

April 13, 2021

To the Members of the General Assembly

Ladies and Gentlemen:

On April 13, 2021, the Honorable Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr., Governor; the Honorable Bill Ferguson, President of the Senate; and the Honorable Adrienne A. Jones, Speaker of the House of Delegates, signed the following pieces of legislation, which you passed:

HB 812
Chapter 66

Delegate Cullison

2-1-1 MARYLAND – MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES PHONE CALL PROGRAM (THE THOMAS BLOOM RASKIN ACT)

Requiring the Maryland Department of Health, in consultation with 2-1-1 Maryland, to make certain recommendations relating to the establishment of an opt-in mental health services phone call program that would require a center to call individuals who have opted into the mental health services phone call program on a periodic basis and attempt to connect individuals to a provider of mental health services under certain circumstances; authorizing the Governor to include in the annual budget bill an appropriation to carry out the Act; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

SB 719
Chapter 67

Senator Zucker, et al

2-1-1 MARYLAND – MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES PHONE CALL PROGRAM (THE THOMAS BLOOM RASKIN ACT)

Requiring the Maryland Department of Health, in consultation with 2-1-1 Maryland, to make certain recommendations relating to the establishment of an opt-in mental health services phone call program that would require a center to call individuals who have opted into the mental health services phone call program on a periodic basis and attempt to connect individuals to a provider of mental health services under certain circumstances; authorizing the Governor to include in the annual budget bill an appropriation to carry out the Act; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

SB 857 **Senators Hester and Smith**

Chapter 68

HEALTH – MARYLAND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND PUBLIC SAFETY CENTER OF EXCELLENCE – ESTABLISHMENT

Establishing the Maryland Behavioral Health and Public Safety Center of Excellence within the Governor’s Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services; requiring the Center to monitor and analyze its models, plans, policies, strategies, programs, technical assistance, and training in order to identify opportunities to reduce and eliminate disparities in the criminalization of racial minorities with behavioral health disorders; requiring the Office to appoint certain individuals to oversee the Center; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

HB 1280 **Delegate Pena–Melnyk**

Chapter 69

HEALTH – MARYLAND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND PUBLIC SAFETY CENTER OF EXCELLENCE – ESTABLISHMENT

Establishing the Maryland Behavioral Health and Public Safety Center of Excellence within the Governor’s Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services to act as the statewide information repository for behavioral health treatment and diversion programs related to the criminal justice system; requiring the Center to monitor its models, plans, policies, strategies, programs, technical assistance, and training for opportunities to reduce the disparities in the criminalization of racial minorities with certain disorders; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

HB 123 **Delegate Pena–Melnyk, et al**

Chapter 70

PRESERVE TELEHEALTH ACCESS ACT OF 2021

Altering the health care services the Maryland Medical Assistance Program, subject to a certain limitation, is required to provide through telehealth; requiring that certain services provided under the Program include counseling and treatment; prohibiting the Program from excluding from coverage a behavioral health care service provided to a recipient in person solely because the service may be provided through telehealth; requiring the Maryland Health Care Commission to submit a certain report on telehealth; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

SB 3

Chapter 71

Senator Griffith, et al

PRESERVE TELEHEALTH ACCESS ACT OF 2021

Altering the health care services the Maryland Medical Assistance Program, subject to a certain limitation, is required to provide through telehealth; requiring that certain services provided under the Program include certain counseling and treatment; prohibiting the Program from excluding from coverage a behavioral health care service provided to a recipient in person solely because the service may be provided through telehealth; requiring the Maryland Health Care Commission to submit a certain report on telehealth; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

SB 2

Chapter 72

Senator McCray, et al

MARYLAND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICE REFORM ACT OF 2021

Altering from voting to nonvoting the type of membership position the Executive Director of the Maryland Environmental Service holds on the Board of Directors of the Service; removing the Deputy Director of the Service from the Board of Directors; requiring the Director to present certain expense information at each regular meeting of the Board; requiring the Board, by December 31, 2021, and every 5 years thereafter, to obtain a certain assessment of the Board's operations by an independent consultant or accountant; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

SB 811

Chapter 73

Senator Hershey, et al

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE – COMPUTATION OF EARNED RATE OF CONTRIBUTION – APPLICABLE TABLE OF RATES

Requiring the Governor, based on the availability of certain federal funds, to include in the annual budget bill for fiscal year 2022 a certain appropriation to the Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund; authorizing the appropriation to be used for certain administrative costs, including the repayment of certain federal funds; and requiring that the earned rate of contributions for calendar year 2023 be calculated using a certain table of unemployment insurance rates.
EMERGENCY BILL

SB 66

Chapter 74

Senator Elfreth, et al

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – OFFICE OF STATEWIDE BROADBAND – ESTABLISHED (DIGITAL CONNECTIVITY ACT OF 2021)

Establishing the Office of Statewide Broadband in the Department of Housing and Community Development to ensure that every resident of the State is supported by high-quality, affordable broadband Internet service and has the tools necessary to take advantage of the Internet; requiring the Office to develop, by July 1, 2022, a statewide plan to ensure that all State residents have the ability to connect to reliable broadband Internet by December 31, 2026; establishing the Digital Inclusion Fund to support capacity building in the State; etc.
EMERGENCY BILL

HB 252

Chapter 75

Delegates Long and Arikan

TAX SALES – OWNER-OCCUPIED RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY

Authorizing the governing body of a county or municipal corporation to withhold owner-occupied residential property from tax sale during the period from June 1, 2021, through June 30, 2023; and providing for the termination of the Act on June 30, 2023.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2021

SB 14

Chapter 76

Senator Kelley, et al

COMPENSATION TO INDIVIDUAL ERRONEOUSLY CONVICTED, SENTENCED, AND CONFINED (THE WALTER LOMAX ACT)

Altering a provision of law to require, rather than authorize, the Board of Public Works to pay certain compensation in a certain manner to a certain individual who has been erroneously convicted, sentenced, and subsequently confined for a felony on receipt of a certain order; authorizing an administrative law judge to issue a certain order of eligibility; authorizing a certain individual who has previously received compensation to request an order for supplemental compensation in certain circumstances; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

HB 742 **Delegate Dumais**

Chapter 77

**COMPENSATION TO INDIVIDUAL ERRONEOUSLY
CONVICTED, SENTENCED, AND CONFINED (THE WALTER
LOMAX ACT)**

Altering a provision of law to require, rather than authorize, the Board of Public Works to pay certain compensation in a certain manner to an individual who has been erroneously convicted, sentenced, and subsequently confined for a felony on receipt of a certain order; authorizing an administrative law judge to issue an order that a certain individual is eligible for certain compensation and benefits from the State; authorizing an individual who has previously received compensation to request supplemental compensation; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

HB 790 **Delegate P. Young**

Chapter 78

**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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

SB 598 **Senators Smith and Carozza**

Chapter 79

**PROCUREMENT – OFFICE OF SMALL, MINORITY, AND
WOMEN BUSINESS AFFAIRS – SMALL BUSINESS RESERVE
PROGRAM AND VETERAN-OWNED SMALL BUSINESS
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EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

HB 1293 **Delegate Amprey**

Chapter 80

**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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

Pursuant to Article XIV, Section 1 of the Maryland Constitution, the following constitutional amendments have been assigned a chapter number:

SB 666

Chapter 82

Senator Peters

COURTS OF APPEALS AND SPECIAL APPEALS – RENAMING

Proposing an amendment to the Maryland Constitution to change the name of the Court of Appeals to be the Supreme Court of Maryland, to change the name of the Court of Special Appeals to be the Appellate Court of Maryland, to change the name of a Judge of the Court of Appeals to be a Justice of the Supreme Court of Maryland, and to change the name of the Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals to be the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Maryland; submitting the amendment to the qualified voters of the State for their adoption or rejection; etc.

CONTINGENT

HB 885

Chapter 83

Delegate R. Watson

COURTS OF APPEALS AND SPECIAL APPEALS – RENAMING

Proposing an amendment to the Maryland Constitution to change the name of the Court of Appeals to be the Supreme Court of Maryland, to change the name of the Court of Special Appeals to be the Appellate Court of Maryland, to change the name of a Judge of the Court of Appeals to be a Justice of the Supreme Court of Maryland, and to change the name of the Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals to be the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Maryland; submitting the amendment to the qualified voters of the State for their adoption or rejection; etc.

CONTINGENT

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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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

SB 484
Chapter 86

Senator Hettleman

CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – VICTIMS OF CRIME – PRIVATE ROOM

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EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

HB 1182
Chapter 87

Delegate Kipke

TAX – PROPERTY – TAX SALES

Requiring the collector of property taxes of a county to sell certain property at a tax sale under certain circumstances; and requiring the collector of property taxes to sell certain property on receipt of a certain petition at the county's next regularly scheduled tax sale.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

SB 366
Chapter 88

Senator McCray

DEPARTMENT OF ASSESSMENTS AND TAXATION – IDENTIFICATION NUMBER FOR BUSINESS – TASK FORCE

Requiring the Department of Assessments and Taxation to convene a task force to study and make recommendations to the Governor and General Assembly by December 1, 2021, on the adoption of a unique Maryland Identification Number for each registered or licensed business in the State to be used by certain State agencies; requiring the task force to include representatives of certain State agencies; authorizing the task force to include representatives of certain State agencies; providing for the duties of the task force; etc.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2021

HB 441
Chapter 89

Delegate McKay

**DEPARTMENT OF ASSESSMENTS AND TAXATION –
IDENTIFICATION NUMBER FOR BUSINESS – TASK FORCE**

Requiring the Department of Assessments and Taxation to convene a task force to study and make recommendations on the adoption of a unique Maryland Identification Number for each registered or licensed business in the State to be used by certain State agencies; requiring the task force to include representatives of certain State agencies; authorizing the task force to include representatives of certain other State agencies; providing for the duties of the task force; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2021

SB 156
Chapter 90

Senator Kramer

**PUBLIC SAFETY – LAW ENFORCEMENT – VETERINARY CARE
OF RETIRED LAW ENFORCEMENT K-9S ACT**

Requiring certain State and local law enforcement agencies to reimburse individuals who take possession of dogs formerly used in law enforcement work under certain circumstances for reasonable and necessary veterinary treatment; specifying that the reimbursement may be only for certain veterinary treatment and may not exceed \$2,500 during a calendar year and \$10,000 over the life of the dog; authorizing certain State law enforcement agencies to accept public donations for the payment of certain veterinary expenses; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

SB 365
Chapter 91

Senator McCray

**NEIGHBORHOOD BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM –
FOOD DESERT PROJECTS – BUSINESS RETENTION**

Expanding the purposes of the Neighborhood Business Development Program to include retaining certain businesses and enterprises in food deserts and certain areas that serve food deserts; increasing to \$100,000 the maximum amount of a certain small loan that may be provided to an approved entity for assistance in providing or maintaining access to healthy food in certain food deserts; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

HB 297 **Delegate Pena–Melnyk**

Chapter 92

**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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

HB 540 **Delegate Morgan**

Chapter 93

**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.

CONTINGENT – EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

SB 139 **Senators Carozza and Beidle**

Chapter 94

**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.

CONTINGENT – EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

- HB 497**
Chapter 95 **Delegate Boyce**
PROPERTY TAX CREDIT – URBAN AGRICULTURAL PROPERTY
– REPEAL OF REPAYMENT REQUIREMENT
- Repealing a requirement that the owner of certain property repay all property taxes that would have been imposed if certain property tax credits had not been granted if the property ceases to be used for urban agricultural purposes; and applying the Act to taxable years beginning after June 30, 2021.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2021
- HB 905**
Chapter 96 **Delegate Bridges**
EDUCATION – WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT SEQUENCE
SCHOLARSHIPS – ELIGIBILITY
- Altering the definition of “eligible student” to provide that students who are enrolled directly in a registered apprenticeship program that partners with a public community college in the State are eligible for Workforce Development Sequence Scholarships.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021
- SB 845**
Chapter 97 **Senator Benson**
EDUCATION – WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT SEQUENCE
SCHOLARSHIPS – ELIGIBILITY
- Altering the definition of “eligible student” to include students enrolled directly in registered apprenticeship programs that partner with a public community college in the State to be eligible for Workforce Development Sequence Scholarships.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021
- 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.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

SB 141 **Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs**
Chapter 99 **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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

SB 219 **Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental –**
Chapter 100 **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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

SB 251 **Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental –**
Chapter 101 **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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

SB 281 **Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental –**
Chapter 102 **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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

SB 110 **Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental –**
Chapter 103 **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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

SB 120 **Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental –**
Chapter 104 **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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

SB 226 **Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental –**
Chapter 105 **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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

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

**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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

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

**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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

SB 325 **Chair, Budget and Taxation Committee (By Request –**
Chapter 108 **Departmental – Assessments and Taxation)**

TAX SALES – REDEMPTION – NONDELINQUENT TAXES

Altering the amount which a person is required to pay the tax collector to redeem property sold at tax sale by limiting taxes, interest, and penalties accruing after the sale to include only delinquent taxes, interest, and penalties; and requiring that certain notices include certain information regarding the taxes included in a redemption payment.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2021

SB 877 **The President (By Request – Department of Legislative**
Chapter 109 **Services)**

ANNUAL CORRECTIVE BILL

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

EMERGENCY BILL

SB 878 **The President (By Request – Department of Legislative**
Chapter 110 **Services)**

ANNUAL CURATIVE BILL

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

EMERGENCY BILL

HB 1341 **Chair, Appropriations Committee (By Request –**
Chapter 111 **Departmental – University System of Maryland)**

UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF MARYLAND – ACADEMIC
FACILITIES BONDING AUTHORITY

Approving certain projects for the acquisition, development, and improvement of certain academic facilities for the University System of Maryland; approving the issuance of bonds by the University System of Maryland in a total principal amount of \$25,000,000 for financing the projects; and providing that the bonds issued under the authority of the Act are not a debt or obligation of the State or any of its subdivisions.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2021

SB 19 **Chair, Budget and Taxation Committee (By Request –**
Chapter 112 **Departmental – Commerce)**

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – BIOTECHNOLOGY
INVESTMENT INCENTIVE TAX CREDIT PROGRAM –
ALTERATIONS AND STUDY

Altering eligibility for the Biotechnology Investment Incentive Tax Credit Program by altering the definitions of “qualified investor” and “qualified Maryland biotechnology company”; providing that the purpose of the program is to foster the growth of Maryland’s biotechnology industry; prohibiting the Department of Commerce from issuing any tax credits to certain companies after June 30, 2028; requiring the Department, in consultation with certain experts, to conduct certain studies and report to the General Assembly by December 1, 2021; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2021

SB 160 **Chair, Budget and Taxation Committee (By Request –**
Chapter 113 **Departmental – Commerce)**

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – CYBERSECURITY INVESTMENT
INCENTIVE TAX CREDIT PROGRAM – EXPANSION,
EXTENSION, AND STUDY**

Altering the Cybersecurity Investment Incentive Tax Credit program in the Department of Commerce to be the Innovation Investment Incentive Tax Credit program; providing that the purpose of the program is to foster the growth of Maryland's technology sectors; expanding the tax credit to include investments in certain technology companies; prohibiting the Department from certifying eligibility for tax credits for investments in a single technology sector in excess of 25% of a certain amount in any fiscal year; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2021

SB 196 **Chair, Budget and Taxation Committee (By Request –**
Chapter 114 **Departmental – Commerce)**

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – RESEARCH AND
DEVELOPMENT TAX CREDIT – ALTERATIONS**

Establishing that the purpose of the Research and Development Tax Credit Program is to foster increased research activities and expenditures in Maryland; increasing the amount of research and development tax credits that the Department of Commerce may approve for applicants that are not small businesses to \$8,500,000; requiring the Department of Commerce to reserve \$3,500,000 of the total amount of research and development credits that the Department may approve in a calendar year for small businesses; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

HB 1342 **Chair, Ways and Means Committee (By Request –**
Chapter 115 **Departmental – Commerce)**

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – PARTNERSHIP FOR
WORKFORCE QUALITY PROGRAM – ALTERATIONS**

Expanding the purpose of the Partnership for Workforce Quality Program and the eligible uses of the grant under the Program to include training for new employees.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

HB 853 **Chair, Ways and Means Committee (By Request –**
Chapter 116 **Departmental – Commerce)**

**SMALL, MINORITY, AND WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESSES
ACCOUNT – ALTERATIONS**

Expanding the eligible uses of the Small, Minority, and Women-Owned Businesses Account to include the provision of certain grants and the conversion of certain loan amounts into grants in areas declared to be federal disaster areas or subject to a federal or State declaration of emergency; limiting to \$50,000 the amount of certain grants and loan amounts converted to grants that may be provided to a single business; and limiting to \$10,000,000 the aggregate total of certain financial assistance that may be provided in a fiscal year.

EMERGENCY BILL

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

**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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

SB 291 **Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request –**
Chapter 118 **Departmental – Transportation)**

**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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

SB 343 **Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs**
Chapter 119 **Committee (By Request – Departmental – Natural Resources)**

**NATURAL RESOURCES – SHRIMP FISHERY – LICENSING AND
REGULATION**

Requiring a person to obtain a license from the Department of Natural Resources before catching shrimp for commercial purposes; and authorizing the Department to adopt certain regulations governing any aspect of the shrimp fishery, including regulations establishing and implementing a pilot program related to fishing for shrimp.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2021

SB 344 **Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs**
Chapter 120 **Committee (By Request – Departmental – Agriculture)**

AGRICULTURE – COST-SHARING PROGRAM – STATE COST-SHARING FUNDS

Increasing from 87.5% to 100% the percentage of eligible costs for which State cost-sharing funds may be made available for projects that prevent or control agriculturally related nonpoint source water pollution.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

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

**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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

SB 125 **Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs**
Chapter 122 **Committee (By Request – Departmental – Health)**

**STATE BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC EXAMINERS – SUNSET
EXTENSION**

Continuing the State Board of Chiropractic Examiners 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 Board.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

SB 247 **Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs**
Chapter 123 **Committee (By Request – Departmental – Health)**

**STATE BOARD OF PODIATRIC MEDICAL EXAMINERS –
SUNSET EXTENSION**

Continuing the State Board of Podiatric Medical Examiners 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 Board.

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SB 109 **Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request –**
Chapter 124 **Departmental – Secretary of State)**

**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.

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

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.

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SB 212 **Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request –**
Chapter 126 **Departmental – Secretary of State)**

STATE GOVERNMENT – NOTARIES PUBLIC – OFFICIAL
STAMP OF A NOTARY PUBLIC

Requiring certain county residence or qualification information of a notary public to be printed on a certain notary stamp; and repealing the requirement that certain jurisdiction information be printed on a certain notary stamp.

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

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.

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SB 146 **Chair, Budget and Taxation Committee (By Request –**
Chapter 128 **Departmental – Juvenile Services)**

DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE SERVICES – DEPUTY
SECRETARIES

Authorizing the Secretary of Juvenile Services to appoint an additional deputy secretary as necessary under certain circumstances.

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

**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.

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SB 342 **Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs**
Chapter 130 **Committee (By Request – Departmental – General Services)**

**MARYLAND MILITARY DEPARTMENT – SALE OF
SUPERFLUOUS ARMORIES**

Adding as conditions precedent for a sale of a certain superfluous armory by the Maryland Military Department that the Maryland Military Department has complied with a certain provision of law, the Department of Planning has made a certain determination that no unit of State government is interested in the property, and the Board of Public Works has approved the sale.

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SB 349 **Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs**
Chapter 131 **Committee (By Request – Departmental – Environment)**

**ENVIRONMENT – DRINKING WATER REVOLVING LOAN FUND
– USE OF FUNDS**

Altering the conditions under which the Maryland Drinking Water
Revolving Loan Fund may be used to provide certain financial
assistance for certain purposes.

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Sincerely,

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Executive Director