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)**

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EMERGENCY BILL – CONTINGENT
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.

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Senator Simonaire

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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.

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**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.

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**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.

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**SB 205**
Chapter 141

Senator Hettleman

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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.  
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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.  
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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.  
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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

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.
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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.
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**HB 667**
Delegate Sample–Hughes  
Chapter 148
GENERAL PROVISIONS – STATE SONG – REPEAL  
Repealing the State song.  
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**SB 8**
Senator Kagan  
Chapter 149
GENERAL PROVISIONS – STATE SONG – REPEAL  
Repealing the State song.  
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**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.  
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**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.

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**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.

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**Delegate Valentino–Smith**  
HB 881  
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.

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**Senator Klausmeier**  
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MENTAL HEALTH FACILITIES – SEXUAL ABUSE AND HARASSMENT – REPORTING AND PREVENTION

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**Delegate Rosenberg**  
HB 849  
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.

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**Delegate Charles**

**HB 288**  
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.  
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**Senator Beidle, et al**

**SB 704**  
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.  
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**Delegate Valentino–Smith**

**HB 674**  
Chapter 160  
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.  
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**SB 13**
Chapter 161

**Senator Eckardt**
CERTIFIED NURSING ASSISTANTS – CERTIFICATE RENEWAL – TRAINING PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

Altering the circumstances under which a certified nursing assistant may renew the certificate to allow the nursing assistant to provide, under certain circumstances, certain evidence of completion of a certain nursing assistant training program or a certain refresher training program as required in certain regulations adopted by the State Board of Nursing; and requiring the Board to adopt certain regulations.
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**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.
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**SB 537**
Chapter 163

**Senator Hershey**
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.
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**HB 1007**  
Chapter 164  
Delegate Charkoudian

**RENEWABLE ENERGY PORTFOLIO STANDARD AND GEOTHERMAL HEATING AND COOLING SYSTEMS**

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

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**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.

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**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 certain penalties of a fine of up to $2,000, community service, and participation in a safety course; etc.

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HB 1259
Chapter 167
Cecil County Delegation
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.
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SB 919
Chapter 168
Senator Gallion
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.
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HB 800
Chapter 169
Delegate Clark
NATURAL RESOURCES – WATERS OF THE STATE – MOBILE LOCATOR APPLICATION

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

**HB 752**
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

**Senator Guzzone**

**SB 539**
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

**Delegate Howard**

**HB 842**
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
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**SB 856**
Chapter 173
Senator Hershey

**ELECTRIC COMPANIES – BILLING INFORMATION**

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**HB 376**
Chapter 174
Delegate Mautz

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

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

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**SB 153**
Chapter 175
Senator Eckardt, et al

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

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

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**SB 681**
Chapter 176
Senator Ready

**MOTOR VEHICLES – INSPECTION CERTIFICATES – EXCEPTION**

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

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Chapter 177  
Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs 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.  
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HB 234  
Chapter 178  
Delegate Williams  
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.  
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SB 607  
Chapter 179  
Senator Jackson  
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.  
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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.
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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.
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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.
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HB 277  
Delegate Atterbeary  
CRIMINAL LAW – FIRST–DEGREE CHILD ABUSE – CONTINUING COURSE OF CONDUCT

Establishing as first–degree child abuse three or more acts that constitute second–degree child abuse committed as a continuing course of conduct; and applying certain penalties.
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SB 505  
Senator Hettleman  
CRIMINAL LAW – FIRST–DEGREE CHILD ABUSE – CONTINUING COURSE OF CONDUCT

Establishing as first–degree child abuse three or more acts that constitute second–degree child abuse committed as a continuing course of conduct; and applying certain penalties.
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HB 646  
Delegate Valentino–Smith  
CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT – MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH MILITARY FAMILY ADVOCACY PROGRAM

Requiring a local department of social services with a military installation in its jurisdiction to enter into a memorandum of understanding with the Military Family Advocacy Program for that installation; and establishing certain requirements for a memorandum of understanding under the Act.
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SB 369  
Senator Peters  
CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT – MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH MILITARY FAMILY ADVOCACY PROGRAM

Requiring a local department of social services with a military installation in its jurisdiction to enter into a memorandum of understanding with the Military Family Advocacy Program for that installation; and establishing certain requirements for a memorandum of understanding under the Act.
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HB 1142  Chapter 187  Howard County Delegation

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  Chapter 188  Delegate Solomon

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.
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SB 886  Chapter 189  Senator Elfreth

TRANSFER WITH SUCCESS ACT

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**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.

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**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.

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**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.

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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.
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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.
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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
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.
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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.
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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.
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HB 85  
Delegate Bhandari  
Chapter 199  
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.  
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SB 651  
Senator Klausmeier  
Chapter 200  
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.  
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HB 290  
Delegate Hill, et al  
Chapter 201  
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.  
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**SB 455**
Chapter 202

*Senator Sydnor*

EMPLOYMENT DISCRIMINATION – TIME FOR FILING COMPLAINTS

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

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**HB 482**
Chapter 203

*Delegate Kaiser*

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.

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**SB 533**
Chapter 204

*Senator Guzzone*

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.

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**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.

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**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

**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.

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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.
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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.
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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.
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**SB 887**
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**Senators Elfreth and Simonaire**

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.

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**SB 405**
Chapter 212

**Senator Augustine**

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.

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**HB 1268**
Chapter 213

**Delegate Henson**

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.

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HB 714
Chapter 214
Delegate Guyton
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.
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SB 300
Chapter 215
Senator Peters
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.
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SB 680
Chapter 216
Senator Jennings
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.
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Chapter 217

**Senator Rosapepe**

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.

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**HB 394**
Chapter 218

**Delegate Smith**

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.

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**HB 257**
Chapter 219

**Delegate Qi**

MARYLAND COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS – EMPLOYMENT DISCRIMINATION – REPORTING

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

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**Senator Hettleman**

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**Delegate D. Jones**

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.

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**Senator Edwards**

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

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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.
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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.
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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.
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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.  
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**SB 159**  
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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.  
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Chapter 228
Montgomery County Delegation and Prince George’s County 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.
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HB 1136
Chapter 229
Delegate Chisholm

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
Chapter 230
Senator Simonaire

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.
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**Montgomery County Delegation**

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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

**Allegany County Delegation**

HB 880
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

**Senator Edwards**

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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.

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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.  
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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.  
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Delegate Solomon
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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.
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**SB 546**
Senator McCray
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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.
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**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.
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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.  
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**HB 5**  
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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.  
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**SB 192**  
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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.  
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Delegate Kelly
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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.

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SB 436
Senator King
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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.

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HB 716
Delegate Griffith
Chapter 245

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.

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Senator Peters

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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.

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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.

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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.

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

STATE COLLECTION AGENCY LICENSING BOARD – SUNSET EXTENSION

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

Delegate Williams

BUSINESS OCCUPATIONS AND PROFESSIONS – ARCHITECTS – SCOPE OF LICENSURE

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

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**Delegate Lierman**

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.

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**Senator Edwards, et al**

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.

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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.
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Delegate Valentino-Smith

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.
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**Senators Washington and Ellis**

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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.

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**Senator Sydnor**

**OFFICE OF SMALL, MINORITY, AND WOMEN BUSINESS AFFAIRS – DUTIES OF THE SPECIAL SECRETARY – MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISES**

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

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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

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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.  
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**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.  
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**Senator Hershey**
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**HB 345**
Chapter 263

**Delegate Charkoudian**
PUBLIC UTILITIES – GAS SERVICE REGULATOR SAFETY (FLOWER BRANCH ACT)

Requiring that any gas service newly installed at an occupied structure may have a gas service regulator installed only outside the structure; requiring an existing interior gas service regulator in a multifamily residential structure to be relocated outside whenever a gas service line or regulator is replaced; requiring a gas company, on or before January 1, 2022, to file a plan with the Public Service Commission to relocate any gas service regulator that provides service to a multifamily residential structure; etc.
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**SB 503**
Chapter 264

**Senator Smith**
PUBLIC UTILITIES – GAS SERVICE REGULATOR SAFETY (FLOWER BRANCH ACT)

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

**SB 79**
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.  
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**Delegate D.E. Davis**

**HB 556**
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.  
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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.

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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.

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ELECTRICITY – NET ENERGY METERING – LIMIT  
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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.  
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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.  
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Senators Hershey and Eckardt  
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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.  
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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.
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Chapter 276
Senators Bailey and Jackson
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.
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SB 701
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Senator West
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.
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Delegate Chang
BAY RESTORATION FUND – COUNTY AUTHORITY TO INCUR INDEBTEDNESS
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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.
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SB 453
Chapter 280
Senator Edwards
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.
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**Cecil County Delegation**

**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.

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**Senator Gallion, et al**

**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.

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**St. Mary’s County Delegation**

**ST. MARY’S COUNTY – GAMING – ADMINISTRATION OF BINGO LICENSES**

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

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**Delegate Gilchrist**

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**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.

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**Senator Young**

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**STATE PLANNING – PRESERVATION OF AGRICULTURAL LAND – GOAL**

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**Delegate Hornberger**

**HB 545**
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**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.

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MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT –
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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.
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Senator Kagan, et al
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MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT –
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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.
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**Delegates Stein and Lierman**  
DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT – OFFICE OF RECYCLING – RECYCLING MARKET DEVELOPMENT

Requiring the Office of Recycling in the Department of the Environment to promote the development of markets for recycled materials and products in the State; requiring the Office to evaluate the availability of certain markets and identify businesses in the State that use recycled materials; requiring the annual Maryland solid waste management and diversion report to be submitted to the General Assembly by September 1, 2022, and each year thereafter, and include certain activities; etc.  
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**Senator Kagan, et al**  
DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT – OFFICE OF RECYCLING – RECYCLING MARKET DEVELOPMENT

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**Montgomery County Delegation and Prince George’s County Delegation**  
WASHINGTON SUBURBAN SANITARY COMMISSION – VIDEO AND AUDIO STREAMING AND ARCHIVING MEETINGS AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE MC/PG 100–21

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

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 on or before December 31, 2021, on testing of deer brought to deer processors for chronic wasting disease; etc.

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**HB 937**
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**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 Érin 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.

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**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.

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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.
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Senator Griffith
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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.
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Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Transportation)
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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.
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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.  
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Delegate Chisholm
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

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Senator Simonaire
MARYLAND VETERANS SERVICE ANIMAL PROGRAM – DEFINITIONS
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HB 563
Chapter 309
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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.
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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.
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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.
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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

Senators Elfreth and Hettleman

CRIMINAL LAW – LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS – PROHIBITION ON SEXUAL ACTIVITY

Prohibiting a law enforcement officer from engaging in certain sexual acts, sexual contact, or vaginal intercourse with a person who is a victim, witness, or suspect in an open investigation that the officer is conducting, supervising, or assisting with if the officer knew or should have known that the person is a victim, witness, or suspect, is requesting assistance from or responding to the law enforcement officer in the course of the officer’s official duties, or is in the custody of the officer; establishing certain exceptions; etc.  
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

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.  
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Senators Zucker and Kelley

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SB 235
Chapter 317

Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – 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
Chapter 318

Senator Lee

STATE GOVERNMENT – DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY – CYBERSECURITY

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

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Senator Gallion, et al

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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

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

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.

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Chapter 324

**Senator Salling**

**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.

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**HB 393**
Chapter 325

**Delegate Barron, et al**

**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.

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**SB 12**
Chapter 326

**Senator Hettleman**

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HB 673
Chapter 327
Delegate Valentino–Smith
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
Chapter 328
Senator Eckardt
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
Chapter 329
Delegate Johnson
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.
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**HB 744**  
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.  
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**Senators Waldstreicher and Augustine**  
**SB 270**  
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.  
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**Senator Hester**  
**SB 885**  
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.  
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HB 610
Delegate Hill
Chapter 333
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
Delegate Clark
Chapter 334
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.
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HB 839
Delegate Qi
Chapter 335
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.
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**Delegate Krebs**

**HB 224**  
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.  
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**Senator Eckardt**

**SB 262**  
Chapter 337  
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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.
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SB 180
Chapter 339

Senator Simonaire

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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.
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Delegate Atterbeary
Chapter 341
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
Delegate Smith
Chapter 342
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.
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SB 659
Senator Guzzone
Chapter 343
HISTORIC REVITALIZATION TAX CREDIT – SMALL COMMERCIAL PROJECTS – ALTERATIONS
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amount of initial tax credit certificates that the Director of the
Maryland Historic Trust may issue for certain small commercial
projects.
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SB 308
Senator Ellis
Chapter 344
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.
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**HB 401**  
Delegate Guyton  
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.  
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**SB 438**  
Senator Washington, et al  
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**HB 34**  
Delegate Rosenberg  
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.  
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**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.

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SB 313
Chapter 350
Senator Washington
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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.
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**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.  
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**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.  
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**SB 257**  
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**Senator Guzzone**  

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HB 940
Chapter 356

The Speaker

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
Chapter 357

The Speaker (By Request – Administration)

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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\textbf{Senator Guzzzone}

\textbf{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