESERVATION OF AGRICULTURAL LAND – GOAL**

Establishing a State goal of preserving a total of 1,030,000 acres of productive agricultural land by 2030 through the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation, the Maryland GreenPrint Program, the Rural Legacy Program, the Maryland Environmental Trust, the Next Generation Farmland Acquisition Program, and local land preservation programs; and declaring the intent of the General Assembly that the Act is intended to extend the deadline to meet the State's goal for preservation from 2022 to 2030 and to include certain acreage.

**HB 545****Chapter 286****Delegate Hornberger****NATURAL RESOURCES – LICENSES AND STAMPS – REVISIONS**

Requiring the Department of Natural Resources to make available and, on request, issue certain licenses and stamps in a digital or electronic format; establishing that an individual may satisfy certain requirements to possess or display a license or stamp by possessing or displaying the document in a digital or electronic format as provided by the Department, subject to a certain exception; requiring an annual special Chesapeake Bay and coastal sport fishing license to be permanently affixed to a boat; etc.

**HB 990**  
**Chapter 287****Delegate Krebs****MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT – ESTABLISHMENT AND TRANSFER OF MARYLAND 9-1-1 BOARD**

Renaming the Maryland Emergency Management Agency to be the Maryland Department of Emergency Management; establishing the Department as a principal department of the Executive Branch of State government; providing that the head of the Department is the Secretary of Emergency Management; requiring the Secretary to be appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate; transferring the Maryland 9-1-1 Board from the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services to the Department; etc.

**SB 658**  
**Chapter 288****Senator Kagan, et al****MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT – ESTABLISHMENT AND TRANSFER OF MARYLAND 9-1-1 BOARD**

Renaming the Maryland Emergency Management Agency to be the Maryland Department of Emergency Management; establishing the Department as a principal department of the Executive Branch of State government; providing that the head of the Department is the Secretary of Emergency Management; requiring the Secretary to be appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate; transferring the Maryland 9-1-1 Board from the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services to the Department of Emergency Management; etc.

**HB 164**  
**Chapter 289****Delegates Stein and Lierman****DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT – OFFICE OF RECYCLING – RECYCLING MARKET DEVELOPMENT**

Requiring the Office of Recycling in the Department of the Environment to promote the development of markets for recycled materials and products in the State; requiring the Office to evaluate the availability of certain markets and identify businesses in the State that use recycled materials; requiring the annual Maryland solid waste management and diversion report to be submitted to the General Assembly by September 1, 2022, and each year thereafter, and include certain activities; etc.

**SB 116****Chapter 290****Senator Kagan, et al****DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT – OFFICE OF RECYCLING – RECYCLING MARKET DEVELOPMENT**

Requiring the Office of Recycling in the Department of the Environment to promote the development of markets for recycled materials and recycled products in the State; requiring the Office to evaluate the availability of certain markets and identify businesses in the State that use recycled materials; requiring that the annual Maryland solid waste management and diversion report be submitted to the General Assembly by September 1, 2022, and each year thereafter, and include certain activities; etc.

**HB 789****Chapter 291****Montgomery County Delegation and Prince George's County Delegation****WASHINGTON SUBURBAN SANITARY COMMISSION – VIDEO AND AUDIO STREAMING AND ARCHIVING MEETINGS AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE MC/PG 100-21**

Requiring the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission to stream live video or teleconference audio or other audio of the open meetings of the Commission; requiring the Commission to maintain on its website a complete and unedited archived recording of certain livestreamed open meetings; providing that the inability of the Commission to comply with certain requirements due to a certain technical issue does not affect the validity of actions taken by the Commission at a certain meeting under certain circumstances; etc.

**HB 80****Chapter 293****Delegate Charkoudian****DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION – URBAN TREE PROGRAM – ESTABLISHMENT**

Requiring the Department of Transportation to develop an urban tree program to replace trees removed during the construction of certain transportation projects; requiring the Department to consult with businesses, community representatives, local governments, and residents in developing the program; requiring the program to provide for the replacement of trees in areas affected by construction of a transportation facility project with priority given to those affected by environmental justice issues or the heat island effect; etc.

**SB 359****Chapter 294****Senator Rosapepe****DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION – URBAN TREE PROGRAM – ESTABLISHMENT**

Requiring the Department of Transportation to develop an urban tree program to replace trees removed during the construction of certain transportation projects; requiring the Department to consult with businesses, community representatives, local governments, and residents in developing the program; requiring the program to provide for the replacement of trees in areas affected by construction of a transportation facility project with priority given to those affected by environmental justice issues or the heat island effect; etc.

**HB 1134****Chapter 295****Delegate Carey****NATURAL RESOURCES – FISHING AND HUNTING RIGHTS**

Stating certain findings of the General Assembly related to the value of fishing and hunting to the cultural and social heritage and the economy of the State; and establishing that it is the intent of the General Assembly that residents of the State have a right to fish and to hunt subject to regulations and restrictions under laws that the General Assembly enacts.

**SB 318****Chapter 296****Senators Bailey and Simonaire****NATURAL RESOURCES – FISHING AND HUNTING RIGHTS**

Stating certain findings of the General Assembly related to the value of fishing and hunting to the cultural and social heritage and the economy of the State; and establishing that it is the intent of the General Assembly that residents of the State have a right to fish and to hunt subject to regulations and restrictions under laws that the General Assembly enacts.

**SB 170** **Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Transportation)**  
**Chapter 303****TRANSPORTATION-RELATED PROPERTY – PROHIBITED ACTS AND ENFORCEMENT**

Prohibiting persons without lawful authority from willfully altering, disconnecting, tampering with, removing, or otherwise interfering with certain transportation-related property or an intelligent transportation system; and establishing penalties for a first offense of imprisonment not exceeding 6 months or a fine not exceeding \$1,500, or both, and for a second or subsequent offense of imprisonment not exceeding 18 months or a fine not exceeding \$5,000, or both.

**HB 854** **Delegate Kaiser****Chapter 306****MARYLAND LONGITUDINAL DATA SYSTEM CENTER – INCLUSION OF CHILD WELFARE DATA AND GOVERNING BOARD**

Including child welfare data in the data collected, organized, managed, disaggregated, and analyzed by the Maryland Longitudinal Data System Center; requiring the Center to conduct research on the educational and economic impact of child welfare programs; requiring the Center to develop a data dashboard that is published annually on the Center's website on students who are dually enrolled; requiring the Center to publish on its website an easy-to-understand graphic data dashboard on former children in out-of-home placements; etc.

**HB 660** **Delegate Chisholm****Chapter 307****MARYLAND VETERANS SERVICE ANIMAL PROGRAM – DEFINITIONS**

Defining the terms “service dog”, “support dog”, and “therapy horse” for the purposes of the law governing the Maryland Veterans Service Animal Program in the Department of Veterans Affairs; defining “service dog” as one that is individually trained to perform certain tasks for the benefit of individuals with certain disabilities; defining “support dog” as one that is individually trained to provide certain support services; and defining “therapy horse” to include one that is deemed appropriate for interactions with veterans.

**SB 284****Chapter 308****Senator Simonaire****MARYLAND VETERANS SERVICE ANIMAL PROGRAM – DEFINITIONS**

Defining the terms “service dog”, “support dog”, and “therapy horse” for the purposes of the law governing the Maryland Veterans Service Animal Program in the Department of Veterans Affairs; defining “service dog” as one that is individually trained to perform certain tasks for the benefit of individuals with certain disabilities; defining “support dog” as one that is individually trained to provide certain support services; and defining “therapy horse” as one that is deemed appropriate for interactions with veterans.

**HB 563****Chapter 309****Delegate Long****LOCAL GOVERNMENT – ANIMAL CONTROL FACILITIES – ADOPTION FEE WAIVER FOR VETERANS (PETS FOR VETS ACT OF 2021)**

Requiring an animal control facility operated by a county or municipality to waive the adoption fee for a dog or cat for a veteran who presents a valid driver’s license or identification card that includes a notation of veteran status; authorizing an animal control facility to limit the number of adoption fee waivers granted to an individual under the Act to one dog and one cat within a 6-month period; and applying the Act to all counties and municipalities.

**SB 338****Chapter 310****Senator Simonaire****LOCAL GOVERNMENT – ANIMAL CONTROL FACILITIES – ADOPTION FEE WAIVER FOR VETERANS (PETS FOR VETS ACT OF 2021)**

Requiring an animal control facility operated by a county or municipality to waive the adoption fee for a dog or cat for a veteran who presents a valid driver’s license or identification card that includes a notation of veteran status; authorizing an animal control facility to limit the number of adoption fee waivers granted to an individual under the Act to one dog and one cat within a 6-month period; and applying the Act to all counties and municipalities.

**SB 327****Chapter 311****Senator Waldstreicher, et al****CIVIL ACTIONS – FINANCIAL EXPLOITATION OF SUSCEPTIBLE ADULTS AND OLDER ADULTS (MARYLAND SAFE ACT)**

Authorizing the Division of Consumer Protection in the Office of the Attorney General to bring certain actions on behalf of certain susceptible adults and older adults; authorizing the Securities Commissioner of the Division of Securities of the Office of the Attorney General to bring a civil action on behalf of certain susceptible adults and older adults; specifying that the Act does not apply to certain financial institutions; authorizing a susceptible or older adult to bring an action under certain circumstances; etc.

**SB 353****Chapter 312****Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee (By Request – Departmental – Veterans Affairs)****VETERANS – BENEFITS AND BENEFITS APPEALS SERVICES – DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS**

Requiring a person who charges a fee for certain veterans benefits services or veterans benefits appeals services to provide a written disclosure statement to and obtain written acknowledgment of the disclosure statement from certain individuals under certain circumstances; requiring a certain person who charges a fee for providing certain veterans benefits appeals services to include a certain notice in advertisements for those services; establishing a civil penalty of up to \$1,000 for each violation; etc.

**SB 43****Chapter 314****Senators Elfreth and Hettleman****CRIMINAL LAW – LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS – PROHIBITION ON SEXUAL ACTIVITY**

Prohibiting a law enforcement officer from engaging in certain sexual acts, sexual contact, or vaginal intercourse with a person who is a victim, witness, or suspect in an open investigation that the officer is conducting, supervising, or assisting with if the officer knew or should have known that the person is a victim, witness, or suspect, is requesting assistance from or responding to the law enforcement officer in the course of the officer's official duties, or is in the custody of the officer; establishing certain exceptions; etc.

**HB 258****Chapter 315****Delegate Guyton****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 Department of Human Services certain information regarding children and foster youth in the State child welfare system; requiring the Department of Education to publish each report on its website within 30 days after submission to the General Assembly; etc.

**SB 592****Chapter 316****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; requiring the State Department of Education to publish each report on its website within 30 days after submission to the General Assembly; etc.

**SB 49****Chapter 318****Senator Lee****STATE GOVERNMENT – DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY – CYBERSECURITY**

Requiring the Secretary of Information Technology, in consultation with the Attorney General, to advise and oversee a consistent cybersecurity strategy for units of State government, including institutions under the control of the governing boards of certain public institutions; requiring the Secretary to consult with the Legislative and Judicial branches on a cybersecurity strategy; requiring the Secretary, in consultation with the Attorney General, to develop guidance on consistent cybersecurity strategies; etc.

**SB 310** **Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee (By Request – Departmental – State Board of Elections)****ELECTION LAW – CAMPAIGN FINANCE ENTITIES – TERMINATION**

Altering the circumstances under which a certain provision of law requiring a campaign finance entity to terminate and file a final campaign finance report applies; altering the time period within which a certain campaign finance entity is required to terminate and file a final campaign finance report; requiring the State Board of Elections to provide a certain notification to certain persons affiliated with a campaign finance entity that is required to terminate under a certain provision of law; etc.

**SB 697** **Senator Eckardt****Chapter 322****STATE PROCUREMENT – MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PROGRAM – PARTICIPATION BY GENDER OR RACE**

Repealing a prohibition on counting a certain minority business enterprise as both a woman-owned business and a business owned by a member of an ethnic or racial group for purposes of the State Minority Business Enterprise Program; and requiring the Board of Public Works to adopt certain regulations.

**HB 744** **Delegate Dumais****Chapter 330****COURTS – COUNSEL APPEARANCE FEES – DOMESTIC VIOLENCE**

Prohibiting the clerk of a circuit court from collecting fees for docketing the appearance of a petitioner's or a respondent's counsel in certain domestic violence cases.

**SB 270** **Senators Waldstreicher and Augustine****Chapter 331****CRIMES – INDECENT EXPOSURE – DEFINITION**

Defining the term “indecent exposure” to establish that the offense of indecent exposure prohibits a person from engaging in a certain act of masturbation in public.

**HB 801****Chapter 334****Delegate Clark****CALVERT COUNTY – PUBLIC SAFETY – BUILDINGS USED FOR AGRITOURISM**

Adding Calvert County to the list of counties where an existing agricultural building used for agritourism is not considered a change of occupancy that requires a building permit under certain circumstances.

**HB 839****Chapter 335****Delegate Qi****STATE DEPARTMENT OF ASSESSMENTS AND TAXATION – LISTS OF BUSINESS ENTITIES NOT FILING ANNUAL REPORT**

Limiting, in certain circumstances, the business entities required to be included on certain lists certified by the State Department of Assessments and Taxation to those entities that did not file a certain report during the prior year.

**HB 604****Chapter 338****Delegate Kipke****FUNERAL ESTABLISHMENTS AND CREMATORIES – UNCLAIMED CREMAINS OF VETERANS – NOTIFICATION, DISPOSITION, AND REPORTING**

Specifying that the purpose for which licensed funeral establishments and holders of certain permits are authorized to transfer unclaimed cremains of a veteran or an eligible dependent to a veterans service organization under certain circumstances is for the appropriate disposition of the cremains; requiring a funeral establishment or crematory to transfer certain cremains to the Department of Veterans Affairs for the purpose of the appropriate disposition of the cremains; etc.

**SB 180****Chapter 339****Senator Simonaire****FUNERAL ESTABLISHMENTS AND CREMATORIES – UNCLAIMED CREMAINS OF VETERANS – NOTIFICATION, DISPOSITION, AND REPORTING**

Specifying that the purpose for which licensed funeral establishments and holders of certain permits are authorized to transfer unclaimed cremains of a veteran or an eligible dependent to a veterans service organization under certain circumstances is for the appropriate disposition of the cremains; requiring a funeral establishment or crematory to transfer certain cremains to the Department of Veterans Affairs for the purpose of the appropriate disposition of the cremains; etc.

**HB 289****Chapter 341****Delegate Atterbeary****PEACE ORDERS – WORKPLACE VIOLENCE**

Making certain provisions of law relating to the filing, issuance, and modification of certain peace orders and to the shielding of certain court records of certain peace order proceedings apply to certain peace orders filed by certain employers on the basis of certain acts committed against certain employees at the employees' workplace; requiring an employer to notify an employee before the employer files a certain petition; etc.

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**HB 119****Chapter 349****Delegate Sample-Hughes****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 Greater Maryland Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association, to incorporate information regarding certain types of cognitive impairment into outreach programs administered by the Maryland Department of Health to educate health care providers and increase understanding and awareness of certain types of cognitive impairment.

**SB 313****Chapter 350****Senator Washington****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 Greater Maryland Chapter of the Alzheimer’s Association, to incorporate information regarding certain types of cognitive impairment into outreach programs administered by the Maryland Department of Health to educate health care providers and increase understanding of certain types of cognitive impairment.

**SB 926****Chapter 353****Senators Corderman and Edwards****ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – MARYLAND STADIUM AUTHORITY – HAGERSTOWN MULTI-USE SPORTS AND EVENTS FACILITY**

Authorizing the Maryland Stadium Authority to review and make recommendations on the Hagerstown Multi-Use Sports and Events Facility; authorizing the Authority to acquire a site or an interest in a site for the Facility; requiring the Governor to include in the annual budget bill an appropriation of \$3,750,000 for the Hagerstown Multi-Use Sports and Events Facility Fund; requiring the Hagerstown-Washington County Industrial Foundation to report to certain committees of the General Assembly by December 31 each year; etc.

**HB 126****Chapter 364****Delegate Moon****PUBLIC SAFETY – PRETRIAL SERVICES PROGRAM GRANT FUND – EXTENSION AND PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS**

Prohibiting a pretrial services program that receives a certain grant from charging a fee to a defendant for participation in the program; and extending the termination date of the Pretrial Services Program Grant Fund to June 30, 2028.

**HB 89****Chapter 365****Delegate Wilkins****CORRECTIONAL SERVICES – DIMINUTION CREDITS – EDUCATION**

Awarding a diminution credit of 60 days per program completed to reduce the term of confinement of an inmate if the inmate successfully obtains a certain educational certificate, diploma, or degree; providing that an inmate serving a sentence for a certain violent crime can be allowed a deduction of 40 days; prohibiting certain inmates sentenced for certain violent crimes from receiving a diminution of a sentence; providing for the prospective application of the Act; etc.

**SB 752****Chapter 366****Senator Hayes****BALTIMORE CITY – POLICE OFFICERS – PROMOTIONAL APPOINTMENTS**

Altering the procedures used by the Police Commissioner of Baltimore City to award promotional appointments; and authorizing the Commissioner to remove certain applicants from the list of eligible appointees if the Civilian Review Board or the Baltimore City Police Department's Disciplinary Review Committee has sustained a certain misconduct complaint against the applicant between the time the applicant applied for the promotion and the time in which the applicant is to be selected for the promotion.

**HB 322****Chapter 368****Delegates Hill and Feldmark****REAL PROPERTY – RESTRICTIONS ON USE – LOW-IMPACT LANDSCAPING**

Prohibiting a certain restriction on use from imposing unreasonable limitations on low-impact landscaping such as rain gardens, pollinator gardens, and xeriscaping; requiring the property owner to regularly maintain landscaping; providing that "unreasonable limitations" includes items that increase the cost and efficiency of the low-impact program; providing that the Act may not be construed to prohibit a certain restriction on use from including certain reasonable guidelines; etc.

**HB 231****Chapter 369****Delegate Palakovich Carr**

CRIMES – MITIGATION AND DEFENSE – RACE, COLOR, NATIONAL ORIGIN, SEX, GENDER IDENTITY, OR SEXUAL ORIENTATION

Establishing that the discovery or perception of, or belief about, another person's race, color, national origin, sex, gender identity, or sexual orientation, whether or not accurate, does not constitute legally adequate provocation to mitigate a killing from the crime of murder to manslaughter nor is it a defense to the crime of assault in any degree.

**HB 445****Chapter 370****Delegate Dumais**

CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – CHARGING PROCEDURES – CITATIONS

Altering the circumstances under which a police officer is required to charge by citation for certain misdemeanor or local ordinance violations that do not involve serious injury or an immediate health risk; altering the categories of offenses for which a police officer is authorized to charge by citation; altering the circumstances under which a police officer may charge a defendant by citation; adding a citation for an incarcerated crime as a document that may accompany a certain application for requisition; etc.

**SB 671****Chapter 371****Senator Waldstreicher**

CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – CHARGING PROCEDURES – CITATIONS

Altering the circumstances under which a police officer is required to charge by citation for certain misdemeanor or local ordinance violations that do not involve serious injury or an immediate health risk; altering the categories of offenses for which a police officer is authorized to charge by citation; altering the circumstances under which a police officer may charge a defendant by citation; adding a citation for an incarcerated crime as a document that may accompany a certain application for requisition; etc.

**HB 449****Chapter 372****Delegate Bartlett****FAMILY LAW – MARRIAGE – LICENSES AND RECORDS**

Altering certain designations on a marriage license and certificate; and authorizing the clerk of the circuit court to maintain a certain electronic record as an alternative to the requirement that the clerk keep a certain marriage license book.

**SB 488****Chapter 373****Senator Beidle****FAMILY LAW – MARRIAGE – LICENSES AND RECORDS**

Altering certain designations on a marriage license and certificate; and authorizing the clerk of the circuit court to maintain a certain electronic record as an alternative to the requirement that the clerk keep a certain marriage license book.

**HB 1072****Chapter 374****Charles County Delegation****CHARLES COUNTY – COMMUNITY SERVICE AND PRETRIAL RELEASE PROGRAMS – AUTHORIZATION**

Authorizing the Charles County Board of County Commissioners to establish a community service program and a pretrial release program in Charles County; providing that a court may order a person to participate in the community service program; providing for a fee of up to \$40 for each 8-hour period of community service; providing for the court to order a person to participate in a pretrial release program; requiring staff of the pretrial release program to report any violations of a person's pretrial release immediately; etc.

**SB 750****Chapter 375****Charles County Senators****CHARLES COUNTY – COMMUNITY SERVICE AND PRETRIAL RELEASE PROGRAMS – AUTHORIZATION**

Authorizing the Charles County Board of County Commissioners to establish a community service program and a pretrial release program in Charles County; providing that a court may order a person to participate in the community service program; providing for a fee of up to \$40 for each 8-hour period of community service; providing for the court to order a person to participate in a pretrial release program; requiring staff of the pretrial release program to report any violations of a person's pretrial release immediately; etc.

**HB 384****Chapter 383****Delegate Sample-Hughes****REAL PROPERTY – SALE OF MOBILE HOME PARKS – NOTICE REQUIREMENTS**

Altering the time frame of certain notices that a mobile home park owner is required to provide to each resident in the mobile home park and the Department of Housing and Community Development and to post in a public area of the mobile home park, concerning the sale of the mobile home park, to be not less than 30 days before the date of the sale of the park.

**SB 474****Chapter 384****Senator Eckardt****REAL PROPERTY – SALE OF MOBILE HOME PARKS – NOTICE REQUIREMENTS**

Altering the time frame of certain notices that a mobile home park owner is required to provide to each resident in the mobile home park and the Department of Housing and Community Development and to post in a public area of the mobile home park, concerning the sale of the mobile home park, to be not less than 30 days before the date of the sale of the park.

**HB 128****Chapter 385****Delegate Stewart****CRIMINAL LAW – HATE CRIMES – PROTECTED GROUPS AND PENALTIES**

Altering the term “sexual orientation” in the context of hate crimes; including gender identity in the list of characteristics protected by the prohibition on hate crimes; authorizing a court to require an offender convicted of hate crimes to complete an antibias education program; requiring the University System of Maryland to manage the development of an antibias education program that provides antibias education relevant to certain provisions of Maryland law by January 1, 2023; etc.

**SB 220****Chapter 386****Senator Hettleman****CRIMINAL LAW – HATE CRIMES – PROTECTED GROUPS AND PENALTIES**

Altering the term “sexual orientation” in the context of hate crimes; including gender identity in the list of characteristics on the basis of which a person may not commit certain acts; authorizing a court to require an offender convicted of hate crimes to complete an antibias education program in addition to any other penalties imposed; requiring the University System of Maryland to manage the development of an antibias education program by January 1, 2023; etc.

**HB 1222****Chapter 387****Delegate Conaway****BALTIMORE CITY – TAX SALES – NOTICE REQUIREMENTS**

Requiring that, in Baltimore City, a notice pertaining to tax sales for properties contain an itemized list of the source and amount of each tax due that the collector seeks to recover by means of a tax sale.

**HB 1219****Chapter 388****Delegate Conaway****BALTIMORE CITY – TAX SALES – NOTICE**

Requiring a certain notice of tax sale of property in Baltimore City to be sent by first-class certified mail.

**HB 1248**  
**Chapter 391****Delegate Washington****PUBLIC SAFETY – POLICE OFFICER – DATA COLLECTION AND REPORTING**

Requiring certain law enforcement agencies to report by March 1, 2022, and each March 1 thereafter, certain information to the Governor's Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services regarding police officer-involved use of force incidents that resulted in a monetary settlement or judgment against the law enforcement agency; requiring the Governor's Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services to adopt certain procedures and compile and report certain information to the General Assembly by June 30 each year; etc.

**HB 477**  
**Chapter 392****Delegate Pippy****COURT ORDER TO USE A CELL SITE SIMULATOR OR OBTAIN LOCATION INFORMATION FROM AN ELECTRONIC DEVICE – PROCEDURES**

Providing the ways in which an application for a court order authorizing or directing a law enforcement officer to use a cell site simulator or obtain location information from an electronic device may be submitted to a judge; providing for the ways in which an applicant for the court order and a judge may converse about the court order application; and providing for the ways in which a judge may issue the court order.

**HB 180**  
**Chapter 393****Delegate Clippinger****JUVENILES – SEXTING**

Establishing a certain mitigating factor in a certain juvenile court proceeding against a child for a certain violation if the violation involved or arose out of sexting; prohibiting the court from making a disposition of community detention if the violation arose out of sexting unless the court finds that extraordinary circumstances exist; authorizing the court to order a child whose violation arose out of sexting to participate in an age-appropriate educational program on the risks and consequences of sexting; etc.

**HB 356****Chapter 406****Delegate Qi****CORPORATIONS AND ASSOCIATIONS – FILING FEE STUDY**

Requiring the State Department of Assessments and Taxation to study and make recommendations to the General Assembly regarding certain filing fees and associated requirements of neighboring states that are equivalent or substantially similar to filing fees required under certain sections of the Corporations and Associations Article on or before January 1, 2022.

**HB 261****Chapter 407****Delegate T. Branch****BUSINESS REGULATION – BATTERY-CHARGED FENCE SECURITY SYSTEMS – REGULATION**

Authorizing a local government to require that certain persons who provide battery-charged fence security systems comply with certain laws, require certain persons who operate or install certain security systems to obtain certain registrations or permits, require a certain installer to submit a certain affidavit, and conduct a certain inspection; authorizing a local government to issue a citation under certain circumstances; etc.

**SB 135****Chapter 408****Senator Klausmeier****BUSINESS REGULATION – BATTERY-CHARGED FENCE SECURITY SYSTEMS – REGULATION**

Authorizing a local government to require that certain persons who provide battery-charged fence security systems comply with certain laws, require certain persons who operate or install certain security systems to obtain certain registrations or permits, require a certain installer to submit a certain affidavit, and conduct a certain inspection; authorizing a local government to issue a citation for noncompliance and impose a fine of \$500 if a system is not made compliant; etc.

**HB 471****Chapter 409****Delegate C. Watson****FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS – SECURITY QUESTIONS AND MEASURES**

Requiring a financial institution that requires a customer to provide an answer to a security question in connection with the provision of an account to allow a customer to choose from at least two security questions options for each required security question; and applying the Act prospectively.

**SB 185****Chapter 410****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 in connection with the provision of an account to allow a customer to choose from at least two security questions options for each required security question; and applying the Act prospectively.

**HB 1058****Chapter 425****Delegate Stewart****PUBLIC ETHICS – DISCLOSURES, TRAINING, AND USE OF CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION (INTEGRITY IN HIGH OFFICE ACT)**

Requiring the State Ethics Commission to provide a certain training course to a certain State official on or after January 19, 2023; requiring a certain official to send a copy of a certain disclosure of a certain conflict of interest to the presiding officers of the General Assembly and the Ethics Commission; requiring a certain official who takes a certain executive action and has a certain interest to provide certain information to the Ethics Commission and the Joint Committee on Legislative Ethics; etc.

**HB 1213****Chapter 426****Delegate Queen****FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS – DETERMINATION OF CREDITWORTHINESS – EVALUATION RULES AND ALTERNATIVE METHODS**

Requiring certain credit grantors to adhere to certain rules concerning evaluations of applications and, under certain circumstances, consider alternative methods of evaluating an applicant's creditworthiness when evaluating an application for a primary residential mortgage loan or an extension of credit.

**SB 335****Chapter 428****Senator Sydnor****COURTS – NONGOVERNMENTAL CORPORATE PARTIES – DISCLOSURE STATEMENTS**

Requiring a nongovernmental corporate party to file, at a first appearance, pleading, petition, motion, response, or other request addressed to the court, one copy of a certain disclosure statement; specifying the contents of the disclosure statement; and requiring a nongovernmental corporate party to file a supplemental statement if any required information changes.

**HB 769****Chapter 431****Montgomery County Delegation****MONTGOMERY COUNTY – HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES COMMISSION – PUBLIC BODY MC 07-21**

Providing that a committee of the Housing Opportunities Commission of Montgomery County is a public body for purposes of the Open Meetings Act.

**HB 684****Chapter 432****Delegate Valderrama****PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYORS – SURVEYING PRACTICE – DEFINITION AND LICENSING EXCEPTION**

Altering the definition of "practice land surveying" for purposes of certain provisions of law governing professional land surveyors; and exempting certain individuals who utilize measurement devices or systems, regardless of the technology or methods used, for the exclusive purpose of determining topography and contours and are certified by certain entities approved by the State Board for Professional Land Surveyors from certain licensing requirements.

**HB 567****Chapter 433****Montgomery County Delegation****MONTGOMERY COUNTY – COOPERATIVE HOUSING CORPORATIONS, CONDOMINIUMS, AND HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATIONS – RESERVE STUDIES MC 3-21**

Requiring the governing body of certain cooperative housing corporations in Montgomery County to have a certain reserve study conducted of the common elements of the cooperative housing corporation within 5 years after the date of the initial reserve study and updated at least every 5 years under certain circumstances; requiring the reserve study conducted of the common elements of a cooperative housing corporation in Montgomery County to meet certain criteria; etc.

**HB 264****Chapter 439****Delegate Charkoudian****SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT – ORGANICS RECYCLING AND WASTE DIVERSION – FOOD RESIDUALS**

Requiring a certain person that generates food residuals to separate the food residuals from other solid waste and ensure that the food residuals are diverted from final disposal in a refuse disposal system in a certain manner; applying the requirements of the Act to certain persons that generate certain amounts of food residuals; authorizing a person experiencing undue hardship because of the costs of diverting food residuals to apply for a certain waiver; requiring the Department of the Environment to issue a certain warning; etc.

**SB 483****Chapter 440****Senator Hettleman, et al****SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT – ORGANICS RECYCLING AND WASTE DIVERSION – FOOD RESIDUALS**

Requiring a certain person that generates food residuals to separate the food residuals from other solid waste and ensure that the food residuals are diverted from final disposal in a refuse disposal system in a certain manner; applying the requirements of the Act to certain persons that generate certain amounts of food residuals; authorizing a person experiencing undue hardship because of the costs of diverting food residuals to apply for a certain waiver; requiring the Department of the Environment to issue a certain warning; etc.

**HB 517****Chapter 441****Delegate C. Watson****CLEAN ENERGY LOAN PROGRAM – REMEDIATION AND RESILIENCY**

Expanding the purpose of a certain clean energy loan program to include loans for water efficiency projects, environmental remediation projects intended to remove environmental or health hazards, and resiliency projects to increase the capacity of a property to withstand the effects of climate change; adding water efficiency projects and environmental remediation and resiliency projects to the items requiring eligibility requirements under a certain ordinance; etc.

**HB 204****Chapter 442****Delegate Lierman****ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES – COMPLAINTS, INSPECTIONS, AND ENFORCEMENT – INFORMATION MAINTENANCE AND REPORTING**

Requiring the Department of the Environment to receive and process complaints involving alleged violations of certain air and water quality requirements in a certain manner; requiring the Department to keep an electronic record of certain complaints for 10 years; requiring the Department Natural Resources to report, on or before September 30 each year, to the Governor and the General Assembly certain information relating to the enforcement of natural resources and conservation laws; etc.

**SB 324****Chapter 443****Senators Elfreth and Bailey****ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES – COMPLAINTS, INSPECTIONS, AND ENFORCEMENT – INFORMATION MAINTENANCE AND REPORTING**

Requiring the Department of the Environment to receive and process complaints involving alleged violations of certain air and water quality requirements in a certain manner; requiring the Department of the Environment to keep an electronic record of certain complaints for 10 years; requiring the Department of Natural Resources to report, on or before September 30 each year, to the Governor and the General Assembly certain information relating to the enforcement of natural resources and conservation laws; etc.

**HB 407****Chapter 444****Delegate Stein****ON-SITE SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEMS – INSPECTION – LICENSING**

Prohibiting an individual from engaging in the business of inspecting an on-site sewage disposal system unless the person holds a valid on-site wastewater property transfer inspection license issued by the Department of the Environment on or after July 1, 2022; requiring the Department to adopt certain regulations by January 1, 2022; providing an administrative penalty of up to \$10,000 for a violation of the Act; providing that each inspection knowingly conducted without a valid license constitutes a separate violation of the Act; etc.

**Except Section 2****SB 22****Chapter 445****Senator Young****ON-SITE SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEMS – INSPECTION – LICENSING**

Prohibiting an individual from engaging in the business of inspecting an on-site sewage disposal system unless the person holds a valid on-site wastewater property transfer inspection license issued by the Department of the Environment on or after July 1, 2022; requiring the Department to adopt regulations by January 1, 2022; providing an administrative penalty of up to \$10,000 for a violation of the Act; providing that each inspection knowingly conducted without a valid license constitutes a separate violation of the Act; etc.

**Except Section 2****HB 619****Chapter 447****Prince George's County Delegation****PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY – SPEED MONITORING SYSTEMS – RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS PG 302-21**

Establishing that certain provisions of law authorizing the use of speed monitoring systems in certain residential districts apply in Prince George's County.

**HB 626  
Chapter 450****Prince George's County Delegation****PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY – VEHICLE HEIGHT MONITORING SYSTEMS PG 305–21**

Authorizing the use of certain vehicle height monitoring systems in Prince George's County to enforce certain State and local laws during certain times; requiring the establishment of a workgroup of county and municipal officials to examine certain matters before the installation of any vehicle height monitoring systems in Prince George's County; requiring the establishment of a workgroup to include trucking industry representatives for certain purposes prior to the installation of certain vehicle height monitoring systems; etc.

**HB 1074  
Chapter 451****Delegate R. Watson****VEHICLE LAWS – COMMERCIAL MOTOR CARRIERS – SAFETY, INSPECTION, PERFORMANCE, AND INSURANCE INFORMATION (JAMES COHRAN'S LAW)**

Requiring certain employers of commercial motor vehicle drivers to provide the U.S. Department of Transportation number of any entity currently owned by the employer and website address for the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration's Safety and Fitness Records (SAFER) System to a prospective employee driver on a bona fide offer of employment; and providing certain civil penalties.

**SB 140  
Chapter 452****Senator Peters****VEHICLE LAWS – COMMERCIAL MOTOR CARRIERS – SAFETY, INSPECTION, PERFORMANCE, AND INSURANCE INFORMATION (JAMES COHRAN'S LAW)**

Requiring certain employers of commercial motor vehicle drivers to provide the U.S. Department of Transportation number of any entity currently owned by the employer and website address for the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration's Safety and Fitness Records (SAFER) System to a prospective employee driver on a bona fide offer of employment; and providing certain civil penalties.

**HB 110****Chapter 455****Delegate Korman****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.

**SB 144****Chapter 456****Senator Guzzone****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.

**HB 248****Chapter 459****Delegate Shetty****CONDOMINIUMS AND HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATIONS – RIGHTS AND RESTRICTIONS – COMPOSTING**

Prohibiting a recorded covenant or restriction, a provision in a declaration, or a provision in the bylaws or rules of a condominium or a homeowners association from prohibiting or unreasonably restricting a unit owner from contracting with a private entity to collect organic waste materials for composting and from prohibiting or unreasonably restricting a lot owner from composting organic waste materials for the lot owner's personal or household use as long as the lot owner owns or has the right to exclusive use of the composting area; etc.

**HB 250****Chapter 460****Delegate Fraser–Hidalgo****COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLES – INSPECTIONS**

Altering the mileage at which the owner of a Class F (tractor) vehicle that has been in operation for not more than 5 years is required to have the vehicle inspected, maintained, and repaired to 35,000 miles; and altering the mileage at which the owner of certain Class E vehicles that have been in operation for not more than 5 years is required to have the vehicle inspected, maintained, and repaired to 50,000 miles if the vehicles are zero-emission electric vehicles or fuel cell electric vehicles.

**HB 519****Chapter 461****Delegate Barve****VEHICLE EQUIPMENT – SAFETY GLASS – REPLACEMENT STANDARDS**

Requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration to adopt regulations establishing standards and requirements for aftermarket safety glass replacement that include certain requirements and meet or exceed certain standards and requirements; and defining “aftermarket safety glass replacement” as motor vehicle safety glass replacement services that occur after the original installation by a vehicle manufacturer.

**HB 758****Chapter 462****Delegate Bagnall****MARYLAND LICENSURE OF CERTIFIED MIDWIVES ACT**

Establishing a licensing and regulatory system for the practice of certified midwifery under the State Board of Nursing; requiring the Board to set standards for the practice of certified midwifery, maintain a list of all licensed certified midwives in the State, and set certain fees; altering the circumstances under which the Board shall require an applicant or a licensee to submit to a certain examination; requiring the Board to give certain persons a hearing before taking certain actions; etc.

**SB 684****Chapter 463****Senator Lam****MARYLAND LICENSURE OF CERTIFIED MIDWIVES ACT**

Establishing a licensing and regulatory system for the practice of certified midwifery under the State Board of Nursing; requiring the Board to set standards for the practice of certified midwifery, maintain a list of all licensed certified midwives in the State, and set certain fees; altering the circumstances under which the Board shall require an applicant or a licensee to submit to a certain examination; requiring the Board to give certain persons a hearing before taking certain actions; etc.

**SB 744****Chapter 465****Senator Eckardt****STATE BOARD OF NURSING – CERTIFIED NURSING ASSISTANT ADVISORY COMMITTEE – MEMBERSHIP AND MEETINGS**

Increasing the number of alternates that the State Board of Nursing is required to appoint for certain members of the Certified Nursing Assistant Advisory Committee; establishing certain qualifications for members of the advisory committee; prohibiting a member of the advisory committee from serving more than 2 consecutive full terms; requiring the State Board to fill a certain vacancy within 60 days after the date of the vacancy, to the extent practicable; altering the meeting requirements for the advisory committee; etc.

**HB 457****Chapter 468****Delegate Dumais****INSURANCE – APPLICATION OF PREMIUM TAX – CONTINUED EXCLUSION OF MARYLAND AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE FUND**

Repealing a certain termination provision for the purpose of continuing the exclusion of the Maryland Automobile Insurance Fund from the list of insurance companies and other persons that are subject to a certain premium tax.

**SB 149****Chapter 469****Senator Kelley****INSURANCE – APPLICATION OF PREMIUM TAX – CONTINUED EXCLUSION OF MARYLAND AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE FUND**

Repealing a certain termination provision for the purpose of continuing the exclusion of the Maryland Automobile Insurance Fund from the list of insurance companies and other persons that are subject to a certain premium tax.

**HB 554****Chapter 471****Delegate Pena–Melnyk****DIVISION OF CONSUMER PROTECTION – ASSISTED LIVING PROGRAMS**

Requiring an assisted living program that was appointed as a representative payee for residents to report certain information, by June 1 each year, to the Division of Consumer Protection of the Office of the Attorney General; requiring the Office of Health Care Quality in the Maryland Department of Health to notify the Division of the appointment of an assisted living program as a resident's representative payee within a reasonable period of time; requiring unfair trade allegations to be reported in a certain manner; etc.

**SB 507****Chapter 472****Senator Kelley, et al****DIVISION OF CONSUMER PROTECTION – ASSISTED LIVING PROGRAMS**

Requiring an assisted living program that was appointed as a representative payee for residents to report certain information, by June 1 each year, to the Division of Consumer Protection of the Office of the Attorney General; requiring the Office of Health Care Quality in the Maryland Department of Health to notify the Division of the appointment of an assisted living program as a resident's representative payee within a reasonable period of time; requiring unfair trade allegations to be reported in a certain manner; etc.

**HB 689****Chapter 475****Delegate McComas**

MENTAL HEALTH – ASSENT TO AND CERTIFICATES FOR ADMISSION – LICENSED CERTIFIED SOCIAL WORKER–CLINICAL AND LICENSED CLINICAL PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR

Altering a requirement that assent be given for the voluntary admission of a minor to certain facilities by providing that assent may be given by a physician and a licensed certified social worker–clinical or by a physician and a licensed clinical professional counselor; altering the requirement that a certificate for involuntary admission must be based on the personal examination of a physician and a licensed certified social worker–clinical or by a physician and a licensed clinical professional counselor; etc.

**SB 466****Chapter 476****Senator West**

MENTAL HEALTH – ASSENT TO AND CERTIFICATES FOR ADMISSION – LICENSED CERTIFIED SOCIAL WORKER–CLINICAL AND LICENSED CLINICAL PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR

Altering a requirement that assent be given for the voluntary admission of a minor to certain facilities by providing that assent may be given by a physician and a licensed certified social worker–clinical or by a physician and a licensed clinical professional counselor; altering the requirement that a certificate for involuntary admission must be based on the personal examination of a physician and a licensed certified social worker–clinical or by a physician and a licensed clinical professional counselor; etc.

**HB 547****Chapter 477****Delegate R. Lewis**

MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM – DENTAL PROPHYLAXIS CARE AND ORAL HEALTH EXAMS

Prohibiting, beginning January 1, 2022, the Maryland Medical Assistance Program from including a frequency limitation on dental prophylaxis care or oral health exams that requires the dental prophylaxis care or oral health exams to be provided at an interval greater than 120 days within a plan year.

**SB 485****Chapter 478****Senator Augustine****MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM – DENTAL PROPHYLAXIS CARE AND ORAL HEALTH EXAMS**

Prohibiting, beginning January 1, 2022, the Maryland Medical Assistance Program from including a frequency limitation on dental prophylaxis care or oral health exams that requires the dental prophylaxis care or oral health exams to be provided at an interval greater than 120 days within a plan year.

**HB 1243****Chapter 481****Delegate Sample-Hughes****BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES AND VOLUNTARY PLACEMENT AGREEMENTS – CHILDREN AND YOUNG ADULTS – REPORT MODIFICATIONS**

Requiring that the Director of the Behavioral Health Administration's annual report on behavioral health services for children and young adults in the State include certain information relating to outpatient and substance-related disorders program services used by children and young adults and behavioral health services provided through telehealth; altering the scope of certain data required to be included in the report; requiring that certain data in the report be grouped by race and ethnicity; etc.

**SB 520****Chapter 482****Senator Klausmeier****BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES AND VOLUNTARY PLACEMENT AGREEMENTS – CHILDREN AND YOUNG ADULTS – REPORT MODIFICATIONS**

Requiring that the Director of the Behavioral Health Administration's annual report on behavioral health services for children and young adults in the State include certain information relating to outpatient and substance-related disorders program services by children and young adults and behavioral health services provided through telehealth; altering the scope of certain data required to be included in the report; requiring that certain data in the report be grouped by race and ethnicity; etc.

**HB 141**  
**Chapter 487**

**Delegate Sample–Hughes**

**MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH – RESIDENTIAL SERVICE AGENCIES – TRAINING REQUIREMENTS**

Requiring each residential service agency, beginning July 1, 2022, to ensure that within 45 days of the start of employment individuals receive training relating to dementia; providing that certain training may be provided by a certain supervisory staff member; providing that a residential service agency is not required to provide certain individuals certain training under certain circumstances; requiring a person who provides certain training to issue a certification of completion to each individual who completes the training; etc.

**SB 275**  
**Chapter 488**

**Senator Hester, et al**

**MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH – RESIDENTIAL SERVICE AGENCIES – TRAINING REQUIREMENTS**

Requiring each residential service agency, beginning July 1, 2022, to ensure that within 45 days of the start of employment individuals receive training relating to dementia; providing that certain training may be provided by a certain supervisory staff member; providing that a residential service agency is not required to provide certain individuals certain training under certain circumstances; requiring a person who provides certain training to issue a certification of completion to each individual who completes the training; etc.

**HB 1039**  
**Chapter 491**

**Delegate Kelly**

**HEALTH OCCUPATIONS – STATE BOARD OF MASSAGE THERAPY EXAMINERS – REVISIONS**

Altering a certain requirement for certain State Board of Massage Therapy Examiners members who are licensed massage therapists; altering the education requirements for applicants to qualify for a certain license or registration by requiring that certain curriculums and programs be endorsed by the Commission on Massage Therapy or a certain equivalent entity; requiring the Criminal Justice Information System Central Repository to provide the Board with a certain revised statement under certain circumstances; etc.

**SB 745****Chapter 492****Senator Elfreth****HEALTH OCCUPATIONS – STATE BOARD OF MASSAGE THERAPY EXAMINERS – REVISIONS**

Altering a certain requirement for certain State Board of Massage Therapy Examiners members who are licensed massage therapists; altering the education requirements for applicants to qualify for a certain license or registration by requiring that certain curriculums and programs be endorsed by the Commission on Massage Therapy or a certain equivalent entity; requiring the Criminal Justice Information System Central Repository to provide the Board with a certain revised statement under certain circumstances; etc.

**SB 78****Chapter 493****Senator Waldstreicher****MARYLAND INSTITUTE FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES SYSTEMS – ADMINISTRATION OF KETAMINE – DATA COLLECTION**

Requiring the Maryland Emergency Medical Services Systems to collect certain data on the administration of ketamine to individuals by emergency medical services providers; requiring the Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems to report certain data to the General Assembly, the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House, the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee, and the House Judiciary Committee by December 1, 2022, and each December 1 thereafter; etc.

**HB 1349****Chapter 494****Delegate Sample-Hughes****PUBLIC HEALTH – MARYLAND PRENATAL AND INFANT CARE GRANT PROGRAM FUND**

Renaming the Maryland Prenatal and Infant Care Coordination Services Grant Program Fund to be the Maryland Prenatal and Infant Care Grant Program Fund; altering the purpose of the Fund to include making grants to certain health centers and hospitals and certain providers to increase access to prenatal care; requiring the Governor to include appropriations in the annual budget bill for the Fund; altering the proposals that are required to receive priority to include those from areas with high rates of infants with low birthweight; etc.

**SB 777****Chapter 495****Senator Elfreth, et al****PUBLIC HEALTH – MARYLAND PRENATAL AND INFANT CARE GRANT PROGRAM FUND**

Renaming the Maryland Prenatal and Infant Care Coordination Services Grant Program Fund to be the Maryland Prenatal and Infant Care Grant Program Fund; altering the purpose of the Fund to include making grants to federally qualified health centers, hospitals, and certain providers to increase access to prenatal care, which may include behavioral and oral health services; altering the proposals from counties or municipalities that are required to receive priority in the awarding of grants; etc.

**HB 107****Chapter 496****Delegate R. Lewis****PROHIBITION ON VENDING MACHINE SALES OF DRUGS AND MEDICINES – REPEAL**

Repealing the prohibition on the sale, distribution, and disposal of certain drugs, medicines, pharmaceutical preparations, and medical preparations by means of a vending machine or similar device.

**SB 499****Chapter 497****Senator Lam****PROHIBITION ON VENDING MACHINE SALES OF DRUGS AND MEDICINES – REPEAL**

Repealing the prohibition on the sale, distribution, and disposal of certain drugs, medicines, pharmaceutical preparations, and medical preparations by means of a vending machine or similar device.

**HB 593****Chapter 500****Delegate Fraser-Hidalgo****CONDOMINIUMS AND HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATIONS – MEETING REQUIREMENTS**

Making clarifying changes to certain additional meeting requirements for a council of unit owners; requiring notice of an initial properly called meeting of a council of unit owners to include certain information under certain circumstances; requiring an additional meeting of a council of unit owners to be held not earlier than 15 days after the initial properly called meeting; requiring a certain notice of an additional meeting of the council of unit owners to be delivered, advertised, or posted in a certain manner; etc.

**SB 535****Chapter 501****Senator King****CONDOMINIUMS AND HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATIONS – MEETING REQUIREMENTS**

Making clarifying changes to certain additional meeting requirements for a council of unit owners; requiring notice of an initial properly called meeting of a council of unit owners to include certain information under certain circumstances; requiring an additional meeting of a council of unit owners to be held not earlier than 15 days after the initial properly called meeting; requiring a certain notice of an additional meeting of the council of unit owners to be delivered, advertised, or posted in a certain manner; etc.

**HB 794****Chapter 504****Carroll County Delegation****CARROLL COUNTY – SHERIFF – SALARY**

Increasing the salary of the Sheriff of Carroll County to \$125,000, from \$110,000, beginning December 6, 2022, and to \$140,000 beginning December 5, 2023, and thereafter; and providing that the Act does not apply to the salary of the incumbent Sheriff.

**SB 613****Chapter 505****Carroll County Senators****CARROLL COUNTY – SHERIFF – SALARY**

Increasing the salary of the Sheriff of Carroll County from \$110,000 to \$125,000 beginning December 6, 2022, and to \$140,000 beginning December 5, 2023, and thereafter; and providing that the Act does not apply to the salary of the incumbent Sheriff.

**HB 39****Chapter 506****Delegate Shetty****ACTION FOR CHANGE OF NAME – WAIVER OF PUBLICATION REQUIREMENT**

Requiring a court to waive a certain publication requirement in an action for change of name under the Maryland Rules on motion by an individual who has filed the action.

**SB 581****Chapter 507****Senator Hettleman****ACTION FOR CHANGE OF NAME – WAIVER OF PUBLICATION REQUIREMENT**

Requiring a court to waive a certain publication requirement in an action for change of name under the Maryland Rules on motion by an individual who has filed the action.

**HB 1000****Chapter 511****Delegate Pippy****ESTATES AND TRUSTS – GUARDIAN OF PROPERTY OF MINOR OR DISABLED PERSON – PROHIBITION ON DISTRIBUTION OR DISBURSEMENT**

Prohibiting a guardian of the property of a minor or disabled person from distributing or disbursing property of the minor or disabled person without court authorization or confirmation if the guardian is not a family member of the minor or disabled person under certain circumstances; providing that, if a guardian of the property violates the Act, the guardian is liable for breach of the guardian's fiduciary duty to certain persons to the same extent as a trustee of an express trust; etc.

**HB 1266****Chapter 513****Delegate W. Fisher****ESTATES AND TRUSTS – WILLS – CUSTODIANSHIP**

Requiring a person having custody of a will to maintain custody of the will, except under certain circumstances; prohibiting the custodian of a will from taking certain actions related to the will, except under certain circumstances; authorizing the custodian of a will to deposit the will for safekeeping with a certain register of wills under certain circumstances; requiring the custodian of a will to deliver the will to certain persons under certain circumstances; etc.

**HB 804****Chapter 515****Delegate Palakovich Carr****TAXES – WHISTLEBLOWER REWARD PROGRAM AND STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS FOR TAX COLLECTIONS**

Establishing a certain whistleblower reward program within the Office of the Comptroller; providing that a certain whistleblower who voluntarily provides certain information to the Comptroller shall be entitled to receive a certain monetary award under certain circumstances; providing for the determination and allocation of the amount of an award if two or more whistleblowers are eligible for the award; providing that the determination of the amount of the award shall be solely in the discretion of the Comptroller; etc.

**HB 712****Chapter 516****Delegate D. Jones****BUREAU OF REVENUE ESTIMATES – TAX INCIDENCE STUDY – SCOPE AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL ASSISTANCE**

Altering the scope of certain tax incidence studies submitted by the Bureau of Revenue Estimates; requiring certain governmental units involved in the implementation or administration of taxes and charges evaluated in the study to provide promptly to the Bureau any information requested by the Bureau and otherwise cooperate with the Bureau in order to assist the Bureau in preparing certain tax incidence studies; and applying the Act to studies submitted after September 30, 2021.

**SB 591****Chapter 517****Senators Zucker and Elfreth****BUREAU OF REVENUE ESTIMATES – TAX INCIDENCE STUDY – SCOPE AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL ASSISTANCE**

Altering the scope of certain tax incidence studies submitted by the Bureau of Revenue Estimates; requiring governmental units involved in the implementation or administration of the taxes and charges evaluated in the study to provide promptly any information requested to the Bureau and otherwise cooperate with the Bureau in order to assist the Bureau in preparing certain tax incidence studies; and applying the Act to studies submitted after September 30, 2021.

**SB 914****Chapter 522****Senator McCray****SHERIFF OF BALTIMORE CITY**

Authorizing all full-time sworn law enforcement officers who are deputy sheriffs at the rank of lieutenant or below and court security officers in Baltimore City to collectively bargain with the Secretary of Budget and Management and the Sheriff of Baltimore City; requiring the Sheriff and the Secretary to recognize an exclusive representative for the purpose of collective bargaining; authorizing the Sheriff, the Secretary, and the exclusive representative to select the number of individuals designated to represent the respective parties; etc.

**HB 92****Chapter 526****Delegate Luedtke****PROCUREMENT – INVASIVE PLANT SPECIES – PROHIBITION ON USE OF STATE FUNDS**

Prohibiting, subject to a certain exception, the use of State funds to purchase or plant an invasive plant species for an outdoor project on or after July 1, 2022; and providing that the prohibition does not apply if the plant species is commonly used for agricultural or horticultural purposes and is being maintained for the purposes of education or research.

**HB 185****Chapter 527****Delegate T. Branch****ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – ON-SALES – REQUIRED MULTIPLE PURCHASES**

Prohibiting an alcoholic beverages license holder or an employee of a license holder from requiring, as a condition of sale of an alcoholic beverage for on-premises consumption, that an individual buy more than one bottle, container, or other serving at a time; and establishing certain penalties for a violation of the Act.

**HB 56****Chapter 573****Delegate Boyce****LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT – LEAVE WITH PAY – BEREAVEMENT LEAVE**

Authorizing employees of certain employers to use certain leave with pay for bereavement leave; defining the term “bereavement leave” as leave an employee is allowed to use on the death of a member of the employee’s immediate family; and defining the term “child” for purposes of certain bereavement leave to include an adopted, biological, or foster child, a stepchild, or a legal ward.

**SB 473****Chapter 574****Senator Washington****LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT – LEAVE WITH PAY – BEREAVEMENT LEAVE**

Authorizing employees of certain employers to use certain leave with pay for bereavement leave; defining the term “bereavement leave” as leave an employee is allowed to use on the death of a member of the employee’s immediate family; and defining the term “child” for purposes of certain bereavement leave to include an adopted, biological, or foster child, a stepchild, or a legal ward.

**HB 891****Chapter 579****Delegate D.M. Davis****HIGHER EDUCATION – HUNGER-FREE CAMPUS GRANT PROGRAM – ESTABLISHED**

Establishing the Hunger-Free Campus Grant Program to address student hunger and basic food needs on campus; requiring the Maryland Higher Education Commission to administer the Program, develop a certain form, and designate certain campuses as hunger-free campuses; authorizing certain public institutions of higher education to develop certain procedures and make certain information publicly available; requiring the Governor, beginning in fiscal year 2023, to include in the annual budget bill a \$150,000 appropriation for the Program; etc.

**SB 767****Chapter 580****Senator Washington****HIGHER EDUCATION – HUNGER-FREE CAMPUS GRANT PROGRAM – ESTABLISHED**

Establishing the Hunger-Free Campus Grant Program to address student hunger and basic food needs on campus; requiring the Maryland Higher Education Commission to administer the Program, develop a certain form, and designate certain campuses as hunger-free campuses; authorizing certain public institutions of higher education to develop certain procedures and make certain information publicly available; requiring the Governor, beginning in fiscal year 2023, to include in the annual budget bill a \$150,000 appropriation for the Program; etc.

**SB 636****Chapter 583****Senator Hayes****HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION – PASSIVE HOUSE PILOT PROGRAM**

Establishing the Passive House Pilot Program in the Department of Housing and Community Development to assist a nonprofit organization in partnership with neighboring high schools and institutes of higher education to provide students with career and technical educational experiences through the renovation of residential properties to become passive houses; requiring the Department to solicit proposals from nonprofit organizations that feature certain elements; requiring the Department to give priority to certain proposals; etc.

**HB 1154****Chapter 587****Delegate C. Jackson****LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT – ECONOMIC STABILIZATION ACT – ALTERATIONS**

Prohibiting an employee from counting in the determination of a reduction in operations if the employee accepts an offer to transfer to any other site of employment within 30 days after being offered the transfer for purposes of certain provisions of law; altering the persons to whom an employer is required to provide certain notice of a reduction in operations; altering the information required to be included in a certain notice of a reduction in operations; exempting an employer from a certain notice requirement; etc.

**SB 801****Chapter 588****Senator Griffith****LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT – ECONOMIC STABILIZATION ACT – ALTERATIONS**

Prohibiting an employee from counting in the determination of a reduction in operations if the employee accepts an offer to transfer to any other site of employment within 30 days of the offer, for the purposes of certain provisions of law; altering the persons to whom an employer is required to provide certain notice of a reduction in operations; altering the information required to be included in a certain notice of a reduction in operations; exempting an employer from a certain notice requirement under certain circumstances; etc.

**HB 19****Chapter 590****Delegate Holmes****RESIDENTIAL REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS – ESCROW AGENTS AND TRUST MONEY**

Altering the definitions of “escrow agent” and “trust money” for purposes of a requirement that an escrow agent enter into a certain agreement with the seller and the buyer of residential real estate when the escrow agent agrees to hold trust money; defining “residential real estate” as real property improved by four or fewer single-family dwellings intended for human habitation and unimproved real property zoned for residential use; etc.

**HB 399****Chapter 592****Delegate Krimm****REAL PROPERTY – REQUIRED NOTICES FOR CONTRACTS OF SALE – ZONES OF DEWATERING INFLUENCE**

Requiring the Department of the Environment to develop and publish on its website a searchable map of zones of dewatering influence; defining “zones of dewatering influence” as the area around a surface mine in karst terrain; requiring a contract for the sale of real property in Baltimore County, Carroll County, Frederick County, or Washington County include a notice about property located in a certain zone; establishing that a purchaser of real property that does not receive the required notice has a right to rescind a contract; etc.

**HB 541**  
**Chapter 593**

**Montgomery County Delegation**

MONTGOMERY COUNTY – RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY SALES – SCHOOL DISTRICT INFORMATION MC 01–21

Requiring a contract for the sale of single-family residential real property in Montgomery County to contain a notice that school boundaries designated for the property may be subject to change; and establishing that a certain contract may not be voided under certain circumstances.

**HB 366**  
**Chapter 594**

**Delegates Cardin and Crutchfield**

DISTRICT COURT COMMISSIONERS – ARREST WARRANTS – RECALL AND ISSUANCE OF A SUMMONS

Authorizing a judge of the District Court or a judge of a circuit court, on a finding of good cause, to recall an arrest warrant issued by a District Court commissioner and issue a summons in its place.

**SB 862**  
**Chapter 595**

**Senator Waldstreich**

ARREST WARRANTS ISSUED BY DISTRICT COURT COMMISSIONERS – RECALL BY JUDGE

Authorizing a judge of the District Court or judge of a circuit court, on a finding of good cause, to recall an arrest warrant issued by a District Court commissioner and issue a summons in its place.

**HB 1127**  
**Chapter 601**

**Delegate Beitzel**

GARRETT COUNTY – MEMORIAL HOSPITAL – BOARD MEMBERSHIP AND MEETINGS

Altering the membership of the Board of Governors of the Garrett County Memorial Hospital; altering the terms of the members of the Board; and reducing the mandatory number of Board meetings from 10 to 6.

**SB 804**  
**Chapter 602**

**Senator Edwards**

GARRETT COUNTY – MEMORIAL HOSPITAL – BOARD MEMBERSHIP AND MEETINGS

Altering the membership of the Board of Governors of the Garrett County Memorial Hospital; altering the terms of the members of the Board; and reducing the mandatory number of Board meetings from 10 to 6.

**HB 30****Chapter 607****Delegate Korman****OFFICE OF PEOPLE'S COUNSEL – ALTERATIONS (OFFICE OF PEOPLE'S COUNSEL ENVIRONMENTAL REFORM ACT)**

Altering the maximum amount that may be charged to a public service company for a State fiscal year; requiring the Office of the People's Counsel to hire at least one assistant people's counsel to focus on environmental issues; authorizing the Office to retain or hire experts in the field of climate change; requiring the Office to consider the public safety, economic welfare, and environmental interests of the State and its residents in determining whether a matter affects the interests of residential and noncommercial users; etc.

**HB 391****Chapter 610****Delegate Hartman, et al****SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT – PROHIBITION ON RELEASING A BALLOON INTO THE ATMOSPHERE**

Prohibiting a person who is at least 13 years old, a corporation, a partnership, an association, a nonprofit entity, the State, or any unit or political subdivision of the State from knowingly and intentionally releasing, or causing to be released, a balloon into the atmosphere, with certain exceptions; prohibiting a person from organizing or participating in a mass balloon release of 10 or more balloons; requiring a certain unit of a local government with delegated enforcement authority to report certain violations; etc.

**SB 716****Chapter 611****Senator Carozza, et al****SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT – PROHIBITION ON RELEASING A BALLOON INTO THE ATMOSPHERE**

Prohibiting a person who is at least 13 years old, a corporation, a partnership, an association, a nonprofit entity, the State, or any unit or political subdivision of the State from knowingly and intentionally releasing, or causing to be released, a balloon into the atmosphere; prohibiting a person from organizing or participating in a mass balloon release; requiring a person who violates the Act to perform 6 hours of community service or watch a video on environmental damage or both; establishing a \$100 civil penalty; etc.

**HB 115****Chapter 612****Delegate Moon****VEHICLE LAWS – CANCELED, REVOKED, AND SUSPENDED DRIVER'S LICENSES – PENALTIES**

Altering certain penalties for a person who displays a canceled, revoked, or suspended driver's license; and providing that a person who violates a certain section of the Act must appear in court and may not prepay the fine.

**SB 20****Chapter 613****Senator Carter****VEHICLE LAWS – CANCELED, REVOKED, AND SUSPENDED DRIVER'S LICENSES – PENALTIES**

Altering certain penalties for a person who displays a canceled, revoked, or suspended driver's license; and providing that a person who violates a certain section of the Act must appear in court and may not prepay the fine.

**HB 298****Chapter 614****Delegate Charkoudian****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.

**SB 83****Chapter 615****Senator Kramer****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.

**HB 76****Chapter 618****Delegate Love****WATER POLLUTION CONTROL – INTERVENTION IN CIVIL ACTIONS – RIGHTS AND AUTHORITY**

Providing that a person who meets the threshold standing requirements under the federal Clean Water Act has an unconditional right and authority to intervene in a civil action that the State initiates in State court to require compliance with certain water pollution control measures; requiring a person exercising a certain right of intervention to intervene in accordance with the applicable practices, procedures, and laws of the State; etc.

**SB 334****Chapter 619****Senator Carter****WATER POLLUTION CONTROL – INTERVENTION IN CIVIL ACTIONS – RIGHTS AND AUTHORITY**

Providing that a person who meets certain threshold standing requirements under federal law has an unconditional right and authority to intervene in a civil action that the State initiates in State court to require compliance with certain water pollution control measures; requiring a person exercising a certain right of intervention to intervene in accordance with the applicable practices, procedures, and laws in the State; etc.

**SB 114****Chapter 620****Senator McCray**

CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – EXPUNGEMENT OF CONVICTION AND SUBSEQUENT OFFENDER PENALTIES – 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; and providing that a person is subject to a certain enhanced penalty for a subsequent conviction for driving while the person's license or privilege to drive is canceled, suspended, refused, or revoked only in a certain circumstance.

**SB 616****Chapter 621****Senator McCray**

BALTIMORE CITY – SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT – AUTHORITY TO ESTABLISH

Authorizing a Baltimore City Soil Conservation District to be established and continued with boundaries corresponding to the boundaries of Baltimore City.

**HB 1160****Chapter 623****Calvert County Delegation**

CALVERT COUNTY – LONG-TERM CONTRACTS FOR CELLULAR TOWER LEASES

Authorizing Calvert County to enter into a contract for a cellular tower lease, including a cellular tower lease on a water tower, if the initial term of the lease is not more than 20 years.

**HB 584****Chapter 624****Delegate R. Watson**

PUBLIC UTILITIES – NET ENERGY METERING

Prohibiting the Public Service Commission from prohibiting the construction or operation of multiple net metered solar generating facilities located on contiguous lots that are owned by a local government solely because the capacity of the combined net metering systems exceeds the 2 megawatt limit under certain circumstances.

**SB 508****Chapter 625****Senator Peters****PUBLIC UTILITIES – NET ENERGY METERING**

Prohibiting the Public Service Commission from prohibiting the construction or operation of multiple net metered solar generating facilities located on separate contiguous lots that are owned by a local government solely because the capacity of the combined net metering systems exceeds the 2 megawatt limit under certain circumstances.

**HB 208****Chapter 626****Delegates Healey and Stein****AGRICULTURE – NEONICOTINOID PESTICIDES – SALE AND STORAGE**

Restricting a person that sells a neonicotinoid pesticide under certain provisions of law to selling a neonicotinoid pesticide only to a certain certified applicator or farmer; and requiring a person selling a neonicotinoid pesticide to store each neonicotinoid pesticide in a manner that is inaccessible to customers without the assistance from the person or an employee of the person.

**SB 375****Chapter 627****Senator Kagan****AGRICULTURE – NEONICOTINOID PESTICIDES – SALE AND STORAGE**

Restricting a person that sells a neonicotinoid pesticide under certain provisions of law to selling a neonicotinoid pesticide only to a certain certified applicator or farmer; and requiring a person selling a neonicotinoid pesticide to store each neonicotinoid pesticide in a manner that is inaccessible to customers without the assistance from the person or an employee of the person.

**HB 784****Chapter 629****Delegate Terrasa****RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION – ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING**

Requiring a builder of new housing units including single-family detached homes and townhomes or a builder's agent to provide each buyer or prospective buyer with the option to include on or in a garage, carport, or driveway an electric vehicle charging station or a dedicated electric line capable of providing at least Level 2 charging; requiring a certain builder or builder's agent to give to certain buyers and prospective buyers notice of certain options and information about certain rebate programs; etc.

**HB 280****Chapter 631****Delegate Charkoudian****MARYLAND RECYCLING ACT – RECYCLABLE MATERIALS AND RESOURCE RECOVERY FACILITIES – ALTERATIONS**

Altering the definition of "recyclable materials" under the Maryland Recycling Act to exclude incinerator ash; and repealing the authority of a county to utilize a resource recovery facility to meet 5% of the waste reduction required to be achieved through recycling in the county's recycling plan.

**HB 1207****Chapter 634****Delegate Bridges****ENVIRONMENT – COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE AND SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES – REFORM**

Altering the membership of the Commission on Environmental Justice and Sustainable Communities; requiring the Commission's membership to reflect the diversity of the State to the extent practicable; requiring the Commission to meet at least six times a year; requiring the Commission to host at least four community listening sessions a year; requiring the Commission to conduct its meetings and sessions in different geographic locations in the State; requiring the sessions and meetings of the Commission to be accessible to all attendees; etc.

**SB 674****Chapter 635****Senator Elfreth, et al****ENVIRONMENT – COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE AND SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES – REFORM**

Altering the membership of the Commission on Environmental Justice and Sustainable Communities; requiring the Commission's membership to reflect the diversity of the State to the extent practicable; requiring the Commission to meet at least six times a year; requiring the Commission to host at least four community listening sessions a year; requiring the Commission to conduct its meetings and sessions in different geographic locations in the State; requiring the sessions and meetings of the Commission to be accessible to all attendees; etc.

**SB 888****Chapter 642****Senator Beidle****ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – SPEED MONITORING SYSTEMS – MARYLAND ROUTE 175 (JESSUP ROAD)**

Authorizing the placement and use of speed monitoring systems on Maryland Route 175 (Jessup Road) in Anne Arundel County between the Maryland Route 175/295 interchange and the Anne Arundel County–Howard County line, subject to certain placement and signage requirements; requiring a certain real–time display of a driver's traveling speed for a speed monitoring system operating on Maryland Route 175 (Jessup Road) between the Maryland Route 175/295 interchange and the Anne Arundel County–Howard County line; etc.

**SB 501****Chapter 643****Senator Beidle****TOWING OR REMOVAL OF VEHICLES FROM PARKING LOTS – PLACEMENT OF SIGNS – REGIONAL MALLS**

Altering the standards for signage at a regional mall parking lot by requiring that, before being authorized to tow or remove a vehicle, the owner or operator of the parking lot must place certain signs at each entrance to the parking lot.

**SB 525****Chapter 646****Senator McCray****DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND CORRECTIONAL SERVICES AND STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS – CENTRALIZED BOOKING FACILITY – BALLOT DROP BOX**

Requiring the Baltimore City centralized booking facility to provide a secure, designated ballot drop box for eligible voters in the facility and to monitor the ballot drop box 24 hours a day and 7 days a week; requiring the Baltimore City centralized booking facility to disseminate written notifications directly to each eligible voter in the facility on how and when to use the drop box; requiring the State Board of Elections to provide the Baltimore City centralized booking facility with certain materials and the ballot drop box; etc.

**HB 130****Chapter 648****Delegate Qi****COMMISSION ON LGBTQ AFFAIRS – ESTABLISHED**

Establishing the Commission on LGBTQ Affairs in the Governor's Office of Community Initiatives; providing for the appointment, qualifications, terms, removal, and resignation of Commission members; requiring the Commission to elect annually a chair and vice chair; authorizing the Commission to appoint a director; establishing that the director is a special appointment; requiring publication of an annual report to include recommendations on policies for LGBTQ adults and youth to end discriminatory practices in the State; etc.

**HB 1097****Chapter 650****St. Mary's County Delegation****ST. MARY'S COUNTY – LOCAL OFFICIALS – SALARIES**

Altering the salary of the members of the St. Mary's County Board of Education, the Chair of the St. Mary's County Board of Education, the Chief Judge of the Orphans' Court of St. Mary's County, the Associate Judges of the Orphans' Court for St. Mary's County, the Treasurer of St. Mary's County, the President of the County Commissioners of St. Mary's County, and the members of the County Commissioners of St. Mary's County; and providing for the application of the Act.

**HB 113****Chapter 654****Delegates Lierman and Korman****BOARD OF REVENUE ESTIMATES AND BUREAU OF REVENUE ESTIMATES – ORGANIZATION AND OPERATIONS**

Requiring the Comptroller to appoint the Chief of the Bureau of Revenue Estimates from a list of at least three candidates reviewed and evaluated by the Revenue Monitoring Committee and the Consensus Revenue Monitoring and Forecasting Group; requiring a certain report of estimated State revenues to be reviewed and approved by the Committee before the estimates are formally adopted by the Board of Revenue Estimates; requiring the Bureau to submit the March revenue report to the Board by a certain date; etc.

**SB 314****Chapter 655****Senators McCray and Elfreth****BOARD OF REVENUE ESTIMATES AND BUREAU OF REVENUE ESTIMATES – ORGANIZATION AND OPERATIONS**

Requiring the Comptroller to appoint the Chief of the Bureau of Revenue Estimates from a list of at least three candidates reviewed and evaluated by the Revenue Monitoring Committee and the Consensus Revenue Monitoring and Forecasting Group; requiring a certain report of estimated State revenues to be reviewed and approved by the Committee before the estimates are formally adopted; requiring the Bureau to submit the March revenue report to the Board of Revenue Estimates by a certain date; etc.

**SB 596****Chapter 659****Senator Washington****ELECTION LAW – EARLY VOTING CENTERS – HOURS OF OPERATION**

Requiring early voting centers to be open during the hours between 7 a.m. and 8 p.m. each early voting day.

**HB 206****Chapter 660****Delegate Washington****ELECTION LAW – EARLY VOTING CENTERS – HOURS OF OPERATION**

Requiring early voting centers to be open during the hours between 7 a.m. and 8 p.m. during each early voting day.

**HB 685****Chapter 671****Delegate Valderrama****LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT – SECURE MARYLAND WAGE ACT**

Requiring that certain employees working at a heightened security interest location be paid a certain wage for certain time periods; requiring certain employers to pay certain covered employees a certain supplement benefit rate in a certain manner beginning January 1, 2026; declaring findings of the General Assembly with regard to the ability to attract and retain qualified employees to heightened security locations; specifying that certain provisions of the Act do not diminish certain collective bargaining rights; etc.

**SB 107****Chapter 672****Senator Hayes****LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT – SECURE MARYLAND WAGE ACT**

Requiring that certain employees working at a heightened security interest location be paid a certain wage for certain periods of time; requiring certain employers to pay certain covered employees a certain supplement benefit rate in a certain manner beginning January 1, 2026; declaring findings of the General Assembly with regard to the ability to attract and retain qualified employees to heightened security locations; specifying that certain provisions of the Act do not diminish certain collective bargaining rights; etc.

**SB 65****Chapter 673****Senator Kelley****ELECTRICITY – RENEWABLE ENERGY PORTFOLIO STANDARD – TIER 2 RENEWABLE SOURCES, QUALIFYING BIOMASS, AND COMPLIANCE FEES**

Altering the renewable energy portfolio standard for 2021 through 2030 and later; extending eligibility of certain Tier 2 renewable sources for purposes of the renewable energy portfolio standard in certain years; altering the compliance fee for a shortfall from the required percentage of energy from certain Tier 1 renewable sources for the renewable energy portfolio standard in certain years; altering the definition of “qualifying biomass” for certain purposes; etc.

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**HB 15****Chapter 674****Delegate Pena–Melnyk****CREATING GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF IMMIGRANT AFFAIRS**

Establishing the Governor's Office of Immigrant Affairs, subject to the availability of funding, to create a network of neighborhood-based centers providing immigrant services, assist law enforcement in combatting crimes against immigrants, and promote civic and economic participation among immigrant communities; requiring the Director to submit a report to the Governor and the General Assembly by June 15 each year describing calls received by the Office, the number of immigrants assisted and all other relevant information; etc.

**SB 85****Chapter 675****Senator Rosapepe****CREATING GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF IMMIGRANT AFFAIRS**

Creating the Governor's Office of Immigrant Affairs, subject to the availability of funding, to establish a network of neighborhood-based centers providing immigrant services, assist law enforcement in combatting crimes against immigrants, and promote civic and economic participation among immigrants; requiring the Director to submit a report to the Governor and the General Assembly by June 15 each year describing calls received by the Office, the number of immigrants assisted, and all other relevant information; etc.

**SB 201****Chapter 680****Senators Patterson and Sydnor****CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – EXPUNGEMENT OF RECORDS**

Requiring the expungement of certain records 3 years after a disposition of the charge if no charge in the case resulted in a disposition other than acquittal, dismissal, not guilty, or nolle prosequi, except nolle prosequi with a requirement of drug or alcohol treatment; requiring a court to send a certain notice; requiring a court to notify a certain defendant of certain information relating to expungement; requiring a court to mail a certain written form to a certain defendant; etc.

**HB 240****Chapter 681****Delegate Shetty****CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – FORENSIC GENETIC GENEALOGICAL DNA ANALYSIS, SEARCHING, REGULATION, AND OVERSIGHT**

Establishing that a certain forensic genetic genealogical DNA analysis and search may not be initiated without certifying certain information before a court and obtaining a certain authorization from the court; requiring a court to authorize the initiation of a certain forensic genetic genealogical DNA analysis and search if certain information is certified before the court; prohibiting certain biological samples subjected to certain forensic genetic genealogical profile analysis to be used to determine certain information about a certain donor; etc.

**SB 187****Chapter 682****Senator Sydnor****CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – FORENSIC GENETIC GENEALOGICAL DNA ANALYSIS, SEARCHING, REGULATION, AND OVERSIGHT**

Establishing that a certain forensic genetic genealogical DNA analysis and search may not be initiated without certifying certain information before a court and obtaining a certain authorization from the court; requiring a court to authorize the initiation of a certain forensic genetic genealogical DNA analysis and search if certain information is certified before the court; prohibiting certain biological samples subjected to a certain analysis to be used to determine certain information about a certain donor; etc.

**HB 1343****Chapter 685****Delegate Kipke****ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – PARTY CENTRAL COMMITTEES – REPUBLICAN REQUIREMENTS**

Altering the manner in which the members of the Anne Arundel County Republican Party Central Committee are elected.

**HB 1261****Chapter 686****Delegate W. Fisher****WILLS, POWERS OF ATTORNEY, AND ADVANCE DIRECTIVES – ELECTRONIC EXECUTION**

Altering certain provisions of law related to the execution of wills, powers of attorney, and advance directives to authorize the electronic execution and remote witnessing of those documents under certain circumstances; providing that a will, a power of attorney, a notarization of a power of attorney, or an advance directive executed in conformance with the provisions of certain executive orders shall be deemed to satisfy certain requirements under the Act; applying the Act retroactively; etc.

**HB 1364****Chapter 687****Delegate Crosby****HISTORIC ST. MARY'S CITY FORT TO 400 COMMISSION**

Establishing the Historic St. Mary's City Fort to 400 Commission to plan and conduct observances in 2034 commemorating the 400th anniversary of Maryland's founding; requiring the membership of the Commission to reflect the diversity of the State to the extent practicable; requiring the Commission to meet at least twice a year; requiring the Commission to provide an update to the Governor and the General Assembly by November 1, 2022, and each year thereafter on the plan of action for the commemoration; etc.

**SB 946****Chapter 688****Senator Bailey, et al****HISTORIC ST. MARY'S CITY FORT TO 400 COMMISSION**

Establishing the Historic St. Mary's City Fort to 400 Commission to plan and conduct observances commemorating the 400th year of Maryland's founding in 2034; requiring the membership of the Commission to reflect the diversity of the State to the extent practical; requiring the Commission to meet at least twice a year; requiring the Commission to provide an update to the Governor and the General Assembly by November 1, 2022, and each year thereafter on the plan of action for the commemoration; etc.

**HB 562**  
**Chapter 689**

**Montgomery County Delegation**

MONTGOMERY COUNTY – SPEED LIMITS – ESTABLISHMENT  
MC 02–21

Authorizing Montgomery County and municipalities of Montgomery County to decrease the maximum speed limit to not less than 15 miles per hour on highways only after performing an engineering and traffic investigation; and prohibiting Montgomery County and municipalities in Montgomery County from implementing a new speed monitoring system to enforce speed limits on certain highways.

**SB 137**  
**Chapter 693**

**Senator Zucker**

MARYLAND TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION – CONVERSION TO ZERO-EMISSION BUSES (ZERO-EMISSION BUS TRANSITION ACT)

Prohibiting, beginning in fiscal year 2023, the Maryland Transit Administration from purchasing buses for the Administration's State transit bus fleet that are not zero-emission buses, subject to a certain exception; authorizing the Administration to purchase alternative-fuel buses under certain circumstances; requiring the Administration, on or before January 1, 2022, and each January 1 thereafter, to submit a report to certain committees of the General Assembly on the implementation of the Act; etc.

**SB 307**  
**Chapter 699**

**Senator Guzzone**

LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT – DIRECT CARE WORKFORCE INNOVATION PROGRAM

Establishing the Direct Care Workforce Innovation Program in the Division of Workforce Development and Adult Learning within the Maryland Department of Labor; requiring the Division to provide certain matching grants to certain entities to create and expand on successful recruitment and retention strategies that address certain barriers to increasing the population of direct care workers; requiring the Governor to include a \$250,000 appropriation in the annual budget bill for the Program; etc.

**HB 829****Chapter 704****Delegate Lierman****ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – SMALL BUSINESS FINANCING – LOAN LOSS RESERVE (MARYLAND CAPITAL ACCESS PROGRAM)**

Establishing a Capital Access Program in the Department of Commerce for the purpose of stimulating opportunities for small businesses that may have difficulty in obtaining business financing to have access to credit by establishing a loan loss reserve program; specifying that certain loans qualify under the Program; requiring a lender to enroll a qualifying loan not more than 30 days after the date of the first disbursement; authorizing a lender to enroll all or a portion of a qualifying loan in an amount not more than \$250,000; etc.

**HB 549****Chapter 709****Delegate Pena–Melnik****MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH – BIRTH REGISTRATION – GESTATIONAL CARRIERS**

Requiring a certain person to attach a copy of an order of the court establishing parentage to a certificate of birth under certain circumstances; requiring, for a birth involving a gestational carrier in which parentage is determined by a certain court, that a certain person enter certain information on the forms provided by the Secretary of Health and attach a certain order to the forms; requiring the Division of Vital Records to immediately take certain actions on receipt of certain documents; etc.

**SB 215****Chapter 710****Senator Kelley****MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH – BIRTH REGISTRATION – GESTATIONAL CARRIERS**

Requiring a certain person to attach a copy of an order of the court establishing parentage to a certificate of birth under certain circumstances; requiring, for a birth involving a gestational carrier in which parentage is determined by a certain court, that a certain person enter certain information on the forms provided by the Secretary of Health and attach a certain order to the forms; requiring the Division of Vital Records to immediately take certain actions on receipt of certain documents; etc.

**HB 161****Chapter 713****Delegate Kelly****HEALTH OCCUPATION – LICENSING OF AUDIOLOGY ASSISTANTS**

Requiring, on or after October 1, 2022, an individual to be licensed by the State Board of Examiners for Audiologists, Hearing Aid Dispensers, and Speech-Language Pathologists before assisting in the practice of audiology in the State, except as otherwise provided under certain provisions of law; establishing qualifications to obtain an audiology assistant license; authorizing a licensed audiologist to provide general supervision for up to two audiology assistants at any time; etc.

**SB 379****Chapter 714****Senator Lam****HEALTH OCCUPATIONS – LICENSING OF AUDIOLOGY ASSISTANTS**

Requiring, on or after October 1, 2022, an individual to be licensed by the State Board of Examiners for Audiologists, Hearing Aid Dispensers, and Speech-Language Pathologists before assisting in the practice of audiology in the State, except as otherwise provided under certain provisions of law; establishing qualifications to obtain an audiology assistant license; authorizing a licensed audiologist to provide general supervision for up to two licensed audiology assistants at any time; etc.

**SB 364****Chapter 740****Senator McCray****BALTIMORE CITY – CIVIL CLAIMS AGAINST LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS OF AN INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION – PROHIBITION AGAINST NONDISPARAGEMENT CLAUSE IN SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT**

Prohibiting the use or enforcement of a nondisparagement clause in a settlement agreement or other release of liability between the parties in a claim of misconduct in the performance of duties against a law enforcement officer of an institution of higher education in Baltimore City; and applying the Act prospectively.

**SB 41**  
**Chapter 743****Senator Augustine****HEALTH – MENTAL AND EMOTIONAL DISORDERS – CONSENT  
(MENTAL HEALTH ACCESS INITIATIVE)**

Altering the minimum age, from 16 years to 12 years, at which a minor has the same capacity as an adult to consent to consultation, diagnosis, and certain treatment of a mental or emotional disorder by a health care provider or clinic; and providing that a health care provider may decide to provide certain information to a certain parent, guardian, or custodian under certain provisions of law unless the health care provider believes that the disclosure will lead to harm to the minor or deter the minor from seeking care.

**HB 28**  
**Chapter 744****Delegates Pena–Melnyk and R. Lewis****PUBLIC HEALTH – IMPLICIT BIAS TRAINING AND THE OFFICE  
OF MINORITY HEALTH AND HEALTH DISPARITIES**

Altering the information to be included in the Health Care Disparities Policy Report Card to include disparities in morbidity and mortality rates for dementia; requiring the Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities to publish health data that includes race and ethnicity information and to update the data biannually; requiring the Governor, beginning in fiscal year 2023, to include at least \$1,788,314 in the annual budget bill for the Office; requiring a certain program to identify and approve implicit bias training programs; etc.

**SB 5**  
**Chapter 745****Senator Griffith, et al****PUBLIC HEALTH – IMPLICIT BIAS TRAINING AND THE OFFICE  
OF MINORITY HEALTH AND HEALTH DISPARITIES**

Altering the information to be included in the Health Care Disparities Policy Report Card to include disparities in morbidity and mortality rates for dementia; requiring the Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities to publish health data that includes race and ethnicity information and to update the data biannually; requiring the Governor, beginning in fiscal year 2023, to include at least \$1,788,314 in the annual budget bill for the Office; requiring a certain program to identify and approve implicit bias training programs; etc.

**HB 18****Chapter 746****Delegate W. Fisher, et al****LANDLORD AND TENANT – RESIDENTIAL TENANTS – ACCESS TO COUNSEL**

Establishing that certain procedural notice requirements must be fulfilled prior to the filing of a complaint by a landlord or a landlord's agent for the repossession of residential rental property for failure to pay rent; establishing that certain individuals shall have access to legal representation in eviction proceedings; establishing the Access to Counsel in Evictions Program to direct services to provide covered individuals with access to legal representation; establishing a certain Task Force; etc.

**HB 78****Chapter 749****Delegate Pena–Melnyk, et al****PUBLIC HEALTH – MARYLAND COMMISSION ON HEALTH EQUITY (THE SHIRLEY NATHAN–PULLIAM HEALTH EQUITY ACT OF 2021)**

Requiring the State designated exchange to participate in a certain advisory committee, maintain a certain data set, and provide data under certain circumstances; authorizing the State designated exchange to use certain data to improve outcomes for patients; establishing the Maryland Commission on Health Equity to employ a health equity framework by taking a collaborative approach to improve health outcomes and reduce health inequities in the State and incorporating health considerations into broad-based decision making; etc.

**SB 52****Chapter 750****Senator Washington****PUBLIC HEALTH – MARYLAND COMMISSION ON HEALTH EQUITY (THE SHIRLEY NATHAN–PULLIAM HEALTH EQUITY ACT OF 2021)**

Requiring the State designated exchange to participate in a certain advisory committee, maintain a certain data set, and provide data under certain circumstances; authorizing the State designated exchange to use certain data to improve outcomes for patients; establishing the Maryland Commission on Health Equity to employ a health equity framework by taking a collaborative approach to improve health outcomes and reduce health inequities in the State and incorporating health considerations into broad-based decision making; etc.

**HB 90**  
**Chapter 751****Delegate Lierman****STATE AND LOCAL HOUSING PROGRAMS – AFFIRMATIVELY FURTHERING FAIR HOUSING**

Requiring the Department of Housing and Community Development to report to the General Assembly and the Governor by December 1, 2023, and every 5 years thereafter, on the efforts by the State, political subdivisions, and housing authorities to promote fair housing choice and racial and economic housing integration; requiring the Department to explore ways to ensure it is supporting nonprofit and governmental entities devoted to furthering fair housing; requiring certain entities to submit a fair housing assessment to the Department; etc.

**Except Sections 2 and 3**

**SB 687**  
**Chapter 752****Senator Smith****STATE AND LOCAL HOUSING PROGRAMS – AFFIRMATIVELY FURTHERING FAIR HOUSING**

Requiring the Department of Housing and Community Development to report to the General Assembly and the Governor by December 1, 2023, and every 5 years thereafter, on the efforts by the State, political subdivisions, and housing authorities to promote fair housing choice and racial and economic housing integration; requiring the Department of Planning, in consultation with the Department of Housing and Community Development, on request of a local jurisdiction, to provide certain technical assistance; etc.

**Except Sections 2 and 3**

**HB 108**  
**Chapter 755****Delegate Charkoudian****BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CRISIS RESPONSE SERVICES – MODIFICATIONS**

Altering the proposals the Maryland Department of Health is required to prioritize in awarding grants under the Behavioral Health Crisis Response Grant Program; requiring a local behavioral health authority to make certain information available to the public; requiring the Governor to include in the annual operating budget appropriations of \$5,000,000 in each of fiscal years 2023 through 2025; requiring, beginning in fiscal year 2023, that at least one-third of the appropriation be used for grants for mobile crisis teams; etc.

**SB 286****Chapter 756****Senator Augustine****BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CRISIS RESPONSE SERVICES – MODIFICATIONS**

Altering the proposals the Maryland Department of Health is required to prioritize in awarding grants under the Behavioral Health Crisis Response Grant Program; requiring a local behavioral health authority to make certain information available to the public; requiring the Governor to include in the annual operating budget appropriations of \$5,000,000 in each of fiscal years 2023 through 2025; requiring, beginning in fiscal year 2023, that at least one-third of the appropriation be used for grants for mobile crisis teams; etc.

**HB 1061****Chapter 759****Charles County Delegation****SOUTHERN MARYLAND – DWELLING REGISTRATION AND INSPECTION – FEES AND FINES**

Authorizing the code home rule counties of the Southern Maryland class to require a certain property owner to register certain property with the county in order to offer the property for lease; authorizing the code home rule counties of the Southern Maryland class to charge a fee for registering certain property with the county and to impose a fine for a dwelling that is not registered with the county; and authorizing code home rule counties of the Southern Maryland class to conduct certain inspections and impose certain fines for certain violations.

**SB 832****Chapter 760****Charles County Senators****SOUTHERN MARYLAND – DWELLING REGISTRATION AND INSPECTION – FEES AND FINES**

Authorizing code home rule counties of the Southern Maryland class to require a certain property owner to register certain property with the county in order to offer the property for lease; authorizing code home rule counties of the Southern Maryland class to charge a fee for registering certain property with the county and to impose a fine for a dwelling that is not registered; authorizing code home rule counties of the Southern Maryland class to conduct certain inspections and impose certain fines for certain violations; etc.

**HB 309****Chapter 761****Delegates Pena–Melnyk and R. Lewis****PUBLIC HEALTH – DATA – RACE AND ETHNICITY INFORMATION**

Altering a certain provision of law requiring the Maryland Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities to collaborate with the Maryland Health Care Commission to publish a report card that includes racial and ethnic composition data on individuals who hold a license or certificate issued by a health occupations board, rather than only physicians; requiring the Office, as permitted by certain privacy laws, to respond to requests for health data that includes race and ethnicity information within 30 days of receipt of the request; etc.

**SB 565****Chapter 762****Senator Griffith, et al****PUBLIC HEALTH – DATA – RACE AND ETHNICITY INFORMATION**

Altering a certain provision of law requiring the Maryland Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities to collaborate with the Maryland Health Care Commission to publish and provide a certain report card to require the Office to also collaborate with certain health occupations boards and to include certain information in the report card; requiring the Office, as permitted by certain privacy laws, to respond to requests for health data that includes race and ethnicity information within 30 days of receipt of the request; etc.

**HB 781****Chapter 779****Delegate Dumais****CORPORATIONS AND REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUSTS – MISCELLANEOUS**

Clarifying that the charter or bylaws of a corporation may require that any internal corporate claim be brought only in certain specified courts; repealing the authority of certain corporations to effect a certain reverse stock split; altering the manner in which a corporation may allow stockholders to participate in a certain meeting; authorizing a certain meeting of the stockholders to be held partially or solely by means of remote communication; etc.

**SB 263****Chapter 780****Senators West and Waldstreicher****CORPORATIONS AND REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUSTS – MISCELLANEOUS**

Clarifying that the charter or bylaws of a corporation may require that any internal corporate claim be brought only in certain specified courts; repealing the authority of certain corporations to effect a certain reverse stock split; altering the manner in which a corporation may allow stockholders to participate in a certain meeting; authorizing a certain meeting of the stockholders to be held partially or solely by means of remote communication; etc.

**HB 811****Chapter 781****Delegate Cullison****STATE BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS – REVISIONS**

Requiring certain individuals employed by federal agencies to comply with certain provisions of law; establishing that an applicant to obtain a certified social worker license is required to meet certain requirements by December 31, 2023; altering the number of hours of certain supervision an applicant for a certified social worker–clinical license is required to complete; specifying that certain supervision is to be provided in accordance with regulations adopted by the State Board of Social Work Examiners; etc.

**SB 597****Chapter 782****Senator Washington****STATE BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS – REVISIONS**

Requiring certain individuals employed by federal agencies to comply with certain provisions of law; establishing that an applicant to obtain a certified social worker license is required to meet certain requirements by December 31, 2023; altering the number of hours of certain supervision an applicant for a certified social worker–clinical license is required to complete; requiring, as of calendar year 2023, a licensee seeking a license renewal to attest that the licensee has submitted to a criminal history records check; etc.

**HB 861****Chapter 783****Delegate Palakovich Carr****REAL PROPERTY – LANDLORD AND TENANT – REUSABLE TENANT SCREENING REPORTS**

Requiring that a reusable tenant screening report contain certain information regarding a prospective tenant of residential property; requiring a landlord to provide certain notice to prospective tenants regarding whether or not the landlord accepts reusable tenant screening reports; prohibiting a landlord that accepts a reusable tenant screening report from assessing certain fees; authorizing a landlord to require a prospective tenant to make a certain certification; etc.

**SB 691****Chapter 784****Senator Hettleman****REAL PROPERTY – LANDLORD AND TENANT – REUSABLE TENANT SCREENING REPORTS**

Requiring that a reusable tenant screening report contain certain information regarding a prospective tenant of residential property; requiring a landlord to provide certain notice to prospective tenants regarding whether or not the landlord accepts reusable tenant screening reports; prohibiting a landlord that accepts a reusable tenant screening report from assessing certain fees; authorizing a landlord to require a prospective tenant to make a certain certification; etc.

**HB 934****Chapter 788****Delegate Bartlett****PUBLIC HEALTH – CHIEF MEDICAL EXAMINER – AUTOPSY FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS**

Clarifying the circumstances under which a person in interest may appeal to the Secretary of Health the denial by the Chief Medical Examiner to correct certain findings and conclusions recorded on a certificate of death; and requiring the Maryland Department of Health to report to certain committees of the General Assembly by October 1, 2024, on the number of appeals made to the Secretary when the Chief Medical Examiner denied a request to correct findings and conclusions on the cause and manner of death after October 1, 2021.

**HB 1153****Chapter 794****Delegate Adams****NAMES OF ENTITIES WITH PHYSICIAN MEMBERSHIP – APPROVAL REQUIREMENT – EXEMPTION**

Exempting a professional entity whose members are licensed physicians from a requirement that the name of the entity be approved by the State Board of Physicians; requiring that the State Board of Assessments and Taxation notify MedChi, the Maryland State Medical Society on receipt of a certain application; and authorizing MedChi, the Maryland State Medical Society on receipt of the application to take no action or refer the application to the Maryland Department of Health if there is reason to believe the name is misleading.

**HB 1287****Chapter 796****Delegate R. Lewis****ALCOHOL AND DRUG COUNSELING – ALCOHOL AND DRUG TRAINEES – PRACTICE THROUGH TELEHEALTH**

Authorizing alcohol and drug trainees to practice clinical drug and alcohol counseling without a license or drug and alcohol counseling without a certificate through telehealth if the individuals are working as trainees under the supervision of certain approved supervisors while completing certain experiential or course study requirements.

**SB 646****Chapter 797****Senators Carozza and Kagan****ALCOHOL AND DRUG COUNSELING – ALCOHOL AND DRUG TRAINEES – PRACTICE THROUGH TELEHEALTH**

Authorizing certain individuals to practice clinical drug and alcohol counseling without a license and drug and alcohol counseling without certification through telehealth if the individuals are working as trainees under the supervision of certain approved supervisors while completing certain experiential or course of study requirements.

**HB 1375**  
**Chapter 798**

**Delegate Kelly**

**HEALTH INFORMATION EXCHANGES – ELECTRONIC HEALTH INFORMATION – SHARING AND DISCLOSURE**

Altering the laws with which certain regulations adopted by the Maryland Health Care Commission must comply; requiring that certain regulations adopted by the Commission require the State-designated health information exchange to develop and maintain a certain consent management application, subject to certain laws, and provide for certain penalties; requiring that, subject to certain laws, certain regulations allow certain entities to use electronic health information for certain purposes; etc.

**SB 82**  
**Chapter 800**

**Senator Augustine**

**STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR AUDIOLOGISTS, HEARING AID DISPENSERS, AND SPEECH–LANGUAGE PATHOLOGISTS – MARYLAND MUSIC THERAPISTS ACT**

Renaming the State Board of Examiners for Audiologists, Hearing Aid Dispensers, and Speech–Language Pathologists to be the State Board of Examiners for Audiologists, Hearing Aid Dispensers, Speech–Language Pathologists, and Music Therapists; requiring that two licensed music therapists with at least 5 years' paid work experience be added to the Board; requiring the Board to adopt a code of ethics for the practice of music therapy; authorizing the Board to facilitate the statewide dissemination of music therapy information to music therapists; etc.

**SB 96**  
**Chapter 801**

**Senator McCray**

**PUBLIC HEALTH – BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PROGRAMS AND HEALTH CARE FACILITIES – SAFETY AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS PLANS**

Requiring that the regulations adopted by the Behavioral Health Administration governing the licensure of behavioral health programs include a requirement that a certain program establish and implement a safety plan for the safety of the individuals in the program before being issued a license; requiring a behavioral health program to submit a certain community relations plan; providing that a facility may satisfy certain requirements by implementing a safety plan established for another purpose, including an emergency plan; etc.

**SB 298****Chapter 802****Senator Reilly****STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY – PHARMACY CLOSURE – NOTICE TO CUSTOMERS (THE DENNIS ROBIN ACT)**

Requiring an owner of a pharmacy to provide certain notice of the closing of the pharmacy at least 14 days prior to the anticipated closing of the pharmacy; requiring the notice to indicate the date of the anticipated closing, the name of the pharmacy to which customer prescriptions and records will transferred, and that a customer may request that their prescriptions and records be sent to another pharmacy; and requiring the State Board of Pharmacy to adopt certain regulations.

**SB 401****Chapter 803****Senator Carter****LANDLORD–TENANT – NONRENEWAL OF LEASE – NOTICE REQUIREMENTS**

Altering the period of time prior to the expiration of a tenancy that a landlord is required to notify a tenant, in writing, of the intent to terminate a tenancy upon expiration, under certain circumstances and subject to certain conditions; applying the notice provisions statewide; and applying the Act to any residential lease executed in the State on or after October 1, 2021, and, beginning October 1, 2021, to any residential lease executed before October 1, 2021, that has expired and resulted in a certain tenancy on or after October 1, 2021.

## **2020 Chapter – Effective October 1, 2021**

**SB 41**

**Chapter 504**

**Senator Lam**

**BALTIMORE COUNTY – VEHICLE HEIGHT MONITORING SYSTEMS**

Authorizing the use of certain vehicle height monitoring systems in Baltimore County to enforce certain State and local laws restricting the presence of certain vehicles during certain times; and applying to Baltimore County certain provisions of law relating to vehicle height monitoring systems; establishing, prior to the installation height monitoring systems, a workgroup to assist in the evaluation of existing truck routes, the identification of areas for vehicle height monitoring enforcement, and the evaluation of existing signage; etc.

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# 2019 Chapter – Effective October 1, 2021

**HB 1124**  
**Chapter 212**

**Delegate Brooks, et al**

**STATE GOVERNMENT – REGULATIONS IMPACTING SMALL BUSINESSES**

Requiring the Department of Budget and Management to provide certain units with training on the preparation of certain economic analyses; requiring a certain promulgating unit to establish an electronic registry and to post on the registry a proposed regulation or the scope of a proposed regulation; requiring certain notification when a proposed regulation or the scope of a proposed regulation is posted; repealing provisions of law relating to the Advisory Council on the Impact of Regulations on Small Businesses; etc.

**Sections 2 and 3 only**

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# 2016 Chapters – Effective October 1, 2021

**SB 417**

**Chapter 521**

**Senator Kelley, et al**

INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES – MINIMUM WAGE AND COMMUNITY INTEGRATION (KEN CAPONE EQUAL EMPLOYMENT ACT)

Prohibiting the Commissioner of Labor and Industry, under specified circumstances, from authorizing work activities centers and specified sheltered workshops to pay employees with disabilities less than a specified minimum wage; authorizing specified work activities centers and specified sheltered workshops to pay new employees less than the minimum wage only under specified circumstances; requiring the Developmental Disabilities Administration and the Department of Disabilities to develop and implement a specified plan; etc.

**Section 2 only**

**HB 420**

**Chapter 522**

**Delegate Waldstreicher, et al**

INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES – MINIMUM WAGE AND COMMUNITY INTEGRATION (KEN CAPONE EQUAL EMPLOYMENT ACT)

Prohibiting the Commissioner of Labor and Industry, under specified circumstances, from authorizing work activities centers and specified sheltered workshops to pay employees with disabilities less than a specified minimum wage; authorizing specified work activities centers and specified sheltered workshops to pay new employees less than the minimum wage only under specified circumstances; requiring the Developmental Disabilities Administration and the Department of Disabilities to develop and implement a specified plan; etc.

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