



MARYLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY
DEPARTMENT OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES

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SB 683

Chapter 56

Senator Kramer

ELECTION LAW – VOTING – PERMANENT ABSENTEE BALLOT LIST, BALLOT DROP BOXES, AND REPORTS

Requiring a local board of elections to designate the locations of ballot drop boxes in accordance with certain factors; requiring each local board to submit proposed ballot drop box locations to the State Administrator of Elections; requiring a local board to ensure the security of ballot drop boxes; requiring that certain guidelines for absentee voting established by the State Board provide for a permanent absentee ballot list; prohibiting canvassing, electioneering, or posting campaign material on a ballot drop box; etc.

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SB 71**Chapter 60****Senator Sydnor, et al****MARYLAND POLICE ACCOUNTABILITY ACT OF 2021 –
BODY–WORN CAMERAS, EMPLOYEE PROGRAMS, AND USE OF
FORCE**

Requiring certain law enforcement agencies to require the use of body–worn cameras by July 1, 2023, for each law enforcement officer that regularly interacts with the public; requiring a certain body–worn camera to automatically record and save at least 60 seconds of video footage immediately prior to the officer activating the record button; requiring each law enforcement agency to establish a certain system to identify police officers who are at risk of using excessive force and to provide appropriate responses to reduce the risks; etc.

Except Section 1**HB 590****Chapter 63****The Speaker (By Request – Administration)****CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – MARYLAND CONSOLIDATED
CAPITAL BOND LOAN OF 2021, AND THE MARYLAND
CONSOLIDATED CAPITAL BOND LOANS OF 2012, 2013, 2014,
2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, AND 2020**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt in the amount of \$1,106,370,620 the proceeds to be used for certain necessary building, construction, demolition, planning, renovation, conversion, replacement, and capital equipment purchases of the State, for acquiring certain real estate in connection therewith, and for grants to certain subdivisions and other organizations for certain development and improvement purposes; etc.

Except Sections 13, 14, and 15**HB 252****Chapter 75****Delegates Long and Arian****TAX SALES – OWNER–OCCUPIED RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY**

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

SB 366**Chapter 88****Senator McCray****DEPARTMENT OF ASSESSMENTS AND TAXATION –
IDENTIFICATION NUMBER FOR BUSINESS – TASK FORCE**

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

HB 441**Chapter 89****Delegate McKay****DEPARTMENT OF ASSESSMENTS AND TAXATION –
IDENTIFICATION NUMBER FOR BUSINESS – TASK FORCE**

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

HB 497**Chapter 95****Delegate Boyce****PROPERTY TAX CREDIT – URBAN AGRICULTURAL PROPERTY
– REPEAL OF REPAYMENT REQUIREMENT**

Repealing a requirement that the owner of certain property repay all property taxes that would have been imposed if certain property tax credits had not been granted if the property ceases to be used for urban agricultural purposes; and applying the Act to taxable years beginning after June 30, 2021.

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

TAX SALES – REDEMPTION – NONDELINQUENT TAXES

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

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

**UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF MARYLAND – ACADEMIC FACILITIES
BONDING AUTHORITY**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

NATURAL RESOURCES – SHRIMP FISHERY – LICENSING AND REGULATION

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

SB 786
Chapter 133 **Senator McCray (By Request – Baltimore City Administration)**

MARYLAND POLICE ACCOUNTABILITY ACT OF 2021 – BALTIMORE CITY – CONTROL OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT OF BALTIMORE CITY

Providing that the Police Department of Baltimore City is an agency and instrumentality of the City of Baltimore, instead of the State, contingent on the passage of an amendment to the Charter of Baltimore City providing for the transfer and its ratification by the voters of Baltimore City; establishing an Advisory Board on the Transfer of Control of the Police Department to study issues related to the transfer; declaring the intent of the General Assembly that the transfer does not affect certain collective bargaining rights; etc.

Except Sections 1 and 2

HB 589**Chapter 150****The Speaker (By Request – Administration)****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.

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 Department to approve applications on a first–come, first–served basis and notify applicants of approval or denial within 45 days after receipt; etc.

Except Section 2**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.

Except Section 2

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.

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.

HB 1279
Chapter 206**Delegate Luedtke****REGIONAL INSTITUTION STRATEGIC ENTERPRISE ZONE PROGRAM – ALTERATIONS**

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

Except Section 2

SB 778**Chapter 207****Senator Elfreth, et al****REGIONAL INSTITUTION STRATEGIC ENTERPRISE ZONE PROGRAM – ALTERATIONS**

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

Except Section 2**HB 1137****Chapter 210****Delegate Kerr****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.

SB 887**Chapter 211****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.

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.

HB 636**Chapter 237****Delegate Solomon****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.

SB 546**Chapter 238****Senator McCray****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.

HB 363**Chapter 253****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.

SB 4**Chapter 254****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.

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.

SB 429**Senator Kelley****Chapter 270****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.

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

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.

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.

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.

SB 836
Chapter 361**Senators Beidle and Elfreth****STATE BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS DISCIPLINARY PROCESS AND ACTIONS REPORT**

Requiring the State Board of Dental Examiners to study and make recommendations on certain matters; and requiring the Board to report to the Governor and the General Assembly by November 1, 2021, its findings and recommendations regarding necessary revisions to the disciplinary process and actions of the State Board of Dental Examiners to improve the process of disciplining dentists in the State.

HB 989**Chapter 378****Delegate Krebs****PUBLIC SAFETY – 9–1–1 EMERGENCY TELEPHONE SYSTEM – ALTERATIONS**

Requiring that certain providers of a 9–1–1–accessible service provide certain notice to a certain public safety answering point, the Maryland Joint Operations Center, and the Maryland 9–1–1 Board in the event of a 9–1–1–accessible service outage lasting more than 30 minutes and affecting more than 600,000 user minutes; requiring the Commission to Advance Next Generation 9–1–1 Across Maryland to report to the General Assembly certain demographic, employment, and training information regarding 9–1–1 specialists by December 31, 2021; etc.

SB 714**Chapter 379****Senator Kagan, et al****PUBLIC SAFETY – 9–1–1 EMERGENCY TELEPHONE SYSTEM – ALTERATIONS**

Requiring that certain providers of a 9–1–1–accessible service provide notice to certain entities in the event of a certain service outage lasting more than 30 minutes and affecting more than 600,000 user minutes; altering responsibilities and standards of the Maryland 9–1–1 Board to include support for certain 9–1–1 specialist recruitment activities; altering the purposes of the 9–1–1 Trust Fund to include funding for 9–1–1 specialist recruitment activities; prohibiting the Fund from being used for a certain purpose; etc.

HB 945**Chapter 380****Delegate Carey****HUMAN SERVICES – CRITICAL MEDICAL NEEDS PROGRAM – APPLICATION FOR ASSISTANCE**

Requiring the Office of Home Energy Programs to allow 90 days after applying for assistance for an individual to provide certain medical certification when a critical medically vulnerable individual applies for assistance from the Critical Medical Needs Program if the applicant is at least 60 years old and assisted by a navigator.

SB 907**Chapter 381****Senator Benson****HUMAN SERVICES – CRITICAL MEDICAL NEEDS PROGRAM – APPLICATION FOR ASSISTANCE**

Requiring the Office of Home Energy Programs to allow 90 days after applying for assistance for an individual to provide certain medical certification when a critical medically vulnerable individual applies for assistance from the Critical Medical Needs Program if the applicant is at least 60 years old and assisted by a navigator.

HB 1336**Chapter 397****Delegate Proctor****STATE RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEM – EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS – MEMBERSHIP AND VESTING**

Requiring the Executive Director of the Alcohol and Tobacco Commission to be a sworn police officer with certain powers; providing that an individual who commences employment as the Executive Director of the State Retirement Agency on or after January 1, 2021, shall have immediate vesting rights in the Employees' Pension System; requiring the State Retirement Agency to submit a report on immediate vesting for certain positions to the Joint Committee on Pensions by December 1, 2021; etc.

SB 761**Chapter 398****Senator Elfreth****STATE RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEM – EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS – MEMBERSHIP AND VESTING**

Requiring the Executive Director of the Alcohol and Tobacco Commission to be a sworn police officer with certain powers; providing that an individual who commences employment as the Executive Director of the State Retirement Agency on or after January 1, 2021, shall have immediate vesting rights in the Employees' Pension System; requiring the Board of Trustees for the State Retirement and Pension System to transfer certain service earned under certain circumstances; requiring the Board of Trustees to transfer certain contributions; etc.

HB 884**Chapter 413****Delegate Buckel****TASK FORCE ON THE ECONOMIC FUTURE OF WESTERN MARYLAND – EXTENSION OF REPORT DEADLINE AND TASK FORCE**

Extending the deadline for the reporting requirement for the Task Force on the Economic Future of Western Maryland to October 1, 2021; and extending the termination date for the Task Force.

SB 678**Chapter 414****Senator Edwards****TASK FORCE ON THE ECONOMIC FUTURE OF WESTERN MARYLAND – EXTENSION OF REPORT DEADLINE AND TASK FORCE**

Extending the deadline for the reporting requirement for the Task Force on the Economic Future of Western Maryland to October 1, 2021; and extending the termination date for the Task Force.

HB 844**Chapter 419****Delegate Lierman (Chair, Joint Committee on Pensions)****STATE RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEM – FIDUCIARY INSURANCE**

Authorizing the State to purchase a certain insurance policy to satisfy a bond requirement to protect certain losses of State Retirement and Pension System assets.

SB 641**Chapter 420****Senator Elfreth (Chair, Joint Committee on Pensions)****STATE RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEM – FIDUCIARY INSURANCE**

Authorizing the State to purchase a certain insurance policy to satisfy a bond requirement to protect certain losses of State Retirement and Pension System assets.

HB 922**Chapter 421****Delegate Lierman (Chair, Joint Committee on Pensions)****STATE RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEM –
COVID-19-RELATED DEATH BENEFITS – CLARIFICATION**

Clarifying the eligibility of certain members of the State Retirement and Pension System for certain death benefits when COVID-19 caused or contributed to the death of a member; requiring the Board of Trustees for the State Retirement and Pension System to accept the death of a member as arising out of or in the course of the actual performance of duty under certain circumstances; requiring the Board, under certain circumstances, to discontinue payment of a certain allowance and begin payment of a certain special death benefit allowance; etc.

SB 642**Chapter 422****Senator Elfreth (Chair, Joint Committee on Pensions) and Senator Jackson****STATE RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEM –
COVID-19-RELATED DEATH BENEFITS – CLARIFICATION**

Clarifying the eligibility of certain members of the State Retirement and Pension System for certain death benefits when COVID-19 caused or contributed to the death of a member; requiring the Board of Trustees for the State Retirement and Pension System to accept the death of a member as arising out of or in the course of the actual performance of duty under certain circumstances; requiring the Board, under certain circumstances, to discontinue payment of a certain allowance and begin payment of a certain special death benefit allowance; etc.

HB 768**Chapter 449****Montgomery County Delegation****MONTGOMERY COUNTY – COMMUNITY CHOICE ENERGY –
PILOT PROGRAM MC 17-21**

Applying certain laws regarding net energy metering and community solar generating systems to customers served by a community choice aggregator; altering the circumstances under which counties and municipal corporations may act as an aggregator; establishing the Community Choice Aggregator Pilot Program; establishing a process by which, beginning on December 31, 2023, a certain county may form a community choice aggregator; requiring a certain county to develop a plan and give notice of a certain aggregation plan; etc.

HB 1034
Chapter 464**Delegate Cullison****PRESCRIPTION DRUG AFFORDABILITY BOARD – PLAN OF ACTION – REPEAL OF DATE FOR SUBMISSION**

Repealing the date by which the Prescription Drug Affordability Board is required to submit a certain plan of action regarding the establishment of a process for setting the upper payment limits for certain prescription drug products to the Legislative Policy Committee of the General Assembly.

HB 887
Chapter 502**Delegate Chang****STATE DEBT – ANNUITY BOND FUND – USE OF BOND PREMIUMS**

Expanding the authorized use of certain premiums transferred to the Annuity Bond Fund from the sale of State bonds to include paying for capital projects and, if necessary or appropriate from time to time to comply with the requirements of the Internal Revenue Code, any other use authorized by the Internal Revenue Code.

SB 60
Chapter 503**Senator Peters****STATE DEBT – ANNUITY BOND FUND – USE OF BOND PREMIUMS**

Expanding the authorized use of certain premiums transferred to the Annuity Bond Fund from the sale of State bonds to include paying for capital projects and, if necessary or appropriate from time to time to comply with the requirements of the Internal Revenue Code, any other use authorized by the Internal Revenue Code.

HB 1048
Chapter 514**Delegate Wilkins****ELECTION LAW – VOTING – PERMANENT ABSENTEE BALLOT LIST, BALLOT DROP BOXES, AND REPORTS**

Requiring a local board of elections to designate ballot drop box locations; requiring each local board to submit the proposed locations to the State Administrator of Elections for approval; requiring a local board to ensure the security of ballot drop boxes; requiring the State Board to establish certain chain of custody procedures related to the ballot drop boxes; requiring that certain guidelines for absentee voting established by the State Board of Elections provide for a permanent absentee ballot list; etc.

SB 686**Chapter 523****Senator Smith****REAL PROPERTY – CONDOMINIUMS, HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATIONS, AND COOPERATIVE HOUSING CORPORATIONS – VIRTUAL MEETINGS**

Authorizing the governing body of a condominium, homeowners association, or cooperative housing corporation, notwithstanding language contained in certain governing documents, to authorize certain meetings to be conducted or attended by certain electronic means under certain circumstances; authorizing certain individuals who attend a meeting by certain electronic means to be deemed present for quorum and voting purposes; authorizing certain matters to be set for a vote at a certain virtual meeting; etc.

HB 1023**Chapter 524****Delegate Holmes****REAL PROPERTY – CONDOMINIUMS, HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATIONS, AND COOPERATIVE HOUSING CORPORATIONS – VIRTUAL MEETINGS**

Authorizing the governing body of a condominium, homeowners association, or cooperative housing corporation, notwithstanding language contained in the governing documents of the Corporation, to authorize certain meetings to be conducted or attended by certain electronic means; authorizing certain individuals who attend a meeting by certain electronic means to be deemed present for quorum and voting purposes; authorizing certain matters to be set for a vote at a certain virtual meeting under certain circumstances; etc.

HB 1374**Chapter 576****Delegate B. Barnes****PRIOR AUTHORIZATIONS OF STATE DEBT – ALTERATIONS**

Amending certain prior authorizations of State Debt to alter the requirement that certain grantees provide certain matching funds; extending the termination date of certain grants; changing the locations of certain capital projects; altering the purposes of certain grants; changing the names of certain grantees; altering the authorized uses of certain grants; altering certain matching fund and expenditure requirements; repealing certain provisions that require grantees to provide and expend a certain matching fund; etc.

SB 764 **Senator Washington (Chair, Joint Committee on Ending**
Chapter 584 **Homelessness)**

WORKGROUP ON ADAPTIVE REUSE OF VACANT COMMERCIAL SPACES

Establishing the Workgroup on Adaptive Reuse of Vacant Commercial Spaces to study the potential for conversion of vacant or underutilized commercial spaces into residential, mixed-use, and commercial spaces in order to increase the affordable housing stock in the State; requiring the Workgroup to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before November 30, 2021; etc.

HB 1187 **Delegate Clippinger**

Chapter 596 **JUVENILE LAW – JUVENILE JUSTICE REFORM**

Requiring the Governor, beginning in fiscal year 2023, to appropriate at least \$2,000,000 in the annual budget bill for a grant to Roca Baltimore, LLC; requiring the Juvenile Justice Reform Council to submit a supplemental report on its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly by October 1, 2021; and extending the termination date of the Council to June 30, 2022.

HB 815 **Delegate Shoemaker**

Chapter 609 **STATE AGRICULTURAL LAND TRANSFER TAX – APPLICATION OF NONAGRICULTURAL USE REDUCTION AND EXEMPTION**

Clarifying that certain provisions of law concerning the method of calculating a certain reduction in the State agricultural land transfer tax apply to a transfer under a contract of sale dated on or after July 1, 2019; clarifying that a certain exemption from the State agricultural land transfer tax applies to a transfer under a contract of sale dated on or after July 1, 2019; etc.

HB 578 **Delegate D.E. Davis**

Chapter 616 **PUBLIC UTILITIES – ANNUAL REPORTS**

Altering the due dates of certain annual reports prepared by the Public Service Commission; and altering from December 1 to January 1 the due date of a certain report by the Department of Housing and Community Development relating to the Electric Universal Service Program.

SB 428**Chapter 617****Senator Kelley****PUBLIC UTILITIES – ANNUAL REPORTS**

Altering the due dates of certain annual reports prepared by the Public Service Commission; and altering the due date from December 1 to January 1 of a certain report by the Department of Housing and Community Development relating to the Electric Universal Service Program.

HB 967**Chapter 628****Delegate Bridges (By Request – Baltimore City Administration)****BALTIMORE CITY – SPEED MONITORING SYSTEMS – INTERSTATE 83**

Authorizing the placement and use of not more than two speed monitoring systems on Interstate 83 in Baltimore City; requiring that fines collected as a result of violations enforced by the speed monitoring systems be used to assist in covering the cost of roadway improvements on Interstate 83 in Baltimore City; requiring a warning notice be mailed instead of a citation for a violation recorded by the system during the first 90 days of operation; requiring certain signage and a real-time display of a driver's traveling speed; etc.

HB 501**Chapter 630****Montgomery County Delegation and Prince George's County Delegation****WASHINGTON SUBURBAN SANITARY COMMISSION – BOARD OF ETHICS – FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE STATEMENTS – LATE FEES MC/PG 102–21**

Imposing a certain fee on certain persons subject to the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission ethics laws for filing certain financial disclosure statements late; and setting the amount of a late fee at \$5 for each day the filing is late, not to exceed a total of \$500.

HB 295**Chapter 640****Delegates Love and Henson****WATER POLLUTION – STORMWATER MANAGEMENT REGULATIONS AND WATERSHED IMPLEMENTATION PLANS – REVIEW AND UPDATE**

Requiring the Department of the Environment to review and update certain regulations at least once every 5 years; requiring certain regulations to incorporate the most recent precipitation data available; requiring the Department to review and update certain regulations in a certain manner; requiring the Department to take certain actions at least 6 months before the proposal of regulations under the Act; altering the time by which the Department must hold a certain public hearing; etc.

SB 227**Chapter 641****Senator Elfreth, et al****WATER POLLUTION – STORMWATER MANAGEMENT REGULATIONS AND WATERSHED IMPLEMENTATION PLANS – REVIEW AND UPDATE**

Requiring the Department of the Environment to update certain stormwater management regulations at least once every 5 years to incorporate certain updated precipitation data; requiring the Department to review and update certain regulations in a certain manner; requiring the Department to report to the General Assembly on the most recent precipitation data and the Department's plans for updating water quantity control standards for watersheds where flooding events occurred on or after January 1, 2000; etc.

SB 901**Chapter 644****Senator Hester, et al****PUBLIC SAFETY – EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT – RESILIENT MARYLAND REVOLVING LOAN FUND**

Establishing the Resilient Maryland Revolving Loan Fund as a special, nonlapsing fund; establishing the purpose of the Fund; authorizing uses for the Fund; requiring certain loans to be for a fixed period; requiring the Maryland Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) to administer the Fund; requiring MEMA to prioritize making loans to certain projects; exempting the Fund from a certain provision of law; requiring MEMA to prioritize making loans to projects it determines to have the greatest impact on eliminating hazards; etc.

HB 991**Chapter 645****Delegate Gilchrist****TREE SOLUTIONS NOW ACT OF 2021**

Establishing the use of qualified conservation in a forest mitigation bank of all or a part of certain existing forests as a standard for meeting certain afforestation or reforestation requirements; altering the defined term “forest mitigation banking” to include the qualified conservation of forests; requiring the Harry R. Hughes Center for Agro–Ecology, in consultation with certain entities, to conduct a certain technical study; establishing the Urban Trees Program to be administered by the Chesapeake Bay Trust; etc.

Except Section 5**HB 1350****Chapter 647****Delegate Wilkins****CAMPAIGN FINANCE – REVISIONS**

Requiring a treasurer of a campaign finance entity to approve, rather than make, all disbursements for the entity; authorizing the chairman of a campaign finance entity to approve, rather than make, disbursements for the entity under certain circumstances; requiring a campaign finance entity that is liable for a certain civil penalty to submit certain bank statements with the campaign finance entity’s campaign finance reports during a certain period; etc.

HB 1186**Chapter 651****Delegate Clippinger****OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL – FIREARM CRIME, INJURIES, FATALITIES, AND CRIME FIREARMS – STUDY EXTENSION**

Altering certain dates by which the Office of the Attorney General is required to provide certain reports to the Governor and the General Assembly relating to firearm crimes, firearm injuries and fatalities, and crime firearms; authorizing the Office to access certain information from the District Court concerning certain protective orders for a certain purpose; requiring an additional report to be submitted by December 1, 2024 by the Office of the Attorney General under a certain Act; etc.

HB 156**Chapter 656****Delegates Luedtke and Griffith****STUDENT AND MILITARY VOTER EMPOWERMENT ACT**

Requiring a local board of elections to obtain input from large residential communities including institutions of higher education, continuing care retirement communities, senior communities, and military installations when establishing precinct boundaries and designating polling places; establishing a process for certain voters to submit a federal post card application electronically which may allow the use of a common access card only for verification of identity and fulfillment of the signature requirement; etc.

SB 283**Chapter 657****Senator Elfleth****STUDENT AND MILITARY VOTER EMPOWERMENT ACT**

Requiring a local board of elections to obtain input from large residential institutional communities including institutions of higher education, continuing care retirement communities, senior communities, and military installations when establishing precinct boundaries and designating polling places; establishing a process for certain voters to submit a federal post card application electronically, which may allow the use of a common access card only for verification of identity and fulfillment of the signature requirement; etc.

SB 65**Chapter 673****Senator Kelley****ELECTRICITY – RENEWABLE ENERGY PORTFOLIO STANDARD – TIER 2 RENEWABLE SOURCES, QUALIFYING BIOMASS, AND COMPLIANCE FEES**

Altering the renewable energy portfolio standard for 2021 through 2030 and later; extending eligibility of certain Tier 2 renewable sources for purposes of the renewable energy portfolio standard in certain years; altering the compliance fee for a shortfall from the required percentage of energy from certain Tier 1 renewable sources for the renewable energy portfolio standard in certain years; altering the definition of “qualifying biomass” for certain purposes; etc.

Except Section 2

SB 119**Chapter 694****Senators Guzzone and Elfreh****CLEAN WATER COMMERCE ACT OF 2021**

Establishing the Clean Water Commerce Account within the Bay Restoration Fund; requiring the Department of the Environment to transfer \$20,000,000 from the Fund to the Account for certain purposes beginning in fiscal year 2022 and each year thereafter; altering the authorized uses of the Fund to include certain transfers to the Account; limiting the uses of the Account to the purchase environmental outcomes in support of the State's efforts to achieve the Chesapeake Bay total maximum daily load; etc.

HB 507**Chapter 695****Delegate Stein****CLEAN WATER COMMERCE ACT OF 2021**

Establishing the Clean Water Commerce Account within the Bay Restoration Fund; requiring the Department of the Environment to transfer \$20,000,000 from the Fund to the Account for certain purposes beginning in fiscal year 2022 and each year thereafter; altering the authorized uses of the Fund to include certain transfers to the Account; limiting the uses of the Account to the purchase of environmental outcomes in support of the State's efforts to achieve the Chesapeake Bay total maximum daily load; etc.

HB 1179**Chapter 715****Wicomico County Delegation****WICOMICO COUNTY – PROPERTY TAX CREDIT – HOTEL OR RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT**

Authorizing the governing body of Wicomico County or the governing body of a municipal corporation in Wicomico County to grant a property tax credit against the county or municipal corporation property tax imposed on real property that is used for hotel or residential development projects that add substantially to the assessed value of the property; authorizing the governing body of Wicomico County or the governing body of a municipal corporation in Wicomico County to provide for certain matters relating to the tax credit; etc.

SB 794**Chapter 716****Wicomico County Senators****WICOMICO COUNTY – PROPERTY TAX CREDIT – HOTEL OR RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT**

Authorizing the governing body of Wicomico County or the governing body of a municipal corporation in Wicomico County to grant a property tax credit against the county or municipal corporation property tax imposed on real property that is used for certain hotel or residential development projects that add substantially to the assessed value of the property; authorizing the governing body of Wicomico County or the governing body of a municipal corporation in Wicomico County to provide for certain matters relating to the property tax credit; etc.

HB 158**Chapter 717****Delegate Carr, et al****PROPERTY TAX – HOMEOWNERS’ PROPERTY TAX CREDIT – CALCULATION AND REFUNDS**

Altering, for purposes of the homeowners’ property tax credit, the definition of “total real property tax” to exclude any adjustments based on other property tax credits against the property tax imposed on a dwelling; requiring the State Department of Assessments and Taxation to determine whether a homeowner is owed additional homeowners’ property tax credits in the form of a refund for certain taxable years as a result of the Act; requiring the Comptroller to pay a refund from the Local Reserve Account; etc.

SB 593**Chapter 718****Senator Zucker, et al****PROPERTY TAX – HOMEOWNERS’ PROPERTY TAX CREDIT – CALCULATION AND REFUNDS**

Altering, for purposes of the homeowners’ property tax credit, the definition of “total real property tax” to exclude any adjustments based on other property tax credits against the property tax imposed on a dwelling; requiring the State Department of Assessments and Taxation to determine whether a homeowner is owed additional homeowners’ property tax credits in the form of a refund for certain taxable years as a result of the Act; requiring the Comptroller to pay a refund from the Local Reserve Account; etc.

HB 607**Chapter 721****Health and Government Operations Committee****JUDGES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM – RETIREE HEALTH BENEFITS
– MANDATORY RETIREMENT**

Establishing the eligibility for State retiree health benefits for a retiree of the Judges' Retirement System and the retiree's spouse and dependent children when a retiree of the Judges' Retirement System retired at a mandatory retirement age with less than 5 years of creditable service; and providing for the calculation of a certain State subsidy.

HB 1311**Chapter 726****Delegate Mangione****PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION – DISABLED ACTIVE DUTY
SERVICE MEMBERS, DISABLED VETERANS, AND SURVIVING
SPOUSES – REFUND**

Requiring the State, a county, or a municipal corporation to pay a certain refund to a disabled active duty service member, disabled veteran, or surviving spouse under certain circumstances; requiring the State, a county, or a municipal corporation to pay interest on the refund under certain circumstances; and applying the Act to taxable years beginning after June 30, 2018.

SB 269**Chapter 727****Senator Ellis****PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION – DISABLED ACTIVE DUTY
SERVICE MEMBERS, DISABLED VETERANS, AND SURVIVING
SPOUSES – REFUND**

Requiring the State, a county, or a municipal corporation to pay a certain refund to a disabled active duty service member, disabled veteran, or surviving spouse under certain circumstances; requiring the State, a county, or a municipal corporation to pay interest on the refund under certain circumstances; and applying the Act to taxable years beginning after June 30, 2018.

HB 1173
Chapter 729**Calvert County Delegation****CALVERT COUNTY – PUBLIC FACILITIES BOND**

Authorizing and empowering the County Commissioners of Calvert County, from time to time, to borrow not more than \$26,453,345 to finance the construction, improvement, or development of certain public buildings, roads, and facilities in Calvert County, as herein defined, and to effect such borrowing by the issuance and sale at public or private sale of its general obligation bonds in like par amount; etc.

SB 612
Chapter 730**Carroll County Senators****CARROLL COUNTY – PUBLIC FACILITIES BOND**

Authorizing and empowering the County Commissioners of Carroll County to borrow not more than \$48,450,000 in order to finance the construction, improvement, or development of certain public facilities in Carroll County, and to effect such borrowing by the issuance and sale at public or private sale of its general obligation bonds in like par amount; etc.

SB 861
Chapter 731**Senator Bailey****ST. MARY’S COUNTY – PUBLIC FACILITIES BOND**

Authorizing and empowering the County Commissioners of St. Mary’s County to borrow not more than \$30,000,000 in order to finance the construction, improvement, or development of certain public facilities in St. Mary’s County, and to effect such borrowing by the issuance and sale at public or private sale of its general obligation bonds in like par amount; etc.

SB 415**Chapter 733****Senator Pinsky****PUBLIC FINANCING ACT – MATCHING FUND REVISIONS (MARYLAND FAIR ELECTIONS ACT)**

Requiring the Comptroller to distribute public contributions to a certain campaign finance entity established to receive public contributions for certain eligible candidates; requiring the State Board of Elections to make a certain determination regarding the balance of the Fair Campaign Financing Fund on or before a certain date in certain years; requiring the Governor, in fiscal year 2023, to include in the annual budget bill an appropriation of at least \$4,000,000 to the Fund; etc.

HB 222**Chapter 734****Delegate Wilkins****ELECTION LAW – CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES – VOTER REGISTRATION AND VOTING**

Requiring the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services to provide each individual who is released from a correctional facility with a voter registration application and documentation informing the individual that their voting rights have been restored; requiring the State Board of Elections to adopt regulations establishing a program to inform eligible voters of upcoming elections and how to exercise the right to vote; requiring the State Board to report to certain committees of the General Assembly by January 15 each year; etc.

SB 927**Chapter 735****Senator Pinsky****INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION – PROHIBITION AGAINST INCENTIVE PAYMENTS – FOREIGN STUDENT EXEMPTION**

Altering the application of certain provisions of law prohibiting an institution of higher education from paying certain financial or other incentives based on certain success to exempt the recruitment of foreign students who reside in a foreign country and are not eligible to receive federal student assistance.

HB 95**Chapter 753****Delegate Krebs****HEALTH OCCUPATIONS – NURSES – DELEGATION OF TASKS**

Providing that an advanced practice registered nurse is not precluded from delegating a nursing or other technical task to an assistant under certain circumstances; providing that a registered nurse or a licensed practical nurse is not precluded from delegating a technical task other than a nursing task to an unlicensed individual under certain circumstances; and requiring the State Board of Nursing to adopt certain regulations.

SB 476**Chapter 754****Senator Eckardt****HEALTH OCCUPATIONS – NURSES – DELEGATION OF TASKS**

Providing that an advanced practice registered nurse is not precluded from delegating a nursing or other technical task to an assistant under certain circumstances; providing that a registered nurse or a licensed practical nurse is not precluded from delegating a technical task other than a nursing task to an unlicensed individual under certain circumstances; and requiring the State Board of Nursing to adopt certain regulations.

HB 504**Chapter 765****Delegate Dumais****INSURANCE – IMPAIRED ENTITIES – DELINQUENCY PROCEEDINGS**

Providing that a federal home loan bank may not be stayed or prohibited from exercising certain rights with respect to certain collateral of a certain insurer–member after the 14th day following the filing of a delinquency proceeding; requiring a federal home loan bank to repurchase certain outstanding capital stock of a certain insurer–member under certain circumstances; requiring a federal home loan bank to establish a certain timeline and process within 10 business days after a request from a receiver; etc.

SB 458**Chapter 766****Senator Feldman****INSURANCE – IMPAIRED ENTITIES – DELINQUENCY PROCEEDINGS**

Providing that a federal home loan bank may not be stayed or prohibited from exercising certain rights with respect to certain collateral of a certain insurer–member after the 14th day following the filing of a delinquency proceeding; requiring a federal home loan bank to repurchase certain outstanding capital stock of a certain insurer–member under certain circumstances; requiring a federal home loan bank to establish a certain timeline and process within 10 business days after a request from a receiver; etc.

SB 514**Chapter 769****Senator Feldman, et al****HEALTH FACILITIES – HOSPITALS – MEDICAL DEBT PROTECTION**

Specifying the method for calculating family income to be used to consider free or reduced–cost medical care under a certain hospital financial assistance policy; requiring that the description of a hospital’s financial assistance policy include a section that allows a patient to initial that the patient has been made aware of the policy; prohibiting a hospital from charging interest or fees on certain debts incurred by certain patients; requiring the Health Services Cost Review Commission to develop certain guidelines; etc.

Except Section 1**HB 565****Chapter 770****Delegate Charkoudian****HEALTH FACILITIES – HOSPITALS – MEDICAL DEBT PROTECTION**

Specifying the method for calculating family income to be used to consider free or reduced–cost medical care under a certain hospital financial assistance policy; requiring that the description of a hospital’s financial assistance policy include a section that allows a patient to indicate the patient is aware of the policy; prohibiting a hospital from charging interest or fees on certain debts incurred by patients; requiring the Health Services Cost Review Commission to develop guidelines for an income–based payment plan; etc.

Except Section 1

HB 598**Chapter 771****Delegate Kelly****MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM – APPLIED BEHAVIOR ANALYSIS SERVICES – REIMBURSEMENT**

Prohibiting the Maryland Department of Health from conditioning reimbursement of applied behavior analysis services provided to Maryland Medical Assistance Program recipients on the presence or availability of the parent or caregiver of the Program recipient in the setting where the applied behavior analysis services are provided to the Program recipient; providing that a certain provision of the Act does not prohibit the Department from establishing reasonable standards for the involvement of a parent or caregiver; etc.

SB 469**Chapter 772****Senator Washington****MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM – APPLIED BEHAVIOR ANALYSIS SERVICES – REIMBURSEMENT**

Prohibiting the Maryland Department of Health from conditioning reimbursement of applied behavior analysis services provided to Maryland Medical Assistance Program recipients on the presence or availability of the parent or caregiver of the Program recipient in the setting where the applied behavior analysis services are provided to the Program recipient; providing that a certain provision of the Act does not prohibit the Department from establishing reasonable standards for the involvement of a parent or caregiver; etc.

SB 563**Chapter 805****Senator Griffith****LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENTS – FUNDING**

Specifying the amount of funding required to be included in the State budget for local health services for certain fiscal years; altering the purposes for which local health department funding may be used to include protective equipment for certain health care personnel and materials appropriate to prepare for potential communicable disease emergencies; requiring the Maryland Department of Health to conduct a certain evaluation by December 1, 2021; requiring the Department to submit a certain report by December 15, 2021; etc.