

April 13, 2021

To the Members of the General Assembly

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Article II, Section 17(b), of the Maryland Constitution states:

Section 17.

(b) If any Bill presented to the Governor while the General Assembly is in session is not returned by him with his objections within six days (Sundays excepted), the Bill shall be a law in the like manner as if he signed it, unless the General Assembly, by adjournment, prevents its return, in which case it shall not be a law.

Having chosen not to sign the following bills after formal presentment and allow the provisions of Article II, Section 17(b) to determine the effectiveness of the legislation, the bills will become law without the Governor's signature as of midnight, April 13, 2021, and are assigned the following chapter numbers:

**SB 771**

Chapter 64

**Senators Hester and Rosapepe**

**UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE – WORK SHARING (WORK SHARE EXPANSION ACT OF 2021)**

Altering the definition of “affected employee” for purposes of certain provisions of law governing work sharing under the unemployment insurance law to include certain individuals who were rehired by an affected unit following a temporary closure or layoff due to the COVID–19 pandemic subject to flexibility for noncontinuous employment provided under federal guidance; etc.

**EMERGENCY BILL**

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**SB 893**

Chapter 65

**Senator Rosapepe**

**UNEMPLOYMENT – INSURANCE REVISIONS AND SPECIAL  
ENROLLMENT PERIOD FOR HEALTH BENEFITS**

Requiring the Maryland Health Benefit Exchange to open a special or other enrollment period for an individual who consents to share information through a certain system; establishing certain requirements for a certain enrollment period; authorizing the Maryland Health Benefit Exchange to conduct outreach to an individual who consents to share information using certain methods; requiring the Maryland Department of Labor to take certain actions to carry out the State's unemployment insurance law; etc.

**EMERGENCY BILL**

Sincerely,

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