

February 12, 2021

To the Members of the General Assembly

Ladies and Gentlemen:

On Friday, February 12, 2021, pursuant to the provisions of Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, the Senate of Maryland and the House of Delegates voted to override the gubernatorial veto of the following 2020 Regular Session bills:

**HB 83**  
(2020)  
Chapter 21

**Delegate Moon, et al**

CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – CHARGE OF POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA – REMOVAL FROM CASE SEARCH

Prohibiting the Maryland Judiciary Case Search from in any way referring to the existence of a District Court criminal case in which possession of marijuana is the only charge in the case and the charge was disposed of before October 1, 2014.

EFFECTIVE MARCH 14, 2021

**HB 86**  
(2020)  
Chapter 22

**Delegate Korman**

TRANSPORTATION – MARYLAND METRO/TRANSIT FUNDING ACT – ALTERATIONS

Altering certain provisions of law related to the calculation of a certain budget increase for the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority; and altering the information that the Authority must submit to the Department of Transportation as part of its yearly performance and condition assessments and reports to include certain single audit reports issued in accordance with certain requirements.

EFFECTIVE MARCH 14, 2021

**HB 125**  
(2020)  
Chapter 23

**Delegate Healey**

**BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS – LAND ACQUISITION – REQUIREMENTS**

Prohibiting the Board of Public Works from approving the acquisition of certain real property with an appraised value of at least \$500,000 unless the Board has provided the Legislative Policy Committee with certain information; prohibiting the Board from approving the acquisition of real property with an appraised value of at least \$500,000 from the federal government until the Board provides a certain notice and, on a certain request, a study assessing the ongoing fiscal impact the acquisition would have on the State; etc.

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**HB 498**  
(2020)  
Chapter 24

**Delegate Hill, et al**

**DEPARTMENT OF AGING – GRANTS FOR AGING-IN-PLACE PROGRAMS – FUNDING**

Requiring the Governor to include in the annual budget bill an appropriation of at least \$100,000 for grants to certain nonprofit organizations and area agencies on aging to expand and establish aging-in-place programs for seniors; requiring at least 20% of the appropriated funding be used to support senior villages; and altering the definition of “aging-in-place program” to include programs that enable individuals to not only remain in their own home but to safely participate in a community regardless of age, income or ability level.

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**HB 514**            **Delegate Qi, et al**

(2020)

Chapter 25

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

Establishing the Maryland Small Business Innovation Research and Technology Transfer Incentive Program to foster job creation and economic development in the State by promoting commercialization of research, facilitating technology transfer, and encouraging small business participation; requiring the Maryland Technology Development Corporation to administer the Program; establishing qualifications for participation in the Program; authorizing the Program to provide certain competitive awards and investments to certain businesses; etc.

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**HB 737**            **Delegate Anderton, et al**

(2020)

Chapter 26

**LOCAL GOVERNMENTS – INCOME TAX DISPARITY GRANTS – AMOUNTS**

Altering the calculation of certain income tax disparity grants to counties and Baltimore City under certain circumstances and for certain fiscal years; and repealing a certain termination provision.

EFFECTIVE MARCH 14, 2021

**HB 1000**  
(2020)  
Chapter 27

**Delegate Ebersole, et al**

**BUILDING LIFELONG LIBRARY LEARNERS ACT**

Prohibiting a public library from charging a fine for overdue library materials on a minor's library materials; prohibiting a public library from charging a replacement fee for a minor's overdue library materials until 21 days after the date the materials were due; requiring a public library to cancel a fee if a minor's overdue materials are returned; requiring the Governor to include \$7,500,000 in fiscal year 2022 and each fiscal year thereafter in the annual operating or capital budget for county library capital projects; etc.

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**HB 1095**  
(2020)  
Chapter 28

**The Speaker (By Request – Prescription Drug Affordability Board), et al**

**PUBLIC HEALTH – PRESCRIPTION DRUG AFFORDABILITY BOARD AND FUND**

Repealing certain provisions of law requiring the Prescription Drug Affordability Board to determine a certain funding source by December 31, 2020; requiring the Board to assess and collect a certain fee from certain persons in a certain manner; requiring the Board to calculate a certain fee in a certain manner; requiring entities assessed a certain fee to pay the fee on or before October 1 each year; establishing the Prescription Drug Affordability Fund as a special, nonlapsing fund; etc.

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**HB 1121**      **Delegate Pena–Melnyk, et al**

(2020)

Chapter 29

**MARYLAND MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE USE  
DISORDER REGISTRY AND REFERRAL SYSTEM**

Establishing the Maryland Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Registry and Referral System in the Maryland Department of Health to provide a statewide system through which health care providers can identify and access available inpatient and outpatient mental health and substance use services for patients in a certain manner; requiring the Department to develop and implement the Registry and Referral System in collaboration with the State–designated Health Information Exchange, subject to the availability of funds; etc.

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**HB 1236**      **Delegate Solomon, et al**

(2020)

Chapter 30

**TRANSIT – MARYLAND AREA REGIONAL COMMUTER TRAIN –  
EXPANSION OF SERVICE**

Requiring the Maryland Transit Administration to engage in good–faith negotiations with certain jurisdictions and train companies to reach an agreement on a pilot program to establish Maryland Area Regional Commuter train service between Union Station in the District of Columbia and Alexandria Station, Virginia; requiring the Administration to engage in negotiations with Delaware and certain train companies to reach an agreement on a pilot program to establish train service between Perryville, Maryland, and Newark, Delaware; etc.

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**HB 1336**

(2020)

Chapter 31

**Delegate Barron, et al**

**CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – PARTIAL EXPUNGEMENT,  
MARYLAND JUDICIARY CASE SEARCH, AND EXPUNGEMENT  
OF MISDEMEANOR CONVICTION**

Authorizing a person to file a petition for expungement of certain records if the person is convicted of fourth degree burglary; prohibiting the Maryland Judiciary Case Search from in any way referring to the existence of certain records relating to certain charges under certain circumstances; establishing the Partial Expungement Workgroup to study, develop a plan, and make legislative recommendations for enabling the expungement of criminal charges that are not currently eligible for expungement; etc.

EFFECTIVE MARCH 14, 2021

**HB 1488**

(2020)

Chapter 32

**Delegate Charkoudian, et al**

**CERTIFIED LOCAL FARM ENTERPRISE PROGRAM AND  
CERTIFIED LOCAL FARM ENTERPRISE FOOD AGGREGATION  
GRANT FUND – ESTABLISHMENT**

Establishing the Office for the Certified Local Farm Enterprise Program in the Department of Agriculture; establishing the Certified Local Farm Enterprise Program in the Office to encourage certain units to try to achieve an overall percentage goal of 20% of the unit's total dollar value of procurement contracts for food from certain certified local farm enterprises; establishing a Certified Local Farm Enterprise Food Aggregation Grant Fund; etc.

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**HB 1659**  
(2020)  
Chapter 33

**Delegate McIntosh**

**MARYLAND STADIUM AUTHORITY – YOUTH AND AMATEUR  
SPORTS GRANTS PROGRAM AND MICHAEL ERIN BUSCH  
SPORTS FUND**

Establishing the Youth and Amateur Sports Grants Program to provide grants from the Michael Erin Busch Sports Fund to bring new youth and amateur events to the State and attract sports fans, participants, and tourists; requiring Maryland Sports to implement and administer the Program in a certain manner; requiring the Comptroller to distribute a certain amount of money from the State Lottery Fund to the Michael Erin Busch Sports Fund each fiscal year; etc.

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**HB 1658**  
(2020)  
Chapter 34

**Delegate McIntosh, et al**

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – BALTIMORE SYMPHONY  
ORCHESTRA – FUNDING AND REPORTING**

Requiring the Governor to appropriate certain amounts of money to the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra in fiscal years 2022 through 2026; requiring the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra to submit certain reports to the Governor and certain committees of the General Assembly on or before October 15 each year, beginning in 2022 and for the next 4 years; and repealing the termination of a certain provision of law requiring the Governor to appropriate a certain amount of money to the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra in fiscal years 2020 and 2021.

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**HB 4**  
(2020)  
Chapter 35

**Delegate Atterbeary**

**PUBLIC SAFETY – RIFLES AND SHOTGUNS – SALES, RENTALS, AND TRANSFERS**

Providing that a person who is not a certain licensee may not complete the sale, rental, or transfer of a certain rifle or shotgun as a purchaser, lessee, or transferee, except under certain circumstances; requiring, before a certain sale, rental, or transfer is conducted, the seller, lessor, or transferor and purchaser, lessee, or transferee to request that a certain licensee facilitate the sale, rental, or transfer; authorizing a seller, lessor, or transferor to deliver a rifle or shotgun in a certain manner; etc.

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**HB 1300**  
(2020)  
Chapter 36

**The Speaker (By Request – Commission on Innovation and Excellence in Education), et al**

**BLUEPRINT FOR MARYLAND’S FUTURE – IMPLEMENTATION**

Repealing, altering, and adding certain provisions of law to implement The Blueprint for Maryland’s Future, which is intended to transform Maryland’s education system to the levels of high-performing systems around the world; establishing a method for verifying certain synthesized or compiled school-level and school system data; requiring certain funds be distributed to certain workforce development boards; establishing the Teacher Quality and Diversity Program and the Teacher Quality and Diversity Grant Program; etc.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES



**HB 732**

(2020)

Chapter 37

**Delegates Luedtke and Pena–Melnyk**

**TAXATION – TOBACCO TAX, SALES AND USE TAX, AND  
DIGITAL ADVERTISING GROSS REVENUES TAX**

Increasing certain tax rates on cigarettes and other tobacco products; imposing a sales and use tax rate of 12% on electronic smoking devices; requiring the Governor to include at least \$18,250,000 in the annual budget for fiscal year 2022 and each fiscal year thereafter for certain smoking cessation activities; requiring the Comptroller to distribute certain revenue attributable to certain taxes to The Blueprint for Maryland’s Future Fund; imposing a tax on certain revenues from certain digital advertising services in the State; etc.

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**HB 932**

(2020)

Chapter 38

**Delegate Korman**

**21ST–CENTURY ECONOMY FAIRNESS ACT**

Requiring the Comptroller to distribute the sales and use tax revenue from certain digital products to The Blueprint for Maryland’s Future Fund; defining “digital product” as one that is obtained by the buyer or delivered electronically; applying the sales and use tax to a sale or use of certain digital products; providing that the retail sale of a certain digital code or digital product shall be presumed to be made in the state in which a certain customer tax address is located; stating the intent of the General Assembly; etc.

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Sincerely,

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