

May 18, 2021

To the Members of the General Assembly

Ladies and Gentlemen:

On May 18, 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 736
Chapter 134 **The Speaker (By Request – Administration)**
INTERSTATE LICENSED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS COMPACT

Entering the Interstate Licensed Professional Counselors Compact; stating the purpose of the Compact; requiring that a state meet certain requirements to participate in the Compact; establishing duties of member states; authorizing a certain state to charge a certain fee for granting a certain privilege; requiring certain professional counselors to meet certain eligibility requirements to receive certain licensure and exercise a certain privilege; making the Act an emergency measure; etc.
EMERGENCY BILL – CONTINGENT

SB 571
Chapter 135 **The President (By Request – Administration)**
INTERSTATE LICENSED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS COMPACT

Entering the Interstate Licensed Professional Counselors Compact; stating the purpose of the Compact; requiring that a state meet certain requirements to participate in the Compact; establishing duties of member states; authorizing a certain state to charge a certain fee for granting a certain privilege; requiring certain professional counselors to meet certain eligibility requirements to receive certain licensure and exercise a certain privilege; etc.
EMERGENCY BILL – CONTINGENT

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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

SB 164

Chapter 137

Senator Simonaire

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EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

SB 439

Chapter 138

Senators Ready and West

PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION – STUDENT ATHLETES (JORDAN MCNAIR SAFE AND FAIR PLAY ACT)

Declaring certain findings of the General Assembly regarding the educational needs and the health and safety of student athletes; prohibiting a public institution of higher education or certain organizations from preventing a student athlete from earning compensation from the use of the athlete's name, image, or likeness; prohibiting a public institution of higher education from providing a prospective student athlete with certain compensation or preventing the athlete from obtaining certain representation; etc.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

HB 730

Chapter 139

The Speaker (By Request – Administration)

**DRIVER'S LICENSES, LEARNER'S INSTRUCTIONAL PERMITS,
AND IDENTIFICATION CARDS – APPLICATIONS AND
RENEWALS**

Authorizing the Motor Vehicle Administration to extend the period of time that an identification card remains effective by 90 days under certain circumstances; altering the documentation that applicants for a learner's permit who are under the age of 16 years are required to present to the Administration; altering the time period before expiration within which a driver's license is renewable; altering the standards for determining whether an individual is required to appear in person to renew the individual's driver's license; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

HB 12

Chapter 140

Delegate C. Watson, et al

**ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – SALE OR DELIVERY FOR
OFF-PREMISES CONSUMPTION**

Altering the scope of a certain provision prohibiting the retail delivery to a purchaser of alcoholic beverages under certain circumstances; providing that certain authorization for the holders of certain licenses to sell alcoholic beverages for off-premises consumption in a certain manner applies only in a jurisdiction where the local licensing board had adopted certain regulations; authorizing the holders of certain licenses to sell certain alcoholic beverages in sealed containers for off-premises consumption or delivery; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

SB 205

Chapter 141

Senator Hettleman

**ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – SALE OR DELIVERY FOR
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EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

HB 647 **Delegate Wilson**

Chapter 142 CORPORATIONS AND ASSOCIATIONS – FEES FOR
PROCESSING ARTICLES OF DISSOLUTION, CERTIFICATES OF
CANCELLATION, AND OTHER DOCUMENTS – REPEAL

Repealing certain fees charged by the State Department of
Assessments and Taxation for processing articles of dissolution,
certificates of cancellation, and certain other documents filed by
certain business entities with the Department.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

HB 1347 **Delegate Barve**

Chapter 143 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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

SB 17 **Senators Carozza and West**

Chapter 144 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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

SB 497

Chapter 147

Senator Kelley, et al

JUVENILE SERVICES EDUCATION BOARD AND PROGRAM – ESTABLISHMENT, POWERS, AND DUTIES

Repealing provisions of law establishing educational programs for juveniles in residential facilities under the State Department of Education; establishing the Juvenile Services Education Board in the Department of Juvenile Services; requiring the Board to approve all educational services for juveniles in a residential facility beginning July 1, 2022; establishing the Juvenile Services Education Program; requiring the Board, to the extent practicable, to reflect the diversity of the student population that the Department serves; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

HB 667 **Delegate Sample–Hughes**

Chapter 148 GENERAL PROVISIONS – STATE SONG – REPEAL

Repealing the State song.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

SB 8 **Senator Kagan**

Chapter 149 GENERAL PROVISIONS – STATE SONG – REPEAL

Repealing the State song.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

HB 589 **The Speaker (By Request – Administration)**

Chapter 150 BUDGET RECONCILIATION AND FINANCING ACT OF 2021

Altering the source of funding for certain required appropriations; altering the area in which certain raffle proceeds are required to be used; expanding the authorized uses of certain funds; establishing the Maternal and Child Health Population Health Improvement Fund; requiring the Governor to include in the budget bill submitted at the 2022 General Assembly session a certain appropriation; altering the amount of a required appropriation from the Transportation Trust Fund for the operation of the Maryland Transit Administration; etc.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2021

HB 919 **Delegate Bagnall**

Chapter 151 MARYLAND INSURANCE COMMISSIONER – SPECIALTY
MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES AND PAYMENT OF CLAIMS –
ENFORCEMENT

Requiring the Maryland Insurance Commissioner to enforce a certain provision of law providing that the provisions of § 15–1005 of the Insurance Article apply to a certain delivery system for specialty mental health services and administered by an administrative services organization; requiring a certain administrative services organization to pay certain interest to certain persons under certain circumstances; etc.
EMERGENCY BILL

SB 638

Chapter 152

Senator Augustine, et al

**MARYLAND INSURANCE COMMISSIONER – SPECIALTY
MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES AND PAYMENT OF CLAIMS –
ENFORCEMENT**

Requiring the Maryland Insurance Commissioner to enforce a certain provision of law providing that the provisions of § 15–1005 of the Insurance Article apply to a certain delivery system for specialty mental health services and administered by an administrative services organization; prohibiting a certain administrative services organization from using certain funds or otherwise passing certain expenses onto the State; requiring a certain administrative services organization to pay certain interest to certain persons; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

HB 1252

Chapter 153

Delegate Sample–Hughes

**INCOME TAX – CREDITS FOR PRECEPTORS IN AREAS WITH
HEALTH CARE WORKFORCE SHORTAGES**

Altering, from 160 to 100, the number of training hours that a licensed physician is required to perform in a preceptor program rotation in order to qualify for a certain State income tax credit; authorizing a State income tax credit for certain health care practitioners who serve as preceptors for a certain preceptorship program for physician assistant students; requiring the Maryland Department of Health to approve applications on a first–come, first–served basis and notify applicants of approval or denial within 45 days after receipt; etc.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

SB 102

Chapter 154

Senator Eckardt

**INCOME TAX – CREDITS FOR PRECEPTORS IN AREAS WITH
HEALTH CARE WORKFORCE SHORTAGES**

Requiring that a licensed physician, physician assistant, or nurse practitioner work at least three rotations, with each rotation consisting of 100 hours of community–based clinical training in an area identified as having a health care workforce shortage, in order to qualify for a certain credit against the State income tax; requiring the Maryland Department of Health to issue a tax credit certificate for \$1,000 for each student rotation for which certain persons served as preceptors without compensation; etc.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

HB 881 **Delegate Valentino-Smith**

Chapter 155 **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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

SB 815 **Senator Klausmeier**

Chapter 156 **MENTAL HEALTH FACILITIES – SEXUAL ABUSE AND
HARASSMENT – REPORTING AND PREVENTION**

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EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

HB 849 **Delegate Rosenberg**

Chapter 157 **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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

HB 288 **Delegate Charles**

Chapter 158 **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.

CONTINGENT – EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

SB 704 **Senator Beidle, et al**

Chapter 159 **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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

HB 674 **Delegate Valentino–Smith**

Chapter 160 **NURSING HOMES – TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP – SURVEYS**

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EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

SB 537

Chapter 163

Senator Hershey

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EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

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 Maryland Department of Labor; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

HB 1259 **Cecil County Delegation**

Chapter 167 HORSE RACING – FAIR HILL NATURAL RESOURCES
MANAGEMENT AREA

Requiring the Maryland Racing Commission to issue a license to the Cecil County Breeders' Fair, Inc. to hold no more than eight one-day race meetings each year; altering the amount of money that is to be credited to the Fair Hill Improvement Fund; authorizing the licensee to deduct from the handle up to 25%, and from the amount deducted, excluding breakage, to pay 36% of the remaining amount to the Fair Hill Improvement Fund; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

SB 919 **Senator Gallion**

Chapter 168 HORSE RACING – FAIR HILL NATURAL RESOURCES
MANAGEMENT AREA

Requiring the Maryland Racing Commission to issue a license to the Cecil County Breeders' Fair, Inc. to hold no more than eight one-day race meetings each year; requiring the licensee to deduct from the handle an amount not to exceed to 25%, and to pay 36% of the amount deducted from the handle, excluding the breakage, to the Fair Hill Improvement Fund; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

HB 800 **Delegate Clark**

Chapter 169 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.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

HB 752 **Delegate Ebersole**

Chapter 170 **INCOME TAX CREDIT – FOOD DONATION PILOT PROGRAM –
EXTENSION**

Extending through December 31, 2023, the taxable years for which a qualified farm may claim a certain credit against the Maryland income tax for the donation of fresh farm products for human consumption; extending through December 31, 2023, the period of time during which the State Department of Agriculture may issue certain tax credit certificates; extending through December 31, 2024, the period of time for which the Secretary of Agriculture, in consultation with the Comptroller, shall submit a certain report; etc. **EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021**

SB 539 **Senator Guzzone**

Chapter 171 **INCOME TAX CREDIT – FOOD DONATION PILOT PROGRAM –
EXTENSION**

Extending through December 31, 2023, the taxable years for which a qualified farm may claim a certain credit against the Maryland income tax for the donation of fresh farm products for human consumption; extending through December 31, 2023, the period of time during which the State Department of Agriculture may issue certain tax credit certificates; extending through December 31, 2024, the period of time for which the Secretary of Agriculture, in consultation with the Comptroller, shall submit a certain report; etc. **EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021**

HB 842 **Delegate Howard**

Chapter 172 **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. **EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021**

SB 856 **Senator Hershey**

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EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

HB 376 **Delegate Mautz**

Chapter 174 **RENEWABLE ENERGY PORTFOLIO STANDARD – MUNICIPAL ELECTRIC UTILITIES**

Setting the renewable energy portfolio standard for municipal electric utilities for 2021 and later.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

SB 153 **Senator Eckardt, et al**

Chapter 175 **RENEWABLE ENERGY PORTFOLIO STANDARD – MUNICIPAL ELECTRIC UTILITIES**

Setting the renewable energy portfolio standard for municipal electric utilities for 2021 and later.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

SB 681 **Senator Ready**

Chapter 176 **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.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

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

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.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

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.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

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.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

HB 277 Delegate Atterbeary

Chapter 183

**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.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

SB 505 Senator Hettleman

Chapter 184

**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.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

HB 646 Delegate Valentino-Smith

Chapter 185

**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.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

SB 369 Senator Peters

Chapter 186

**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.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

HB 1142

Howard County Delegation

Chapter 187

HOWARD COUNTY – SCHOOL REDISTRICTING – PUBLIC TESTIMONY HO. CO. 07–21

Requiring, during a school redistricting process in which the redistricting plan proposed by the Howard County Board of Education differs from the redistricting plan proposed by the Howard County Superintendent of Schools, that the county board allow one or more members of a household whose school assignment is changed only in the county board’s plan to provide public testimony before the final vote on either school redistricting plan.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

HB 460

Delegate Solomon

Chapter 188

TRANSFER WITH SUCCESS ACT

Requiring the Maryland Higher Education Commission to establish certain procedures that require a public institution of higher education that denies the transfer of a credit or course to an enrolled student to report the denial to the student and the institution from which the student originates and submit to the Commission a report each year listing the denials and the reasons for the denials; and requiring the procedures to direct a certain institution to review a denial of the transfer of a credit or course.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

SB 886

Senator Elfreth

Chapter 189

TRANSFER WITH SUCCESS ACT

Requiring the Maryland Higher Education Commission to establish certain procedures that require a public institution of higher education that denies the transfer of a credit or course to an enrolled student to report the denial to the student and the institution from which the student originates and submit to the Commission a report each year listing the denials and the reasons for the denials; and requiring the procedures to direct a certain institution to review a denial of the transfer of a credit or course.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

SB 186

Chapter 191

Chair, Budget and Taxation Committee (By Request – Departmental – Commerce)

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – JOB CREATION TAX CREDIT – CREDIT FOR HIRING VETERANS

Expanding eligibility under the job creation tax credit program administered by the Department of Commerce to include certain small businesses that hire at least one qualified veteran employee; providing for the calculation of the credit for qualified business entities that hire qualified veteran employees under certain circumstances; extending for 5 years the termination date applicable to the program; repealing provisions of law authorizing an income tax credit for wages paid to qualified veteran employees; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

HB 373

Chapter 192

Delegate Wilson

EDUCATION – CHILD ABUSE AND SEXUAL MISCONDUCT PREVENTION – HIRING EMERGENT EMPLOYEES

Authorizing the hiring of an emergent employee by a county board of education or nonpublic school for a period not to exceed 60 days pending a review of an individual’s employment history for applicants who will have direct contact with minors; authorizing a contracting agency to use an employment history review completed by a current or former employer under certain circumstances; authorizing a county board or nonpublic school to share a certain employment history review with other county boards and nonpublic schools; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

SB 933

Chapter 193

Senator Benson

**FINANCIAL REGULATION – ACCESS TO BANKING AND
FINANCIAL SERVICES – REPORTING**

Requiring the Commissioner of Financial Regulation to submit a certain report that analyzes the banking environment in the State to the General Assembly on or before December 31, 2021; and requiring the report to include the number and types of financial institutions by jurisdiction, identification of banking deserts, and recommended strategies for ensuring that residents of underserved areas have access to financial services.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

HB 6

Chapter 195

Delegate Feldmark

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – MARYLAND TECHNOLOGY
DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION – ALTERATIONS**

Altering the title of the Executive Director of the Maryland Technology Development Corporation to be the Chief Executive Officer of the Corporation; increasing the membership of the Board of the Maryland Technology Development Corporation from 15 to 19 members; requiring that at least one of the two Board members representing colleges and universities represent an historically black college or university, with a certain exception; authorizing the publisher of the Annotated Code of Maryland to make certain changes; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

SB 80

Chapter 196

Senator Kagan

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – MARYLAND TECHNOLOGY
DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION – ALTERATIONS**

Altering the title of the Executive Director of the Maryland Technology Development Corporation to be the Chief Executive Officer of the Corporation; increasing the membership of the Board of the Maryland Technology Development Corporation from 15 to 19 members; requiring that at least one of the two Board members representing colleges and universities represent an historically black college or university, with a certain exception; authorizing the publisher of the Annotated Code of Maryland to make certain changes; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

HB 72

Chapter 197

Delegate Anderton

**COUNTY BOARDS OF EDUCATION – STUDENT
TRANSPORTATION – VEHICLES AND REPORT**

Authorizing a county board of education to provide transportation to and from school for certain students using a vehicle other than a Type I or Type II school vehicle when a school vehicle cannot reasonably be provided; requiring the State Department of Education, in consultation with county boards of education and the Motor Vehicle Administration, to adopt regulations governing minimum vehicle and driver safety standards; requiring each county board of education to submit a report on student transportation using certain vehicles; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

SB 448

Chapter 198

Senator Edwards

**COUNTY BOARDS OF EDUCATION – STUDENT
TRANSPORTATION – VEHICLES AND REPORT**

Authorizing a county board of education to provide transportation to and from school for certain students using a vehicle other than a Type I or Type II school vehicle when a school vehicle cannot reasonably be provided; requiring the State Department of Education, in consultation with county boards of education and the Motor Vehicle Administration, to adopt regulations governing minimum vehicle and driver safety standards; requiring each county board to submit a report on student transportation using certain vehicles by September 1, 2025; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

SB 455

Senator Sydnor

Chapter 202

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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

HB 482

Delegate Kaiser

Chapter 203

HORSE RACING – MARYLAND–BRED RACE FUND – ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP AND REGISTRATION OF HORSES

Altering the membership of the Maryland–Bred Race Fund Advisory Committee to include an individual who is a member of and recommended by the Maryland Thoroughbred Horsemen’s Association, Inc.; altering the circumstances under which a horse may be registered with the Maryland Horse Breeders Association, Inc.; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2021

SB 533

Senator Guzzone

Chapter 204

HORSE RACING – MARYLAND–BRED RACE FUND – ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP AND REGISTRATION OF HORSES

Altering the membership of the Maryland–Bred Race Fund Advisory Committee to include a member of and recommended by the Maryland Thoroughbred Horsemen’s Association, Inc.; altering the circumstances under which a horse may be registered with the Maryland Horse Breeders Association, Inc.; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2021

HB 654

Chapter 205

Delegate Qi

**MARYLAND SMALL BUSINESS INNOVATION RESEARCH AND
TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER INCENTIVE PROGRAM –
ALTERATIONS**

Altering the definitions of “small business innovation research grant” and “small business technology transfer grant” for purposes of the Maryland Small Business Innovation Research and Technology Transfer Incentive Program; requiring the Program to prioritize providing awards to eligible small businesses that are engaged in research and development activities that assist in the prevention of, preparedness for, or response to a public health crisis; expanding the Program’s marketing and outreach activities; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

HB 1279

Chapter 206

Delegate Luedtke

**REGIONAL INSTITUTION STRATEGIC ENTERPRISE ZONE
PROGRAM – ALTERATIONS**

Expanding the purposes of the Regional Institution Strategic Enterprise Zone Program; establishing the Regional Institution Strategic Enterprise Zone Fund in the Department of Commerce to finance the provision of rental assistance to business entities located in RISE zones; prohibiting the Secretary of Commerce from approving a Regional Institution Strategic Enterprise (RISE) zone exceeding 500 acres; altering eligibility for tax incentives that a business entity that locates in a RISE zone may receive; etc.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

SB 778

Chapter 207

Senator Elfreth, et al

**REGIONAL INSTITUTION STRATEGIC ENTERPRISE ZONE
PROGRAM – ALTERATIONS**

Expanding the purposes of the Regional Institution Strategic Enterprise Zone Program; establishing the Regional Institution Strategic Enterprise Zone Fund in the Department of Commerce to finance certain rental assistance to business entities located in RISE zones; prohibiting the Secretary of Commerce from approving a RISE zone the geographic area of which exceeds 500 acres; altering eligibility for tax incentives that a business entity that locates in a RISE zone may receive; etc.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

HB 1301

Delegate Smith

Chapter 208

**BALTIMORE CITY – VISIT BALTIMORE – APPROPRIATION
CALCULATION**

Altering the method by which a certain annual appropriation in the Baltimore City budget to Visit Baltimore is calculated for certain fiscal years; and extending to 2027 the termination date of the appropriation for Visit Baltimore.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

SB 789

**Senator McCray (By Request – Baltimore City
Administration)**

Chapter 209

**BALTIMORE CITY – VISIT BALTIMORE – APPROPRIATION
CALCULATION**

Requiring, for each fiscal year beginning on or after July 1, 2022, that the appropriation in the Baltimore City budget to Visit Baltimore will be calculated from the actual hotel room tax receipts received from the immediately preceding 3–year rolling average; and extending to 2027 the termination date of the appropriation for Visit Baltimore.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

HB 1137

Delegate Kerr

Chapter 210

**PROPERTY TAX CREDIT – BUSINESS ENTITIES – STATE OF
EMERGENCY**

Authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City or the governing body of a county or municipal corporation to grant a tax credit against the county or municipal corporation property tax imposed on real or personal property owned or leased by a business entity affected by a state of emergency declared under Title 14 of the Public Safety Article; applying the Act to taxable years beginning after June 30, 2021; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2021

SB 887 **Senators Elfreth and Simonaire**

Chapter 211 **PROPERTY TAX CREDIT – BUSINESS ENTITIES – STATE OF EMERGENCY**

Authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City or the governing body of a county or municipal corporation to grant a tax credit against the county or municipal corporation property tax imposed on real or personal property owned or leased by a business entity affected by a state of emergency declared under Title 14 of the Public Safety Article; applying the Act to taxable years beginning after June 30, 2021; etc.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2021

SB 405 **Senator Augustine**

Chapter 212 **HIGHER EDUCATION – STUDENT IDENTIFICATION CARDS – REQUIRED INFORMATION**

Requiring each institution of higher education to provide the telephone number of Maryland's Helpline, or an on-campus crisis center that operates 24 hours a day and 365 days a year, on student identification cards, if provided by the institution; authorizing an institution of higher education to provide telephone numbers of mental health crisis hotlines on student identification cards; and providing that student identification cards in use or printed before July 1, 2021, will be in compliance with the Act.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

HB 1268 **Delegate Henson**

Chapter 213 **LEGAL EDUCATION SUCCESS COLLABORATIVE – ESTABLISHED**

Establishing a Legal Education Success Collaborative for the purpose of developing methods of increasing diversity in the legal field; requiring institutions to develop and administer programs and cooperatives related to the Collaborative; beginning in fiscal year 2023, requiring the Governor to include in the annual budget bill an appropriation of \$125,000 to certain institutions and programs; requiring certain institutions to provide certain matching funds; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

HB 714 **Delegate Guyton**

Chapter 214 **SPECIAL EDUCATION – LEARNING CONTINUITY PLAN – REQUIREMENT**

Requiring an individualized education program to include a learning continuity plan to be implemented for students with disabilities during emergency conditions beginning October 1, 2021; requiring an individualized education program team to develop a learning continuity plan; requiring, within 10 days after a determination that emergency conditions exist, a certain team to attempt to notify the parents or guardian of a certain child that a learning continuity plan is in place; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

SB 300 **Senator Peters**

Chapter 215 **SPECIAL EDUCATION – LEARNING CONTINUITY PLAN – REQUIREMENT**

Requiring an individualized education program to include a learning continuity plan to be implemented for students with disabilities for certain purposes during emergency conditions beginning October 1, 2021; requiring an individualized education program team to develop a learning continuity plan at certain times; requiring an individualized education team, within 10 days after a determination that emergency conditions exist, to notify certain parents or guardians that a learning continuity plan is in place; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

SB 680 **Senator Jennings**

Chapter 216 **STATE RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEM – ADMINISTRATION OF BENEFITS – CLARIFICATION**

Providing that certain vested former members of the Teachers' Pension System of the State Retirement and Pension System who meet certain criteria may commence receipt of a vested allowance while continuing certain employment with certain participating employers; requiring the Board of Trustees for the State Retirement and Pension System to accept certain forms that were timely submitted; requiring certain individuals to submit a certain affidavit regarding the submission of a certain form; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2021

SB 895

Senator Rosapepe

Chapter 217

**UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF MARYLAND – STUDENT FEES –
REVIEW AND SPENDING**

Requiring the presidents of University System of Maryland institutions to ensure that the student fee committee of record is presented with any proposed fees for their review; requiring the amount of the fee, the students who will be charged the fee, and the proposed use of the revenues generated to be provided to the student fee committee; requiring certain revenues to be spent by a certain campus unit or department in a manner consistent with the intended purpose for which the fee exists; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

HB 394

Delegate Smith

Chapter 218

**PUBLIC SCHOOLS – FEES FOR SUMMER SCHOOL COURSES –
PROHIBITION**

Prohibiting a local school system from charging a student a fee for enrollment in a summer school course if the student attends a school in the local school system, credit for the course is a high school graduation requirement, and the student has previously taken the course, but did not successfully complete or receive credit for the course.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

HB 257

Delegate Qi

Chapter 219

**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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

SB 236

Senator Hettleman

Chapter 220

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.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

HB 711

Delegate D. Jones

Chapter 221

INCOME TAX – SUBTRACTION MODIFICATION – DONATIONS TO DIAPER BANKS AND OTHER CHARITABLE ENTITIES

Allowing a subtraction under the Maryland income tax for up to \$1,000 of donations of certain disposable diapers, certain hygiene products, and certain monetary gifts made by a taxpayer during the taxable year to certain qualified charitable entities; requiring the taxpayer to file certain information with the taxpayer's income tax return in order to claim the subtraction; requiring the Comptroller to adopt certain regulations and report to the General Assembly; and applying the Act to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2020.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

SB 622

Senator Edwards

Chapter 222

INCOME TAX – SUBTRACTION MODIFICATION – DONATIONS TO DIAPER BANKS AND OTHER CHARITABLE ENTITIES

Allowing a subtraction under the Maryland income tax for up to \$1,000 of donations of certain disposable diapers, certain hygiene products, and certain monetary gifts made by a taxpayer during the taxable year to certain qualified charitable entities; requiring the taxpayer to file certain information with the taxpayer's income tax return in order to claim the subtraction; requiring the Comptroller to adopt certain regulations and report to the General Assembly; applying the Act to certain taxable years beginning after December 31, 2020; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

HB 321 **Delegate Ebersole**

Chapter 223 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 Maryland, Inc., to maintain a list of changing facilities on its website; requiring the Board of Public Works to adopt certain standards; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

SB 61 **Senator Lam**

Chapter 224 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.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

HB 756 **Delegate Krimm**

Chapter 225 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.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

HB 444 **Montgomery County Delegation and Prince George's County**
Chapter 228 **Delegation**

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY PLANNING BOARD –
NONTRADITIONAL RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES –
ESTABLISHMENT AND FUND MC/PG 104–21

Requiring the Prince George's County planning board to include nontraditional recreational opportunities in its program of recreation; establishing the Nontraditional Recreation Fund; requiring the Maryland–National Capital Park and Planning Commission to record certain revenues in the Fund to be used for certain capital improvement projects, to provide patrons of the Commission with access to equipment for nontraditional recreational opportunities, and for supplies and direct program costs; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

HB 1136 **Delegate Chisholm**
Chapter 229 **ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES**
 LICENSES – ANNUAL FEES

Requiring the Board of License Commissioners for Anne Arundel County, for the 2020–2021 licensing period, to reimburse holders of certain alcoholic beverages licenses the entire amount of the annual license fee under certain circumstances; and requiring the Board, for the 2020–2021 licensing period, to reimburse a certain percentage of the annual license fee for certain alcoholic beverages licenses under certain circumstances and to reimburse a certain amount of the annual license fees the next fiscal year under certain circumstances.

EMERGENCY BILL

SB 944 **Senator Simonaire**
Chapter 230 **ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES**
 LICENSES – ANNUAL FEES

Requiring the Board of License Commissioners for Anne Arundel County, for the 2020–2021 licensing period, to reimburse holders of certain alcoholic beverages licenses the entire amount of the annual license fee under certain circumstances; and requiring the Board, for the 2020–2021 licensing period, to reimburse a certain percentage of the annual license fee for certain alcoholic beverages licenses under certain circumstances and to reimburse a certain amount of the annual license fees the next fiscal year under certain circumstances.

EMERGENCY BILL

HB 428 **Montgomery County Delegation**

Chapter 231 MONTGOMERY COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES
LICENSES – ANNUAL FEES MC 19–21

Requiring the Board of License Commissioners for Montgomery County, for the 2020–2021 licensing period, to refund holders of certain alcoholic beverages licenses the entire amount of the annual license fee and to refund holders of certain other alcoholic beverages licenses a certain amount of the annual license fee for the 2021–2022 licensing period; and requiring the Board, for the 2021–2022 licensing period, to waive the late fee for certain alcoholic beverages licenses.

EMERGENCY BILL

HB 880 Allegany County Delegation

Chapter 232 ALLEGANY COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES LICENSES –
ANNUAL FEES

Authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Allegany County, for the 2020–2021 licensing period, to reimburse holders of certain alcoholic beverages licenses the entire amount of the annual license fee and to reimburse holders of certain other alcoholic beverages licenses a certain amount of the annual license fee for the 2021–2022 licensing period; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

SB 679 Senator Edwards

Chapter 233 ALLEGANY COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES LICENSES – ANNUAL FEES

Authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Allegany County, for the 2020–2021 licensing period, to reimburse holders of certain alcoholic beverages licenses the entire amount of the annual license fee and to reimburse holders of certain other alcoholic beverages licenses a certain amount of the annual license fee for the 2021–2022 licensing period; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

HB 814 **Delegate Morgan**

Chapter 234 **ST. MARY'S COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES LICENSES – ANNUAL FEES**

Requiring the Board of License Commissioners for St. Mary's County, for the 2021–2022 licensing period, to waive the entire amount of the annual fee for certain alcoholic beverages licenses under certain circumstances; and terminating the Act on June 30, 2023.
EMERGENCY BILL

SB 459 **Senator Feldman**

Chapter 235 **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.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

HB 987 **Delegate Qi**

Chapter 236 **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.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

HB 636 **Delegate Solomon**

Chapter 237 SCHOOL BUILDINGS – DRINKING WATER OUTLETS –
ELEVATED LEVEL OF LEAD (SAFE SCHOOL DRINKING
WATER ACT)

Altering the definition of “elevated level of lead” for purposes of certain provisions of law requiring the periodic testing for the presence of lead in drinking water outlets in occupied public and nonpublic school buildings; requiring by August 1, 2022, a school to take certain remedial measures on a drinking water outlet tested on or before June 1, 2021, if the test indicated a concentration of lead that was more than 5 parts per billion but less than 20 parts per billion; and providing for the construction of the Act.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2021

SB 546 **Senator McCray**

Chapter 238 SCHOOL BUILDINGS – DRINKING WATER OUTLETS –
ELEVATED LEVEL OF LEAD (SAFE SCHOOL DRINKING
WATER ACT)

Altering the definition of “elevated level of lead” for purposes of certain provisions of law requiring the periodic testing for the presence of lead in drinking water outlets in occupied public and nonpublic school buildings; requiring by August 1, 2022, a school to take certain remedial measures on a drinking water outlet tested on or before June 1, 2021, if the test indicated a concentration of lead that was more than 5 parts per billion but less than 20 parts per billion; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2021

HB 1124 **Delegate Harrison**

Chapter 239 HIGHER EDUCATION – RICHARD W. COLLINS III LEADERSHIP
WITH HONOR SCHOLARSHIP – BOWIE STATE

Requiring the Office of Student Financial Assistance within the Maryland Higher Education Commission to award at least 25% of annual grant money from the Richard W. Collins III Leadership With Honor Scholarship to students at Bowie State University.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

SB 40

Chapter 240

Senator Peters

**HIGHER EDUCATION – RICHARD W. COLLINS III LEADERSHIP
WITH HONOR SCHOLARSHIP – BOWIE STATE**

Requiring the Office of Student Financial Assistance within the Maryland Higher Education Commission to award at least 25% of annual grant money from the Richard W. Collins III Leadership With Honor Scholarship to students at Bowie State University.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

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.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

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.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

HB 597

Chapter 243

Delegate Kelly

CHILD CARE CENTERS – TEACHER QUALIFICATIONS

Requiring the regulations adopted by the State Board of Education to govern the licensing and operation of child care centers to include provisions that establish certain qualifications for probationary employment for an individual applying for the first time to be a child care teacher in a certain child care center in the State; requiring a child care center at the end of a 6-month probationary period to terminate or reassign an individual who has not completed the required pre-service training; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

SB 436

Chapter 244

Senator King

CHILD CARE CENTERS – TEACHER QUALIFICATIONS

Requiring the regulations adopted by the State Board of Education to govern the licensing and operation of child care centers to include provisions that establish certain qualifications for probationary employment for an individual applying for the first time to be a child care teacher in a certain child care center in the State; requiring a child care center to terminate or reassign a certain individual at the end of a 6-month probationary period if the individual has not completed the required pre-service training; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

HB 716

Chapter 245

Delegate Griffith

SPECIAL EDUCATION – INDIVIDUALIZED EDUCATION PROGRAMS – EDUCATIONAL EVALUATIONS

Altering the circumstances under which a parent may request an independent educational evaluation of a child with a disability at public expense to include a parent who submits a certain request to a local school system and the local school system does not respond within 30 days after the date the request was made or, on approval and under certain circumstances, the educational evaluation meeting does not occur within 60 days after the date the request was received, or 90 days if the State is under a proclaimed state of emergency.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

SB 371

Chapter 246

Senator Peters

SPECIAL EDUCATION – INDIVIDUALIZED EDUCATION PROGRAMS – EDUCATIONAL EVALUATIONS

Altering the circumstances under which a parent may request an independent educational evaluation of a child with a disability at public expense to include a parent who submits a certain request to a local school system and the local school system does not respond within 30 days after the date the request was made or, on approval and under certain circumstances, the educational evaluation meeting does not occur within 60 days after the date the request was received, or 90 days if the State is under a proclaimed state of emergency.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

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.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

HB 1010

Chapter 248

Prince George's County Delegation

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY – PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES AGREEMENTS – LOW-INCOME HOUSING PG 415–21

Authorizing the governing body of Prince George's County to enter into an agreement with an owner of real property who is engaged in constructing or operating housing structures or projects for the payment of a negotiated amount in lieu of county property taxes on the property; requiring property that is subject to a payment in lieu of taxes agreement to be used for a housing structure or project that is acquired, constructed, or rehabilitated under certain programs or acquired under a Right of First Refusal program; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

SB 206 **Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental –**
Chapter 249 **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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

SB 256 **Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental –**
Chapter 250 **Commerce), et al**

**ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT DISTRICTS – ARTISTIC WORK
AND ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT ENTERPRISE –
DEFINITIONS**

Altering the definitions of “artistic work” and “arts and entertainment enterprise” for purposes of provisions of law governing the State arts and entertainment district program; altering the eligibility for certain persons to claim certain tax incentives; and applying the Act to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2020.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

HB 294 **Delegate Williams**
Chapter 251

**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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

SB 93

Senator Griffith

Chapter 252

**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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

HB 363

Delegate Lierman

Chapter 253

**PUBLIC ETHICS – OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES –
ACCEPTANCE OF GIFTS AND PROHIBITED RETALIATION**

Prohibiting an official or a State employee from accepting a gift from a certain association or an entity acting on behalf of the association; and prohibiting an official or employee from retaliating against an individual for reporting or participating in an investigation of a potential violation of the Maryland Public Ethics Law.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2021

SB 4

Senator Edwards, et al

Chapter 254

**PUBLIC ETHICS – OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES –
ACCEPTANCE OF GIFTS AND PROHIBITED RETALIATION**

Prohibiting an official or a State employee from accepting a gift from an association, or any entity acting on behalf of an association, that is engaged only in representing counties or municipal corporations; and prohibiting an official or employee from retaliating against an individual for reporting or participating in an investigation of a potential violation of the Maryland Public Ethics Law.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2021

HB 189 **Delegate Qi**

Chapter 255 **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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

HB 216 **Delegate Valentino-Smith**

Chapter 256 **HIGHER EDUCATION – TUITION EXEMPTION FOR FOSTER CARE RECIPIENTS AND HOMELESS YOUTH – ALTERATIONS AND REPORTS**

Repealing a certain provision of law requiring a financial aid administrator to verify certain information under certain circumstances; altering the method by which a financial administrator at a public institution of higher education is required to verify that a certain youth is a homeless youth; providing that a foster care recipient or a homeless youth who receives a tuition exemption is a priority for on-campus housing; requiring a public institution of higher education to designate a certain homeless and foster student liaison; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

SB 155 **Senators Washington and Ellis**

Chapter 257 **HIGHER EDUCATION – TUITION EXEMPTION FOR FOSTER
CARE RECIPIENTS AND HOMELESS YOUTH – ALTERATIONS
AND REPORTS**

Repealing a certain provision of law requiring a financial aid administrator to verify certain information under certain circumstances; altering the method by which a financial administrator at a public institution of higher education is required to verify that a certain youth is a homeless youth; providing that a certain youth who receives a tuition exemption is entitled to priority consideration for on-campus housing; requiring a certain public institution of higher education to designate a certain homeless and foster student liaison; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

SB 689 **Senator Sydnor**

Chapter 258 **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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

SB 515

Chapter 259

Senator Klausmeier

**CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – REGISTERED SEX OFFENDERS –
ENTRY ONTO SCHOOL PROPERTY**

Repealing a certain exception authorizing, under certain circumstances, a student who is a registered sex offender to enter onto real property used for public or nonpublic elementary or secondary education; authorizing a student who is a registered sex offender to receive an education in accordance with State law in a locale other than real property used for public or nonpublic education; requiring a county board of education and the State Board of Education to develop certain guidelines and model policies; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

HB 456

Chapter 261

Delegate Jacobs

**CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM – KENT
COUNTY**

Requiring membership in the Correctional Officers' Retirement System for certain local detention center officers of Kent County under certain circumstances; providing that a certain individual is entitled to eligibility service and creditable service that was earned before the effective date of Kent County's participation in the Correctional Officers' Retirement System; providing for the transfer of creditable service for a certain individual; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

SB 606

Senator Hershey

Chapter 262

CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM – KENT COUNTY

Requiring membership in the Correctional Officers' Retirement System for certain local detention center officers of Kent County under certain circumstances; providing that a certain individual is entitled to eligibility service and creditable service that was earned before the effective date of Kent County's participation in the Correctional Officers' Retirement System; providing for the transfer of creditable service for a certain individual; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

HB 345

Delegate Charkoudian

Chapter 263

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.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

SB 503

Senator Smith

Chapter 264

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.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

HB 473 **Delegate Dumais**

Chapter 265

**ELECTRICITY – CHANGE OF ADDRESS – MAINTENANCE OF
SUBSCRIPTIONS AND CONTRACTS**

Authorizing a subscriber to a community solar energy generating system who has a change in the service address associated with the subscription to maintain the subscription under certain circumstances; prohibiting an electric company or a subscription organization from terminating a subscriber's subscription due to a change of a certain address under certain circumstances; requiring an electric company to make certain changes to accommodate a subscriber's change of address under certain circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022

SB 79 **Senator Kramer**

Chapter 266

**ELECTRICITY – CHANGE OF ADDRESS – MAINTENANCE OF
SUBSCRIPTIONS AND CONTRACTS**

Authorizing a subscriber to a community solar energy generating system who has a change in the service address associated with the subscription to maintain the subscription if the new address is in the same electric territory; prohibiting an electric company or a subscription organization from terminating a subscriber's subscription due to a change of a certain address under certain circumstances; requiring an electric company to make certain changes to accommodate a subscriber's change of address under certain circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022

HB 556 **Delegate D.E. Davis**

Chapter 267

**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION – VIRTUAL PUBLIC
HEARINGS**

Authorizing the Public Service Commission to conduct certain hearings relating to certain rate increases virtually; authorizing the Commission to conduct certain public hearings relating to certain certificates of public convenience and necessity virtually in a certain manner; requiring the Commission to provide information on the virtual hearings prominently on the Commission's website; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

SB 430

Chapter 268

Senator Kelley

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION – VIRTUAL PUBLIC HEARINGS

Authorizing the Public Service Commission to conduct certain hearings relating to certain rate increases virtually; authorizing the Commission to conduct certain public hearings relating to certain certificates of public convenience and necessity virtually in a certain manner; requiring the Commission to provide information on the virtual hearings prominently on the Commission's website; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

HB 558

Chapter 269

Delegate D.E. Davis

FOR-HIRE DRIVING AND VEHICLES – REQUIREMENTS

Altering the requirements for submission of certain photographs by certain applicants for a for-hire driver's license to the Public Service Commission; requiring certain applicants for a for-hire driver's license to allow the Commission access to photographs through the Motor Vehicle Administration; requiring certain applicants to provide photographs in a format that the Commission specifies; repealing the requirement for certain applicants for a Baltimore City taxicab license to have completed a certain course; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2021

SB 429

Chapter 270

Senator Kelley

FOR-HIRE DRIVING AND VEHICLES – REQUIREMENTS

Altering the requirements for submission of certain photographs by certain applicants for a for-hire driver's license to the Public Service Commission; requiring certain applicants for a for-hire driver's license to allow the Commission access to photographs through the Motor Vehicle Administration; requiring certain applicants to provide photographs in a format that the Commission specifies; repealing the requirement for certain applicants for a Baltimore City taxicab license to have completed a certain course; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2021

HB 569 **Delegate Clippinger**

Chapter 271 **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.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

SB 407 **Senator Kramer**

Chapter 272 **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.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

HB 648 **Delegate Wilson**

Chapter 273 **ELECTRIC COOPERATIVES – MEETINGS – ALTERATIONS**

Authorizing annual and special meetings of the members of an electric cooperative to be conducted in person, virtually, or both; requiring the members of the cooperative, by majority vote, to determine in the cooperative’s bylaws how meetings may be held; requiring the notice of annual and special meetings to include certain information; altering certain requirements for a quorum; authorizing voting to be conducted in a certain manner in accordance with the cooperative’s bylaws; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

SB 561 **Senators Hershey and Eckardt**

Chapter 274 **ELECTRIC COOPERATIVES – MEETINGS – ALTERATIONS**

Authorizing annual and special meetings of the members of an electric cooperative to be conducted in person, virtually, or both; requiring the members of the cooperative, by majority vote, to determine in the cooperative’s bylaws how meetings may be held; requiring the notice of annual and special meetings to include certain information; altering certain requirements for a quorum; authorizing voting to be conducted in a certain manner in accordance with the cooperative’s bylaws; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

HB 639

Delegate D.M. Davis

Chapter 275

**TRI-COUNTY COUNCIL FOR SOUTHERN MARYLAND –
PROPERTY MANAGEMENT – SOUTHERN MARYLAND
REGIONAL AGRICULTURAL CENTER**

Authorizing the Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland to act as a property manager of the Southern Maryland Regional Agricultural Center owned by and located within St. Mary's County.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

SB 51

Senators Bailey and Jackson

Chapter 276

**TRI-COUNTY COUNCIL FOR SOUTHERN MARYLAND –
PROPERTY MANAGEMENT – SOUTHERN MARYLAND
REGIONAL AGRICULTURAL CENTER**

Authorizing the Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland to act as a property manager of the Southern Maryland Regional Agricultural Center.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

SB 701

Senator West

Chapter 277

**BAY RESTORATION FUND – COUNTY AUTHORITY TO INCUR
INDEBTEDNESS**

Authorizing a county to borrow money and incur indebtedness through the issuance and sale of notes in anticipation of the receipt of the county's allocation of funds from a certain separate account of the Bay Restoration Fund; authorizing a county to expend the net proceeds of the sale of a certain issue of notes only to make certain grants and loans or to refund one or more issues of notes; authorizing the principal of certain notes and the interest on certain notes to be paid from certain sources; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

HB 878 **Delegate Chang**

Chapter 278 **BAY RESTORATION FUND – COUNTY AUTHORITY TO INCUR INDEBTEDNESS**

Authorizing a county to borrow money and incur indebtedness through the issuance and sale of notes in anticipation of the receipt of the county's allocation of funds from a certain separate account of the Bay Restoration Fund; authorizing a county to expend the net proceeds of the sale of a certain issue of notes only to make certain grants and loans or to refund one or more issues of notes; authorizing the principal of certain notes and the interest on certain notes to be paid from certain sources; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

HB 637 **Allegany County Delegation and Garrett County Delegation**

Chapter 279 **ALLEGANY COUNTY AND GARRETT COUNTY – ARCHERY HUNTING – SAFETY ZONE**

Altering to 50 yards from a dwelling house, residence, church, or any other building or camp occupied by human beings the size of the safety zone for archery hunters in Allegany County and Garrett County within which archery hunting may not take place except under certain circumstances.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

SB 453 **Senator Edwards**

Chapter 280 **ALLEGANY COUNTY AND GARRETT COUNTY – ARCHERY HUNTING – SAFETY ZONE**

Altering to 50 yards from a dwelling house, residence, church, or any other building or camp occupied by human beings the size of the safety zone for archery hunters in Allegany County and Garrett County within which archery hunting may not take place except under certain circumstances.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

HB 582 **Cecil County Delegation**

Chapter 281 CECIL COUNTY – SALES AND USE TAX EXEMPTION –
FEDERAL FACILITIES REDEVELOPMENT AREAS

Providing an exemption from the sales and use tax for certain construction material or warehousing equipment purchased for use in a certain federal facilities redevelopment area in Cecil County under certain circumstances; requiring a buyer claiming the exemption to provide to the vendor evidence of eligibility issued by the Comptroller; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

SB 294 **Senator Gallion, et al**

Chapter 282 CECIL COUNTY – SALES AND USE TAX EXEMPTION –
FEDERAL FACILITIES REDEVELOPMENT AREAS

Providing an exemption from the sales and use tax for certain construction material or warehousing equipment purchased for use in a certain federal facilities redevelopment area in Cecil County under certain circumstances; requiring a buyer claiming the exemption to provide to the vendor evidence of eligibility issued by the Comptroller; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

HB 530 **St. Mary's County Delegation**

Chapter 283 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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

HB 860 **Delegate Gilchrist**

Chapter 284 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.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

SB 692 **Senator Young**

Chapter 285 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.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

HB 545 **Delegate Hornberger**

Chapter 286 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.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

HB 990

Delegate Krebs

Chapter 287

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.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

SB 658

Senator Kagan, et al

Chapter 288

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.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

HB 164 **Delegates Stein and Lierman**

Chapter 289

**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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

SB 116 **Senator Kagan, et al**

Chapter 290

**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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

HB 789 **Montgomery County Delegation and Prince George’s County
Delegation**

Chapter 291

**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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

HB 94

Chapter 292

Delegate Stein

**ENVIRONMENT – WATER QUALITY REVOLVING LOAN FUND
– USES OF FUND**

Altering the conditions under which the Maryland Water Quality Revolving Loan Fund may be used to guarantee, or purchase insurance for, bonds, notes, or other evidences of obligation issued by a local government under certain circumstances; and expanding the uses of the Fund to provide guarantees of certain similar revolving funds and various contracts or bonds that provide water quality benefits.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

[HB 1134](#)

Delegate Carey

Chapter 295

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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

[SB 318](#)

Senators Bailey and Simonaire

Chapter 296

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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

[HB 1017](#)

Delegate Beitzel

Chapter 297

INCOME TAX CREDIT FOR VENISON DONATION – REPORTING REQUIREMENT AND TESTING FOR CHRONIC WASTING DISEASE

Requiring certain venison donation programs to report the name and home address of each donor who intended to claim the income tax credit and the number of deer donated by each donor who intended to claim the income tax credit to the Comptroller by January 31 each year; requiring the Department of Natural Resources to report to certain committees of the General Assembly by December 31, 2021, on the testing of deer brought to deer processors for chronic wasting disease; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

SB 769

Chapter 298

Senators Hester and Bailey

INCOME TAX CREDIT FOR VENISON DONATION – REPORTING REQUIREMENT AND TESTING FOR CHRONIC WASTING DISEASE

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EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

HB 937

Chapter 299

Delegate McIntosh

STATE LOTTERY FUND – MARYLAND HUMANITIES COUNCIL – FUNDING

Repealing a requirement that the Comptroller pay an annual grant from the Racing Special Fund to the Maryland Humanities Council; requiring the Comptroller, in each fiscal year, to pay \$1,000,000 from the State Lottery Fund into the Michael Erin Busch Sports Fund; and requiring the Comptroller to pay a grant of \$150,000 from the State Lottery Fund to the Maryland Humanities Council for Maryland History Day and other programming in each fiscal year.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

SB 660

Chapter 300

Senator Guzzone

STATE LOTTERY FUND – MARYLAND HUMANITIES COUNCIL – FUNDING

Repealing a requirement that the Comptroller pay an annual grant from the Racing Special Fund to the Maryland Humanities Council; and requiring the Comptroller to pay a grant of \$150,000 from the State Lottery Fund to the Maryland Humanities Council for Maryland History Day and other programming.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

HB 70

Chapter 301

Delegate Rogers

ENERGY EFFICIENCY – NET-ZERO HOMES – CONTRACT PREFERENCES

Requiring the Department of Housing and Community Development to give preference to applications for funding for a net-zero home from the Energy-Efficient Homes Construction Fund that will use the services of small, minority, women-owned, and veteran-owned businesses in the clean energy industry, particularly those businesses that provide employment for individuals trained through workforce development programs supported by the Strategic Energy Investment Fund and the Clean Energy Workforce Account.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

SB 77

Chapter 302

Senator Griffith

ENERGY EFFICIENCY – NET-ZERO HOMES – CONTRACT PREFERENCES

Requiring the Department of Housing and Community Development to give preference to applications for funding for a net-zero home from the Energy-Efficient Homes Construction Fund that will use the services of small, minority, women-owned, and veteran-owned businesses in the clean energy industry, particularly those businesses that provide employment for individuals trained through workforce development programs supported by the Strategic Energy Investment Fund and the Clean Energy Workforce Account.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

SB 170

Chapter 303

Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Transportation)

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.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

HB 1016 **Delegate M. Fisher**

Chapter 304 **CALVERT COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES LICENSES – ANNUAL FEES**

Requiring the Board of License Commissioners for Calvert County, for the 2020–2021 licensing period, to reimburse holders of certain alcoholic beverages licenses the entire amount of the annual license fee.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

HB 1339 **Chair, Judiciary Committee (By Request – Departmental – Human Services)**

Chapter 305 **CHILD SUPPORT – GUIDELINES**

Extending from October 1, 2021, to July 1, 2022, the effective date for certain provisions of law that would revise the schedule of basic child support obligations used to calculate the amount of a child support award and make other changes relating to the application of the Maryland Child Support Guidelines.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

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.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

SB 284 **Senator Simonaire**

Chapter 308 **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.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

HB 563 **Delegate Long**

Chapter 309 **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.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

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.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

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.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

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.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

SB 240
Chapter 313 **Chair, Budget and Taxation Committee (By Request – Departmental – Transportation)**

**MARYLAND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT
PROJECT FUND – SOURCES OF REVENUE**

Repealing the requirement that certain revenues received and collected by the Maryland Department of Transportation be distributed to the Maryland Information Technology Development Project Fund; and altering the sources of revenue for the Fund to exclude money received by the Department of Transportation.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2021

SB 43
Chapter 314 **Senators Elfleth 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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

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 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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

SB 592 **Senators Zucker and Kelley**

Chapter 316 **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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

SB 235 **Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental –**
Chapter 317 **Information Technology)**

**MAJOR INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT
PROJECT FUND – USE OF FUNDS**

Requiring that certain money paid into the Major Information Technology Development Fund shall be used to support a certain State telecommunication and computer network and the Statewide Public Safety Interoperability Radio System; and authorizing the Secretary of Information Technology to determine the portion of certain funds that may be allocated to each program.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

SB 49 **Senator Lee**

Chapter 318 **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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

HB 269

Chapter 319

Delegate Wells

**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE – URBAN AGRICULTURE
GRANT PROGRAM**

Establishing the Urban Agriculture Grant Program in the Department of Agriculture to increase the viability of urban farming and improve access to urban–grown foods; establishing an Urban Agriculture Grant Fund to provide grants to nonprofit organizations in Baltimore City; requiring the Secretary of Agriculture to administer the Fund; authorizing the Governor to include in the annual budget bill an appropriation for the Fund; requiring the Department to seek input from certain entities in adopting certain regulations; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

SB 673

Chapter 320

Senator Gallion, et al

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EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

SB 310
Chapter 321 **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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

SB 697
Chapter 322 **Senator Eckardt**
**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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

HB 555
Chapter 323 **Delegate Long**
**BALTIMORE COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – CLASS D
BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR LICENSE**

Repealing a prohibition on the Board of License Commissioners for Baltimore County from issuing a Class D beer, wine, and liquor license for use by a drugstore in Baltimore County.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

SB 424

Senator Salling

Chapter 324

**BALTIMORE COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – CLASS D
BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR LICENSE**

Repealing a prohibition on the Board of License Commissioners for Baltimore County from issuing a Class D beer, wine, and liquor license for use by a drugstore in Baltimore County.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

HB 393

Delegate Barron, et al

Chapter 325

**MARYLAND OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL FOR
HEALTH**

Renaming the Office of the Inspector General in the Maryland Department of Health to be the Maryland Office of the Inspector General for Health and providing that the Office is an independent unit of the State, rather than a unit in the Department; requiring an annual report by December 1 of the Office's activities investigating fraud and waste of certain funds, referrals to the Medicaid Fraud Control Unit, recoveries of mistaken claims paid in error, recoveries of the cost of benefits mistakenly paid, and regulatory changes; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022

SB 12

Senator Hettleman

Chapter 326

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EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022

HB 673 **Delegate Valentino-Smith**

Chapter 327 **STATE HEALTH CARE FACILITIES – EMPLOYEES –
ALTERNATIVE WORKWEEKS**

Authorizing the Secretary of Health to authorize an employee of a State facility to work according to an “alternative workweek”, which means a work schedule under which a certain employee may work less than 40 hours in a week; requiring that a certain employee be considered a full-time employee of the State; providing that certain provisions of law governing the payment for overtime work do not apply to employees of a State facility who are authorized to work according to a certain alternative workweek; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL – CONTINGENT

SB 542 **Senator Eckardt**

Chapter 328 **STATE HEALTH CARE FACILITIES – EMPLOYEES –
ALTERNATIVE WORKWEEKS**

Authorizing the Secretary of Health to authorize an employee of a State facility to work according to an alternative workweek if the workweek is consistent with any applicable collective bargaining memorandum of understanding or any other written agreement under certain circumstances; providing that “alternative workweek” means a work schedule under which a certain employee may work less than 40 hours in a week; requiring that a certain employee be considered a full-time employee of the State; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL – CONTINGENT

HB 970 **Delegate Johnson**

Chapter 329 **PSYCHOLOGY INTERJURISDICTIONAL COMPACT**

Entering into the Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact; stating the purpose of the Compact is to regulate the practice of telepsychology across state boundaries; establishing certain criteria and duties for compact states; requiring certain psychologists to hold a certain license from a home state and meet certain eligibility requirements to exercise certain authority to practice interjurisdictional telepsychology and certain temporary authority to practice in-person, face-to-face psychology in certain compact states; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

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.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

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.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

SB 885 **Senator Hester**

Chapter 332 **ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – INCOME TAX CREDIT FOR CATALYTIC REVITALIZATION PROJECTS AND HISTORIC REVITALIZATION TAX CREDIT**

Allowing a credit against the State income tax to individuals, nonprofit organizations, or business entities for certain new construction costs and rehabilitation costs for certain catalytic revitalization projects; requiring the Secretary of Housing and Community Development to issue tax credit certificates in a certain amount; requiring the Governor, in each of fiscal years 2023 and 2024, to include in the budget bill an appropriation to the Historic Revitalization Tax Credit Reserve Fund of at least \$12,000,000; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

- HB 610**
Chapter 333 **Delegate Hill**
HOMEOWNERS' AND HOMESTEAD PROPERTY TAX CREDITS – ELIGIBILITY AND ACCESS
- Requiring a contract for the sale of residential property to include certain information concerning the homestead property tax credit; altering eligibility for the homeowners' property tax credit to include certain surviving family members of the homeowner who stand to inherit the dwelling of the homeowner under certain circumstances; altering the definition of "legal interest" as it applies to certain provisions; applying the Act to taxable years beginning after June 30, 2021; etc.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2021
- 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.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021
- 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.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

HB 224 **Delegate Krebs**

Chapter 336

**DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY – STUDY OF
A COMMON INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY PLATFORM FOR
HEALTH OCCUPATIONS BOARDS**

Requiring the Department of Information Technology to conduct a certain review of certain information technology platforms used by certain health occupations boards and make certain recommendations on the feasibility and cost of developing a certain common information technology platform; and requiring the Department to report certain findings and recommendations to the Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee and the House Health and Government Operations Committee on or before December 1, 2021.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

SB 262 **Senator Eckardt**

Chapter 337

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EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

SB 180

Chapter 339

Senator Simonaire

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EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

HB 1180

Chapter 340

Delegate Hill

**PROPERTY TAX CREDIT – AIRPORT NOISE ZONES –
ELIGIBILITY**

Altering eligibility for a certain property tax credit against the county or municipal corporation property tax imposed on certain residential real property located within a certain airport noise zone; authorizing the governing body of a county or municipal corporation to choose to provide the tax credit only within a certain noise contour; authorizing the governing body of a county or municipal corporation to vary the amount of the credit based on where the property is situated within the noise zone; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2021

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.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

HB 865

Chapter 342

Delegate Smith

HISTORIC REVITALIZATION TAX CREDIT – SMALL COMMERCIAL PROJECTS – ALTERATIONS

Increasing from \$4,000,000 to \$5,000,000 the maximum aggregate amount of initial tax credit certificates that the Director of the Maryland Historic Trust may issue for certain small commercial projects.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

SB 659

Chapter 343

Senator Guzzone

HISTORIC REVITALIZATION TAX CREDIT – SMALL COMMERCIAL PROJECTS – ALTERATIONS

Increasing from \$4,000,000 to \$5,000,000 the maximum aggregate amount of initial tax credit certificates that the Director of the Maryland Historic Trust may issue for certain small commercial projects.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

SB 308

Chapter 344

Senator Ellis

HIGHER EDUCATION – MARYLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE PROMISE SCHOLARSHIP – ELIGIBILITY

Providing that an applicant who graduated from high school 5 or more years before the date of application is not subject to a certain grade point requirement to be eligible for the Maryland Community College Promise Scholarship under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

HB 401 **Delegate Guyton**

Chapter 345 **PUBLIC SCHOOLS – PREGNANT AND PARENTING STUDENTS
– POLICIES AND REPORTS**

Requiring the State Department of Education to establish a model policy to support the educational and parenting goals and improve the educational outcomes of pregnant and parenting students; requiring the model policy to include certain policies and procedures; requiring each county board of education to establish a policy based on the Department's model policy; and altering the required contents of the pregnant and parenting students attendance policy developed by each county board.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

SB 438 **Senator Washington, et al**

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EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

HB 34 **Delegate Rosenberg**

Chapter 347 **STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND MARYLAND
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH – MARYLAND SCHOOL–BASED
HEALTH CENTER STANDARDS – TELEHEALTH**

Requiring the State Department of Education and the Maryland Department of Health to authorize a certain health care practitioner at an approved school-based health center to provide health care services through telehealth under certain circumstances; prohibiting the State Department of Education and the Maryland Department of Health from establishing certain requirements for a certain school-based health center to provide health care services through telehealth; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

SB 278

Senator Kagan

Chapter 348

**STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND MARYLAND
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH – MARYLAND SCHOOL–BASED
HEALTH CENTER STANDARDS – TELEHEALTH**

Requiring the State Department of Education and the Maryland Department of Health to authorize a certain health care practitioner at an approved school–based health center to provide health care services through telehealth under certain circumstances; prohibiting the State Department of Education and the Maryland Department of Health from establishing certain requirements for a certain school–based health center to provide health care services through telehealth; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

HB 119

Delegate Sample–Hughes

Chapter 349

**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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

SB 313

Chapter 350

Senator Washington

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EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

SB 726

Chapter 351

Senator Feldman, et al

**VEHICLE LAWS – PERSONAL DELIVERY DEVICES –
STANDARDS AND REQUIREMENTS**

Establishing an exception to motor vehicle registration requirements for personal delivery devices; authorizing a personal delivery device to operate on any roadway, sidewalk, shoulder, footpath, bicycle trail, or crosswalk in the State; creating certain marking, equipment, and insurance requirements for personal delivery devices being operated on roadways, sidewalks, shoulders, or crosswalks; requiring an operator of a personal delivery device to comply with certain local laws; etc.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

SB 630

Chapter 352

Senator Ferguson

**EDUCATION – ADULT HIGH SCHOOL PILOT PROGRAM –
FUNDING AND GRANTS**

Authorizing the Adult High School Pilot Program to provide grants to certain approved pilots; requiring the Governor to include a federal fund or general fund appropriation of \$250,000 in the fiscal year 2022 budget to the Program and a federal fund or general fund appropriation of \$250,000 in the fiscal year 2023 budget for certain pilots; and requiring the Program to use certain funds to provide a \$250,000 grant in fiscal year 2022 to a certain pilot.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2021

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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

HB 337

Chapter 354

Delegate P. Young

**SALES AND USE TAX – VENDOR COLLECTION CREDIT – JOB
TRAINING**

Authorizing certain vendors who are qualified job training organizations to claim a credit for the expense of collecting and paying the sales and use tax; prohibiting, for any calendar year, the total amount of credits a vendor may claim from exceeding \$100,000; requiring a vendor to be certified as a qualified job training organization before claiming a certain credit; authorizing a vendor to submit an application to the Secretary of Labor to be certified as a qualified job training organization; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

SB 257

Chapter 355

Senator Guzzone

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EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

HB 940 The Speaker

Chapter 356 GAMING – REGULATION OF FANTASY GAMING
 COMPETITIONS AND IMPLEMENTATION OF SPORTS
 WAGERING – SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION

Authorizing sports wagering license holders to accept wagers on sporting events by certain methods and in certain locations; requiring certain fantasy competition operators to register with the State Lottery and Gaming Control Commission before offering fantasy competition or services; authorizing the Commission to impose a fee for the registration of an operator; establishing the Small, Minority–Owned, and Women–Owned Business Sports Wagering Assistance Fund to assist certain businesses entering the sports wagering market; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

Pursuant to Article III, Section 52(6) of the Maryland Constitution, the following bill has been assigned a chapter number:

HB 588 The Speaker (By Request – Administration)

Chapter 357 BUDGET BILL (FISCAL YEAR 2022)

Making the proposed appropriations contained in the State Budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022, in accordance with Article III, Section 52 of the Maryland Constitution; etc.

On May 18, 2021, the Honorable Bill Ferguson, President of the Senate; and the Honorable Adrienne A. Jones, Speaker of the House of Delegates, signed the following joint resolution(s), which you passed:

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Res. No. 1

Senator Guzzone

NATURAL RESOURCES – FISHING – WILD–CAUGHT BLUE CATFISH

Opposing certain inspection rules promulgated by the U.S. Department of Agriculture that have drastically impeded the harvest and sale of blue catfish and thus rendered the State unable to adequately use the commercial harvest as a form of control over the invasive blue catfish species; urging the U.S. Congress to amend 21 U.S.C. § 601(w) to exempt the wild catch of domestic catfish from certain inspection requirements; and requiring a copy of the Resolution to be forwarded to certain elected officials.

Sincerely,

Victoria L. Gruber
Executive Director