

May 26, 2021

To the Members of the General Assembly

Ladies and Gentlemen:

On May 26, 2021, the Honorable Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr., Governor, vetoed the following pieces of legislation passed by the General Assembly; the reasons for the vetoes are indicated:

HB 16
Policy

Delegate Stewart

CORRECTIONAL SERVICES – IMMIGRATION DETENTION – PROHIBITION (DIGNITY NOT DETENTION ACT)

Prohibiting the State or any local jurisdiction from entering into agreements facilitating immigration–related detention by private entities; prohibiting governmental entities from entering into certain agreements to house immigration–related detainees; prohibiting a law enforcement agent from performing certain acts, subject to certain exceptions; requiring governmental entities to terminate existing contracts for the detention of immigration–related detainees by October 1, 2022; etc.

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HB 23
Policy

Delegate Stein

PERSONAL INFORMATION – STATE AND LOCAL AGENCIES – RESTRICTIONS ON ACCESS (MARYLAND DRIVER PRIVACY ACT)

Requiring an officer, an employee, an agent, or a contractor of the State or a political subdivision to deny inspection by a federal agency seeking access for certain immigration enforcement matters of a public record that contains personal information or certain photographic images unless a valid warrant is provided; prohibiting certain persons from disclosing certain information to a federal agent or a federal agency under certain circumstances; requiring a certain annual report to the General Assembly; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

SB 202
Policy

Senator Kelley, et al

CORRECTIONAL SERVICES – PAROLE – LIFE IMPRISONMENT

Altering, from 15 years to 20 years, the time period that certain inmates sentenced to life imprisonment for a crime committed on or after October 1, 2021, must serve before becoming eligible for parole consideration; repealing certain provisions that provide that inmates serving a term of life imprisonment may be paroled only with the Governor's approval, subject to certain provisions; requiring a Maryland Parole Commission panel to determine by a vote of six of the members whether a certain inmate is suitable for parole; etc.

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SB 420
Policy

Senator Carter

**CRIMINAL LAW – DRUG PARAPHERNALIA FOR
ADMINISTRATION – DECRIMINALIZATION**

Repealing the prohibition against a person using or possessing with intent to use drug paraphernalia to inject, ingest, inhale, or otherwise introduce into the human body a controlled dangerous substance; repealing the prohibition against a person delivering or selling, or manufacturing or possessing with intent to deliver or sell drug paraphernalia under certain circumstances; altering a list of certain items that indicate intent to use certain controlled paraphernalia for certain purposes; etc.

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Sincerely,

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