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Annapolis, Maryland
Wednesday, January 13, 2021
12 Noon Session

STATE OF MARYLAND, To Wit:

This being the day prescribed by Section 14 of Article III of the Constitution for the convening of the General Assembly of Maryland at 12:00 Noon.

Sylvia Siegert, Chief Clerk of the House of Delegates for the 2021 Session, called the House to order and led the pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Prayer by Delegate Eric Luedtke of Montgomery County.

RECESS

At 12:01 P.M. on motion of Delegate Luedtke the House recessed until 1:00 P.M. on Wednesday, January 13, 2021.

AFTER RECESS
Annapolis, Maryland
Wednesday, January 13, 2021

At 1:03 P.M. the House resumed its session and pledged Allegiance to the Flag.

Sylvia Siegert, Chief Clerk of the House of Delegates for the 2021 Session, called the House to order.

QUORUM CALL

The presiding officer announced a quorum call, showing 101 Members present.

(See Roll Call No. 2)

EXCUSES:

Due to the COVID–19 pandemic we have been instructed by the national public health experts to limit the number of members in the Chamber. All Delegates not in attendance have been excused per the Speaker:

Delegate Amprey
Delegate Anderson
Delegate Attar
Delegate Atterbeary
Delegate Bagnall
Delegate Barron
Delegate Bhandari
Delegate Cardin
Delegate Carr
Delegate Ciliberti
Delegate Conaway
Delegate Crosby
Delegate Ebersole
Delegate Feldmark
Delegate Fraser–Hidalgo
Delegate Ghrist
Delegate Grammer
Delegate Haynes
Delegate Healey
Delegate Hornberger
Delegate Jalisi
Delegate Kelly
Delegate Krimm

Delegate Lehman
Delegate R. Lewis
Delegate McIntosh
Delegate Pendergrass
Delegate Proctor
Delegate Reznik
Delegate Rosenberg
Delegate Solomon
Delegate Terrasa
Delegate Valentino–Smith
Delegate Walker
Delegate R. Watson
Delegate Wells
Delegate Williams
Delegate P. Young

Members having recorded their presence, the Chief Clerk announced that a majority of all members being present, the House was ready, under the provisions of the Constitution, to proceed with business.

The Chief Clerk called for nominations for the office of Speaker Pro Tem of the House of Delegates for the Regular Session of the Maryland General Assembly.

Delegate D.E. Davis of Prince George’s County nominated Delegate Sheree Sample–Hughes of Dorchester and Wicomico Counties for the office of Speaker Pro Tem.

The Majority Leader seconded the nomination.

Delegate Patterson of Charles County moved that the nominations be closed.

The Majority Leader seconded the motion.

The Chief Clerk put the question: All in favor of Delegate Sheree Sample–Hughes for the Office of Speaker Pro Tem signify by saying Aye, opposed Nay, the Ayes have it.

The motion was adopted.

The Chief Clerk administered the oath of office to Delegate Sheree Sample–Hughes of Dorchester and Wicomico Counties.

The Chief Clerk called for nominations for the office of Speaker of the House of Delegates.

Delegate Wilson of Charles County placed the name of Delegate Adrienne A. Jones of Baltimore County in nomination for the office of Speaker of the House.

The Majority Leader seconded the nomination.

Delegate Stewart of Montgomery County moved the nominations be closed.

The Majority Leader seconded the nomination.

The Speaker Pro Tem put the question: All in favor of Delegate Adrienne A. Jones for the Office of Speaker signify by saying Aye, opposed Nay, the Ayes have it.

The motion was adopted.

**SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE, THE HONORABLE ADRIENNE A. JONES,
NOW PRESIDING**

ORDER

JANUARY 13, 2021

ORDERED by the House of Delegates of Maryland, that the Rules of the House of Delegates in effect at the end of the Regular Session of 2020, with the exception of Rule 116, be adopted for the Regular Session of 2021.

BY ORDER, SYLVIA SIEGERT, CHIEF CLERK

Read and adopted.

House Rule 116

Delegate Luedtke moved to make House Rule 116 a Special Order of Business until February 8, 2021.

The motion was adopted.

AMENDMENT TO HOUSE RULES

HR0118/343828/1

BY: Delegate Wilkins

AMENDMENT TO ADD HOUSE RULES 118 THROUGH 122

ORDERED by the House of Delegates, that the House Rules, as adopted by the House for the 2021 Session be, and they are hereby, amended to add new House Rules 118 through 122, to read as follows:

“MODIFIED PROCEDURES DURING A PUBLIC SAFETY EMERGENCY

118. PUBLIC SAFETY EMERGENCY – ADOPTION OF MODIFIED PROCEDURES.

(A) THE MODIFIED PROCEDURES SET FORTH IN RULES 119 THROUGH 122 OF THESE RULES SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE FOLLOWING THE ADOPTION OF A HOUSE SIMPLE RESOLUTION FINDING THAT A STATE OF EMERGENCY EXISTS AND THAT MODIFIED PROCEDURES ARE NECESSARY TO PROTECT THE HEALTH OR SAFETY OF MEMBERS, STAFF, OR THE PUBLIC.

(B) FOLLOWING THE PASSAGE OF A HOUSE SIMPLE RESOLUTION DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS RULE, THE HOUSE SHALL APPLY THE MODIFIED PROCEDURES DESCRIBED IN RULES 119 THROUGH 122 OF THESE RULES UNTIL THE EARLIER OF:

(1) THE END OF THE REGULAR SESSION OR SPECIAL SESSION IN WHICH THE HOUSE SIMPLE RESOLUTION DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS RULE WAS PASSED; OR

(2) THE PASSAGE OF A HOUSE SIMPLE RESOLUTION FINDING THAT THESE MODIFIED PROCEDURES ARE NO LONGER REQUIRED.

(C) WHERE THEY CONFLICT, THE MODIFIED PROCEDURES SET FORTH IN RULES 119 THROUGH 122 OF THESE RULES SUPERSEDE RULES 1 THROUGH 115 OF THESE RULES.

119. SAFETY EMERGENCY – MODIFIED PROCEDURES – PRO FORMA SESSION.

(A) GENERALLY – UNDER THESE MODIFIED PROCEDURES, THE HOUSE MAY OPERATE PRO FORMA SESSIONS AS SET FORTH UNDER THIS RULE.

(B) QUORUM – A QUORUM IS DEEMED TO BE PRESENT FOR A PRO FORMA SESSION OF THE HOUSE WHEN THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS ARE PRESENT:

(1) THE SPEAKER, OR THE MEMBER DESIGNATED TO APPEAR ON THE SPEAKER’S BEHALF IN WRITING PROVIDED TO THE CHIEF CLERK;

(2) THE MAJORITY LEADER, OR THE MEMBER DESIGNATED TO APPEAR ON THE MAJORITY LEADER’S BEHALF IN WRITING PROVIDED TO THE CHIEF CLERK; AND

(3) THE MINORITY LEADER, OR THE MEMBER DESIGNATED TO APPEAR ON THE MINORITY LEADER’S BEHALF IN WRITING PROVIDED TO THE CHIEF CLERK.

(C) ATTENDANCE – IN ORDER TO PRESERVE THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY, THE SPEAKER MAY LIMIT IN-PERSON ATTENDANCE AT A PRO FORMA SESSION OF THE HOUSE BY MEMBERS OTHER THAN THOSE LISTED UNDER SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS RULE, GUESTS, AND STAFF.

(D) LIMITED BUSINESS – WHEN MEETING IN A PRO FORMA SESSION, THE HOUSE MAY CONDUCT ONLY THE FOLLOWING BUSINESS:

(1) INTRODUCTION OF HOUSE BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS AND LEGISLATIVE BOND INITIATIVES, AND SENATE BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS;

(2) COMMITTEE AND APPOINTMENTS OF OFFICERS OF THE HOUSE;

(3) MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR AND THE SENATE;

(4) BILL REASSIGNMENTS; AND

(5) ADMINISTRATIVE ORDERS FROM THE SPEAKER AND CHIEF CLERK.

120. SAFETY EMERGENCY – MODIFIED PROCEDURES – FLOOR SESSIONS.

(A) GENERALLY – UNDER THESE MODIFIED PROCEDURES, THE HOUSE WILL CONDUCT FLOOR SESSIONS AS SET FORTH UNDER THIS RULE.

(B) ATTENDANCE –

(1) IN ORDER TO PRESERVE THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY, THE SPEAKER MAY LIMIT IN-PERSON ATTENDANCE AT A FLOOR SESSION BY GUESTS AND STAFF.

(2) AN INDIVIDUAL IS NOT ALLOWED IN THE CHAMBER DURING A FLOOR SESSION IF THE INDIVIDUAL IS NOT A CURRENT MEMBER OF THE HOUSE OR DESIGNATED BY THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE AS ALLOWED IN THE CHAMBER.

(C) ALTERNATE LOCATION – THE SPEAKER MAY DESIGNATE AN ALTERNATE LOCATION IN THE SEAT OF GOVERNMENT WHERE MEMBERS MAY BE PRESENT DURING A FLOOR SESSION FOR PURPOSES OF A QUORUM.

(D) TIME LIMITATIONS – REFERRAL TO COMMITTEE ON RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS –

(1) A HOUSE BILL OR JOINT RESOLUTION INTRODUCED DURING THE LAST SIXTY–THREE CALENDAR DAYS OF A REGULAR SESSION:

(I) SHALL BE REFERRED BY THE SPEAKER TO THE COMMITTEE ON HOUSE RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS;

(II) MAY NOT BE REQUIRED TO BE RETURNED TO THE FLOOR EXCEPT ON THE AFFIRMATIVE VOTES OF AT LEAST TWO–THIRDS OF ALL THE MEMBERS ELECTED; AND

(III) MAY NOT BE PETITIONED FROM COMMITTEE.

(2) (I) A SENATE BILL OR JOINT RESOLUTION THAT IS RECEIVED AFTER THE SIXTY–NINTH DAY OF A REGULAR SESSION:

1. SHALL BE REFERRED BY THE SPEAKER TO THE COMMITTEE ON HOUSE RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE SPEAKER;

2. MAY NOT BE REQUIRED TO BE RETURNED TO THE FLOOR EXCEPT ON THE AFFIRMATIVE VOTES OF AT LEAST TWO–THIRDS OF ALL THE MEMBERS ELECTED; AND

3. MAY NOT BE PETITIONED FROM COMMITTEE.

(II) THIS PARAGRAPH DOES NOT APPLY TO THE ANNUAL BUDGET BILL, A BUDGET RECONCILIATION BILL, OR TO ANY BILLS AUTHORIZING CREATION OF STATE GENERAL OBLIGATION DEBT OR THOSE AMENDING PRIOR STATE AUTHORIZATIONS.

(E) DAILY BUSINESS – THE SPEAKER SHALL SOLELY DETERMINE THE ORDER OF DAILY BUSINESS AND MAY WAIVE THE REQUIREMENTS OF:

(1) A PERIODIC QUORUM CALL WHEN OPERATING UNDER A PRO FORMA SESSION;

(2) THE PERFORMANCE OF DIVINE SERVICES;

(3) FLOOR PRESENTATIONS; AND

(4) INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS.

(F) DEBATE –

(1) EVERY MEMBER DESIRING TO DEBATE LEGISLATION, PRESENT A PETITION, OR DISCUSS ANOTHER MATTER ALLOWED UNDER THESE RULES SHALL RISE FROM THE SEAT ASSIGNED TO THE MEMBER OR OTHER DESIGNATED SPEAKING WELL TO DO SO AND ONLY PROCEED FURTHER WHEN RECOGNIZED BY THE SPEAKER.

(2) THE SPEAKER SHALL DETERMINE WHICH MEMBER IS ENTITLED TO THE FLOOR, IN WHICH ORDER.

(G) VOTING – MANNER AND TIMING –

(1) (I) UNLESS DESIGNATED UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF THIS PARAGRAPH OR AUTHORIZED BY THE SPEAKER, MEMBERS MAY NOT EXPLAIN THEIR VOTES UNDER RULE 94.

(II) THE MAJORITY LEADER AND THE MINORITY LEADER MAY EACH DESIGNATE MEMBERS TO EXPLAIN THEIR VOTES UNDER RULE 94 FOR UP TO 14 MINUTES IN TOTAL.

(2) (I) A MEMBER MAY CHANGE THE MEMBER'S VOTE UNDER RULE 97 BY PROVIDING WRITTEN NOTICE IN THE FORM REQUIRED BY THE JOURNAL CLERK.

(II) A CHANGE IN A VOTE MAY NOT BE MADE IF IT WOULD CHANGE THE DECISION ON THE QUESTION.

(III) A CHANGE IN A VOTE MAY NOT BE MADE AFTER THE CALENDAR DAY OF THE VOTE.

(3) THE MAJORITY LEADER OR MINORITY LEADER MAY REQUEST THAT THE VOTE ON A QUESTION OR MOTION BE TAKEN BY YEAS AND NAYS AND ENTERED INTO THE JOURNAL WITHOUT THE SUPPORT OF OTHER MEMBERS IF A YEAS AND NAYS VOTE COULD OTHERWISE BE REQUESTED ON THE QUESTION OR MOTION UNDER RULE 95.

121. SAFETY EMERGENCY – MODIFIED PROCEDURES – CONSENT CALENDAR.

(A) **GENERALLY – UNDER THESE MODIFIED PROCEDURES, THE HOUSE SHALL EMPLOY THE USE OF CONSENT CALENDARS AS NECESSARY TO PROTECT THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY.**

(B) **TIMING – THE COMMITTEE ON CONSENT CALENDARS SHALL RELEASE THE CONSENT CALENDAR TO MEMBERS NO LATER THAN TWO DAYS PRECEDING THE DAY FOR CONSIDERATION OF THAT CALENDAR, UNLESS THE CONSENT CALENDAR INCLUDES ONLY INTRODUCTORY BILLS, RESOLUTIONS, AND LEGISLATIVE BOND INITIATIVES.**

(C) **OBJECTIONS – A BILL OR JOINT RESOLUTION SHALL BE REMOVED FROM A CONSENT CALENDAR IF ANY MEMBER NOTIFIES THE CHIEF CLERK OF THE MEMBER’S OBJECTION NO LATER THAN ONE DAY PRECEDING THE DAY FOR CONSIDERATION OF THAT CALENDAR.**

122. SAFETY EMERGENCY – MODIFIED PROCEDURES – COMMITTEES.

(A) **GENERALLY – COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES CONDUCTED PURSUANT TO THESE MODIFIED PROCEDURES SHALL OCCUR IN A MANNER DESIGNED TO PROTECT THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF THE PUBLIC, STAFF, AND MEMBERS.**

(B) **COMMITTEE CONDUCT – REMOTE ACTIVITY – AT THE DISCRETION OF THE CHAIR, A STANDING COMMITTEE OR A SELECT COMMITTEE (INCLUDING A LOCAL DELEGATION) MAY MEET VIA REMOTE MEANS FOR PURPOSES OF BILL HEARINGS, BRIEFINGS, OR COMMITTEE VOTING SESSIONS.**

(C) **COMMITTEE CONDUCT – LIMITED ACCESS – AT THE DISCRETION OF THE CHAIR, A STANDING COMMITTEE OR A SELECT COMMITTEE (INCLUDING A LOCAL DELEGATION) MAY RESTRICT IN-PERSON ATTENDANCE AT BILL HEARINGS, BRIEFINGS, OR COMMITTEE VOTING SESSIONS TO PROTECT THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF THE PUBLIC, STAFF, AND MEMBERS.**

(D) **COMMITTEE CONDUCT – REPORTING OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS –**

(1) **EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, EVERY BILL OR RESOLUTION ON WHICH A COMMITTEE HAS TAKEN FINAL ACTION SHALL BE REPORTED TO THE FLOOR OF THE HOUSE BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE WITHIN THREE LEGISLATIVE DAYS FOLLOWING FINAL ACTION BY THE COMMITTEE.**

(2) **THE CHAIRMAN, WITH THE VERBAL CONSENT OF THE COMMITTEE, MAY WAIVE PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION FOR THE DURATION**

OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MODIFIED PROCEDURES, BUT MUST NOTIFY THE SPEAKER AND THE CHIEF CLERK IN WRITING OF THIS COMMITTEE ACTION.”.

The preceding amendments to House Rules 118 through 122 were read and adopted.

INTRODUCTION OF HOUSE SIMPLE RESOLUTION

House Simple Resolution 1 – Delegate Wilkins

A House Simple Resolution concerning

Implementation of Modified Procedures Due to COVID-19

FOR the purpose of implementing modified procedures for the House of Delegates due to COVID-19.

WHEREAS, On March 5, 2020, Governor Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr. declared a state of emergency and a catastrophic health emergency for the State due to the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, The federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Maryland Department of Health have advised residents of the State to take precautions, including wearing masks and keeping at least six feet of distance from others, to slow the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, As of January 11, 2021, there have been over 309,600 confirmed cases of and over 6,100 confirmed deaths from COVID-19 in the State; and

WHEREAS, Hospitalizations due to COVID-19 have put a strain on the State’s health care system, with the daily count of hospitalizations being over 1,600 since early December 2020; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, That, due to the spread of COVID-19, a state of emergency exists that necessitates the implementation of modified procedures to protect the health or safety of the members of the House of Delegates, their staff, and the public; and be it further

RESOLVED, That Rules 119 through 122 of the House of Delegates Rules are in effect.

Read and adopted by roll call vote as follows:

Affirmative – 89 Negative – 7 (See Roll Call No. 3)

THE HOUSE IS NOW OPERATING IN A PRO FORMA SESSION PURSUANT TO HOUSE RULE 118

ORDER

JANUARY 13, 2021

ORDERED by the House of Delegates of Maryland, that the Chief Clerk of the House is Sylvia Siegert, pursuant to House Rules 103 and 105 of the Maryland House of Delegates.

ORDERED by the House of Delegates of Maryland, that the Journal Clerk of the House is Colleen Cassidy, pursuant to House Rules 104 and 105 of the Maryland House of Delegates.

Read and adopted.

ORDER

JANUARY 13, 2021

ORDERED by the House of Delegates of Maryland, that the following Desk Officers are hereby appointed to serve the House of Delegates during this Regular Legislative Session of 2021:

Assistant Chief Clerk	Wendi W. Compton
Assistant Journal Clerk	Onesha K. Oliver
Legislative Assistant to the Chief Clerk	Cindi Olszewski
Reading Clerk	C. Rhoades Whitehill

BY ORDER, SYLVIA SIEGERT, CHIEF CLERK

Read and adopted.

ORDER

JANUARY 13, 2021

ORDERED by the House of Delegates of Maryland, that the monies appropriated for the expenses of this Regular Session of 2021 as set forth in the Appropriations Bill, be paid upon joint Order of the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House.

BY ORDER, SYLVIA SIEGERT, CHIEF CLERK

Read and adopted.

ORDER

JANUARY 13, 2021

ORDERED by the House of Delegates of Maryland, that the Speaker of the House shall appoint the employees necessary for the proper transaction of the business of the Regular Session of 2021, as provided for in the Budget. This order to remain in effect until changed or modified by the House of Delegates of Maryland.

BY ORDER, SYLVIA SIEGERT, CHIEF CLERK

Read and adopted.

ORDER

JANUARY 13, 2021

RESOLVED, that the Committees appointed by the Speaker during the Regular Session of 2020 are hereby continued to serve during the Regular Session of 2021, and be it further ordered that the Speaker is hereby authorized and empowered to fill any vacancies that may exist in said Committees by reason of death, resignation and any other manner.

BY ORDER, SYLVIA SIEGERT, CHIEF CLERK

Read and adopted.

APPOINTMENTS

JANUARY 13, 2021

RESOLVED, that the Speaker makes the following appointments:

Hon. Eric G. Luedtke of Montgomery County be appointed as Majority Leader;

Hon. Keith E. Haynes of Baltimore City be appointed Deputy Majority Leader;

Hon. Wanika Fisher of Prince George's County be appointed Assistant Majority Leader;

Hon. Talmadge Branch of Baltimore City be appointed as Majority Whip;

Hon. Bonnie Cullison of Montgomery County be appointed Deputy Speaker Pro Tem;

Hon. Diana M. Fennell of Prince George’s County be appointed Assistant Speaker Pro Tem;

Hon. Jheanelle K. Wilkins of Montgomery County be appointed Parliamentarian.

BY ORDER, SYLVIA SIEGERT, CHIEF CLERK

Read and adopted.

APPOINTMENTS

JANUARY 13, 2021

RESOLVED, that the Speaker makes the following appointments:

Chief Deputy Majority Whips:

Hon. Benjamin Brooks

Hon. Ben Barnes

Deputy Majority Whips:

Hon. Darryl Barnes

Hon. J. Sandy Bartlett

Hon. Eric Ebersole

Hon. Jim Gilchrist

Hon. Ariana B. Kelly

Hon. Ken Kerr

Hon. Emily Shetty

Hon. Kris Valderrama

Hon. Geraldine Valentino-Smith

Hon. Melissa Wells

Hon. Pat Young

BY ORDER, SYLVIA SIEGERT, CHIEF CLERK

Read and adopted.

APPOINTMENTS

JANUARY 13, 2021

RESOLVED, that the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Standing Committees are:

APPROPRIATIONS:

Chair Honorable Maggie McIntosh of Baltimore City
 Vice–Chair Honorable Mark S. Chang of Anne Arundel County

ECONOMIC MATTERS:

Chair Honorable Dereck E. Davis of Prince George’s County
 Vice–Chair Honorable Kathleen M. Dumais of Montgomery County

ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORTATION:

Chair Honorable Kumar P. Barve of Montgomery County
 Vice–Chair Honorable Dana M. Stein of Baltimore County

HEALTH AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS:

Chair Honorable Shane E. Pendergrass of Howard County
 Vice–Chair Honorable Joseline A. Pena–Melnik of Prince George’s and Anne
 Arundel Counties

JUDICIARY:

Chair Honorable Luke Clippinger of Baltimore City
 Vice–Chair Honorable Vanessa Atterbeary of Howard County

WAYS & MEANS:

Chair Honorable Anne R. Kaiser of Montgomery County
 Vice–Chair Honorable Alonzo Washington of Prince George’s County

RULES & EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS:

Chair Honorable Anne Healey of Prince George’s County
 Vice–Chair Honorable Marvin E. Holmes, Jr. of Prince George’s County

BY ORDER, SYLVIA SIEGERT, CHIEF CLERK

Read and adopted.

APPOINTMENTS

JANUARY 13, 2021

RESOLVED, that the Speaker makes the following Committee Appointments and Changes:

APPROPRIATIONS

Hon. Jazz Lewis
 Hon. Reid Novotny

ECONOMIC MATTERS

Hon. Jesse Pippy

ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORTATION

Hon. Marlon Amprey

JUDICIARY

Hon. Brenda Thiam

WAYS AND MEANS

Hon. Dayla Attar

BY ORDER, SYLVIA SIEGERT, CHIEF CLERK

Read and adopted.

MESSAGE TO THE SENATE

January 13, 2021

By The Majority Leader:

Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate:

The House of Delegates has organized by the election of the Honorable Adrienne A. Jones, Speaker of the House.

We respectfully propose, with your concurrence, the appointment of a Joint Committee of four members, two on the part of the House and two on the part of the Senate, to wait upon the Governor and inform him that the General Assembly is now organized and prepared to receive any communications he may desire to make.

We have appointed on the part of the House of Delegates, Delegates Boyce and Morgan.

BY ORDER,

Sylvia Siegert
Chief Clerk

Read and adopted.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

January 13, 2021

By the Majority Leader,

Ladies and Gentlemen of the House of Delegates:

We have received your message notifying the Senate of the organization of your Honorable Body, and requesting the appointment of a joint committee to wait upon the Governor to inform him that the General Assembly is now prepared to receive any communications which he may desire to make.

We have appointed on the part of the Senate, Senators King and Simonaire.

The Senate has organized by the election of the Honorable William C. Ferguson, IV as President.

By Order,

Nicole M. Xander
Secretary

Read and ordered journalized.

MESSAGE TO THE SENATE

January 13, 2021

By The Majority Leader:

Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate:

It is the intention of the House of Delegates to adjourn for more than three days during the 2021 Legislative Session as needed due to the public health emergency. If the Senate of Maryland desires to adjourn for more than three days during the 2021 Legislative Session, the House consents.

By Order,

Sylvia Siegert
Chief Clerk

Read and adopted.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

January 13, 2021

By the Majority Leader,

Ladies and Gentlemen of the House of Delegates:

It is the intention of the Senate of Maryland to adjourn for more than three days during the 2021 Legislative Session as needed due to the public health emergency. If the House of Delegates desires to adjourn for more than three days during the 2021 Legislative Session, the Senate consents.

By Order,

Nicole M. Xander
Secretary

Read and ordered journalized.

CALENDAR OF VETOED HOUSE BILLS NO. 1

VETOED HOUSE BILLS AND MESSAGES – 2020 REGULAR SESSION

(See Exhibit A of Appendix II)

The Messages from the Governor were journalized.

NUMBER	SPONSOR	CONTENT	COMMITTEE
HB 4	Del. Atterbeary	Public Safety – Rifles and Shotguns – Sales, Rentals, and Transfers	JUD
HB 83	Del. Moon	Criminal Procedure – Charge of Possession of Marijuana – Removal From Case Search	JUD
HB 86	Del. Korman	Transportation – Maryland Metro/Transit Funding Act – Alterations	APP
HB 125	Del. Healey	Board of Public Works – Land Acquisition – Requirements	HGO
HB 310	Del. Hill	University of Maryland, Baltimore – Study on the Health Effects of Air Traffic Noise	APP

NUMBER	SPONSOR	CONTENT	COMMITTEE
HB 498	Del. Hill	Department of Aging – Grants for Aging-in-Place Programs – Funding	APP
HB 514	Del. Qi	Maryland Small Business Innovation Research and Technology Transfer Incentive Program	W&M
HB 645	Carroll County Delegation	Carroll County – Public Facilities Bond	APP
HB 732	Del. Luedtke	Taxation – Tobacco Tax, Sales and Use Tax, and Digital Advertising Gross Revenues Tax	W&M & ECM
HB 737	Del. Anderton	Local Governments – Income Tax Disparity Grants – Amounts	APP
HB 783	Calvert County Delegation	Calvert County – Public Facilities Bond	APP
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HB 1000	Del. Ebersole	Building Lifelong Library Learners Act	W&M
HB 1095	The Speaker	Public Health – Prescription Drug Affordability Board and Fund	HGO
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NUMBER	SPONSOR	CONTENT	COMMITTEE
HB 1300	The Speaker	Blueprint for Maryland's Future – Implementation	APP & W&M
HB 1336	Del. Barron	Criminal Procedure – Partial Expungement, MD Judiciary Case Search, and Expungement of Misdemeanor Conviction	JUD
HB 1488	Del. Charkoudian	Certified Local Farm Enterprise Program and Certified Local Farm Enterprise Food Aggregation Grant Fund Est	HGO
HB 1658	Del. McIntosh	Economic Development – Baltimore Symphony Orchestra – Funding and Reporting	APP
HB 1659	Del. McIntosh	Maryland Stadium Authority – Youth and Amateur Sports Grants Program and Michael Erin Busch Sports Fund	APP

Delegate Luedtke moved to make the Calendar of Vetoed House Bills a Special Order for February 8, 2021.

The motion was adopted and the preceding Bills were Special Ordered.

CONSENT CALENDAR OF INTRODUCTORY HOUSE BILLS NO. 1

House Bill 1 – The Speaker

EMERGENCY BILL

AN ACT concerning

Historically Black Colleges and Universities – Funding

FOR the purpose of requiring the Maryland Higher Education Commission to establish a certain new unit to assist in evaluating and reviewing certain proposals for new programs and substantial modifications of existing programs by an institution of postsecondary education; requiring the Governor, beginning in a certain fiscal year, to include in the annual budget bill an amount sufficient to employ certain staff;

requiring the Governor, in certain fiscal years, to include in the annual budget bill certain funds for certain historically black colleges and universities in the State; specifying how certain funds shall be allocated; providing for the allowable uses of certain funds; providing that certain funds be in addition to certain base funds appropriated to certain institutions; prohibiting certain funds from being included in certain calculations of State funding for certain institutions of higher education under certain provisions of law; requiring certain historically black colleges and universities to report annually, for a certain duration, certain information to the Governor, the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House, the House Appropriations Committee, and the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee; establishing the Historically Black Colleges and Universities Reserve Fund as a special, nonlapsing fund; specifying the purpose of the Fund; requiring the Commission 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; requiring interest earnings of the Fund to be credited to the Fund; exempting the Fund from a certain provision of law requiring interest earnings on State money to accrue to the General Fund of the State; stating certain findings of the General Assembly; defining a certain term; requiring the University System of Maryland William E. Kirwan Center for Academic Innovation, in collaboration with UMUC Ventures, to assist certain historically black colleges and universities with developing and offering online academic programs; providing that certain procurements and contracts are not subject to the approval of the Board of Public Works under a certain provision of law; authorizing the Board of Regents of the University System of Maryland to use the fund balance to support the development and offering of certain online programs; requiring the Commission, in consultation with certain institutions, to study its own policies and practices and report the results on or before a certain date; encouraging certain historically black colleges and universities to hire a certain consultant and report the results and any findings on or before a certain date; encouraging certain historically black colleges and universities to use certain funds to implement and support the Blueprint for Maryland's Future; requiring the Governor to provide a certain allocation in a certain fiscal year for certain fees and expenses under certain circumstances; authorizing the Attorney General to execute a certain final settlement agreement; making certain provisions of this Act subject to a certain contingency; making this Act an emergency measure; and generally relating to historically black colleges and universities in the State.

BY adding to

Article – Education

Section 10–214, 11–206.3, 15–126, and 15–127

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – State Finance and Procurement

Section 6–226(a)(2)(i)

Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – State Finance and Procurement
Section 6–226(a)(2)(ii)122. and 123.
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – State Finance and Procurement
Section 6–226(a)(2)(ii)124.
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

House Bill 2 – Delegate Korman

AN ACT concerning

Maryland Environmental Service Reform Act of 2021

FOR the purpose of removing the Director and Deputy Director of the Maryland Environmental Service from the Board of Directors of the Maryland Environmental Service; requiring the Secretary and the Treasurer of the Service to be selected by the Board from among the Board's members; providing that the Secretary and the Treasurer serve at the pleasure of the Board; providing for the compensation of the Secretary and the Treasurer; altering the size and membership of the Board; requiring a certain member of the Board to be selected from a certain list of recommendations; prohibiting the State Treasurer from serving as the Secretary, Treasurer, or Chair of the Board; prohibiting the Governor from appointing a certain employee to the Board; altering the number of members that constitutes a quorum for the transaction of business of the Board; altering the number of votes necessary for certain actions of the Board; requiring the Board to select a Chair from among the Board's members; authorizing the Secretary to delegate certain duties to a certain person under certain circumstances; requiring the approval of the Board before the Service may employ certain counsel; requiring the approval of the Board on expenditures that exceed a certain amount; requiring the Board to establish a personnel system in accordance with certain provisions of law; authorizing employees of the Service to enter into certain collective bargaining agreements in accordance with certain provisions of law; requiring Board members to observe a certain standard of care; prohibiting the Board from awarding a severance package to a certain executive under certain circumstances; requiring a certain former executive to reimburse the Service for the value of a certain severance package within a certain amount of time under certain circumstances; requiring the Director to appoint a Diversity Officer for certain purposes; requiring the Board to adopt or

readopt policies, consistent with certain provisions of this Act, governing certain matters on or before a certain date; requiring the Board to periodically review and revise certain policies; requiring the Board to submit a certain report to certain committees of the General Assembly in accordance with certain provisions of law on or before a certain date and within a certain number of days after a certain policy is revised; requiring Board members, the Director, and the Deputy Director to receive annual training on certain topics; requiring the Board to make a certain annual report to the General Assembly in accordance with a certain provision of law on or before certain dates; requiring the Board to make publicly available on the Service's website certain agendas, meeting minutes, and videos within certain timeframes; requiring the Service to maintain on its website certain meeting minutes and video recordings for certain periods of time; providing for the citation to certain provisions of this Act; requiring the review and approval of the Board of Public Works on certain contracts, subject to certain exceptions; applying certain provisions of the State Personnel and Pensions Article to employees of the Service; providing for the terms of certain Board members; making technical and conforming changes; and generally relating to the Maryland Environmental Service.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Natural Resources
Section 3–101(a), (b), and (f)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Natural Resources
Section 3–103, 3–103.1(b) and (c)(8), and 3–107
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – Natural Resources
Section 3–103.3
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – State Personnel and Pensions
Section 3–102(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations and the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 3 – Delegates Clippinger and Queen

AN ACT concerning

Correctional Services – Parole – Life Imprisonment

FOR the purpose of altering the time period that certain inmates sentenced to life imprisonment 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; repealing certain provisions that require certain parole decisions to be transmitted to the Governor under certain circumstances; repealing certain provisions that authorize the Governor to disapprove certain parole decisions in a certain manner; repealing certain provisions that provide that if the Governor does not disapprove a certain parole decision in a certain manner within a certain time period, the decision becomes effective; and generally relating to parole.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Correctional Services
Section 4–305(b) and 7–301(d)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2017 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 4 – Delegate Grammer

AN ACT concerning

Baltimore County – Career Exploration and Development Activities in Public High Schools – Prohibiting a Ban or Regulation of Sale of Coffee

FOR the purpose of prohibiting an Executive Branch agency from banning or regulating the sale of coffee in conjunction with a career exploration and development activity in any public high school in Baltimore County; repealing a certain exception that prohibited banning or regulating the sale of coffee in a Baltimore County public high school that sold coffee on or before a certain date in conjunction with a certain activity; and generally relating to the sale of coffee in conjunction with a career exploration and development activity in a public high school in Baltimore County.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Education
Section 7–423.1
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 5 – Delegate Krebs

AN ACT concerning

Cemeteries – Perpetual Care – Distribution From Perpetual Care Trust Fund

FOR the purpose of requiring a distribution from a certain trust fund to be used for certain purposes; clarifying that a cemetery owner may not use a distribution from a certain trust fund for certain purposes; permitting a certain cemetery to select a certain method of distribution from a certain perpetual care trust fund; requiring the cemetery to submit a certain statement to the Director of the Office of Cemetery Oversight if the cemetery selects a certain method of distribution from the perpetual care trust fund; requiring the cemetery to notify a certain trustee and the Director in a certain manner if the cemetery selects a certain method of distribution from the perpetual care trust fund; providing that the cemetery's method of distribution is contingent on the approval of the Director; requiring the Director to approve or disapprove a certain method of distribution in a certain manner; requiring the trustee to distribute certain income from the perpetual care trust fund if the cemetery does not select a method of distribution from the perpetual care trust fund; requiring the trustee to submit a certain annual statement to the Director under certain circumstances; prohibiting the trustee from reducing a distribution under certain circumstances; requiring the trustee to adopt a certain investment policy under certain circumstances; requiring the trustee to use a certain method of distribution from the perpetual care trust fund if the fair market value of the perpetual care trust fund exceeds a certain sum, but requiring the trustee to use a different method of distribution if the fair market value of the perpetual care trust fund does not exceed a certain sum; permitting the Director to limit or prohibit a certain distribution under certain circumstances; requiring the trustee to pay certain taxes from the principal of the perpetual care trust fund; defining a certain term; requiring the Director to make a certain report to certain committees of the General Assembly on or before a certain date; and generally relating to investment of cemetery perpetual care trust funds.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Business Regulation
Section 5–603
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 6 – Delegate Feldmark

AN ACT concerning

**Economic Development – Maryland Technology Development Corporation –
Alterations**

FOR the purpose of altering the title of the Executive Director of the Maryland Technology Development Corporation to be the Chief Executive Officer of the Corporation; altering the membership of the Board of the Maryland Technology Development Corporation; altering certain provisions on the removal of a Board member; altering the quorum requirement for the Board; making conforming changes; authorizing the publisher of the Annotated Code of Maryland to make certain changes in a certain manner; providing for the terms of certain members of the Board appointed under this Act; and generally relating to the Maryland Technology Development Corporation.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Economic Development
Section 2.5–203(a)(1)(i)5.B., 6–606(1), 10–403, 10–404, 10–405(b)(3)(i), and
10–448(d)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Economic Development
Section 10–402(a), 10–405(a), and 10–448(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Education
Section 12–305(d)(2)(iii)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – State Government
Section 9–2204(c)(3)(iv) and 9–2901(c)(10)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 7 – Delegate Luedtke

AN ACT concerning

Income Tax Credit – Venison Donation Expenses – Montgomery County Deer Donation Program

FOR the purpose of expanding eligibility for a certain credit against the State income tax for certain deer donation expenses to include an individual who hunts and harvests an antlerless deer in Montgomery County and donates the deer carcass to a certain

organization in Montgomery County; altering the definition of “qualified expenses” to include costs incurred to hunt, harvest, and transport an antlerless deer for donation to certain organizations; making a conforming change; providing for the application and termination of this Act; and generally relating to an income tax credit for the donation of hunted antlerless deer to the Montgomery County Deer Donation Program.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Tax – General
Section 10–746
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 8 – Delegates Krimm and Stein

AN ACT concerning

Maryland Strategic Energy Investment Fund – Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative – Use of Proceeds for Maryland Healthy Soils Program

FOR the purpose of specifying that funds in a certain renewable and clean energy programs account within the Maryland Strategic Energy Investment Fund be used for the Maryland Healthy Soils Program; requiring that a certain dollar amount of the renewable and clean energy programs account be allocated to the Maryland Healthy Soils Program; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to the Maryland Strategic Energy Investment Fund.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Environment
Section 2–1002(g)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2013 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – State Government
Section 9–20B–05(a) and (f)(1)(iii)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – State Government
Section 9–20B–05(g)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 9 – Delegate Shetty

AN ACT concerning

Family Law – Mandatory Reporter Training

FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of Human Services to post on its website a free online course on the identification, prevention, and reporting of child abuse; and generally relating to child abuse.

BY adding to

Article – Family Law

Section 5–716

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 10 – Delegate K. Young

AN ACT concerning

Income Tax – Subtraction Modification – Living Organ Donors

FOR the purpose of increasing the amount of a subtraction modification under the Maryland income tax for certain expenses paid or incurred by an individual that are attributable to the individual’s donation of an organ; altering the definition of “qualified expenses” for purposes of the subtraction modification to include unreimbursed expenses for child care, elder care, and medication; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to a Maryland income tax subtraction modification for organ donation expenses.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Tax – General

Section 10–208(a)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2016 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Tax – General

Section 10–208(w)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2016 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 11 – Delegate Wilson

AN ACT concerning

Public Schools – African American History – Development of Content Standards and Implementation

FOR the purpose of requiring the State Board of Education, on or before a certain date, to develop certain content standards for African American history to be included in certain State standards for social studies; requiring certain content standards to include certain topics; requiring each county board of education to develop and implement certain age–appropriate curriculum guides for African American history subject to certain content standards; requiring each public school to include African American history in the social studies curriculum beginning in a certain school year; authorizing the State Board to adopt certain regulations; requiring the State Department of Education to submit a certain report to the General Assembly on or before a certain date; and generally relating to the development and implementation of an African American history curriculum in public schools.

BY adding to

Article – Education

Section 7–205.5

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 12 – Delegates C. Watson, C. Jackson, and Kerr

AN ACT concerning

Alcoholic Beverages – Sale or Delivery for Off–Premises Consumption

FOR the purpose of altering the scope of a certain provision prohibiting the retail delivery to a purchaser of alcoholic beverages under certain circumstances; authorizing the holders of certain licenses that authorize the sale of alcoholic beverages at a restaurant, bar, or tavern to sell certain alcoholic beverages for off–premises consumption or delivery under certain circumstances; prohibiting a local licensing board from charging a certain license holder an additional fee under certain circumstances; and generally relating to the sale of alcoholic beverages at restaurants, bars, and taverns.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Alcoholic Beverages

Section 4–507

Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Alcoholic Beverages
Section 4–1107
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 13 – Delegate Luedtke

AN ACT concerning

**Influence on Collective Bargaining – Prohibition on Use of Public Funds and
Income Tax Addition Modification**

FOR the purpose of prohibiting a unit of State, county, or municipal government from knowingly using certain funds to influence certain decisions of certain employees relating to collective bargaining; requiring an addition modification under the Maryland income tax for certain expenses to assist, promote, or deter collective bargaining; defining a certain term; providing for the application of certain provisions of this Act; and generally relating to influencing decisions of employees relating to collective bargaining.

BY adding to
Article – Local Government
Section 1–1314
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2013 Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – State Finance and Procurement
Section 2–108
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Tax – General
Section 10–204(a) and 10–305(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Tax – General
Section 10–204(m)

Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Tax – General
Section 10–305(d)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations and the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 14 – Delegate Kerr

AN ACT concerning

Pharmacists – Prescription Drug and Device Labels – Expiration Dates

FOR the purpose of altering the expiration date that is required to be included, except under certain circumstances, on labels on drugs and devices dispensed in the manufacturer’s original packaging by a pharmacist; and generally relating to pharmacists and labeling requirements for prescription drugs and devices.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Health Occupations
Section 12–505
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 15 – Delegate Pena–Melnik

AN ACT concerning

Governor’s Office of Immigrant Affairs

FOR the purpose of creating the Governor’s Office of Immigrant Affairs; providing for the appointment, powers, duties, and salary of the Director of the Office; providing for the powers, duties, and responsibilities of the Office; providing for staffing of the Office; requiring the Director to submit certain annual reports to certain persons on or before certain dates; defining certain terms; and generally relating to the Governor’s Office of Immigrant Affairs.

BY adding to
Article – State Government
Section 9–3301 through 9–3304 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 33. Governor’s

Office of Immigrant Affairs”
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

House Bill 16 – Delegate Stewart

AN ACT concerning

**Correctional Services – Immigration Detention – Prohibition
(Dignity Not Detention Act)**

FOR the purpose of stating certain findings of the General Assembly; prohibiting certain governmental entities from entering into agreements facilitating immigration–related detention by private entities; prohibiting governmental entities from entering into certain agreements to house immigration–related detainees; requiring governmental entities to terminate certain existing contracts for the detention of immigration–related detainees; providing for the construction of this Act; defining certain terms; making the provisions of this Act severable; and generally relating to the detention of immigration–related detainees in Maryland.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Correctional Services
Section 1–101
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2017 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Correctional Services
Section 1–102 and 1–103
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2017 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 17 – Delegate Cox

AN ACT concerning

**Public Safety – Emergency Powers Limitations
(Consent of the Governed Act)**

FOR the purpose of making certain provisions of law relating to the issuance of certain emergency orders subject to this Act; providing that a certain declaration is only effective with a certain approval by the General Assembly and for only a certain period of time; repealing a certain provision of legislative intent; altering certain

criminal penalties; requiring the Governor to take certain actions within a certain number of days of the issuance of a certain emergency order; providing that a certain state of emergency may not exceed a certain number of days except under certain circumstances; providing that a certain emergency order does not apply to members of the General Assembly or the Maryland Judiciary; prohibiting the Governor from threatening to arrest a member of the General Assembly or Judiciary on certain grounds; establishing that the Governor and certain individuals may not require a member of the General Assembly, the Judiciary, or the public to remain indoors, wear a face covering, or close or limit capacity of a business, church, or school under a certain order; providing that a certain order may not be applied to a U.S. citizen except under certain circumstances; providing that a certain order is not effective under certain circumstances; providing for the construction of this Act; prohibiting the Governor from closing any business or house of worship solely by use of a certain order; providing that a building belonging to a business or house of worship may only be closed under certain circumstances; providing that a certain order may not include a requirement that a U.S. citizen remain at home; providing that a certain order may not include a requirement that a U.S. citizen wear a face covering, receive a vaccine, or be forced under penalty of law to make a certain health decision; providing that a certain order meet certain requirements; providing for the burden of proof in a certain action authorizing a certain person to seek treble damages from a certain defendant by proving certain matters; providing that a certain claim does not require proof of malice; establishing a certain liability waiver; defining a certain term; and generally relating to emergency orders.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Public Safety
Section 14–107, 14–303, 14–304, 14–3A–02, and 14–3A–08(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing
Article – Public Safety
Section 14–302
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Public Safety
Section 14–3B–01 through 14–3B–06 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 3B.
Emergency Powers Limitations”
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 18 – Delegates W. Fisher, Rosenberg, Stewart, and Wilkins

AN ACT concerning

Landlord and Tenant – Eviction Action – Right to Counsel

FOR the purpose of establishing that certain individuals have a right to legal representation in eviction proceedings; establishing the position of Right to Counsel in Evictions Coordinator in the Office of the Attorney General; providing for the purpose, appointment, duties, and expenses of the Coordinator; requiring the legal representation of certain individuals in certain civil proceedings and matters by certain organizations; authorizing the Coordinator to contract with certain organizations to manage all or part of certain services provided to certain individuals; requiring the Coordinator to develop a certain pamphlet and for a sheriff or constable to provide certain individuals with the pamphlet when serving process for certain civil proceedings; requiring the Coordinator to designate certain community groups for a certain purpose; requiring the Coordinator to report to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before a certain date, to publish the report on the Attorney General’s website, and to hold a public hearing on the report; establishing the Right to Counsel in Evictions Task Force; providing for the composition and chair of the Task Force; prohibiting a member of the Task Force from receiving certain compensation, but authorizing the reimbursement of certain expenses; requiring the Task Force to study and make recommendations regarding certain matters; authorizing the Task Force to apply for certain grants for a certain purpose; establishing the Right to Counsel in Evictions Fund as a special, nonlapsing fund; specifying the purpose of the Fund; requiring the Right to Counsel in Evictions Coordinator 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; requiring that the provisions of this Act be fully implemented within a certain period of time; providing that priority of funding under this Act be given to tenants in certain local jurisdictions; authorizing a local jurisdiction to adopt certain local law; requiring the Coordinator to provide funds to certain local jurisdictions under certain circumstances; requiring the Coordinator to adopt certain regulations; making the provisions of this Act severable; defining certain terms; and generally relating to the right to counsel in housing proceedings.

BY adding to

Article – Real Property

Section 8–901 through 8–912 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 9. Right to Legal Representation in Eviction Cases”

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 19 – Delegate Holmes

AN ACT concerning

Residential Real Estate Transactions – Escrow Agents and Trust Money

FOR the purpose of altering the definitions of “escrow agent” and “trust money” for purposes of a requirement that an escrow agent enter into a certain agreement with the seller and the buyer of residential real estate when the escrow agent agrees to hold trust money; repealing a certain definition; defining a certain term; making certain stylistic changes; and generally relating to escrow agents and trust money for residential real estate transactions.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Real Property
Section 10–802
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 20 – Delegate Wells

AN ACT concerning

Maryland Stadium Authority – Applicability of Prevailing Wage

FOR the purpose of applying the Maryland Prevailing Wage Law to the Maryland Stadium Authority; and generally relating to the Prevailing Wage Law and the Maryland Stadium Authority.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Economic Development
Section 10–608
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – State Finance and Procurement
Section 11–203(c)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 21 – Delegate Love

AN ACT concerning

Environment – Recycling – Prohibition on the Chemical Conversion of Plastic

FOR the purpose of altering the definition of recycling to exclude certain chemical conversion processes; prohibiting a person from building in the State a facility that converts plastic to fuel or feedstock through certain chemical conversion processes; authorizing the Department of the Environment to adopt regulations to implement certain provisions of this Act; and generally relating to recycling and the chemical conversion of plastic.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Environment
Section 9–1701(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Environment
Section 9–1701(q)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Environment
Section 9–1715
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 22 – Delegate Love

AN ACT concerning

Environment – PFAS Chemicals – Prohibitions and Requirements

FOR the purpose of altering certain provisions of law establishing a certain prohibition on certain uses of certain fire–fighting foam that contain intentionally added PFAS chemicals by prohibiting, on or after a certain date, a person from using, manufacturing, or knowingly selling, offering for sale, or distributing for sale or use certain fire–fighting foam in the State, subject to certain exceptions; authorizing a certain person to use, manufacture, sell, offer for sale, or distribute for sale or use certain fire–fighting foam under certain circumstances; prohibiting a certain person from releasing certain foam into the environment in a certain manner and requiring the person to take certain actions and maintain certain documentation; authorizing the Department of the Environment, the Attorney General, the State’s Attorney for a county or Baltimore City, a county attorney, or a City Attorney to request certain documentation and compliance certification under certain circumstances; requiring

a certain person to provide certain documentation under certain circumstances; providing that a failure to meet certain requirements does not preclude certain use of a certain foam under certain circumstances; requiring a certain person to recall, on or before a certain date, certain foam in accordance with certain requirements; requiring a certain person to establish a certain attestation certificate under certain circumstances; prohibiting a person from disposing of a certain foam in a certain manner; prohibiting a certain person, on or after a certain date, from manufacturing, selling, offering for sale, or distributing for sale or use in the State a certain rug or carpet to which PFAS chemicals have been intentionally added for certain purposes; authorizing the Department of the Environment to adopt certain regulations; prohibiting a certain manufacturer or distributor, on or after a certain date, from manufacturing, selling, offering for sale, or distributing for sale or use in the State a certain food package or product in a food package to which PFAS chemicals have been intentionally added; requiring the Department of the Environment to report to the General Assembly on or before a certain date on certain information; requiring the Department of the Environment and the Maryland Department of Health jointly to prepare, in coordination with certain entities, and submit to the General Assembly a certain PFAS Action Plan; providing for the application of certain provisions of this Act; altering a certain definition; defining certain terms; repealing obsolete language; making conforming changes; and generally relating to PFAS chemicals.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Environment
Section 6–1601 and 6–1603
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2013 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing
Article – Environment
Section 6–1602 and 6–1604
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2013 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Environment
Section 6–1602, 6–1604, and 6–1604.1
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2013 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Environment
Section 6–1605
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2013 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Environment

Section 9–1901 through 9–1905
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 23 – Delegate Stein

AN ACT concerning

Personal Information – State and Local Agencies – Restrictions on Access

FOR the purpose of 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 the part of a public record that contains personal information or a certain photograph under certain circumstances; requiring an officer, an employee, an agent, or a contractor of the State or a political subdivision to deny inspection using certain facial recognition searches by a federal agency seeking access for certain immigration enforcement matters under certain circumstances; requiring certain State or local agencies to annually report certain information to the General Assembly on a certain date; requiring law enforcement agencies operating certain databases to require certain individuals accessing the databases to provide certain information; requiring certain agencies to deny access to certain databases by an individual seeking to enforce federal immigration law under certain circumstances; defining certain terms; making a conforming change; and generally relating to access to personal information held by State and local agencies.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – General Provisions
Section 4–320
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – General Provisions
Section 4–320.1
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Public Safety
Section 3–523
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 24 – Delegate Ivey

AN ACT concerning

State Holidays – Primary Election Day

FOR the purpose of making each statewide primary election day a legal holiday and a State employee holiday; and generally relating to making primary election day a State holiday.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – General Provisions
Section 1–111(a)(16)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – State Personnel and Pensions
Section 9–201(12)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 25 – Delegate Cullison

EMERGENCY BILL

AN ACT concerning

**Catastrophic Health Emergencies – Health Care Providers – Definition and
Immunity
(Maryland Health Care Heroes Protection Act)**

FOR the purpose of altering the definition of “health care provider” for purposes of certain provisions of law governing catastrophic health emergencies to include an employee, an agent, or a contractor of a health care facility who provides or assists in the provision of health care services; specifying the acts and omissions for which and altering the circumstances under which a health care provider has civil and criminal immunity related to a catastrophic health emergency; requiring that the immunity apply to any act or omission by a health care provider that is directly or indirectly related to a catastrophic health emergency proclamation; establishing that a court’s denial or grant of a health care provider’s motion to apply the immunity is immediately appealable; altering a certain definition; providing for the application

of this Act; making this Act an emergency measure; and generally relating to health care providers and catastrophic health emergencies.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Public Safety
Section 14–3A–01(e) and 14–3A–06
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary and the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 26 – Delegate Lopez

AN ACT concerning

Action to Collect a Private Education Loan – Required Documents

FOR the purpose of prohibiting private education lenders and private education loan collectors from initiating a certain action except under certain circumstances; prohibiting a court from entering a certain judgment unless the private education lender or private education loan collector introduces certain documents in accordance with certain rules; requiring a private education lender or private education loan collector to introduce certain information in a certain action; requiring a private education loan collector to provide certain information to a student loan borrower in a certain communication and on request of the student loan borrower; establishing that a failure of a private education loan collector to provide certain information to a student loan borrower under certain circumstances is an unfair, abusive, or deceptive trade practice; authorizing a certain person to bring a certain action; authorizing the court to award certain damages under certain circumstances; providing for the application of this Act; defining certain terms; and generally relating to documents required in an action to collect a private education loan.

BY adding to
Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings
Section 5–1301 through 5–1304 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 13. Action to Collect a Private Education Loan”
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations and the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 27 – Delegate Long

EMERGENCY BILL

AN ACT concerning

Education – Reporting Arrests of Students – Alterations

FOR the purpose of requiring a certain law enforcement agency to report a certain arrest of a certain student to the Maryland Center for School Safety, the State Board of Education, and the State’s Attorney; requiring the State’s Attorney to notify the Maryland Center for School Safety and the State Board of the disposition of a certain reportable offense; authorizing the Maryland Center for School Safety and the State Board to transmit certain information to a certain county superintendent of schools or a certain nonpublic school in a certain manner under certain circumstances; requiring a county superintendent to provide a certain notice to the Maryland Center for School Safety and the State Board under certain circumstances; making conforming changes; making this Act an emergency measure; and generally relating to reporting arrests of students attending public and nonpublic schools in the State.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Education
Section 7–303
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 28 – Delegates Pena–Melnyk and R. Lewis

AN ACT concerning

Public Health – Implicit Bias Training and the Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities

FOR the purpose of requiring the Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities to publish, to a certain extent, certain data on its website and to update certain data at a certain frequency; requiring the Governor, beginning in a certain fiscal year, to include a certain appropriation in the annual budget bill for the Office; altering a provision of law related to the intent of the General Assembly regarding the funding of the Office; requiring the Office to report certain information to certain committees of the General Assembly on or before a certain date each year; altering the purpose of the Cultural and Linguistic Health Care Professional Competency Program; requiring the Program, in coordination with the Office, to identify and approve certain implicit bias training programs; authorizing the Office to approve only implicit bias training programs that are recognized by a certain board or accredited by a certain council; requiring the Program to provide a certain list on request; requiring an applicant for the renewal of a license or certificate issued by a certain health occupations board to attest in a certain application that the applicant completed a certain implicit bias training program under certain circumstances;

making technical changes; and generally relating to implicit bias training and the Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Health – General

Section 20–1004(21) and (22), 20–1007, 20–1301, 20–1302, and 20–1305

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – Health – General

Section 20–1004(23) and 20–1306

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – Health Occupations

Section 1–225

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 29 – Delegate Ivey

AN ACT concerning

Health – Standards for Involuntary Admissions and Petitions for Emergency Evaluation – Substance Use Disorder

FOR the purpose of altering certain circumstances to allow a petition for an emergency evaluation to be made for certain individuals who have a substance use disorder; altering the requirements for certain rules and regulations governing the contents of a certain form relating to a certificate for involuntary admission; altering a certain exception to allow for the involuntary admission of certain individuals who have a substance use disorder to certain facilities or a Veterans' Administration hospital; altering the circumstances under which a court is required to endorse a petition for an emergency evaluation; altering a certain exception to the requirement that a certain hearing officer order the release of an individual proposed for involuntary admission; making a technical correction; making a conforming change; and generally relating to involuntary admissions, petitions for emergency evaluation, and individuals who have a substance use disorder.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Health – General

Section 10–616, 10–617, 10–622, 10–623, and 10–632

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 30 – Delegate Korman

AN ACT concerning

**Public Utilities – Office of Climate Counsel – Establishment
(Climate Counsel Act)**

FOR the purpose of establishing the position of Climate Counsel in the Office of Climate Counsel; specifying the appointment process, term, qualifications, duties, and salary of the Climate Counsel; requiring the Climate Counsel to take a certain oath; authorizing the Attorney General to remove the Climate Counsel under certain circumstances; establishing the Office of Climate Counsel in the Public Service Commission; providing for the hiring and salaries of the Office of Climate Counsel personnel; requiring the Climate Counsel to submit certain salary plan changes to the Secretary of Budget and Management a certain number of days before the effective date of the change; requiring the Secretary of Budget and Management to review certain changes and provide the Climate Counsel with certain advice within a certain number of days before the effective date of the proposed changes; requiring the Climate Counsel to report to the Secretary of Budget and Management and the General Assembly on certain matters on or before a certain date each year; authorizing the Office of Climate Counsel to hire certain experts; specifying the duties of the Office of Climate Counsel; requiring the Climate Counsel to administer and operate the Office of Climate Counsel; specifying the powers and rights of the Office of Climate Counsel; providing for the costs and expenses of the Office of Climate Counsel; subjecting the Climate Counsel and the officers and employees of the Office of Climate Counsel to certain provisions of ethics law; authorizing the Climate Counsel to sign a certain complaint initiating a certain investigation; authorizing the Climate Counsel to seek judicial review of a certain decision or order under certain circumstances; including the Office of Climate Counsel as one of the entities with which the Public Service Commission must solicit comments from for certain applications; including the Office of Climate Counsel as one of the entities with which an investor-owned electric company must submit certain information or data; including the Office of Climate Counsel as one of the entities to which certain data is made available; including the Office of Climate Counsel as one of the entities with which the Public Service Commission must consult on certain projects; including the Office of Climate Counsel as one of the entities that may file a complaint requesting that the Public Service Commission take certain actions; specifying the Climate Counsel's authority in certain licensing, complaint, and dispute resolution proceedings; including personnel of the Office of Climate Counsel in the list of personnel who must be removed or discharged from office under certain circumstances; altering the composition of the Commission on Climate Change to include the Climate Counsel, or the Climate Counsel's designee; altering the composition of the Strategic Energy Investment Advisory Board to include the

Climate Counsel, or the Climate Counsel's designee, as an ex officio member; altering the composition of the Maryland Zero Emission Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Council to include the Climate Counsel or the Climate Counsel's designee; making conforming and technical changes; and generally relating to the Office of Climate Counsel.

BY renumbering

Article – Public Utilities

Section 2–301 and the subtitle “Subtitle 3. Ethics”; and 7–507(q) and 7–605(d), respectively

to be Section 2–401 and the subtitle “Subtitle 4. Ethics”; and 7–507(r) and 7–605(e), respectively

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2020 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Environment

Section 2–1301(a)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2013 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Environment

Section 2–1302(a)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2013 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Public Utilities

Section 2–110, 2–110.1, 2–302 through 2–310, 3–102, 3–202, 7–216(h)(4) and (7) and (k)(1), 7–507(k)(1), and 13–204

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2020 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – Public Utilities

Section 2–301 through 2–305 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 3. Climate Counsel”; and 7–507(q) and 7–605(d)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2020 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Public Utilities

Section 7–216(b), 7–507(p), and 7–605(c)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2020 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – State Government
Section 9–20B–07(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – State Government
Section 9–20B–07(c)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Chapter 400 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2011, as amended by Chapters 64 and 65 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2013, Chapter 378 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2015, and Chapter 213 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2019
Section 1

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Chapter 401 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2011, as amended by Chapters 64 and 65 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2013, Chapter 378 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2015, and Chapter 213 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2019
Section 1

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 31 – Delegate Clippinger

AN ACT concerning

Courts – Surcharges and Payment to Rental Assistance Programs

FOR the purpose of increasing certain surcharges on certain fees, charges, and costs in certain civil cases in the circuit courts and the District Court; requiring that certain surcharges collected be equally deposited into the Maryland Legal Services Corporation Fund and directed to certain rental assistance programs in the State; prohibiting a certain surcharge from being passed on to a tenant in certain civil proceedings; and generally relating to surcharges and payment to rental assistance programs.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings
Section 7–202(d) and 7–301(c)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 32 – Delegate J. Lewis

AN ACT concerning

**Cannabis – Legalization and Regulation
(Inclusion, Restoration, and Rehabilitation Act of 2021)**

FOR the purpose of substituting the term “cannabis” for the term “marijuana” in certain provisions of law; altering a certain quantity threshold and establishing a certain age limit applicable to a certain civil offense of use or possession of cannabis; establishing a civil offense for use or possession of a certain amount of cannabis for a person of at least a certain age; establishing a civil offense for cultivating cannabis plants in a certain manner; establishing a civil and a criminal offense for manufacturing or selling certain cannabis accessories that violate certain regulations under certain circumstances; prohibiting an individual from knowingly and willfully making a certain misrepresentation or false statement to a certain person for a certain purpose; prohibiting an individual from obtaining or attempting to obtain cannabis in a certain manner for consumption by a certain individual; prohibiting a person from furnishing cannabis or certain cannabis accessories to an individual under certain circumstances; providing for the expungement of certain records relating to certain charges of possession of cannabis; providing for the disposition and expungement of certain charges relating to possession, cultivation, processing, or sale of cannabis; providing for a certain application for resentencing; establishing an Office of Social Equity within the Alcohol and Tobacco Commission; requiring the Governor to appoint an executive director of the Office; requiring that the executive director have certain experience; specifying the duties of the Office; establishing the Social Equity Start-Up Fund, the Cannabis Education and Training Fund, the Community Reinvestment and Repair Fund, and the Cannabis Regulation Fund; specifying the purposes of the funds; requiring the Office or the Commission to administer certain funds; requiring the State Treasurer to hold the funds and the Comptroller to account for the funds; specifying the contents of the funds; specifying the purposes for which and the manner in which money in the funds may be used; providing for the investment of money in and expenditures from the funds; providing that the funds are subject to audit by a certain office; establishing certain duties and powers of the Commission in relation to the use of certain funds; authorizing certain education programs to use hemp instead of cannabis for certain training; requiring the Commission and the Office to adopt certain regulations; authorizing the Commission to issue certain dual licenses only for certain types of licenses and locations; requiring the Commission to develop a certain label, handout, or both after consulting with certain researchers; requiring that certain materials be available to each consumer; requiring the Commission to review and update certain materials at certain intervals and in a certain manner for a certain purpose; prohibiting the Commission from requiring a consumer to provide or a retailer to acquire certain information; providing for the licensing of cannabis establishments, including

certain dual licensing; establishing certain powers and duties of and prohibitions on the Commission regarding the licensing of cannabis establishments; establishing the terms of certain licenses; prohibiting a person from holding certain interest, directly or indirectly, in more than a certain number of cultivators or a certain number of retailers; prohibiting a cultivator from producing certain products except under certain circumstances; establishing certain licensing fees; requiring that certain licensing fees be credited to a certain fund; establishing certain requirements for qualification for a dual license; authorizing an applicant for a certain license to apply for conditional approval under certain circumstances; authorizing an on-site consumption establishment to operate only if a certain local regulatory authority issued a certain permit or license; authorizing a locality to prohibit the operation of certain cannabis establishments in a certain manner under certain circumstances; requiring that a person seeking licensure as a cannabis establishment meet certain requirements; prohibiting a locality from negotiating or entering into a certain agreement with a cannabis establishment or cannabis establishment applicant; establishing that certain acts relating to cannabis are not unlawful and are not a criminal or civil offense under State law or the law of any political subdivision of the State or a basis for seizure or forfeiture of assets under State law; establishing that certain acts are not a violation of certain conditions of parole or probation under certain circumstances; establishing certain criminal and civil immunities and protections for a person who engages in conduct permitted under this Act; clarifying that a provision of law is included in this Act to satisfy a certain federal requirement; prohibiting a certain law enforcement officer from expending certain resources to take certain actions on a certain basis if the officer has reason to believe that certain activity is in compliance with this Act; requiring the interest earnings of certain funds to be credited to the funds; exempting certain funds from a certain provision of law requiring interest earnings on State money to accrue to the General Fund of the State; imposing a certain excise tax on the sale or transfer of cannabis from a certain cannabis establishment to a consumer; providing that sales of cannabis by a cannabis establishment to a consumer are subject to a certain sales and use tax; authorizing a political subdivision to impose a sales tax not exceeding a certain amount on sales of cannabis and cannabis products to certain consumers, subject to a certain exception; requiring that certain revenues be distributed in a certain manner; authorizing a certain deduction from State taxes; providing certain penalties for violating certain provisions of this Act; providing for the application of certain provisions of this Act; defining certain terms; making conforming changes; and generally relating to cannabis.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Criminal Law

Section 5–101(a)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2012 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – Criminal Law

Section 5–101(e–1) and (t), 5–601.2, 5–601.3, 5–629, and 5–630

Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Criminal Law
Section 5–101(p), (s), and (t), 5–601(a), (c), and (d), 5–601.1, 5–612, 5–614, 5–619(c),
5–620, 10–113, 10–116, and 10–117
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing
Article – Criminal Law
Section 5–101(r)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Criminal Procedure
Section 10–105.1 and 10–105.2
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Health – General
Section 23–101 through 23–702 to be under the new title “Title 23. Cannabis”
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – State Finance and Procurement
Section 6–226(a)(2)(i)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – State Finance and Procurement
Section 6–226(a)(2)(ii)122. and 123.
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – State Finance and Procurement
Section 6–226(a)(2)(ii)124. through 127.
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – Tax – General

Section 12.5–101 through 12.5–104 to be under the new title “Title 12.5. Cannabis Tax”

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2016 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary and the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 33 – Delegate Fraser–Hidalgo

AN ACT concerning

Climate Crisis and Education Act

FOR the purpose of establishing a Climate Crisis Initiative in the Department of the Environment for certain purposes; providing for the purposes of the Initiative; establishing a certain greenhouse gas reduction target for certain years; establishing a Climate Crisis Council with certain membership for certain purposes; requiring the Council to develop a certain plan with certain required elements and submit the plan to the General Assembly; requiring the Council to have the plan verified in a certain manner; requiring the Council to hold certain meetings for certain purposes; requiring the Secretary of the Environment to administer certain schedules of greenhouse gas pollution fees; requiring the Secretary to delegate certain collection and benefit functions to the Comptroller; requiring the Comptroller to carry out certain functions; requiring the collection of a certain greenhouse gas pollution fee on certain fuels for certain purposes; providing for the assessment of a certain fee on certain substances at certain rates in certain years, subject to a certain condition; requiring the collection of a certain fee on certain products at their first point of sale in the State; requiring that the fee be paid by a certain entity; reducing a certain fee by a certain amount under certain circumstances; prohibiting the passing through of a certain fee to certain end users or customers, with a certain exception; requiring certain persons generating a certain amount of electricity to pay a certain fee calculated in a certain manner; requiring certain natural gas distribution companies to pay a certain fee calculated in a certain manner; requiring the Secretary to determine a certain fee for certain fugitive emissions and intentional releases for the purpose of determining a certain additional fee; exempting certain governmental units from the fee under this Act; providing for the initial date of collection of a certain fee; requiring the Secretary to determine certain matters for identifying certain substances as subject to a certain fee, with certain exceptions; requiring the Secretary to prepare certain reports periodically considering certain matters and to submit the reports to the Governor and the General Assembly; prohibiting the imposition of certain fees if superseded by federal law or regulation; providing for the distribution of certain fees to certain funds in a certain manner; establishing the Kirwan Commission Fund as a special, nonlapsing fund for certain purposes; providing for the administration and functioning of the Kirwan Fund; providing for the investment of money in and expenditures from the Kirwan Fund; requiring

interest earnings of the Kirwan Fund to be credited to the Kirwan Fund; providing for the distribution of money from the Kirwan Fund for certain purposes; establishing the Household and Employer Benefit Fund as a special, nonlapsing fund for certain purposes; providing for the administration and functioning of the Benefit Fund; providing for the investment of money in and expenditures from the Benefit Fund; requiring interest earnings of the Benefit Fund to be credited to the Benefit Fund; establishing certain accounts in the Benefit Fund for certain purposes; providing for the distribution of money in the Household Benefit Account and the Employer Benefit Account in certain manners for certain purposes; providing that certain money distributed as a benefit under this Act may not be included in taxable income for purposes of any State or local income tax; providing that certain money distributed as a benefit shall be excluded from household income for certain purposes; requiring the Secretary to consider certain alternative calendar schedules for certain purposes; authorizing certain beneficiaries to receive benefits in a certain manner; establishing the Climate Crisis Infrastructure Fund as a special, nonlapsing fund for certain purposes; providing for the administration and functioning of the Infrastructure Fund; providing for the investment of money in and expenditures from the Infrastructure Fund; requiring interest earnings of the Infrastructure Fund to be credited to the Infrastructure Fund; providing for the distribution of money from the Infrastructure Fund on approval by the Secretary in a certain manner for certain purposes; establishing a certain fee to be charged on certain new motor vehicles sold or registered in the State based on certain ratings; setting the amount of the fee; exempting certain motor vehicles from the fee; requiring the Department of Transportation to review certain exemptions on or before a certain date and make certain recommendations; requiring the fee to be deposited in the Infrastructure Fund and used for certain purposes; providing that the Secretary is not subject to penalties or actions for damages for certain actions under this Act; requiring the Secretary to make certain efforts to return certain fees to certain persons in a certain manner; requiring the Secretary to identify certain measures and programs each year in consultation with certain units; requiring the Secretary to study and report on certain matters to the Governor and the General Assembly by a certain date; requiring the Secretary to adopt certain regulations in consultation with the Commission; exempting the Infrastructure Fund, the Benefit Fund, and the Kirwan Fund from a certain provision of law requiring interest earnings on State money to accrue to the General Fund of the State; defining certain terms; and generally relating to the Climate Crisis Initiative, greenhouse gas emissions reductions, and education.

BY renumbering

Article – Environment

Section 2–1201 and 2–1202, respectively
to be Section 2–1202 and 2–1201, respectively

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2013 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – Environment

New part designation “Part I. Statewide Inventory and Emissions Reduction Plan” to immediately precede Section 2–1201; and Section 2–1214 through 2–1228 to be under the new part “Part II. Climate Crisis Initiative”

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2013 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Environment

Section 2–1201 and 2–1202(1) through (5) and (8)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2013 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

(As enacted by Section 1 of this Act)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – State Finance and Procurement

Section 6–226(a)(2)(i)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – State Finance and Procurement

Section 6–226(a)(2)(ii)122. and 123.

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – State Finance and Procurement

Section 6–226(a)(2)(ii)124. through 126.

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters and the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 34 – Delegate Rosenberg

EMERGENCY BILL

AN ACT concerning

State Department of Education and Maryland Department of Health – Maryland School–Based Health Center Standards – Telehealth

FOR the purpose of requiring the State Department of Education and the Maryland Department of Health to authorize a certain health care practitioner 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; requiring, on or before a certain date, the State Department of Education and the Maryland Department of Health to revise the Maryland school–based health center standards to reflect certain requirements and prohibitions; making this Act an emergency measure; and generally relating to standards for school–based health centers.

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations and the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 35 – Delegate Cardin

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

AN ACT concerning

Judges – Selection and Retention

FOR the purpose of proposing an amendment to the Maryland Constitution to provide for retention elections for judges of the circuit courts; proposing an amendment to the Maryland Constitution decreasing the term of office for the judges of the circuit courts; proposing an amendment to the Maryland Constitution to increase the number of years between successive retention elections for judges of the Court of Appeals and Court of Special Appeals; repealing certain obsolete provisions; making certain technical corrections; making certain stylistic changes; and submitting this amendment to the qualified voters of the State for their adoption or rejection.

BY proposing a repeal of the Maryland Constitution
Article IV – Judiciary Department
Section 3

BY proposing an amendment to the Maryland Constitution
Article IV – Judiciary Department
Section 5 and 5A

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary and the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 36 – Delegates Lierman, Charkoudian, D. Jones, R. Lewis, Love, and Terrasa

AN ACT concerning

**Environment – Packaging, Containers, and Paper Products – Producer
Responsibility**

FOR the purpose of requiring, on or before a certain date, a certain producer of certain packaging, containers, and paper products to individually or as part of a stewardship organization submit a certain covered materials and products stewardship plan to the Department of the Environment for review and approval; prohibiting, on or after a certain date, a producer of certain covered materials and products from selling, offering for sale, distributing, or importing certain covered materials and products unless the producer, individually or as part of a stewardship organization, has an approved stewardship plan on file with the Department; requiring the stewardship plan to include certain information; requiring a stewardship plan to provide a certain method for financing the implementation of the stewardship plan, including establishing a certain fee structure for certain producers; requiring certain methods of financing the stewardship plan to be evaluated by an independent financial auditor, as designated by the Department, for certain purposes; requiring the Department to approve or reject a certain stewardship plan within a certain period of time under certain circumstances; requiring a certain producer or stewardship organization to implement a stewardship plan within a certain amount of time after the Department approves the stewardship plan; specifying that a certain producer or stewardship organization is immune from certain liability under certain circumstances; requiring a certain producer or stewardship organization to submit a certain report, on or before a certain date each year, to the Department in accordance with certain requirements; requiring the Department to review a certain report in accordance with certain requirements; requiring an approved stewardship plan to expire after a certain number of years; authorizing the Department to rescind approval of a stewardship plan at any time; authorizing a local government to request reimbursement from a certain producer that has an approved stewardship plan on file with the Department for certain costs in a certain manner; requiring a certain producer to submit a certain report to the Department on or before a certain date each year and requiring the report to be posted on the website of the producer or the Department; requiring the Department to keep certain data confidential; requiring the Department to adopt certain regulations; establishing certain penalties for certain violations; providing for the application of this Act; defining certain terms; and generally relating to producer responsibility for packaging, containers, and paper products.

BY adding to

Article – Environment

Section 9–2301 through 9–2308 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 23. Packaging, Containers, and Paper Products”

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation and the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 37 – Delegate Valderrama

AN ACT concerning

Procurement – Prevailing Wage – Applicability

FOR the purpose of repealing a certain limitation on the applicability of the Prevailing Wage Law to the construction of a public work by revising a certain definition; altering the application of the Prevailing Wage Law to certain public work contracts by reducing a certain contract threshold to a certain amount; and generally relating to the applicability of the Prevailing Wage Law.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – State Finance and Procurement
Section 17–201 and 17–202
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 38 – Delegate Carey

AN ACT concerning

State Government – Department of Information Technology – Cybersecurity

FOR the purpose of requiring the Secretary of Information Technology, in consultation with the Attorney General, to advise and oversee a consistent cybersecurity strategy for certain units of State government; requiring the Secretary to advise and consult with the Legislative and Judicial branches of State government regarding a cybersecurity strategy; requiring the Secretary, in consultation with the Attorney General, to develop guidance on consistent cybersecurity strategies for certain political subdivisions of the State; providing for the construction of certain provisions of this Act; defining certain terms; and generally relating to cybersecurity.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – State Finance and Procurement
Section 3A–101
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – State Finance and Procurement
Section 3A–301 and 3A–303
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 39 – Delegate Shetty

AN ACT concerning

Action for Change of Name – Waiver of Publication Requirement

FOR the purpose of requiring a court to waive a certain publication requirement in a certain action for change of name under certain circumstances; and generally relating to actions for change of name.

BY adding to

Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings

Section 3–2201 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 22. Change of Name – Waiver of Publication Requirement”

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2020 Replacement Volume)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 40 – Delegate Charkoudian

AN ACT concerning

Maryland Energy Administration Study on Geothermal Heating and Cooling Systems and Geothermal Energy Workgroup

FOR the purpose of requiring the Maryland Energy Administration to conduct a certain study on geothermal heating and cooling systems; providing for the content of the study; authorizing the Administration to contract with a third-party to conduct the study; requiring the Administration to submit the results of the study to the Geothermal Energy Workgroup on or before a certain date; establishing the Workgroup; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Workgroup; prohibiting a member of the Workgroup from receiving certain compensation, but authorizing the reimbursement of certain expenses; requiring the Workgroup to study and make recommendations regarding certain matters; requiring the Administration, in consultation with the Workgroup, to develop recommendations for a certain incentive structure; requiring the Director of the Administration, or the Director’s designee, to report certain results, findings, and recommendations to the General Assembly on or before a certain date; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to a study on geothermal heating and cooling systems and the Geothermal Energy Workgroup.

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 41 – Delegate Smith

AN ACT concerning

Maryland State Bank Task Force – Establishment

FOR the purpose of establishing the Maryland State Bank Task Force; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Task Force; prohibiting a member of the Task Force from receiving certain compensation, but authorizing the reimbursement of certain expenses; requiring the Task Force to review and evaluate, in a certain manner, the creation of a Maryland State Bank; requiring the Task Force to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and certain committees of the General Assembly on or before a certain date; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to the creation of the Maryland State Bank Task Force.

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 42 – Delegate P. Young

AN ACT concerning

Public Safety – Interjurisdictional Policing Grant Program – Establishment

FOR the purpose of establishing the Interjurisdictional Policing Grant Program to provide counties with grants to defray costs associated with establishing and supporting interjurisdictional policing agreements; requiring the Governor, in each fiscal year, to provide a certain amount of funding in the annual budget bill; requiring the Executive Director of the Governor’s Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services to administer the Program and establish certain requirements for the Program; specifying certain details regarding application procedures and grant awards under the Program; requiring a grantee to submit a certain report and the Executive Director to post that report to a certain website; defining certain terms; and generally relating to the Interjurisdictional Policing Grant Program.

BY adding to

Article – Public Safety

Section 4–1501 through 4–1504 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 15.
Interjurisdictional Policing Grant Program”

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary and the Committee on Appropriations.

House Bill 43 – Delegate Krimm

AN ACT concerning

**Department of Information Technology – Office of Broadband and Joint
Committee on Broadband**

FOR the purpose of altering the uses of the Rural Broadband Assistance Fund; establishing the Office of Broadband in the Department of Information Technology; establishing that the Office shall be led by a Director who serves at the pleasure of the Governor; establishing the Office's duties; requiring the Office to coordinate with certain executive agencies and stakeholders; requiring the operations of the Office to be funded by money appropriated to a certain fund and sports and event wagering revenues under certain circumstances; establishing the Joint Committee on Broadband; establishing the membership, staffing, powers, and duties of the Joint Committee; requiring the Office to cooperate with the Joint Committee in certain ways; requiring the Office to submit a certain report to the Joint Committee on or before a certain date each year; requiring the Joint Committee to submit a certain report to the General Assembly on or before a certain date each year; defining certain terms; and generally relating to the Office of Broadband in the Department of Information Technology and the Joint Committee on Broadband.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Economic Development
Section 5–1102(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Economic Development
Section 5–1102(f)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – State Finance and Procurement
Section 3A–101(a) and (b)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – State Finance and Procurement
Section 3A–801 through 3A–805 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 8. Office of
Broadband”
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 44 – Delegate Fraser–Hidalgo

AN ACT concerning

Clean Cars Act of 2021

FOR the purpose of extending and altering, for certain fiscal years, the Electric Vehicle Recharging Equipment Rebate Program and vehicle excise tax credit for the purchase of certain electric vehicles; increasing, for certain fiscal years, the total amount of rebates that the Maryland Energy Administration may issue; altering the authorized uses of certain compliance fees by the Maryland Strategic Energy Investment Fund; increasing, for purposes of a certain vehicle excise tax credit, the limitation on the maximum total purchase price of certain electric vehicles; repealing a certain limitation on the maximum amount of the vehicle excise tax credit; reducing the vehicle excise tax credit for certain electric drive vehicles; requiring, for certain fiscal years, a certain amount to be transferred from the Maryland Strategic Energy Investment Fund to the Transportation Trust Fund to offset certain revenue reductions; providing for the application of certain provisions of this Act; and generally relating to energy reduction programs and electric vehicles.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – State Government
Section 9–2009(a) and (b) and 9–20B–05(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – State Government
Section 9–2009(c) and 9–20B–05(i)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Transportation
Section 13–815
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 45 – Delegate Forbes

AN ACT concerning

Education – Baltimore County Public Library – Collective Bargaining

FOR the purpose of authorizing employees of the Baltimore County Public Library to form, join, and participate in an employee organization and engage in certain other activities related to collective bargaining; specifying the responsibilities of the library and the certified exclusive representative; stating the goal of collective bargaining; requiring the library to recognize certain rights of the certified exclusive representative; requiring the certified exclusive representative to serve as the sole

agent for the unit in collective bargaining and represent employees in a certain manner; requiring the library and the certified exclusive representative to enter into a collective bargaining agreement that contains certain provisions; requiring the library to make certain payroll deductions under certain circumstances; requiring that certain dues be remitted to the certified exclusive representative; requiring the library to stop making certain payroll deductions under certain circumstances; specifying when a collective bargaining agreement is effective and when it expires; requiring the library and the certified representative to reach an agreement by a certain date except under certain circumstances; specifying the conditions under which an impasse is reached in collective bargaining negotiations; specifying the procedures, including for mediation, to be followed if an impasse is reached in collective bargaining negotiations; requiring the library, under certain circumstances, to submit certain terms of the collective bargaining agreement to the Baltimore County Public Library Board of Trustees for its acceptance or rejection; requiring the Board to take certain action regarding the terms submitted to it for review; requiring the library and the certified exclusive representative to take certain action if the Board rejects a term; requiring the Board to take certain action if it accepts a term; authorizing the Baltimore County Executive and Baltimore County Council to take certain action regarding certain requests submitted to them for approval; requiring the Baltimore County Executive to take certain action if the Baltimore County Executive accepts a certain request; requiring that the entire collective bargaining agreement be returned to the library system and the certified exclusive representative for renegotiation within certain limits under certain circumstances; requiring that a certain renegotiation be completed within a certain timeline; prohibiting an employer and an employee organization from taking certain actions regarding collective bargaining; providing that this Act and a collective bargaining agreement entered into under this Act supersede certain provisions of law under certain circumstances; providing for the construction of certain provisions of this Act; defining certain terms; and generally relating to collective bargaining for employees of the Baltimore County Public Library.

BY adding to

Article – Education

Section 23–701 through 23–709 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 7. Baltimore County Public Library – Collective Bargaining”

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

House Bill 46 – Delegate Griffith

AN ACT concerning

**Education – Student Horizon Database and Scorecard
(Students Right to Know Act of 2021)**

FOR the purpose of requiring the State Department of Education, in collaboration with certain agencies, to annually collect certain information; requiring the Department to establish and maintain a certain database on the Department's website; requiring the Department to publish on the Department's website a Student Horizon Scorecard on or before a certain date each year; requiring the Student Horizon Scorecard to include certain information; requiring each local school system to distribute the Student Horizon Scorecard to each high school student on or before a certain date each year; requiring the Department to adopt certain regulations; defining certain terms; and generally relating to the Student Horizon Database and Scorecard.

BY adding to

Article – Education

Section 7–126

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

House Bill 47 – Delegate Ivey

AN ACT concerning

Public Institutions of Higher Education – Contracts – Prohibition

FOR the purpose of prohibiting a public institution of higher education from entering into or renewing a contract with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement; providing that existing obligations or contract rights may not be impaired by this Act; and generally relating to contracts and public institutions of higher education.

BY adding to

Article – Education

Section 15–126

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations and the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 48 – Delegates Bhandari and C. Jackson

EMERGENCY BILL

AN ACT concerning

Criminal Procedure – Registered Sex Offenders – Entry Onto School Property

FOR the purpose of 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; requiring a student who is a registered sex offender to continue receiving a certain education in a certain manner; requiring a county board of education to develop and adopt a policy that enables a student who is a registered sex offender to continue receiving a certain education in a certain manner; requiring the State Board of Education to develop and adopt certain guidelines and a certain model policy; defining certain terms; making this Act an emergency measure; and generally relating to registered sex offenders on school property.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Criminal Procedure
Section 11–722
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 49 – Delegate Rosenberg

AN ACT concerning

Landlord and Tenant – Repossession for Failure to Pay Rent – Lead Risk Reduction Compliance

FOR the purpose of requiring an action for repossession for failure to pay rent to contain certain statements on whether the property is registered or licensed under certain local law or regulation and whether the property is an affected property under certain lead-based paint abatement laws; authorizing a court to adjourn a certain trial to enable either party to obtain documents or other proof of claim or defense under certain circumstances; repealing a certain prohibition against raising as an issue of fact a landlord's compliance with certain requirements related to lead-based paint abatement; requiring a landlord to provide direct evidence of certain required information under certain circumstances; requiring the court to determine the amount of rent and late fees due if a landlord has met a certain evidentiary burden; requiring a rental property in Baltimore City to be in compliance with certain lead-based paint abatement requirements before a landlord may file a complaint for repossession of the property for failure to pay rent; authorizing a court in Baltimore City to adjourn a certain trial to enable a party to procure certain witnesses or obtain documents or other proof of claim or defense under certain circumstances; requiring the Maryland Department of the Environment to report certain information to the General Assembly on or before a certain date; requiring the Maryland Department of the Environment to report certain information to the General Assembly quarterly under certain circumstances; requiring the Maryland Department of the Environment to report certain information to the Department of Legislative Services; making certain provisions of this Act subject to a certain

contingency; making stylistic changes; and generally relating to actions for repossession for failure to pay rent.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Real Property
Section 8–401(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Real Property
Section 8–401(b) and (c)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
The Public Local Laws of Baltimore City
Section 9–2 and 9–5(a)
Article 4 – Public Local Laws of Maryland
(1979 Edition and 1997 Supplement, and 2000 Supplement, as amended)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 50 – Delegate Stewart

AN ACT concerning

Landlord and Tenant – Residential Leases – Tenant Rights and Protections (Tenant Protection Act of 2021)

FOR the purpose of requiring a landlord to make a certain disclosure to prospective tenants regarding the method used to charge tenants for the cost of certain utilities under certain circumstances; requiring that a certain lease provision is unenforceable if a landlord fails to make a certain disclosure; requiring a landlord to provide a tenant with information to document a bill for certain utilities under certain circumstances; authorizing a county to adopt certain regulations governing the information a landlord is required to provide to a tenant to document a bill for certain utilities under certain circumstances; requiring that a certain statement that a landlord must provide to a tenant if a portion of the security deposit is withheld include, where practicable, supporting documentation containing certain information; providing that a tenant organization has the right of free assembly in certain areas within an apartment facility during reasonable hours and on reasonable notice to a landlord; authorizing a landlord to impose certain conditions on the use of certain areas within an apartment facility for meetings; requiring a tenant organization to provide certain information to a landlord; preventing a landlord from charging a tenant organization for the use of certain areas within an apartment facility for the first meeting of the tenant organization each month; limiting the fees that a landlord may charge for the

use of certain areas by a tenant organization; expanding certain provisions of law regarding the rights of tenants and legal occupants who are victims of domestic violence or sexual assault to include certain victims of stalking; altering the calculation of the rent for which a tenant who vacates leased premises under certain provisions of law is responsible; requiring a certain tenant to provide a certain notice if the tenant vacates the leased premises within a certain period of time; authorizing a landlord to take certain actions against a certain tenant who does not vacate the leased premises within a certain period of time; requiring a landlord to inspect the leased premises and provide the tenant with a certain written statement under certain circumstances; authorizing a certain report by a qualified third party to be used as documentation that a tenant or legal occupant is a victim of sexual assault, domestic violence, or stalking for purposes of certain provisions of law; prohibiting a landlord from disclosing certain information to a third party except under certain circumstances; providing that certain local laws and ordinances supersede certain provisions of this Act; providing for the application of a certain provision of this Act; defining certain terms; making stylistic and clarifying changes; and generally relating to rights and protections for residential tenants.

BY renumbering

Article – Real Property

Section 8–203(j) through (l), respectively

to be Section 8–203(k) through (m), respectively

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Real Property

Section 8–203(g), (h), and (i)(7) and 8–5A–01 through 8–5A–06

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – Real Property

Section 8–203(j), 8–212.4, 8–218, 8–5A–05, and 8–5A–08

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

CONSENT CALENDAR OF INTRODUCTORY HOUSE BILLS NO. 2

House Bill 51 – Delegate Turner

AN ACT concerning

Zoning – Environmental Justice Considerations

FOR the purpose of requiring a local governing body, on application by a property owner for a certain special exception to construct or operate a landfill, to require the preparation of an environmental justice analysis at the expense of the property owner; requiring an environmental justice analysis prepared under this Act to include certain descriptions and assessments; defining a certain term; providing for the application of this Act; requiring the Commission on Environmental Justice and Sustainable Communities to study and make recommendations regarding strategies for increasing State oversight of, and involvement in, local zoning decisions that present environmental justice concerns; requiring the Commission to report certain findings and recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with a certain provision of law, the General Assembly on or before a certain date; providing for the application of certain provisions of this Act; providing that a certain catchline is not law and may not be considered to have been enacted as part of this Act; and generally relating to zoning and environmental justice considerations.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Land Use

Section 1–401 and 10–103

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2012 Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – Land Use

Section 4–215

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2012 Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 52 – Delegate Wells

AN ACT concerning

Real Property – Alterations in Actions for Repossession and Establishment of Eviction Diversion Program

FOR the purpose of establishing the Eviction Diversion Program; providing for the purpose and activities of the Program; requiring the Chief Judge of the District Court to establish a Program in a District Court sitting in a county under certain circumstances; authorizing the Chief Judge of the District Court to establish a Program in the District Court sitting a county under certain circumstances; requiring that a landlord provide a certain statement to the tenant within a certain period of time after receiving a certain request from the tenant; authorizing a landlord to provide a certain statement in a certain manner under certain circumstances; establishing that certain procedural notice requirements must be fulfilled prior to the filing of a complaint by a landlord or a landlord's duly qualified

agent for the repossession of residential rental property for failure to pay rent; repealing the requirement that a certain constable or sheriff notify certain individuals to appear at certain trials; requiring the court to direct a certain constable or sheriff to notify certain individuals to appear at certain status conferences under certain circumstances; requiring that, before a landlord may file a complaint to repossess property for the failure to pay rent, the landlord deliver certain written notice containing certain information to a tenant in a certain manner; requiring a landlord to make certain efforts to resolve a claim for past due rent prior to filing a complaint in court; requiring that certain efforts to resolve a claim of past due rent be complete before a landlord may file a complaint to repossess property for the failure to pay rent; providing that certain requirements are deemed satisfied under certain circumstances; requiring a landlord to file a certain statement containing certain information with a complaint to repossess property for the failure to pay rent; authorizing a tenant to challenge assertions made in a certain statement by a landlord in a certain manner; repealing the authorization for a court to adjourn a certain trial for a certain period of time under certain circumstances; requiring a court to grant a continuance under certain circumstances; authorizing the court to grant further continuances under certain circumstances; requiring a landlord and a tenant to appear before the court for a status conference within a certain period of time following the filing of a complaint to repossess property for the failure to pay rent; providing for the procedures of a certain status conference; repealing a certain provision of law prohibiting certain information from being an issue of fact; repealing a certain provision of law authorizing a court to adjourn a trial for a certain purpose; repealing the requirement that a court enter a certain judgment under certain circumstances; altering the number of days after a trial that a court is required to order that the repossession of certain premises be given to the landlord or the landlord's duly authorized agent or attorney; repealing the requirement that a certain certificate be presented before the court may make a certain order; authorizing the court to delay returning possession of residential rental property to a landlord or a landlord's duly authorized agent or attorney for a certain number of days under certain circumstances; altering the number of days during which a tenant has to comply with a certain order before the court is required to issue a certain warrant; authorizing the court to order an emergency stay of execution of a certain warrant under certain circumstances; altering the number of days during which the tenant or the landlord may appeal from a certain judgement; making certain conforming changes; defining certain terms; and generally relating to actions for repossession of residential rental property and the Eviction Diversion Program.

BY adding to

Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings

Section 4–501 through 4–503 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 5. Eviction Diversion Program”

Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Real Property

Section 8–208.3 and 8–401
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary and the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 53 – Delegates Ivey, Acevero, Belcastro, Brooks, Crutchfield, and Henson

AN ACT concerning

Election Law – Voting Rights – Imprisoned Felons

FOR the purpose of altering the circumstances under which an individual is not qualified to be a registered voter for the purpose of allowing individuals convicted of a felony and serving a court–ordered sentence of imprisonment for the conviction to register to vote; repealing the requirement that certain officials of the circuit court and the District Courts report certain information to the State Administrator of Elections regarding individuals convicted of a felony; repealing a requirement for the State Administrator to make arrangements to receive certain information regarding individuals convicted of a felony in a certain United States District Court; repealing the prohibition on voting by individuals convicted of a felony and serving a court–ordered sentence of imprisonment for the conviction; and generally relating to voting rights and imprisoned felons.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Election Law
Section 3–102 and 3–504(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2017 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing
Article – Election Law
Section 16–202
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2017 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means and the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 54 – Delegate Reilly

AN ACT concerning

Education – Harford County – Liability of School Bus Contractors

FOR the purpose of establishing that an entity operating a school bus under a contract with the Harford County Board of Education to provide student transportation services may not be held liable beyond the limits of the entity's insurance coverage under the contract with the Harford County Board of Education through the Maryland Association of Boards of Education in any suit that arises from a vehicular accident or an act or omission of an officer, a director, or an employee of the entity, except if the act or omission constitutes gross negligence, reckless, willful, or wanton misconduct, or intentionally tortious conduct; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to student transportation services in Harford County.

BY adding to

Article – Education

Section 7–810

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 55 – Delegate Crosby

AN ACT concerning

Immunities – Associations, Organizations, and Charities – Liability of Agents and Volunteers

FOR the purpose of providing that certain provisions of law specifying that a certain agent or volunteer of a certain association or organization is not personally liable for damages under certain circumstances do not apply to certain suits brought against a certain agent or volunteer alleging certain sexually assaultive behavior or certain conduct of a sexual nature; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to the civil liability of agents and volunteers of associations, organizations, and charities.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings

Section 5–406 and 5–407

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2020 Replacement Volume)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 56 – Delegate Boyce

AN ACT concerning

Labor and Employment – Leave With Pay – Bereavement Leave

FOR the purpose of authorizing employees of certain employers to use certain leave with pay for bereavement leave; making a conforming change; defining the term “bereavement leave”; defining the term “child” for purposes of certain bereavement leave; and generally relating to an employee’s use of leave with pay for bereavement leave.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Labor and Employment
Section 3–802
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 57 – Delegate Rosenberg

AN ACT concerning

Voters’ Rights Protection Act of 2020

FOR the purpose of prohibiting a local board of elections from making a covered change in voting locations except under certain circumstances; requiring that an action for a certain declaratory judgment be filed in a certain circuit court; requiring that certain proceedings be conducted in accordance with the Maryland Rules; requiring that certain determinations be based on certain evidence; authorizing a local board to apply to a certain circuit court or the Attorney General for a waiver of certain requirements if the local board determines an emergency exists; prohibiting certain requirements from being waived or altered under certain provisions of law; authorizing a certain circuit court or the Attorney General to grant a waiver of certain requirements only under certain circumstances; requiring that a certain court hear and determine a waiver request in a certain manner; requiring that a certain appeal be taken directly to the Court of Appeals within a certain time period; requiring the Court of Appeals to give certain priority to a certain appeal; requiring a local board to attempt to contact a voter who failed to sign a paper absentee ballot application and attempt to obtain the voter’s signature for a certain purpose; prohibiting a person from using a camera, a cellular telephone, or another device capable of recording video to record voters as they approach or deposit ballots in a ballot drop box except under certain circumstances; requiring that an absentee ballot be considered timely if the ballot envelope is postmarked no later than the day after election day; altering the circumstances under which a local board is required to reject an absentee ballot; requiring a local board to attempt to contact a voter who failed to sign the oath on the absentee ballot envelope and attempt to obtain the voter’s signature for a certain purpose; requiring a covered website to make reasonable efforts to detect anonymous foreign political communications and certain false statements regarding voting requirements that are disseminated through the covered website; requiring a covered website to report certain information to the State Board of Elections within a certain period of time; requiring the State Board

to take certain actions within a certain period of time after receiving a certain report from a covered website; establishing certain requirements for certain information disseminated by the State Board through social media; authorizing the State Board to assess a certain civil penalty against a covered website if the covered website fails to file a certain report; providing for the assessment of, distribution of, and liability for the civil penalty; making conforming changes; defining certain terms; and generally relating to election law.

BY adding to

Article – Election Law
Section 2–304, 9–310.1, and 13–405.3
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2017 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Election Law
Section 8–103, 9–305, and 11–302
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2017 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 58 – Delegate Lierman

AN ACT concerning

Workgroup on Minority Homeownership, Neighborhood Revitalization, and Household Wealth Equity

FOR the purpose of establishing the Workgroup on Minority Homeownership, Neighborhood Revitalization, and Household Wealth Equity; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Workgroup; prohibiting a member of the Workgroup from receiving certain compensation, but authorizing the reimbursement of certain expenses; requiring the Workgroup to study and make recommendations regarding certain matters; requiring the Workgroup to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before a certain date; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to the Workgroup on Minority Homeownership, Neighborhood Revitalization, and Household Wealth Equity.

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation and the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 59 – Delegate Pena–Melnyk

AN ACT concerning

Task Force on Higher Education Students With Chronic Health Conditions

FOR the purpose of establishing the Task Force on Higher Education Students With Chronic Health Conditions; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Task Force; prohibiting a member from receiving certain compensation, but authorizing the reimbursement of certain expenses; requiring the Task Force to obtain data on, study, and make recommendations regarding certain matters; authorizing the Task Force to use certain resources to carry out its duties; requiring the Task Force to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before a certain date; requiring the Maryland Department of Health and the Maryland Higher Education Commission to make the report to the Governor and the General Assembly available to the public; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to the Task Force on Higher Education Students With Chronic Health Conditions.

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

House Bill 60 – Delegate Wilkins

AN ACT concerning

Income Tax – Green Buildings Tax Credit – Multifamily Housing

FOR the purpose of allowing a credit against the State income tax for certain costs, paid or incurred after a certain date by an owner of certain multifamily housing to meet certain energy and water efficiency standards; allowing unused credits to be claimed for a certain number of subsequent taxable years under certain circumstances; requiring the owner to obtain a certain eligibility certificate from certain persons in order to claim the credit; requiring the Maryland Energy Administration to issue an initial tax credit certificate on application of the owner under certain circumstances and subject to certain limitations; providing for the form and content of the application and the initial tax credit certificate; prohibiting the Administration from issuing tax credit certificates totaling more than a certain amount in the aggregate; requiring the Administration to give priority to certain applications and to issue a final tax credit certificate under certain circumstances; establishing certain procedures for claiming the credit; prohibiting the final credit amount from exceeding a certain percentage of certain costs; authorizing the Administration and the Comptroller to adopt certain regulations; requiring the Administration to provide certain information to the Comptroller on or before a certain date each year; requiring the Administration and the Comptroller to report to the General Assembly on or before a certain date each year in a certain manner; defining certain terms; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to an income tax credit for owners of certain multifamily housing that meets certain energy and water efficiency standards.

BY adding to

Article – Tax – General

Section 10–722.1
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 61 – Delegate Shetty

AN ACT concerning

**Environment – Statewide Green Business Certification Program –
Establishment**

FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of the Environment to establish and administer a statewide green business certification program; requiring the green business certification program to recognize certain businesses and provide consumers with certain information; authorizing the Department to adopt certain regulations; requiring the Department to update and enhance the green business certification program in consultation with a certain existing green business certification program; and generally relating to the establishment of a statewide green business certification program.

BY adding to

Article – Environment

Section 1–901 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 9. Green Business Certification Program”

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2013 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 62 – Delegate J. Lewis

AN ACT concerning

Department of Small Business, Entrepreneurship, and Innovation – Established

FOR the purpose of establishing the Department of Small Business, Entrepreneurship, and Innovation; establishing the Department as a principal department of the Executive Branch of State government; transferring authority over the Maryland Small Business Development Financing Authority from the Department of Commerce to the Department of Small Business, Entrepreneurship, and Innovation; requiring the Authority to submit certain reports to the Department of Small Business, Entrepreneurship, and Innovation and the General Assembly on or before a certain date each year; requiring the Department of Small Business, Entrepreneurship, and Innovation to prepare and submit certain economic impact analysis ratings and economic impact analyses relating to certain proposed regulations in a certain

manner; abolishing the Governor's Office of Small, Minority, and Women Business Affairs and transferring its responsibilities to the Department of Small Business, Entrepreneurship, and Innovation; transferring responsibilities of the Special Secretary of the Governor's Office to the Secretary of Small Business; requiring the Secretary for Small Business to take a certain oath before taking office; renaming the Interdepartmental Advisory Committee on Small, Minority, and Women Business Affairs to be the Interdepartmental Advisory Committee on Entrepreneurship and Innovation; requiring the Secretary for Small Business to advise the Governor on certain matters and, as authorized by the Governor, carry out certain policies and establish a commission to study or address certain matters; requiring a certain annual report of the Department of Small Business, Entrepreneurship, and Innovation to include certain information; transferring the Office of Small Business Regulatory Assistance from the Maryland Department of Labor to the Department of Small Business, Entrepreneurship, and Innovation; requiring that certain responsibilities be transferred to the Department of Small Business, Entrepreneurship, and Innovation on a certain date; requiring that certain appropriations be transferred to the Department of Small Business, Entrepreneurship, and Innovation on a certain date; providing for the transfer of certain functions, powers, duties, property, records, fixtures, credits, assets, liability, obligations, rights, and privileges; requiring that certain employees of the Governor's Office, the Department of Commerce, and the Maryland Department of Labor be transferred to the Department of Small Business, Entrepreneurship, and Innovation without diminution of their rights, benefits, employment, and retirement status; requiring that certain positions at the Department of Commerce or the Maryland Department of Labor be transferred to the Department of Small Business, Entrepreneurship, and Innovation; prohibiting certain changes in loan terms or status for certain loan recipients as a result of this Act; providing for the continuity of certain transactions affected by or flowing from this Act; providing for the continuity of certain laws, regulations, standards and guidelines, policies, orders and other directives, forms, plans, membership, contracts, property, investigations, administrative and judicial responsibilities, rights, and other duties and responsibilities; defining certain terms; making stylistic, technical, and conforming changes; and generally relating to the Department of Small Business, Entrepreneurship, and Innovation.

BY transferring

Article – Business Regulation

Section 2–103.1

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

to be

Article – State Government

Section 9–305.1

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Economic Development

Section 2.5–109(a)(3), 5–501, 5–512(c)(4), 5–555(h), and 14–103(d) and (e)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Education

Section 11–1001(d) and (e)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Environment

Section 9–345(d)(5), 9–421(d)(5), 9–1605.2(i)(5)(v), and 9–1605.3(f)(2)(v)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Health – General

Section 13–3302(f)(2)(i)3., 13–3305.2(a), and 20–1004(21)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Housing and Community Development

Section 4–501.1(d) and (e)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Insurance

Section 20–303(c)(3) and (4) and 24–310(d) and (e)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2017 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Public Utilities

Section 7–704.1(d)(4)(iii) and (i)(3)(i)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2020 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – State Finance and Procurement

Section 6–222(f)(3) and (4), 10A–404(c)(1), 14–302(a)(1)(ii), (iii), (iv), and (vi), (2), (8),
and (9)(v), 14–303(b)(20), 14–305, 14–308(c), 14–503, 14–505, and 14–604

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – State Government

Section 2–1505.2, 8–201(b)(17), (18), and (19), 9–1A–10(a)(1)(i)1. and (b)(2), (3), and (4), 9–1A–23(d)(2), 9–1A–36(l)(3); 9–301 through 9–303, 9–303.1, 9–303.2, and 9–304 through 9–306 to be under the amended subtitle “Subtitle 3. Department of Small Business, Entrepreneurship, and Innovation”; and 9–20C–02(c)(5)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – State Government

Section 8–201(b)(17)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – State Government

Section 9–305.1(a)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

(As enacted by Section 1 of this Act)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – State Government

Section 9–305.1(b)(1)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

(As enacted by Section 1 of this Act)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – State Personnel and Pensions

Section 21–116(d)(3) and (4) and 35–302(d)(3) and (4)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 63 – Delegate Williams

AN ACT concerning

**State Finance – Prohibited Appropriations – Magnetic Levitation
Transportation System**

FOR the purpose of prohibiting the State and certain units and instrumentalities of the State from using any appropriation for a magnetic levitation transportation system in the State; providing that the prohibition does not apply to certain expenditures for salaries; and generally relating to State appropriations for magnetic levitation transportation systems.

BY adding to

Article – State Finance and Procurement
Section 7–240
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation and the Committee on Appropriations.

House Bill 64 – Delegate Henson

AN ACT concerning

Labor and Employment – Occupational Safety and Health – Handwashing Facilities on Construction Sites

FOR the purpose of requiring employers operating construction sites in the State to provide an adequate handwashing facility on the construction sites; requiring that the handwashing facilities meet certain standards; requiring the employers to allow workers on the construction sites to have reasonable access to the handwashing facilities during the workday; defining a certain term; and generally relating to handwashing facilities on construction sites.

BY adding to

Article – Labor and Employment
Section 5–609
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 65 – Delegate Bhandari

AN ACT concerning

State Board of Environmental Health Specialists – Fees – General Fund

FOR the purpose of repealing provisions of law creating the State Board of Environmental Health Specialists Fund; requiring the State Board of Environmental Health Specialists to pay certain money into the General Fund of the State; and generally relating to the State Board of Environmental Health Specialists.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Health Occupations
Section 21–101(a) and (b)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Health Occupations
Section 21–206
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

House Bill 66 – Delegates Brooks and Barve

AN ACT concerning

**Electric Generation – Transition From Fossil Fuels – Carbon Dioxide Emissions
Rate and Transition Plan and Fund
(Maryland Coal Community Transition Act of 2021)**

FOR the purpose of prohibiting the carbon dioxide emissions rate for certain affected electric generating units from exceeding a certain amount; establishing the Fossil Fuel Community Transition Fund as a special, nonlapsing fund; specifying the purposes of, authorized uses of, and allocation of funds from the Fund; requiring the Maryland Department of Labor to establish certain policies and procedures for the administration of the Fund; requiring the State Treasurer to hold the Fund and the Comptroller to account for the Fund; specifying the contents of the Fund; requiring an individual responsible for a certain project to hire certain subcontractors or sign a certain agreement; establishing the Fossil Fuel Transition Advisory Council; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Council; providing for the term of a Council member; requiring the Council to meet a certain minimum number of times each year for certain purposes; prohibiting a member of the Council from receiving certain compensation, but authorizing the reimbursement of certain expenses; requiring the Council to review the Department's proposals for grant awards from the Fund and make certain recommendations; requiring the Department to consider certain recommendations of the Council when making certain decisions about awarding grants from the Fund; requiring the Council to develop a certain standard; requiring the Council to develop a certain statewide fossil fuel transition plan in a certain manner and to submit certain plans to the General Assembly on or before certain dates; requiring the Department to report, on or before a certain date each year, to the Governor, the Council, and the General Assembly; requiring an owner of an affected electric generating unit to report, on or before a certain date each year, to the Council on certain information regarding employee layoffs; requiring the Maryland Energy Administration to use the Maryland

Strategic Energy Investment Fund to provide a certain funding amount for certain fiscal years for the Fund; providing for the application of certain provisions of this Act; defining certain terms; and generally relating to the transition from fossil fuels for electric generation.

BY adding to

Article – Environment

Section 2–10A–01 through 2–10A–03 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 10A. Carbon Dioxide Emissions”

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2013 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – Labor and Employment

Section 11–1401 through 11–1405 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 14. Transition From Fossil Fuels”

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2016 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – State Government

Section 9–20B–01(a), (b), (e), and (f)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – State Government

Section 9–20B–05(f)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 67 – Delegate Korman

EMERGENCY BILL

AN ACT concerning

**I–495 and I–270 Public–Private Partnership – Partnership Agreement –
Requirements
(Maryland Department of Transportation Promises Act of 2021)**

FOR the purpose of prohibiting the Board of Public Works from approving a public–private partnership agreement for the I–495 and I–270 Public–Private Partnership Program unless the agreement includes certain provisions; authorizing the public–private partnership agreement to require a bidder to agree to initiate a community benefit

agreement; requiring the Maryland Department of Transportation to enter into nondisclosure agreements with certain entities with regard to certain shared data; authorizing the Department to require that certain entities maintain confidentiality with regard to certain shared data; authorizing certain revenues derived from certain tolls to be distributed to a certain special fund to be budgeted in a certain manner; establishing a certain special fund; making this Act an emergency measure; defining certain terms; and generally relating to the I-495 and I-270 Public-Private Partnership Program.

BY adding to

Article – State Finance and Procurement
Section 10A-405
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Transportation
Section 4-313(a)(1)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume)

BY adding to

Article – Transportation
Section 4-408
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation and the Committee on Appropriations.

House Bill 68 – Delegate T. Branch

AN ACT concerning

Baltimore City and Prince George’s County – Diversionary and Reentry Program

FOR the purpose of requiring the Office of the State’s Attorney for Baltimore City to establish a certain Diversionary and Reentry Program in Baltimore City; requiring the Office of the State’s Attorney for Prince George’s County to establish a certain Diversionary and Reentry Program in Prince George’s County; establishing the purposes of the programs; requiring the Office of the State’s Attorney for Baltimore City to establish the Judicial Research and Youth Development Center to operate a certain program; requiring the Office of the State’s Attorney for Prince George’s County to establish the Judicial Research and Youth Development Center to operate a certain program; requiring certain centers to employ or engage certain individuals for the provision of program services; requiring certain centers to take certain actions

under certain circumstances; specifying the circumstances under which a youth offender participant in a program may be eligible for release into the community; specifying that participation by certain youth in a program continues until the later of certain events; authorizing voluntary participation by a certain youth in a program under certain circumstances; authorizing a certain center to release a participant from a certain program under certain circumstances; authorizing the State’s Attorney for Baltimore City and the State’s Attorney for Prince George’s County to adopt certain rules, regulations, policies, or procedures; defining certain terms; and generally relating to a Diversionary and Reentry Program in Baltimore City and Prince George’s County.

BY adding to

Article – Human Services

Section 9–247

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 69 – Delegate Love

AN ACT concerning

Environment – Single–Use Plastics – Restrictions

FOR the purpose of prohibiting, beginning on a certain date, a food service business from providing certain single–use food or beverage products to a certain customer unless requested by the customer; requiring a food service business to maintain a limited stock of certain single–use food or beverage products for certain customers under certain circumstances; providing that this Act does not affect the authority of a county, municipality, or other local government to enact or enforce certain requirements that are more stringent than this Act; prohibiting an owner, an operator, or a manager of a lodging establishment from providing a certain personal cleansing product in a small plastic bottle under certain circumstances; authorizing an owner, an operator, or a manager of a lodging establishment to provide a certain personal cleansing product in a small plastic bottle under certain circumstances; providing for the enforcement of this Act; establishing certain penalties; defining certain terms; altering a certain definition; making conforming changes; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to the use of single–use plastics.

BY adding to

Article – Environment

New part designation “Part I. Labeling of Biodegradable and Compostable Plastic Products” to immediately precede Section 9–2101; Section 9–2108 through 9–2110 to be under the new part “Part II. Single–Use Food or Beverage Products”; and 9–2113 through 9–2116 to be under the new part “Part III. Personal Cleansing Products”

Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Environment
Section 9–2001(a) and (e) and 9–2101(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Environment
Section 9–2101(h) and 9–2105
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters and the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 70 – Delegate Rogers

AN ACT concerning

Energy Efficiency – Net–Zero Homes – Contract Preferences

FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of Housing and Community Development to give preference to applications for certain loans that will use the services of certain small, minority, women–owned, and veteran–owned businesses for loans for certain net–zero homes under the Energy–Efficient Homes Construction Loan Program; and generally relating to energy efficiency and home construction assistance.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Housing and Community Development
Section 4–2001 through 4–2003
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Housing and Community Development
Section 4–2004
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Labor and Employment
Section 11–708.1(a) through (c)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – State Government
Section 9–20B–05(f)(9) and (10), (f–1), (f–2), and (f–3)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 71 – Delegate Luedtke

AN ACT concerning

Juvenile Services Education Board and Program – Establishment, Powers, and Duties

FOR the purpose of repealing certain provisions of law regarding educational programs for juveniles in residential facilities; establishing the Juvenile Services Education Board; establishing the Juvenile Services Education Program; providing for the composition, terms, and chair and vice chair of the Board; providing that each Board member is entitled to a certain stipend and reimbursement of certain expenses; requiring the Board to have certain authority and responsibility relating to the juvenile services educational programs in the State beginning on a certain date; requiring the Board to provide certain educational services to certain juveniles; specifying the duties of the Board; authorizing the Department of Juvenile Services to adopt certain regulations; requiring the Board to meet publicly in accordance with certain requirements; requiring the Board to appoint a Superintendent for the Juvenile Services Education Program; specifying the duties and salary of the Superintendent; requiring the Department to implement juvenile services educational programs in the State in accordance with certain requirements; requiring the Department to employ certain staff; requiring the Governor to include in the annual budget bill a certain appropriation; requiring the Board and the Department to work cooperatively to implement certain requirements; prohibiting the disenrollment of certain juveniles from certain schools under certain circumstances; requiring the Board to develop certain intake classrooms; requiring the Board and the Department, in consultation with county boards of education, to develop a certain postcustody re-enrollment procedure for certain juveniles; requiring the Board to offer certain postsecondary education programs to certain juveniles; authorizing the Board to contract with certain entities for certain purposes; requiring county boards of education to waive certain graduation requirements under certain circumstances; requiring county boards of education to reimburse the Department for certain costs under certain circumstances; requiring the Department to submit a certain report to certain entities on or before a certain date each year; requiring the Board to be subject to a certain audit by the Department of Legislative Services and investigation by the Maryland Office of the Inspector General for Education; requiring the State Department of Education and the Department to submit a certain report to the General Assembly on or before a

certain date; requiring the Juvenile Justice Monitoring Unit of the Office of the Attorney General to have a representative available to attend meetings of the Board; altering the membership of the Correctional Officers' Retirement System to include certain individuals serving in a certain position in the Department on or after a certain date; providing that the provisions of a certain collective bargaining agreement for certain staff continue to apply under certain circumstances; defining certain terms and altering a certain definition; providing for the construction of this Act; and generally relating to the Juvenile Services Education Board and Program.

BY repealing

Article – Education

Section 22–301 through 22–306.1 and 22–307 through 22–310 and the subtitle
“Subtitle 3. Juvenile Services Educational Programs”

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Correctional Services

Section 8–201(a)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2017 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Correctional Services

Section 8–201(h)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2017 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – Human Services

Section 9–501 through 9–506 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 5. Juvenile Services Education Board”; and Section 9–601 through 9–606 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 6. Juvenile Services Education Program”

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – State Government

Section 6–402

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – State Government

Section 6–404

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – State Personnel and Pensions
Section 25–201(a)(10) and (11)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – State Personnel and Pensions
Section 25–201(a)(12)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary and the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 72 – Delegate Anderton

AN ACT concerning

County Boards of Education – Student Transportation – Vehicles

FOR the purpose of authorizing a county board of education to provide transportation to and from school for certain students using a vehicle other than a certain type of school vehicle under certain circumstances; requiring the State Department of Education, in consultation with county boards of education and the Motor Vehicle Administration, to adopt certain regulations; altering a certain definition; and generally relating to vehicles for student transportation and county boards of education.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Transportation
Section 11–154
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Education
Section 7–801
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 73 – Delegate Krimm

AN ACT concerning

State and Local Government and Private Employers – Teleworking

FOR the purpose of requiring each governing body, or the governing body's designee, of a county or municipality to establish a certain telework program and adopt a certain telework policy and telework guidelines; authorizing the head of a governmental entity of a county or municipality to designate positions for which employees are eligible to telework; requiring each governmental entity of a county or municipality to maximize, to the extent practicable, the number of eligible employees in the entity participating in a certain telework program; requiring the State Court Administrator and the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House to establish a certain telework program and adopt a certain telework policy and telework guidelines; requiring certain officials, in coordination with the Department of Information Technology, to issue certain guidelines for a certain purpose; requiring certain guidelines for a certain purpose; requiring an employee determined eligible to participate in a certain telework program to receive and acknowledge certain guidelines before participating in the program; requiring a unit of State government, or the principal department in which the unit is located, to report annually certain information to certain committees of the General Assembly; encouraging private sector employers to develop and implement a certain telework policy; stating the intent of the General Assembly; defining certain terms; and generally relating to telework programs in the State.

BY adding to

Article – Local Government
Section 1–206
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2013 Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – State Personnel and Pensions
Section 2–308
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

House Bill 74 – Delegate Brooks

AN ACT concerning

Income Tax – Credit for Energy Efficiency Upgrades – Passive Houses

FOR the purpose of allowing a credit against the State income tax for certain costs, paid or incurred after a certain date, by an owner of certain residential property for certain energy efficiency upgrades and for which the owner obtains a tax credit certificate from the Maryland Energy Administration; requiring the Administration to issue, in

a timely manner, tax credit certificates not exceeding certain amounts; providing that the credit may not exceed the State income tax for the taxable year; providing that the credit may not be carried forward to another taxable year, subject to a certain exception; prohibiting a taxpayer from claiming the tax credit in a certain taxable year under certain emergency circumstances; requiring the Administration to report certain information to the Comptroller on or before a certain date each year; requiring the Administration, in consultation with the Comptroller, to adopt regulations to carry out the tax credit; defining certain terms; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to an income tax credit for energy efficiency upgrades.

BY adding to

Article – Tax – General

Section 10–751

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2016 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 75 – Delegate Qi

AN ACT concerning

Election Law – Circuit Court Judges – Nonpartisan Elections

FOR the purpose of specifying that certain provisions of election law govern the nomination and election of circuit court judges, subject to certain exceptions; requiring circuit court judges to be elected on a nonpartisan basis; specifying that any registered voter of a county is eligible to vote in a primary election to nominate candidates for circuit court judge; specifying certain requirements for candidates for election as a circuit court judge; requiring candidates to be nominated at the primary election in each year that one or more circuit court judges are to be elected; specifying certain procedures governing the death or disqualification of candidates, the nomination of candidates in a primary election, the filling of vacancies in certain offices, the number of nominees that a voter is entitled to select, and the number of votes necessary to be declared elected in a general election; and generally relating to nonpartisan elections of circuit court judges.

BY adding to

Article – Election Law

Section 8–901 through 8–905 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 9. Circuit Court Judges”

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2017 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary and the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 76 – Delegate Love

AN ACT concerning

Water Pollution Control – Intervention in Civil Actions – Rights and Authority

FOR the purpose of establishing that a person who meets the threshold standing requirements under the federal Clean Water Act has an unconditional right and the authority to intervene in a certain civil action that the State brings to require compliance with certain water pollution control measures; establishing that a person who meets certain requirements to intervene has the same rights as an interested person or aggrieved party under the federal Clean Water Act; and generally relating to intervention in civil actions on water pollution control.

BY adding to

Article – Environment

Section 9–344.1

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 77 – Delegate Stewart

AN ACT concerning

**Environment – Application of Coal Tar Pavement Products – Prohibitions
(Safer Sealant Act of 2021)**

FOR the purpose of prohibiting, on or after a certain date, a person from applying certain coal tar pavement products to pavement or a similar surface; establishing certain penalties for certain violations; providing for the application of this Act; defining certain terms; and generally relating to the application of coal tar pavement products.

BY adding to

Article – Environment

Section 9–2301 through 9–2304 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 23. Coal Tar Pavement Products”

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 78 – Delegates Pena–Melnyk, R. Lewis, Crutchfield, Wilkins, and Williams

AN ACT concerning

**Public Health – Maryland Commission on Health Equity
(The Shirley Nathan–Pulliam Health Equity Act of 2021)**

FOR the purpose of requiring the State designated exchange to participate in a certain advisory committee, maintain a certain data set, and provide certain data under certain circumstances; authorizing the State designated health exchange to use certain data for a certain purpose under certain circumstances; establishing the Maryland Commission on Health Equity; providing for the purpose, composition, chair, and staffing of the Commission; requiring, to the extent practicable, the Commission to reflect a certain diversity; providing that a majority of the members present at a meeting constitutes a quorum; prohibiting a member of the Commission from receiving certain compensation, but authorizing the reimbursement of certain expenses; specifying the duties of the Commission; authorizing the Commission to establish certain advisory committees for a certain purpose; providing that a certain advisory committee may include individuals who are not members of the Commission; requiring the Commission to, in coordination with the State designated exchange, establish a certain advisory committee including certain representatives; requiring a certain advisory committee to define the parameters of a certain data set; requiring the data set to include data from certain sources; requiring that certain data be reported in a certain manner; requiring that a certain recommendation comply with certain laws; authorizing the Commission to request certain data; requiring that certain data be provided to the Commission or the State designated exchange under certain circumstances; authorizing the Commission to publish or provide to the public certain data under certain circumstances; requiring the Commission to submit a certain report to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before a certain date each year; defining certain terms; requiring the Commission to conduct a certain study and make certain findings and recommendations on or before a certain date and to include the findings and recommendations in a certain annual report; and generally relating to the Maryland Commission on Health Equity.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Health – General
Section 4–302.3
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Health – General
Section 13–4201 through 13–4207 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 42.
Maryland Commission on Health Equity”
Annotated Code of Maryland

(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 79 – Dorchester County Delegation

AN ACT concerning

**Legal Advertisement or Legal Notice – Publication in Newspaper or Newspaper
in General Circulation – Online Newspapers**

FOR the purpose of altering the meaning of “newspaper” or “newspaper in general circulation” when referring to the publication of a certain legal advertisement or legal notice to include certain publications that are offered in a print format or through a dedicated website under certain circumstances; and generally relating to the publication of legal advertisements and legal notices.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – General Provisions
Section 1–113
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 80 – Delegate Charkoudian

AN ACT concerning

**Department of Transportation and Department of the Environment – Purple
Line Tree Replacement Plan**

FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of Transportation, in conjunction with the Department of the Environment, to develop a plan to replace trees that are removed during construction of the Purple Line; requiring the Department of Transportation to consult with certain entities and individuals in developing the plan; requiring the plan to provide for the replacement of trees in certain communities and prioritize the initial replacement of trees in certain communities; authorizing the replacement of trees on certain types of property; requiring the Department of Transportation, in collaboration with the Department of the Environment, the Department of Natural Resources, and certain other State agencies, to identify available sources of funding for replacing trees in accordance with this Act; defining certain terms; and generally relating to replacing trees removed during construction of the Purple Line.

BY adding to
Article – Transportation
Section 7–713

Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 81 – Delegates Lehman, Bagnall, Bartlett, Belcastro, Chang, Crutchfield, Henson, Johnson, Krimm, McComas, Ruth, Solomon, Thiam, and K. Young

AN ACT concerning

Crimes – Unattended Dogs in Extreme Weather Conditions

FOR the purpose of prohibiting a person from leaving a dog outside and unattended for longer than a certain period without access to certain suitable shelter during certain extreme weather conditions, subject to certain exceptions; making a certain violation a civil offense; establishing certain penalties; providing for the construction of this Act; defining certain terms; and generally relating to leaving unattended dogs outside.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Criminal Law
Section 10–623
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 82 – Delegates W. Fisher, Barron, and Stewart

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

AN ACT concerning

Constitutional Amendment – Environmental Rights

FOR the purpose of proposing an amendment to the Maryland Constitution to establish that every person has the fundamental and inalienable right to a certain healthful environment; specifying that the State’s natural resources are the common property of every person; specifying that the State is trustee of the State’s air, land, water, living, and historic resources, which shall be protected, preserved, and enhanced for the benefit of all the people of the State, including future generations; prohibiting the State or a political subdivision of the State from causing unreasonable diminution of or degradation to the State’s natural resources; prohibiting the State or a political subdivision of the State from infringing on certain rights; establishing that every person has the right to intervene in an action brought by the State or a political subdivision of the State to protect certain rights; authorizing the State, a

political subdivision of the State, or any person to enforce certain rights; and submitting this amendment to the qualified voters of the State for their adoption or rejection.

BY proposing an addition to the Maryland Constitution
Declaration of Rights
Article 48

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 83 – Delegate Queen

AN ACT concerning

Public and Nonpublic Schools – Electric Retractable Room Partitions – Operation Requirements

FOR the purpose of prohibiting public and nonpublic school employees from operating an electric retractable room partition in a school except under certain circumstances; requiring any annual safety review, evaluation, or exercise for school employees in a certain school building to include certain information and demonstrations; requiring the State Department of Education to develop and disseminate model safety guidelines on the safe operation of electric retractable room partitions; requiring the Department to publish model safety guidelines on its public website; defining certain terms; and generally relating to electric retractable room partitions and schools.

BY adding to
Article – Education
Section 7–447
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 84 – Delegates Feldmark, Charkoudian, Ebersole, Hill, Hornberger, Korman, Terrasa, and Williams

AN ACT concerning

Consumer Protection – Right to Repair

FOR the purpose of requiring an original equipment manufacturer to make available, on certain terms, certain materials or updates to an independent repair provider or owner of digital electronic equipment; providing that a violation of certain provisions of this Act is an unfair, abusive, or deceptive trade practice and subject to certain enforcement and penalty provisions; defining certain terms; making stylistic

changes; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to digital electronic equipment.

BY adding to

Article – Commercial Law

Section 13–301(14)(xxxiii); and 14–4301 through 14–4304 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 43. Digital Electronic Equipment Repair”

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2013 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Commercial Law

Section 13–301(14)(xxxiii) through (xxxv)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2013 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 85 – Delegate Bhandari

AN ACT concerning

Baltimore County – Workers’ Compensation – Permanent Partial Disability – Detention and Correctional Officers

FOR the purpose of 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 a certain number of weeks; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to workers’ compensation benefits for Baltimore County correctional officers and detention officers.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Labor and Employment

Section 9–628(a)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2016 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Labor and Employment

Section 9–628(h) and 9–629

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2016 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 86 – Delegate Forbes

AN ACT concerning

**Capital Projects – High Performance and Green Buildings – Alterations
(Green Building Restoration Act)**

FOR the purpose of altering the definition of “high performance building” to include certain schools and public safety buildings; altering the application of certain high performance building requirements to apply to capital projects for which a certain amount of funding for certain aspects of the project is from State funds; repealing a requirement that the Maryland Green Building Council develop guidelines for new public school buildings to achieve a certain rating without requiring an independent certification that the buildings have achieved the required standards; requiring the Maryland Green Building Council to ensure that certain State buildings, public schools, and community colleges meet certain high performance building requirements; prohibiting the use of certain guidelines for a new public school building to meet certain high performance building requirements; making stylistic changes; and generally relating to high performance building requirements and green building guidelines.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Education
Section 5–312
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – State Finance and Procurement
Section 3–602.1(a) and (c) and 4–809(f)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – State Finance and Procurement
Section 3–602.1(e) and 4–809(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

House Bill 87 – Delegates D. Jones, Bagnall, Bartlett, Feldmark, and Henson

AN ACT concerning

Vehicle Laws – School Bus Safety – Occupant Capacity

FOR the purpose of requiring that a school bus be routed with the intent that the number of pupils on the bus does not exceed the manufacturer's rated seating capacity for the bus; providing for certain emergency or temporary situations; and generally relating to school bus safety.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Transportation
Section 21–1118(a) and (b)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Transportation
Section 21–1118(c)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 88 – Delegates Brooks, Bagnall, Cox, C. Jackson, and R. Lewis

AN ACT concerning

Police Officers – Mental Health – Employee Assistance Programs

FOR the purpose of requiring each law enforcement agency to develop and implement a certain program to protect the mental health of police officers; establishing certain requirements for a certain program; requiring each law enforcement agency to develop a policy to minimize certain costs to police officers; defining certain terms; and generally relating to the mental health of police officers.

BY adding to
Article – Public Safety
Section 3–523
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 89 – Delegate Wilkins

AN ACT concerning

Correctional Services – Diminution Credits – Education

FOR the purpose of awarding a diminution credit to reduce the term of confinement of an inmate if the inmate successfully obtains a certain educational certificate, diploma,

or degree; establishing the diminution credit that may be awarded to certain inmates; requiring the Commissioner of Correction to establish a uniform system of deductions and participation criteria for awarding a certain diminution credit; establishing a certain exception to a certain maximum deduction that may be earned by an inmate; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to diminution credits.

BY adding to

Article – Correctional Services
Section 3–706.1
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2017 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Correctional Services
Section 3–708
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2017 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 90 – Delegate Lierman

AN ACT concerning

State and Local Housing Programs – Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing

FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of Housing and Community Development to provide a certain report to the General Assembly and the Governor on or before a certain date each year; requiring the Department to administer certain programs to affirmatively further fair housing and prohibiting the Department from taking any action that is materially inconsistent with the obligation to affirmatively further fair housing; requiring the Department to require certain political subdivisions, housing authorities, and private entities to affirmatively further fair housing; requiring certain political subdivisions, housing authorities, and private entities to submit an assessment of fair housing to the Department under certain circumstances; requiring an assessment of fair housing to contain certain information; providing that certain requirements do not require or prohibit certain actions; imposing a duty on local jurisdictions to affirmatively further fair housing through certain housing and urban development programs; requiring a comprehensive plan enacted or amended on or after a certain date to include an assessment of fair housing in the comprehensive plan's housing element; requiring a local jurisdiction that completed a certain assessment or analysis to incorporate relevant portions of the assessment or analysis into the local jurisdiction's comprehensive plan the next time the local jurisdiction amends its comprehensive plan on or after a certain date; defining certain terms; providing for a delayed effective date for certain provisions of this Act; and generally relating to affirmatively furthering fair housing.

BY adding to

Article – Housing and Community Development
Section 2–302; and 2–401 and 2–402 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 4.
Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing”
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Land Use
Section 3–114
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 91 – Delegate C. Jackson

AN ACT concerning

Public Safety – Police Athletic League Grant Fund – Establishment

FOR the purpose of establishing the Police Athletic League Grant Fund; establishing the purpose of the Fund; requiring the Executive Director of the Governor’s Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services to administer the Fund; requiring the Governor annually to appropriate a certain amount for the Fund; requiring the Executive Director to establish certain procedures for the Fund; defining certain terms; and generally relating to the Police Athletic League Grant Fund.

BY adding to

Article – Public Safety
Section 4–1501 through 4–1503 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 15. Police
Athletic League Grant Fund”
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

House Bill 92 – Delegate Luedtke

AN ACT concerning

Procurement – Invasive and Nonnative Plant Species – Prohibition on Use of State Funds

FOR the purpose of prohibiting, subject to certain exceptions, the use of State funds to purchase or plant an invasive or nonnative plant species on or after a certain date;

authorizing the Board of Public Works to grant a certain waiver under certain circumstances; requiring the Board, in consultation with the Department of Agriculture, to maintain a certain list of native plant species and to make the list available to State agencies and contractors under certain circumstances; and generally relating to the use of State funds to purchase or plant invasive and nonnative plant species.

BY adding to

Article – State Finance and Procurement

Section 14-417

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 93 – Delegate Henson

AN ACT concerning

Public Safety – Local Youth Violence Review Committees

FOR the purpose of authorizing a county to establish a certain local youth violence review committee; specifying that certain officials may organize a local committee; providing for membership of a local committee; authorizing certain member entities of a local committee to designate certain representatives; providing for the election of a chair of a local committee; establishing the purpose of a local committee; requiring a local committee to establish certain protocols; requiring a local committee to meet with certain frequency to review the status of certain cases, make certain recommendations, and provide certain reports; requiring a local committee to determine the number and type of cases that the local committee will review; requiring that a local committee delay reviewing certain cases under certain circumstances; requiring that a local committee be provided with immediate access to certain information and records on request by the chair and as necessary; requiring meetings of a local committee be closed to the public under certain circumstances; requiring meetings of a local committee be open to the public under certain circumstances; prohibiting the disclosure of certain information at a public meeting of a local committee; authorizing a local committee to request the presence of certain individuals at certain meetings under certain circumstances; establishing the confidentiality and limiting the disclosure of certain records; providing that statistical compilations and reports that do not contain certain information are public records; prohibiting the questioning in any civil or criminal proceeding of certain persons regarding certain information; authorizing a certain person to testify to certain information under certain circumstances; providing that certain information and records of a local committee are not subject to subpoena, discovery, or introduction into evidence in certain court proceedings under certain circumstances; providing that certain information, documents, and records are not immune from subpoena, discovery, or introduction into evidence solely because of

certain circumstances; establishing certain criminal penalties; defining certain terms; and generally relating to local youth violence review committees.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Criminal Law
Section 3–201(a) and (d)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Public Safety
Section 1–601 through 1–607 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 6. Local Youth
Violence Review Committees”
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 94 – Delegate Stein

AN ACT concerning

Environment – Water Quality Revolving Loan Fund – Use of Fund

FOR the purpose of altering the conditions under which the Maryland Water Quality Revolving Loan Fund may be used to guarantee, or purchase insurance for, certain evidences of obligation issued by a local government under certain circumstances; and generally relating to the Maryland Water Quality Revolving Loan Fund.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Environment
Section 9–1605(a)(1)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Environment
Section 9–1605(d)(3)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 95 – Delegate Krebs

AN ACT concerning

Health Occupations – Nurses – Delegation of Tasks

FOR the purpose of 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; requiring the State Board of Nursing to adopt certain regulations; and generally relating to nurses delegating nursing and other technical tasks.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Health Occupations
Section 8–6A–02
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 96 – Delegates Solomon and Rosenberg

AN ACT concerning

Education – High School Graduation Requirements – Application

FOR the purpose of requiring certain public high school students, beginning in a certain school year, to complete and submit a certain form to the U.S. Department of Education, the Maryland Higher Education Commission, or a county board of education as a requirement for graduation; requiring a county board to waive a certain requirement under certain circumstances; requiring the State Department of Education to adopt certain regulations; requiring certain regulations to include certain guidelines; requiring a county board to report certain information to certain committees of the General Assembly on or before a certain date each year for a certain number of years; and generally relating to graduation requirements for public high school students.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Education
Section 7–205.1(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Education
Section 7–205.1(h)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 97 – Delegates Lierman, Attar, Bridges, Henson, D. Jones, Rosenberg, and Smith

AN ACT concerning

**Department of Housing and Community Development – Office of Digital Inclusion – Established
(Digital Connectivity Act of 2021)**

FOR the purpose of establishing the Office of Digital Inclusion in the Department of Housing and Community Development; establishing the purpose of the Office; requiring the Governor to appoint the Director of the Office; providing that the Director serves at the pleasure of the Governor and reports to certain individuals; requiring the Director to work closely with certain officials for certain purposes; establishing the duties of the Office; requiring the Office to offer funding and technical assistance through certain partnerships to help local governments and certain entities qualify for federal funding opportunities; requiring the Office to work with a certain unit to initiate a broadband funding structure under a certain provision of law; requiring the Office to prepare and submit a certain plan to the Governor and the General Assembly, on or before a certain date; requiring the Office to solicit input from certain stakeholders in preparing the plan; requiring the Office to collaborate with certain units of State and local government in carrying out certain provisions of this Act; requiring the Office to make a certain annual report on or before a certain date; repealing provisions of law concerning the Rural Broadband Assistance Fund and the Rural Broadband Coordination Board; establishing the intent of the General Assembly that a certain individual serve as the first Director of the Office; establishing that the Office of Digital Inclusion is the successor of the Office of Rural Broadband within the Department; providing for the meaning of the names and titles of certain agencies and officials in certain laws, executives orders, rules, regulations, policies, and documents; providing that nothing in this Act affects the terms of office of certain members of certain units; providing that a certain individual shall remain for the balance of a certain term except under certain circumstances; providing for the validity, termination, completion, consummation, and enforcement of certain transactions, employment statuses, rights, duties, and interests; requiring that a certain successor unit be considered in all respects as having the powers and obligations granted the former unit, under certain circumstances; requiring the continuity of certain units to be retained; requiring certain properties, appropriations, credits, assets, liabilities, and obligations to be continued in a certain manner; for certain fiscal years, requiring the Governor to include a certain appropriation in the annual budget bill for a certain purpose; and generally relating to broadband Internet service and the creation of the Office of Digital Inclusion.

BY repealing

Article – Economic Development

Section 5–1101 and 5–1102 and the subtitle “Subtitle 11. Rural Broadband Assistance Fund”; and Section 13–501 through 13–506 and the subtitle “Subtitle 5. Rural Broadband Coordination Board”

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – Housing and Community Development

Section 6.5–101 through 6.5–104 to be under the new title “Title 6.5. Office of Digital Inclusion”

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 98 – Delegate Washington

AN ACT concerning

Maryland Higher Education Outreach and College Access Pilot Program – Alterations (Maryland College Access Act)

FOR the purpose of repealing the termination date of the Maryland Higher Education Outreach and College Access Pilot Program; altering the title of the Program; requiring the Governor to include in the annual budget bill a certain appropriation for the Program; altering the reporting dates of a certain report on the Program; altering a certain definition; making conforming changes; and generally relating to the Maryland Higher Education Outreach and College Access Pilot Program.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Education

Section 11–1101, 11–1102, 11–1103, and 11–1106 to be under the amended subtitle “Subtitle 11. Maryland Higher Education Outreach and College Access Program”

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Education

Section 11–1104 and 11–1105

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – Education

Section 11–1107

Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Chapter 200 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2015, as amended by Chapter
399 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2018
Section 2

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Chapter 201 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2015, as amended by Chapter
399 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2018
Section 2

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

House Bill 99 – Delegate Love

AN ACT concerning

Beverage Container Deposit Program – Establishment and Advisory Commission

FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of the Environment to establish a beverage container deposit program on or before a certain date; establishing the Advisory Commission to Develop a Beverage Container Deposit Program; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Advisory Commission; prohibiting a member of the Advisory Commission from receiving certain compensation, but authorizing the reimbursement of certain expenses; requiring the Advisory Commission to develop a framework for a beverage container deposit program and make recommendations regarding the implementation of the program; requiring the Advisory Commission to report its findings and recommendations to the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House, and certain committees of the General Assembly on or before a certain date; requiring the Department to establish, on or before a certain date, a beverage container deposit program in accordance with the Advisory Commission's framework and recommendations; providing for the termination of certain provisions of this Act; and generally relating to the establishment of a beverage container deposit program.

BY adding to
Article – Environment
Section 9–1710.1
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation and the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 100 – Delegate D.M. Davis

AN ACT concerning

Correctional Services – Inmate Cost-of-Living Report – Maryland Correctional Enterprises Diversity Report

FOR the purpose of requiring the Commissioner of Correction to include in a certain report certain statistics related to the cost of living of inmates at certain facilities; requiring the Division of Correction to include in a certain report regarding Maryland Correctional Enterprises certain statistics regarding the race, age, and sex of certain inmates, disaggregated in a certain manner; and generally relating to inmates.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Correctional Services
Section 3–207 and 3–509
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2017 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

CONSENT CALENDAR OF INTRODUCTORY HOUSE BILLS NO. 3

House Bill 101 – Delegate Charkoudian

AN ACT concerning

Human Services – Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program – Heat and Eat Program

FOR the purpose of establishing the Heat and Eat Program within the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program in the Department of Human Services; providing for the purpose of the Heat and Eat Program; providing for the household eligibility requirements for the Heat and Eat Program; requiring the Department to make a certain determination for households to receive certain benefits; requiring the Department to adopt certain regulations; defining a certain term; and generally relating to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program and the Heat and Eat Program.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Human Services
Section 5–501(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – Human Services
Section 5–506
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

House Bill 102 – Delegates Hill and Feldmark

AN ACT concerning

Correctional Services – Inmates – Labor, Job Training, and Educational Courses

FOR the purpose of requiring the compensation rate for inmate labor in Maryland Correctional Enterprises to be not less than the State minimum wage; repealing a requirement that the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services reimburse a certain county or the State for certain costs from an inmate’s earnings under certain circumstances; prohibiting the Department from deducting certain costs from an inmate’s earnings; requiring the Division of Correction to offer job training to certain inmates; requiring the Division to partner with labor unions and trade associations to develop certain training programs; requiring certain training to focus on certain skills; requiring the Division to offer educational courses to certain inmates; requiring certain educational courses to include certain types of courses and subjects; requiring the Department to report to the Governor and General Assembly on certain matters on or before a certain date annually; making a conforming change; and generally relating to inmates.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Correctional Services
Section 3–514 and 9–615
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2017 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Correctional Services
Section 9–617
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2017 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 103 – Delegate Brooks

AN ACT concerning

Electric Facilities – Study and Procedures

FOR the purpose of requiring the Public Service Commission to set a date by which the Department of Natural Resources and the Department of the Environment must submit certain materials for certain proceedings relating to a certificate of public convenience and necessity; requiring the Department of Natural Resources and the Department of the Environment to submit the materials before a certain date unless waived by the Commission; authorizing the office of planning and zoning for certain counties or municipal corporations to submit a certain report to the Commission; prohibiting a certain county or municipal corporation from unreasonably withholding, conditioning, or delaying issuance of a certain site plan or any other permits or approvals for certain purposes; prohibiting a certain county or municipal corporation from implementing a site plan approval or other permit or approval that is inconsistent with or more stringent than the requirements of a certain certificate of public convenience and necessity; excluding the installation of visual buffering from the definition of “construction”; and generally relating to certificates of public convenience and necessity and electric facilities.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Natural Resources
Section 3–306(b)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Public Utilities
Section 7–207
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 104 – Delegate Stewart

AN ACT concerning

Landlord–Tenant – Nonrenewal of Lease – Notice Requirements

FOR the purpose of altering the period of time prior to the expiration of a tenancy that a landlord is required to notify a tenant, in writing, of the intent to terminate a tenancy upon expiration, subject to certain conditions; applying the notice provisions Statewide; making stylistic changes; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to required notices for landlord–tenant agreements.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Real Property
Section 8–402
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 105 – Delegate Henson

AN ACT concerning

Department of Housing and Community Development – Community Development Administration – Compliance Monitoring Reporting

FOR the purpose of requiring the Community Development Administration of the Department of Housing and Community Development to prepare a certain report on compliance monitoring for low income housing tax credits and certain multifamily rental assistance programs on or before a certain date each year; requiring certain reports to include certain information, comments, and feedback; requiring the Department to maintain on its website copies of certain reports, certain instructions, and a certain data dashboard; and generally relating to compliance monitoring by the Community Development Administration.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Housing and Community Development
Section 4–101(a) and (b)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Housing and Community Development
Section 4–211
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 106 – Delegate Wilson

AN ACT concerning

Office of the Attorney General – Website to Report Robocalls and Other Spam Calls

FOR the purpose of requiring the Office of the Attorney General to maintain a website where a consumer may report robocalls and other spam calls; requiring the Office to notify consumers by print, radio, or television advertisements on how to identify robocalls and other spam calls and how to report them to the Office; requiring the Office to notify the Federal Trade Commission about certain reports it receives regarding robocalls and spam calls; defining certain terms; and generally relating to reporting robocalls and other spam calls to the Office of the Attorney General.

BY adding to

Article – Commercial Law

Section 14–3203

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2013 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 107 – Delegate R. Lewis

AN ACT concerning

Prohibition on Vending Machine Sales of Drugs and Medicines – Repeal

FOR the purpose of repealing the prohibition on the sale, distribution, or disposal of certain drugs, medicines, pharmaceutical preparations, and medical preparations by means of a vending machine or similar device; making conforming changes; and generally relating to the sale of drugs and medicines and vending machines and other similar devices.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Business Regulation

Section 3–103(b)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing

Article – Health – General

Section 21–1111

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Health – General

Section 21–1204 and 21–1212

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY renumbering

Article – Health – General

Section 21–1112 through 21–1114, respectively

to be Section 21–1111 through 21–1113, respectively

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 108 – Delegate Charkoudian

AN ACT concerning

Behavioral Health Crisis Response Services – Modifications

FOR the purpose of requiring the Maryland Department of Health to require that proposals requesting Behavioral Health Crisis Response Grant Program funding contain certain response standards; altering the proposals the Department is required to prioritize in awarding grants under the Program; requiring a local behavioral health authority, for each service or program that receives funding under the Program, to make certain information available to the public; altering a certain system of measurement that the Department is required to establish; requiring, for certain fiscal years, the Governor to include in the budget bill certain appropriations for the Program; requiring, beginning in a certain fiscal year, that at least a certain proportion of the appropriation be used to award competitive grants for mobile crisis teams; altering a certain crisis communication center that the Maryland Behavioral Health Crisis Response System is required to include; establishing certain requirements for certain data; altering the entities with which the Department must collaborate when implementing the System; defining certain terms; and generally relating to behavioral health crisis response services.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Health – General
Section 7.5–208, 10–1401, and 10–1403
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Health – General
Section 10–1402
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 109 – Delegate Stein

AN ACT concerning

Public Safety – Maryland Swimming Pool and Spa Standards – Adoption

FOR the purpose of requiring the Maryland Department of Labor to adopt by regulation the International Swimming Pool and Spa Code as the Maryland Swimming Pool and Spa Standards; requiring the Department to adopt each subsequent version of

the Standards within a certain period of time; requiring the Department to take certain actions before adopting each version of the Standards; prohibiting the Department from adopting a modification of the Standards that is more stringent than certain requirements; authorizing a local jurisdiction to adopt local amendments to the Standards under certain circumstances; requiring a local jurisdiction that adopts a local amendment to the Standards to provide a copy of the local amendment to the Department within a certain period of time; requiring each local jurisdiction to implement and enforce a certain version of the Standards and any local amendments under certain circumstances; requiring a certain county to implement and enforce the Standards in a certain manner; authorizing certain municipal corporations to implement and enforce the Standards under certain circumstances; authorizing a local jurisdiction to charge certain fees; requiring the Department to maintain a certain central automated database in accordance with this Act; providing for the contents of a certain database; requiring the Department to take certain actions regarding the operation and administration of a certain database; authorizing the Department to charge a fee for information provided from the database; prohibiting the Department from charging a certain fee to a local jurisdiction; providing that certain fees be kept in a certain special fund and do not revert to the General Fund; authorizing the Department to develop a certain forum and adopt regulations; requiring the Department to provide a certain notice and certain technical assistance to local jurisdictions relating to the Standards; authorizing the Department to provide training for local officials on the Standards; providing for the application of this Act; defining certain terms; and generally relating to the Maryland Swimming Pool and Spa Standards.

BY adding to

Article – Public Safety

Section 12–1201 through 12–1207 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 12.
Maryland Swimming Pool and Spa Standards”

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 110 – Delegate Korman

AN ACT concerning

Electric Vehicle Recharging Equipment for Multifamily Units Act

FOR the purpose of providing that certain provisions of a recorded covenant or restriction, a declaration, or the bylaws or rules of a condominium or homeowners association are void and unenforceable; establishing certain requirements and procedures relating to an application to the governing body of a condominium or homeowners association to install or use electric vehicle recharging equipment; requiring certain owners of electric vehicle recharging equipment to be responsible for certain costs and disclosures; requiring a unit owner or lot owner to obtain certain permits or

approval required for electric vehicle recharging equipment; requiring the governing body of a condominium or homeowners association to approve the installation of electric vehicle recharging equipment in a certain parking space under certain circumstances; authorizing the governing body of a condominium or homeowners association to grant a certain license; requiring a unit owner or lot owner to obtain certain insurance or cover certain costs; authorizing the governing body of a condominium or homeowners association to apply for a certain grant under a certain program; establishing the Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Modernization Grant Program in the Maryland Energy Administration; providing for the purpose of the Program; requiring the Administration to administer the Program; requiring the Administration to provide grants under the Program from the Maryland Strategic Energy Investment Fund; requiring the Administration to adopt certain regulations; altering the purposes of the Fund; defining certain terms; and generally relating to electric vehicle recharging equipment in condominiums and homeowners associations.

BY adding to

Article – Real Property
Section 11–111.4, 11B–111.8, and 14–129
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – State Government
Section 9–20B–05(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – State Government
Section 9–20B–05(f)(10) and (11)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – State Government
Section 9–20B–05(f)(11)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 111 – Delegate Love

AN ACT concerning

Environmental Justice – At-Risk Communities and Environmental Permits – Requirements

FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of the Environment to develop, post, and maintain on its website a list of at-risk communities in the State; requiring the Department to update the list of at-risk communities with a certain frequency; requiring the Department to notify a municipality if any part of the municipality has been designated as an at-risk community; requiring an applicant for a certain permit to take certain actions before an application may be considered complete; requiring the Department to post certain information on its website; requiring the Department to provide a certain notice to a certain person; requiring an applicant to take certain actions at a certain public hearing; requiring an applicant to provide certain information to the Department not later than a certain period of time after a certain public hearing; authorizing the Department to require an applicant to consolidate certain public hearings; requiring the Department to review certain information and conduct a certain evaluation; prohibiting the Department from issuing a certain decision for a certain period of time after a certain public hearing; requiring the Department to deny a certain permit under certain circumstances; authorizing the Department to issue a certain permit under certain circumstances; authorizing the Department to impose certain conditions on a certain permit under certain circumstances; requiring the Department to provide a certain response on approving or denying a certain permit; establishing that a certain applicant must comply with the provisions of this Act only once, unless the Department makes a certain determination; requiring the Department to charge an applicant a fee to cover certain costs; authorizing the Department to issue and post on its website a technical guide for compliance with this Act; requiring the Department to adopt regulations to carry out this Act; defining certain terms; providing for the application and construction of this Act; and generally relating to environmental justice and environmental permits.

BY adding to

Article – Environment

Section 1-702

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2013 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 112 – Delegate Henson

AN ACT concerning

Residential Property – Eviction Proceedings – Sealing of Court Records

FOR the purpose of requiring the District Court to seal all court records relating to an eviction proceeding at certain periods of time after the final resolution of an eviction proceeding, as determined by certain factors; authorizing the District Court to seal

court records relating to an action of eviction at any time on a motion by the tenant if the tenant makes a certain demonstration by a preponderance of the evidence or if the District Court makes a certain determination; providing that a certain order issued under this Act is a final order for purposes of appeal; requiring the court to provide a copy of a certain order to certain parties; authorizing a tenant to obtain a copy of a certain order; authorizing a record sealed under this Act to be opened only under certain circumstances; prohibiting the District Court from issuing a certain order; and generally relating to the sealing of records of eviction proceedings.

BY adding to

Article – Real Property

Section 8–406

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 113 – Delegates Lierman and Korman

AN ACT concerning

Board of Revenue Estimates and Bureau of Revenue Estimates – Organization and Operations

FOR the purpose of requiring the Comptroller, with certain approval, to appoint the Chief of the Bureau of Revenue Estimates from a list of certain candidates; requiring the Chief to appoint a certain number of analysts and a Deputy Chief; requiring that the Chief and Deputy Chief be members of the Maryland Executive Pay Plan with salaries set within the limits of certain scales of the Plan; requiring the Bureau to submit a certain report to the Board of Revenue Estimates by a certain date that allows the Board to meet prior to the passage of the annual budget bill in the first chamber of the General Assembly to vote on the budget bill in that year; requiring the Bureau, on or before a certain date each year, to submit a certain report to the Governor and the General Assembly on the strengths and weaknesses of the Bureau during a certain period of time; requiring the Department of Legislative Services, on or before a certain date each year, to submit a certain report to the General Assembly on the operations of the Bureau; requiring the report produced by the Department to cover a certain period of time; requiring the Consensus Revenue Monitoring and Forecasting Group to review and evaluate certain candidates before a new Chief is appointed; requiring the Comptroller and the Bureau to provide research and analysis of certain issues to certain persons under certain circumstances; requiring the Board, on or before a certain date each year and in coordination with the Chief, to schedule certain meetings; authorizing the Board to reschedule a certain meeting under certain circumstances; requiring a certain notice to be posted to a certain website and include a certain statement; requiring the Board to develop and maintain a website that provides access to certain information, links, and reports;

and generally relating to the organization and operations of the Bureau of Revenue Estimates and the Board of Revenue Estimates.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – State Finance and Procurement
Section 6–101, 6–104(b)(1), and 6–105(a)(1) and (2) and (b)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – State Finance and Procurement
Section 6–103, 6–104(b)(2), 6–105(e) and (f), and 6–106
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – State Finance and Procurement
Section 6–104(f) and (g)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means and the Committee on Appropriations.

House Bill 114 – Delegates Lierman, Bagnall, Feldmark, Healey, Kerr, R. Lewis, Smith, Solomon, Stein, and Terrasa

AN ACT concerning

**Maryland Transit Administration – Funding
(Transit Safety and Investment Act)**

FOR the purpose of requiring the Governor to include certain appropriations in the State budget from the Transportation Trust Fund to the Maryland Transit Administration for certain operating and capital needs of the Administration in certain fiscal years; authorizing the reduction of certain appropriations under certain circumstances; requiring that certain capital appropriations to the Administration be in addition to any funds appropriated for the capital needs of a certain transit project; providing that a certain provision of law may not be construed to limit the authority of the Administrator to use certain funds to increase the State investment in certain transit agencies; requiring the Administration to submit a report each year on the planning and use of capital funds for certain capital projects in the prior fiscal year; altering the termination date for certain provisions of law concerning funding for the Administration; declaring the intent of the General Assembly; making conforming changes; defining a certain term; and generally relating to funding for the Maryland Transit Administration.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Transportation
Section 7–205 and 7–309
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Chapter 351 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2018
Section 9

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Chapter 352 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2018
Section 9

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

House Bill 115 – Delegate Moon

AN ACT concerning

Vehicle Laws – Canceled, Revoked, and Suspended Driver’s Licenses – Penalties

FOR the purpose of altering certain penalties for a person who displays a canceled, revoked, or suspended driver’s license; making a certain technical correction; and generally relating to penalties for violations related to canceled, revoked, or suspended driver’s licenses.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Transportation
Section 16–301(c), (d), (e), and (r)(1) and 16–303(h) and (i)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Transportation
Section 16–301(r)(3), 16–303(k), and 16–402(a)(16) and (36)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume)

BY adding to
Article – Transportation
Section 16–402(a–1)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 116 – Delegate Palakovich Carr

AN ACT concerning

Transportation – I-270 Commuter Bus Route Study

FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of Transportation to study and make recommendations on the feasibility of establishing certain commuter bus routes that serve certain population centers along the I-270 corridor; requiring the Department, in conducting the study, to consult with certain governments, stakeholders, and entities and to study and make certain recommendations regarding certain matters; requiring the Department to report its findings, conclusions, and recommendations to the Governor and certain committees of the General Assembly on or before a certain date; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to the I-270 Commuter Bus Route Study.

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 117 – Delegate Rogers

AN ACT concerning

Maryland Personal Information Protection Act – Revisions

FOR the purpose of altering the circumstances under which an owner or licensee of computerized data is required to notify a certain individual of a breach of the security of a system; altering the time period within which a business is required to provide a certain notification relating to a breach of the security of a system; requiring a business, credit card processor, and vendor to take reasonable care to protect against unauthorized access to personal information connected to credit and debit cards in accordance with certain provisions of law; establishing that a business, credit card processor, or vendor is liable to a certain financial institution for certain reimbursement under certain circumstances; providing that a business, credit card processor, or vendor is not liable to a certain financial institution for a certain breach under certain circumstances; requiring a trier of fact in a certain action to make a certain determination; authorizing a certain trier of fact in a certain action to reduce certain damages under certain circumstances; authorizing a court to award reasonable attorney's fees and costs to a prevailing party in a certain action; providing for the construction of this Act; defining certain terms; making conforming changes; and generally relating to the Maryland Personal Information Protection Act.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Commercial Law

Section 14-3501 and 14-3504

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2013 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – Commercial Law

Section 14–3504.1

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2013 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 118 – Delegates Stein and Malone

AN ACT concerning

Vehicle Laws – Injury or Death of Vulnerable Individual – Penalties

FOR the purpose of 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 certain provisions of the Maryland Vehicle Law; establishing certain penalties for a violation of this Act; establishing that an individual charged with a violation of this Act must appear in court and may not prepay the fine; requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration to suspend for a certain amount of time the driver's license of an individual convicted of a violation of this Act; defining the term "vulnerable individual" for purposes of this Act; and generally relating to penalties for causing the serious physical injury or death of a vulnerable individual.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Transportation

Section 11–101 and 11–145

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2020 Replacement Volume)

BY adding to

Article – Transportation

Section 21–901.3

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2020 Replacement Volume)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 119 – Delegate Sample–Hughes

AN ACT concerning

Maryland Department of Health – Public Health Outreach Programs – Cognitive Impairment, Alzheimer's Disease, and Other Types of Dementia

FOR the purpose of 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 certain information regarding cognitive impairment, Alzheimer's disease, and other types of dementia into relevant public health outreach programs administered by the Maryland Department of Health; and generally relating to public health outreach programs administered by the Maryland Department of Health.

BY adding to

Article – Health – General
Section 18–110
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 120 – Delegates Acevero and Barron

AN ACT concerning

Public Information Act – Personnel Records – Investigations of Law Enforcement Officers (Anton's Law)

FOR the purpose of establishing that a record relating to an administrative or criminal investigation of misconduct by a law enforcement officer is not a personnel record for purposes of certain provisions of the Public Information Act; authorizing a custodian to deny inspection of records relating to an administrative or criminal investigation of misconduct by a law enforcement officer; defining a certain term; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to personnel records and the Public Information Act.

BY renumbering

Article – General Provisions
Section 4–101(e) through (j), respectively
to be Section 4–101(f) through (k), respectively
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – General Provisions
Section 4–101(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – General Provisions
Section 4–101(e)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – General Provisions
Section 4–311 and 4–351
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 121 – Delegate W. Fisher

AN ACT concerning

**State Government – Maryland Reparations Commission – Establishment
(Harriet Tubman Community Investment Act)**

FOR the purpose of establishing the Maryland Reparations Commission; providing for the composition, staffing, chair and vice chair, and terms of the members of the Commission; prohibiting a member of the Commission from receiving certain compensation, but providing that a member is entitled to certain reimbursement; providing that the purpose of the Commission is to develop and administer a program for the provision of compensatory benefits to the descendants of individuals enslaved in the State; providing that any individual whose ancestors were enslaved in the State is eligible to receive benefits administered by the Commission; requiring the Commission to develop a certain form and process and to adopt certain procedures; authorizing the Commission to seek the assistance of State agencies for certain purposes; requiring State agencies to assist the Commission in a certain manner; requiring the Commission to pay certain cash sums to certain applicants and to reimburse certain applicants for certain tuition payments; requiring the Commission to consider certain factors in calculating a certain cash payment; requiring the Commission to cooperate with certain entities to assist certain applicants in a certain manner; requiring the Governor to include a certain appropriation in the annual budget bill; requiring the Commission to adopt certain regulations; specifying the terms of the initial members of the Commission; defining a certain term; stating the intent of the General Assembly; and generally relating to the Maryland Reparations Commission.

BY adding to
Article – State Government
Section 9–3301 through 9–3308 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 33. Maryland
Reparations Commission”
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 122 – Delegates Barron and Krimm

AN ACT concerning

Maryland Office of the Inspector General for General Services

FOR the purpose of establishing the Maryland Office of the Inspector General for General Services; providing that the Office is an independent unit of the State; requiring the Office to have access to certain services provided by the Department of General Services; requiring the Office, in consultation with the Department, to develop certain policies and adopt certain regulations; requiring the Office to maintain a certain physical location; requiring the Office to develop certain policies and adopt certain regulations; establishing the Inspector General in the Office; providing for the eligibility, professional qualifications, appointment, term, and removal of the Inspector General; providing for the salary of the Inspector General and funding for the Office; providing for the Inspector General's duties and powers when investigating the management and affairs of the Department; prohibiting the Inspector General from taking certain actions under certain circumstances; authorizing a person to have an attorney present during contact with the Inspector General; providing that a certain circuit court may grant appropriate relief after conducting a certain hearing; providing that certain records produced by the Inspector General are not subject to the Public Information Act; authorizing the Inspector General to appoint and employ certain professional and clerical staff; authorizing the Inspector General, in collaboration with the appropriate authority within the Department, to take necessary steps to recover certain funds paid by or obtained from the Department or a certain person and costs incurred in recovering the funds; requiring the Office, on or before a certain date each year, to submit a certain report to the Secretary of the Department, the Governor, and certain committees of the General Assembly; authorizing the Governor to transfer to the Office certain positions and funds from the Department; requiring that all employees transferred to the Office as a result of this Act be transferred without diminution of their rights, benefits, employment, or retirement status; defining certain terms; providing for a delayed effective date; and generally relating to the Maryland Office of the Inspector General for General Services.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – State Finance and Procurement
Section 4–101
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – State Finance and Procurement
Section 4–2A–01 through 4–2A–06 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 2A.

Maryland Office of the Inspector General for General Services”
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 123 – Delegates Pena–Melnyk, R. Lewis, Stein, and Wilson

AN ACT concerning

Preserve Telehealth Access Act of 2021

FOR the purpose of altering the health care services the Maryland Medical Assistance Program, subject to a certain limitation, is required to provide through telehealth; altering the circumstances under which the Program is required to provide health care services through telehealth; authorizing the Maryland Department of Health to apply to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services for a certain amendment to certain waivers to implement certain requirements of this Act; repealing a certain requirement that the Department apply for a certain amendment to certain waivers to implement a certain pilot program relating to the provision of certain telehealth services; repealing a requirement that the Department administer the pilot program, collect certain data, and submit certain reports to the General Assembly; altering a provision of law requiring certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations to reimburse certain health care services provided through telehealth to require reimbursement to be provided in a certain manner and at a certain rate; prohibiting certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations from imposing, as a condition of reimbursement of a health care service delivered through telehealth, that the health care service be provided by a certain health care provider; repealing the termination date of certain provisions of law relating to the Maryland Medical Assistance Program and coverage for telehealth; defining certain terms; altering certain definitions; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to the coverage and reimbursement of health care services delivered through telehealth.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Health – General
Section 15–103(a)(1)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Health – General
Section 15–103(a)(2)(xv) and 15–141.2
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Insurance
Section 15–139
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2017 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Chapter 17 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2020
Section 4

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Chapter 18 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2020
Section 4

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 124 – Delegate Valderrama

EMERGENCY BILL

AN ACT concerning

**Occupational Safety and Health Standards to Protect Employees – Aerosol
Transmissible Diseases and COVID–19**

FOR the purpose of requiring the Commissioner of Labor and Industry to adopt regulations establishing a certain occupational safety and health standard protecting employees from certain exposure to certain diseases on or before a certain date; providing for the content of certain regulations; requiring the Secretary of Labor, in consultation with the Commissioner and the Maryland Department of Health, to develop an Emergency Temporary Occupational Safety and Health Standard for use by employers; requiring that a certain occupational safety and health standard be published on the website of the Maryland Department of Labor in certain languages within a certain period of time; providing for the content of a certain occupational safety and health standard; specifying that a certain occupational safety and health standard requires certain employers to take certain actions; requiring the Secretary and Commissioner to publish certain information on the Department’s website relating to certain reporting by employers; providing for the termination of certain provisions of this Act; making this Act an emergency measure; and generally relating to occupational safety and health and employee protection from aerosol transmissible diseases and COVID–19.

BY adding to
Article – Labor and Employment
Section 5–308.2
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 125 – Delegate Lierman

AN ACT concerning

Public Institutions of Higher Education – Student Athletes (Jordan McNair Safe and Fair Play Act)

FOR the purpose of requiring certain public institutions of higher education to provide certain scholarships to student athletes until certain conditions are met; authorizing a public institution of higher education to expand certain scholarships under certain circumstances; requiring an athletic program to renew an athletic scholarship under certain circumstances; providing for the duration of a scholarship if a student athlete takes a leave of absence; requiring an athletic program to provide an equivalent scholarship to a student athlete who has exhausted athletic eligibility under certain circumstances; prohibiting a certain student athlete from receiving certain benefits; providing for a certain student athlete's right to appeal a certain decision in certain circumstances; requiring each athletic program to conduct a financial and life skills workshop for certain student athletes; specifying required and prohibited content for the workshop; requiring a public institution of higher education to grant student athletes the same rights as other students in certain circumstances; specifying required and prohibited actions for an athletic program when a student athlete is in the process of transferring to another institution; requiring an athletic program to pay certain premiums and insurance deductibles for certain student athletes under certain circumstances; requiring an athletic program to make certain payments on a certain student athlete's behalf in certain circumstances; requiring an athletic program to adopt and implement certain guidelines; requiring athletic programs to monitor certain compliance with federal law and periodically report certain evaluations; requiring a public institution of higher education to designate a certain employee for a certain purpose; providing for the suspension protocols of an athletic director who remains in violation of a certain federal law for a certain period of time; providing for the content of a certain required notice regarding the rights of student athletes; requiring the notice to be conspicuously posted; requiring a public institution of higher education to provide certain health information to student athletes; providing that certain provisions may not be construed to limit the authority of a public institution of higher education under certain circumstances; prohibiting a public institution of higher education from taking certain actions related to student athletes; prohibiting certain groups or organizations with authority over intercollegiate athletics from preventing a certain student athlete from participating in intercollegiate athletics under certain circumstances; prohibiting a public institution of higher education and certain groups or organizations with authority over intercollegiate athletics from providing compensation to a student athlete under certain circumstances or preventing a student athlete from obtaining professional representation; requiring professional representation obtained for student athletes to be licensed under certain provisions of State law; requiring certain agents who represent student athletes to comply with

certain provisions of federal law while representing student athletes; prohibiting a team contract at a public institution of higher education from preventing a student athlete from taking certain actions; prohibiting a student athlete from entering into certain contracts; requiring a certain student athlete to disclose certain information to a public institution of higher education; requiring a certain public institution of higher education to disclose certain information to certain student athletes or certain legal representation; defining certain terms; and generally relating to student athletes at public institutions of higher education.

BY adding to

Article – Education

Section 15–126 and 15–127

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

House Bill 126 – Delegate Moon

AN ACT concerning

Public Safety – Pretrial Services Program Grant Fund – Extension and Program Requirements

FOR the purpose of prohibiting a pretrial services program that receives a certain grant from charging a fee to a defendant for participation in the program; extending the termination date of a certain Act; and generally relating to the Pretrial Services Program Grant Fund.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Public Safety

Section 4–1101 through 4–1103

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Public Safety

Section 4–1104

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Chapter 771 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2018

Section 2

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 127 – Delegate Boyce

AN ACT concerning

Maryland Paint Stewardship

FOR the purpose of requiring certain producers of architectural paint sold at retail in the State or a certain representative organization to submit a plan for the establishment of a Paint Stewardship Program to the Department of the Environment for approval on or before a certain date and in accordance with certain requirements; authorizing a certain plan to identify a certain retailer as a postconsumer collection site under certain circumstances; requiring a certain plan to establish a certain assessment; prohibiting a certain assessment from exceeding certain costs; requiring a certain assessment to be evaluated by an independent financial auditor, as designated by the Department, for certain purposes; requiring that the cost of certain work performed by a certain financial auditor be funded by the Paint Stewardship Program; requiring certain assessments to be used for a certain purpose; requiring the Office of Recycling within the Department to review and approve certain plans, including a certain assessment, submitted in accordance with the Paint Stewardship Program; requiring a producer or representative organization to pay a plan review fee, as determined by the Department; requiring certain fees to be deposited in the State Recycling Trust Fund; authorizing the State Recycling Trust Fund to be used to cover certain costs; requiring the Department to approve a certain plan under certain circumstances; requiring the Department to list certain producers and brands on its website under certain circumstances; requiring certain producers and retailers or distributors to add a certain assessment to the cost of all architectural paint sold in the State beginning on a certain date; requiring a certain producer or representative organization to implement a certain program within a certain amount of time after the Department approves a certain plan; prohibiting a producer or retailer from selling or offering for sale certain architectural paint under certain circumstances beginning on a certain date or after a certain amount of time after the Department approves a certain plan, whichever is later; requiring a certain producer or representative organization to provide consumers with certain educational materials in accordance with certain requirements; providing that certain retailers are in compliance with certain requirements under certain circumstances; providing that a certain producer or representative organization is immune from certain liability under certain circumstances; requiring a certain producer or representative organization to submit a certain report to the Department in accordance with certain requirements on or before a certain date and with a certain frequency thereafter; requiring the Department to review a certain report in accordance with certain requirements; requiring a producer or representative organization to pay an annual report review fee, as determined by the Department; requiring the Department to keep certain data confidential; authorizing the Department to release certain summary data under certain circumstances; defining certain terms; and generally relating to the Paint Stewardship Program.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Environment
Section 9–1701(a), (i), and (m)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – Environment
Section 9–1701(b–1), (i–1), (o–1) through (o–3), (r–1), (s–1), and (s–2); and 9–1733 to
be under the new part “Part V. Paint Stewardship Program”
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Environment
Section 9–1702 and 9–1707(f)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation and the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 128 – Delegate Stewart

AN ACT concerning

Criminal Law – Hate Crimes – Protected Groups and Penalties

FOR the purpose of altering a certain definition in the context of hate crimes; including age and gender–related identity or expression in the list of characteristics on the basis of which a person may not commit certain acts; authorizing a court to require an offender convicted of hate crimes to complete a certain program; requiring a court to provide certain offenders with certain information; requiring the Board of Regents of the University System of Maryland to develop and offer a curriculum for a certain program; authorizing the Board to charge a reasonable fee to participate in the program, subject to a certain exception; requiring the Board to develop certain material on the program and share that material with the Maryland Commission on Civil Rights; requiring the Commission to ensure that certain offenders have access to the material; and generally relating to hate crimes.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Criminal Law
Section 10–301(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Criminal Law

Section 10–301(c), 10–304, 10–305, and 10–306
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Education
Section 12–120
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – State Government
Section 20–208
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 129 – Delegate Henson

AN ACT concerning

Environment – Mold Inspections – Standards, Reporting, and Penalties

FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of the Environment, in consultation with the Maryland Department of Health, the Department of Housing and Community Development, and the Department of General Services, to adopt certain regulations on or before a certain date establishing uniform standards for mold assessment and remediation; requiring the Department of the Environment to charge a certain fee for verifying a certain third-party inspector, maintain a certain registry, and develop and make available on its website and in print certain resource materials; requiring the Department of the Environment to submit a certain indoor air quality report to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before a certain date each year; establishing penalties for a violation of the regulations adopted under this Act; requiring that the penalty be assessed with consideration given to certain factors; providing that each day a violation of the regulations continues is a separate violation; authorizing a tenant to deposit the tenant's rent in an escrow account under certain circumstances; authorizing a local jurisdiction, county attorney, or municipal attorney to enforce certain provisions of this Act; prohibiting a tenant from depositing the tenant's rent in an escrow account under certain circumstances; specifying that the right of a tenant to deposit rent in an escrow account does not preclude the tenant from pursuing any other right or remedy available; specifying the conditions under which money deposited in an escrow account must be released; prohibiting a lessee from being evicted, the tenancy from being terminated, and the rent from being raised for a lessee who seeks certain remedies; specifying actions that are presumed to be retaliation for the lessee taking certain actions; providing that certain provisions of this Act preempt certain laws or ordinances; defining

certain terms; and generally relating to the establishment of standards and reporting requirements for mold in rental dwelling units.

BY adding to

Article – Environment

Section 6–1701 and 6–1702 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 17. Mold”

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2013 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – Real Property

Section 8–211.2

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 130 – Delegate Qi

AN ACT concerning

Commission on LGBTQ Affairs – Established

FOR the purpose of establishing the Commission on LGBTQ Affairs in the Governor’s Office of Community Initiatives; providing for the appointment, qualifications, terms, and removal of Commission members; requiring the Commission to elect annually a chair and vice chair; requiring the Commission to meet under certain circumstances; prohibiting a member of the Commission from receiving certain compensation, but authorizing reimbursement of certain expenses; authorizing the Commission to appoint a director under certain circumstances; establishing that the director is a special appointment; establishing the duties of the director and of the Commission; authorizing the Commission to seek and accept certain money; establishing that certain funds are not subject to certain reversion but are subject to certain audit; defining certain terms; and generally relating to the Commission on LGBTQ Affairs.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – State Government

Section 9.5–101

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – State Government

Section 9.5–501 through 9.5–508 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 5.
Commission on LGBTQ Affairs”

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 131 – Delegate J. Lewis

AN ACT concerning

Correctional Services – Step–Down Programs – Cause of Action

FOR the purpose of requiring the Commissioner of Correction to provide a certain inmate with a certain step–down program at a certain time; establishing the requirements of a certain step–down program; prohibiting a certain inmate from being denied access to a certain program, except under certain circumstances; requiring the Commissioner of Correction to document a certain justification in writing; authorizing a certain civil action for damages; defining certain terms; and generally relating to programs for inmates.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Correctional Services
Section 9–614(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2017 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Correctional Services
Section 9–614.2
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2017 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 132 – Delegate Bagnall

AN ACT concerning

**Health – Mental and Emotional Disorders – Consent
(Mental Health Access Initiative)**

FOR the purpose of altering the minimum age at which a minor has the same capacity as an adult to consent to consultation, diagnosis, and certain treatment of a mental or emotional disorder by a health care provider or clinic; providing that a health care provider may decide to provide certain information to a certain parent, guardian, or custodian under certain provisions of law unless the health care provider believes that the disclosure will lead to harm to the minor or deter the minor from seeking care; and generally relating to the consultation, diagnosis, and treatment of mental and emotional disorders and consent by minors.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Health – General
Section 20–104
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 133 – Delegate Korman

AN ACT concerning

**State Finance and Procurement – Appropriation Reductions
(Board of Public Works Budget Reduction Clarification Act)**

FOR the purpose of limiting the authorization for the Governor, with the approval of the Board of Public Works, to reduce certain appropriations to not more than a certain percent of the total appropriation for any line item in the State operating budget in any fiscal year; altering the number of business days the Board must wait before approving a proposed reduction of an appropriation after the Secretary of Budget and Management publishes and provides certain notice of the proposed reduction; and generally relating to the State budget and the Department of Budget and Management.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – State Finance and Procurement
Section 7–213
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

House Bill 134 – Delegate J. Lewis

EMERGENCY BILL

AN ACT concerning

Business Regulation – Flavored Tobacco Products – Prohibition

FOR the purpose of providing that certain licenses to manufacture, sell, buy, and store cigarettes, other tobacco products, and electronic smoking devices do not authorize the licensee to or to attempt to manufacture, ship, import, or sell into or within the State a flavored tobacco product; providing that a public statement that cigarettes, other tobacco products, or electronic smoking devices have or produce a certain smell or taste is presumptive evidence that they are flavored tobacco products if the statement is made by certain persons; providing that a person that violates certain

cigarette license requirements is guilty of a misdemeanor and subject to certain penalties; providing that a person who engages in an act or attempted act of manufacturing, shipping, importing, or selling into or within the State flavored tobacco products violates a certain provision of law; prohibiting a person from selling or dispensing or offering to sell or dispense a flavored tobacco product through a vending machine; amending the definition of “vaping liquid” to include liquids that convert to other aerosol substances in addition to vapor; defining certain terms; making this Act an emergency measure; and generally relating to the prohibition on manufacturing, shipping, importing, or selling into or within the State flavored tobacco products.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Business Regulation

Section 16–101, 16–206, 16–214, 16–3A–01, 16–3A–02, 16.5–101, 16.5–205, 16.5–212, 16.7–101, 16.7–204, and 16.7–211

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Business Regulation

Section 16–3A–03

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters and the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 135 – Delegate K. Young

AN ACT concerning

Pharmacists – Administration of Self-Administered Medications and Maintenance Injectable Medications

FOR the purpose of authorizing a pharmacist who meets the requirements of certain regulations to administer maintenance injectable medications to a patient under certain circumstances; prohibiting a pharmacist from administering an initial dose of a maintenance injectable medication under a certain provision of this Act except under certain circumstances; requiring the State Board of Pharmacy, on or before a certain date and in consultation with the State Board of Physicians and the State Board of Nursing, to adopt certain regulations for pharmacists to administer a maintenance injectable medication; establishing certain requirements for the regulations; requiring the Maryland Medical Assistance Program and the Maryland Children’s Health Program to provide coverage for the administering of certain self-administered medications and maintenance injectable medications rendered by a licensed pharmacist to the same extent as the services rendered by any other licensed health care practitioner; requiring certain insurers, nonprofit health service

plans, and health maintenance organizations to provide coverage for the administering of certain self-administered medications and maintenance injectable medications rendered by a licensed pharmacist to the same extent as the services rendered by any other licensed health care practitioner; altering a certain definition; defining a certain term; providing for the application of certain provisions of this Act; and generally relating to the administering of self-administered medications and maintenance injectable medications by pharmacists.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Health – General
Section 15–148(c)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Health Occupations
Section 12–101(a) and (c)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Health Occupations
Section 12–101(o–1)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Health Occupations
Section 12–101(x)(1)(viii) and 12–509
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Insurance
Section 15–716
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2017 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 136 – Delegate Cardin

AN ACT concerning

**Election Law – Campaign Contributions – Alterations and Prohibition on Sports
and Event Wagering Business Entities**

FOR the purpose of prohibiting certain sports and event wagering business entities and certain individuals employed by a sports and event wagering business entity or video lottery operator from directly or indirectly making contributions to campaign finance entities; defining a certain term; making a stylistic change; making this Act contingent on the enactment of certain legislation; and generally relating to campaign contributions.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Election Law
Section 13–237
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2017 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 137 – Delegate Charles

AN ACT concerning

State Finance and Procurement – Procurement Improvement Council – Duties and Report on eMaryland Marketplace

FOR the purpose of requiring the Procurement Improvement Council to provide a forum to discuss the use of eMaryland Marketplace and compliance with certain provisions of law; requiring the Council to report to certain committees of the General Assembly on or before a certain date; and generally relating to the Procurement Improvement Council and eMaryland Marketplace.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – State Finance and Procurement
Section 12–105(b) and 17–502(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – State Finance and Procurement
Section 12–105(g)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 138 – Delegate Johnson

AN ACT concerning

**Education – Sexual Abuse and Assault Awareness and Prevention Program –
Human and Sex Trafficking**

FOR the purpose of requiring the State Board of Education and certain nonpublic schools to develop and implement a program of age–appropriate education on the awareness and prevention of sexual abuse and assault that includes, for students in certain grades, material promoting the awareness and prevention of human and sex trafficking; and generally relating to human and sex trafficking awareness and prevention programs in public and nonpublic schools.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Education
Section 7–439
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 139 – Delegates D.M. Davis, Bartlett, Crutchfield, W. Fisher, and Smith

AN ACT concerning

Law Enforcement Officers – Use of Force

FOR the purpose of authorizing a person to seek certain relief for use of force by a law enforcement officer under certain circumstances by filing a civil action with a certain court; providing that a certain person is not precluded from pursuing a certain legal remedy under certain circumstances; authorizing the Attorney General to file a civil action for certain relief under certain circumstances; providing for the use of force by a certain law enforcement officer; providing for the use of lethal force by a certain law enforcement officer; providing that a law enforcement officer who uses lethal force against a person in a manner inconsistent with a certain provision of this Act may be charged with certain crimes; requiring each local law enforcement agency to establish, maintain, and implement certain policies and guidance for law enforcement agencies on or before a certain date; requiring each local law enforcement agency to include in its annual budget funds for a certain purpose on or before a certain date; requiring a local law enforcement agency to post on its public website certain data on or before a certain date and every 6 months thereafter; requiring the Attorney General to annually review a certain sample of certain policies enacted by local law enforcement agencies beginning on or before a certain date; providing that certain local law enforcement agencies may not receive certain funds under certain circumstances; requiring the Attorney General to make certain notifications under certain circumstances; defining certain terms; and generally relating to the use of force by law enforcement officers.

BY adding to
Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings

Section 3–2201 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 22. Excessive Force by Law Enforcement Officers”
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume)

BY adding to

Article – Criminal Law

Section 10–801 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 8. Improper Use of Force by Law Enforcement Officers”

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2012 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – Public Safety

Section 3–523

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 140 – Delegate Acevero

AN ACT concerning

Commission on History, Culture, and Civics in Education

FOR the purpose of establishing the Commission on History, Culture, and Civics in Education; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Commission; prohibiting a member of the Commission from receiving certain compensation, but authorizing the reimbursement of certain expenses; requiring the Commission to study and make recommendations regarding certain matters; requiring the Commission to report its findings and recommendations to the State Board of Education, the Governor, and the General Assembly on or before a certain date each year; requiring the State Board to review the Commission’s findings and recommendations and make certain changes to certain educational standards on or before a certain date each year; specifying the terms of the initial members of the Commission; and generally relating to the Commission on History, Culture, and Civics in Education.

BY adding to

Article – Education

Section 7–126

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 141 – Delegate Sample–Hughes

AN ACT concerning

Maryland Department of Health – Residential Service Agencies – Training Requirements

FOR the purpose of requiring each residential service agency, beginning on a certain date, to ensure that certain individuals receive certain training relating to dementia; providing that certain training may be provided by a certain supervisory staff member; prohibiting a residential service agency from requiring certain individuals to complete certain training; requiring an individual who provides certain training to issue a certification of completion to each individual who completes the training; requiring each residential service agency to maintain certain records; requiring certain individuals who have not received certain training to complete certain training on or before a certain date; defining a certain term; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to residential service agencies.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Health – General
Section 19–4A–01(a) and (e)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Health – General
Section 19–4A–03.1
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 142 – Delegate Ivey

AN ACT concerning

Income Tax – Student Loan Debt Relief Tax Credit – Alterations

FOR the purpose of increasing the amount of the Student Loan Debt Relief Tax Credit that certain individuals with a certain amount of student loan debt may claim against the State income tax; increasing the total amount of tax credits that the Maryland Higher Education Commission may approve in a taxable year; altering the definition of “qualified taxpayer” for the purposes of eligibility for the credit; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to the Student Loan Debt Relief Tax Credit.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Tax – General
Section 10–740(b) and (h)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Tax – General
Section 10–740(a) and (c)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 143 – Delegate Palakovich Carr

AN ACT concerning

Maryland Child Tax Credit

FOR the purpose of allowing certain taxpayers to claim a credit against the State income tax for certain dependent children under certain circumstances; establishing the credit amount for each qualified child, subject to certain limitations; allowing certain taxpayers to claim a refund in the amount of any excess credit; defining certain terms; providing for the application and termination of this Act; and generally relating to a credit against the State income tax for certain dependent children.

BY adding to
Article – Tax – General
Section 10–751
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 144 – Delegate Reilly

AN ACT concerning

Harford County – Alcoholic Beverages – Class D Beer and Wine License

FOR the purpose of establishing a Class D beer and wine license in Harford County; repealing the prohibition on a Class D beer and wine license in Harford County; authorizing the license holder to sell beer and wine, at retail, at the licensed premises for on–premises consumption; authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Harford County to issue up to a certain number of Class D licenses to a person; requiring the license holder to provide certain types of food; prohibiting the Board from requiring the license holder to meet a certain minimum investment; providing

that the license holder is subject to certain alcohol awareness training requirements; specifying the license fee; authorizing the license holder to sell beer and wine during certain hours; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages licenses in Harford County.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Alcoholic Beverages
Section 22–102
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Alcoholic Beverages
Section 22–810 and 22–2003
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 145 – Delegate Boyce

AN ACT concerning

Unlawful Taking of Oysters From Submerged Land Leases, Aquaculture Leases, and Water Column Leases – Penalties

FOR the purpose of requiring rather than authorizing the Department of Natural Resources to suspend a certain tidal fish license on conviction of the license holder for a certain violation; requiring a certain person who has a tidal fish license suspended under this Act to complete a certain class at the person's expense; prohibiting a person who has a seafood dealer authorization from purchasing, offering to purchase, or possessing oysters that were unlawfully harvested from a certain lease under certain circumstances; requiring the Department to request certain criminal action from a local State's Attorney or the Attorney General under certain circumstances; requiring the Department to suspend a certain seafood dealer authorization on conviction of the holder of the authorization for a certain violation; requiring the Department to give a certain written notice to a certain seafood dealer before suspending the seafood dealer's authorization; providing that a certain person may request a hearing under certain circumstances; requiring the Department to hold a certain hearing and render a decision within a certain number of days; requiring a person who has a seafood dealer authorization suspended under this Act to complete a certain class at the person's expense; establishing a certain minimum and maximum fine for unlawfully taking oysters from a submerged land lease or water column lease under certain circumstances; making a stylistic change; and generally relating to the unlawful taking of oysters.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Criminal Law
Section 7–104(g)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Natural Resources
Section 4–11A–16 and 4–1201
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 146 – Delegates Lehman, Attar, Bagnall, Bartlett, Crutchfield, Forbes, Johnson, D. Jones, Krimm, McComas, Ruth, Solomon, Terrasa, and K. Young

AN ACT concerning

Department of Agriculture – Spay/Neuter Fund – Extension and Fee on Commercial Feed

FOR the purpose of altering a certain fee on commercial feed prepared and distributed for consumption by dogs or cats and registered in the State in a certain manner; extending the termination provisions for certain provisions of law relating to the Spay/Neuter Fund; and generally relating to the Spay/Neuter Fund.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Agriculture
Section 2–1602
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Agriculture
Section 2–1603
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Chapter 561 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2013
Section 3

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Chapter 562 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2013
Section 3

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 147 – Delegates Crutchfield, Arikan, Bartlett, Charkoudian, Dumais, Feldmark, Forbes, R. Lewis, Love, Smith, and Terrasa

AN ACT concerning

**Criminal Law – Sexual Crimes – Repeal of Spousal Defense
(Love Is No Defense to Sexual Crimes)**

FOR the purpose of repealing a certain prohibition on prosecuting a person for rape or a certain sexual offense against a victim who was the person's legal spouse at the time of the alleged rape or sexual offense; and generally relating to sexual crimes.

BY repealing

Article – Criminal Law

Section 3–318

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2012 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 148 – Delegate Carey

AN ACT concerning

Commercial Law – Personal Information Protection Act – Revisions

FOR the purpose of requiring a business that maintains personal information of an individual residing in the State to implement and maintain certain security procedures and practices; altering the circumstances under which the owner or licensee of certain computerized data is required to notify certain individuals of a certain breach; altering the time periods within which certain notifications regarding the breach of a security system are required to be given; requiring, rather than authorizing, a certain notification to be given in a certain manner under certain circumstances; requiring certain supplemental notifications to be provided in a certain manner; requiring the notice of a certain breach provided to the Office of the Attorney General to include certain information; defining a certain term and altering a certain definition; and generally relating to personal information protection.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Commercial Law

Section 14–3501, 14–3503(a), and 14–3504

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2013 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 149 – Delegate Wilson

AN ACT concerning

Criminal Law – Distribution of Child Pornography – Minor

FOR the purpose of altering a certain prohibition to apply only to a person over a certain age against knowingly promoting, advertising, soliciting, distributing, or possessing with the intent to distribute any matter, visual representation, or performance that depicts a minor engaged as a certain subject or in a manner that reflects a certain belief or is intended to cause another to adopt a certain belief; and generally relating to child pornography.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Criminal Law
Section 11–207
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 150 – Delegate Crosby

AN ACT concerning

State Government – House of Delegates – Bill Sponsorship – Limit

FOR the purpose of prohibiting a member of the House of Delegates from sponsoring more than a certain number of bills in a legislative session; authorizing a certain member to introduce a certain number of bills in excess of a certain limit under certain circumstances; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to bill sponsorship by members of the House of Delegates.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – State Government
Section 2–1502
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – State Government
Section 2–1502.1
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations.

CONSENT CALENDAR OF INTRODUCTORY HOUSE BILLS NO. 4

House Bill 151 – Delegate Acevero

AN ACT concerning

Law Enforcement Officers’ Bill of Rights – Repeal

FOR the purpose of repealing the Law Enforcement Officers’ Bill of Rights; providing for the application of this Act; requiring the publishers of the Annotated Code of Maryland, in consultation with and subject to the approval of the Department of Legislative Services, to take certain actions; and generally relating to the repeal of the Law Enforcement Officers’ Bill of Rights.

BY renumbering

Article – Public Safety

Section 1–101(c) and (d) and 3–101(e), respectively
to be Section 1–101(d) and (e) and (c), respectively

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing

Article – Public Safety

Section 3–101 through 3–113

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 152 – Delegate Crosby

AN ACT concerning

Law Enforcement – Department of State Police – Body–Worn Cameras

FOR the purpose of requiring, on or before a certain date, the Department of State Police to adopt policies and procedures for the use of body–worn cameras consistent with certain policies developed by the Maryland Police Training and Standards Commission; requiring, on or before a certain date, the Department to issue body–worn cameras for police employees of the Department to use while on duty, subject to a certain exception; and generally relating to body–worn cameras and the Department of State Police.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Public Safety
Section 2–101(i) and 3–511
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Public Safety
Section 2–407
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Public Safety
Section 3–511.1
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 153 – Delegates Ivey and Henson

AN ACT concerning

Election Law – Elections by Mail

FOR the purpose of requiring each local board of elections to send, in a certain manner, a vote-by-mail ballot to each individual who is registered to vote as of a certain day before the day of each election; requiring that vote-by-mail ballots be mailed at a certain time; requiring a voter to take certain actions to vote a vote-by-mail ballot; requiring that the instructions provided with each vote-by-mail ballot include a certain warning; authorizing a voter to return a marked vote-by-mail ballot to a local board by certain methods; requiring that a vote-by-mail ballot be returned in a certain envelope; requiring that each polling place and early voting center serve as a location for the return of vote-by-mail ballots; authorizing a local board to designate additional locations for the return of vote-by-mail ballots; requiring the State Board of Elections to adopt certain regulations; requiring local boards to display a certain sign at each vote-by-mail ballot return location; requiring that a ballot be received by a local board or deposited at a certain location by a certain deadline; requiring that a voter who is at a certain location by a certain time be allowed to deposit a vote-by-mail ballot; authorizing an individual to request a replacement vote-by-mail ballot under certain circumstances; requiring a local board that receives a request for a replacement vote-by-mail ballot to take certain actions; providing that a replacement vote-by-mail ballot may be mailed, transmitted electronically, or made available at the local board; prohibiting a local board from being required to mail a replacement vote-by-mail ballot under certain circumstances; requiring that a vote-by-mail ballot be counted only under certain circumstances; requiring the local board to verify the signature of a voter on a certain

envelope in a certain manner; making a conforming change; repealing certain provisions of law concerning voting by mail in certain special elections that are rendered obsolete by this Act; altering a certain definition; providing for a delayed effective date; and generally relating to elections by mail.

BY repealing

Article – Election Law

Section 9–501 through 9–507 and the subtitle “Subtitle 5. Voting by Mail in Special Elections”

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2017 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Election Law

Section 1–101(a) and 11–101(a)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2017 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Election Law

Section 1–101(b) and 11–101(c)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2017 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – Election Law

Section 9–501 through 9–505 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 5. Elections by Mail”

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2017 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 154 – Delegates Bartlett, Crutchfield, Kipke, and Lehman

AN ACT concerning

**Civil Actions – Tortious Injury to or Death of Pet – Compensatory Damages
(Buddy’s Law)**

FOR the purpose of altering the maximum amount of compensatory damages that may be awarded to an owner of a pet from a person who tortiously causes an injury to or death of the pet under certain circumstances; and generally relating to tortious injuries to or death of pets.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings

Section 11–110
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 155 – Delegate Wilkins

AN ACT concerning

County Boards and Public and Nonpublic Prekindergarten Programs and Schools – Discrimination – Prohibition

FOR the purpose of prohibiting a county board, public prekindergarten program, nonpublic prekindergarten program that receives State funds, public primary or secondary school, or nonpublic primary or secondary school that receives State funds from discriminating against a person because of certain factors, refusing enrollment of, expelling, or withholding privileges from any student or prospective student because of certain factors, and from taking certain retaliatory actions against a student or parent or guardian of a student who files a complaint alleging certain discrimination; authorizing a certain person to file a certain complaint with the State Superintendent of Schools; requiring the complaint to specify certain information; authorizing a certain parent or guardian to file a certain complaint on behalf of a minor; requiring the State Superintendent, on receipt of a certain complaint, to provide notice of the complaint to certain parties; requiring the parties to submit a certain response within a certain period of time; requiring the State Superintendent to attempt to mediate a certain agreement; requiring the State Superintendent to issue a certain statement of the mediation findings and agreement in a certain manner under certain circumstances; requiring the State Superintendent to issue a certain decision within a certain period of time under certain circumstances; requiring the decision to be in writing and contain certain information; authorizing the State Superintendent to impose a certain remedy under certain circumstances; authorizing a complainant to reopen a certain complaint under certain circumstances without taking certain actions; requiring the State Superintendent to impose a certain remedy under certain circumstances; authorizing a complainant or respondent to appeal to the Office of Administrative Hearings within a certain period of time; requiring an appeal hearing to be held in a certain county; requiring an administrative law judge in a certain appeal to issue a certain decision and order under certain circumstances; requiring the State Board of Education, in consultation with the State Superintendent, to adopt certain regulations; authorizing the State Superintendent to enforce certain provisions of law in a certain manner; requiring each county board of education and certain nonpublic prekindergarten programs and nonpublic primary and secondary schools to develop and maintain a certain antidiscrimination policy; defining a certain term; providing for the application of certain provisions of this Act; and generally relating to discrimination by county boards and in prekindergarten programs and schools.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Education
Section 2–303(b) and 4–108
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Education
Section 26–701 through 26–706 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 7.
Discrimination in Education”
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 156 – Delegates Luedtke and Griffith

AN ACT concerning

Student and Military Voter Empowerment Act

FOR the purpose of requiring a local board of elections to contact and obtain input from certain large residential institutional communities when establishing precinct boundaries and designating the location of polling places; requiring the State Board of Elections to maintain a page on its website that includes certain information about and links regarding voter registration and voting by students enrolled in institutions of higher education; requiring the State Board to establish a process for an individual to submit a certain federal post card application electronically and use a certain common access card to sign a certain federal post card application; requiring a public institution of higher education to designate a staff member as the student voting coordinator; requiring the student voting coordinator to develop and implement a student voting plan to increase student voter registration and voting in collaboration with certain persons at the institution; requiring the student voting plan to cover a certain period and be updated at a certain time; requiring the student voting plan to include certain elements relating to dissemination of information about voter registration and voting, provision of voter registration materials on campus, accommodation of early voting centers and precinct polling places on campus, encouragement of student organizations engaged in voter registration and voting activities, and a policy allowing a student to be excused from class or absent from a job with the institution for the purpose of voting; requiring a public institution of higher education to make the student voting plan available to the public and provide the plan to the Maryland Higher Education Commission and the State Board; applying the requirement that a public institution of higher education provide a certain link to the online voter registration system from a certain online student portal to private nonprofit institutions of higher education that receive funding from the State; requiring public institutions of higher education and private institutions of higher education that receive funding from the State to relocate a certain link to

the online voter registration system and take certain steps if there are fewer than a certain number of clicks on the link in any calendar year; requiring public institutions of higher education to include certain information in a certain report if there were fewer than a certain number of clicks on a certain link to the online voter registration system in the preceding calendar year; requiring certain private nonprofit institutions of higher education that receive funding from the State to submit a certain report to the Maryland Independent College and University Association regarding voter registration on or before a certain date each year; requiring the Maryland Independent College and University Association to submit a certain report summarizing information regarding voter registration at certain private nonprofit institutions of higher education to certain committees of the General Assembly on or before a certain date each year; defining certain terms; making conforming changes; and generally relating to voter registration and voting.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Election Law

Section 1–101(a) and 3–204(a)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2017 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – Election Law

Section 1–101(bb–1), 3–103, 3–202.1, 3–204(c), and 3–204.2(f)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2017 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Election Law

Section 1–101(bb–1), 2–303(a), and 3–204(b)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2017 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing

Article – Election Law

Section 3–204(c)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2017 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 157 – Delegate W. Fisher

AN ACT concerning

Indigenous Peoples’ Day – Rule of Interpretation and Replacement of Columbus Day

FOR the purpose of replacing references to Columbus Day in certain provisions of law with references to Indigenous Peoples' Day; establishing a rule of interpretation to specify the day on which Indigenous Peoples' Day is to be observed; and generally relating to Indigenous Peoples' Day.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Commercial Law
Section 14–301(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2013 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Commercial Law
Section 14–301(b)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2013 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Education
Section 7–103(c)(3)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Financial Institutions
Section 5–705
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – General Provisions
Section 1–111
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – General Provisions
Section 1–111.1
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – State Personnel and Pensions
Section 9–201
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 158 – Delegates Carr, Bagnall, Belcastro, Cox, Crutchfield, Henson, Hornberger, C. Jackson, Johnson, D. Jones, Kerr, Krimm, R. Lewis, Lierman, McComas, Palakovich Carr, Saab, Solomon, and Terrasa

AN ACT concerning

Property Tax – Homeowners’ Property Tax Credit – Calculation and Refunds

FOR the purpose of altering, for purposes of the homeowners’ property tax credit, the definition of “total real property tax” to exclude certain adjustments based on any other property tax credits claimed against the property tax imposed on a certain dwelling; requiring the State Department of Assessments and Taxation to determine, for certain taxable years, whether a homeowner is owed, as a result of a certain provision of this Act, a refund of property taxes paid by the homeowner; requiring the Department to notify the homeowner and the county within which the homeowner’s dwelling is located of the amount of the refund; requiring the Comptroller, on certification by the Department, to pay eligible homeowners the refund; requiring the refunds to be paid from a certain account; requiring the Governor, for certain fiscal years, to include in the annual budget bill a certain appropriation to a certain account; prohibiting the inclusion of the refund paid under this Act in a homeowner’s gross income for purposes of eligibility for the homeowners’ property tax credit during a certain taxable year; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to the homeowners’ property tax credit.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Tax – Property

Section 9–104(a)(1), (f), and (g)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Tax – Property

Section 9–104(a)(13)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 159 – Delegate Grammer

AN ACT concerning

Public Safety – Persistent Aerial Surveillance

FOR the purpose of prohibiting persistent aerial surveillance by a certain unit, agency, or political subdivision to gather certain evidence or information in a criminal investigation; providing certain exceptions to the prohibition; defining a certain term; and generally relating to persistent aerial surveillance.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Transportation
Section 5–101(a) and (e)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume)

BY adding to
Article – Public Safety
Section 3–523
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 160 – Delegate Bagnall

AN ACT concerning

Environment – Wetlands and Waterways – Riparian Rights

FOR the purpose of specifying that the riparian rights of a community association or other entity may not be terminated or impaired as a result of erosion, sea level rise, or the issuance of certain approvals; requiring the Department of the Environment to establish and maintain a certain repository on the Department’s website for certain purposes; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to riparian rights.

BY adding to
Article – Environment
Section 16–201.1
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 161 – Delegate Kelly

AN ACT concerning

Health Occupations – Registration of Audiology Assistants

FOR the purpose of requiring an individual, on or after a certain date, to be registered by the State Board of Examiners for Audiologists, Hearing Aid Dispensers, and Speech–Language Pathologists before assisting in the practice of audiology in the State, except as otherwise provided under certain provisions of law; altering the Board’s powers and duties to include certain powers and duties related to audiology assistants; authorizing the Board to adopt certain regulations governing the registration of audiology assistants and assistance in the practice of audiology; altering certain grounds for discipline to allow the Board to take certain action against certain applicants or licensees for supervising or aiding an unauthorized individual in the assistance of audiology; authorizing the Board to allow an audiology assistant licensed or registered in another state to practice in the State under certain circumstances; establishing certain qualifications an applicant must meet to qualify for registration as an audiology assistant; authorizing the Board to waive certain qualifications in a certain manner; requiring the Board to issue a registration to certain applicants; prohibiting the Board from adopting certain regulations that are more stringent than certain qualifications; providing that a certain registration authorizes a certain individual to assist in the practice of audiology while the registration is effective; requiring the Board to determine the term of a registration and certain renewal and reinstatement requirements in a certain manner; requiring a registered audiology assistant to assist in the practice of audiology under certain supervision; authorizing a licensed audiologist to supervise not more than a certain number of audiology assistants at any time; providing that certain applicants and registered audiology assistants are subject to certain provisions of law in a certain manner; prohibiting a person from practicing, attempting to practice, or offering to assist in the practice of audiology except under certain circumstances; prohibiting a person from using or attempting to use a certain registration; prohibiting certain individuals from making certain representations to the public and using certain titles; prohibiting a person from knowingly making certain false statements in certain applications, materially altering certain registrations, or transferring or offering to transfer certain registrations in a certain manner; prohibiting audiology assistants from engaging in certain trade practices and otherwise violating certain provisions of commercial law; defining certain terms; and generally relating to the registration of audiology assistants.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Health Occupations
Section 2–101(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Health Occupations
Section 2–101(b–1), (d–1), (s), and (t) and 2–314(25); 2–3A–01 through 2–3A–07 to
be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 3A. Registration of Audiology Assistants”;
and 2–402.4
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Health Occupations

Section 2–101(s), (t), and (u), 2–102(a), 2–205, 2–314(23) and (24), 2–401, and 2–403
through 2–406

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 162 – Delegate Ivey

AN ACT concerning

Prescription Drug Affordability Board – Upper Payment Limits and Reports

FOR the purpose of altering a certain requirement that the Prescription Drug Affordability Board, in conjunction with a certain council, draft a certain plan for setting upper payment limits for prescription drug products; altering the date by which the Board is required to submit the plan to a certain committee of the General Assembly; requiring, rather than authorizing, the Board to set upper payment limits for certain prescription drug products and altering the date on or after which the limits are to be set; repealing a certain requirement that the Board, in consultation with a certain council, submit a certain report to certain committees of the General Assembly on or before a certain date; altering the dates by which the Board is required to study certain matters, perform certain actions, and report certain findings and recommendations to certain committees of the General Assembly; altering a certain termination provision; and generally relating to the Prescription Drug Affordability Board.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Health – General

Section 21–2C–01

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Health – General

Section 21–2C–07, 21–2C–08(a), 21–2C–13, and 21–2C–14

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing

Article – Health – General

Section 21–2C–16

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Chapter 692 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2019, as amended by Chapter
425 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2020
Section 9

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 163 – Delegate Ivey

AN ACT concerning

State Board of Elections – Membership – Appointments

FOR the purpose of repealing the authority of the Governor to appoint and remove members of the State Board of Elections; requiring that the members of the State Board be appointed jointly by the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House of Delegates; authorizing the President and Speaker to remove members of the State Board under certain circumstances; making conforming changes; and generally relating to the appointment of members of the State Board of Elections.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Election Law
Section 2–101
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2017 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 164 – Delegates Stein and Lierman

AN ACT concerning

Department of the Environment – Office of Recycling – Recycling Market Development

FOR the purpose of requiring the Office of Recycling in the Department of the Environment to promote the development of markets for recycled materials and recycled products in the State in a certain manner; requiring a certain report submitted to the General Assembly on or before a certain date each year to include certain activities; requiring the Office to coordinate certain activities with certain entities; requiring the Department of Commerce, the Department of General Services, the Department of Transportation, and the Maryland Environmental Service to report to the Office on certain information available to promote the development of markets for recycled material and recycled products; altering the contents of a certain report; declaring the intent of the General Assembly; and generally relating to markets for recycled materials and recycled products in the State.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Environment
Section 9–1702(a) and (f)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Environment
Section 9–1702(d) and (e)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Environment
Section 9–1702.1
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 165 – Delegate Wilkins

AN ACT concerning

Maryland Estate Tax – Unified Credit

FOR the purpose of altering a certain limit on the unified credit used for determining the Maryland estate tax for decedents dying on or after a certain date; altering a certain limitation on the amount of the Maryland estate tax for decedents dying on or after a certain date; and generally relating to the Maryland estate tax.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Tax – General
Section 7–309(a) and (b)(1), (2), and (9)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Tax – General
Section 7–309(b)(3)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 166 – Delegate Grammer

AN ACT concerning

Income Tax – Subtraction Modification – Retirement Income

FOR the purpose of including income from certain retirement plans within a certain subtraction modification allowed under the Maryland income tax for certain individuals who are at least a certain age or who are disabled or whose spouse is disabled; altering the maximum amount of the subtraction modification for certain taxable years; repealing a limitation on the maximum amount of the subtraction modification; providing that income included in certain subtraction modifications may not be taken into account for purposes of the subtraction modification for retirement income; altering a certain definition; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to a subtraction modification under the Maryland income tax for retirement income.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Tax – General
Section 10–209
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 167 – Delegate P. Young

AN ACT concerning

Health Insurance – Out-of-Pocket Maximums and Cost-Sharing Requirements – Calculation

FOR the purpose of requiring, to the extent authorized under federal law, certain entities to include payments made by certain persons when calculating certain contributions to an out-of-pocket maximum or a cost-sharing requirement for certain persons; providing for the application of this Act; providing for a delayed effective date; and generally relating to the calculation of cost-sharing requirements for health care services.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Insurance
Section 15–118
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2017 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 168 – Delegate Ivey

AN ACT concerning

Motor Vehicle Insurance Use of Credit History Rating Policy

FOR the purpose of prohibiting an insurer, with respect to private passenger motor vehicle insurance, from rating a risk based, in whole or in part, on the credit history of an applicant or insured in any manner; repealing certain provisions of law authorizing an insurer to use the credit history of an applicant or insured to rate a new policy of private passenger motor vehicle insurance subject to certain limitations and requirements; making conforming and clarifying changes; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to rating policies of private passenger motor vehicle insurance.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Insurance
Section 27–501(e–2)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2017 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 169 – Delegate Valentino–Smith

AN ACT concerning

Juvenile Law – Informal Adjustment

FOR the purpose of authorizing the juvenile court to refer a certain matter to the Department of Juvenile Services for a certain informal adjustment under certain circumstances; providing a certain exception to the requirement that the court hold an adjudicatory hearing; requiring the juvenile court to take certain actions under certain circumstances; providing for the application of certain provisions of law; making certain conforming changes; requiring the Department to report to the General Assembly on or before a certain date each year; and generally relating to juvenile causes.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings
Section 3–8A–10(e) and (f)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume)

BY adding to
Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings
Section 3–8A–10(e–1)
Annotated Code of Maryland

(2020 Replacement Volume)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 170 – Delegate K. Young

AN ACT concerning

Cancer Drugs – Physician Dispensing and Coverage

FOR the purpose of providing that certain provisions of law do not prohibit a physician who has a valid dispensing permit and complies with certain provisions of law from personally dispensing to a patient by mail or other commercial method a starter dosage of a cancer drug or device or an initial or refill prescription of a cancer drug; requiring certain entities to allow certain insureds, enrollees, and beneficiaries to obtain a cancer drug from a dispensing physician; defining certain terms; requiring that certain beneficiaries be allowed to obtain a cancer drug from a dispensing physician; providing for the application of this Act; providing for a delayed effective date; and generally relating to cancer drugs.

BY adding to

Article – Health Occupations
Section 12–102(l)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Health Occupations
Section 12–102(l) and (m)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Insurance
Section 15–847(a) and (d) and 15–1611.1
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2017 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 171 – Delegate Washington

AN ACT concerning

State Department of Education – School Discipline – Data Collection

FOR the purpose of requiring the State Department of Education to disaggregate certain discipline-related data in an electronic spreadsheet format for the Department's website; requiring certain discipline-related data to be available as a data download; requiring the Department to provide certain discipline-related data to the public in an accessible electronic spreadsheet format; requiring the Department to report certain information to the Governor and the General Assembly each year; requiring the Department to lower a risk ratio used to identify a school's disproportional disciplinary practices; requiring the Department to report disproportionality data for high-suspending schools; requiring the Department to include certain schools and programs in a calculation of disproportionality data; defining a certain term; and generally relating to the collection of discipline-related data by the State Department of Education.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Education
Section 7-306
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 172 – Delegate Lehman

AN ACT concerning

Corporate Income Tax – Combined Reporting and Subtraction Modification for Combined Groups of Corporations

FOR the purpose of requiring certain corporations to compute Maryland taxable income using a certain method; authorizing certain corporations, subject to regulations adopted by the Comptroller, to determine certain income using a certain method; requiring, subject to regulations adopted by the Comptroller, certain groups of corporations to file a combined income tax return reflecting the aggregate income tax liability of all the members of the group; requiring the Comptroller to adopt certain regulations; requiring certain regulations to be consistent with certain regulations adopted by the Multistate Tax Commission; providing a subtraction modification under the Maryland corporate income tax for certain changes to a certain combined group's deferred tax assets or liabilities that are the result of certain provisions of this Act; providing for the calculation of the amount of the subtraction modification; providing that the subtraction modification may be claimed only for certain taxable years; prohibiting the subtraction from being reduced as a result of an event that occurs after the calculation of the subtraction; providing, under certain circumstances, for the carryforward of the subtraction; requiring a combined group that intends to claim the subtraction to file a certain statement with the Comptroller on or before a certain date; authorizing the Comptroller to review and alter the amount of the subtraction specified in the statement or claimed on certain tax returns; defining certain terms; providing for the construction of this Act; providing

for the application of this Act; providing for a delayed effective date; and generally relating to the Maryland income tax on corporations.

BY adding to

Article – Tax – General
Section 10–311 and 10–402.1
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Tax – General
Section 10–811
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 173 – Delegates Feldmark, Ebersole, Kerr, Hill, and Hornberger

AN ACT concerning

Community Colleges – State Funding – Revision

FOR the purpose of specifying that a certain appropriation calculated under the Senator John A. Cade Funding Formula and a certain appropriation for Baltimore City Community College include appropriations, regardless of where they are budgeted, designated for the general operation of 4–year public institutions of higher education in the State; and generally relating to State appropriations for community colleges.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Education
Section 16–305(a) and (c)(1)(i)11. through 13. and 16–512(a)(1)(xii) through (xiv)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Education
Section 16–305(c)(1)(ii) and 16–512(a)(2)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

House Bill 174 – Delegate Brooks

AN ACT concerning

Public Utilities – Investor–Owned Utilities – Prevailing Wage

FOR the purpose of requiring certain investor–owned gas, electric, or combination gas and electric companies to require certain contractors and subcontractors to pay their employees not less than the prevailing wage rate for certain projects; and generally relating to investor–owned utilities and the prevailing wage.

BY adding to

Article – Public Utilities
Section 5–305
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – State Finance and Procurement
Section 17–201(h)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 175 – Delegate Henson

AN ACT concerning

Public Safety – Ammunition – Sales and Transfers

FOR the purpose of requiring an ammunition vendor to confirm identification and conduct a certain background check on a purchaser or transferee of ammunition before the sale or transfer of ammunition; prohibiting an ammunition vendor from completing the purchase or the transfer of ammunition to the purchaser or transferee of ammunition under certain circumstances; prohibiting an ammunition vendor from selling or transferring ammunition without making a certain record that includes certain information; requiring an ammunition vendor to maintain a certain record with certain information; requiring the Secretary of State Police to adopt certain regulations; requiring an ammunition vendor to submit certain information to the Secretary; requiring the Secretary to retain certain information in a certain database that remains confidential and may be used only under certain circumstances; prohibiting an ammunition vendor from using, selling, disclosing, or sharing certain information except under certain circumstances; authorizing the Secretary to inspect certain records under certain circumstances; establishing a certain penalty for a violation of this Act; requiring the court to assess a fine with certain considerations; providing exceptions to the applicability of this Act; defining certain terms; and generally relating to sales and transfers of ammunition.

BY adding to

Article – Public Safety

Section 5–701 through 5–705 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 7. Ammunition”
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 176 – Delegate Wilkins

AN ACT concerning

**Earned Income Tax Credit – Individuals Without Qualifying Children –
Calculation and Refundability**

FOR the purpose of altering the calculation of the Maryland earned income tax credit to increase the amount of credit that certain individuals without qualifying children may claim; allowing certain individuals to claim a refund of the credit; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to the Maryland earned income tax credit.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Tax – General
Section 10–704
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 177 – Delegate Ivey

AN ACT concerning

**Property Tax – Real Property Tax Rate – Prohibition on Increase During Public
Health Emergency**

FOR the purpose of prohibiting the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City or the governing body of a county from increasing the county real property tax rate under certain emergency circumstances; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to the county tax rate for real property.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Tax – Property
Section 6–302(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Tax – Property

Section 6–302(d)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 178 – Delegate Stewart

AN ACT concerning

Vehicle Laws – Reckless Driving, Speed Contests, Registration Plates, and Noise Abatement – Penalties

FOR the purpose of prohibiting a person from knowingly obscuring a registration plate for the purpose of evading certain enforcement of the Maryland Vehicle Law, subject to a certain penalty; altering the points assessments for certain motor vehicle violations related to reckless driving or participation in a race or speed contest; establishing that a person charged with reckless driving or violations related to participation in a race or speed contest must appear in court and may not prepay the fine; altering the penalty for a person convicted of certain violations related to participation in a race or speed contest or motor vehicle noise abatement; authorizing the publisher of the Annotated Code of Maryland to make certain corrections in a certain manner; and generally relating to penalties for violations of the Maryland Vehicle Law.

BY renumbering

Article – Transportation
Section 16–402(a)(30) through (43), respectively
to be Section 16–402(a)(29) through (42), respectively
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Transportation
Section 13–411(c), 16–402(a)(22), (28), and (29), 21–901.1, 21–1116, and 22–609
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume)

BY adding to

Article – Transportation
Section 16–402(a)(43) and (44)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 179 – Delegate Luedtke

AN ACT concerning

Income Tax – Subtraction Modification – Union Dues

FOR the purpose of allowing a subtraction modification under the Maryland income tax for certain union dues paid during the taxable year; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to a subtraction modification under the Maryland income tax for union dues.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Tax – General
Section 10–208(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Tax – General
Section 10–208(y)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 180 – Delegate Clippinger

AN ACT concerning

Juveniles – Sexting

FOR the purpose of establishing a certain mitigating factor in a certain juvenile court proceeding against a child for a certain violation; requiring and authorizing the juvenile court to take certain actions in making a certain disposition on a certain finding; prohibiting the juvenile court from taking certain actions in making a certain disposition on a certain finding; establishing a certain affirmative defense in a certain juvenile court proceeding for a certain violation; establishing that a child who is found by the juvenile court to have violated a certain provision of law is not subject to certain sex offender registration; defining a certain term; and generally relating to juveniles, obscene matter, and sexting.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings
Section 3–8A–19(d)(1)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume)

BY adding to
Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings

Section 3–8A–35
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Criminal Law
Section 11–203, 11–207, and 11–208
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 181 – Delegate Ebersole

AN ACT concerning

Baltimore County – Board of Education – Election of Officers

FOR the purpose of altering the number of votes required for the members of the Baltimore County Board of Education to elect a chair and vice chair; and generally relating to the election of officers for the Baltimore County Board of Education.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Education
Section 3–2B–09(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 182 – Delegate Kerr

AN ACT concerning

Health Occupations – Podiatric Physicians

FOR the purpose of altering the term “podiatrist” to be “podiatric physician”; requiring the publisher of the Annotated Code of Maryland, in consultation with and subject to the approval of the Department of Legislative Services, to correct any cross–references or terminology rendered incorrect by this Act and to describe any corrections made in an editor’s note following the section affected; and generally relating to podiatric physicians.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Commercial Law
Section 13–104(1)
Annotated Code of Maryland

(2013 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Corporations and Associations
Section 4A–101(a) and 5–101(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Corporations and Associations
Section 4A–101(t)(2)(viii) and 5–101(g)(2)(vii)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings
Section 3–2A–01(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings
Section 3–2A–01(f)(1)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Criminal Law
Section 3–101(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Criminal Law
Section 3–101(b)(3)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Education
Section 15–122(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Estates and Trusts
Section 7–401(bb)

Annotated Code of Maryland
(2017 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Health – General
Section 3–401(a), 19–2001(a)(1), and 21–1113(a)(1)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Health – General
Section 3–401(b), 4–401(a)(7), 4–403(a)(1)(xvi), 15–103(c)(3), 19–351(b), 19–712.5(f),
19–2001(a)(4)(ii)8., and 21–1113(a)(2)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Health Occupations
Section 1–801(a), 8–512(a)(1), 12–101(a), 12–6A–01(a), and 16–101(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Health Occupations
Section 1–801(d)(6), 8–512(a)(2), 12–101(b), 12–102(a), (c)(2)(ii), (d)(2), (e)(1), (f)(1),
(g), and (m), 12–102.1(b), 12–102.2(b), 12–6A–01(b), and
14–5F–14(b)(3); and 16–101(d) and (e), 16–103, 16–202(a)(2) and (3), (c), and
(d)(2) and (3), 16–205(a)(2) and (b)(3)(ii) and (iii) and (4), 16–307(f)(1),
16–308(a)(3) and (b), 16–310(a), 16–311(b), 16–318(a), 16–401, 16–402,
16–403, and 16–404 to be under the amended title “Title 16. Podiatric
Physicians”
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Insurance
Section 4–401(a)(1)(i) and (e)(3), 14–101(b), 14–110(a)(2)(ii)2., 15–702(b), 15–713(b)
and (c), and 15–805(a)(2)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2017 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Insurance
Section 14–101(a) and 15–805(a)(1)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2017 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – State Personnel and Pensions
Section 9–504(b)(2)(x)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Transportation
Section 13–616(a)(1)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Transportation
Section 13–616(a)(8) and (b)(1) and (2)(ii), 13–616.1(a)(2)(i) and (j), and
13–616.2(a)(1)(iii), (c)(1), and (h)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 183 – Delegate Lierman

AN ACT concerning

Public Information Act – Revisions (Equitable Access to Records Act)

FOR the purpose of requiring each official custodian to adopt a certain policy of proactive disclosure; providing that the policy may vary in a certain manner and include the publication of certain records, to the extent practicable, or certain information; requiring each official custodian to publish a certain annual report on a certain website, to the extent practicable or, under certain circumstances, store the report in a certain manner; requiring the report of an official custodian to include certain information; requiring a certain member of the Public Information Act Compliance Board to have served as a custodian, rather than an official custodian, in the State; requiring that two members of the Board, rather than one member, be attorneys; requiring that one member of the Board be knowledgeable about electronic records; requiring the Office of the Attorney General to provide at least a certain number of staff members to assist the Board and requiring the Office of the Public Access Ombudsman to carry out certain duties; requiring the Board to receive, review, and resolve certain complaints from applicants and applicants' designated representatives and certain complaints from a custodian; altering the minimum fee charged under which the Board is required to take certain actions with regard to a complaint; requiring the Board to order a custodian to take certain actions under certain circumstances; requiring the Board to issue an order authorizing a custodian to take certain actions under certain circumstances; requiring the Board to adopt

certain regulations; altering the circumstances under which an applicant or an applicant's designated representative is authorized to file a certain written complaint; authorizing a custodian to file a certain complaint under certain circumstances; altering the time period within which a certain complaint must be filed; altering the time period within which a certain response must be filed; requiring a custodian to provide certain information to the Board on request; requiring a custodian or an applicant, on request of the Board, to provide a certain affidavit or statement; requiring the Board to maintain the confidentiality of certain records and information; prohibiting a custodian from being civilly or criminally liable for taking certain actions; providing for the construction of certain actions taken under this Act; altering certain time periods within which the Board must issue certain decisions under certain circumstances; prohibiting a person from appealing a certain decision under certain provisions of law; repealing the limitation on the time period for which a certain appeal stays a certain decision; altering the list of disputes that the Ombudsman is required to make reasonable attempts to resolve; requiring the Ombudsman to issue a certain final determination within a certain period of time except under certain circumstances; requiring the Ombudsman to inform the applicant and the custodian of the availability of certain review by the Board under certain circumstances; authorizing the Ombudsman to disclose certain information to certain persons; prohibiting a certain individual from disclosing certain information under certain circumstances; authorizing the Ombudsman to transfer certain information to the Board under certain circumstances; requiring the Ombudsman to submit a certain annual report to the Governor and the General Assembly; requiring the Ombudsman's report to include certain information; prohibiting a custodian from failing to respond to an application for the inspection of a public record within certain time limits except under certain circumstances; altering the circumstances under which certain time limits are required to be extended pending the resolution of a dispute; altering a certain definition; altering certain terminology; making stylistic and conforming changes; requiring the Office of the Attorney General to allocate certain staff members on or before a certain date; and generally relating to the Public Information Act.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – General Provisions

Section 4–101(a) and (c), 4–1B–01, and 4–203(a)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – General Provisions

Section 4–101(j), 4–1A–02(a), 4–1A–03(d), 4–1A–04 through 4–1A–08, 4–1A–10,
4–1B–02(b), 4–1B–04, 4–203(d), and 4–362(a)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – General Provisions

Section 4–104 and 4–105
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 184 – Delegate Ivey

AN ACT concerning

University System of Maryland, Morgan State University, and St. Mary’s College of Maryland – Board Membership – Alterations

FOR the purpose of altering the membership of the Board of Regents of the University System of Maryland to increase the number of members, require that certain members have backgrounds in certain activities, and require that certain members attended certain institutions of higher education; altering the membership of the Board of Regents of Morgan State University and the Board of Trustees of St. Mary’s College of Maryland to increase the number of members and require that certain members have backgrounds in certain activities; providing for the initial appointment of certain members of the Board of Regents of Morgan State University and the Board of Trustees of St. Mary’s College of Maryland; and generally relating to the membership of the Board of Regents of the University System of Maryland, the Board of Regents of Morgan State University, and the Board of Trustees of St. Mary’s College of Maryland.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Education
Section 12–102(b) and (d) through (f), 14–102(a), and 14–402(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Education
Section 12–102(c), 14–102(b) and (c), and 14–402(b)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

House Bill 185 – Delegate T. Branch

AN ACT concerning

Alcoholic Beverages – On-Sales – Required Multiple Purchases

FOR the purpose of prohibiting an alcoholic beverages license holder or an employee of a license holder from requiring, as a condition of sale of an alcoholic beverage for on-premises consumption, that an individual buy more than one bottle, container, or other serving at a time; establishing certain penalties for a violation of this Act; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Alcoholic Beverages

Section 6–301, 9–102, 10–102, 11–102, 12–102, 13–102, 14–102, 15–102, 16–102, 17–102, 18–102, 19–102, 20–102, 21–102, 22–102, 23–102, 24–102, 25–102, 26–102, 27–102, 28–102, 29–102, 30–102, 31–102, 32–102, and 33–102

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2016 Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – Alcoholic Beverages

Section 6–317

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2016 Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Alcoholic Beverages

Section 9–2701(a), 10–2701(a), 11–2701(a), 12–2701(a), 13–2701(a), 14–2701(a), 15–2701(a), 16–2701(a), 17–2701(a), 18–2701(a), 19–2701(a), 20–2701(a), 21–2701(a), 22–2701(a), 23–2701(a), 24–2701(a), 25–2701(a), 26–2701(a), 27–2701(a), 28–2701(a), 29–2701(a), 30–2701(a), 31–2701(a), 32–2701(a), and 33–2701(a)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2016 Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 186 – Delegate Malone

AN ACT concerning

Courts – Court Dog Therapy Program – Veterans Treatment Courts

FOR the purpose of renaming the Court Dog and Child Witness Program to be the Court Dog Therapy Program; expanding the application of the Program to veterans participating in a certain veterans treatment court; 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; defining certain terms; making clarifying and conforming changes; and generally relating to the Court Dog Therapy Program.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings
Section 9–501 to be under the amended subtitle “Subtitle 5. Court Dog Therapy
Program”
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 187 – Delegate Ivey

AN ACT concerning

Public Safety – Law Enforcement – Body–Worn Cameras

FOR the purpose of requiring, on or before a certain date, certain law enforcement agencies to adopt policies and procedures for the use of body–worn cameras consistent with certain policies developed by the Maryland Police Training and Standards Commission; requiring certain law enforcement agencies to issue body–worn cameras for certain police officers to use while on duty; making conforming changes; and generally relating to law enforcement and body–worn cameras.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Public Safety
Section 3–511
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Public Safety
Section 3–511.1
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 188 – Delegate Grammer

AN ACT concerning

No–Knock Warrants – Elimination (Duncan’s Act)

FOR the purpose of repealing a provision of law authorizing an application for a search warrant to contain a request authorizing the executing law enforcement officer to enter a building, apartment, premises, place, or thing to be searched without giving notice of the officer’s authority or purpose under certain circumstances; providing

that an application for a search warrant may not contain a request that the search warrant authorize the executing law enforcement officer to enter the building, apartment, premises, place, or thing to be searched without giving a certain notice; repealing a provision of law requiring the issuance of a search warrant exempting a law enforcement officer from providing certain notice under certain circumstances; repealing a provision of law requiring the Maryland Police Training and Standards Commission to consult and cooperate with commanders of SWAT teams to develop certain standards; providing that a law enforcement officer may not enter a certain building, apartment, premises, place, or thing without providing certain notice; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to the elimination of “no-knock warrants”.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Criminal Procedure
Section 1–203(a)(2)(vi) and (3)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Public Safety
Section 3–207(a)(24)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Public Safety
Section 3–523
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 189 – Delegate Qi

AN ACT concerning

Mobile Laundry for the Homeless Pilot Program

FOR the purpose of establishing the Mobile Laundry for the Homeless Pilot Program in the Division of Neighborhood Revitalization; providing for the purpose of the Pilot Program; requiring the Division to administer the Pilot Program; requiring the Division to award funds under the Pilot Program through certain grants to establish certain mobile laundry services for the homeless; establishing certain eligibility requirements; authorizing in-kind contributions to be used to meet a certain requirement; requiring the Division to rate positively certain nonprofit organizations in selecting applicants to which grants will be awarded; requiring the Division to establish a certain system of outcome measurement; requiring recipients of a grant

under the Pilot Program to submit certain information to the Division; requiring the Division to submit to the Department of Housing and Community Development certain information on or before a certain date; requiring the Department to evaluate the effectiveness of the Pilot Program and make a certain recommendation to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before a certain date; defining certain terms; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to the Mobile Laundry for the Homeless Pilot Program.

BY adding to

Article – Housing and Community Development
Section 6–801 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 8. Mobile Laundry for the Homeless Pilot Program”
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

House Bill 190 – Delegate Lierman

AN ACT concerning

Procurement – Specialized Printing Services Contracts – Board of Public Works Approval

FOR the purpose of requiring the Board of Public Works to approve the award of a procurement contract for specialized printing services before a unit may execute the contract; prohibiting the Board from delegating its authority to approve the award of a procurement contract for specialized printing services; defining a certain term; altering certain definitions; and generally relating to the approval of specialized printing services contracts.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – State Finance and Procurement
Section 11–101(a), (d), (n), and (o)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – State Finance and Procurement
Section 11–101(u) and (x) and 12–101
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – State Finance and Procurement
Section 11–101(u–1)
Annotated Code of Maryland

(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 191 – Delegate Kelly

AN ACT concerning

Maryland Medical Assistance Program – Psychiatrist and Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner Telemedicine Reimbursement – Sunset Termination

FOR the purpose of repealing the termination provisions for certain provisions of law relating to the eligibility of psychiatrists and psychiatric nurse practitioners who provide Assertive Community Treatment or mobile treatment services to Maryland Medical Assistance Program recipients in a home or community-based setting through telemedicine to receive reimbursement for the health care services from the Program; and generally relating to reimbursement under the Maryland Medical Assistance Program for telemedicine provided by psychiatrists and psychiatric nurse practitioners.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Health – General
Section 15–105.2
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Chapter 691 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2018, as amended by Chapters
479 and 480 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2019
Section 3

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Chapter 479 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2019
Section 3

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Chapter 480 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2019
Section 3

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 192 – Delegate Guyton

AN ACT concerning

Public Schools – Special Education Classrooms – Use of Video

FOR the purpose of requiring each county board of education, beginning in a certain school year, to install certain video recording devices in special education classrooms; requiring a certain video recording device to record certain areas at certain times; prohibiting a certain video recording device from recording certain areas; requiring a county board to provide notice of the use of video recording devices in special education classrooms in a certain manner; prohibiting a county board from storing a certain video recording for a certain amount of time except under certain circumstances; requiring a county board to store a certain video recording for a certain amount of time under certain circumstances; requiring a certain person to submit a certain report to the principal of a certain school under certain circumstances; requiring the principal to maintain a certain report for a certain amount of time; establishing that a certain video recording is confidential and may not be viewed except under certain circumstances; authorizing certain persons to view a certain video recording under certain circumstances; requiring a county board to respond to a certain request to view a certain video recording within a certain amount of time; requiring a certain employee to report certain actions under certain circumstances and in a certain manner; requiring a principal to notify a parent or legal guardian of a certain student of a certain report within a certain amount of time; requiring a county board to make a reasonable attempt to conceal the identity of a certain student under certain circumstances; prohibiting the State Department of Education, a county board, a school, or a principal from using a certain video recording device for a certain purpose; authorizing a county board to solicit and accept certain funds for a certain purpose; requiring certain video recording devices to comply with certain fire and safety standards; requiring a county board to collect certain data each year; requiring a county board, beginning in a certain year and each year thereafter, to submit a certain report to the Department; requiring the Department to adopt certain regulations; defining certain terms; and generally relating to the use of video recording devices in special education classrooms.

BY adding to

Article – Education

Section 7–447

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Education

Section 8–401(a)(1) and (5)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 193 – Delegate Guyton

AN ACT concerning

Criminal Procedure – Victims of Crime – Private Room

FOR the purpose of requiring the State Board of Victim Services to develop a certain poster to notify a victim of the right to request a certain private room when reporting a certain crime; requiring a certain law enforcement agency to display a certain poster; requiring a certain law enforcement agency to provide a certain private room to a certain victim under certain circumstances; defining a certain term; and generally relating to victims of crime.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Criminal Procedure
Section 11–911
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Criminal Procedure
Section 11–914
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Criminal Procedure
Section 11–1002(d)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 194 – Delegate Wells

AN ACT concerning

**Criminal Procedure – Police Officers and Public Defenders – Implicit Bias –
Testing, Training, and Evaluation**

FOR the purpose of requiring that certain public defenders receive certain tests, training, and evaluation for implicit bias; requiring the Public Defender to ensure that certain data on implicit bias is made available to the public; requiring the Maryland Police Training and Standards Commission to ensure that the curriculum for certain police training include certain tests, training, and evaluation for implicit bias; requiring the Commission to develop a policy requiring law enforcement agencies to make certain data on implicit bias available to the public; and generally relating to implicit bias testing, training, and evaluation for public defenders and police officers.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Criminal Procedure

Section 16–207(b)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Public Safety
Section 3–207(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 195 – Delegate Wilson

AN ACT concerning

Criminal Procedure – District Court Commissioners – Issuance of Arrest Warrant

FOR the purpose of providing that only a police officer may file a statement of charges with a District Court commissioner; altering a District Court commissioner’s duties to exclude issuing arrest warrants; and generally relating to arrest warrants issued by District Court commissioners.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings
Section 2–607(c)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 196 – Delegate Ivey

AN ACT concerning

Environment – Oil and Natural Gas Produced by Hydraulic Fracturing – Prohibition on Exportation

FOR the purpose of prohibiting a person from exporting from the State oil or natural gas produced by hydraulic fracturing; and generally relating to oil and natural gas produced by hydraulic fracturing.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Environment
Section 14–107.1
Annotated Code of Maryland

(2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 197 – Delegate Wilson

AN ACT concerning

**Criminal Procedure – Police Officers – Stop Procedures
(Know Your Rights Act)**

FOR the purpose of requiring a police officer to display certain identification and provide certain information to certain individuals at the commencement of a certain stop, with a certain exception; requiring a police officer to inform certain passengers and occupants of a certain vehicle of a certain right at a certain time; prohibiting a police officer from seizing certain items without a warrant or using certain tactics or deliberately misrepresenting facts for a certain purpose at a certain time; requiring the Maryland Police Training and Standards Commission to adopt certain standards; defining certain terms; and generally relating to police procedures.

BY adding to

Article – Criminal Procedure
Section 2–109
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – Public Safety
Section 3–207(j)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 198 – Delegate Wilson

AN ACT concerning

Criminal Law – Disturbing the Peace – Prohibited Actions

FOR the purpose of altering the prohibited actions for the crime of disturbing the peace; repealing certain definitions; making certain conforming changes; and generally relating to disturbing the peace.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Criminal Law
Section 10–201

Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 199 – Delegate Wilson

AN ACT concerning

Maryland State Sport – Lacrosse

FOR the purpose of altering the State sport of Maryland from jousting to lacrosse; repealing lacrosse as the State team sport of Maryland; and generally relating to the official sport of Maryland.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – General Provisions
Section 7–329
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 200 – Delegates Stein and Bartlett

AN ACT concerning

**Public Safety – Access to Firearms – Storage Requirements
(Jaelynn’s Law)**

FOR the purpose of altering a certain prohibition to prohibit a person from storing or leaving a firearm in a location where a minor could gain access to the firearm; altering a certain exception to the prohibition; establishing certain exceptions to the prohibition; prohibiting a person from storing or leaving a firearm in a location where an unsupervised minor could gain access to the firearm and an unsupervised minor does gain access to the firearm; prohibiting a person from storing or leaving a firearm in a location where a minor could gain access to the firearm, an unsupervised minor does gain access to the firearm, and the firearm causes harm to the minor or another person; establishing penalties for a violation of this Act; repealing a certain defined term; providing for the application of a certain provision of this Act; and generally relating to storage of firearms.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Criminal Law
Section 4–104
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

CONSENT CALENDAR OF INTRODUCTORY HOUSE BILLS NO. 5

House Bill 201 – Delegate Palakovich Carr

AN ACT concerning

Income Tax Rates – Capital Gains Income

FOR the purpose of providing for an additional State individual income tax rate on the net capital gains of individuals, subject to certain exceptions; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to the State income tax and capital gains income.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Tax – General
Section 10–105(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 202 – Delegate Stein

AN ACT concerning

Election Law – Presidential Electors – Selection and Voting

FOR the purpose of altering the procedures for the selection of presidential elector nominees; requiring certain presidential elector nominees and alternates to execute a certain pledge; requiring that certain pledges accompany a certain submission; requiring that a certain vote be considered to be and counted as a vote for certain presidential electors; requiring the Governor to certify certain presidential electors and make certain statements in the certificate of ascertainment; requiring the State Administrator of Elections to preside at a certain meeting of certain presidential electors; providing that the position of a presidential elector not present at a certain meeting is vacant; requiring the State Administrator to appoint an individual as a substitute presidential elector to fill a certain presidential elector vacancy in a certain manner; requiring a certain individual to execute a certain pledge to qualify as a substitute presidential elector; requiring the State Administrator to provide presidential electors with certain ballots; requiring presidential electors to take certain actions to complete and submit certain ballots; requiring the State Administrator to examine certain ballots and accept certain ballots as cast; prohibiting the State Administrator from counting certain ballots under certain

circumstances; providing that presidential electors who take certain actions vacate the office; requiring the State Administrator to distribute ballots and collect ballots from certain substitute presidential electors and repeat the process until all of the State's electoral votes have been cast and recorded; requiring the State Administrator to prepare an amended certificate of ascertainment for the Governor under certain circumstances; requiring the Governor to deliver and sign a certain amended certificate of ascertainment to the State Administrator and a certain duplicate original of the certificate to certain individuals; requiring the State Administrator to prepare a certain certificate of the vote; requiring certain presidential electors to sign a certain certificate; requiring the State Administrator to process and transmit the signed certificate of the vote with a certain certificate of ascertainment; defining certain terms; making conforming and clarifying changes; providing for the effective dates of this Act; providing for the termination of certain provisions of this Act; and generally relating to presidential electors.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Election Law
Section 1–101(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2017 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Election Law
Section 1–101(ii–1) and (tt–1), 8–504, 8–506, 8–507, and 8–509
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2017 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Election Law
Section 8–503, 8–504, and 8–505
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2017 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Election Law
Section 8–505
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2017 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)
(As enacted by Chapters 43 and 44 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2007)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 203 – Delegate C. Jackson

AN ACT concerning

Estates and Trusts – Wills and Advance Medical Directives – Notaries Public

FOR the purpose of providing that a will may be made self-proved in a certain manner; establishing certain requirements for a self-proving will; requiring a certain self-proving will to be acknowledged by the testator before a notary public; requiring a certain self-proving affidavit to be attached or annexed to a self-proving will; providing that a signature affixed to a certain self-proving affidavit is considered a signature affixed to a certain will; providing that certain self-proving affidavits of certain witnesses shall be accepted by the court; altering the requirements of an advance medical directive; requiring a declarant to acknowledge a certain advance medical directive before a notary public; authorizing a notary public to serve as a certain witness for a certain advance medical directive; and generally relating to the execution of wills and advance medical directives.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Estates and Trusts
Section 1–101(w)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2017 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Estates and Trusts
Section 4–102
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2017 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Health – General
Section 5–602(a) and (b)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Health – General
Section 5–602(c)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 204 – Delegate Lierman

AN ACT concerning

**Environment and Natural Resources – Complaints, Inspections, and
Enforcement – Information Maintenance and Reporting**

FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of the Environment to receive and process complaints involving suspected environmental violations in a certain manner; requiring the Department of the Environment to maintain and update certain information involving suspected environmental violations; requiring the Department of the Environment to develop and maintain a certain website to provide certain complaint, inspection, and enforcement information; requiring certain information posted on a certain website to be kept in a certain manner; requiring the Department of Natural Resources to report to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before a certain date each year on information relating to the enforcement of natural resources and conservation laws; declaring the intent of the General Assembly; providing for the construction of this Act; defining a certain term; and generally relating to complaints, inspections, and enforcement under environment and natural resources laws.

BY adding to

Article – Environment
Section 1–305
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2013 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – Natural Resources
Section 1–211
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 205 – Delegate Reznik

AN ACT concerning

Public Schools – Provision of Menstrual Hygiene Products – Requirement

FOR the purpose of requiring each county board of education to ensure that each public school provide, at no charge to students, menstrual hygiene products via dispensers in the restrooms at the school; requiring a public middle or high school to install menstrual hygiene product dispensers in certain restrooms by certain dates; requiring a public elementary school to install menstrual hygiene product dispensers in at least one restroom by a certain date; defining a certain term; and generally relating to the provision of menstrual hygiene products in public schools.

BY adding to

Article – Education
Section 7–447
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 206 – Delegate Washington

AN ACT concerning

Election Law – Early Voting Centers – Hours of Operation

FOR the purpose of altering the hours during which early voting centers are required to be open in elections other than a presidential general election; and generally relating to the hours of operation of early voting centers.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Election Law
Section 10–301.1(d)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2017 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 207 – Delegate Wilson

AN ACT concerning

Nursing Homes – Resident Change in Condition – Notification

FOR the purpose of altering a certain provision of law requiring a nursing home to provide certain notification regarding a certain change in condition of a resident to the resident or certain individuals to require the notification to be provided within a certain time period, rather than in a timely manner; and generally relating to nursing homes, nursing home residents, and changes in condition.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Health – General
Section 19–1415
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 208 – Delegates Healey and Stein

AN ACT concerning

Agriculture – Neonicotinoid Pesticides – Sale and Storage

FOR the purpose of restricting a person that sells a neonicotinoid pesticide under certain provisions of law to selling a neonicotinoid pesticide only to a certain certified applicator or farmer; requiring a person selling a neonicotinoid pesticide to store a neonicotinoid pesticide in a certain manner; making stylistic and conforming changes; defining certain terms; and generally relating to neonicotinoid pesticides.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Agriculture
Section 5–201(a), (c), and (r)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Agriculture
Section 5–2A–01 and 5–2A–02
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 209 – Delegate Belcastro

AN ACT concerning

Public Health – Maryland Suicide Fatality Review Committee

FOR the purpose of establishing the Maryland Suicide Fatality Review Committee; providing for the purpose of the Committee; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Committee; requiring all members of the Committee to be voting members; providing for the term and manner of filling vacancies of certain members of the Committee; prohibiting a member of the Committee from receiving certain compensation, but authorizing the reimbursement of certain expenses; authorizing the Committee to hire staff or consultants under certain circumstances; requiring the Committee to meet a minimum number of times each year, make certain determinations, report at least annually to the Governor and the General Assembly on certain matters, perform certain annual studies, and disseminate certain findings and recommendations to certain persons; authorizing the Committee to make certain information available periodically and in a certain manner; requiring that a certain person have certain immunity from liability under certain circumstances; providing that the Committee is a certain public health authority; requiring certain persons to provide the Committee access to certain records in a certain manner under certain circumstances; authorizing the Committee to request that a certain person provide certain information; authorizing the Committee to share certain information with certain persons; requiring the Committee to interact and collaborate with certain review teams for a certain purpose; requiring that certain information and records be kept confidential and exempt from certain disclosure; prohibiting certain information and records from being subject to discovery or introduction into evidence

in any proceedings; authorizing the disclosure of certain information in a certain manner and for a certain purpose; providing that certain records are subject to certain additional limitations; requiring that certain meetings be closed to the public; establishing that certain meetings are not subject to certain provisions of law; prohibiting certain persons from releasing to the public or the news media certain information or testifying in any proceeding about certain information; requiring certain persons to sign a certain statement; providing for the construction of this Act; authorizing the Maryland Department of Health to adopt certain regulations; establishing a certain short title; defining a certain term; and generally relating to the Maryland Suicide Fatality Review Committee.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings
Section 5–637
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume)

BY adding to
Article – Health – General
Section 5–1001 through 5–1009 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 10. Maryland
Suicide Fatality Review Committee”
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Health Occupations
Section 1–401(a)(1) and (3), (b), and (c)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 210 – Delegate Bhandari

AN ACT concerning

State Board of Physical Therapy Examiners – Temporary Licenses to Practice Physical Therapy and Limited Physical Therapy

FOR the purpose of authorizing the State Board of Physical Therapy Examiners to issue a temporary license to practice physical therapy and limited physical therapy to certain applicants who meet certain requirements; providing that a temporary license authorizes certain individuals to practice limited physical therapy or physical therapy under direct supervision and is valid until a certain event occurs; altering the grounds on which the Board may take certain disciplinary action; defining certain terms; altering a certain definition; making a stylistic change; and generally

relating to the State Board of Physical Therapy Examiners and temporary licenses to practice physical therapy and limited physical therapy.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Health Occupations
Section 13–101(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Health Occupations
Section 13–101(b–1) and (k), 13–313, and 13–316(27)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Health Occupations
Section 13–101(c), 13–315(a), and 13–316(4), (25), and (26)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 211 – Delegate Bhandari

AN ACT concerning

Election Law – Early Voting Centers – Days of Operation

FOR the purpose of altering the days on which early voting centers are required to be open for voting; and generally relating to early voting.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Election Law
Section 10–301.1(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2017 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Election Law
Section 10–301.1(d)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2017 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 212 – Delegate Cardin

AN ACT concerning

Criminal Procedure – Medical Emergency – Immunity

FOR the purpose of altering a provision of law to specify that a person who is experiencing a medical emergency, rather than a person who reasonably believes that the person is experiencing a medical emergency, after ingesting or using alcohol or drugs is immune from criminal arrest, charge, or prosecution for a certain violation if the evidence for the arrest, charge, or prosecution was obtained solely as a result of the person seeking or receiving medical assistance; altering the offenses for which a person is immune from criminal arrest, charge, or prosecution under certain circumstances; granting immunity from detention or prosecution for a nonviolent crime based solely on contact with the defendant in the course of providing, assisting with, or receiving medical assistance under certain circumstances; making a clarifying change; and generally relating to medical emergencies and criminal immunity.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Criminal Procedure
Section 1–210
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 213 – Delegate Cardin

AN ACT concerning

Courts – Prohibited Indemnity and Defense Liability Agreements

FOR the purpose of prohibiting a provision in a contract or an agreement with a design professional for professional services that requires the design professional to indemnify or hold harmless certain parties unless the design professional is at fault for causing the loss, damage, or expense indemnified; prohibiting a provision in a contract or an agreement with a design professional for professional services that requires the design professional to defend certain parties against liability or certain claims; providing that certain provisions of law may not be interpreted to prohibit a certain otherwise enforceable indemnity or hold harmless agreement from including recovery of certain attorney's fees and defense costs in cases where the fault of the promisor or its derivative parties is determined to be the proximate cause of the defense costs to be indemnified; defining certain terms; and generally relating to indemnity and defense liability agreements.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings

Section 5–401(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 214 – Delegate Malone

AN ACT concerning

Wetlands and Waterways – Riparian Rights – Prohibition on Termination or Impairment

FOR the purpose of prohibiting the Department of the Environment or the Board of Public Works from terminating or impairing the riparian rights of an individual, community association, or other entity through the application process for a permit or license to install a pier; and generally relating to wetlands and waterways and riparian rights.

BY adding to

Article – Environment
Section 16–201.1
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 215 – Delegate Palakovich Carr

AN ACT concerning

Income Tax – Carried Interest – Additional Tax

FOR the purpose of imposing a certain State income tax on the Maryland taxable income attributable to certain investment management services of an individual or a corporation or the distributive share of a pass-through entity; providing for the calculation of the tax; providing that the tax does not apply under certain circumstances; defining certain terms; making a technical correction; requiring the Comptroller to provide certain notice to the Department of Legislative Services; providing for the application of this Act; providing for the termination of this Act if certain federal legislation is enacted into law; and generally relating to the State income tax and investment management services.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Tax – General
Section 10–102.1(a), (b), and (d)
Annotated Code of Maryland

(2016 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – Tax – General

Section 10–102.2

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2016 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 216 – Delegate Valentino–Smith

AN ACT concerning

Higher Education – Tuition Exemption for Foster Care Recipients and Homeless Youth – Alterations and Reports

FOR the purpose of altering the method by which a certain financial administrator 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 certain tuition waiver is entitled to priority consideration for on–campus housing under certain circumstances; requiring a public institution of higher education to make the application for a certain tuition waiver available to certain students and provide notice of the availability of the application; requiring a public institution of higher education to establish a certain appeal process; altering certain reports a public institution of higher education and the Maryland Higher Education Commission are required to complete; requiring a public institution of higher education to submit certain documents to the Commission on or before a certain date each year; altering certain definitions; and generally relating to tuition exemptions for foster care recipients and homeless youth.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Education

Section 15–106.1

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

House Bill 217 – Delegate Wilkins

AN ACT concerning

Income Tax – Subtraction Modification – Expenses of Medical Cannabis Grower, Processor, Dispensary, or Independent Testing Laboratory

FOR the purpose of allowing a subtraction modification under the Maryland income tax for certain expenses paid or incurred during the taxable year in carrying on a trade or business as a certain medical cannabis grower, processor, dispensary, or independent testing laboratory; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to an income tax subtraction modification for certain expenses of medical cannabis growers, processors, dispensaries, or independent testing laboratories.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Tax – General
Section 10–208(a) and 10–308(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Tax – General
Section 10–208(y)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Tax – General
Section 10–308(b)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means and the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 218 – Delegate Love

AN ACT concerning

Commercial Law – Consumer Protection – Biometric Identifiers and Biometric Information Privacy

FOR the purpose of requiring certain private entities in possession of biometric identifiers or biometric information to develop a certain policy, made available to the public, establishing a certain retention schedule and certain guidelines; prohibiting a private entity from being required to make publicly available a certain policy under certain circumstances; requiring each private entity in possession of biometric identifiers or biometric information to comply with the private entity's retention schedule and destruction guidelines developed under a certain provision of this Act except under certain circumstances; requiring each private entity in possession of biometric identifiers or biometric information to store, transmit, and protect from disclosure biometric identifiers and biometric information in a certain manner; prohibiting private entities in possession of biometric identifiers or biometric

information from selling, leasing, trading, or otherwise profiting from an individual's biometric identifiers or biometric information; prohibiting a private entity in possession of biometric identifiers or biometric information from disclosing, redisclosing, or otherwise disseminating an individual's biometric identifiers or biometric information except under certain circumstances; authorizing a certain individual to bring a certain civil action; authorizing a certain individual to recover certain damages and relief; defining certain terms; providing for a delayed effective date; and generally relating to biometric identifiers and biometric information privacy.

BY adding to

Article – Commercial Law

Section 14–4301 through 14–4304 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 43. Biometric Identifiers and Biometric Information Privacy Act”

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2013 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 219 – Delegate Krebs

AN ACT concerning

Naturopathic Doctors – Formulary Council Membership, Formulary Content, and Scope of Practice

FOR the purpose of authorizing a certain formulary developed by the Naturopathic Doctors Formulary Council and adopted by the State Board of Physicians to include certain prescription drugs and devices; authorizing a licensed naturopathic doctor to dispense, order, or administer certain natural medicines in a certain manner; authorizing a licensed naturopathic doctor to prescribe, dispense, and administer certain prescription drugs and medical foods in a certain manner; altering the membership of the Council to add a member who is a nurse practitioner who practices in the State; making conforming changes; and generally relating to naturopathic doctors.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Health Occupations

Section 14–5F–04.1 and 14–5F–14

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 220 – Delegate Adams

AN ACT concerning

Clean Energy Attribute Credits and Procurement

FOR the purpose of establishing a clean energy attribute credit standard for certain purposes; repealing certain provisions relating to the renewable energy portfolio standard; stating certain findings of the General Assembly; stating certain policies of the State regarding certain energy sources and markets; requiring the Public Service Commission to appoint an independent administrator for certain purposes with certain qualifications and certain duties; providing for the term and reappointment of the independent administrator; establishing certain annual targets for procurement of clean energy attribute credits in certain years; requiring the independent administrator to procure certain credits in certain years; requiring certain credits to be cleared in a competitive auction format; providing for the requirements of the auction; authorizing the independent administrator to procure certain additional credits for certain purposes and in a certain manner; authorizing the independent administrator to procure certain voluntary purchases; authorizing the independent administrator to procure certain credits in certain combined or regional auctions under certain circumstances; requiring the Commission to set the social cost of carbon at certain levels in certain years; providing for the application of the social cost of carbon to calculate a certain procurement cap in a certain manner; establishing a certain cap on the annual cost of complying with this Act in certain years; providing that the owner of certain clean energy resources may participate in certain auctions under this Act; providing for the conversion of certain credits under prior law to be converted and applied to certain goals; providing for the qualification of certain resources for procurement of certain clean energy attribute credits; providing for the location of certain clean energy resources for certain purposes; requiring an energy supplier to document certain credits in a certain tracking system and manner; requiring the independent administrator to establish a procedure for forecasting and acquiring certain credits; providing that the Commission, through the independent administrator, has certain authority to take certain steps; requiring the Commission and the independent administrator to develop a certain program in a certain manner; authorizing the independent administrator to recover certain costs in a certain manner; requiring all electricity suppliers in the State to procure certain credits in accordance with certain requirements; establishing certain procedures for applying certain self-supply electricity to certain procurement obligations; authorizing certain persons to submit certain bids as a voluntary buyer; requiring the independent administrator to conduct certain clean energy attribute credit procurement auctions in certain manners for certain years and durations; authorizing the owner of a new clean energy resource to secure certain commitments over a term of years in a certain manner; providing for the conduct of certain auctions during a certain transition period; providing that the results of certain auctions are subject to the approval of the independent administrator; requiring certain buyers to be responsible for certain payments; providing for the methods of enforcement of certain provisions of law; providing for the construction of this Act; repealing a certain requirement regarding oversight of compliance with certain solar requirements; making conforming changes; defining certain terms and altering certain definitions; providing that

existing obligations or contract rights may not be impaired by this Act; making the provisions of this Act severable; providing for a delayed effective date; and generally relating to the competitive clean energy attribute credit standard.

BY repealing

Article – Public Utilities

Section 7–701(g), (m), (n), (p), and (p–1), 7–702 through 7–704.2, and 7–705

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2020 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY renumbering

Article – Public Utilities

Section 7–701(c), (d), (e), (f), (h) through (l), (o), and (q) through (t) and 7–706, respectively

to be Section 7–701(g), (h), (j), (m), (n), (o) through (r), (s), and (u) through (x) and 7–707, respectively

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2020 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Public Utilities

Section 7–701(a) and (b)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2020 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – Public Utilities

Section 7–701(c) through (f), (i), (k), (l), and (t) and 7–702 through 7–706

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2020 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Public Utilities

Section 7–701(g), (h), (j), (m) through (p), (r), (s), and (u) through (x)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2020 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

(As enacted by Section 2 of this Act)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Public Utilities

Section 7–701(q) and 7–707

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2020 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

(As enacted by Section 2 of this Act)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Public Utilities

Section 7–708 through 7–711 and 7–713
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 221 – Delegate Turner

AN ACT concerning

Motor Vehicle Insurance – Use of Credit History in Rating Policies

FOR the purpose of prohibiting an insurer, with respect to private passenger motor vehicle insurance, from rating a risk based, in whole or in part, on the credit history of an applicant or insured in any manner; repealing certain provisions of law authorizing an insurer to use the credit history of an applicant or insured to rate a new policy of private passenger motor vehicle insurance subject to certain limitations and requirements; making conforming and clarifying changes; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to rating policies of private passenger motor vehicle insurance.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Insurance
Section 27–501(e–2)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2017 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 222 – Delegate Wilkins

AN ACT concerning

Value My Vote Act

FOR the purpose of 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 with certain papers, display a certain sign in each parole and probation office, and post a certain notice on the Department’s website; requiring the State Board of Elections to adopt certain regulations establishing a program to inform eligible voters incarcerated in correctional facilities of upcoming elections and how to exercise the right to vote; requiring the regulations to require the State Board or local boards of elections to disseminate certain information and instructions, provide certain opportunities for eligible voters to register to vote and to vote, and provide for the timely return of certain applications and ballots; requiring each correctional facility to cooperate fully with the State Board and the local boards in implementing the program; requiring

the State Board to submit a certain report on or before a certain date each year to certain committees of the General Assembly; defining certain terms; and generally relating to voter registration and voting by eligible voters who are released from a correctional facility or incarcerated in a correctional facility.

BY adding to

Article – Correctional Services

Section 2–501 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 5. Voting Rights of Released Individuals”

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2017 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – Election Law

Section 1–303.1

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2017 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Election Law

Section 3–102

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2017 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means and the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 223 – Delegate Love

AN ACT concerning

Criminal Law – Person in a Position of Authority – Sexual Offenses With a Minor

FOR the purpose of altering the definition of “person in a position of authority” for purposes of a certain prohibition against engaging in a sexual act, sexual contact, or vaginal intercourse with a certain minor; altering a certain prohibition against a certain person in a position of authority from engaging in certain conduct to prohibit a certain person in a position of authority from engaging in a sexual act, sexual contact, or vaginal intercourse with a minor who is or was enrolled or participating in the institution, program, or activity where the person in a position of authority is or was employed or under contract; prohibiting a violation of this Act from being considered a lesser included crime of another crime; and generally relating to persons in a position of authority and sexual offenses.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Criminal Law

Section 3–308
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 224 – Delegate Krebs

AN ACT concerning

**Department of Information Technology – Study of a Common Information
Technology Platform for Health Occupations Boards**

FOR the purpose of 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; requiring the Department to report certain findings and recommendations to certain committees of the General Assembly on or before a certain date; and generally relating to a common information technology platform for health occupations boards.

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 225 – Delegate Arentz

AN ACT concerning

Queen Anne’s County – Natural Resources – Sunday Hunting

FOR the purpose of authorizing the Department of Natural Resources to allow a person in Queen Anne’s County to hunt any game bird or game mammal on a Sunday during the open season for that game bird or game mammal; making certain conforming changes; and generally relating to Sunday hunting in Queen Anne’s County.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Natural Resources
Section 10–410(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 226 – Delegate R. Lewis

AN ACT concerning

Baltimore City – Complete Streets Program Funding – Traffic and Vehicle Monitoring Systems

FOR the purpose of authorizing Baltimore City to recover the costs of implementing and administering a traffic control signal monitoring system, a speed monitoring system, a school bus monitoring camera, or a vehicle height monitoring system; requiring Baltimore City to spend, after recovering costs, the remaining balance of fines collected by Baltimore City as a result of violations enforced by a traffic control signal monitoring system, a speed monitoring system, a school bus monitoring camera, or a vehicle height monitoring system solely on public safety or transportation infrastructure improvements consistent with the purpose and goals of the Complete Streets Program and the Complete Streets Transportation System; and generally relating to the Complete Streets Program in Baltimore City.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings
Section 7–302(e)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 227 – Delegate Charles

AN ACT concerning

Courts – Improperly Summoning a Police Officer – Civil Liability

FOR the purpose of authorizing a person to bring a civil action for damages against another person who knowingly causes a police officer to arrive at a location to contact the person with a certain intent; specifying the types of damages that may be recovered under this Act; providing that this Act does not limit certain legal remedies; and generally relating to civil liability for improperly summoning a police officer.

BY adding to
Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings
Section 3–2201 through 3–2203 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 22. Liability for Improperly Summoning a Police Officer”
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 228 – Delegate Ivey

AN ACT concerning

**University of Maryland Medical System – Applicability of the Public
Information Act and Open Meetings Act**

FOR the purpose of applying the Public Information Act and Open Meetings Act to the University of Maryland Medical System Corporation; and generally relating to the Public Information Act, Open Meetings Act, and the University of Maryland Medical System Corporation.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Education
Section 13–301(a) and (m)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Education
Section 13–303(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 229 – Delegate Stewart

AN ACT concerning

Corporate Income Tax – Throwback Rule

FOR the purpose of requiring that certain sales of tangible personal property be included in the numerator of the sales factor used for apportioning a corporation's income to the State under certain circumstances; requiring the Comptroller to assess interest and penalties under certain circumstances; providing for the application of this Act; providing for a delayed effective date; and generally relating to the income tax on corporations.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Tax – General
Section 10–402(d)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 230 – Delegate Proctor

AN ACT concerning

Inmates – Life Imprisonment – Parole Reform

FOR the purpose of establishing that inmates serving a term of life imprisonment may be paroled without the Governor's approval after serving a certain amount of time under certain circumstances; making stylistic changes; making a technical correction; and generally relating to sentences of life imprisonment.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Correctional Services
Section 4–305(b) and 7–301(d)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2017 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 231 – Delegate Palakovich Carr

AN ACT concerning

Crimes – Mitigation – Race, Color, National Origin, Sex, Gender Identity, or Sexual Orientation

FOR the purpose of establishing that a certain discovery or perception of, or belief about, another person's race, color, national origin, sex, gender identity, or sexual orientation does not constitute certain provocation to mitigate a killing from the crime of murder to manslaughter; establishing that a certain discovery or perception of, or belief about, another person's race, color, national origin, sex, gender identity, or sexual orientation does not constitute certain provocation to mitigate an assault from the crime of assault in the first degree to assault in the second degree or another lesser crime; and generally relating to homicide and assault.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Criminal Law
Section 2–207 and 3–209
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 232 – Delegate Fraser–Hidalgo

AN ACT concerning

Maryland Agricultural Commission – Hemp Industry Member

FOR the purpose of altering the membership of the Maryland Agricultural Commission by requiring the Governor to appoint a member from a list of a certain number of

nominees representing the hemp industry; and generally relating to the Maryland Agricultural Commission.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Agriculture
Section 2–203(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 233 – Delegate Sample–Hughes

AN ACT concerning

State Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists – Maryland Music Therapists Act

FOR the purpose of establishing the Music Therapist Advisory Committee within the State Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists; requiring the Board to adopt certain regulations and a certain code of ethics; requiring the Board to set certain fees for services provided by the Board to music therapists; requiring the Board to pay the fees to the Comptroller; requiring the Comptroller to distribute the fees to the Board; requiring the fees to be used to cover certain costs; providing for the composition, appointment, terms, compensation, and removal of the Committee members; requiring the Committee to elect a chair and a vice chair and to determine the manner of election of officers and the duties of each officer; providing that a majority of the members then serving on the Committee is a quorum; providing for meetings of the Committee; establishing certain powers and duties of the Committee; requiring individuals, beginning on a certain date, to be licensed by the Board as music therapists before performing certain work in the State except under certain circumstances; establishing certain certification, education, training, and other requirements to qualify for a license; establishing certain application fees and requirements for obtaining a license; establishing certain license terms and procedures for the renewal of a license; requiring the Board to issue a license to certain applicants; providing that a music therapist license authorizes the licensee to engage in the practice of music therapy; specifying the contents of a license; prohibiting the Board from issuing a license if certain information has not been received; requiring the Board to place a licensee on inactive status under certain circumstances; providing that a license may not lapse under certain circumstances; requiring a licensee to notify the Board of a change of name or address in a certain manner and within a certain time period; authorizing the Board to deny a license to an applicant, reprimand a licensee, place a licensee on probation, or suspend or revoke a license under certain circumstances; establishing certain requirements for reinstatement of a license; providing for certain criminal, civil, and administrative penalties; establishing certain hearing and appeal procedures for certain persons; authorizing the Board to issue a cease and desist order under certain circumstances;

authorizing a certain action to be maintained to enjoin the unauthorized practice of music therapy or certain conduct; providing for a certain music therapist rehabilitation subcommittee; specifying the manner in which the music therapist rehabilitation subcommittee may function; providing that the proceedings, records, and files of the music therapist rehabilitation subcommittee are not discoverable or admissible in evidence in certain actions under certain circumstances; providing that a certain individual is not civilly liable for certain action as a member of the music therapist rehabilitation subcommittee; prohibiting a person from practicing, attempting to practice, or offering to practice music therapy in the State unless licensed by the Board except under certain circumstances; prohibiting an individual from representing to the public that the individual is a licensed music therapist or using certain titles, abbreviations, signs, cards, or other representations except under certain circumstances; establishing a certain short title; providing that the Committee is subject to the provisions of the Maryland Program Evaluation Act; defining certain terms; specifying the terms of the initial members of the Committee; providing for the termination of certain provisions of this Act; and generally relating to the licensing and regulation of music therapists and the Music Therapist Advisory Committee.

BY adding to

Article – Health Occupations

Section 17–6B–01 through 17–6B–31 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 6B. Music Therapists”

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – State Government

Section 8–403(14)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 234 – Delegate Williams

AN ACT concerning

Criminal Law – Harm to Service Animals

FOR the purpose of prohibiting a person from intentionally or recklessly 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 this Act; requiring a court to order a certain defendant to pay certain restitution as a condition of sentencing; and generally relating to harmful acts committed against service animals.

BY adding to

Article – Criminal Law

Section 10–626

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2012 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Human Services

Section 7–701(a) and (g)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 235 – Delegate W. Fisher

AN ACT concerning

**Correctional Services – Pregnant Incarcerated Individuals – Substance Abuse
Assessment and Treatment**

FOR the purpose of requiring that a certain pregnant incarcerated individual be screened for substance use disorder at a certain time in a certain manner; requiring that a certain pregnant incarcerated individual be referred to certain health care providers for certain purposes at a certain time; requiring a certain correctional unit to ensure that a certain individual continues to receive certain medication in a certain manner under certain circumstances; requiring that a certain pregnant incarcerated individual be started on certain medication treatment at a certain time under certain circumstances; requiring that a certain pregnant incarcerated individual be allowed to decline or terminate certain medication treatment in a certain manner and be counseled on certain risks; requiring that certain correctional units follow the clinical guidance of certain organizations at certain times; requiring a certain correctional unit to arrange for certain health insurance coverage and follow-up health care for a certain pregnant incarcerated individual at a certain time; requiring that a certain pregnant incarcerated individual be provided with certain records at a certain time; defining certain terms; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to pregnant incarcerated individuals.

BY adding to

Article – Correctional Services

Section 9–601.2

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2017 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 236 – Delegates Hill, Feldmark, Ebersole, Kerr, Johnson, Terrasa, R. Lewis, and Bagnall

AN ACT concerning

**Department of General Services – Energy–Conserving Standards
(Maryland Sustainable Buildings Act of 2021)**

FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of General Services to establish and periodically update certain standards for State buildings to conserve energy and minimize adverse impacts on birds; requiring each State building constructed, acquired, or substantially altered by the State to meet the standards to the extent practicable and within budgetary constraints; requiring the Department to reduce the lighting of existing State buildings in a certain manner; requiring the Maryland Green Building Council to include certain standards in any requirements that the Council establishes for participation in a certain program; requiring the Secretary of General Services to adopt certain regulations; establishing that certain requirements do not apply to certain contracts or projects; defining “State building”; and generally relating to the construction, alteration, or acquisition of State buildings.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – State Finance and Procurement
Section 4–101
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – State Finance and Procurement
Section 4–410.1
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations and the Committee on Appropriations.

House Bill 237 – Delegate Ebersole

AN ACT concerning

**State Department of Education – Early Literacy and Dyslexia Practices –
Guidance and Assistance**

FOR the purpose of requiring the State Department of Education to establish a stakeholder advisory group to develop a certain reading and dyslexia handbook; requiring the stakeholder advisory group to include certain members; specifying the contents of the handbook; requiring that the handbook be consistent with certain resources;

requiring the Department and the stakeholder advisory group to make a completed handbook available to the public on or before a certain date; requiring the Department to update the handbook with a certain frequency; requiring the completed handbook and the updated handbooks to be published on certain websites and disseminated in a certain manner on or before certain dates; requiring the Department and the stakeholder advisory group to develop tools and materials that address certain needs; requiring the Department to develop certain professional learning opportunities and technical assistance and publish the information on certain websites; requiring the Department to designate a certain dyslexia liaison on or before a certain date; and generally relating to early literacy and dyslexia practices.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Education

Section 1–101(f) and 4–136(e) and (g)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – Education

Section 8–420

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 238 – Delegate Wells

AN ACT concerning

Criminal Procedure – Automatic Expungement

FOR the purpose of providing that a person who, on or after a certain date, has been charged with the commission of a certain crime, has been charged with a certain civil offense or infraction, or is the subject of a certain warrant, is entitled to automatic expungement of certain records under certain circumstances; specifying that certain dispositions are eligible for automatic expungement at certain times; requiring a certain court to search diligently for and expunge certain court records and send a certain notice to certain parties within a certain time period; requiring the Criminal Justice Information System Central Repository, a booking facility, and a certain law enforcement unit to search diligently for and expunge certain police and court records and send a certain advisement to a certain person within a certain time period; prohibiting a certain police or court record from being expunged by obliteration until a certain amount of time after a certain disposition; requiring that, during a certain time period, certain records be removed to a certain area; providing that a legitimate reason for accessing certain records includes using the records for certain purposes; authorizing a certain person to seek a certain redress and recover

court costs under certain circumstances; prohibiting a certain person from being required to pay any fees or costs in connection with a certain expungement; requiring a certain judge to inform a certain defendant at a certain time that certain records will be automatically expunged under certain circumstances; authorizing a certain person to opt out of a certain automatic expungement in a certain manner; providing that opting out of a certain expungement does not bar expungement of certain charges; and generally relating to expungement.

BY adding to

Article – Criminal Procedure

Section 10–105.1

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 239 – Delegate Rogers

AN ACT concerning

State Real Estate Commission – Property Managers – Registration

FOR the purpose of requiring certain persons to be registered as a property manager by the State Real Estate Commission before providing property management services in the State; providing a certain exception to the requirement to be registered; requiring the Commission to determine certain qualifications; authorizing the Commission to set by regulation certain fees for certain purposes; requiring certain fees to be set so as to produce certain funds for certain purposes; requiring certain applicants to submit a certain application and pay a certain fee to the Commission; providing that a certain registration expires on a certain date unless renewed for an additional term; prohibiting certain persons from providing, attempting to provide, or offering to provide property management services unless registered with the Commission; subjecting certain persons who violate a certain provision of law to a certain fine; requiring certain property managers to be covered by a certain surety bond and to provide certain proof of coverage to the Commission, subject to a certain exception; defining certain terms; and generally relating to the registration of property managers by the State Real Estate Commission.

BY adding to

Article – Business Occupations and Professions

Section 17–3B–01 through 17–3B–08 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 3B.
Property Managers”

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 240 – Delegate Shetty

AN ACT concerning

Criminal Procedure – Forensic Genetic Genealogical DNA Analysis, Searching, Regulation, and Oversight

FOR the purpose of establishing that a certain forensic genetic genealogical DNA analysis and search may not be initiated without certifying certain information before a court and obtaining a certain authorization; prohibiting certain biological samples subjected to certain forensic genetic genealogical profile analysis to be used to determine certain information about a certain donor; providing that a certain forensic genetic genealogical DNA analysis and search shall only be conducted under certain circumstances; requiring that the laboratory conducting certain single-nucleotide polymorphisms or other sequencing-based testing has a certain license; requiring certain informed consent in writing to be obtained from a certain third party under certain circumstances; requiring that a person obtaining a certain informed consent have certain training; requiring that a third party be informed of certain information before giving certain informed consent; prohibiting law enforcement from collecting a certain DNA sample if a third party does not consent to providing the DNA sample; providing that if investigators determine that certain persons may be certain putative perpetrators then a certain DNA sample shall be collected under certain circumstances; providing that on the completion of a certain investigation or certain prosecution the court shall issue a certain order; prohibiting the disclosure of certain data, profiles, and samples under certain circumstances; establishing penalties for certain violations of this Act; prohibiting a person from willfully failing to destroy certain data, profiles, or samples; providing that if certain information, profiles, or samples relating to a person are wrongfully disclosed, collected, or maintained a person may bring a certain cause of action; providing that a certain defendant may seek judicial authorization for a certain forensic genetic genealogical DNA analysis and search by filing a certain affidavit; providing that certain provisions of this Act apply to any forensic genetic genealogical DNA analysis and search conducted under certain circumstances; providing that a court considering an application for a certain forensic genetic genealogical DNA analysis and search from a certain defendant shall issue a certain order under certain circumstances; providing that a certain court order issued under this Act shall contain certain information; requiring the Office of Health Care Quality to establish certain criteria to satisfy certain requirements; requiring the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services to produce a certain annual report; requiring a certain panel with certain members to review a certain annual report; defining certain terms; and generally relating to forensic genetic genealogical DNA.

BY adding to

Article – Criminal Procedure

Section 17–101 through 17–105 to be under the new title “Title 17. Forensic Genealogy”

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 241 – Delegate Wilson

AN ACT concerning

Criminal Procedure – Search Warrants – Requirements

FOR the purpose of repealing a provision of law authorizing an application for a search warrant to contain a request authorizing the executing law enforcement officer to enter a building, an apartment, a premises, a place, or a thing to be searched without giving notice of the officer's authority or purpose under certain circumstances; providing that an application for a search warrant may not contain a request that the search warrant authorize the executing law enforcement officer to enter the building, apartment, premises, place, or thing to be searched without giving a certain notice; authorizing an application for a search warrant to contain a request authorizing the execution of the warrant during a certain time of day; repealing a provision of law requiring the issuance of a search warrant exempting a law enforcement officer from providing certain notice under certain circumstances; requiring the issuance of a search warrant authorizing the execution of the warrant during a certain time of day; repealing a provision of law requiring the Maryland Police Training and Standards Commission to consult and cooperate with commanders of SWAT teams to develop certain standards; prohibiting a police officer from entering a certain building, apartment, premises, place, or thing without providing certain notice; requiring a police officer participating in the execution of a certain warrant to use a certain body-worn camera and wear a certain uniform or clothing under certain circumstances; providing that a police officer may not execute a certain warrant at a certain time of day, with a certain exception; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to search warrants.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Criminal Procedure
Section 1–203(a)(2)(vi) and (3)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Criminal Procedure
Section 1–203(a)(2)(vii)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Public Safety
Section 3–207(a)(24)

Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – Public Safety

Section 3–523

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 242 – Delegate Atterbeary

AN ACT concerning

Family Law – Emancipation of a Minor and Authorization to Marry

FOR the purpose of extending the jurisdiction of the equity court to include a petition for emancipation of a minor and authorization to marry; altering the conditions under which an individual who is 17 years old is authorized to marry; prohibiting an individual under the age of 17 years from marrying; requiring an applicant for a marriage license to provide a certain document to a clerk of the court; requiring a clerk of the court to review a certain order before issuing a marriage license under certain circumstances; authorizing a minor to file a petition for emancipation of a minor and authorization to marry in the minor’s own name subject to certain requirements; requiring that a certain petition contain certain information; requiring the court to appoint an attorney to represent a petitioner on the filing of a certain petition; requiring a court to conduct a certain interview at a hearing on a certain petition; authorizing a court to issue an order emancipating a minor and granting authorization to marry after making certain findings; prohibiting a court from issuing a certain order under certain circumstances; providing for the effect of an order granting emancipation of a minor; requiring a clerk of the court to issue a certified copy of a certain order under certain circumstances; authorizing the Court of Appeals to adopt rules to implement certain provisions of this Act; making conforming changes; and generally relating to marriage of minors.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Family Law

Section 1–201(b), 2–301, 2–402(b), and 2–405(c)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – Family Law

Section 5–2A–01 through 5–2A–05 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 2A.

Emancipation of a Minor and Authorization to Marry”

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 243 – Delegate Atterbeary

AN ACT concerning

Family Law – Grounds for Divorce

FOR the purpose of altering certain grounds for a limited divorce and an absolute divorce; authorizing the court to decree a limited divorce on the ground of irreconcilable differences and an absolute divorce on the ground of completion of a 6-month waiting period under certain circumstances; and generally relating to divorce.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Family Law
Section 7–102 and 7–103
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 244 – Delegate Valentino-Smith

AN ACT concerning

Task Force to Study Access to Mental Health Care in Higher Education

FOR the purpose of establishing the Task Force to Study Access to Mental Health Care in Higher Education; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Task Force; prohibiting a member of the Task Force from receiving certain compensation, but authorizing the reimbursement of certain expenses; requiring the Task Force to study and make recommendations regarding certain matters; requiring the Task Force to submit an interim and a final report to certain committees of the General Assembly on or before certain dates; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to the Task Force to Study Access to Mental Health Care in Higher Education.

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

House Bill 245 – Delegate Hill

AN ACT concerning

Election Judges – Training and Signs – Accommodations for Voters in Need of Assistance

FOR the purpose of requiring that certain training materials used by the program of instruction for election judges include oral and written instruction in certain methods an election judge may use to assist or accommodate elderly and disabled voters in voting; requiring the State Board of Elections to develop a certain sign; requiring that a certain sign be a certain size and posted in a certain location; making conforming and stylistic changes; and generally relating to accommodations for voters in need of assistance and election judges.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Election Law
Section 10–206 and 10–306
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2017 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 246 – Delegates Hill and R. Lewis

AN ACT concerning

Higher Education – Returned Peace Corps Volunteers – In-State Tuition

FOR the purpose of exempting returned Peace Corps volunteers who are domiciled in the State from paying nonresident tuition at a public institution of higher education in the State under certain circumstances; requiring the Maryland Higher Education Commission to adopt certain regulations; defining a certain term; and generally relating to the residency requirement for in-State tuition purposes.

BY adding to
Article – Education
Section 15–106.11
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

House Bill 247 – Delegate Guyton

AN ACT concerning

Election Law – Voting Order Priority – Individuals Who Need Extra Assistance

FOR the purpose of requiring a chief election judge to give voting order priority to certain individuals; authorizing certain individuals to request voting order priority of any election judge serving at a polling place or early voting center; requiring the State Board of Elections to adopt certain regulations; and generally relating to voting order

priority for individuals with mobility problems or accompanied by children with a disability.

BY adding to

Article – Election Law

Section 10–309.1

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2017 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 248 – Delegate Shetty

AN ACT concerning

Condominiums and Homeowners Associations – Rights and Restrictions – Composting

FOR the purpose of prohibiting a recorded covenant or restriction, a provision in a declaration, or a provision in the bylaws or rules of a condominium or a homeowners association from restricting or prohibiting a certain owner from composting organic waste materials for certain uses under certain circumstances or contracting with a private entity for the collection of organic waste materials for composting at a composting facility; providing for the interpretation of a certain covenant, restriction, or provision that unreasonably impedes the ability of a private entity to access certain common elements for the purpose of collecting certain organic waste materials; defining certain terms; and generally relating to condominiums and homeowners associations.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Environment

Section 9–1701(a) and (e)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – Real Property

Section 11–111.4 and 11B–111.8

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 249 – Delegate Cardin

AN ACT concerning

Agriculture – License to Produce Hemp – Limitation

FOR the purpose of altering a certain licensing requirement for producing hemp in the State; prohibiting the Department of Agriculture from issuing a license to a person to produce hemp in the State under certain circumstances; requiring the Department to make a certain determination in a certain manner; and generally relating to the production of hemp in the State.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Agriculture
Section 14–308
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 250 – Delegate Fraser–Hidalgo

AN ACT concerning

Commercial Motor Vehicles – Inspections

FOR the purpose of altering the mileage at which the owner of a Class F (tractor) vehicle that has been in operation for not more than a certain period of time is required to have the vehicle inspected, maintained, and repaired by a preventive maintenance technician; altering the mileage at which the owner of a Class E (truck) vehicle or a Class E (truck) “dump service registration” vehicle that has been in operation for not more than a certain period of time is required to have the vehicle inspected, maintained, and repaired by a preventive maintenance technician if the vehicle is a zero–emission electric vehicle or a fuel cell electric vehicle; and generally relating to inspections for commercial motor vehicles.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Transportation
Section 13–916(a), 13–919(a), 13–923(a), and 23–301(a) and (g)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Transportation
Section 23–302
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

CONSENT CALENDAR OF INTRODUCTORY HOUSE BILLS NO. 6**House Bill 251 – Delegate Carr**

AN ACT concerning

Maryland Funding Accountability and Transparency Act – Nonbudgeted State Agencies

FOR the purpose of altering the Maryland Funding Accountability and Transparency Act to require the Department of Information Technology to include in a certain searchable website payments made by certain units of State government; requiring the Department to update the payment data on the searchable website within a certain period of time; repealing an obsolete provision; making a technical correction; making stylistic changes; and generally relating to the Maryland Funding Accountability and Transparency Act.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – State Finance and Procurement
Section 3A–313
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

House Bill 252 – Delegates Long and Arikan

AN ACT concerning

Tax Sales – Owner–Occupied Residential Property

FOR the purpose of authorizing the governing body of a county or municipal corporation to withhold owner–occupied residential property from tax sale during a certain period; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to tax sales of owner–occupied residential property.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Tax – Property
Section 14–808(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Tax – Property
Section 14–811
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 253 – Delegate Grammer

AN ACT concerning

Baltimore County – Nuisance Actions – Community Association

FOR the purpose of altering the definitions of “community association” and “local code violation” for purposes of certain provisions of law authorizing community associations to seek judicial relief for nuisance abatement in Baltimore County; repealing a provision of law requiring a certain court to determine in what amount and under what conditions a bond must be filed by a community association in a certain nuisance action; and generally relating to the right of community associations to seek judicial relief for nuisance abatement in Baltimore County.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Real Property
Section 14–125
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 254 – Delegates Hill, Feldmark, Ebersole, Chang, Terrasa, and Bagnall

AN ACT concerning

University of Maryland, Baltimore – Study on the Health Effects of Air Traffic Noise

FOR the purpose of requiring the University of Maryland, Baltimore to study the health effects of air traffic noise on communities near the Baltimore–Washington International Thurgood Marshall Airport since the implementation of the Next Generation Air Transportation System; requiring the study to evaluate certain health outcomes, costs, and cost savings; requiring the Maryland Aviation Administration to provide certain data to the University of Maryland, Baltimore; authorizing the University of Maryland, Baltimore to use certain medical claims data to complete the study; requiring the Governor to include in a certain budget bill an appropriation for the purpose of carrying out the study; requiring the University of Maryland, Baltimore to submit a certain report to the Governor, the county executives and county councils of certain counties, and the General Assembly on or before a certain date; and generally relating to a study on the health effects of air traffic noise.

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

House Bill 255 – Delegates Hill, Ebersole, Feldmark, Korman, and Lierman

AN ACT concerning

Department of Aging – Grants for Aging-in-Place Programs – Funding

FOR the purpose of requiring that the Governor include in the annual budget bill a certain appropriation to be used to make grants to certain nonprofit organizations and area agencies on aging; requiring at least a certain amount of a certain appropriation to be used for certain purposes; altering a certain definition; defining a certain term; and generally relating to funding for grants to certain nonprofit organizations and area agencies on aging.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Human Services
Section 10–1201
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

House Bill 256 – Delegates Rosenberg, Attar, and Bridges

AN ACT concerning

Baltimore City – Alcoholic Beverages Licenses – Hours of Sale

FOR the purpose of establishing certain hours of sale for a holder of a Class B–D–7 beer, wine, and liquor license in a certain area of Baltimore City; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages licenses in Baltimore City.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Alcoholic Beverages
Section 12–102 and 12–905(a) and (d)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Alcoholic Beverages
Section 12–2004(c)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 257 – Delegate Qi

AN ACT concerning

**Maryland Commission on Civil Rights – Employment Discrimination –
Reporting**

FOR the purpose of requiring the Maryland Commission on Civil Rights to include certain information in its annual report; requiring certain county offices of civil rights to report certain information relating to complaints of employment discrimination to the Commission; making a certain requirement applicable in certain counties; defining “county office of civil rights”; and generally relating to employment discrimination and reporting.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – State Government
Section 20–207(c)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – State Government
Section 20–208
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 258 – Delegate Guyton

AN ACT concerning

State Child Welfare System – Reporting

FOR the purpose of 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 a certain date 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 maintain the confidentiality of certain information, ensure that no personally identifiable information is disclosed, and disaggregate certain information in a certain manner; requiring the State Department of Education to publish certain reports on the State Department of Education’s website within a certain time; providing for the construction of this Act; and generally relating to children and foster youth in the State child welfare system.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Family Law
Section 5–1312
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

House Bill 259 – Delegate Ivey

AN ACT concerning

Historically Black Colleges and Universities – Independence From University System of Maryland

FOR the purpose of reorganizing State government by establishing Bowie State University, Coppin State University, and University of Maryland Eastern Shore as universities independent of the University System of Maryland; prohibiting the inclusion of certain historically black colleges and universities within the University System of Maryland; creating certain historically black colleges and universities as certain entities with certain Boards of Regents with certain responsibilities, powers, duties, authorities, and degree offerings subject to certain recommendations, standards, guidelines, consultations, and provisions of law; establishing certain boards as the governing body of certain historically black colleges and universities; providing for the membership and terms of office of certain boards; providing that members of certain boards serve without compensation and are entitled to certain reimbursement under certain circumstances; providing for the leadership, time and place of meetings, quorum, and actions of certain boards; requiring certain reports to certain entities by certain dates; providing for the responsibilities, powers, duties, and authorities of the President of certain historically black colleges and universities subject to certain policies, plans, and collaborations; requiring certain historically black colleges and universities to use a certain financial management system for certain purposes; requiring the Legislative Auditor to perform certain audits; providing for the application of the Maryland Tort Claims Act to certain historically black colleges and universities; stating that all property of certain historically black colleges and universities is property of the State; requiring certain historically black colleges and universities to undertake certain high impact economic development activities subject to certain review and comment processes; prohibiting a member of certain boards from engaging in certain activity pertaining to certain political candidates and contributions and from being a certain candidate while serving on a certain board; establishing a certain police force of certain historically black colleges and universities; providing for the powers, duties, qualifications, and training of certain police officers in consultation with certain entities; exempting certain historically black colleges and universities from certain provisions of law; prohibiting any business entity created, invested in, financed, or operated by a certain historically black college and university from being considered an agency or instrumentality of the State or a unit of the Executive Branch for any purpose;

stating that a financial obligation or liability of certain entities is not the debt or obligation of the State or the university; requiring certain income to be credited to a certain historically black college and university subject to a certain offset; specifying the terms of the initial members of the boards for Bowie State University, Coppin State University, and University of Maryland Eastern Shore; requiring the University System of Maryland to transfer the use of certain property to a certain historically black college and university on or before a certain date; providing for the transfer of certain funds, functions, duties, powers, books, records, property, equipment, fixtures, assets, liabilities, obligations, credits, rights, privileges, and employees of certain agencies to certain agencies; providing for the continued validity of any transaction affected under this Act and entered into prior to a certain date; providing that, subject to certain exceptions, all existing laws, regulations, proposed regulations, standards and guidelines, policies, orders and other directives, forms, plans, memberships, contracts, property investigations, administrative and judicial responsibilities, rights to sue and be sued, and all other duties and responsibilities associated with certain historically black colleges and universities prior to a certain date shall continue until a certain action; providing that any licensure, registration, permit, or certification of any person or unit affected by this Act in effect prior to a certain date remains in effect for a certain time period; requiring the publisher of the Annotated Code of Maryland, in consultation with and subject to the approval of the Department of Legislative Services, to correct certain cross-references or terminology rendered obsolete under this Act and to include a certain note; defining certain terms; and generally relating to the University System of Maryland and historically black colleges and universities in the State.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Education
Section 12–101(b)(6) and 12–101.1
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Education
Section 14–501 through 14–513 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 5. Bowie State University”; 14–601 through 14–613 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 6. Coppin State University”; and 14–701 through 14–713 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 7. University of Maryland Eastern Shore” and the amended title “Title 14. Public Senior Institutions of Higher Education”
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

House Bill 260 – Delegate W. Fisher

AN ACT concerning

Courts – Jury Service – Disqualification

FOR the purpose of altering certain circumstances under which an individual who has been convicted of a crime is not qualified for jury service; repealing a provision specifying that an individual is not qualified for jury service if the individual has a certain charge pending for a certain crime; and generally relating to jury service.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings
Section 8–103
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 261 – Delegate T. Branch

AN ACT concerning

Business Regulation – Battery–Charged Fence Security Systems – Regulation

FOR the purpose of authorizing a local government to require that certain persons who provide battery–charged fence security systems comply with certain laws, require certain persons who operate or install certain security systems to obtain certain registrations or permits, require a certain installer to submit a certain affidavit, and conduct a certain inspection; authorizing a local government to issue a citation under certain circumstances; prohibiting a local government from imposing certain additional requirements on certain persons, requiring a certain person to obtain certain permits or pay certain fees, or prohibiting the use of a battery–charged fence security system for a certain purpose; providing for the applicability of certain provisions of law; defining a certain term; and generally relating to battery–charged fence security systems.

BY adding to
Article – Business Regulation
Section 19–902
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 262 – Delegate Palakovich Carr

AN ACT concerning

Opportunity Zone Tax Deduction Reform Act of 2021

FOR the purpose of requiring certain taxpayers to add a certain deduction back to federal adjusted gross income to determine Maryland adjusted gross income; requiring certain taxpayers to add a certain deduction back to federal adjusted gross income to determine Maryland modified income; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to additions under the Maryland income tax for gains from sales or exchanges of qualified opportunity zone property.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Tax – General
Section 10–204(a) and 10–305(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Tax – General
Section 10–204(m)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Tax – General
Section 10–305(d)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 263 – Delegate Wilson

AN ACT concerning

Civil Actions – Child Sexual Abuse – Definition and Statute of Limitations

FOR the purpose of altering the definition of “sexual abuse”; altering the statute of limitations in certain civil actions relating to child sexual abuse; repealing a certain definition; repealing a statute of repose for certain civil actions relating to child sexual abuse; providing for the retroactive application of this Act under certain circumstances; making the provisions of this Act severable; and generally relating to child sexual abuse.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings
Section 5–117
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume)

BY repealing

Chapter 12 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2017
Section 2 and 3

BY repealing

Chapter 656 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2017
Section 2 and 3

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 264 – Delegate Charkoudian

AN ACT concerning

Solid Waste Management – Organics Recycling and Waste Diversion – Food Residuals

FOR the purpose of requiring a certain person that generates food residuals to separate the food residuals from other solid waste and ensure that the food residuals are diverted from final disposal in a refuse disposal system in a certain manner under certain circumstances; authorizing a certain person to apply to the Department of the Environment for a certain waiver; authorizing the Department of the Environment to grant a certain waiver under certain circumstances; requiring the Department of the Environment to establish certain procedures; establishing certain penalties for certain violations; requiring certain penalties to be distributed to a special fund for certain purposes; requiring, on or before a certain date and each year thereafter, the Department of the Environment to report to the General Assembly on the implementation of this Act; providing that this Act may not be construed to preempt or prevail over any ordinance, resolution, law, or rule more stringent than this Act; requiring the Department of the Environment to establish certain guidelines, develop certain mapping, develop a certain plan and, on or before a certain date, report to the General Assembly on a certain plan; requiring, on or before a certain date, the Department of the Environment, in conjunction with the Department of General Services and the Department of Natural Resources, to provide a certain report to the General Assembly; requiring the Department of Commerce to report certain recommendations to the General Assembly on or before a certain date; providing for the application of this Act; defining certain terms; and generally relating to organics recycling and waste diversion.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Environment

Section 9–201(a) and (e) and 9–1701(a), (b), (d), (n), (o), and (q)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – Environment

Section 9–1701(i–1) and (r–1) and 9–1724.1

Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 265 – Delegate Moon

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

AN ACT concerning

General Assembly – Special Election to Fill a Vacancy in Office

FOR the purpose of proposing an amendment to the Maryland Constitution to require an individual appointed by the Governor to fill a vacancy in the office of Delegate or Senator in the General Assembly to serve for the remainder of the term if the vacancy occurs after a certain date; requiring that a special election be held at the same time as a certain regular statewide election to fill a vacancy in the office of Delegate or Senator in the General Assembly if the vacancy occurs on or before a certain date; providing that a special election to fill a vacancy in the office of Delegate or Senator in the General Assembly is not subject to a requirement that elections for State and county officers occur on certain dates; making conforming changes; and submitting this amendment to the qualified voters of the State for their adoption or rejection.

BY proposing an amendment to the Maryland Constitution
Article III – Legislative Department
Section 13

BY proposing an amendment to the Maryland Constitution
Article XVII – Quadrennial Elections
Section 2

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 266 – Delegate Cox

AN ACT concerning

**Student Education Equity Grant Program – Established
(Student Education Equity in Funding Act)**

FOR the purpose of establishing the Student Education Equity Grant Program in the State Department of Education; establishing the purpose of the Program; authorizing certain students to apply to the Department to receive a grant from the Program to be used for certain expenses; providing for the renewal of a grant from the Program if certain conditions are met; requiring the Department to establish an application process for the Program and to review applications in a timely manner; requiring the

Department to distribute grants, enter into certain agreements under certain circumstances, and provide certain information to each student who receives a grant; requiring each student who receives a grant to provide certain receipts to the Department; requiring the Department to use certain funds in providing grants under the Program; authorizing the Department to adopt certain regulations; prohibiting the Department from adopting certain regulations; defining certain terms; and generally relating to the Student Education Equity Grant Program.

BY adding to

Article – Education

Section 5–222

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means and the Committee on Appropriations.

House Bill 267 – Delegate Grammer

AN ACT concerning

Sewage Treatment Plants – Effluent Discharges – Impacts on Midge Populations

FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of the Environment to monitor effluent discharged from sewage treatment plants and evaluate whether the effluent impacts certain midge populations; requiring the Department to submit a semiannual report to the General Assembly on or before certain dates each year, beginning in a certain year; and generally relating to effluent discharged from sewage treatment plants and impacts on midge populations.

BY adding to

Article – Environment

Section 9–321.3

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 268 – Delegate Grammer

AN ACT concerning

Criminal Trials – Spousal Privilege – Exception

FOR the purpose of providing that the spouse of a person on trial for a crime may be compelled to testify as an adverse witness if the spouse and the person on trial married after the date on which the alleged crime for which the person is on trial

occurred; making a stylistic change; and generally relating to spousal testimony in criminal trials.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings
Section 9–106(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 269 – Delegate Wells

AN ACT concerning

Department of Agriculture – Urban Agriculture Grant Program

FOR the purpose of establishing the Urban Agriculture Grant Program in the Department of Agriculture; establishing an Urban Agriculture Grant Fund; establishing the purpose of the Program and Fund; requiring the Secretary of Agriculture 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; requiring the Fund to be used to provide certain grants under certain circumstances; establishing certain qualifications for certain nonprofit organizations to receive a certain grant under the Program; requiring certain grant recipients to report certain information to the Department; requiring the Department to adopt certain regulations to administer the Fund; requiring the establishment of a certain Review Board; requiring the Board to provide grants from money available in the Fund; authorizing the Department to appoint certain members to the Board; requiring the Board to include certain representatives; requiring a certain percentage of certain grant amounts to have certain purposes; requiring certain grants to have a certain measurable impact; authorizing certain abandoned property funds to be distributed in certain fiscal years to the Fund; authorizing the Department to adopt certain regulations; defining certain terms; and generally relating to the Urban Agriculture Grant Program in the Department of Agriculture.

BY adding to
Article – Agriculture
Section 2–2001 through 2–2005 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 20. Urban Agriculture Grant Program”
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Commercial Law
Section 17–317
Annotated Code of Maryland

(2013 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 270 – Delegate K. Young

AN ACT concerning

Criminal Procedure – Victims of Sexually Assaultive Behavior – Required Meeting

FOR the purpose of requiring a certain assistant State’s Attorney to meet with certain victims of sexually assaultive behavior under certain circumstances; establishing certain requirements for a certain meeting; defining a certain term; and generally relating to victims’ rights.

BY adding to

Article – Criminal Procedure

Section 11–1009

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 271 – Delegate Ebersole

AN ACT concerning

Public Safety – Law Enforcement Diversion Programs

FOR the purpose of authorizing the establishment of certain law enforcement diversion programs subject to certain restrictions; authorizing certain individuals to participate in certain programs; authorizing certain providers to provide case management including certain approaches under certain circumstances; requiring certain planning for the implementation of law enforcement diversion programs; requiring the establishment of a certain law enforcement diversion program plan; providing for the use and release of certain information under certain circumstances; requiring the Governor’s Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services to submit a certain annual report with certain information; authorizing the Governor to include in the State budget certain appropriations for the Governor’s Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services to fund certain health and social services; authorizing the Governor’s Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services to adopt certain guidelines and requirements; requiring funding to be made available to certain law enforcement diversion programs in certain geographic regions of the State; establishing activities eligible for funding under this Act; authorizing involvement by certain individuals and services in a law enforcement diversion program; authorizing a law enforcement diversion program to use certain

measures and practices; requiring the Governor’s Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services, in conjunction with certain other entities, to develop certain guidelines and a certain performance measurement system on or before a certain date; and generally relating to law enforcement diversion programs.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Public Safety
Section 4–1001
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 272 – Delegate Carr

AN ACT concerning

Public Information Act – Required Denials – Sociological Information and Distribution Lists

FOR the purpose of establishing that certain provisions of law do not preclude a member of the General Assembly from acquiring certain information for certain purposes; prohibiting a definition of “sociological information” adopted in rules or regulations by an official custodian for certain purposes from including a certain notice, or a list of the recipients of a certain notice; requiring a custodian to deny inspection under the Public Information Act of only a certain part of a certain distribution list, rather than the full distribution list; defining “distribution list” to exclude a certain list of recipients; making a stylistic change; and generally relating to required denials under the Public Information Act.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – General Provisions
Section 4–103(c), 4–330, and 4–341
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – General Provisions
Section 5–101(v)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Real Property
Section 12–111
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 273 – Delegate Turner

AN ACT concerning

Education – Voluntary Ethical Special Education Advocate Certificate Program

FOR the purpose of requiring the State Department of Education to establish the Voluntary Ethical Special Education Advocate Certificate Program on or before a certain date; specifying the purpose of the Program; specifying certain qualifications and application procedures for a certain certificate; requiring the Department to issue a certificate to any applicant who meets certain requirements; authorizing an applicant to petition for judicial review of a decision of the Department that relates to issuing or renewing a certificate; providing that a certificate authorizes an individual to represent to the public that the individual is a certified ethical special education advocate while the certificate is effective; providing for the renewal of a certificate; requiring the Department to adopt certain regulations; defining a certain term; providing for the construction of this Act; and generally relating to the Voluntary Ethical Special Education Advocate Certificate Program.

BY adding to

Article – Education

Section 8–420

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 274 – Delegate Cardin

AN ACT concerning

Election Law – Elections by Mail

FOR the purpose of requiring each local board of elections to send a vote-by-mail ballot by mail to each individual who is registered to vote as of a certain day before the day of each election; requiring the vote-by-mail ballots to be mailed at a certain time; requiring a voter who receives a vote-by-mail ballot and who decides to vote in person to discard the vote-by-mail ballot; authorizing a voter who discards a vote-by-mail ballot under a certain provision of this Act to vote by certain other methods; requiring a voter to take certain actions to vote a vote-by-mail ballot; requiring that instructions provided with each vote-by-mail ballot include a certain warning; authorizing a voter to return a marked vote-by-mail ballot to a local board by certain methods; requiring that a vote-by-mail ballot be returned in a certain envelope; requiring that each polling place and early voting center serve as a location

for the return of vote-by-mail ballots; authorizing a local board to designate additional locations for the return of vote-by-mail ballots; requiring the State Board of Elections to adopt certain regulations; requiring the local board to display a certain sign at each vote-by-mail ballot return location; requiring that a vote-by-mail ballot be received by a local board or deposited at a certain location by a certain deadline; requiring that a voter who is at a certain location by a certain time be allowed to deposit the vote-by-mail ballot; authorizing an individual to request a replacement vote-by-mail ballot under certain circumstances; requiring a local board that receives a request for a replacement vote-by-mail ballot to take certain actions; providing that a replacement vote-by-mail ballot may be mailed, transmitted electronically, or made available at the local board; prohibiting a local board from being required to mail a replacement vote-by-mail ballot under certain circumstances; requiring that a vote-by-mail ballot be counted only under certain circumstances; requiring the local board to verify the signature of a voter on a certain envelope in a certain manner; making a conforming change; repealing certain provisions of law concerning voting by mail in certain special elections that are rendered obsolete by this Act; altering certain definitions; and generally relating to elections by mail.

BY repealing

Article – Election Law

Section 9–501 through 9–507 and the subtitle “Subtitle 5. Voting by Mail in Special Elections”

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2017 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Election Law

Section 1–101(a) and 11–101(a)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2017 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Election Law

Section 1–101(b) and 11–101(c)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2017 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – Election Law

Section 9–501 through 9–505 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 5. Elections by Mail”

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2017 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 275 – Delegate Smith

AN ACT concerning

Individual Income Tax – Brackets and Rates – Alteration

FOR the purpose of altering the rates and rate brackets under the State income tax on certain income of individuals; providing for a delayed effective date; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to the State individual income tax.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Tax – General
Section 10–105(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 276 – Delegate Henson

AN ACT concerning

Congregate Care Facilities – Visitation

FOR the purpose of requiring a congregate care facility to allow a patient’s or resident’s family member to visit the patient or resident except under certain circumstances; requiring a congregate care facility to allow for a certain means of communication with the patient or resident if the congregate care facility makes a certain determination; requiring the Maryland Department of Health to adopt certain regulations; defining a certain term; and generally relating to visitation and congregate care facilities.

BY adding to
Article – Health – General
Section 6–301 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 3. Visitation in Congregate Care Facilities”
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 277 – Delegate Atterbeary

AN ACT concerning

Criminal Law – First–Degree Child Abuse – Continuing Course of Conduct

FOR the purpose of establishing as first–degree child abuse a certain number of acts that constitute second–degree child abuse committed as a continuing course of conduct; applying certain penalties; and generally relating to child abuse.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Criminal Law
Section 3–601
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 278 – Delegates Feldmark, Palakovich Carr, R. Lewis, Solomon, Terrasa, Hill, and Ebersole

AN ACT concerning

Economic Development – Job Creation Tax Credit – Qualified Position

FOR the purpose of altering the definition of “qualified position” for purposes of eligibility under the job creation tax credit program; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to the job creation tax credit program.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Economic Development
Section 6–301(a) and 6–303(b)(1)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Economic Development
Section 6–301(d)(1)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 279 – Dorchester County Delegation

AN ACT concerning

Motor Vehicle Registration – Exception for Golf Carts – Hoopers Island and Taylors Island

FOR the purpose of creating an exception from motor vehicle registration requirements under certain circumstances for golf carts on Upper Hoopers Island, Middle Hoopers Island, or Taylors Island; providing that a person who operates a golf cart on a

highway on Upper Hoopers Island, Middle Hoopers Island, or Taylors Island may operate the golf cart only on certain roads at certain times and only if the golf cart is equipped with certain lighting devices; requiring a person who operates a golf cart on a highway on Upper Hoopers Island, Middle Hoopers Island, or Taylors Island to keep as far to the right as feasible and possess a valid driver's license; authorizing the County Council of Dorchester County to designate highways on which a person may operate a golf cart on Upper Hoopers Island, Middle Hoopers Island, or Taylors Island; and generally relating to an exception to motor vehicle registration requirements for golf carts on Upper Hoopers Island, Middle Hoopers Island, or Taylors Island.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Transportation
Section 13–402(a)(1)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Transportation
Section 13–402(c)(12)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume)

BY adding to
Article – Transportation
Section 21–104.5
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 280 – Delegate Charkoudian

AN ACT concerning

Maryland Recycling Act – Recyclable Materials and Resource Recovery Facilities – Alterations

FOR the purpose of altering the definition of “recyclable materials” under the Maryland Recycling Act to exclude incinerator ash; repealing the authority of a county to utilize a resource recovery facility to meet a certain percentage of the waste reduction required to be achieved through recycling in the county's recycling plan; making conforming changes; and generally relating to the Maryland Recycling Act.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Environment
Section 9–1701(a)

Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Environment
Section 9–1701(p) and (t) through (w) and 9–1703(e) through (g)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing
Article – Environment
Section 9–1701(s) and 9–1703(d)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation and the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 281 – Delegate Chang

AN ACT concerning

Criminal Law – Humane Society and Animal Control Officers – Education and Training Requirements

FOR the purpose of requiring a certain officer of a humane society and a certain animal control officer to receive certain training within a certain period of time of employment; requiring an officer of a humane society and an animal control officer to complete certain continuing education at a certain time; and generally relating to education and training requirements for humane society and animal control officers.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Criminal Law
Section 10–609
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 282 – Delegate Brooks

AN ACT concerning

Income Tax – Subtraction Modification for Centenarians

FOR the purpose of authorizing a subtraction modification under the Maryland income tax for up to a certain amount of income received by an individual who is at least a

certain age; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to a subtraction modification under the Maryland income tax for centenarians.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Tax – General

Section 10–207(a)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2016 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – Tax – General

Section 10–207(jj)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2016 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 283 – Delegate Reilly

AN ACT concerning

Harford County – Board of Education – Terms of Appointed Members

FOR the purpose of requiring the appointed members of the Harford County Board of Education to be appointed within a certain period time of the general election beginning in a certain year; providing for the termination of the terms of certain appointed members of the county board; and generally relating to the terms of the appointed members of the Harford County Board of Education.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Education

Section 3–6A–01(a) through (c) and (e)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Education

Section 3–6A–01(d)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 284 – Delegate R. Lewis

AN ACT concerning

Vehicle Laws – Dedicated Bus Lanes – Enforcement

FOR the purpose of prohibiting a person from driving a motor vehicle in a dedicated bus lane unless authorized by a local jurisdiction, subject to certain exceptions; authorizing Baltimore City to use, under certain standards and procedures, a certain bus lane monitoring system to enforce the prohibition against driving a motor vehicle in a designated bus lane; modifying the jurisdiction of the District Court to include certain proceedings related to bus lane monitoring systems; providing for the payment of fines imposed and the distribution of revenues collected as a result of violations enforced by a bus lane monitoring system; providing for the admissibility of recorded images produced by bus lane monitoring systems; requiring the bus lane monitoring system operator to complete certain training and follow certain procedures; requiring the manufacturer of the bus lane monitoring system to issue a certain certificate to the bus lane monitoring system operator on completion of the training; requiring that the certificate of training be admitted as evidence in a certain court proceeding; requiring a bus lane monitoring system to undergo a certain calibration check; requiring an independent calibration laboratory to issue a certain certificate of calibration after the calibration check that is kept on file and admitted as evidence in a certain court proceeding; providing that the driver of a motor vehicle recorded committing a certain violation is subject to a certain civil penalty under certain circumstances; providing that a civil penalty under this Act may not exceed a certain amount; requiring the District Court to prescribe a certain uniform citation form and civil penalty; requiring the Baltimore City Police Department or a contractor of the police department to mail a certain citation to the owner of a certain motor vehicle within a certain time period; specifying the contents of a certain citation; authorizing the Baltimore City Police Department to mail a warning instead of a citation; requiring the Baltimore City Police Department to mail a certain notice to a motor vehicle rental company liable under certain provisions of this Act before mailing a certain citation to the motor vehicle rental company; specifying the contents of a certain notice; prohibiting the Baltimore City Police Department from mailing a certain citation to a certain motor vehicle rental company if the motor vehicle rental company complies with certain provisions of this Act; authorizing a person receiving a certain citation to pay the civil penalty or elect to stand trial; providing that a certain certificate is admissible as evidence in a proceeding concerning a certain violation; authorizing persons receiving certain citations to have the bus lane monitoring system operator be present and able to testify at trial; providing that a certain adjudication of liability is based on a preponderance of evidence; establishing certain defenses, and requirements for proving the defenses, for a certain violation recorded by a bus lane monitoring system; requiring the District Court to provide certain evidence to the Baltimore City Police Department under certain circumstances; authorizing the Baltimore City Police Department to mail a certain citation within a certain time period after receiving certain evidence; authorizing the Motor Vehicle Administration to refuse to register or reregister a motor vehicle under certain circumstances; establishing that a violation for which a civil penalty may be imposed under this Act is not a moving violation for certain purposes, may be treated as a parking violation for certain purposes, and may not be considered for certain insurance purposes;

requiring the Chief Judge of the District Court, in consultation with the Baltimore City Police Department, to adopt certain procedures; requiring the Baltimore City Police Department or a certain contractor of the police department to administer and process certain civil citations in coordination with the District Court; prohibiting a certain contractor's fee from being contingent on the number of citations issued or paid under certain circumstances; providing for the application of certain provisions of this Act; defining certain terms; making certain conforming and stylistic changes; and generally relating to the use of bus lane monitoring systems to enforce offenses relating to the operation of a motor vehicle in a designated bus lane.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings
Section 4–401(13), 7–302(e), and 10–311
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Transportation
Section 21–101(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume)

BY adding to
Article – Transportation
Section 21–101(i–1), 21–1133, and 21–1134
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 285 – Delegate R. Lewis

AN ACT concerning

Workgroup on Statewide Vehicle Crash Data Collection and Reporting

FOR the purpose of establishing the Workgroup on Statewide Vehicle Crash Data Collection and Reporting; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Workgroup; prohibiting a member of the Workgroup from receiving certain compensation, but authorizing the reimbursement of certain expenses; requiring the Workgroup to examine the processes used to collect and report statewide vehicle crash data for injuries and fatalities, examine the categories into which the data is disaggregated and reported, and determine the most effective manner for the State to begin to collect, disaggregate, and report the data by race and ethnicity; requiring the Workgroup to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before a certain date; providing for the termination of this

Act; and generally relating to the Workgroup on Statewide Vehicle Crash Data Collection and Reporting.

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 286 – Delegates Hartman and Long

AN ACT concerning

Hate Crimes – Law Enforcement Officers and First Responders

FOR the purpose of prohibiting a person, with a certain motivation, from committing a crime or attempting or threatening to commit a crime against a certain first responder or law enforcement officer or group of first responders or law enforcement officers, defacing, damaging, or destroying, or attempting or threatening to deface, damage, or destroy the real or personal property of a certain first responder or law enforcement officer or group of first responders or law enforcement officers, or burning or attempting or threatening to burn an object on the real or personal property of a certain first responder or law enforcement officer or group of first responders or law enforcement officers, or committing another certain crime that involves a separate crime that is a felony or results in the death of a victim; prohibiting a person from defacing, damaging, or destroying, attempting or threatening to deface, damage, or destroy, burn or attempt or threaten to burn an object on, or damage the real or personal property connected to a certain building because a certain person is a first responder or law enforcement officer or group of first responders or law enforcement officers; defining certain terms; establishing that certain penalties apply to a violation of this Act; and generally relating to hate crimes.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Criminal Law
Section 10–301, 10–304, and 10–305
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Criminal Law
Section 10–306
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 287 – Delegate Johnson

AN ACT concerning

Harford County – Alcoholic Beverages – Resort Complex License

FOR the purpose of establishing in Harford County a resort complex license; authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Harford County to issue one resort complex license to a certain person; specifying that the license authorizes the holder to sell beer, wine, and liquor at certain outlets in the resort complex; establishing the days and times during which a license holder may serve alcoholic beverages; exempting the resort complex license from a certain license quota or restriction; establishing that certain areas in a resort complex may be excluded from the licensed premises; providing that a resort complex for which the license is issued is subject to certain alcohol awareness training requirements; establishing certain license fees; defining a certain term; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages licenses in Harford County.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Alcoholic Beverages
Section 22–102
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Alcoholic Beverages
Section 22–1005.2
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 288 – Delegate Charles

AN ACT concerning

Audiology and Speech–Language Pathology Interstate Compact

FOR the purpose of entering into the Audiology and Speech–Language Pathology Interstate Compact; stating the purpose of the Compact; requiring that a certain license issued by a home state be recognized by each member state as authorizing certain practice of audiology or speech–language pathology; requiring a state to meet certain requirements to participate in the Compact; prohibiting certain communication from including certain information; requiring a certain licensing board to take certain action on application for a privilege to practice; requiring each member state to require an applicant to obtain or retain a certain license and meet certain qualifications; requiring certain audiologists and speech–language pathologists to meet certain eligibility requirements to exercise a certain privilege; requiring an audiologist or a speech–language pathologist practicing in a member state to comply with certain laws; requiring that certain individuals be able to continue to apply for a certain license; authorizing member states to charge a certain fee; requiring

member states to comply with certain bylaws, rules, and regulations; requiring certain audiologists and speech–language pathologists to apply for certain licensure; establishing the circumstances under which a license may not be issued or is required to be converted to a certain license; establishing the period during which a Compact privilege is valid; requiring certain licensees to function within certain laws and regulations; providing that certain licensees are subject to certain regulatory authority; requiring a licensee to lose the Compact privilege during a certain period under certain circumstances; requiring member states to recognize the right of an audiologist or a speech–language pathologist to practice via telehealth under certain circumstances; requiring certain active duty military personnel or their spouses to designate a certain state as a home state and authorizing the change of a certain designation in a certain manner; establishing certain requirements and certain authority of remote states and home states with regard to adverse actions; establishing the Audiology and Speech–Language Pathology Compact Commission; establishing the membership, powers, and duties of the Commission; establishing an Executive Committee with authority to act on behalf of the Commission under certain circumstances; establishing the membership, powers, and duties of the Executive Committee; providing for certain financing, accounting, and auditing of the Commission; providing, under certain circumstances, for certain immunity, defense, and indemnity for certain individuals representing the Commission; requiring the Commission to provide for the development, maintenance, and utilization of a certain database and reporting system; requiring a member state to submit certain data to a certain data system; establishing requirements for the availability, notification, and removal of certain information from a certain data system under certain circumstances; establishing the rulemaking powers and procedures of the Commission; establishing procedures for oversight, dispute resolution, and enforcement of the Compact by the Commission; providing for the application of the Compact; establishing that certain states that join the Compact are subject to certain rules; establishing certain procedures for a member state to withdraw from the Compact; authorizing member states to amend the Compact under certain circumstances; providing for the construction and severability of this Act; making this Act subject to a certain contingency; requiring the Maryland Department of Health to track certain legislation and notify the Department of Legislative Services of a certain occurrence within a certain period of time; defining certain terms; and generally relating to the Audiology and Speech–Language Pathology Interstate Compact.

BY adding to

Article – Health Occupations

Section 2–3A–01 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 3A. Audiology and
Speech–Language Pathology Interstate Compact”

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 289 – Delegate Atterbeary

AN ACT concerning

Peace Orders – Workplace Violence

FOR the purpose of 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 under certain circumstances; requiring an employer to notify an employee before an employer files a certain petition; providing certain immunity from certain liability to a certain employer under certain circumstances; prohibiting an employer from retaliating against an employee under certain circumstances; making certain conforming changes; defining certain terms; providing for the application of a certain provision of this Act; and generally relating to peace orders.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings

Section 3–1501, 3–1502, 3–1503, 3–1503.1, 3–1504, 3–1505, 3–1506, and 3–1510

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2020 Replacement Volume)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 290 – Delegates Hill, Ebersole, Kerr, Pendergrass, Belcastro, K. Young, and Bagnall

AN ACT concerning

Employment Discrimination – Time for Filing Complaints

FOR the purpose of extending 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; providing that a complaint filed with a local human relations commission within certain time periods is deemed to have complied with certain provisions of this Act; and generally relating to employment discrimination complaints.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – State Government

Section 20–1004

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 291 – Delegate Krimm

AN ACT concerning

Vehicle Laws – Failure to Pay Video Toll – Outstanding Fines

FOR the purpose of reducing the penalty for certain outstanding civil citations for video toll violations; and generally relating to civil penalties for toll violations.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Transportation
Section 21–1414(a)(1), (4), and (9) through (12)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Transportation
Section 21–1414(c)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 292 – Delegate Stewart

AN ACT concerning

**Public Ethics – Gifts and Lobbyist Registration
(Public Integrity Act of 2021)**

FOR the purpose of limiting the value of certain food or beverages an official of the Legislative Branch or member of the General Assembly may accept; increasing the fee required to accompany a certain lobbyist registration form; requiring the Commission to reduce a certain fee that a nonprofit entity is required to pay under certain circumstances; and generally relating to public ethics.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – General Provisions
Section 5–505(a) and (b)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – General Provisions
Section 5–505(c) and 5–704
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 293 – Delegate Stein

AN ACT concerning

Natural Resources – Organized Killing Contests – Restriction

FOR the purpose of prohibiting a person from sponsoring, conducting, or participating in certain organized contests that have the objective of killing certain wildlife for prizes or monetary awards; providing for the construction of this Act; establishing a certain penalty for a violation of this Act; and generally relating to restrictions on organized killing contests.

BY adding to

Article – Natural Resources
Section 10–427
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 294 – Delegate Williams

AN ACT concerning

Business Occupations and Professions – Architects – Scope of Licensure

FOR the purpose of increasing 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; altering the circumstances under which a person is not required to employ a licensed architect; making certain stylistic changes; making a conforming change; and generally relating to the scope of licensure for architects.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Business Occupations and Professions
Section 3–101(a), (b), and (l) and 3–103(a) and (e)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Business Occupations and Professions
Section 3–103(d)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 295 – Delegates Love and Henson

AN ACT concerning

**Water Pollution – Stormwater Management Regulations and Watershed
Implementation Plans – Review and Update**

FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of the Environment to review and update certain regulations with a certain frequency; requiring the Department to propose the first update to certain regulations on or before a certain date; requiring the Department to review and update certain regulations in a certain manner; requiring the Department to take certain actions a certain amount of time before the proposal of regulations under this Act; altering the time by which the Department must hold a certain public hearing; requiring the Department to incorporate certain requirements and standards into certain permits; requiring the Department to submit a certain addendum and certain milestones to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency; requiring the Department to fully implement the addendum and milestones on or before a certain date; making stylistic changes and a technical correction; and generally relating to water pollution in the State.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Environment
Section 4–203
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2013 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Environment
Section 4–901 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 9. Miscellaneous”
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2013 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 296 – Delegate Stein

AN ACT concerning

Driver’s Licenses – Older Licensees – In–Person Renewal

FOR the purpose of prohibiting, subject to a certain exception, the Motor Vehicle Administration from renewing the driver’s license of an individual at least a certain age without requiring the individual to complete the renewal transaction in person at an office of the Administration; and generally relating to driver’s license renewal.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Transportation
Section 16–115(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Transportation
Section 16–115(f)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 297 – Delegate Pena–Melnyk

AN ACT concerning

Maryland Lynching Truth and Reconciliation Committee – Reporting and Sunset Extension

FOR the purpose of extending the time for the submission of the final report of the Maryland Lynching Truth and Reconciliation Commission; extending the termination date for the Commission; making technical corrections; and generally relating to the Maryland Lynching Truth and Reconciliation Commission.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Chapter 41 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2019
Section 1(h) and 2

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 298 – Delegate Charkoudian

AN ACT concerning

Utility Regulation – Consideration of Climate and Labor

FOR the purpose of requiring the Secretary of the Environment to prepare a certain recommendation in connection with certain issues considered by the Public Service Commission; requiring the Secretary of Natural Resources to incorporate an evaluation of the impact of certain electric power plants on climate change into the Power Plant Research Program; expanding the required components of the research program; requiring the Commission to consider the maintenance of fair and stable labor standards for affected workers and the protection of the global climate in supervising and regulating certain public service companies; requiring each gas company and electric company to submit certain employment information to the

Commission on or before a certain date each year; requiring the Commission to submit certain information to the General Assembly on or before a certain date each year; requiring the Commission to consider, before taking final action on a certain application, the effects of climate change on the operation of certain structures, the impact of certain generation stations on statewide greenhouse gas emissions, and the consistency of the application with the State's climate commitments; making stylistic changes; and generally relating to the consideration of climate change and labor in the regulation of utilities in the State.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Environment
Section 2–405(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2013 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Natural Resources
Section 3–303
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Public Utilities
Section 2–113 and 7–207(e)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Public Utilities
Section 7–108
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 299 – Delegate Carr

AN ACT concerning

State Board of Physicians – Genetic Counselors – Licensing

FOR the purpose of requiring the State Board of Physicians to license genetic counselors; providing that provisions of this Act do not limit the right of certain individuals to practice certain occupations; requiring the Board to adopt certain regulations; requiring the Board to set certain fees for certain services; requiring the Board to pay certain fees to the Comptroller; requiring the Comptroller to distribute the fees to the Board; requiring that the fees be used to cover certain costs; establishing the

Genetic Counseling Advisory Committee within the Board; providing for the composition, appointment, qualifications, and terms of the Committee members; requiring the Committee to elect a chair every certain number of years; establishing certain powers and duties of the Committee; requiring the Board to consider certain recommendations and provide the Committee with a certain annual report; requiring individuals, on or after a certain date, to be licensed by the Board as genetic counselors before practicing genetic counseling in the State except under certain circumstances; establishing certain qualification and application requirements for certain applicants; authorizing the Board to waive a certain certification requirement under certain circumstances; providing for the issuance, terms, renewal, and reinstatement of a certain license; authorizing the Board to establish certain continuing education and competency requirements; prohibiting the Board from issuing a license if certain criminal history records information has not been received; providing that a genetic counseling license authorizes the licensee to practice genetic counseling in the State while the license is effective; requiring a licensed genetic counselor to refer a patient to a certain health care practitioner under certain circumstances; requiring a licensee to notify the Board of a change of name or address within a certain time period; prohibiting the surrender and lapse of a certain license under certain circumstances; authorizing a certain disciplinary panel to issue a cease and desist order under certain circumstances; authorizing a certain disciplinary panel, on a certain vote, to take certain actions against an applicant or a licensee under certain circumstances; establishing certain criminal, civil, and administrative penalties; establishing certain hearing and appeal procedures; requiring a disciplinary panel to order the suspension or revocation of a license under certain circumstances; requiring certain hospitals, related institutions, alternative health systems, and employers to file certain reports and report certain information concerning certain genetic counselors to the Board under certain circumstances and within a certain time period; establishing certain requirements for certain genetic counselors who enter or consider entering certain treatment programs; providing that a certain report is not subject to subpoena or discovery in any civil action other than a certain proceeding; requiring the Board to disclose certain information on the Board's website; requiring the Board to establish and maintain certain profiles that include certain information and a certain statement; requiring the Board to forward a certain copy of a profile to a certain person under certain circumstances and maintain a certain website; requiring the Board to provide a mechanism for the notification of prompt correction of certain inaccuracies; prohibiting the unauthorized practice of genetic counseling in the State unless licensed by the Board except under certain circumstances; prohibiting an individual from making certain misrepresentations to the public; prohibiting a person from providing, attempting to provide, offering to provide, or representing that the person provides certain services except under certain circumstances; prohibiting licensed genetic counselors and licensed physicians from employing or supervising certain unlicensed individuals; prohibiting certain facilities from employing certain unlicensed individuals; establishing a certain short title; providing that the Committee is subject to the provisions of the Maryland Program Evaluation Act and certain termination provisions; defining certain terms; specifying the initial terms of

the members of the Committee; and generally relating to the licensing of genetic counselors.

BY adding to

Article – Health Occupations

Section 14–5G–01 through 14–5G–28 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 5G. Genetic Counselors”

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 300 – Dorchester County Delegation

AN ACT concerning

Commemorative Days – Maryland Voting Equity Reform Day

FOR the purpose of providing that a certain day each year is Maryland Voting Equity Reform Day.

BY renumbering

Article – General Provisions

Section 7–416 and 7–417, respectively

to be Section 7–417 and 7–418, respectively

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – General Provisions

Section 7–416

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

CONSENT CALENDAR OF INTRODUCTORY HOUSE BILLS NO. 7

House Bill 301 – Delegates Shetty and R. Lewis

AN ACT concerning

Estates and Trusts – Maryland Revised Uniform Anatomical Gift Act – Revisions

FOR the purpose of altering the purposes for which certain anatomical gifts may be used; repealing provisions of law that require certain persons to search certain individuals

for a document of gift or any other information identifying the individual as a donor, that specify certain procedures to be taken if a document is located, and that concern certain administrative sanctions; requiring a certain procurement organization to make a certain search of certain registries under certain circumstances; and generally relating to the Maryland Revised Uniform Anatomical Gift Act.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Estates and Trusts
Section 4–509(a) and (g)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2017 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Estates and Trusts
Section 4–509(e) and (f) and 4–512(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2017 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing
Article – Estates and Trusts
Section 4–510
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2017 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 302 – Delegate Stein

AN ACT concerning

Environment – On-Site Wastewater Services – Regulation

FOR the purpose of establishing the State Board of On-Site Wastewater Professionals in the Department of the Environment; specifying the purpose and composition of the Board; specifying the term of a Board member; providing for the appointment of Board members; authorizing the Governor to remove a member of the Board under certain circumstances; requiring the Board to designate the chair of the Board; requiring the Board to make certain determinations relating to its officers; specifying that a majority of the members then serving on the Board is a quorum; requiring the Board to determine the times and places of its meetings; specifying that a Board member is entitled to certain reimbursement; authorizing the Board to employ staff in accordance with the State budget; requiring the Board to make recommendations to the Department on the adoption of certain regulations on or before a certain date; requiring the Board to review certain regulations proposed by the Department; requiring the Board to establish a certain code of ethics for certain individuals; specifying the duties of the Board; requiring the Department, in consultation with the Board, to set by regulation certain fees for certain purposes; requiring the Board

to publish a schedule of the fees; requiring the Board and the Department to pay certain funds collected from certain fees into the On–Site Wastewater Professionals Fund; establishing the Fund as a special, nonlapsing fund; specifying the purpose of the Fund; requiring the Board 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; requiring interest earnings of the Fund to be credited to the Fund; providing for expenditures from the Fund; requiring the Board to submit a certain annual report to the Secretary of the Environment; requiring, subject to a certain exception, a certain individual to be licensed by the Board before performing certain on–site wastewater services in the State; authorizing a certain individual to continue to perform certain services until certain license requirements are established if the individual pays a certain fee to the Department; requiring an applicant for a license to meet certain requirements established by the Department by regulation and to submit a certain application and pay a certain fee to the Board; requiring that a business performing on–site wastewater services or contracting to perform certain on–site wastewater services have an employee or owner licensed by the Board; specifying that a certain license is valid for a certain period of time; authorizing the Board to take certain disciplinary action against an applicant or a licensee under certain circumstances; requiring the Board to give a certain individual an opportunity for a hearing before the Board and to give certain notice and hold the hearing in accordance with certain provisions of law; authorizing the Board to administer oaths under certain circumstances; authorizing the Board to hear and determine a matter under certain circumstances; authorizing a person aggrieved by a decision of the Board to take certain action under certain circumstances; prohibiting a person from performing certain on–site wastewater services without a license from the Board; prohibiting the borrowing, renting, or transferring of a license; establishing a certain penalty for violations of this Act; requiring that the failure to pay a certain penalty be forwarded to the Central Collection Unit under certain circumstances; exempting the Fund from a certain provision of law requiring interest earnings on State money to accrue to the General Fund of the State; defining certain terms; providing for the application of this Act; specifying that this Act does not prevent or prohibit a local government from imposing certain requirements or standards; requiring that the Board be fully operational on or before a certain date; specifying the terms of the initial members of the Board; requiring the Department, in consultation with the Board, to adopt certain regulations on or before a certain date; and generally relating to the establishment of the State Board of On–Site Wastewater Professionals and the regulation of individuals performing on–site wastewater services in the State.

BY adding to

Article – Environment

Section 9–11A–01 through 9–11A–21 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 11A. On–Site Wastewater Services”

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – State Finance and Procurement
Section 6–226(a)(2)(i)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – State Finance and Procurement
Section 6–226(a)(2)(ii)122. and 123.
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – State Finance and Procurement
Section 6–226(a)(2)(ii)124.
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 303 – Delegate Stewart

AN ACT concerning

**Long–Term Care Insurance – Prohibition on Premium Increases
(Long Term Stability for Seniors Act)**

FOR the purpose of prohibiting a carrier from increasing a premium rate charged under a policy or contract of long–term care insurance issued to an insured or entered into by a contract holder who is a certain age or older; and generally relating to long–term care insurance and premiums.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Insurance
Section 11–703(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2017 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Insurance
Section 11–703(b)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2017 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 304 – Delegate W. Fisher

AN ACT concerning

**State and Local Government – Participation in Federal Immigration
Enforcement**

FOR the purpose of providing that a certain official is immune from criminal and civil liability for refusing to provide information to the federal government or another state that will be used for a certain purpose; authorizing the State to indemnify a certain official for certain costs or a certain judgment; expressing the intent of the General Assembly to maintain community trust in Maryland governmental operations and law enforcement by clarifying the parameters of State and local participation in federal immigration enforcement efforts; prohibiting a law enforcement agent from taking certain actions at a certain time under certain circumstances; prohibiting a State or local correctional agent or employee from taking certain actions under certain circumstances, subject to certain exceptions; prohibiting a unit of State government or local government, or an agent or employee of a unit, from taking certain actions, subject to certain exceptions; authorizing a unit of State government or local government, or an agent or employee of a unit, to provide certain notice and a certain opportunity to a certain individual under certain circumstances; providing that a certain document shall be accepted for a certain purpose under certain circumstances, subject to a certain exception; requiring a unit of State government or local government to provide certain notice to a certain individual who is the subject of a certain request or inquiry made by federal immigration authorities; providing that nothing in this Act shall prevent a certain agent or employee from responding to a certain request or sending or receiving certain information; prohibiting a certain officer or unit of State government from spending certain funds for a certain purpose; prohibiting the State from reimbursing certain expenditures; providing that the State is not obligated to appropriate money to pay a certain expenditure; providing that a certain employee or officer who makes a certain expenditure or receives certain funds is subject to certain disciplinary action under certain provisions of law; requiring the Attorney General to develop certain policies in consultation with certain stakeholders; authorizing all public schools, hospitals, and courthouses to establish and publish certain policies; requiring all State agencies to review certain policies, identify certain changes, and make certain changes at a certain time for certain purposes; defining certain terms; making the provisions of this Act severable; and generally relating to State and local participation in federal immigration enforcement.

BY adding to

Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings
Section 5–527
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume)

BY adding to

Article – Criminal Procedure

Section 5–104
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – General Provisions
Section 9–101 through 9–104 to be under the new title “Title 9. Citizenship and
Immigration Status”
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – State Finance and Procurement
Section 7–240
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 305 – Delegate Proctor

AN ACT concerning

Public Safety – Task Force on Missing Persons

FOR the purpose of establishing the Task Force on Missing Persons; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Task Force; prohibiting a member of the Task Force from receiving certain compensation, but authorizing the reimbursement of certain expenses; requiring the Task Force to study and make recommendations regarding certain matters; requiring the Task Force to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before a certain date; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to the Task Force on Missing Persons.

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 306 – Delegate C. Jackson

AN ACT concerning

Hate Crimes – False Statement to a Law Enforcement Officer

FOR the purpose of clarifying that the making of a certain false statement to a law enforcement officer may form the basis for a certain hate crime; and generally relating to hate crimes.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Criminal Law
Section 9–501, 10–306, and 10–307
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Criminal Law
Section 10–304
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 307 – Delegate Rosenberg

AN ACT concerning

Maryland Technology Internship Program – Qualifications for Participation – Alterations

FOR the purpose of expanding the definition of “technology–based business” to include a certain type of nonprofit organization for purposes of the Maryland Technology Internship Program; altering the cumulative grade point average that a certain individual must maintain or have maintained during a certain academic year to qualify for participation in the Maryland Technology Internship Program; and generally relating to qualifications for participation in the Maryland Technology Internship Program.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Education
Section 18–3001 and 18–3005
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

House Bill 308 – Delegates Rosenberg and Cardin

AN ACT concerning

Courts – Civil Actions – Strategic Lawsuits Against Public Participation

FOR the purpose of altering the conditions under which a lawsuit is considered a strategic lawsuit against public participation (SLAPP suit); specifying the conditions under which a lawsuit is not considered a SLAPP suit; altering the conditions under which a defendant in a SLAPP suit is not civilly liable for certain communications; requiring a court to rule expeditiously on a certain motion to dismiss an alleged

SLAPP suit; establishing a plaintiff's burden in responding to a motion to dismiss an alleged SLAPP suit; providing that a court may order certain discovery under certain circumstances; providing for the award of certain costs and fees in connection with a motion to dismiss; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to SLAPP suits.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings
Section 5–807
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 309 – Delegates Pena–Melnyk and R. Lewis

AN ACT concerning

Public Health – Data – Race and Ethnicity Information

FOR the purpose of altering a certain provision of law requiring the Maryland Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities to collaborate with the Maryland Health Care Commission to publish and provide a certain report card to require the Office to also collaborate with certain health occupations boards; requiring the report card to include the racial and ethnic composition of all individuals who hold a certain license or certificate, rather than only physicians; requiring the Office to respond to certain requests within a certain period of time to the extent authorized under certain laws; requiring the Director of the Office to meet with certain representatives at least annually to examine the collection of certain data and identify certain changes; requiring certain health occupations boards to include a certain option on a certain form and to encourage an applicant to provide certain information; requiring the Office, in coordination with the Maryland Health Care Commission and the Maryland Department of Health, to establish, submit to the General Assembly, and implement a certain plan on or before a certain date; and generally relating to public health data and race and ethnicity information.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Health – General
Section 20–1004 and 20–1005
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Health Occupations
Section 1–225
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 310 – Delegate Lierman

AN ACT concerning

Maryland Arts Capital Grant Program

FOR the purpose of establishing the Maryland Arts Capital Grant Program; requiring the Maryland State Arts Council to administer the Program and hire a certain coordinator; requiring the Governor, for certain fiscal years, to include in the State operating or capital budget an annual appropriation of at least a certain amount for the Program; authorizing certain organizations to apply for certain grants; prohibiting certain organizations from receiving from the Council, in any fiscal year, a grant for a single project that exceeds a certain amount; requiring certain organizations, under certain circumstances, to match a certain amount of the grant awarded; authorizing the Council, under certain circumstances, to waive the match requirement; requiring the Council to establish a competitive application process for the Program; providing for the contents of the application; requiring the Department of Commerce to establish, by regulation, a quantitative system to evaluate each application that takes into account certain information; requiring the Council and a grant recipient to execute a certain program agreement; stating the intent of the General Assembly; and generally relating to the Maryland Arts Capital Grant Program.

BY adding to

Article – Economic Development

Section 4–514

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

House Bill 311 – Delegate Carr

AN ACT concerning

Vehicle Laws – Intersections – Prohibited Acts

FOR the purpose of prohibiting a vehicle from entering certain intersections when facing certain traffic signals if the vehicle is unable to completely proceed through the intersection; establishing certain exceptions to the prohibition; prohibiting a police officer from issuing a citation for a violation of this Act unless certain conditions are met; making conforming changes; and generally relating to prohibited acts by vehicles at intersections.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Transportation
Section 21–202
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 312 – Delegate Reilly

AN ACT concerning

Harford County – Alcoholic Beverages – Assisted Living Program License

FOR the purpose of establishing an assisted living program beer, wine, and liquor license in Harford County; authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Harford County to issue the license to a manager of a certain assisted living program; limiting the number of licenses the Board may issue to a person; authorizing the license holder to provide beer and wine for on–premises consumption by a resident or guest of a resident; authorizing the license holder to store liquor, prepare mixed drinks, and serve liquor or mixed drinks under certain circumstances; specifying the hours the license holder may provide or serve alcoholic beverages; requiring the license holder to require certain individuals to have completed certain alcohol awareness training; authorizing an employee of the assisted living program who is at least a certain age to serve alcoholic beverages or assist in preparing mixed drinks; specifying the license fee; requiring the license to be applied for by and issued to the manager of an assisted living program; exempting an applicant for the license from certain pecuniary interest requirements; providing that certain distance requirements do not apply to the issuance of the license; defining a certain term; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages licenses in Harford County.

BY renumbering
Article – Alcoholic Beverages
Section 22–1001
to be Section 22–1001.1
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Alcoholic Beverages
Section 22–102 and 22–1602(b), (c), and (d)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Alcoholic Beverages
Section 22–1001 and 22–1405(c)

Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Alcoholic Beverages
Section 22–1405(a) and 22–1602(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Health – General
Section 19–1801
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 313 – Delegate Holmes

AN ACT concerning

Cooperative Housing Corporations, Condominiums, and Homeowners Associations – Reserve Studies – Statewide

FOR the purpose of requiring the governing body of certain cooperative housing corporations in the State to have a reserve study conducted of the common elements of the cooperative housing corporation by a certain date and at certain intervals under certain circumstances; requiring the reserve study conducted of the common elements of a cooperative housing corporation to meet certain criteria; requiring the annual budget of a cooperative housing corporation to include certain information if a reserve study indicates a need to budget for reserves; requiring the governing body of a cooperative housing corporation to provide reserve funds in the annual budget for the cooperative housing corporation in accordance with a reserve study conducted under this Act; establishing that the governing body of a cooperative housing corporation has the authority to increase a certain assessment notwithstanding certain provisions; altering the content of the annual budget of certain condominiums; requiring the governing body of certain condominiums to have a reserve study conducted of the common elements of the condominium by a certain date and at certain intervals under certain circumstances; requiring the reserve study conducted of the common elements of a condominium to meet certain criteria; requiring the governing body of a condominium to provide reserve funds in the annual budget for the condominium in accordance with a reserve study conducted under this Act; establishing that the board of directors of a condominium has the authority to increase a certain assessment notwithstanding certain provisions; altering the content of the annual budget of certain homeowners associations; requiring the governing body of certain homeowners associations to have a reserve study conducted of the common areas of a homeowners association by a certain date

and at certain intervals under certain circumstances; requiring the reserve study conducted of the common areas of a homeowners association to meet certain criteria; requiring the governing body of a homeowners association to provide reserve funds in the annual budget for the homeowners association in accordance with a reserve study conducted under this Act; establishing that the governing body of a homeowners association has the authority to increase a certain assessment notwithstanding certain provisions; altering certain definitions; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to reserve studies and annual budgets of cooperative housing corporations, condominiums, and homeowners associations.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Corporations and Associations
Section 5–6B–26.1
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Real Property
Section 11–109(c)(16)(v), 11–109.2(c), 11–109.4, 11–110(b)(1)(ii), 11B–106.1(e),
11B–112.2(d), 11B–112.3, and 11B–117(a)(2)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 314 – Delegate Lierman

AN ACT concerning

Plastic Bag Reduction Act

FOR the purpose of prohibiting, on or after a certain date, a certain retail establishment from distributing plastic carryout bags to a customer at the point of sale; providing that, on or after a certain date, only the State may enact a law or take other action to prohibit, restrict, or regulate the use of certain plastic bags by a retail establishment, that certain authority of a county or municipality is preempted, and that certain laws or ordinances are superseded; establishing a certain maximum civil penalty for a violation of this Act; establishing that the distribution of a certain number of plastic carryout bags at a single point of sale constitutes a single violation; prohibiting the imposition of a penalty under this Act unless certain conditions are met; authorizing a unit of county government to grant a certain waiver under certain circumstances; providing for the enforcement of this Act; prohibiting a county or municipality from adopting or enforcing a certain law or ordinance unless certain conditions are met; requiring the Maryland Department of Labor to adopt certain regulations; defining certain terms; and generally relating to carryout bags.

BY adding to

Article – Business Regulation
Section 19–106
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation and the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 315 – Delegates Bartlett, D.M. Davis, Feldmark, R. Lewis, Lierman, and Pena–Melnyk

AN ACT concerning

Juvenile Law – Juvenile Interrogation Protection Act

FOR the purpose of requiring a law enforcement officer who takes a child into custody to provide notice to the child’s parents, guardian, or custodian in a certain manner; specifying the required contents of a certain notice; prohibiting the custodial interrogation of a child by a law enforcement officer until the child has consulted with a certain attorney and certain notice has been provided to the child’s parent, guardian, or custodian; requiring that a consultation between a child and an attorney under this Act be confidential; authorizing a consultation between a child and an attorney under this Act to occur in person or by certain electronic methods; providing certain guidelines for an attorney providing legal consultation to a child under this Act; providing that the required consultation under this Act may not be waived and applies regardless of whether the child is proceeded against as a child under certain provisions of law or is charged as an adult; requiring a law enforcement agency to maintain a certain record; providing that statements made by a child are admissible as evidence under certain circumstances; requiring the Police Training and Standards Commission to adopt certain rules relating to the advisement of a child of certain rights; requiring a law enforcement officer who charges a minor with a criminal offense to make a reasonable attempt to provide actual notice to the parent or guardian of the minor; requiring that the custodial interrogation of a minor be conducted in a certain manner; making a conforming change; defining certain terms; and generally relating to juvenile law and the interrogation of children by law enforcement.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings
Section 3–8A–14
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume)

BY adding to
Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings
Section 3–8A–14.2
Annotated Code of Maryland

(2020 Replacement Volume)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Criminal Procedure
Section 2–108
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Criminal Procedure
Section 2–405
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 316 – Delegate Smith

AN ACT concerning

Conditions of Pretrial Release – Home Detention Monitoring

FOR the purpose of exempting certain defendants placed in private home detention as a condition of pretrial release from the requirement to pay a certain monitoring fee under certain circumstances; requiring the State to provide payments to certain private home detention monitoring agencies under certain circumstances; requiring funding for certain private home detention monitoring to be provided by the Pretrial Services Program Grant Fund; altering the purpose and use of the Fund; providing for the effective date of certain provisions of this Act; and generally relating to home detention monitoring.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Criminal Procedure
Section 5–201
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Public Safety
Section 4–1102
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Public Safety
Section 4–1102
Annotated Code of Maryland

(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)
(As enacted by Chapter 41 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2020)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 317 – Delegate Gilchrist

AN ACT concerning

**Maryland Green Purchasing Committee – Food and Beverage Procurement –
Greenhouse Gas Emissions**

FOR the purpose of requiring the Maryland Green Purchasing Committee, in consultation with the Department of the Environment, the Department of Agriculture, the Department of General Services, and other stakeholders, to develop, on or before a certain date, a certain methodology for a unit to estimate greenhouse gas emissions of certain food and beverages, establish a certain baseline measurement on or before a certain date, and develop certain strategies and policy recommendations for units to reduce certain greenhouse gas emissions; establishing a certain goal of the General Assembly to reduce overall greenhouse gas emissions by a certain percentage on or before a certain date; requiring each unit to report certain information to the Committee on or before a certain date each year; requiring the Committee to report certain information to the General Assembly on or before a certain date each year; requiring the Committee to submit certain interim and final reports to the General Assembly on or before certain dates; applying certain provisions of this Act to the University System of Maryland; providing that a certain catchline is not law and may not be considered to have been enacted as part of this Act; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to procurement of food and beverages.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – State Finance and Procurement
Section 11–203(e)(1), (2), and (7)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – State Finance and Procurement
Section 11–203(e)(5)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – State Finance and Procurement
Section 14–410.1
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 318 – Delegate K. Young

AN ACT concerning

**Developmental Disabilities Administration – Self-Directed Services
(Self-Direction Act)**

FOR the purpose of requiring the Maryland Department of Health to increase by a certain amount certain funding to certain recipients of services funded through the Developmental Disabilities Administration under certain circumstances; providing for the calculation of the funding increase; requiring the Administration to provide to certain recipients of services certain options and services under certain circumstances; requiring the Administration to provide certain reimbursement to certain individuals under certain circumstances; prohibiting the Department from requiring a certain person to obtain any additional approval to provide certain services; establishing the State Advisory Council on Self-Directed Services; providing for the composition, officers, and staffing of the Advisory Council; providing that a certain member of the Advisory Council serves in an advisory capacity only and may not vote on matters before the Advisory Council; providing for the terms of appointed members of the Advisory Council; prohibiting a certain member from being reappointed to the Advisory Council under certain circumstances; requiring the Advisory Council to adopt certain rules; providing that the members present at a meeting are a quorum; requiring the Advisory Council to meet with certain frequency at the times and places and in the manner that it determines; requiring that certain meetings be held in a certain manner; requiring the Advisory Council to provide certain notice of a meeting before the meeting is held; requiring the Advisory Council to make certain meeting minutes available to the public except under certain circumstances; requiring the Administration to assist the Advisory Council in notifying certain stakeholders of certain meetings and opportunities to provide certain input to the Advisory Council; prohibiting a member of the Advisory Council from receiving certain compensation, but authorizing the reimbursement of certain expenses; establishing the duties of the Advisory Council; requiring the Advisory Council to submit a certain report to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before a certain date each year; exempting certain persons from certain licensure requirements; specifying the terms of the initial appointed members of the Advisory Council; requiring the Administration to coordinate with the Advisory Council to request and implement a certain waiver; requiring the Administration to provide a certain notice to the General Assembly under certain circumstances on or before a certain date; requiring the General Assembly to convene or reconvene a certain workgroup to evaluate a certain matter and make certain recommendations under certain circumstances; requiring the submission of certain recommendations to the Administration and the Advisory Council on or before a certain date under certain circumstances; defining certain terms; providing for the

application of certain provisions of law; and generally relating to self-directed services for people with developmental disabilities.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Health – General
Section 7–101, 7–903, and 7–1101(a)(1)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Health – General
Section 7–309 and 7–408 through 7–410
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 319 – Delegate Palakovich Carr

AN ACT concerning

Local Tax Relief for Working Families Act of 2021

FOR the purpose of altering the minimum tax rate that a county is required to impose on an individual's Maryland taxable income; altering the maximum tax rate a county may impose on an individual's Maryland taxable income; authorizing a county to impose the county income tax on an income bracket basis under certain circumstances; requiring a county that imposes the county income tax on an income bracket basis to set, by ordinance or resolution, certain income brackets; providing that the income brackets may differ from the income brackets to which the State income tax applies; prohibiting a county that imposes the county income tax on an income tax bracket basis from setting a minimum income tax rate less than a certain amount; prohibiting a county from applying an income tax rate to a certain income bracket that is less than a certain rate or from imposing an income tax rate that is greater than a certain rate except under certain circumstances; authorizing a county to request certain information from the Comptroller for a certain purpose; repealing certain obsolete language; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to the county income tax.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Tax – General
Section 10–106
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 320 – Delegate Smith

AN ACT concerning

Maryland Longitudinal Data System – Transfer of Student Data – Modifications

FOR the purpose of repealing certain provisions of law relating to the collection of identifying information on certificates and licenses; requiring certain licensing authorities to make certain efforts to comply with certain data requirements, comply with a certain implementation schedule of the Maryland Longitudinal Data System, and transfer student data in accordance with a certain plan; requiring certain industry certifiers to comply with certain data requirements, comply with a certain implementation schedule of the Maryland Longitudinal Data System, and transfer student data in accordance with a certain plan; altering the membership of the Governing Board of the Maryland Longitudinal Data System Center; defining certain terms; altering certain definitions; and generally relating to the transfer of student data and the Maryland Longitudinal Data System.

BY repealing

Article – Education

Section 11–1501 through 11–1506 and the subtitle “Subtitle 15. Collection of Identifying Information on Certificates and Licenses”

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Education

Section 24–701 and 24–704(b)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – Education

Section 24–707(d) and (e)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 321 – Delegate Ebersole

AN ACT concerning

Public Buildings – Changing Facilities – Requirements

FOR the purpose of 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 on or before a certain date; requiring certain entities responsible for the enforcement of this Act 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 on its website a list containing all the locations of certain changing facilities; altering a certain definition; and generally relating to changing facilities in public buildings.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – State Finance and Procurement
Section 2–801 through 2–803 to be under the amended subtitle “Subtitle 8. Changing Facilities”
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 322 – Delegates Hill and Feldmark

AN ACT concerning

Real Property – Restrictions on Use – Low–Impact Landscaping

FOR the purpose of prohibiting a certain restriction on use from imposing unreasonable limitations on low–impact landscaping under certain circumstances; providing that this Act may not be construed to prohibit a certain restriction on use from including certain reasonable guidelines; exempting a certain restriction on use on certain historic property from the applicability of this Act; defining certain terms; and generally relating to restrictions on use and low–impact landscaping.

BY adding to
Article – Real Property
Section 2–124
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 323 – Delegate Arentz

AN ACT concerning

Queen Anne’s County – Alcoholic Beverages – Repeal of Place of Worship Prohibition

FOR the purpose of repealing a prohibition on the Board of License Commissioners for Queen Anne’s County from issuing a license to an establishment located within a

certain distance of a place of worship; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages licenses in Queen Anne's County.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Alcoholic Beverages
Section 27–102
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Alcoholic Beverages
Section 27–1601
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 324 – Delegate Moon

AN ACT concerning

Criminal Law – Marijuana – Possession and Possession With Intent to Distribute

FOR the purpose of altering the amount of marijuana below which possession is a civil offense, rather than a criminal offense; creating a presumption that a person in possession of less than a certain amount of marijuana is not in violation of a certain provision of law with regard to marijuana in the absence of certain evidence; making conforming changes; and generally relating to crimes involving marijuana.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings
Section 3–8A–01(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings
Section 3–8A–01(dd) and 3–8A–33(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Criminal Law
Section 5–601, 5–601.1, and 5–602
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 325 – Delegate Mautz

AN ACT concerning

Talbot County – Deer and Turkey Hunting – Sundays

FOR the purpose of authorizing the Department of Natural Resources to allow a person to hunt deer on each Sunday of the deer hunting seasons from a certain Sunday in October through a certain Sunday in January, inclusive, in Talbot County; authorizing the Department to allow a certain person to hunt turkey on a certain Sunday in Talbot County if participating in a certain junior hunt; authorizing a person to hunt deer and turkey on certain public land in Talbot County under certain circumstances; making conforming changes; and generally relating to deer and turkey hunting in Talbot County on a Sunday.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Natural Resources
Section 10–410(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 326 – Delegate Grammer

AN ACT concerning

Clerks of the Courts – Case Management System – Information on Judge or Magistrate

FOR the purpose of requiring the clerk of the court to include the name of the judge or magistrate who presided over a hearing or took judicial action as part of case information in the case management system of the court; requiring a clerk of the District Court to include the name of the judge who presided over a hearing or took judicial action as part of case information in the case management system of the District Court; requiring the Administrative Office of the Courts to include the name of the judge or magistrate who presided over a hearing or took judicial action as part of the information published in the Maryland Judiciary Case Search; making stylistic changes; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to case information entered into a case management system of a court.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings
Section 2–201(a), 2–603, and 13–101(e)

Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 327 – Delegate Adams

AN ACT concerning

State Finance and Procurement – Retainage Proceeds

FOR the purpose of requiring that certain retainage proceeds retained by a unit or a certain contractor under a State procurement contract be paid within a certain period of time after the date of substantial completion; and generally relating to the payment of retainage proceeds under a State procurement contract.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – State Finance and Procurement
Section 13–225
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 328 – Delegate Kerr

AN ACT concerning

Financial Institutions – Abandoned Property – Notice and Records

FOR the purpose of requiring the holder of presumed abandoned property of a certain value to send certain written notice to the apparent owner by certified mail, return receipt requested, rather than by first-class mail; requiring the holder of abandoned property of a certain value to keep records relating to that property for a certain period of time; requiring that certain records be sufficient to allow a person who is able to recover the abandoned property to establish a tax basis; making conforming changes; and generally relating to abandoned property.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Commercial Law
Section 17–308.2 and 17–312
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2013 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Commercial Law
Section 17–310

Annotated Code of Maryland
(2013 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 329 – Delegates Cardin and Crutchfield

AN ACT concerning

Criminal Procedure – Warrants – Issuance

FOR the purpose of prohibiting a judicial officer from issuing a warrant to enter a certain residence unless the judicial officer finds a certain showing has been made; and generally relating to warrants.

BY adding to

Article – Criminal Procedure
Section 1–204
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 330 – Delegate Charkoudian

AN ACT concerning

Effective Corporate Tax Rate Transparency Act of 2021

FOR the purpose of requiring certain corporations to attach to their Maryland income tax return a certain statement that includes certain information; requiring that the statement be made under oath and signed in a certain manner, subject to audit by the Comptroller, and treated as confidential taxpayer information; requiring the Comptroller to collect and compile certain information and to submit a certain annual report to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before a certain date; defining certain terms; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to corporate income tax returns.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Tax – General
Section 10–804(e)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – Tax – General
Section 10–804.2

Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 331 – Delegate Johnson

AN ACT concerning

Criminal Procedure – Questioning of Minors by Police Officers

FOR the purpose of prohibiting a police officer from questioning a certain minor unless an attorney for the minor is physically present with the minor or communicating with the minor through certain means; and generally relating to questioning of minors by police officers.

BY adding to

Article – Criminal Procedure
Section 2–109
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 332 – Delegate Ivey

AN ACT concerning

Renewable Energy Portfolio Standard – Eligible Sources

FOR the purpose of altering the eligibility of certain sources of energy for the creation of credits under the renewable energy portfolio standard; removing certain sources from the definition of a “Tier 1 renewable source”; providing that existing obligations or contract rights may not be impaired by this Act; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to the renewable energy portfolio standard.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Public Utilities
Section 7–701(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Public Utilities
Section 7–701(r) and 7–704(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 333 – Delegate Clark

AN ACT concerning

Marine Contractor License – Performance of Services – Licensing Requirements and Fees

FOR the purpose of altering the circumstances under which an individual who is employed by an agency of the State is authorized to perform marine contractor services without having to obtain a marine contractor license; authorizing an individual who is employed by a county or municipality in the State to perform marine contractor services while in the performance of the duties of their employment without having to obtain a marine contractor license under certain circumstances; exempting certain individuals who perform marine contractor services while in the performance of the duties of their employment from paying certain fees; and generally relating to marine contractor licenses and fees.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Environment
Section 17–301
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 334 – Delegate Korman

AN ACT concerning

**Maryland Transit Administration – Conversion to Zero-Emission Buses
(Zero-Emission Bus Transition Act)**

FOR the purpose of prohibiting, beginning in a certain fiscal year, the Maryland Transit Administration from entering into a contract to purchase buses for the Administration's State transit bus fleet that are not zero-emission buses; requiring the Administration, on or before a certain date and each year thereafter, to submit a report to certain committees of the General Assembly on the implementation of this Act; requiring the annual report to include a schedule for converting the State transit bus fleet to zero-emission buses exclusively, an evaluation of the necessary charging infrastructure, a plan for transitioning adversely affected State employees to certain similar or other employment, a certain estimate of the potential reduction in emissions, and certain financial analyses related to the projected costs of the conversion to zero-emission buses; providing for the application of this Act; defining

certain terms; and generally relating to converting the Maryland Transit Administration's fleet of State transit buses to zero-emission buses exclusively.

BY adding to

Article – Transportation
Section 7–406
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation and the Committee on Appropriations.

House Bill 335 – Delegate Boyce

AN ACT concerning

Election Law – Party and Elected Public Offices – Prohibitions

FOR the purpose of providing that certain provisions of law do not apply to certain individuals; prohibiting individuals from simultaneously being a candidate for a party office and an elected public office; prohibiting individuals from simultaneously holding a party office and an elected public office; making clarifying changes; and generally relating to simultaneous candidacy for and incumbency in more than one office.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Election Law
Section 5–204
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2017 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 336 – Delegate Ivey

AN ACT concerning

Private Institutions of Higher Education – Police Departments – Repeal and Prohibition

FOR the purpose of repealing provisions of law relating to the establishment and maintenance of a Johns Hopkins University police department, including all applicable authorizations, powers, requirements, and prohibitions on the University, University police officers, the Baltimore Police Department, and the Department of Legislative Services; repealing provisions declaring the intent of the General Assembly regarding the University police department; prohibiting a private institution of higher education from establishing a police department or granting

certain powers to certain employees; making conforming changes; and generally relating to the repeal of and prohibition against the establishment of a police department at a private institution of higher education.

BY repealing

Article – Education

Section 24–1201 through 24–1213 and the subtitle “Subtitle 12. Police Department of the Johns Hopkins University”

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing

Article – Criminal Procedure

Section 2–101(c)(27) and 10–205

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Criminal Procedure

Section 2–101(a)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Criminal Procedure

Section 2–101(c)(25) and (26)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – Education

Section 26–701 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 7. Police Departments of Private Institutions of Higher Education – Prohibited”

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Public Safety

Section 3–101(a) and (e)(1)(i), 3–107(c)(1) and (2), and 3–201(a) and (f)(1)(i)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Public Safety

Section 3–101(e)(1)(ii)25. and 26. and (2)(ix) and (x), 3–107(c)(3), 3–201(f)(1)(ii)20. and 21.

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing

Article – Public Safety

Section 3–101(e)(1)(ii)27. and (2)(xi) and 3–201(f)(1)(ii)22.

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

The Public Local Laws of Baltimore City

Section 16–41(a)

Article 4 – Public Local Laws of Maryland

(1979 Edition and 1997 Supplement and 2000 Supplement, as amended)

(As enacted by Chapter 499 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2006, as amended by Chapter 130 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2015 and Chapter 25 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2019)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

The Public Local Laws of Baltimore City

Section 16–41(g)

Article 4 – Public Local Laws of Maryland

(1979 Edition and 1997 Supplement and 2000 Supplement, as amended)

(As enacted by Chapter 499 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2006, as amended by Chapter 130 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2015 and Chapter 25 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2019)

BY repealing

Chapter 25 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2019

Section 3

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 337 – Delegate P. Young

AN ACT concerning

Sales and Use Tax – Vendor Collection Credit – Job Training

FOR the purpose of increasing, for certain qualified job training organizations, the credit allowed for the expense of collecting and paying the sales and use tax; prohibiting, under certain circumstances, certain qualified job training organizations from claiming certain vendor collection credits; prohibiting, for any calendar year, the total amount of credits a vendor may claim from exceeding a certain amount; providing for the certification of qualified job training organizations by the Secretary of Labor; authorizing a vendor to submit to the Secretary an application to be certified as a qualified job training organization; requiring the Secretary to review the application and make a certain determination within a certain number of days;

requiring the Secretary to provide notice of certain determinations; requiring, on or before a certain date each year, a vendor who claims a certain credit to submit a certain report; requiring the Comptroller to adopt certain regulations; defining certain terms; and generally relating to the sales and use tax vendor collection credit.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
 Article – Tax – General
 Section 11–105
 Annotated Code of Maryland
 (2016 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 338 – Delegate Ebersole

AN ACT concerning

Business Regulation – Innkeepers – Records and Human Trafficking Awareness Training

FOR the purpose of requiring an innkeeper to maintain a certain record–keeping system of guest transactions and receipts; requiring that certain records be kept for a certain period; requiring the Governor’s Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services and the Maryland Department of Labor to approve a certain training program for identification and reporting of suspected human trafficking; providing certain requirements for a certain training program; requiring a certain innkeeper to ensure that certain employees receive certain training; requiring, on an annual basis, an innkeeper to make a certain certification to the Department; and generally relating to innkeepers and human trafficking.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
 Article – Business Regulation
 Section 15–201
 Annotated Code of Maryland
 (2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to
 Article – Business Regulation
 Section 15–209
 Annotated Code of Maryland
 (2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 339 – Delegate Malone

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

AN ACT concerning

Legislative Districts – Standards

FOR the purpose of proposing an amendment to the Maryland Constitution to alter the standards for legislative districts to prohibit the accounting for certain information relating to the voting history and party affiliation of certain individuals; and submitting this amendment to the qualified voters of the State for their adoption or rejection.

BY proposing an amendment to the Maryland Constitution
Article III – Legislative Department
Section 4

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations.

House Bill 340 – Delegate Pena–Melnyk

AN ACT concerning

**Commercial Law – Retail Transactions – Cash Payments
(Cash Transactions Preservation Act)**

FOR the purpose of prohibiting a merchant, in certain transactions, from prohibiting a person from making a cash payment to purchase goods or services, requiring a person to purchase goods or services by using a credit or debit card, or charging or collecting from a person a fee for making a cash payment for the purchase of goods or services; making a violation of this Act an unfair, abusive, or deceptive trade practice under the Maryland Consumer Protection Act and subject to certain enforcement and penalty provisions; defining a certain term; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to retail cash transactions.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Commercial Law
Section 13–301(14)(xxxiv)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2013 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Commercial Law
Section 13–301(14)(xxxv)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2013 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Commercial Law

Section 13–301(14)(xxxvi) and 14–1327
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2013 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 341 – Delegates Lehman, Attar, Bagnall, Bartlett, Belcastro, Crutchfield, C. Jackson, D. Jones, Johnson, Kerr, McKay, Moon, Ruth, Solomon, Terrasa, and K. Young

AN ACT concerning

Election – Absentee Ballot Canvass – Start and Release of Tabulation

FOR the purpose of altering the earliest day on which a local board of elections may open an envelope of an absentee ballot; altering a requirement for a local board to release an unofficial absentee ballot vote tabulation at the end of each day of canvassing to apply only beginning on election day; prohibiting a person from releasing a partial or complete tabulation of absentee ballot votes before a certain time; providing that a person who violates a certain provision of this Act is guilty of a felony and subject to a certain penalty; making conforming and stylistic changes; and generally relating to the canvassing of absentee ballots.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Election Law
Section 11–302
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2017 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Election Law
Section 16–602
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2017 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 342 – Delegate Wilson

AN ACT concerning

Education – Health and Safety of Students – Notification of Problematic Student Behavior

FOR the purpose of requiring certain schools to notify parents or guardians of certain students involved in problematic sexual behavior within a certain time period; requiring a county board of education to ensure that certain schools have a certain

policy in place regarding a certain notification; defining certain terms; and generally relating to the health and safety of students and notification of problematic sexual behavior.

BY adding to

Article – Education

Section 7–424.4

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 343 – Delegates Henson, Bagnall, Bartlett, Brooks, Crutchfield, Dumais, Ivey, Moon, and Smith

AN ACT concerning

Family Law – Nonpayment of Child Support – Sentencing

FOR the purpose of requiring a sentence for a conviction under a provision of law prohibiting a parent from willfully failing to provide for the support of his or her minor child to run concurrently with a sentence for any other conviction under the same provision of law imposed against the parent; and generally relating to penalties for the willful failure of a parent to provide support for a minor child.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Family Law

Section 10–203

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 344 – Delegate Korman

AN ACT concerning

**Open Meetings Act – Requirements for State Agencies and Local Boards of Elections
(Maryland Transparency Act of 2021)**

FOR the purpose of requiring State agencies in the Executive Branch and local boards of elections to make publicly available on their websites an agenda and all meeting materials a certain amount of time in advance of each open meeting or, under certain circumstances, as far in advance of the meeting as practicable; requiring State agencies and local boards of elections to make publicly available on their websites live video or audio streaming of each portion of a certain meeting, a certain recording

for a certain time period, and certain meeting minutes within a certain time period and for a certain time period; requiring certain public bodies to discuss and approve meeting minutes as soon as practicable and in a certain manner; altering the violations for which a person may file a certain petition and for which a court may declare a certain action of a public body void for failure to comply; repealing certain provisions of law rendered obsolete by certain provisions of this Act; providing for the application of certain provisions of this Act; making conforming changes; and generally relating to the Open Meetings Act.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Economic Development
Section 10–604(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Economic Development
Section 10–607(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Election Law
Section 2–101(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2017 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Election Law
Section 2–102(d)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2017 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – General Provisions
Section 3–302.1, 3–306(b) through (e), and 3–401(b) and (d)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – General Provisions
Section 3–306(c)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Public Safety

Section 1–305(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Public Safety
Section 1–305(e)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Public Utilities
Section 2–101(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Public Utilities
Section 2–108(b)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Transportation
Section 4–201
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Transportation
Section 4–212
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 345 – Delegate Charkoudian

AN ACT concerning

**Public Utilities – Gas Service Regulator Safety
(Flower Branch Act)**

FOR the purpose of 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 a certain date, to file a plan with the Public Service Commission to relocate any gas service regulator that provides service to a multifamily residential structure; requiring the Commission, on or before a certain date, to approve, disapprove, or approve with modifications a gas company's plan to relocate any gas service regulator after considering certain factors; authorizing the Commission to exempt a gas service regulator from relocation if the Commission finds that an exemption is warranted after considering certain factors; authorizing the Commission to delegate the authority to grant a certain exemption to the Commission's technical staff division; requiring a gas company, on or before a certain date each year, beginning in a certain year, to report to the Commission on progress through the end of the immediately preceding calendar year related to implementing a certain plan; requiring the Commission to submit a certain report to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before a certain date each year, beginning in a certain year; providing for the application of this Act; stating the intent of the General Assembly; requiring certain gas service regulators to be enclosed in a certain manner under certain circumstances; defining certain terms; and generally relating to gas service and regulator safety.

BY adding to

Article – Public Utilities

Section 7–312

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2020 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 346 – Delegate Carr

AN ACT concerning

Vehicle Laws – Failure to Pay Video Toll – Penalties

FOR the purpose of repealing the requirement that the Motor Vehicle Administration, under certain circumstances, suspend the registration of a motor vehicle that incurs a certain toll violation; altering the authority of the Maryland Transportation Authority to enter certain reciprocal agreements for the enforcement of toll violations; and generally relating to penalties for toll violations.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Transportation

Section 21–1414(a)(1), (4), and (9) through (12) and (c)(1)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2020 Replacement Volume)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Transportation

Section 21–1414(d)(4) and (i) and 21–1415

Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 347 – Delegate Shetty

AN ACT concerning

Criminal Law – Exploitation of Vulnerable Adult or Elderly Individual – Undue Influence

FOR the purpose of altering the definition of “undue influence” for purposes of provisions of law prohibiting the exploitation of certain vulnerable adults or elderly individuals; requiring a court, in determining whether a transfer of property was induced by undue influence, to consider certain factors; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to the exploitation of vulnerable adults or elderly individuals.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Commercial Law
Section 13–204(a)(15) and (b)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2013 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Criminal Law
Section 8–801(a)(1), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), and (g)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Criminal Law
Section 8–801(a)(6)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Criminal Law
Section 8–801(h)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Estates and Trusts
Section 11–111
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2017 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 348 – Delegate Long

AN ACT concerning

Baltimore County – Homestead Property Tax Credit Notice – Pilot Program

FOR the purpose of requiring Baltimore County to work with the State Department of Assessments and Taxation to identify certain properties in a certain legislative district in Baltimore County that are eligible for a certain homestead property tax credit; requiring that the homeowner of certain properties be provided a certain notice; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to notification of the homestead property tax credit program.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Tax – Property
Section 9–105(f)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 349 – Delegate Arentz

AN ACT concerning

Queen Anne’s County – Alcoholic Beverages – Unannounced Visits by Inspectors

FOR the purpose of decreasing the frequency with which an alcoholic beverages inspector is required to make an unannounced visit to every licensed premises in Queen Anne’s County; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages in Queen Anne’s County.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Alcoholic Beverages
Section 27–102 and 27–205(a) and (b)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Alcoholic Beverages
Section 27–205(c)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 350 – Delegate Adams

AN ACT concerning

Labor and Employment – Maryland Healthy Working Families Act – Verification

FOR the purpose of altering the circumstances under which an employer is authorized to require an employee who uses certain sick and safe leave to provide verification that the leave was used appropriately; authorizing certain employers to deny a certain request to take certain sick and safe leave under certain circumstances; and generally relating to the Maryland Healthy Working Families Act.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Labor and Employment
Section 3–1305(g)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

CONSENT CALENDAR OF INTRODUCTORY HOUSE BILLS NO. 8

House Bill 351 – Delegate Malone

AN ACT concerning

Income Tax – Subtraction Modification for Qualified Higher Education Expenses – Annual Limitation

FOR the purpose of increasing the maximum amount allowed in a taxable year as a subtraction modification under the Maryland income tax for certain payments or contributions made by an account holder or a contributor under a Maryland Prepaid College Trust contract, the Maryland Senator Edward J. Kasemeyer College Investment Plan, and the Maryland Broker–Dealer College Investment Plan; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to a subtraction modification for advance payments or contributions made to college savings accounts.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Tax – General
Section 10–208(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Tax – General
Section 10–208(n) and (o)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 352 – Delegate Holmes

AN ACT concerning

Real Property – Condominiums and Homeowners Associations – Governing Bodies and Annual Meetings

FOR the purpose of requiring the governing body of a condominium to convene at least a certain number of meetings each year; requiring a developer of a condominium or a declarant of a homeowners association to convene a certain annual meeting under certain circumstances; requiring certain meetings to include an opportunity for certain unit owners or lot owners to provide comment; requiring the developer of a condominium to appoint a certain person to the board of directors for the council of unit owners within a certain period of time after the date a certain number of units is conveyed under certain circumstances; requiring the developer of a condominium to establish a board of directors if no board of directors has been established under certain circumstances; requiring a developer to deliver certain notices regarding a certain bond to certain individuals within a certain period of time; requiring a council of unit owners to keep books and records beginning on the date the council is established; requiring a council of unit owners to maintain certain books and records in a certain manner; making certain provisions of law applicable to the accounts of a condominium; requiring a declarant to appoint a certain person to the governing body of a homeowners association within a certain period of time after the date a certain number of lots have been conveyed under certain circumstances; requiring a declarant to establish a governing body of a homeowners association if no governing body has been established under certain circumstances; requiring a declarant to deliver certain notices regarding a certain bond to certain individuals within a certain period of time; requiring the governing body of a homeowners association to convene at least a certain number of meetings each year; requiring a homeowners association to maintain books and records beginning on the date the homeowners association is established; requiring a homeowners association to maintain certain books and records in a certain manner; making certain provisions of law applicable to the accounts of a homeowners association; making stylistic changes; and generally relating to the governing bodies of condominium councils of unit owners and homeowners associations.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Real Property

Section 11–109(a) and (c), 11–116, 11B–106.1, 11B–111, 11B–111.6(d), and 11B–112(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Real Property
Section 11–109(b), 11–114.1(d), 11–132, and 11B–101(a), (c), and (d)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 353 – Delegate Ivey

AN ACT concerning

Civil Actions – Violation of Rights – Governmental Liability

FOR the purpose of establishing the civil liability of a law enforcement officer who deprives or allows another to deprive an individual of certain rights under the Maryland Declaration of Rights and the Maryland Constitution; requiring a court to award attorney’s fees and costs to a plaintiff under certain circumstances; authorizing a court to award attorney’s fees and costs to a certain defendant under certain circumstances; requiring that the employer of a law enforcement officer indemnify the law enforcement officer against a judgment or settlement entered against the officer under this Act subject to certain exceptions; providing for the applicability of certain provisions of law; prohibiting the use of certain defenses; establishing a certain statute of limitations for a civil action under this Act; defining a certain term; and generally relating to civil actions for violations of rights by law enforcement officers and governmental liability.

BY adding to
Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings
Section 5–809
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 354 – Delegates W. Fisher, Moon, Shetty, and Wilkins

AN ACT concerning

Criminal Procedure – Probation Before Judgment – Facts Justifying a Finding of Guilt and Suspension of Sentence

FOR the purpose of authorizing a court to stay the entering of judgment, defer further proceedings, and place a certain defendant on probation subject to reasonable conditions if the court finds facts justifying a finding of guilt; authorizing a court to suspend a portion or all of a certain sentence as a condition of a certain probation; and generally relating to probation before judgment.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Criminal Procedure
Section 6–220(b)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 355 – Delegate Ruth

AN ACT concerning

Election Law – Registered Voter List Security and Electronic Signature Requirements for Petitions

FOR the purpose of requiring the State Board of Elections to adopt regulations specifying requirements for the secure storage and use of voter data for copies of the registered voter list; requiring the State Board to adopt regulations specifying procedures for the collection of electronic signatures on petitions; authorizing certain petitions to contain the electronic signature of certain individuals; requiring electronic signatures to be electronically signed, typed, or affixed onto a certain form; requiring an electronic signature to reflect the affirmative act of the signer to sign a petition; requiring a circulator to personally observe the signer of a petition under certain circumstances; prohibiting a circulator from attesting to the personal observation of an electronic signature under certain circumstances; and generally relating to the security of the registered voter list and electronic signatures on petitions.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Election Law
Section 1–101(a) and (y) and 6–101(a), (d), and (i)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2017 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Election Law
Section 3–506(a), 6–103(a), and 6–203
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2017 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 356 – Delegate Qi

AN ACT concerning

Corporations and Associations – Filing Fee Study

FOR the purpose of requiring the State Department of Assessments and Taxation to study and make recommendations regarding certain filing fees on or before a certain date; and generally relating to filing fees for business enterprises.

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 357 – Delegate Palakovich Carr

AN ACT concerning

Income Tax – Pass-Through Entity – Additional Tax

FOR the purpose of imposing a certain income tax on income distributed to certain members of certain pass-through entities from the pass-through entity's taxable income exceeding a certain amount; providing that the tax does not apply under certain circumstances; altering a certain tax credit for taxes paid by a pass-through entity to clarify that the credit may not be claimed for the tax imposed under this Act; defining certain terms; making a technical correction; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to the income tax rate that applies to certain income received from pass-through entities.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Tax – General

Section 10–102.1(a)(1), (4), (6), (7), and (8)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2016 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Tax – General

Section 10–102.1(b) and (d) and 10–701.1

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2016 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – Tax – General

Section 10–102.2

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2016 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 358 – Delegate Wilson

AN ACT concerning

Income Tax Checkoff – Maryland Veterans Trust Fund

FOR the purpose of establishing a certain income tax checkoff for voluntary contributions to the Maryland Veterans Trust Fund; requiring the Comptroller to include a checkoff on the individual income tax return; providing that the income tax checkoff include a certain statement; requiring the Comptroller to include certain information in each individual income tax return package; requiring the Comptroller to collect and account for contributions made through the checkoff and to credit the proceeds to the Fund after deducting the amount necessary to administer the checkoff; providing that the Fund may consist of certain contributions from the income tax checkoff; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to an income tax checkoff for contributions to the Maryland Veterans Trust Fund.

BY adding to

Article – Tax – General
Section 2–116 and 10–804(l)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – State Government
Section 9–913(e), (f), (h), and (i)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – State Government
Section 9–913(g)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 359 – Delegate Guyton

AN ACT concerning

Maryland Longitudinal Data System – Student Data – Pregnant and Parenting Students

FOR the purpose of including data on pregnant and parenting students in the data collected, organized, managed, disaggregated, reported on, and analyzed by the Maryland Longitudinal Data System Center; altering the types of records excluded

from the definition of “student data” for purposes of the Maryland Longitudinal Data System; and generally relating to the Maryland Longitudinal Data System.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Education
Section 24–701
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 360 – Delegate Lierman

AN ACT concerning

Income Tax – Angel Investor Tax Credit Program

FOR the purpose of allowing a credit against the State income tax for a certain percentage of an investment, not to exceed a certain amount, made in certain qualified innovation businesses; requiring qualified innovation businesses to meet certain certification requirements; requiring a qualified investor to meet certain requirements in order to be eligible for the credit; requiring the qualified investor to make a certain application, at least a certain number of days before making an investment, to the Department of Commerce; requiring the Department to certify, within a certain number of days of the application, the amount of the credit; requiring, under certain circumstances, the Secretary to issue initial and final tax credit certificates; requiring a qualified investor to make a certain investment and provide certain proof within a certain period of time; authorizing, under certain circumstances, the Department to rescind a tax credit; providing that the Secretary may not certify eligibility for tax credits for investments in a single qualified innovation business that in the aggregate exceed a certain percentage of the total appropriations to a certain Reserve Fund for that fiscal year; providing for the carryforward of the credit; establishing the Maryland Angel Investor Tax Credit Reserve Fund as a special, nonlapsing fund; requiring the Department to administer the Reserve Fund; requiring the State Treasurer to hold the Reserve Fund; specifying the contents of the Reserve Fund; stating the intent of the General Assembly that the Governor make an appropriation to the Reserve Fund each fiscal year; requiring, each quarter, that the Department notify the Comptroller of a certain amount and the Comptroller to transfer a certain amount from the Reserve Fund to the General Fund of the State; providing for the recapture of the credit under certain circumstances; authorizing the Department, after a certain notification and opportunity for appeal, to revoke a credit; requiring a qualified innovation business that receives an investment to report certain information each year to the Department; requiring the Department to report certain information in a certain manner on or before a certain date each year; requiring the Department, in consultation with the Comptroller, to adopt certain regulations; defining certain terms; providing for the application of this Act; providing for the termination of this

Act; and generally relating to a State income tax credit for certain qualified business investments.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Economic Development
Section 2.5–109(a)(4)(xi) and (xii)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Economic Development
Section 2.5–109(a)(4)(xiii)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Tax – General
Section 10–751
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 361 – Delegate Holmes

AN ACT concerning

Real Property – Governing Bodies of Common Ownership Communities – Member Training

FOR the purpose of requiring each member of a board of directors or officer of a council of unit owners of a condominium and each member of a governing body of a homeowners association to successfully complete a certain training curriculum within a certain number of days after the individual is elected or appointed or begins a certain new term of office; requiring a certain governing body to certify that a certain member or officer has completed certain training, retain copies of certain certificates, and report on the certifications to a certain common ownership commission under certain circumstances; establishing that a certain certificate is valid for a certain amount of time; requiring a member or an officer to renew a certain certificate by completing certain training under certain circumstances; authorizing certain action if a certain member or officer does not complete certain required training; and generally relating to members of governing bodies of condominiums and homeowners associations.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Real Property
Section 11–109 and 11B–106.1(g)

Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Real Property
Section 11B–106.1(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Real Property
Section 11B–106.1(g)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 362 – Delegate Valentino–Smith

AN ACT concerning

Juvenile Law – Probation

FOR the purpose of requiring the duration of a term of probation for a certain child to be consistent with certain treatment and rehabilitation needs of the child; specifying that the duration of a term of probation may not exceed a certain period of time, except under certain circumstances; authorizing the juvenile court to require an additional term of probation, not to exceed a certain period of time, under certain circumstances; and generally relating to juvenile probation.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings
Section 3–8A–19(d)(1)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume)

BY adding to
Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings
Section 3–8A–19(d)(7)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 363 – Delegate Lierman

AN ACT concerning

**Maryland Public Ethics Law – Retaliation for Reporting or Participating in
Investigation – Prohibition**

FOR the purpose of 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; and generally relating to the Maryland Public Ethics Law.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – General Provisions
Section 5–101(a), (g), (bb), (ff), and (ll)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – General Provisions
Section 5–509
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 364 – Delegate P. Young

AN ACT concerning

State Finance and Procurement – Central Collection Unit – Powers

FOR the purpose of repealing the authority of the Central Collection Unit to settle a debt or claim without suit; reducing the maximum amount of a certain fee that the Unit may assess and collect from a debtor under certain circumstances; repealing the requirement that a certain fee be assessed and collected sufficient to cover certain costs; and generally relating to the Central Collection Unit.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – State Finance and Procurement
Section 3–304(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

House Bill 365 – Delegate W. Fisher

AN ACT concerning

Criminal Procedure – Office of the Attorney General – Prosecution of Police Officer

FOR the purpose of authorizing the Office of the Attorney General to prosecute a criminal case involving serious bodily injury or death allegedly caused by a police officer; defining a certain term; and generally relating to the Office of the Attorney General.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – State Government
Section 6–106
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 366 – Delegates Cardin and Crutchfield

AN ACT concerning

District Court Commissioners – Arrest Warrants – Recall and Issuance of a Summons

FOR the purpose of authorizing a judge of the District Court or a judge of a circuit court, on a certain finding, to recall an arrest warrant issued by a District Court commissioner and issue a summons in its place; and generally relating to arrest warrants issued by District Court commissioners.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings
Section 2–607(c)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 367 – Delegate Holmes

AN ACT concerning

Real Property – Regulation of Common Ownership Community Managers

FOR the purpose of creating the State Board of Common Ownership Community Managers in the Maryland Department of Labor; providing for the composition of the Board and the appointment, terms, and expenses of the Board members; providing for the powers, duties, and functions of the Board; requiring the Maryland Department of Labor to allocate a certain amount of money for the establishment of the Board in a certain fiscal year; providing that certain provisions of this Act do not prohibit

certain persons from providing certain services under certain circumstances; requiring an individual to be issued a license by the Board before providing management services for a common ownership community under certain circumstances; specifying the qualifications for a license; providing for the issuance, fees, renewal, and reinstatement of a license; authorizing the Board to deny a license to any applicant, reprimand a licensed community manager, or suspend or revoke a license under certain circumstances; requiring an individual to be issued a limited license by the Board before providing management services for a common ownership community under certain circumstances; specifying the qualifications for a limited license; providing for the issuance, fees, renewal, and reinstatement of a limited license; authorizing the Board to deny a limited license to any applicant, reprimand any licensed associate community manager, or suspend or revoke a limited license under certain circumstances; requiring a common ownership community to register with the Board under certain circumstances; imposing certain duties on a contracting party concerning a fidelity bond or theft insurance under certain circumstances; imposing certain duties concerning financial institution accounts on a licensed community manager; requiring a contract to provide management services to include certain provisions under certain circumstances; prohibiting certain acts and imposing certain penalties for a violation of this Act; making certain provisions of this Act subject to the Maryland Program Evaluation Act; establishing the State Board of Common Ownership Community Managers Fund; providing for the purpose, administration, composition, use, and audit of the Fund; requiring that certain interest earnings be credited to the Fund; requiring the Secretary of Labor, in consultation with the Board, to calculate certain costs annually; authorizing the Board to set certain fees, based on certain calculations; prohibiting a fee established by the Board from being increased by more than a certain percentage annually; specifying the terms of the initial members of the Board; providing that the Board may take into consideration certain training and testing standards when adopting certain regulations; providing that a certain examination shall satisfy certain examination requirements for a license under certain circumstances; requiring the Board to grant a waiver of certain training and examination requirements for a license under certain circumstances; requiring the Maryland Department of Labor to report to the General Assembly on or before a certain date; authorizing the Department of Budget and Management to advance certain funds to the Board and requiring the Board to reimburse certain funds under certain circumstances; defining certain terms; and generally relating to the regulation of common ownership community managers.

BY renumbering

Article – State Government
Section 8–403(13) through (62), respectively
to be Section 8–403(14) through (63), respectively
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – Business Occupations and Professions

Section 22–101 through 22–802 to be under the new title “Title 22. Common Ownership Community Managers”
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Business Regulation
Section 2–106.15, 2–106.16, and 2–108(a)(34)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Corporations and Associations
Section 5–6B–12.1
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Real Property
Section 11–130.1 and 11B–115.2
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – State Finance and Procurement
Section 6–226(a)(2)(i)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – State Finance and Procurement
Section 6–226(a)(2)(ii)122. and 123.
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – State Finance and Procurement
Section 6–226(a)(2)(ii)124.
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – State Government
Section 8–403(13)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 368 – Delegate Bagnall

AN ACT concerning

Task Force on Oral Health in Maryland

FOR the purpose of establishing the Task Force on Oral Health in Maryland; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Task Force; prohibiting a member of the Task Force from receiving certain compensation, but authorizing the reimbursement of certain expenses; requiring the Task Force to study and make recommendations regarding certain matters; requiring the Task Force to submit interim and final reports to the Governor and certain committees of the General Assembly on or before certain dates; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to the Task Force on Oral Health in Maryland.

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 369 – Delegate Rosenberg

AN ACT concerning

Election Law – Foreign Manufacture of Election Systems – Notification and Termination of Contract

FOR the purpose of prohibiting the State Board of Elections from approving a contract with an election service provider unless the contract includes a clause requiring the election service provider to report to the State Administrator of Elections if any stage in the manufacturing of a component of the provider's election system occurred outside the United States or if any material change to a component in any stage in the manufacturing of an election system occurred outside the United States; requiring the report to include certain information; requiring the State Administrator to forward a copy of the report to certain persons within a certain time period; authorizing the State Administrator to terminate, in whole or in part, a contract with an election service provider under certain circumstances; requiring the State Administrator to notify certain persons in writing of a certain contract termination and the reasons for the termination within a certain time period; defining certain terms; and generally relating to foreign manufacture of election systems.

BY adding to

Article – Election Law

Section 2–110

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2017 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 370 – Delegate Kerr

AN ACT concerning

**Education – Public and Nonpublic Schools – Seizure Action Plans
(Brynleigh’s Act)**

FOR the purpose of requiring a county board of education and authorizing a nonpublic school, beginning in a certain school year, to require a certain number of school employees at the school to be trained in recognizing the signs and symptoms of a seizure, administering first aid, administering seizure medication, and performing certain nerve stimulation; authorizing a certain registered nurse to serve as a certain trained school employee; establishing that certain training may count toward the renewal of a professional certificate; requiring a public school, beginning in a certain school year, to provide annual training to school personnel with direct contact and supervision of students on recognizing the signs and symptoms of, and administering first aid for, a seizure; requiring the training program for school personnel to be fully consistent with training programs and guidelines developed by a certain epilepsy foundation; requiring the parent or guardian of a student diagnosed with a seizure disorder to collaborate with school personnel to create a seizure action plan; requiring the State Board of Education to adopt regulations establishing procedures for the development and content of a seizure action plan; specifying where a seizure action plan shall be retained and to whom the plan shall be distributed; requiring the parent or guardian of a student diagnosed with a seizure disorder to provide the school with a certain written authorization, a certain written statement from the student’s health care practitioner, and the prescribed medication in a certain form; providing that a certain written authorization is effective for a certain school year and may be renewed under certain circumstances; providing for a certain immunity; requiring a public school and authorizing a nonpublic school, beginning in a certain school year, to provide a certain age–appropriate seizure education program to all students with a certain frequency; establishing that a schoolwide seizure education program satisfies a certain requirement; defining a certain term; and generally relating to responding to seizure symptoms and emergencies in schools in the State.

BY adding to

Article – Education

Section 7–447

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means and the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 371 – Delegate P. Young

AN ACT concerning

**State Lottery – Instant Ticket Lottery Machines – Fraternal Organizations
(ITLMs for Homeless Veterans Act)**

FOR the purpose of authorizing the Director of the State Lottery and Gaming Control Agency to issue certain fraternal organizations a license for not more than a certain number of instant ticket lottery machines for the sale of certain instant lottery tickets under certain circumstances; providing for the distribution of the proceeds from certain lottery machine ticket sales by a fraternal organization; declaring the intent of the General Assembly; defining certain terms; and generally relating to the operation of and proceeds from instant ticket lottery machines in the State.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – State Government
Section 9–112
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 372 – Delegate Moon

AN ACT concerning

Criminal Law – Drug Paraphernalia for Administration – Decriminalization

FOR the purpose of 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 prohibition against a person possessing or distributing controlled paraphernalia under circumstances which reasonably indicate an intention to use the controlled paraphernalia for certain purposes; altering a list of certain items that indicate intent to use certain controlled paraphernalia for certain purposes; altering penalties for a violation of certain provisions relating to drug paraphernalia; altering a certain definition; and generally relating to drug paraphernalia.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Criminal Law
Section 5–101(h), 5–619(c) and (d), and 5–620(a), (b), and (d)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 373 – Delegate Wilson

AN ACT concerning

Education – Child Abuse and Sexual Misconduct Prevention – Hiring Emergent Employees

FOR the purpose of authorizing the hiring of a certain emergent employee by a county board of education or nonpublic school for a certain period of time under certain conditions; authorizing a county board or nonpublic school to take certain actions within a certain period of time regarding an emergent employee under certain circumstances; authorizing a certain appeal following a certain decision by a county board; authorizing a county board or nonpublic school to share a certain employment history review with other county boards and nonpublic schools; authorizing a county board or nonpublic school to use a certain employment history review under certain circumstances; requiring certain applicants to provide certain information regarding certain employers over a certain period of time; defining a certain term; altering a certain definition; and generally relating to child abuse and sexual misconduct prevention and the hiring of school employees.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Education
Section 6–113.2
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 374 – Delegate Smith

AN ACT concerning

Collective Bargaining – Baltimore City Community College – Faculty

FOR the purpose of providing collective bargaining rights to certain faculty at Baltimore City Community College; altering certain exceptions to the applicability of certain provisions of law governing collective bargaining for employees of Baltimore City Community College; establishing a separate collective bargaining unit for certain faculty at Baltimore City Community College; defining a certain term; altering a certain definition; and generally relating to collective bargaining for employees of Baltimore City Community College.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – State Personnel and Pensions
Section 3–101, 3–102, and 3–403(d)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

House Bill 375 – Delegate Valderrama

AN ACT concerning

**Labor and Employment – Family and Medical Leave Insurance Program –
Establishment
(Time to Care Act of 2021)**

FOR the purpose of establishing the Family and Medical Leave Insurance Program; prohibiting an employee from disclosing certain information; authorizing a self-employed individual to elect to participate in the Program by filing a certain notice with the Secretary of Labor in accordance with certain regulations; providing that a certain election becomes effective on the date a certain notice is filed; requiring a certain individual to participate in the Program for a certain initial period; authorizing a certain individual to renew participation in the Program for a certain period; requiring a certain individual to notify the Secretary in writing of the individual's withdrawal from the Program within a certain time period; requiring a certain individual to pay certain contributions during a certain period; providing that an employee's right to benefits under this Act may not be diminished by a collective bargaining agreement entered into or renewed or by an employer policy adopted or retained after a certain date; providing that a certain agreement is void as against public policy; stating the purpose of the Program; providing for the manner in which the Program is to be administered; providing for the powers and duties of the Secretary under the Program; requiring a certain covered individual to include certification for a certain claim for certain benefits; requiring the Secretary to establish certain standards for certain claims in regulation; establishing the Family and Medical Leave Insurance Fund as a special, nonlapsing fund; providing for the administration of the Fund; specifying the contents of the Fund; specifying the purposes for which the Fund may be used; requiring, beginning on a certain date, certain employees, employers, and self-employed individuals to pay the Secretary certain contributions; requiring the Secretary to set a total rate of contribution, subject to certain limitations and conditions; requiring employers of employees to deduct certain contributions from the wages of the employees; authorizing, beginning on a certain date, a covered individual taking certain leave from employment to submit a claim for benefits; authorizing a covered individual to take certain leave on an intermittent leave schedule; requiring a certain covered individual who is taking certain leave on an intermittent leave schedule to take certain action; prohibiting an employer from taking certain action if leave is taken on an intermittent leave schedule; providing for the manner in which benefits are to be calculated and paid; requiring that certain leave taken by a covered individual run concurrently with certain federal leave under certain circumstances; providing for the calculation of certain weekly wages for certain purposes; requiring the Division of Unemployment Insurance, under certain circumstances, to notify certain individuals of certain information regarding the federal income tax; requiring the

Division, under certain circumstances, to deduct and withhold a certain amount from benefits paid; authorizing certain employers to satisfy certain requirements through a certain private employer plan under certain circumstances; authorizing certain employers to require certain covered individuals to use certain benefits concurrently with certain benefits provided under an employer policy; requiring that a certain private employer plan be filed with the Division; providing that certain employers and employees are exempt from certain contribution requirements under certain circumstances; providing for the manner in which certain employees who receive benefits or take certain leave are to be treated by employers; requiring employers to provide certain notice to certain employees at certain times under certain circumstances; establishing certain prohibited acts; authorizing the Division to seek repayment of benefits under certain circumstances; authorizing the Secretary to waive the repayment of benefits under certain circumstances; authorizing the Secretary to take certain actions if certain employers fail to pay certain contributions; authorizing certain employees to file a certain complaint with the Secretary under certain circumstances; authorizing certain employees to bring a certain action against certain employers for certain violations of this Act under certain circumstances; requiring a court to allow certain fees and costs under certain circumstances; requiring the Secretary to establish a system of appeals for certain covered individuals; requiring that certain judicial review be allowed after a certain aggrieved party has exhausted certain administrative remedies; requiring interest earnings of the Fund to be credited to the Fund; exempting the Fund from a certain provision of law requiring interest earnings on State money to accrue to the General Fund of the State; providing for the construction and application of this Act; requiring the Secretary to adopt certain regulations on or before a certain date; defining certain terms; making a conforming change; stating the intent of the General Assembly; and generally relating to the Family and Medical Leave Insurance Program.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Labor and Employment
Section 8–302
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Labor and Employment
Section 8.3–101 through 8.3–1001 to be under the new title “Title 8.3. Family and
Medical Leave Insurance Program”
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – State Finance and Procurement
Section 6–226(a)(2)(i)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – State Finance and Procurement
Section 6–226(a)(2)(ii)122. and 123.
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – State Finance and Procurement
Section 6–226(a)(2)(ii)124.
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 376 – Delegate Mautz

AN ACT concerning

Renewable Energy Portfolio Standard – Municipal Electric Utilities

FOR the purpose of setting the renewable energy portfolio standard for municipal electric utilities for certain years; and generally relating to the renewable energy portfolio standard.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Public Utilities
Section 7–703(e)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 377 – Delegate Bagnall

AN ACT concerning

Commission on Student Behavioral Health and Mental Health Treatment

FOR the purpose of establishing the Commission on Student Behavioral Health and Mental Health Treatment; providing for the purpose, composition, chair, and staffing of the Commission; prohibiting a member of the Commission from receiving certain compensation, but authorizing the reimbursement of certain expenses; requiring the Commission to study and make recommendations on certain matters regarding student behavioral health and mental health treatment; requiring the Commission to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before certain dates; providing for the termination of this Act; and

generally relating to the Commission on Student Behavioral Health and Mental Health Treatment.

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 378 – Delegate D.M. Davis

AN ACT concerning

Local Government Tort Claims Act – Definition of Local Government

FOR the purpose of altering the definition of “local government” under the Local Government Tort Claims Act to include the Maryland Association of Counties Pooled OPEB Trust Fund; and generally relating to the Local Government Tort Claims Act.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings
Section 5–301(d)(28) and (29)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume)

BY adding to
Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings
Section 5–301(d)(30)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 379 – Delegate Charkoudian

AN ACT concerning

Public Utilities – Low–Income Housing – Energy Performance Targets

FOR the purpose of requiring the Public Service Commission to require the Department of Housing and Community Development to procure or provide for electricity customers certain programs and services designed to achieve a certain target starting in a certain year and calculated in a certain manner under certain circumstances; prohibiting certain programs and services from using thermal insulating materials for building elements that contain certain substances under certain circumstances; requiring the weather–normalized gross retail sales against which the savings are measured to reflect certain sales and to be updated by the Commission for each of a certain type of submitted plan; requiring the target annual incremental gross energy savings to be achieved based on an average of Department plans; requiring the Department, on or before a certain date, to submit a certain plan to the Commission; providing for the contents of certain plans; requiring the Department to provide the

Commission with certain regular updates on plan implementation and progress toward achieving certain electricity savings and a demand reduction target; requiring the Commission to review a certain plan for adequacy; requiring the Commission to work with the Department to establish certain procedures; requiring the Department to develop a plan to coordinate and leverage funding sources to support certain energy efficiency and other home upgrades; requiring the plan to coordinate funding among certain sources; requiring the Department to collaborate with the members of the Green and Healthy Task Force and other interested stakeholders to develop the plan; requiring the Department to submit the plan to the Governor and General Assembly on or before a certain date; establishing the Green and Healthy Task Force; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Task Force; prohibiting a member of the Task Force from receiving certain compensation, but authorizing the reimbursement of certain expenses; requiring the Task Force to meet quarterly for a certain period of years; requiring the Task Force to analyze and advance the coordination of resources to address the housing needs of low-income communities; requiring the Task Force to engage with interested parties and experts in the field of healthy and energy-efficient housing; requiring the Task Force to report its findings and recommendations to the Secretary of Health, the Secretary of the Environment, the Public Service Commission, the Governor, and the General Assembly on or before a certain date and each year thereafter; requiring proceeds received by the Strategic Energy Investment Fund from a certain merger to be used, beginning in a certain fiscal year, exclusively for a certain purpose; defining certain terms; and generally relating to energy performance targets for low-income housing.

BY adding to

Article – Public Utilities
Section 7–211.1 and 7–211.2
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – State Government
Section 9–20B–05
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 380 – Delegate Malone

AN ACT concerning

Sales and Use Tax – Tax-Free Period for Back-to-School Shopping – School Supplies and Textbooks

FOR the purpose of altering a certain sales and use tax exemption to include certain school supplies and textbooks, subject to certain limitations; defining certain terms; and generally relating to the annual sales and use tax exemption period for back-to-school shopping.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Tax – General
Section 11–228
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 381 – Delegate Long

AN ACT concerning

Animal Shelters – Standards of Operation

FOR the purpose of requiring a certain animal shelter to conform certain protocols with certain provisions of law; requiring a certain animal shelter to take reasonable steps to achieve a certain save rate of animals that are impounded; requiring an animal shelter to make certain animals available to be reclaimed by an owner for at least a certain number of days; authorizing an animal shelter to place a certain animal in foster care or transfer the animal to a certain person at a certain time under certain circumstances; requiring an animal shelter to allow an owner to reclaim an animal under certain circumstances and to reclaim the animal at a certain location under certain circumstances; establishing that certain requirements do not apply to an animal that is impounded under certain circumstances; requiring an animal shelter, within a certain period of time, to check a certain animal for certain identification; requiring an animal shelter to take certain steps to identify an animal; prohibiting an animal shelter from prohibiting or obstructing the adoption or transfer of an animal based on certain characteristics; prohibiting an animal shelter from euthanizing an animal within a certain period of time under certain circumstances; requiring an animal shelter, within a certain number of days, to notify or make a reasonable attempt to notify a certain person before the use of euthanasia on an animal; prohibiting an animal shelter from euthanizing an animal unless it fulfills certain notification requirements; prohibiting an animal shelter from euthanizing an animal until the animal shelter has made certain verifications; requiring a certain animal shelter to operate in accordance with certain provisions of law; providing for the application of this Act; making certain technical changes; and generally relating to standards of operation for animal shelters.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Agriculture
Section 2–1701
Annotated Code of Maryland

(2016 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Agriculture

Section 2–1704

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2016 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – Agriculture

Section 2–1705.1

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2016 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – Local Government

Section 13–110

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2013 Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 382 – Delegate Wilson

AN ACT concerning

Juvenile Law – Conduct by Children Involving Sexually Explicit or Nude Images

FOR the purpose of prohibiting a child from knowingly sending, displaying, or publishing to another a sexually explicit or nude image depicting another child under certain circumstances; prohibiting a child from knowingly sending, displaying, or publishing to another a sexually explicit or nude image depicting only himself or herself under certain circumstances; prohibiting a child from knowingly possessing a sexually explicit or nude image depicting another child without the other child’s consent under certain circumstances; providing that a certain child alleged to have violated certain provisions of this Act may be subject only to a certain petition alleging that the child is a child in need of assistance; providing that a certain child alleged to have violated certain provisions of this Act may be subject only to a certain petition that the child is a child in need of supervision; providing for the applicability of certain provisions of this Act; altering certain elements of the crimes of distribution or creation of child pornography and possession of child pornography to exclude from criminal liability a certain minor who is the subject of the pornographic matter; establishing certain exceptions to certain provisions of law relating to the display and exhibition of a certain item to a minor, child pornography, and possession of child pornography; providing for the construction of certain provisions of law relating to possession of a certain visual representation; requiring the State Board of

Education, in consultation with any relevant unit of State, county, or local government, to develop and implement a certain program on the risks of possessing, sending, displaying, and publishing certain images; providing for the start and delivery of the program in each public school; defining certain terms; and generally relating to conduct by children involving sexually explicit or nude images.

BY adding to

Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings

Section 3–8D–101 through 3–8D–105 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 8D.
Conduct by Children Involving Sexually Explicit or Nude Images”

Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Criminal Law

Section 11–203, 11–207, and 11–208

Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – Education

Section 7–205.3

Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 383 – Delegate Carr

AN ACT concerning

Traffic Control Signal Monitoring Systems – Exclusion of Vehicle Rental Companies – Repeal and Notification Requirement

FOR the purpose of altering a certain definition to repeal the exclusion of motor vehicle rental companies as owners of motor vehicles for the purpose of enforcing violations of entering an intersection against a red signal indication that are recorded by a traffic control signal monitoring system; requiring an agency to provide a certain notice to a motor vehicle rental company before issuing a certain citation; prohibiting an agency from mailing to a motor vehicle rental company a certain citation if the motor vehicle rental company provided the agency with certain information or pays a certain penalty; making conforming, clarifying, and stylistic changes; and generally relating to motor vehicle rental companies and traffic control signal monitoring systems.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Transportation

Section 21–202.1(a), (e), and (g)(5)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Transportation
Section 21–202.1(c) and (d)(1)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 384 – Delegate Sample–Hughes

AN ACT concerning

Real Property – Sale of Mobile Home Parks – Notice Requirements

FOR the purpose of altering the time frame of certain notices that a mobile home park owner is required to provide and post concerning the sale of a mobile home park under certain circumstances; and generally relating to notice requirements in the sale of a mobile home park.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Real Property
Section 8A–202(h)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 385 – Delegates Crutchfield, Barron, Bartlett, D.M. Davis, W. Fisher, and Moon

AN ACT concerning

Criminal Law – Felony Murder – Limitation and Review of Convictions for Children

FOR the purpose of altering provisions of law relating to murder in the first degree; providing that a person who was a child at the time of the offense may not be found to have committed murder in the first degree under certain provisions of law; authorizing certain persons to file a motion for review of conviction under certain circumstances; requiring a court to hold a certain hearing on the filing of a motion for review of conviction under certain circumstances; requiring the court to take certain actions under certain circumstances; requiring the court to notify the State’s

Attorney of the filing of a certain motion for review of conviction; and generally relating to children and felony first-degree murder.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Criminal Law
Section 2–201
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Criminal Law
Section 2–204
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 386 – Delegate Malone

AN ACT concerning

Property Tax Credit – Disabled or Fallen Law Enforcement Officers and Rescue Workers – Federal Criminal Investigator

FOR the purpose of altering the definition of “disabled law enforcement officer or rescue worker” for purposes of certain county or municipal corporation property tax credits to include an individual who became disabled as a result of or in the course of employment as a certain investigator for a certain agency; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to certain county or municipal corporation property tax credits for certain disabled or fallen law enforcement officers and rescue workers.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Tax – Property
Section 9–210
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 387 – Delegate Stein

AN ACT concerning

Homeowners’ Property Tax Credit – Eligibility – Hardship Exception

FOR the purpose of authorizing a certain hardship exception, under certain circumstances, to a prohibition against granting the homeowners' property tax credit to a homeowner whose gross income exceeds a certain amount; requiring a homeowner, in order to qualify for the hardship exception, to include certain information in the homeowner's application for the tax credit; authorizing a homeowner who is denied a hardship exception to appeal the denial under certain circumstances and in accordance with certain policies and procedures; defining a certain term; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to eligibility for the homeowners' property tax credit.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Tax – Property
Section 9–104(a)(1), 14–509(c), and 14–512(e)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Tax – Property
Section 9–104(a)(9)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Tax – Property
Section 9–104(a)(9) through (13) and (j)(1)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 388 – Delegate Turner

AN ACT concerning

State Lottery and Gaming Control Agency – Gaming Study – Use of Gaming Proceeds

FOR the purpose of requiring the State Lottery and Gaming Control Agency to conduct a certain study; requiring the Agency to report its findings to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before a certain date; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to a study by the State Lottery and Gaming Control Agency.

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 389 – Delegate Hill

AN ACT concerning

General Provisions – State Song – Repeal and Competition

FOR the purpose of repealing the State song; requiring the Maryland State Arts Council to develop a plan for and conduct a certain State song competition, including the acceptance of certain entries to the competition, and to carry out certain tasks relating to the competition; requiring the Council to report certain finalists of the competition to the Governor and certain committees of the General Assembly on or before a certain date; authorizing the Council to make certain recommendations; providing for the termination of certain provisions of this Act; and generally relating to the State song.

BY repealing

Article – General Provisions

Section 7–318

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY renumbering

Article – General Provisions

Section 7–319

to be Section 7–318

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 390 – Delegates Johnson and Lisanti

AN ACT concerning

University of Maryland – Harford Memorial Hospital Closure – Economic Impact Study

FOR the purpose of requiring the University of Maryland Institute for Governmental Service and Research to conduct a study on the economic impact of the closure of Harford Memorial Hospital in Havre de Grace and the transfer of its services to another location; requiring the Institute to conduct the study in a certain manner; requiring the Institute to develop a revitalization plan for Havre de Grace in a certain manner; requiring the Institute to report certain findings and information to certain committees of the General Assembly on or before a certain date; requiring the Institute to provide a copy of a certain report to certain State and local officials; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to the economic impact of the closure of Harford Memorial Hospital.

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 391 – Delegates Hartman, Boyce, Arentz, Feldmark, Kerr, Lisanti, and Love

AN ACT concerning

Solid Waste Management – Prohibition on Releasing a Balloon Into the Atmosphere

FOR the purpose of prohibiting a person from knowingly and intentionally releasing or causing to be released, or organizing the release of, a certain balloon into the atmosphere; requiring the Department of the Environment to enforce this Act; authorizing the Department to delegate certain enforcement authority to a certain unit, officer, or official of a local government; requiring a certain unit, officer, or official of a local government with delegated enforcement authority to report certain violations to the Department; establishing a civil penalty for a violation of this Act; defining certain terms; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to a prohibition on releasing a balloon into the atmosphere.

BY adding to

Article – Environment

Section 9–2301 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 23. Miscellaneous Consumer Products”

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 392 – Delegate Guyton

AN ACT concerning

Child Care Centers – Early Childhood Screening and Assistance

FOR the purpose of requiring the State Department of Education to develop certain guidelines for developmental screenings for certain children; requiring, beginning on a certain date, certain child care centers to offer to certain parents or guardians evaluations for certain children entering the center based on the guidelines; requiring an employee of the center to provide certain information and assistance to certain parents or guardians under certain circumstances; requiring the center to provide a certain evaluation and certain assistance a certain number of times per year; authorizing a center to meet a certain requirement in a certain manner; providing for a certain immunity for certain employees; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to early childhood developmental screenings and assistance.

BY adding to

Article – Education

Section 9.5–413.1

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 393 – Delegates Barron, Crutchfield, and Pena–Melnyk

AN ACT concerning

Maryland Office of the Inspector General for Health

FOR the purpose of 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 the Office to have access to certain services; requiring the Office, in consultation with the Department, to develop certain policies and adopt certain regulations; requiring the Office to maintain a certain physical location; requiring the Office to develop certain policies and adopt certain regulations; providing that there is an Inspector General in the Office; providing that an individual is eligible to be the Inspector General only if the individual executes a certain affidavit; requiring the Inspector General to renew the affidavit on a certain basis; requiring that the failure to renew the affidavit subject the Inspector General to removal from office; providing for the appointment, terms, removal from office, and qualifications of the Inspector General; providing that the Inspector General is entitled to a certain salary and that funding for the Office shall be as provided in the State budget; requiring the Office, on or before a certain date each year, to submit a certain report to the Governor and certain committees of the General Assembly; defining a certain term; requiring the Governor to transfer to the Office one position and certain funds from the Department; providing for a delayed effective date; and generally relating to the Maryland Office of the Inspector General for Health.

BY adding to

Article – Health – General

Section 2–501(e–1), 2–502.1, and 2–506

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Health – General

Section 2–502

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 394 – Delegate Smith

AN ACT concerning

Public Schools – Fees for Summer School Courses – Prohibition

FOR the purpose of prohibiting a local school system from charging a certain student a fee for enrollment in a summer school course under certain circumstances; and generally relating to fees charged by local school systems for summer school courses.

BY adding to

Article – Education

Section 7–211

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 395 – Delegate Adams

AN ACT concerning

Business Regulation – Home Improvement Contracts – Deposits

FOR the purpose of increasing the maximum portion of a home improvement contract price that a person may receive as a deposit before or at the time of execution of a home improvement contract; and generally relating to home improvement contracts.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Business Regulation

Section 8–617

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 396 – Delegate Pena–Melnyk

AN ACT concerning

Public Health – Overdose and Infectious Disease Prevention Services Program

FOR the purpose of authorizing the establishment of an Overdose and Infectious Disease Prevention Services Program by a community–based organization; requiring the Maryland Department of Health, in consultation with the local health department,

to make a certain determination on a certain application based on certain criteria and within a certain period of time; authorizing the Department to approve not more than a certain number of Programs, with each Program operating at a single location in a certain area; requiring, to the extent practicable, certain Programs approved by the Department to be located in certain areas of the State; requiring the Department, in consultation with the local health department, to provide a written explanation of a certain determination to a certain entity; requiring a Program to provide certain services, provide certain training, and establish a method of identifying certain staff; authorizing a Program to bill a certain insurance carrier under certain circumstances for certain services provided, accept donations, grants, and other financial assistance, apply for certain grants, coordinate with certain programs or organizations, and use certain facilities; prohibiting the location of a Program in certain areas; prohibiting certain persons, under certain circumstances, from being subject to arrest, prosecution, or certain penalties or from being denied any right or privilege for involvement in the operation or use of services of a Program; prohibiting certain persons, under certain circumstances, from being subject to the seizure or forfeiture of certain real or personal property under certain laws; providing that certain persons are not immune from criminal prosecution for certain activities; requiring a certain Program to submit a certain report that includes certain information to the Department and certain committees of the General Assembly on or before a certain date each year; defining certain terms; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to an Overdose and Infectious Disease Prevention Services Program.

BY adding to

Article – Health – General

Section 24–1801 through 24–1806 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 18.

Overdose and Infectious Disease Prevention Services Program”

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 397 – Delegate Lierman

AN ACT concerning

Electricity and Gas – Energy Suppliers – Supply Offers

FOR the purpose of requiring the Public Service Commission, on or before a certain date, to establish an administrative process to approve supply offers for electricity or gas for households in the State that receive energy assistance through a program administered by the Office of Home Energy Programs; prohibiting, beginning on a certain date, approved supply offers from offering to provide electricity or gas to certain households, renewing a certain contract, or charging a certain fee; requiring, beginning on a certain date, approved supply offers to include a certain commitment to charge certain rates for certain customers; prohibiting a third-party retail

supplier whose offer is not approved by the Commission from receiving certain funds or charging a certain customer under certain circumstances; authorizing the Office of Home Energy Programs to allocate funding toward supplier charges as part of arrearage assistance for certain contracts; requiring the Commission to publish a certain annual report on or before a certain date; requiring the Commission to create certain test cases to verify certain supplier billing practices; and generally relating to electricity and natural gas supply.

BY adding to

Article – Public Utilities

Section 4–308

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2020 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 398 – Delegate Palakovich Carr

AN ACT concerning

Election Law – Time Off for Employee Voting

FOR the purpose of requiring every employer in the State to allow any employee, rather than any employee who claims to be a registered voter, in the State a certain period of absence from work to vote in an election, rather than only on election day; altering the requirement that certain employees furnish to their employers certain proof to specify that the proof be reasonable and furnished in a timely manner; repealing a requirement that an employee furnish proof to the employer that the employee voted or attempted to vote on a form prescribed by the State Board of Elections; prohibiting an employer from taking certain actions against an employee who exercises the right under certain provisions of law to be absent from work to vote; making a stylistic change; and generally relating to time off for employee voting.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Election Law

Section 10–315

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2017 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 399 – Delegate Krimm

AN ACT concerning

Real Property – Required Notices for Contracts of Sale – Zones of Dewatering Influence

FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of the Environment to develop and publish a certain map on the Department's website; requiring a contract for the sale of real property located in Baltimore County, Carroll County, Frederick County, or Washington County to include a certain notice about property located in a zone of dewatering influence; establishing that a purchaser of real property that does not receive the notice required under this Act has a certain right to rescind a contract for the sale of the property and for the return of certain deposits under certain circumstances; requiring the return of certain deposits to comply with certain law; requiring a contract for the sale of property to comply with certain provisions of this Act; defining a certain term; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to required notice in the sale of real property located in a zone of dewatering influence.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Environment
Section 15–813
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Real Property
Section 10–711 and 14–117(e)(23)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Real Property
Section 14–117(e)(21) and (22)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 400 – Delegate Boyce

AN ACT concerning

Public Schools – Enrollment Location – Continuity

FOR the purpose of removing a forestry camp and a training school from a certain list of placements; prohibiting a child who is a juvenile placed in the custody of certain entities from being disenrolled from public school until the disposition of the child's juvenile case; requiring the public school in which the child is enrolled to provide the State Department of Education with certain educational materials; requiring the Department, in consultation with county boards of education, to develop and implement a procedure to transfer a copy of certain educational records from the

school in which the child is enrolled to certain entities; requiring the Department, in consultation with county boards, to develop and implement a procedure for re-enrolling certain children in public school; requiring the Department to develop an educational plan for certain children; making a stylistic change; and generally relating to public school attendance for detained children.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Education
Section 7–101(b)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

CONSENT CALENDAR OF INTRODUCTORY HOUSE BILLS NO. 9

House Bill 401 – Delegate Guyton

AN ACT concerning

Public Schools – Pregnant and Parenting Students – Policies and Reports

FOR the purpose of 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 certain policy based on the Department’s model policy; altering the required contents of a certain attendance policy developed by a county board; defining a certain term; and generally relating to pregnant and parenting students.

BY adding to
Article – Education
Section 4–138
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Education
Section 7–301.1(a) and (b)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Education
Section 7–301.1(c)(1)
Annotated Code of Maryland

(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 402 – Delegate Malone

AN ACT concerning

**Correctional Services – Division of Parole and Probation – Definition of
Absconding**

FOR the purpose of altering a certain definition of “absconding” to include leaving a certain treatment facility without the permission of a certain administrator; and generally relating to the Division of Parole and Probation.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Correctional Services
Section 6–101(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2017 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Correctional Services
Section 6–101(b)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2017 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 403 – Delegate Ebersole

AN ACT concerning

Video Lottery Operation License – Renewal

FOR the purpose of altering the number of years before the end of the term of a video lottery operation license that a licensee is required to provide certain notice of intent to renew the license and is authorized to apply for renewal; providing for the term of a renewed license; requiring the State Lottery and Gaming Control Commission to renew a certain license unless the Commission makes a certain finding; requiring the Commission, under certain circumstances, to provide a licensee a certain hearing; requiring a licensee to pay a certain annual fee for the length of the renewal license term under certain circumstances; requiring the Commission, on a certain date each year, to adjust the fee to reflect a certain increase in a certain Consumer Price Index; providing that all renewal license fees paid under this Act shall be paid to a certain special fund; providing that certain provisions of law relating to the

renewal of certain licenses do not apply to video lottery operation licenses; and generally relating to the renewal of video lottery operation licenses.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – State Government
Section 9–1A–13, 9–1A–17, and 9–1A–30(b)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 404 – Delegate W. Fisher

AN ACT concerning

Vehicle Laws – Speed Monitoring Systems – Child Care Centers

FOR the purpose of authorizing the placement and use of speed monitoring systems within a certain radius of a child care center under certain circumstances; defining “child care center” for purposes of this Act; and generally relating to the placement and use of speed monitoring systems.

BY renumbering
Article – Transportation
Section 21–809(a)(3) through (7) and (9), respectively
to be Section 21–809(a)(4) through (8) and (10), respectively
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Transportation
Section 21–809(a)(1) and (b)(1)(i)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume)

BY adding to
Article – Transportation
Section 21–809(a)(3)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Transportation
Section 21–809(a)(8) and (b)(1)(vi)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 405 – Delegate Lopez

AN ACT concerning

Special Education – Judicial Actions – Attorney’s Fees and Related Costs

FOR the purpose of authorizing a court to award attorney’s fees and related costs to the parent of a child with a disability who is the prevailing party in a certain special education proceeding; prohibiting a court from awarding attorney’s fees and related costs to certain parents in a certain proceeding under certain circumstances; authorizing an award of attorney’s fees and related costs to a parent of a child with a disability who is a prevailing party under certain circumstances; and generally relating to attorney’s fees and related costs in special education proceedings.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Education

Section 8–413

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means and the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 406 – Delegate P. Young

AN ACT concerning

Higher Education – Nonresident Tuition – Exemption for Spouses and Dependents of Honorably Discharged Veterans

FOR the purpose of exempting a spouse or financially dependent child of an honorably discharged veteran of the United States armed forces from paying nonresident tuition at certain institutions of higher education in the State under certain circumstances; clarifying that the exemption for certain honorably discharged veterans of the United States armed forces from paying nonresident tuition at certain institutions applies to a veteran honorably discharged at any time; specifying that a certain spouse or financially dependent child who is exempt from paying nonresident tuition at certain institutions will continue to be exempt under certain circumstances; repealing a requirement that certain public institutions of higher education comply with certain federal law; defining a certain term; making conforming changes; and generally relating to nonresident tuition exemptions for spouses and financially dependent children of honorably discharged veterans at public institutions of higher education.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Education
Section 15–106.4
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

House Bill 407 – Delegate Stein

AN ACT concerning

On-Site Sewage Disposal Systems – Inspection – Licensing

FOR the purpose of prohibiting an individual from engaging in the business of inspecting an on-site sewage disposal system unless the individual holds a certain license issued by the Department of the Environment on or after a certain date; requiring the Department to adopt regulations establishing certain eligibility criteria, training requirements, renewal procedures, and fees for a certain license on or before a certain date; requiring an applicant for a certain license to submit a certain application and pay a certain fee; establishing certain penalties for violations of this Act; requiring certain penalties to be paid into a certain account in a certain fund; authorizing a local government to establish certain additional requirements for inspections of on-site sewage disposal systems; repealing certain provisions of law relating to the inspection of on-site sewage disposal systems; providing for the application of this Act; providing for a delayed effective date for certain provisions of this Act; and generally relating to the inspection of on-site sewage disposal systems.

BY adding to

Article – Environment
Section 9–217.2
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing

Article – Environment
Section 9–217.1
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 408 – Delegate D.E. Davis

AN ACT concerning

Business Regulation – Home Improvement Contracts – Payments

FOR the purpose of increasing the maximum portion of a home improvement contract price that a person may receive as a deposit before or at the time of execution of a home improvement contract; prohibiting a person from receiving the remaining amount of a home improvement contract price until the completion of the home improvement specified in the contract; and generally relating to home improvement contracts.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Business Regulation
Section 8–617
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 409 – Delegate J. Lewis

AN ACT concerning

**Juveniles Convicted as Adults – Sentencing – Limitations and Reduction
(Juvenile Restoration Act)**

FOR the purpose of authorizing a court, when sentencing a minor convicted as an adult, to impose a sentence less than the minimum term required by law; prohibiting a court from imposing a sentence of life without the possibility of parole or release for a minor; authorizing a certain individual to file a motion to reduce the duration of the individual's sentence; requiring the court to conduct a hearing on a motion to reduce the duration of a sentence; requiring that an individual be present at a hearing on a motion to reduce the duration of a sentence unless the individual waives the right to be present; specifying that the requirement that an individual be present at a certain hearing is satisfied if the hearing is conducted by video conference; authorizing a court to reduce the duration of a sentence for a certain individual under certain circumstances; requiring a court to consider certain factors when determining whether to reduce the duration of a sentence for a certain individual; requiring a court to issue a decision to grant or deny a motion to reduce the duration of a sentence in writing; requiring a certain decision to address certain factors; providing that a subsequent motion to reduce the duration of a sentence may be filed only after a certain period of time; limiting the number of times that an individual may file a motion to reduce the duration of a sentence; and generally relating to the sentencing of minors.

BY adding to
Article – Criminal Procedure
Section 6–235 and 8–110
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 410 – Delegate Malone

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

AN ACT concerning

**Congressional Districts – Standards
(Anti-Gerrymandering of Maryland’s Congressional Districts)**

FOR the purpose of proposing an amendment to the Maryland Constitution to require congressional districts to conform to certain standards, to prohibit the accounting for certain information relating to the voting history and party affiliation of certain individuals, and to require that due regard be given to certain boundaries; and submitting this amendment to the qualified voters of the State for their adoption or rejection.

BY proposing an addition to the Maryland Constitution
New Article XX – Congressional Districts
Section 1

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations.

House Bill 411 – Delegates Williams, Bartlett, Crutchfield, Feldmark, and Lierman

AN ACT concerning

Criminal Law – Law Enforcement Officers – Prohibition on Sexual Activity

FOR the purpose of prohibiting a law enforcement officer from engaging in certain sexual acts, sexual contact, or vaginal intercourse with a certain victim, witness, or suspect under certain circumstances or with a certain person requesting assistance from or responding to the law enforcement officer under certain circumstances; establishing a certain exception to the prohibition; and generally relating to law enforcement officers.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Criminal Law
Section 3–314
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 412 – Delegate K. Young

AN ACT concerning

Task Force to Study Increased Voter Participation

FOR the purpose of establishing the Task Force to Study Increased Voter Participation; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Task Force; prohibiting a member of the Task Force from receiving certain compensation, but authorizing the reimbursement of certain expenses; requiring the Task Force to evaluate policies that have the potential to increase voter participation; requiring the Task Force to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before a certain date; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to the Task Force to Study Increased Voter Participation.

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 413 – Delegate Wells

AN ACT concerning

Judges – Implicit Bias – Testing, Training, and Evaluation

FOR the purpose of requiring the State Court Administrator to ensure that each judge in the State receives certain tests, training, and evaluation for implicit bias; requiring the Administrator to ensure that certain data on implicit bias is made available to the public in a certain manner; and generally relating to judges and implicit bias.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings
Section 13–101(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume)

BY adding to
Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings
Section 13–101.2
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 414 – Delegate D.M. Davis

AN ACT concerning

Southern Maryland Rapid Transit Project – Funding

FOR the purpose of requiring the State Department of Transportation promptly to undertake all steps necessary to complete the design, engineering, and National Environmental Policy Act process and secure a record of decision for the Southern Maryland Rapid Transit Project; requiring the Governor to include in the annual State budget, for certain fiscal years, an appropriation of a certain amount from the Transportation Trust Fund for certain purposes; specifying that the appropriations may be reduced under certain circumstances and in accordance with certain requirements; defining a certain term; and generally relating to the Southern Maryland Rapid Transit Project.

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations and the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 415 – Delegate Grammer

AN ACT concerning

Firearms – Right to Purchase, Own, Possess, and Carry – Medical Cannabis

FOR the purpose of providing that a person may not be denied the right to purchase, own, possess, or carry a firearm solely on the basis that the person is a certain qualifying patient; prohibiting a State agency from accessing a certain database to obtain certain information; prohibiting a State agency from using certain information for a certain purpose; prohibiting a State agency from inquiring about a person's status as a certain qualifying patient for a certain purpose; requiring a certain form to specifically authorize a certain qualifying patient to refrain from reporting the use of medical cannabis; establishing the intent of the General Assembly; defining a certain term; and generally relating to firearms.

BY adding to

Article – Public Safety

Section 5–701 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 7. Miscellaneous”

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 416 – Delegate Belcastro

AN ACT concerning

Health Care Facilities – Assisted Living Programs – Memory Care and Alzheimer's Disease Unit Regulations

FOR the purpose of requiring that the Maryland Department of Health adopt certain regulations that establish specific standards governing memory care and Alzheimer's disease units in assisted living programs, including certain training

requirements, certain staffing pattern requirements, certain activity requirements, certain admissions and discharge criteria, and certain other procedures, and that require compliance by assisted living programs with the standards; defining certain terms; and generally relating to assisted living programs.

BY adding to

Article – Health – General

Section 19–1805(c)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 417 – Delegate Adams

AN ACT concerning

Education – Public Schools – Required Number of School Days or Hours

FOR the purpose of altering the requirement that certain public schools be open for at least a certain number of days and a minimum number of hours during a certain period of time to require that the schools be open for at least a certain number of days or a minimum number of hours during a certain period of time; providing that certain funding for schools may not be reduced if there are fewer than a certain number of school hours under certain circumstances; making conforming changes; making a stylistic change; and generally relating to the required number of school days or school hours for elementary and secondary public schools.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Education

Section 7–103

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 418 – Delegate Guyton

AN ACT concerning

County Boards of Education – Symbols of Hate – Policy

FOR the purpose of requiring, on or before a certain date and subject to a certain exception, each county board of education to adopt a policy prohibiting the use or display of symbols of hate under certain circumstances; requiring a certain policy to include certain prohibitions; requiring a county board to develop and distribute certain educational materials to certain public schools for a certain purpose; defining a

certain term; and generally relating to a policy prohibiting the use or display of symbols of hate in public schools.

BY adding to

Article – Education

Section 7–424.4

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 419 – Delegate Qi

AN ACT concerning

Economic Development – Advanced Clean Energy and Clean Energy Innovation Investments and Initiatives

FOR the purpose of altering references to the term “clean energy” to be “advanced clean energy” for purposes of certain provisions of law concerning the Maryland Clean Energy Center and the Maryland Energy Innovation Institute; altering certain findings of the General Assembly, the purposes of certain provisions of law concerning the development of clean energy industries in the State, and the purposes, powers, and duties of the Center and the Institute to include certain actions supporting clean energy innovation; designating the Center as the State green bank; altering the membership of the Board of Directors of the Center; authorizing the Center to enter into certain financing transactions with, on behalf of, or for the benefit of certain State agencies for certain purposes; requiring the Department of General Services and the Department of Budget and Management to work with the Center for certain purposes; requiring the Maryland Technology Development Corporation and the Institute to coordinate with each other in supporting certain technology companies; requiring the Institute and the Center to implement a certain accelerator program in a certain manner and to consult with certain State agencies; altering a certain reporting requirement to include certain information regarding clean energy innovation in the State; altering the purposes of the Maryland Strategic Energy Investment Fund to include providing a certain amount of funding each fiscal year to the Maryland Energy Innovation Fund; specifying the manner in which the funds may be used; providing for the elimination of the position of a certain member of the Board; making conforming changes; defining certain terms and altering certain definitions; and generally relating to the Maryland Clean Energy Center, the Maryland Energy Innovation Institute, and clean energy.

BY renumbering

Article – Economic Development

Section 10–801(g) through (p), respectively

to be Section 10–801(h) through (p) and (r), respectively

Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Economic Development

Section 9–101(a) and (c), 10–401(a) and (c), 10–402(a), 10–801(a) and (b), 10–806(a)
and (e), 10–807(a), 10–828(a), (c), and (d), 10–829(a), and 10–830(a)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – Economic Development

Section 10–402(d), 10–801(c), (g), and (q), and 10–821.1

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Economic Development

Section 10–801(c) through (e), 10–802, 10–806(d), 10–807(b), 10–820, 10–823,
10–826, 10–829(d), 10–830(b), 10–834, 10–835, and 10–839

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing

Article – Economic Development

Section 10–801(f)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – State Government

Section 9–20B–05(a)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – State Government

Section 9–20B–05(f)(10) and (11)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – State Government

Section 9–20B–05(f)(11) and (f–4)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 420 – Delegate Wilson

AN ACT concerning

Employers of Ex–Offenders – Liability for Negligent Hiring or Inadequate Supervision – Immunity

FOR the purpose of establishing that certain employers are not liable, under certain circumstances, for negligently hiring or failing to adequately supervise an employee based on evidence that the employee has received probation before judgment for an offense or has been convicted of an offense; providing that this Act does not limit or abrogate certain other immunities or defenses; providing for the application of this Act; defining certain terms; and generally relating to immunity for employers of ex–offenders.

BY adding to

Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings

Section 5–427

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2020 Replacement Volume)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 421 – Delegate Rosenberg

AN ACT concerning

Income Tax Distribution – Tax Clinics for Low–Income Marylanders

FOR the purpose of requiring that each fiscal year the Comptroller distribute a certain amount of income tax revenue from individuals to the Tax Clinics for Low–Income Marylanders Fund; establishing the Tax Clinics for Low–Income Marylanders Fund as a special, nonlapsing fund; specifying the purpose of the Fund; requiring the Secretary of Higher Education 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; making a conforming change; defining a certain term; and generally relating to the distribution of income tax revenue from individuals.

BY adding to

Article – Education

Section 11–409

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – Tax – General

Section 2–608.2

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2016 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Tax – General

Section 2–609

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2016 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

INTRODUCTORY HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTIONS NO. 10

House Joint Resolution 1 – Delegate Stein

A House Joint Resolution concerning

Natural Resources – Fishing – Wild–Caught Blue Catfish

FOR the purpose of opposing certain inspection rules promulgated by the U.S. Department of Agriculture that affect the blue catfish harvest in the State; 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; requiring a copy of this Act to be forwarded to certain elected officials; and generally relating to the harvest and processing of wild blue catfish.

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations.

House Joint Resolution 2 – Delegate Cox

A House Joint Resolution concerning

Resolution to End the State of Emergency

FOR the purpose of terminating the Governor’s state of emergency and declaring the intent of the General Assembly to order the Governor to cease issuing renewals of the state of emergency.

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations.

MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

GOVERNOR LAWRENCE J. HOGAN, JR. – 2020 RECESS APPOINTMENTS
REQUIRING CONFIRMATION BY THE MARYLAND HOUSE OF DELEGATES

(See Exhibit B of Appendix II)

Read and referred to the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations.

ADJOURNMENT

At 1:41 P.M. on motion of Delegate Luedtke the House adjourned until 9:30 A.M. on Friday, January 15, 2021 into a Pro Forma Session.

Annapolis, Maryland
Friday, January 15, 2021
9:30 A.M. Session

The House met at 9:30 A.M. and pledged Allegiance to the Flag.

A quorum being present under House Rule 119, the House is operating in a Pro Forma Session.

The Journal of January 13, 2021 was read and approved.

CONSENT CALENDAR OF INTRODUCTORY HOUSE BILLS NO. 11

House Bill 422 – Delegate D. Barnes

AN ACT concerning

Minority Participation in the Alcoholic Beverages Industry – Study

FOR the purpose of requiring the Governor’s Office of Small, Minority, and Women Business Affairs to conduct a certain study concerning the alcoholic beverages industry in the State; providing for the matters to be included in the study; requiring the Governors’ Office of Small, Minority, and Women Business Affairs to conduct the study in consultation and cooperation with certain agencies and interests; requiring the Office of the Attorney General and the Department of Transportation to provide staff for the study; requiring the Governor’s Office of Small, Minority, and Women Business Affairs to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before a certain date; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to the alcoholic beverages industry and minority communities.

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 423 – Delegate Feldmark

AN ACT concerning

Election Law – Voting Systems – Accessibility for Voters With Disabilities

FOR the purpose of requiring each voter to use a ballot marking device that is accessible to voters with disabilities to vote at early voting centers and election day polling places to ensure that access is provided to voters with disabilities in accordance with a certain provision of law; prohibiting certain ballots from being set apart or distinguishable, in size and form, to ensure that access is provided to voters with

disabilities in accordance with a certain provision of law; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to voting systems and accessibility for voters with disabilities.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Election Law
Section 9–102(f)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2017 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Election Law
Section 9–102(g)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2017 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 424 – Delegate Feldmark

AN ACT concerning

Public Financing Act – Matching Fund Revisions (Maryland Fair Elections Act)

FOR the purpose of requiring the Comptroller to distribute public contributions to a certain campaign finance entity established to receive public contributions for certain eligible candidates; altering the frequency with which the Comptroller is required to submit a certain statement to the State Board of Elections; requiring the State Board 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 State Board to provide a certain notice to the Governor on or before a certain date under certain circumstances; requiring the Governor to include a certain appropriation in the budget bill in certain years under certain circumstances; repealing certain provisions of law regarding the raising of seed money by gubernatorial tickets in order to be eligible to receive a public contribution; requiring gubernatorial tickets to take actions before receiving public contributions from the Fund; authorizing certain campaign finance entities to accept only certain contributions and loans; establishing requirements that must be met to qualify as an eligible gubernatorial ticket; establishing a qualifying period for gubernatorial tickets; repealing certain provisions of law governing campaign expenditure limits for gubernatorial tickets that accept public contributions from the Fund; requiring the State Board to authorize distribution of money in the Fund on certification that certain qualifications have been met and not earlier than a certain date in a certain year; requiring the State Board to distribute public contributions from the Fund during the distribution period in a certain manner; establishing certain limits on the total public contribution payable to eligible gubernatorial tickets for certain elections;

repealing certain provisions of law requiring that public contributions be distributed in a certain manner; prohibiting the State Board from distributing matching dollars for certain contributions and loans; requiring that an eligible gubernatorial ticket receive a certain proportion of a certain public contribution amount; authorizing a gubernatorial ticket to withdraw under certain circumstances; altering the reasons for which public contributions may be spent to include an expenditure accompanied by a certain receipt; altering the time period within which expenses must be incurred in order to be paid using a public contribution; altering the time period within which a certain part of a public contribution is required to be repaid; providing that certain persons are civilly and criminally liable for the repayment of an unspent public contribution; requiring the State Board to authorize the repayment of certain money to the General Fund of the State from the Fund under certain circumstances; altering the provisions required to be included in certain regulations that the State Board is required to adopt; requiring a person who violates a certain provision of law in a certain manner to pay a certain civil penalty; providing that a certain infraction is a civil offense; authorizing the State Board to impose a certain civil penalty for certain violations of law; establishing procedures for the issuance, service, notice, contents, and prosecution of a certain civil citation; providing for the amount and payment of a certain civil penalty under certain circumstances; establishing certain provisions regarding a District Court proceeding relating to certain violations of law; requiring certain penalties to be distributed to the Fund; providing for the application of certain provisions of this Act; defining certain terms; altering certain defined terms and certain definitions; repealing certain definitions; making conforming changes; and generally relating to the Public Financing Act.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Election Law

Section 13–235

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2017 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Election Law

Section 15–102, 15–103, 15–104.1, and 15–106 through 15–111

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2017 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing

Article – Election Law

Section 15–104 and 15–105

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2017 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – Election Law

Section 15–104, 15–105, 15–108, and 15–113

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2017 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 425 – Delegate Barron

AN ACT concerning

Criminal Law – Crimes Involving Computers

FOR the purpose of prohibiting a person from committing a certain prohibited act with the intent to interrupt or impair the functioning of a certain health care facility or a certain public school; prohibiting a person from knowingly possessing certain ransomware with the intent to use the ransomware for a certain purpose; creating a certain exception; altering and establishing certain penalties; authorizing a victim of a certain offense to bring a civil action for damages against a certain person; providing for the recovery of certain attorney’s fees and court costs in an action brought under this Act; establishing that a certain criminal conviction is not a prerequisite for maintenance of an action under this Act; providing for the application of this Act; defining a certain term; and generally relating to crimes involving computers.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Criminal Law
Section 7–302
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 426 – Delegate Dumais

AN ACT concerning

Correctional Services – Geriatric Parole

FOR the purpose of requiring the Maryland Parole Commission to develop a certain dynamic risk assessment instrument for a certain purpose; requiring the Commission to complete an assessment of a certain inmate at a certain time using the dynamic risk assessment instrument; requiring the Commission to conduct a certain parole hearing for a certain inmate at a certain time; requiring a certain panel to consider and give significant weight to certain factors in determining whether a certain inmate is suitable for parole; providing that any savings realized by the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services as a result of this Act shall revert to the Department and be used for certain purposes; requiring the Commission to report certain information to the Justice Reinvestment Oversight Board at a certain interval of time; requiring the Commission to adopt regulations

to implement this Act; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to geriatric parole.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Correctional Services
Section 7–305
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2017 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Correctional Services
Section 7–310
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2017 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 427 – Delegate Jacobs

EMERGENCY BILL

AN ACT concerning

Federal Clean Water Act – Authority of State

FOR the purpose of prohibiting the State from entering into an agreement that waives the State’s authority under § 401 of the federal Clean Water Act as part of exercising the State’s authority and carrying out the State’s duties under the federal Clean Water Act and State law, including the State’s authority and duties related to the federal relicensing of the Conowingo Dam; making this Act an emergency measure; and generally relating to the authority of the State under the federal Clean Water Act.

BY adding to
Article – Environment
Section 9–353 to be under the new part “Part VII. Authority Under the Federal Clean Water Act”
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 428 – Montgomery County Delegation

EMERGENCY BILL

AN ACT concerning

Montgomery County – Alcoholic Beverages Licenses – Annual Fees**MC 19–21**

FOR the purpose of authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Montgomery County, for a certain 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; requiring the Board, for a certain licensing period, to waive the entire amount of the annual fee for certain alcoholic beverages licenses and to impose a reduced amount of the annual fee for certain other alcoholic beverages licenses; making this Act an emergency measure; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages licenses in Montgomery County.

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 429 – Delegate Shetty

AN ACT concerning

Pharmacists – Required Notification and Authorized Substitution – Lower-Cost Drug or Device Product

FOR the purpose of requiring a pharmacist, or the pharmacist's designee who is under certain supervision, to inform a certain consumer of the availability of certain therapeutically equivalent drugs and the cost difference between the therapeutically equivalent drug and a certain prescribed drug; altering the cost difference of which a pharmacist, or the pharmacist's designee, is required to inform a retail consumer under certain circumstances; applying a certain provision of law governing the provision of certain information to a retail consumer regarding the availability of certain drugs and products and certain cost differences to a prescription that is written for a generic drug or an interchangeable biological product; authorizing a pharmacist to substitute certain drugs and device products for any originally prescribed drug or device product, rather than only for originally prescribed brand name drug or device products; authorizing a pharmacist to substitute a therapeutically equivalent brand name drug or device product for a certain prescribed drug or device product under certain circumstances; requiring a pharmacist to provide certain notice to a patient and make and keep a certain record if a certain therapeutically equivalent brand name drug or device is substituted for a certain drug or device product; requiring that a certain determination be based on a consumer's prescription benefit and formulary under certain circumstances; making stylistic and conforming changes; and generally relating to pharmacists and drugs and device products.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Health Occupations
Section 12–504

Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 430 – Montgomery County Delegation

AN ACT concerning

Montgomery County – Alcoholic Beverages – Seating Requirements

MC 11–21

FOR the purpose of repealing certain seating capacity requirements for a BWL Community Performing Arts Facility license for alcoholic beverages in Montgomery County; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages licenses in Montgomery County.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Alcoholic Beverages
Section 25–102
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Alcoholic Beverages
Section 25–1004
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 431 – Montgomery County Delegation

AN ACT concerning

**Montgomery County – Interference With Electric Company’s Vegetation
Management Compliance – Exemption**

MC 10–21

FOR the purpose of exempting Montgomery County from the prohibition against taking certain actions that interfere with, or materially increase the cost of, an electric company’s compliance with certain vegetation management standards; and generally relating to vegetation management in Montgomery County.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Public Utilities

Section 7–213(a) and (d)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Public Utilities
Section 7–213(e)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 432 – Montgomery County Delegation

AN ACT concerning

Montgomery County – Alcoholic Beverages – Draft Beer for Off-Site Consumption in Damascus

MC 12–21

FOR the purpose of authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Montgomery County to issue a refillable container permit for draft beer or a nonrefillable container permit for draft beer to a holder of a Class H beer and wine license if the licensed establishment is in Damascus; making clarifying changes; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages in Montgomery County.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Alcoholic Beverages
Section 4–1104, 4–1106, and 25–102
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Alcoholic Beverages
Section 25–806, 25–1103, 25–1104.1, and 25–1603
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 433 – Montgomery County Delegation

AN ACT concerning

Montgomery County – Public Campaign Financing – Expansion

MC 14–21

FOR the purpose of authorizing the governing body of Montgomery County to establish, by law, a system of public campaign financing for candidates for the offices of Clerk of the Circuit Court, Register of Wills, Sheriff, and State’s Attorney; making a conforming change; making a technical correction; and generally relating to public campaign financing in Montgomery County.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Election Law
Section 13–505
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2017 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 434 – Delegate K. Young

AN ACT concerning

**Public Health – Telehealth – Health Care Practitioners and the Maryland
Medical Assistance Program**

FOR the purpose of requiring the Maryland Medical Assistance Program, subject to a certain limitation, to provide health care services appropriately delivered through telehealth, including services that are provided using an audio–only call; altering a certain provision of law requiring the Program to provide certain mental health services to require the services to include the use of an audio–only call; providing that certain regulations may not prohibit a health care provider from using audio–only calls to provide certain services; altering a certain definition; and generally relating to telehealth.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Health – General
Section 15–103(a)(1)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Health – General
Section 15–103(a)(2)(xv) and (xvi)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Health – General
Section 15–103(a)(2)(xvii)

Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Health Occupations
Section 1–1001 and 1–1006
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 435 – Delegate Smith

AN ACT concerning

State Individual Income Tax – Millionaires’ Tax

FOR the purpose of altering the State income tax rate for certain income of individuals; providing for a delayed effective date; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to the State individual income tax.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Tax – General
Section 10–105(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 436 – Delegate Smith

AN ACT concerning

Enoch Pratt Free Library – Operating Hours and Funding

FOR the purpose of requiring a certain annual appropriation for certain branches of the Enoch Pratt Free Library that extend operating hours and services above those as of a certain date; declaring that it is the intent of the General Assembly to utilize increased operating hours and services to advance the library’s commitment to equity, inclusion, and greater access to library resources, programs, and services; requiring the Mayor and City Council to provide a certain report on or before a certain date each year; making a technical correction; and generally relating to operating hours and funding of the Enoch Pratt Free Library.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Education
Section 23–402(a)

Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

House Bill 437 – Delegate Reznik

AN ACT concerning

General Provisions – State Song – Advisory Panel

FOR the purpose of repealing the State song; establishing the State Song Advisory Panel; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Advisory Panel; prohibiting a member of the Advisory Panel from receiving certain compensation, but authorizing the reimbursement of certain expenses; requiring the Advisory Panel to review certain submissions and suggestions; requiring the Advisory Panel to conduct certain public hearings; requiring the Advisory Panel to report certain recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before a certain date; providing for a delayed effective date for a certain provision of this Act; providing for the termination of a certain provision of this Act; and generally relating to the State song.

BY repealing

Article – General Provisions

Section 7–318

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 438 – Delegate Mangione

AN ACT concerning

**Crimes – Malicious Destruction of Historically Significant Monument
(Monument Protection Act of 2021)**

FOR the purpose of prohibiting a person from willfully and maliciously destroying, damaging, vandalizing, or desecrating a certain historically significant monument; providing penalties for a violation of this Act; authorizing a court to consider a certain matter in making a certain determination; providing that certain counts may not be merged for sentencing; providing for the application and determination of the value of certain damage; defining a certain term; and generally relating to the malicious destruction of historically significant monuments.

BY adding to

Article – Criminal Law

Section 6–301.1
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 439 – Delegate Guyton

AN ACT concerning

Institute for Innovation and Implementation – Pregnant, Expecting, and Parenting Students – Data Collection and Report

FOR the purpose of requiring certain county boards of education to collect and track certain data relating to pregnant, expecting, and parenting students and submit certain data to the Institute for Innovation and Implementation in the University of Maryland School of Social Work on or before a certain date each year, beginning in a certain year; requiring the Institute to document and analyze certain data; requiring the Institute to use certain information to develop certain recommendations on legislation, regulations, and policy initiatives for the General Assembly for a certain purpose; requiring the Institute to submit a certain interim and final report to the General Assembly on or before certain dates; defining certain terms; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to pregnant, expecting, and parenting students and the Institute for Innovation and Implementation.

BY adding to

Article – Education
Section 4–138
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 440 – Montgomery County Delegation

AN ACT concerning

Burtonsville Crossing – Acquisition by Montgomery County

MC 13–21

FOR the purpose of requiring Montgomery County to initiate proceedings for the acquisition of a certain property by a certain date; requiring Montgomery County to acquire certain property in a certain manner and for a certain purpose; and generally relating to Montgomery County and the acquisition of the property known as Burtonsville Crossing.

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 441 – Delegate McKay

AN ACT concerning

**Department of Assessments and Taxation – Identification Number for Business
– Task Force**

FOR the purpose of 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 State agencies; providing for the duties of the task force; requiring the Department of Assessments and Taxation to submit a certain report to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before a certain date; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to a task force to study the adoption of a unique Maryland Identification Number for businesses registered or licensed in the State.

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 442 – Delegate K. Young

AN ACT concerning

Suicide Treatment Improvements Act

FOR the purpose of requiring the Maryland Department of Health to provide training for certain staff who assist callers on a certain hotline to ensure that the staff are able to provide certain counseling; requiring certain facilities to ensure that suicidal patients and patients who have attempted suicide are treated in a certain manner; requiring certain facilities to ensure that certain staff act in a certain manner and receive certain training; requiring certain facilities to ensure access for patients to certain counselors and employ a certain number of individuals who are trained in providing counseling to certain patients and are available to provide certain services; prohibiting certain facilities from discharging patients into certain circumstances or transferring certain patients to correctional facilities or detention centers except under certain circumstances; requiring the Department to revoke a certain license in accordance with certain provisions of law under certain circumstances; prohibiting certain benefits provided under certain health benefit plans from having a copayment, deductible, or coinsurance requirement applied to the benefits by an insurer, a nonprofit health service plan, or a health maintenance organization; requiring the Maryland Police Training and Standards Commission to implement certain standards for police officers when responding to an incident involving an individual suspected to be suicidal; providing for the application of this Act; and

generally relating to the treatment of and response efforts to individuals who are suicidal, have attempted suicide, or are suspected to be suicidal.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Health – General
Section 7.5–501, 10–701, 10–709, and 10–1003
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Insurance
Section 15–802
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2017 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Public Safety
Section 3–201(a) and (b)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Public Safety
Section 3–207(j)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 443 – Delegate McKay

AN ACT concerning

Economic Development – Makerspace Initiative Pilot Program

FOR the purpose of establishing the Makerspace Initiative Pilot Program in the Maryland Technology Development Corporation; establishing the purposes of the Program; requiring the Corporation to partner with a certain entity to provide technical assistance to certain nonprofit entities; authorizing the Corporation to award certain financial assistance to local governments, certain designees of local governments, and certain nonprofit entities for the establishment of makerspaces in the State; requiring the Corporation, after consulting with the Secretary of Commerce, to adopt certain standards; authorizing the Corporation to award financial assistance subject to certain limitations; requiring a recipient of financial assistance to provide certain matching funds or in-kind contributions; prohibiting the Corporation from awarding financial assistance within a single county exceeding a certain amount except under certain circumstances; establishing the Makerspace Initiative Fund as a special,

nonlapsing fund; specifying the purpose of the Fund; requiring the Executive Director of the Maryland Technology Development Corporation or the Executive Director's designee 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; requiring the Governor, for certain fiscal years, to include a certain appropriation in the annual budget bill for the Fund; providing for the investment of money in and expenditures from the Fund; requiring interest earnings of the Fund to be credited to the Fund; providing that certain appropriations and expenditures are subject to audit by the Office of Legislative Audits; exempting the Fund from a certain provision of law requiring interest earnings on State money to accrue to the General Fund of the State; defining certain terms; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to the Makerspace Initiative Pilot Program.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Economic Development
Section 9–101(a) and (e) and 10–401(a) through (c)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Economic Development
Section 10–473 through 10–477 to be under the new part “Part VIII. Makerspace Initiative Pilot Program”
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – State Finance and Procurement
Section 6–226(a)(2)(i)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – State Finance and Procurement
Section 6–226(a)(2)(ii)122. and 123.
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – State Finance and Procurement
Section 6–226(a)(2)(ii)124.
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 444 – Montgomery County Delegation and Prince George’s County Delegation

AN ACT concerning

Maryland–National Capital Park and Planning Commission – Innovative Recreation Youth Program**MC/PG 104–21**

FOR the purpose of establishing an Innovative Recreation Youth Program in the Maryland–National Capital Park and Planning Commission; requiring the Commission to develop and implement the Program; providing for the purpose of the Program; authorizing certain recreational opportunities to include certain offerings; requiring the Governor, beginning and ending in certain fiscal years, to include in the annual budget bill a certain appropriation to the Program; defining a certain term; and generally relating to the Maryland–National Capital Park and Planning Commission and the Innovative Recreation Youth Program.

BY adding to

Article – Land Use

Section 26–201 through 26–204 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 2. Innovative Recreation Youth Program”

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2012 Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 445 – Delegate Dumais

AN ACT concerning

Criminal Procedure – Charging Procedures – Citations

FOR the purpose of altering the circumstances under which a police officer is required to charge by citation; altering the categories of offenses for which a police officer is authorized to charge by citation; altering the circumstances under which a police officer is authorized to charge by citation; requiring the Maryland Police Training and Standards Commission, in consultation with the Anne Arundel County Police Academy, to develop and maintain a certain training and certification curriculum for a certain purpose; and generally relating to charging procedures.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Criminal Procedure

Section 4–101(a)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Criminal Procedure
Section 4–101(c)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Public Safety
Section 3–201(a) and (b)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Public Safety
Section 3–207(j)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 446 – Delegate Dumais

AN ACT concerning

Organized Retail Theft

FOR the purpose of providing that multiple thefts committed by the same person in multiple counties under one scheme or continuing course of conduct may be aggregated and prosecuted in a certain county; applying certain penalties; repealing a certain provision of law prohibiting a court from imposing certain penalties under certain circumstances; altering a certain reference to the maximum value of certain property or services applicable to misdemeanor theft; requiring a court to make a finding as to whether a certain crime is organized retail theft under certain circumstances; providing that the State has a certain burden of proving that a certain crime is organized retail theft; requiring that a certain finding become part of the court record for certain purposes under certain circumstances; making clarifying changes; repealing an improper reference; defining a certain term; and generally relating to organized retail theft.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Criminal Law
Section 7–103(f)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Criminal Procedure
Section 2–203
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Criminal Procedure
Section 6–235
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 447 – Delegate Dumais

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

AN ACT concerning

Judges – Selection, Election, Tenure, and Continuance in Office

FOR the purpose of proposing an amendment to the Maryland Constitution relating to the selection, election, tenure, and continuance in office of a judge of an appellate court or a circuit court; altering the methods for filling vacancies in the offices of such judges; altering provisions relating to the term of office of such judges; altering provisions for the continuance in office of such judges on the expiration of their terms under certain circumstances; altering provisions relating to the election of such judges; providing for the application of a certain provision of this Act; defining certain terms; making stylistic and conforming changes; and submitting this amendment to the qualified voters of the State for their adoption or rejection.

BY proposing a repeal of the Maryland Constitution
Article IV – Judiciary Department
Section 3, 5, 5A, 14B, and 41D

BY proposing an addition to the Maryland Constitution
Article IV – Judiciary Department
Section 3

BY proposing an amendment to the Maryland Constitution
Article IV – Judiciary Department
Section 11, 12, and 18B

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary and the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 448 – Delegate Harrison

AN ACT concerning

State Government – Legal and Employee Holiday – Juneteenth National Freedom Day

FOR the purpose of designating a certain day for Juneteenth National Freedom Day as a State legal holiday and State employee holiday; repealing the requirement that the Governor declare a certain day as Juneteenth National Freedom Day; and generally relating to Juneteenth National Freedom Day.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – General Provisions
Section 1–111
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing
Article – General Provisions
Section 7–411
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – State Personnel and Pensions
Section 9–201
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 449 – Delegate Bartlett

AN ACT concerning

Family Law – Marriage – Licenses and Records

FOR the purpose of altering certain designations on a marriage license and certificate; authorizing the clerk of the circuit court to maintain a certain electronic record as an alternative to the requirement that the clerk keep a certain marriage license book; and generally relating to marriage.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Family Law
Section 2–403 and 2–501
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 450 – Delegate Henson

AN ACT concerning

Election Law – Polling Sites – Firearms Prohibitions

FOR the purpose of prohibiting a person from carrying or displaying a firearm on certain premises or carrying or possessing a firearm within a certain number of feet of a polling site during an election, subject to a certain exception; establishing a certain civil penalty for a certain violation; defining a certain term; making conforming changes; and generally relating to prohibiting firearms in polling sites during an election.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Election Law
Section 16–903 and 16–1002
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2017 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Election Law
Section 16–904
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2017 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 451 – Delegate Henson

AN ACT concerning

Real Property – Residential Rental Property Inspection – Remote Video Inspection

FOR the purpose of requiring certain local jurisdictions to adopt provisions for the remote video inspection of certain residential rental property under certain circumstances; requiring a local provision adopted under this Act to be calculated to achieve a remote video inspection substantially comparable to an on-site visual inspection, require inspections to be directed by a certain individual, require a certain verification, and identify the aspects of a property that may be inspected remotely; providing that a visual record created in accordance with this Act is not a public record; defining certain terms; and generally relating to the remote video inspection of residential rental property.

BY adding to

Article – Real Property

Section 8–119

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 452 – Delegate Crutchfield

AN ACT concerning

Hate Crimes – Civil Remedy

FOR the purpose of providing that a person who is the victim of an act that would constitute a violation of certain hate crime laws may bring a civil action against a certain person; authorizing the court to impose an injunction and award certain damages; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to the right to file a civil action for a hate crime.

BY adding to

Article – Criminal Law

Section 10–309

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2012 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 453 – Delegate D. Barnes

AN ACT concerning

Health – Medical Cannabis Reauthorization Act

FOR the purpose of repealing the limit on the number of licenses the Natalie M. LaPrade Medical Cannabis Commission may issue for medical cannabis growers and medical cannabis processors; repealing the requirement that the Commission rescind certain preapprovals under certain circumstances; repealing the requirement that the number of certain licenses the Commission may issue be decreased by a certain number under certain circumstances; requiring, rather than authorizing, the Commission to conduct certain studies; requiring that the studies be conducted in a certain year; requiring the Commission to report the findings of their studies to the General Assembly; altering certain review processes required to be established by the Commission; requiring the Commission to grant or deny certain applications for certain licenses within a certain number of days; requiring certain applicants who have received a certain preapproval to request certain inspections within a certain period of time; requiring the Commission to conduct certain inspections requested

by certain applicants within a certain number of days; authorizing the Commission to grant certain extensions for obtaining certain inspections; and generally relating to licensure of medical cannabis growers and processors.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Health – General
Section 13–3306 and 13–3309
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Health – General
Section 13–3316
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 454 – Delegate D. Barnes

AN ACT concerning

State and Local Procurement – Payment Practices

FOR the purpose of altering a State policy regarding the payment of certain funds after receipt of a proper invoice; requiring each county and municipality to adopt a certain policy; reducing the number of days following receipt of an invoice after which the State owes interest on unpaid amounts and interest begins to accrue on unpaid amounts; repealing a requirement that a contractor submit an invoice within a certain amount of time in order to receive interest payments; and generally relating to the payment practices of the State and local governments for amounts owed under procurement contracts.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – State Finance and Procurement
Section 15–103 through 15–105
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Local Government
Section 1–404
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2013 Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 455 – Delegate Jacobs

AN ACT concerning

Agriculture – Processing of Poultry Litter for Alternative Use

FOR the purpose of requiring the processing of poultry litter for a certain alternative use, or the product resulting from the processing, to meet certain requirements; requiring a certain product to be able to be procured and handled or applied in a certain manner for a certain purpose; authorizing the transportation of a certain alternative use product off the Delmarva Peninsula to certain markets and using a certain distribution apparatus; defining certain terms; and generally relating to the alternative use of poultry litter.

BY adding to

Article – Agriculture

Section 8–1101 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 11. Alternative Use”

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2016 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 456 – Delegate Jacobs

AN ACT concerning

Correctional Officers’ Retirement System – Kent County

FOR the purpose of 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 that an individual who receives certain service credit is not a member of and has no rights to a benefit in the Employees’ Pension System; providing for the transfer of creditable service for a certain individual; providing for the transfer and crediting of certain assets on the effective date of participation; and generally relating to Kent County’s participation in the Correctional Officers’ Retirement System.

BY adding to

Article – State Personnel and Pensions

Section 31–2B–07

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

House Bill 457 – Delegate Dumais

AN ACT concerning

**Insurance – Application of Premium Tax – Continued Exclusion of Maryland
Automobile Insurance Fund**

FOR the purpose of repealing a certain termination provision for the purpose of continuing the exclusion of the Maryland Automobile Insurance Fund from the list of insurance companies and other persons that are subject to a certain premium tax; and generally relating to taxation of insurance premiums.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Insurance
Section 6–101(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2017 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Chapter 509 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2017
Section 4

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 458 – Delegate Guyton

AN ACT concerning

Program Open Space – Local Projects – Visitor Behavior Policies

FOR the purpose of requiring an applicant to make a certain certification on an application for a certain local projects grant under Program Open Space; requiring a certain local governing body to submit a certain visitor behavior policy and plan to the Department of Natural Resources; requiring the policy to include certain information; authorizing certain information to be submitted as part of a certain land preservation and recreation plan; making stylistic changes; and generally relating to Program Open Space local projects.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Natural Resources
Section 5–906
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 459 – Delegate Mangione

AN ACT concerning

Disabled Active Duty Service Members, Disabled Veterans, and Surviving Spouses – Exemption From Property Tax and Other Charges and Refunds

FOR the purpose of exempting certain dwelling houses owned by a disabled active duty service member, disabled veteran, or surviving spouse from certain charges imposed by the State; 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; defining a certain term; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to exemptions from property tax and other State charges and refunds for dwelling houses owned by disabled active duty service members, disabled veterans, or surviving spouses.

BY adding to

Article – Tax – Property
Section 1–306
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Tax – Property
Section 7–208(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Tax – Property
Section 7–208(g) and (h)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 460 – Delegate Solomon

AN ACT concerning

Transfer With Success Act

FOR the purpose of 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 within a certain

amount of time and to submit a certain report each year to the Commission; requiring the procedures to direct a certain institution to review, in conjunction with a receiving institution's designee, a denial of the transfer of a credit or course; and generally relating to the denial of the transfer of a credit or course.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Education
Section 11–207
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

House Bill 461 – Delegate Washington

AN ACT concerning

Public Schools – Student Attendance – Excused Absences for Mental Health Needs

FOR the purpose of providing that absences from school for mental health needs are lawful absences under certain circumstances; requiring a county board of education to excuse at least a certain number of absences in each quarter of each school year for a student's mental health needs; prohibiting a county board from requiring a note from a physician to excuse a certain absence; and generally relating to student attendance in public schools and excused absences.

BY adding to
Article – Education
Section 7–301.3
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 462 – Delegate Washington

AN ACT concerning

Residential Rehabilitation Programs – Reporting of Critical Incidents

FOR the purpose of requiring the Secretary of Health to provide the address of a residential rehabilitation program to certain entities within a certain time period before issuing a certain license; requiring the administrative head of a residential rehabilitation program to report a certain critical incident to certain entities within a certain time period after receiving certain notification; requiring a certain local behavioral health authority to conduct a certain assessment and evaluation within a certain time

period after receiving a certain report; defining certain terms; and generally relating to critical incidents at residential rehabilitation programs.

BY adding to

Article – Health – General

Section 10–714

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 463 – Delegate Barron

AN ACT concerning

Maryland Health Equity Resource Act

FOR the purpose of requiring the Secretary of Health to designate certain areas as Health Equity Resource Communities in a certain manner; specifying the purpose of establishing Health Equity Resource Communities; authorizing the Secretary to adopt certain regulations; requiring the Secretary to consult with the Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities in implementing certain provisions of this Act; requiring the Secretary to allocate staff and resources to carry out certain provisions of this Act; requiring the Secretary to establish a Health Equity Resource Community Advisory Committee; establishing the duties of the Advisory Committee; providing for the composition, cochairs, and meetings of the Advisory Committee; specifying the terms and conditions for the removal of Advisory Committee members; prohibiting a member of the Advisory Committee from receiving certain compensation, but authorizing the reimbursement of certain expenses; authorizing nonprofit community–based organizations, nonprofit hospitals, institutions of higher education, and local government agencies to apply to the Secretary on behalf of certain areas for designation as Health Equity Resource Communities; establishing certain procedures and requirements in connection with the application process; authorizing an application to include certain elements; requiring the application to allocate certain funding to cover certain costs for a certain employee; requiring the Secretary to consider certain factors and prioritize certain applications when designating areas as Health Equity Resource Communities; authorizing the Secretary to conduct certain outreach for a certain purpose; establishing certain requirements for an employee to be designated as an evaluator; establishing that the Secretary’s decision to designate an area as a Health Equity Resource Community is final; authorizing certain health care providers who practice in Health Equity Resource Communities to receive certain tax credits, assistance, and grants; authorizing certain nonprofit community–based organizations, nonprofit hospitals, institutions of higher education, and local government agencies to receive certain grants; establishing a Health Equity Resource Community Reserve Fund; establishing the purpose and contents of the Fund; requiring the Secretary to administer the Fund; requiring the Fund to provide certain money to the Maryland

Department of Health to supplement and not supplant existing funding for certain programs; requiring the State Treasurer to invest the money of the Fund in a certain manner; requiring the interest earnings of the Fund to be credited to the Fund; exempting the Fund from a certain provision of law requiring interest earnings on State money to accrue to the General Fund of the State; requiring certain nonprofit community-based organizations, nonprofit hospitals, institutions of higher education, and local government agencies to submit certain reports; authorizing the Secretary to revoke a designation of an area as a Health Equity Resource Community under certain circumstances; requiring the Secretary to submit certain reports; establishing that a designation of an area as a Health Equity Resource Community has a term of a certain length and may be renewed in a certain manner; authorizing certain credits against the State income tax for certain health care providers and organizations under certain circumstances; authorizing certain nonprofit community-based organizations, nonprofit hospitals, institutions of higher education, and local government agencies to apply for certain tax credits under certain circumstances for certain health care providers; authorizing a health care practitioner or community-based organization to claim a certain refundable tax credit, under certain circumstances; establishing certain procedures and requirements for certifying certain tax credits; establishing a certain limit on the amount of certain tax credits allowed for a fiscal year; requiring the Secretary, in consultation with the Comptroller, to adopt certain regulations; altering the sales and use tax rate for the sale of certain alcoholic beverages; requiring a certain percentage of revenues generated from a certain tax to be credited to the Fund; defining certain terms; providing for the construction of certain provisions of this Act; and generally relating to health improvement and the reduction of health disparities.

BY adding to

Article – Health – General

Section 20–1401 through 20–1408 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 14. Health Equity Resource Communities”

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – State Finance and Procurement

Section 6–226(a)(2)(i)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – State Finance and Procurement

Section 6–226(a)(2)(ii)122. and 123.

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – State Finance and Procurement
Section 6–226(a)(2)(ii)124.
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Tax – General
Section 10–731
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Tax – General
Section 11–104(g)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations and the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 464 – Montgomery County Delegation and Prince George’s County Delegation

AN ACT concerning

Maryland–National Capital Park and Planning Commission – Mandatory Referral Review

MC/PG 101–21

FOR the purpose of establishing that a certain referral to the Maryland–National Capital Park and Planning Commission is deemed approved under certain circumstances only if there is a complete submission that can be adequately reviewed by the Commission; requiring the Commission to notify a certain submitting entity within a certain period of time regarding whether a certain submission or amendment to a submission is complete and accepted or rejected as incomplete; requiring the Commission to provide certain information to a submitting entity under certain circumstances; requiring the Commission to act on a certain amended submission within a certain period of time; authorizing a submitting entity to give certain notice to the Commission that the entity is unable to provide certain additional information on a certain submission through reasonable means under certain circumstances; requiring the Commission to consider a certain submission as complete and take certain action within a certain period of time; defining a certain term; and generally relating to the Maryland–National Capital Park and Planning Commission and mandatory referral review.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Land Use
Section 20–301
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Land Use
Section 20–304
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 465 – Delegate Washington

EMERGENCY BILL

AN ACT concerning

State Superintendent of Schools – Qualifications and Senate Confirmation

FOR the purpose of requiring that the State Superintendent of Schools be appointed with the advice and consent of the Senate; prohibiting the appointment of an individual as State Superintendent if the individual is, or during a certain time period was, a member of the State Board of Education; making this Act an emergency measure; and generally relating to the State Superintendent of Schools.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Education
Section 2–301
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Education
Section 2–302
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 466 – Delegate Palakovich Carr

AN ACT concerning

Higher Education – Student Identification Cards – Required Information

FOR the purpose of requiring each institution of higher education to provide the telephone number for a certain mental health crisis hotline on student identification cards, subject to a certain condition; authorizing an institution of higher education to provide the telephone numbers for certain mental health crisis hotlines on student identification cards, subject to a certain condition; providing that an institution of higher education is not required to reprint or reissue student identification cards in use on the effective date of this Act in order to comply with this Act; providing that student identification cards that are printed before the effective date of this Act will be in compliance with this Act if the cards are issued to students within a certain time period; and generally relating to required information on student identification cards.

BY adding to

Article – Education

Section 15–126

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

House Bill 467 – Delegate Rogers

AN ACT concerning

Renewable Energy Portfolio Standard – Hydroelectric Power

FOR the purpose of extending indefinitely the renewable energy portfolio standard percentage derived from Tier 2 renewable sources; repealing the limit on the period of time during which energy from a Tier 2 renewable source is eligible for inclusion in meeting the renewable energy portfolio standard; making a technical change; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to the renewable energy portfolio standard.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Public Utilities

Section 7–701(a), (s)(8), and (t) and 7–703(b)(15)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2020 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Public Utilities

Section 7–703(b)(16) through (25) and 7–704(a)(4)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2020 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 468 – Delegate Forbes

AN ACT concerning

Baltimore County – School Board Nominating Commission – Vacancy Procedures

FOR the purpose of requiring the Baltimore County School Board Nominating Commission to hold a public hearing on the selection of a nominee for a single vacancy on the Baltimore County Board of Education in a certain manner under certain circumstances; requiring the Commission to make publicly available on its website live video streaming of certain public hearings and certain archived video recordings; authorizing the Commission to retain and reactivate the applications of certain candidates for certain vacancies on the county board; authorizing the Commission to reactivate certain applications under certain circumstances; making conforming changes; and generally relating to vacancy procedures and the Baltimore County School Board Nominating Commission.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Education
Section 3–2B–03
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 469 – Delegate Forbes

AN ACT concerning

**State–Funded Construction and Major Renovation Projects – Solar Panels
– Requirement**

FOR the purpose of requiring the State, for certain construction projects and major renovation projects proposed after a certain date, to require that the project be designed, engineered, and constructed in a manner that allows the roof to withstand the weight of solar panels; requiring certain construction projects and major renovation projects to include the installation of the maximum number of solar panels for which the project was designed; requiring the Maryland Green Building Council to provide certain recommendations; stating the intent of the General Assembly; providing for the application of certain provisions of this Act; defining certain terms; and generally relating to State–funded construction and major renovation projects.

BY renumbering
Article – State Finance and Procurement
Section 3–602.2

to be Section 3–602.3
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – State Finance and Procurement
Section 3–602.2
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – State Finance and Procurement
Section 4–809(f)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations and the Committee on Appropriations.

House Bill 470 – Delegate Ruth

AN ACT concerning

Public Health – Commission on Universal Health Care

FOR the purpose of establishing the Commission on Universal Health Care; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Commission; providing that the appointing authority must ensure that the appointee has certain expertise and consider certain information when making appointments to the Commission; establishing certain requirements and prohibitions for Commission members regarding conflicts of interest; prohibiting a member of the Commission from receiving certain compensation, but authorizing the payment of a certain per diem and the reimbursement of certain expenses; requiring a member of the Commission to perform certain duties in a certain manner; requiring a member of the Commission to be subject to certain laws and disclose certain information; prohibiting a member of the Commission from being held personally liable for certain actions taken as a member; authorizing the removal of a member of the Commission under certain circumstances; requiring the Commission to develop a plan for the State to establish, on or before a certain date, a universal health care program to provide health benefits to all residents of the State through a single-payer system; requiring that the health care program be designed to meet certain specifications; requiring that the plan include certain information and certain recommendations; authorizing the Commission, the Maryland Health Benefit Exchange, and the Maryland Department of Health to apply for certain waivers; requiring the Commission, on or before certain dates, to submit to the Governor and certain committees of the General Assembly a certain report and a certain plan to establish a certain health care program; defining

certain terms; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to the Commission on Universal Health Care.

BY adding to

Article – Health – General

Section 13–4201 through 13–4203 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 42. Commission on Universal Health Care”

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 471 – Delegate C. Watson

AN ACT concerning

Financial Institutions – Security Questions and Measures

FOR the purpose of requiring a financial institution that requires a customer to provide an answer to a security question for a certain purpose to allow a customer to choose from at least a certain number of security questions options for each required security question; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to securing the information of customers of financial institutions.

BY adding to

Article – Financial Institutions

Section 1–212

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2020 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 472 – Delegate P. Young

AN ACT concerning

Agriculture – Use of Glyphosate – Prohibition

FOR the purpose of prohibiting a person from using glyphosate in the State on or after a certain date; and generally relating to the use of glyphosate.

BY adding to

Article – Agriculture

Section 5–210.6

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2016 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 473 – Delegate Dumais

AN ACT concerning

Electricity – Change of Address – Maintenance of Subscriptions and Contracts

FOR the purpose of 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; authorizing a residential electric customer who has a change in the service address associated with the customer's electricity account to maintain a certain contract under certain circumstances; prohibiting an electric company from terminating a customer's contract due to a change of a certain address under certain circumstances; requiring an electric company to make certain changes to accommodate a customer's change of address under certain circumstances; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to electricity supply.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Public Utilities

Section 7–306.2(a)(1) and (4) through (7) and (d)(1)(i)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2020 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Public Utilities

Section 7–306.2(f) and (g)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2020 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – Public Utilities

Section 7–312

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2020 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 474 – Delegate Guyton

AN ACT concerning

Income Tax Credit – Wineries and Vineyards – Sunset Extension

FOR the purpose of extending the termination date for a credit against the State income tax for certain expenses related to certain wineries and vineyards in the State; and generally relating to an income tax credit for winery and vineyard expenses.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Chapter 659 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2013, as amended by Chapter
613 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2018
Section 2

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 475 – Delegate Attar

AN ACT concerning

Speed Monitoring Systems in School Zones – Operation Times – Limitation

FOR the purpose of establishing that a speed monitoring system in a school zone may operate only during the regular school year; and generally relating to speed monitoring systems in school zones.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Transportation
Section 21–809(a)(1), (7), and (8)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Transportation
Section 21–809(b)(1)(ix)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 476 – Delegate Shoemaker

AN ACT concerning

Family Law – Grandparent Visitation

FOR the purpose of altering the circumstances under which an equity court may grant visitation rights to a grandparent of a child; and generally relating to visitation.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Family Law

Section 9–102
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 477 – Delegate Pippy

AN ACT concerning

**Court Order to Use a Cell Site Simulator or Obtain Location Information From
an Electronic Device – Procedures**

FOR the purpose of providing the ways in which an application for a certain court order may be submitted to a judge; providing the ways in which an applicant for a certain court order and a judge may converse about a certain court order application; providing the ways in which a judge may issue a certain court order; and generally relating to court orders to use cell site simulators or obtain location information from electronic devices.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Criminal Procedure
Section 1–203.1
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 478 – Delegate Lopez

AN ACT concerning

Civil Cases – Surcharges

FOR the purpose of altering a certain surcharge on certain fees, charges, and costs in certain civil cases in the circuit courts and the District Court; prohibiting a certain surcharge from being passed on to a tenant in certain civil proceedings; and generally relating to surcharges in civil cases.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings
Section 7–202 and 7–301(c)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 479 – Delegate Barve

AN ACT concerning

State Retirement and Pension System – Investment Management Fees

FOR the purpose of altering a requirement that the Board of Trustees for the State Retirement and Pension System provide a quarterly estimate of certain external investment management services; prohibiting the Board of Trustees from incurring fees for external investment management services that exceed a certain amount in a fiscal year; exempting from the prohibition certain fees incurred under a contract entered into on or before a certain date; prohibiting the Board of Trustees from entering into an agreement on or after a certain date that would pay certain investment management fees; stating the intent of the General Assembly regarding fees for investment of State Retirement and Pension System assets; and generally relating to investment management fees of the State Retirement and Pension System.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – State Personnel and Pensions
Section 21–123(c) and 21–315(a)(2), (b), (e)(2), and (g)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – State Personnel and Pensions
Section 21–315(d)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

House Bill 480 – Delegate Barve

AN ACT concerning

Vehicle Laws – Plug-In Electric Drive Vehicles – Reserved Parking Spaces

FOR the purpose of prohibiting a person from stopping, standing, or parking a vehicle that is not a plug-in electric drive vehicle in a parking space that is designated in a certain manner for the use of plug-in electric drive vehicles; establishing certain standards for signage designating reserved parking for certain plug-in electric drive vehicles; requiring that a parking space that is for the use of plug-in electric drive vehicles have certain pavement markings; authorizing a parking facility to have a vehicle that is stopped, standing, or parked in violation of this Act towed or removed under certain circumstances and subject to certain standards and requirements; requiring that a parking space that is for the use of plug-in electric drive vehicles be

counted in a certain way for complying with certain laws intended to meet certain requirements under the Americans with Disabilities Act; defining a certain term; establishing a civil penalty for a violation of this Act; and generally relating to reserved parking spaces for plug-in electric drive vehicles.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Transportation
Section 11–145.1
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume)

BY adding to
Article – Transportation
Section 21–1003.2
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 481 – Delegate Barve

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

AN ACT concerning

Election Law – Deadline for Selection of Lieutenant Governor

FOR the purpose of proposing an amendment to the Maryland Constitution to repeal the requirement that a candidate for Governor who seeks nomination in a primary election designate a candidate for Lieutenant Governor at the time of filing a certificate of candidacy; requiring a candidate for Governor who seeks nomination in a primary election to designate a candidate for Lieutenant Governor within a certain time after the primary election; requiring that the name of the candidate for Governor appear on the primary election ballot without a candidate for Lieutenant Governor; requiring a candidate for Lieutenant Governor to file a certificate of candidacy at a certain time; making clarifying, conforming, and stylistic changes; and submitting this amendment to the qualified voters of the State for their adoption or rejection.

BY proposing an amendment to the Maryland Constitution
Article II – Executive Department
Section 1B

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 482 – Delegate Kaiser

AN ACT concerning

Horse Racing – Maryland–Bred Race Fund Advisory Committee – Membership

FOR the purpose of altering the membership of the Maryland–Bred Race Fund Advisory Committee to include a member of and recommended by a certain organization that represents licensed thoroughbred owners and trainers in the State; making a conforming change; making certain stylistic changes; and generally relating to horse racing and the Maryland–Bred Race Fund Advisory Committee.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Business Regulation
Section 11–529
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Business Regulation
Section 11–532(a) and (b)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 483 – Delegate Turner

AN ACT concerning

Towing or Removal of Vehicles – Reclamation Hours

FOR the purpose of limiting the hours during which a certain person in possession of a vehicle that has been towed or removed from a parking lot is required to provide an opportunity for the vehicle owner or the owner’s agent to retake possession of the vehicle; altering a certain signage requirement imposed on the owner or operator of a parking lot relating to hours during which a towed vehicle may be reclaimed; and generally relating to retaking possession of towed vehicles.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Transportation
Section 21–10A–02(a)(4) and 21–10A–05(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 484 – Delegate Cullison

AN ACT concerning

**Health Care Facilities – Dialysis Treatment Services – Training
(David Selby Dialysis Parity Act)**

FOR the purpose of prohibiting a health care facility from providing peritoneal dialysis or hemodialysis treatment services unless the individual performing the dialysis procedure has received training in a certain technique; establishing certain penalties for certain violations of this Act; requiring the Maryland Department of Health to adopt certain regulations; defining a certain term; providing for a delayed effective date; and generally relating to health care facilities that provide dialysis treatment services.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Health – General
Section 19–114(a) and (d)(1)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Health – General
Section 19–150 to be under the new part “Part VI. Facilities Providing Dialysis Treatment”
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 485 – Delegate Solomon

AN ACT concerning

Public–Private Partnerships – Process and Oversight

FOR the purpose of establishing the Public–Private Partnership Oversight Review Board; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Board; requiring the Board to study and make recommendations regarding certain matters; authorizing the Board to request technical assistance from certain persons, when appropriate; requiring a reporting agency to submit certain presolicitation reports to the Board; requiring a certain reporting agency to include in presolicitation reports for certain public–private partnerships presolicitation reports of certain contracts and a certain environmental impact statement under certain circumstances; requiring the Board, within a certain number of days after receiving a presolicitation report, to report and make certain recommendations to the Board of Public Works and certain budget committees; requiring that before the Board of Public Works may make a certain designation certain budget committees have a certain number of days to review and comment on a certain report; requiring certain proposed public–private partnership

agreements to be submitted to the Legislative Policy Committee; prohibiting the Board of Public Works from approving a proposed agreement until the Legislative Policy Committee has reviewed and commented on the public-private partnership if a certain review and comment period is during a certain time and until certain independent assessments of the impact on the State's credit rating and certain risk analyses are completed under certain circumstances; requiring a certain risk analysis to include certain information; requiring the proposed agreement to include certain financial information; requiring a reporting agency to notify the Legislative Policy Committee on receiving a certain unsolicited proposal; requiring a reporting agency to consult with the Public-Private Partnership Oversight Review Board in reviewing a certain unsolicited proposal; requiring, under certain circumstances, the terms of a public-private partnership to contain certain provisions; extending a certain prohibition on noncompete clauses in certain public-private partnership agreements to all transit or road maintenance projects regardless of funding source; requiring the Public-Private Partnership Oversight Review Board to conduct a certain study and report its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly on or before a certain date; prohibiting the State or a reporting agency from transferring certain ownership, operation, or management of a certain existing transportation facilities project to a certain entity or issuing a certain notice of solicitation under certain circumstances; providing for the intent of the General Assembly with regard to the reimbursement of certain costs and expenses; altering a certain definition; defining certain terms; providing for the termination of certain provisions of this Act; making conforming changes; and generally relating to public-private partnerships.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – State Finance and Procurement
Section 10A-101(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – State Finance and Procurement
Section 10A-101(b), 10A-201(a), 10A-203(a), 10A-301, and 10A-401(a) and (c)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – State Finance and Procurement
Section 10A-101(i), 10A-106, and 10A-203(c)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation and the Committee on Appropriations.

House Bill 486 – Delegate Solomon

AN ACT concerning

**State Employees – Collective Bargaining – Applicability, Bargaining Processes,
and Memorandums of Understanding**

FOR the purpose of requiring the Chancellor of the University System of Maryland to act on behalf of the University System of Maryland and certain system institutions for the purpose of collective bargaining; altering the application of certain collective bargaining requirements to certain employees by requiring the State Labor Relations Board and the State Higher Education Labor Relations Board to make certain determinations based on certain definitions used by a certain national board; repealing a provision of law authorizing certain presidents of certain system institutions to cooperate for the purpose of collective bargaining; specifying that certain good faith negotiations between certain parties include facilitating the meaningful use of a certain fact finder under certain provisions of law; repealing a provision of law regarding the termination of a certain cooperating agreement; providing for the negotiation of a certain consolidated memorandum of understanding between a certain exclusive representative and the Chancellor under certain circumstances; specifying certain effective dates of a certain consolidated memorandum of understanding; specifying the application of certain standards and guidelines to certain employees by the University System of Maryland and the Board of Regents under certain circumstances; providing for the application of this Act; making conforming changes; defining a certain term; and generally relating to collective bargaining for State employees.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – State Personnel and Pensions

Section 3–101, 3–102(b)(11) through (13), 3–2A–09(a), 3–306(c), 3–403(d), 3–501(a),
(b), (d), and (f), and 3–601

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing

Article – State Personnel and Pensions

Section 3–602

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – State Personnel and Pensions

Section 3–602

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Education

Section 12–110
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

House Bill 487 – Delegate Solomon

AN ACT concerning

**Education – School Construction – Pedestrian Safety Plans
(School Pedestrian Safety Act)**

FOR the purpose of requiring certain county boards of education seeking State funds for the construction of a new school, or the renovation of or an addition to an existing school that would increase the capacity by more than a certain number of students, to submit a pedestrian safety plan to the Interagency Commission on School Construction under certain circumstances; requiring the Interagency Commission to review the pedestrian safety plans in consultation with the State Highway Administration; providing for the contents of a pedestrian safety plan; authorizing the Interagency Commission to adopt regulations to carry out this Act; defining certain terms; and generally relating to pedestrian safety plans for schools.

BY adding to

Article – Education
Section 5–324
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

House Bill 488 – Delegate Moon

AN ACT concerning

**Criminal Law – Use or Possession of a Controlled Dangerous Substance – De
Minimis Quantity**

FOR the purpose of making certain violations relating to the use or possession of certain de minimis quantities of certain controlled dangerous substances a civil offense rather than a misdemeanor; applying penalties for a first or second finding of guilt involving the use or possession of less than 10 grams of marijuana to a first or second finding of guilt involving the use or possession of a de minimis quantity of certain controlled dangerous substances; applying certain procedural provisions relating to issuance of a citation for use or possession of less than 10 grams of marijuana to a first or second finding of guilt involving the use or possession of a de minimis quantity of certain controlled dangerous substances; altering a certain provision of

law to require a court to order a person who commits a certain violation, regardless of the age of the person, to attend a certain drug education program, refer the person to an assessment for substance use disorder, and refer the person to substance use treatment under certain circumstances; defining a certain term; making conforming changes; making technical changes; and generally relating to use or possession of a controlled dangerous substance.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Criminal Law
Section 5–601 and 5–601.1
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 489 – Delegate Moon

AN ACT concerning

Courts – Wiretapping – Misconduct in Office

FOR the purpose of adding misconduct in office to a certain list of crimes for which certain evidence may be gathered by, and a judge may grant an order authorizing, interception of oral, wire, or electronic communications; and generally relating to interception of oral, wire, or electronic communications.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings
Section 10–406
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 490 – Montgomery County Delegation

AN ACT concerning

Montgomery County – Deer Management Permit Pilot Program

MC 15–21

FOR the purpose of providing that certain provisions of law related to the sale of livestock apply to certain deer; providing that the Maryland Wholesome Meat Act applies to certain deer; requiring the Secretary of Agriculture, in consultation with the Secretary of Natural Resources, to adopt regulations, on or before a certain date, to establish requirements for the processing, inspection, labeling, and sale of wild

venison in the State; providing that certain provisions of law relating to inhumane methods of livestock slaughter apply to certain deer; authorizing a person to import, sell, offer for sale, purchase, barter, or exchange certain venison; establishing the Deer Management Permit Pilot Program in Montgomery County for a certain purpose; establishing that certain prohibitions against the sale of game birds and mammals do not apply to the meat or carcass of certain deer; authorizing a person to hunt deer outside of deer hunting season under certain circumstances in Montgomery County; authorizing a person who harvests deer under a permit to sell or offer for sale the meat or carcass of the deer in accordance with certain regulations; requiring the Department of Natural Resources, in consultation with the Department of Agriculture, to adopt certain regulations implementing the pilot program; providing for the termination of this Act; defining certain terms; altering a certain definition; and generally relating to the Deer Management Permit Pilot Program in Montgomery County.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Agriculture
Section 3–301, 4–103, 4–107, and 4–123.1(a)(3)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Agriculture
Section 4–123.1(a)(1) and (b)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Natural Resources
Section 10–404 and 10–415
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 491 – Montgomery County Delegation and Prince George’s County Delegation

AN ACT concerning

Maryland–National Capital Park and Planning Commission – Prince George’s County – Concrete Batching Plants – Setback Requirement

MC/PG 106–21

FOR the purpose of requiring that certain concrete batching plants in Prince George's County comply with a certain setback requirement; defining certain terms; and generally relating to concrete batching plants in Prince George's County.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Land Use
Section 25–101
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Land Use
Section 25–214
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 492 – Delegate Stein

AN ACT concerning

Railroad Company – Movement of Freight – Required Crew

FOR the purpose of prohibiting a train or light engine used in connection with the movement of freight from being operated in the State unless it has a certain number of crew members; establishing certain penalties; prohibiting a county or municipal corporation from enacting and enforcing more stringent measures regarding certain crew requirements; requiring the Commissioner of Labor and Industry to provide certain notice to the Department of Legislative Services under certain circumstances; providing for the application of this Act; providing for the termination of this Act under certain circumstances; and generally relating to the crew for a train or light engine used in connection with the movement of freight.

BY adding to
Article – Labor and Employment
Section 5.5–110(e)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 493 – Delegate Guyton

AN ACT concerning

Election Law – Voting Locations – Accessibility by Public Transportation and

Voters With Disabilities

FOR the purpose of requiring, in counties that have fixed–route public transportation services, the local boards of elections to give priority to placing ballot drop boxes at locations that are not more than a certain distance from a public transportation station or stop and designating polling places located not more than a certain distance from a public transportation station or stop; requiring ballot drop boxes to be placed in a manner that is accessible to voters with disabilities; requiring the State Board of Elections, in counties that have fixed–route public transportation services and in collaboration with certain local boards, to give priority to designating early voting centers that are located not more than a certain distance from a public transportation station or stop; defining a certain term; and generally relating to accessibility of voting locations.

BY adding to

Article – Election Law

Section 9–310.1

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2017 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Election Law

Section 10–101(a)(1) and 10–301.1(c)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2017 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 494 – Delegate Stewart

AN ACT concerning

Vehicle Laws – Reckless Driving – Excessive Speeding

FOR the purpose of establishing that a person who drives more than a certain amount above the maximum speed limit is guilty of reckless driving; establishing that a person charged with reckless driving must appear in court and may not prepay the fine; making certain stylistic changes; and generally relating to vehicle laws governing excessive speeding.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Transportation

Section 21–901.1

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2020 Replacement Volume)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 495 – Delegate Palakovich Carr

AN ACT concerning

**Income Tax – Internal Revenue Code Amendments and the Federal CARES Act –
Decoupling**

FOR the purpose of prohibiting, except under certain circumstances, the retroactive application of certain amendments to the Internal Revenue Code to the determination of Maryland taxable income; providing an addition modification under the Maryland income tax for certain amounts related to certain net operating loss deductions, certain excess business losses, and certain business interest expense deductions; making conforming changes; providing for the application of a certain provision of this Act; and generally relating to the Maryland income tax.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Tax – General
Section 10–108 and 10–306(b)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Tax – General
Section 10–205(a) and 10–306(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Tax – General
Section 10–205(m) and (n)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

CONSENT CALENDAR OF INTRODUCTORY HOUSE BILLS NO. 12

House Bill 496 – Delegate Wilkins

AN ACT concerning

**Primary and Secondary Education – Mental Health Services – Expansion
(Counselors Not Cops Act)**

FOR the purpose of altering the membership of the School Safety Subcabinet Advisory Board; requiring the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House jointly to appoint a chair of the Advisory Board; providing that a member appointed by the Governor or jointly by the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House serves at the pleasure of the appointing official; requiring the Maryland Center for School Safety to collect certain data regarding school security employees in each local school system; altering the fiscal years for which the Governor is required to include in the annual budget bill a certain appropriation to the Safe Schools Fund to be used for the purpose of providing grants to local school systems and local law enforcement agencies to assist in meeting certain reporting requirements related to school resource officers; requiring the Governor, beginning in a certain fiscal year, to include in the annual budget bill a certain appropriation to the Safe Schools Fund to be used for certain purposes related to expanding the availability of school-based mental health services, restorative approaches, wraparound services, and trauma-informed schools; requiring a local school system, to the extent practicable, to use certain grants to contract with certain professionals who reflect the diversity of the student population of the local school system; requiring the grants to be distributed to each local school system based on a certain calculation; authorizing the Subcabinet to deny a local school system a certain grant if the local school system previously used grant funds for purposes outside of the purposes of the grant; requiring the Subcabinet to adopt regulations establishing a process to withhold or reinstate certain grants; requiring each local school system that receives a certain grant to provide the Maryland Center for School Safety with evidence of how external funding will be maximized to provide students with behavioral health and wraparound services; requiring each local school system, on or before a certain date each year, to submit a report with the Maryland Center for School Safety that includes certain information; expanding the uses of the Safe Schools Fund; requiring the State Board of Education to adopt regulations to carry out this Act; making conforming changes; defining certain terms; altering certain definitions; and generally relating to mental health services and school safety in public schools in the State.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Education

Section 7–1501, 7–1504, 7–1508(c) and (g), and 7–1512(e) through (g)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Education

Section 7–1508(e)(2) and 7–1512(a)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – Education

Section 7–1511.1

Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 497 – Delegate Boyce

AN ACT concerning

Property Tax Credit – Urban Agricultural Property – Repeal of Repayment Requirement

FOR the purpose of 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 certain purposes; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to a property tax credit for urban agricultural property.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Tax – Property
Section 9–253
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 498 – Delegate Rosenberg

AN ACT concerning

First Amendment Activities and Associations – Use of Vehicle to Interfere or Damage Property

FOR the purpose of prohibiting the driver of a vehicle from using the vehicle to interfere or attempt to interfere with another person’s ability to engage in First Amendment activities or to destroy or damage or attempt to destroy or damage certain property for a certain reason; establishing certain penalties for a violation of this Act; defining a certain term; and generally relating to prohibited acts related to First Amendment activities and associations for the driver of a vehicle.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Public Safety
Section 3–701(a)(1) and (5)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – Transportation
Section 21–906
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 499 – Delegate Rosenberg

AN ACT concerning

Rental Housing Restitution Fund – Establishment

FOR the purpose of establishing the Rental Housing Restitution Fund as a special, nonlapsing fund; specifying the purpose of the Fund; requiring the Attorney General 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; requiring interest earnings of the Fund to be credited to the Fund; exempting the Fund from a certain provision of law requiring interest earnings on State money to accrue to the General Fund of the State; defining a certain term; and generally relating to the Rental Housing Restitution Fund.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – State Finance and Procurement
Section 6–226(a)(2)(i)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – State Finance and Procurement
Section 6–226(a)(2)(ii)122. and 123.
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – State Finance and Procurement
Section 6–226(a)(2)(ii)124. and 7–332
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 500 – Delegate Rosenberg

AN ACT concerning

Police Procedures – Requiring a Person to Lie Prone

FOR the purpose of authorizing a police officer to require a person to lie prone on the ground only under certain circumstances; requiring a police officer to consider certain factors in deciding whether to require a person to lie prone on the ground; and generally relating to police procedures.

BY adding to

Article – Criminal Procedure
Section 2–109
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 501 – Montgomery County Delegation and Prince George’s County Delegation

AN ACT concerning

Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission – Board of Ethics – Financial Disclosure Statements – Late Fees**MC/PG 102–21**

FOR the purpose of imposing a certain fee on certain persons for filing certain financial disclosure statements late; setting the amount of a certain late fee; and generally relating to the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission Board of Ethics and financial disclosure statements.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Public Utilities
Section 19–101 and 19–102
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Public Utilities
Section 19–107
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 502 – Delegate Crutchfield

AN ACT concerning

Office of the State’s Attorney – Collection and Publication of Prosecutorial Information

FOR the purpose of requiring each Office of the State’s Attorney in each county and Baltimore City to collect and disclose certain information to the Governor’s Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services; requiring the State’s Attorneys to record and maintain certain information collected for a certain period of time; requiring each State’s Attorney to collect and publish certain information on the website for each office; requiring the State’s Attorneys to affirmatively disclose a certain fact if certain policies are not maintained; requiring the State’s Attorneys to redact or replace with an anonymizing identifier certain information; requiring the State’s Attorneys to begin making certain information available on or before a certain date; requiring the State’s Attorneys to publish certain information on a certain website; requiring the State’s Attorneys to provide certain information to certain persons; requiring the Office to determine the manner in which the State’s Attorneys disclose certain information; requiring the Office to determine a schedule and plan in which the State’s Attorneys will report certain information on or before a certain date; authorizing the Office to implement a certain schedule and plan in a certain manner; requiring each State’s Attorney to begin disclosing certain data to the Office on or before a certain date; requiring the State’s Attorney to complete the transmission of certain data on or before a certain date; requiring the Office to begin publishing online certain information in a certain manner on or before a certain date each year; prohibiting certain data published online from containing certain individualized or personal information; requiring the Office to issue reports on certain data in a certain manner; authorizing, under certain circumstances, the State’s Attorneys to satisfy a request for information under the Maryland Public Information Act (MPIA) by referring the requestor to a certain website; authorizing a certain requestor of information under the MPIA to seek judicial review under certain circumstances; making the provisions of this Act severable; defining certain terms; and generally relating to the Office of the State’s Attorney and the collection and publication of information.

BY adding to

Article – Criminal Procedure

Section 15–501 through 15–506 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 5. State’s Attorney’s Data Collection”

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 503 – Delegate P. Young

AN ACT concerning

Environment – Office on Climate Change – Establishment

FOR the purpose of establishing the Office on Climate Change in the Office of the Governor; specifying the purpose of the Office; requiring the Office to coordinate with the Commission on Climate Change to ensure certain recommendations are implemented; requiring the Office to ensure that each State agency addresses ways the agency can mitigate the causes of climate change and certain impacts of climate change; requiring the Office to initiate and oversee certain research and investigations; requiring the Office to work with local governments on the development and implementation of local climate change plans and identify resources needed for the implementation of the plans; requiring the Office to submit a certain report to the Governor, the General Assembly, and certain standing committees of the General Assembly each year; defining a certain term; and generally relating to the Office on Climate Change.

BY adding to

Article – Environment

Section 2–13A–01 through 2–13A–04 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 13A. Office on Climate Change”

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2013 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 504 – Delegate Dumais

AN ACT concerning

Insurance – Impaired Entities – Delinquency Proceedings

FOR the purpose of 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 a certain period; requiring a federal home loan bank to repurchase certain outstanding capital stock of a certain insurer–member under certain circumstances, to a certain extent; requiring a federal home loan bank to establish a certain timeline and process within a certain period after a certain request from a certain receiver; requiring a federal home loan bank to make certain options available with respect to a certain insurer–member and certain loans; prohibiting a receiver from voiding certain transfers of or obligations to transfer certain property except under certain circumstances; providing that certain provisions do not affect a receiver’s rights in certain proceedings; defining certain terms; altering a certain definition; clarifying certain language; and generally relating to impaired entities and delinquency proceedings.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Insurance

Section 9–201, 9–215, and 9–221

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2017 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 505 – Delegate Dumais

AN ACT concerning

Child Custody – Legal Decision Making and Parenting Time

FOR the purpose of repealing references to the terms “child custody” and “visitation” in certain instances and substituting the terms “legal decision making” and “parenting time” in certain instances; authorizing the court, in determining certain legal decision-making authority and parenting time in certain child custody proceedings, to consider certain factors; requiring the court to articulate certain findings of fact on the record; authorizing the court to award joint legal decision making to both parties under certain circumstances; prohibiting a party from unilaterally making certain decisions concerning a child without agreement of the other party or order of the court under certain circumstances; authorizing the court to modify a child custody or visitation order or a legal decision-making or parenting-time order under certain circumstances; specifying that a party’s proposal to relocate the residence of the party or the child in a certain manner constitutes a material change in circumstances for purposes of a modification of an order; specifying the purposes of this Act; repealing certain provisions relating to the relevancy of a disability of a party in a child custody or visitation proceeding; making certain clarifying and conforming changes; defining certain terms; and generally relating to child custody, visitation, legal decision making, and parenting time.

BY repealing

Article – Family Law

Section 5–203(d) and 9–107

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – Family Law

Section 9–101 and 9–103 to be under the amended subtitle “Subtitle 1. Definitions; General Provisions” and the amended title “Title 9. Custodial Arrangements for Children”; and 9–201 through 9–204 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 2. Legal Decision Making and Parental Responsibility – Judicial Determinations”

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Family Law

Section 9–101, 9–101.1, 9–101.2, 9–103, 9–104, 9–105, 9–106, and 9–108

Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 506 – Delegate T. Branch

EMERGENCY BILL

AN ACT concerning

**Baltimore City – Alcoholic Beverages Districts – Legislative Districting Plan
References**

FOR the purpose of updating certain provisions of law regarding Baltimore City alcoholic beverages districts to refer to a certain Legislative Districting Plan; requiring the Board of License Commissioners for Baltimore City to grant a certain exemption to certain persons under certain circumstances; making this Act an emergency measure; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages districts in Baltimore City.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Alcoholic Beverages
Section 12–102
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Alcoholic Beverages
Section 12–903(c)(1) and (d), 12–1603(a), 12–1604(a), 12–1707(a), and 12–2007(b)(1)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 507 – Delegate Stein

AN ACT concerning

Clean Water Commerce Act of 2021

FOR the purpose of establishing the Clean Water Commerce Fund as a special, nonlapsing fund; requiring the Department of the Environment to transfer a certain amount from the Bay Restoration Fund to the Clean Water Commerce Fund for certain purposes in certain fiscal years; altering the authorized uses of the Bay Restoration Fund to include certain transfers to the Clean Water Commerce Fund; repealing a certain authorization to use funds in the Bay Restoration Fund for costs associated with certain nutrient or sediment load reductions; altering the membership of the

Bay Restoration Fund Advisory Committee; specifying the purpose of the Clean Water Commerce Fund; requiring the Secretary of the Environment to administer the Clean Water Commerce Fund; requiring the State Treasurer to hold the Clean Water Commerce Fund and the Comptroller to account for the Clean Water Commerce Fund; specifying the contents of the Clean Water Commerce Fund; specifying the purpose for which the Clean Water Commerce Fund may be used; providing for the disposition of certain unencumbered money in the Clean Water Commerce Fund; authorizing the Department to establish certain accounts and subaccounts within the Clean Water Commerce Fund; providing for the investment of money in and expenditures from the Clean Water Commerce Fund; requiring interest earnings of the Clean Water Commerce Fund to be credited to the Clean Water Commerce Fund; exempting the Clean Water Commerce Fund from a certain provision of law requiring interest earnings on State money to accrue to the General Fund of the State; prohibiting certain environmental outcomes from being resold or transferred to a certain person; requiring credit for certain reductions to be attributed to certain sectors; requiring the Department to use a certain process to invite certain funding proposals and to publicly announce a request for proposals or otherwise initiate a certain process at least once a year; requiring the Department to require certain information to be included in a certain funding proposal; requiring the Department to announce the criteria that will be used to evaluate certain funding proposals when initiating a certain process; requiring the Department to prioritize certain factors when evaluating certain funding proposals; requiring the Department to establish and implement a certain verification process and use certain standards and processes for verifying certain environmental outcomes; establishing requirements for environmental outcomes purchased under certain provisions of this Act; authorizing a certain contract to be funded for a certain period of time; establishing requirements for payment under a certain contract; requiring the Department to establish a certain registry and make the registry available to the public on the Department's website; authorizing a certain project or practice to be partially funded under this Act subject to certain conditions; requiring the Department to make a certain annual report to the Bay Restoration Fund Advisory Committee and, in accordance with a certain provision of law, certain committees of the General Assembly; making certain conforming changes; providing for the effective date of certain provisions of this Act; providing for the termination of certain provisions of this Act; defining certain terms; and generally relating to the Bay Restoration Fund and the Clean Water Commerce Fund.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Environment

Section 9–1605.2(a)(1) and (j)(1)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Environment

Section 9–1605.2(i)(2) and (3), (j)(2), and (l)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – Environment

Section 9–1605.4

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – State Finance and Procurement

Section 6–226(a)(2)(i)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – State Finance and Procurement

Section 6–226(a)(2)(ii)122. and 123.

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – State Finance and Procurement

Section 6–226(a)(2)(ii)124.

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing

Chapter 366 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2017

Section 2 through 4

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Chapter 366 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2017

Section 5

BY repealing

Chapter 367 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2017

Section 2 through 4

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Chapter 367 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2017

Section 5

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation and the Committee on Appropriations.

House Bill 508 – Delegate Attar

AN ACT concerning

COVID–19 Claim – Civil Immunity

FOR the purpose of providing immunity from civil liability for a COVID–19 claim to a person who acts in compliance with certain statutes, rules, regulations, executive orders, and agency orders, unless the person acted with gross negligence or intentional wrongdoing; providing that certain deviations from certain statutes, rules, regulations, executive orders, and agency orders does not deny a person civil immunity provided under this Act; limiting the effect of the civil immunity provided under this Act; making the provisions of this Act severable; providing for the retroactive application of this Act to a claim that arises on or after a certain date and on or before a certain time period after a certain proclamation issued by the Governor expires or is rescinded; defining certain terms; and generally relating to civil immunity for COVID–19 claims.

BY adding to

Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings
Section 5–809
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 509 – Delegate Acevero

AN ACT concerning

9–1–1 Specialists – Classification as First Responders

FOR the purpose of altering the intent of the General Assembly regarding classification of certain 9–1–1 specialists as first responders; defining a certain term; and generally relating to 9–1–1 specialists and first responders.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Public Safety
Section 1–301 and 1–302.1
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 510 – Delegate Valentino–Smith

AN ACT concerning

**Transportation – Private Sector Transportation Projects Ombudsman –
Establishment**

FOR the purpose of establishing the office of Private Sector Transportation Projects Ombudsman within the Department of Transportation; requiring the Secretary of Transportation to designate an individual to serve as Ombudsman; requiring the Ombudsman to respond to concerns, complaints, and other inquiries from certain entities regarding certain private sector transportation projects; providing that the Ombudsman is an employee of the Department; requiring the Department to provide the Ombudsman with sufficient resources to respond to all inquiries in an accurate and timely manner; requiring the Department to include the name and contact information of the Ombudsman on the Department's website and in a certain document; defining a certain term; and generally relating to the designation of a Private Sector Transportation Projects Ombudsman.

BY adding to
Article – Transportation
Section 2–113
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 511 – Delegate Valentino–Smith

AN ACT concerning

Income Tax – Personal Exemption – Disabled Individuals

FOR the purpose of authorizing certain disabled individuals to deduct a certain amount as a personal exemption under the Maryland income tax; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to a deduction for personal exemptions under the Maryland income tax.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Tax – General
Section 10–211
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 512 – Delegate Lehman

AN ACT concerning

Coast Smart Siting and Design Criteria – Private Construction or

Reconstruction Projects and Enforcement

FOR the purpose of applying Coast Smart siting and design criteria to certain private construction or reconstruction projects beginning on a certain date; exempting certain private construction or reconstruction projects from the application of this Act; establishing that the Department of Natural Resources has sole responsibility for enforcement of this Act, subject to a certain delegation of enforcement authority; requiring the Secretary of Natural Resources to delegate certain enforcement authority to a certain county or municipality; providing for the duration of the delegated enforcement authority; authorizing the Secretary to suspend the delegated enforcement authority under certain circumstances; requiring the Department to enforce compliance of this Act during a period of suspension of delegated enforcement authority; requiring a county or municipality requesting delegation of enforcement authority or renewal of delegation to submit the request on or before a certain date; requiring the Secretary to take certain actions on a request for delegation of enforcement authority on or before a certain date; providing for the application of this Act; making conforming changes; and generally relating to Coast Smart siting and design criteria.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Natural Resources
Section 3–1001(a) and (g)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Natural Resources
Section 3–1009
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 513 – Delegate K. Young

AN ACT concerning

Maryland Non–Emergency Medical Transportation Fund and Task Force to Study the Maryland Non–Emergency Medical Transportation Fund

FOR the purpose of establishing the Maryland Non–Emergency Medical Transportation Fund as a special, nonlapsing fund; specifying the purpose of the Fund; requiring the Secretary of Transportation 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; providing that the Fund is subject to a certain audit; providing that no part of the Fund may revert or be

credited to certain funds; requiring certain kidney dialysis centers to pay to the Department of Transportation a certain fee for certain transports; requiring interest earnings of the Fund to be credited to the Fund; exempting the Fund from a certain provision of law requiring interest earnings on State money to accrue to the General Fund of the State; establishing the Task Force to Study the Maryland Non–Emergency Medical Transportation Fund; providing for the composition, chair, and staff of the Task Force; prohibiting a member of the Task Force from receiving certain compensation, but authorizing the reimbursement of certain expenses; requiring the Task Force to study and make recommendations regarding certain matters; requiring the Task Force to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before a certain date; providing for the effective dates of this Act; providing for the termination of certain provisions of this Act; and generally relating to the Maryland Non–Emergency Medical Transportation Fund and the Task Force to Study the Maryland Non–Emergency Medical Transportation Fund.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – State Finance and Procurement
Section 6–226(a)(2)(i)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – State Finance and Procurement
Section 6–226(a)(2)(ii)122. and 123.
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – State Finance and Procurement
Section 6–226(a)(2)(ii)124.
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Transportation
Section 7–213
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

House Bill 514 – Delegate B. Barnes

AN ACT concerning

Maryland Legal Services Corporation Funding – Abandoned Property

FOR the purpose of increasing the amount of certain abandoned property funds that the Comptroller is required to distribute each year to the Maryland Legal Services Corporation Fund; and generally relating to Maryland Legal Services Corporation funding.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Commercial Law
Section 17–317
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2013 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Human Services
Section 11–402
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

House Bill 515 – Delegate Palakovich Carr

AN ACT concerning

Real Property – Candidates – Access to Apartment Buildings

FOR the purpose of prohibiting a person from preventing a candidate from accessing certain apartment buildings for certain purposes, except under certain circumstances; authorizing a person to impose certain limitations on the ability of a candidate to access an apartment building or individual dwelling unit; prohibiting a candidate from engaging with certain residents under certain circumstances; requiring a certain owner or manager or agent of a certain owner or manager to make multiple buildings available for entry by a candidate under certain circumstances; providing that certain provisions of law do not authorize a candidate to post campaign material in certain areas without the express consent of a certain owner or manager or agent of a certain owner or manager; authorizing a certain owner or manager or agent of a certain owner or manager to require that a candidate sign a certain waiver for a certain purpose; authorizing a tenants' organization to decide to restrict a candidate from accessing certain areas under certain circumstances; defining certain terms; and generally relating to visits by candidates to apartment buildings.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Election Law
Section 1–101(a), (k), and (l)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2017 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – Real Property

Section 8–119

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation and the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 516 – Montgomery County Delegation and Prince George’s County Delegation

AN ACT concerning

Bicounty Agencies – Prince George’s County – Use and Occupancy Permits – Notice Requirements

MC/PG 107–21

FOR the purpose of prohibiting, for Prince George’s County, the Maryland–National Capital Park and Planning Commission from making a certain recommendation with regard to a certain permit unless the permit application contains a statement with certain elements; requiring the statement to have space for the applicant to provide certain information; requiring the statement to be signed by the applicant; defining a certain term; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to zoning review in Prince George’s County.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Land Use

Section 20–503 and 20–512

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2012 Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – Land Use

Section 20–517

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2012 Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 517 – Delegate C. Watson

AN ACT concerning

Clean Energy Loan Program – Remediation and Resiliency

FOR the purpose of expanding the purpose of a certain clean energy loan program to include providing loans to certain property owners to finance or refinance certain environmental remediation projects and resiliency projects; adding certain environmental remediation projects, resiliency projects, and water efficiency projects to the list of items that require eligibility requirements under a certain ordinance; clarifying that certain loan terms and conditions required under a certain ordinance include a certain provision; altering the circumstances under which, with the express consent of any holder of a mortgage or deed of trust on a certain property, a county or municipality may collect certain loan payments in a certain manner, a certain unpaid surcharge constitutes a lien, and certain provisions of law apply to a tax lien under certain circumstances; making stylistic changes; defining certain terms; and generally relating to a clean energy loan program.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Local Government
Section 1–1101 and 1–1103 through 1–1105
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2013 Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Local Government
Section 1–1102
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2013 Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 518 – Delegate Dumais

AN ACT concerning

Public Libraries – Electronic Book Licenses – Access

FOR the purpose of requiring a publisher who offers to license an electronic book to the public to also offer to license the electronic book to public libraries in the State on reasonable terms that would enable public libraries to provide library users with access to the electronic book; requiring the terms of a license authorizing public libraries to provide access to an electronic book to include certain limitations and measures; prohibiting the terms of a license from including a limitation on the number of licenses public libraries may purchase on the same date an electronic book license is made available to the public; providing that a violation of this Act shall constitute an unfair, abusive, or deceptive trade practice subject to certain enforcement; defining certain terms; and generally relating to electronic book licenses.

BY adding to

Article – Education

Section 23–701 and 23–702 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 7. Electronic Book Licenses”

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 519 – Delegate Barve

AN ACT concerning

Vehicle Equipment – Safety Glass – Replacement Standards

FOR the purpose of requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration to adopt regulations establishing standards and requirements for aftermarket safety glass replacement that meet or exceed the standards and requirements under the Automotive Glass Replacement Safety Standard established by the Auto Glass Safety Council; and generally relating to standards and requirements for replacement automotive safety glass.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Transportation

Section 22–406(a) and (d) through (f)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2020 Replacement Volume)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Transportation

Section 22–406(g)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2020 Replacement Volume)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 520 – Delegate Barve

AN ACT concerning

State Buildings – Geothermal Energy Systems – Requirement

FOR the purpose of requiring the State to install a geothermal energy system in certain State buildings constructed by the State under certain circumstances; defining a certain term; and generally relating to the use of geothermal energy systems in State buildings.

BY adding to

Article – State Finance and Procurement
Section 4–410.1
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

House Bill 521 – Delegate Mangione

EMERGENCY BILL

AN ACT concerning

**Criminal Procedure – Registered Sex Offenders – Entry Onto School Property
(Predator-Free Schools Act)**

FOR the purpose of providing that a certain law prohibiting a registered sex offender from entering onto real property used for public or nonpublic elementary or secondary education applies to a student who is a registered sex offender and has been convicted of a sexually violent crime; requiring a county board of education to develop and adopt a policy that enables a certain student who is a registered sex offender to continue receiving a certain education in a certain location; requiring the State Board of Education to develop and adopt certain guidelines and a certain model policy; defining certain terms; making this Act an emergency measure; and generally relating to registered sex offenders on school property.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Criminal Procedure
Section 11–701(a) and (j)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Criminal Procedure
Section 11–722
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 522 – Delegate Washington

AN ACT concerning

Public Schools – School Resource Officers – Prohibited Conduct

FOR the purpose of prohibiting a school administrator or official or a school safety coordinator from directing a school resource officer to enforce certain discipline–related policies, rules, regulations, or procedures; prohibiting a school resource officer from unilaterally enforcing certain discipline–related policies, rules, regulations, or procedures; requiring a certain curriculum to include training in conduct that is prohibited for school resource officers; and generally relating to prohibited conduct of school administrators or officials, school safety coordinators, and school resource officers.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Education
Section 7–1508
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 523 – Delegate Attar

AN ACT concerning

Baltimore City – Repossession for Failure to Pay Rent – Registration and License Information

FOR the purpose of requiring a landlord, at the time of filing a certain complaint in an action for repossession for failure to pay rent in Baltimore City, to be in compliance with certain local license requirements and certain lead–based paint abatement laws; providing that a landlord has the burden of proving, by a certain standard of evidence, that a property is in compliance with certain local license requirements; authorizing a landlord to provide an electronic copy of a license as proof of compliance with certain local license requirements; prohibiting a judge from entering a judgment in favor of a landlord who fails to prove that a property is in compliance with certain local license requirements; and generally relating to actions for repossession for failure to pay rent in Baltimore City.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
The Public Local Laws of Baltimore City
Section 9–3 and 9–5
Article 4 – Public Local Laws of Maryland
(1979 Edition and 1997 Supplement, and 2000 Supplement, as amended)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 524 – Delegate Lehman

AN ACT concerning

Anne Arundel County and Prince George’s County – Repossession for Failure to Pay Rent – Rental Property License Information

FOR the purpose of requiring a landlord or a landlord’s duly authorized agent, at the time of filing a complaint for repossession of rental property for failure to pay rent in Anne Arundel County or Prince George’s County, to submit for inspection by the clerk of the District Court certain records demonstrating that the property is compliant with certain local rental property licensing requirements; specifying that a certain provisional or temporary license is insufficient to satisfy certain filing requirements; establishing that a landlord has the burden of proving at trial, by a certain standard of evidence, that a property is in compliance with certain local rental property licensing requirements; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to actions for repossession for failure to pay rent in Anne Arundel County and Prince George’s County.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Real Property
Section 8–401(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Real Property
Section 8–401(b) and (c)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 525 – Delegate Morgan

AN ACT concerning

St. Mary’s County – Law Enforcement Hearing Board – Civilian Members

FOR the purpose of providing that in St. Mary’s County, a certain hearing board may include a certain number of voting or nonvoting members of the public who have received certain training; and generally relating to law enforcement hearing boards in St. Mary’s County.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Public Safety
Section 3–107(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Public Safety
Section 3–107(c)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 526 – St. Mary’s County Delegation

AN ACT concerning

St. Mary’s County – Public and Nonpublic Schools – Prohibition on Possession of Tobacco Products by Minors

FOR the purpose of prohibiting a minor from possessing a tobacco product in a school building or on school grounds of certain schools in St. Mary’s County; establishing certain penalties for violating a certain prohibition; making this law applicable only in St. Mary’s County; defining certain terms; and generally relating to tobacco possession by minors on school property in St. Mary’s County.

BY adding to
Article – Education
Section 26–105
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means and the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 527 – St. Mary’s County Delegation

AN ACT concerning

St. Mary’s County Human Relations Commission – Equal Treatment

FOR the purpose of altering the duties of the St. Mary’s County Human Relations Commission with regard to encouraging and ensuring the equal treatment of all people; and generally relating to the St. Mary’s County Human Relations Commission.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Local Government
Section 29–101
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2013 Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Local Government
Section 29–106(b)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2013 Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 528 – St. Mary’s County Delegation

AN ACT concerning

St. Mary’s County – Repeal of Impact Fee – Authorization of Building Excise Tax

FOR the purpose of repealing the authority of the County Commissioners of St. Mary’s County to impose a development impact fee to finance the cost of certain facilities required to accommodate new construction or development; repealing the authority of the county commissioners to enact a certain exemption from the development impact fee; repealing the authority of the county commissioners to waive, defer, or amortize the development impact fee for certain newly constructed living units; repealing a requirement that the total amount of development impact fees waived, deferred, or amortized be reflected in the county’s annual capital budget; authorizing the county commissioners to impose a building excise tax on any building construction in the county; requiring the county commissioners to specify the types of building construction that are subject to the tax; authorizing the county commissioners to impose different tax rates on different types of building construction; requiring revenues from the tax to be deposited in the county’s general fund and used for any lawful purpose; providing for a delayed effective date; and generally relating to fees and taxes on development in St. Mary’s County.

BY repealing

Article – Local Government
Section 20–706(b)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2013 Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – Local Government
Section 20–807
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2013 Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 529 – St. Mary’s County Delegation

AN ACT concerning

**St. Mary's County – Alcoholic Beverages – Distillery On-Site Consumption
Permit**

FOR the purpose of authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for St. Mary's County to grant an on-site consumption permit to the holder of a Class 1 distillery license in St. Mary's County; requiring an application for the permit to be made at least a certain period of time before use; establishing an annual fee for the permit; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages in St. Mary's County.

BY renumbering

Article – Alcoholic Beverages
Section 28–403
to be Section 28–404
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Alcoholic Beverages
Section 2–202(i) and 28–102
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Alcoholic Beverages
Section 28–401
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – Alcoholic Beverages
Section 28–403
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 530 – St. Mary's County Delegation

AN ACT concerning

St. Mary's County – Gaming – Administration of Bingo Licenses

FOR the purpose of 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; making conforming changes; defining a certain term; and generally relating to gaming in St. Mary's County.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Criminal Law
Section 13–2101, 13–2103, 13–2105, 13–2106, 13–2107, and 13–2115
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 531 – Delegate Morgan

AN ACT concerning

Criminal Procedure – Sexual Offenders – Lifetime Supervision

FOR the purpose of requiring a sentence for certain persons convicted of certain sexual abuse crimes to include a term of lifetime sexual offender supervision; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to sexual offender supervision.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Criminal Law
Section 3–602
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Criminal Procedure
Section 11–723
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 532 – Allegany County Delegation

AN ACT concerning

Allegany County – Video Lottery Terminals – Distribution of Proceeds

FOR the purpose of altering the distribution of proceeds from video lottery terminals at a facility in Allegany County after a certain number of years of operations at the facility; making conforming changes; and generally relating to the distribution of proceeds from video lottery terminals at a facility in Allegany County.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – State Government
Section 9–1A–01(u)(3)(ii), 9–1A–26(a)(3), and 9–1A–27(b) and (c)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – State Government
Section 9–1A–27(a)(7)(iii)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 533 – Delegate Acevero

AN ACT concerning

State Government – Prevention of Genocide and Crimes Against Humanity and the Commission on Genocide Prevention

FOR the purpose of requiring the State Treasurer to ensure that any shares held by the State are voted in favor of shareholder resolutions that ask companies to adopt policies of refusing to do business with governments engaging in genocide or crimes against humanity; requiring the State Treasurer to report annually to the General Assembly on the use of certain shareholder advocacy activities; requiring, when issuing an invitation for bids or a request for proposals, certain units of State government to require a certain bidder or offeror to disclose any company policy regarding a refusal to do business with governments that are engaged in genocide or crimes against humanity; requiring, beginning on a certain date, certain contracts for procurement to include a certain clause requiring the contractor to have a written and formally adopted policy of refusing to do business with governments that are engaged in genocide or crimes against humanity; authorizing the State to declare a certain contract void under certain circumstances; providing that, if a certain contract is declared void, the contractor is entitled to the reasonable value of certain work performed and materials provided; authorizing the State to compel a certain contractor to perform under a certain contract if the contractor willfully fails to comply with the requirements of a certain clause; limiting the liability of the State under certain contracts and requiring the State to deduct certain money paid from certain money that is due under certain contracts; authorizing any person to inform the Board of Public Works about a certain violation; requiring the Board of Public Works to cause an investigation of a certain charge and authorizing the Board of Public Works to invoke certain remedies under certain circumstances; establishing the Commission on Genocide Prevention; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Commission; prohibiting a member of the Commission from receiving certain compensation, but authorizing the reimbursement of certain expenses; requiring the Commission to research governments that are committing or are at

risk of committing genocide or crimes against humanity, identify contractors that are in violation of a certain procurement requirement, and hold certain hearings on the implementation of certain provisions of this Act; requiring the Commission to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before a certain date each year; requiring the Board of Trustees for the State Retirement and Pension System to require its Investment Committee to ensure that any shares held by the State are voted in favor of shareholder resolutions that ask the companies to adopt policies of refusing to do business with governments engaged in genocide or crimes against humanity; requiring the Investment Committee to report annually to the Board of Trustees and the State Treasurer on the use of certain shareholder advocacy activities; defining certain terms; and generally relating to the prevention of genocide and crimes against humanity.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – State Finance and Procurement
Section 6–222(a) and (d)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – State Finance and Procurement
Section 6–222(g) and 13–219.1
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – State Government
Section 9–3301 and 9–3302 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 33. Commission on Genocide Prevention”
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – State Personnel and Pensions
Section 21–116
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 534 – Delegate Acevero

AN ACT concerning

Public Health – Healthy Maryland Program – Establishment

FOR the purpose of establishing the Healthy Maryland Program as a public corporation and a unit of State government; providing that the exercise by Healthy Maryland of its authority under this Act is an essential governmental function; stating the findings and intent of the General Assembly; providing for the construction and effect of this Act; prohibiting Healthy Maryland and certain agencies and employees from providing or disclosing certain information for certain purposes; prohibiting certain law enforcement agencies from using certain funds, facilities, property, equipment, and personnel to investigate, enforce, or assist in the investigation or enforcement of certain violations and warrants; providing for the duties of Healthy Maryland; establishing that Healthy Maryland is subject to certain provisions of law; establishing the Healthy Maryland Board; providing for the duties of Board members; establishing certain requirements and prohibitions for Board members regarding conflicts of interest; prohibiting a member of the Board from being held personally liable for certain actions taken as a member; establishing the powers and duties of the Board; requiring the Board to appoint an Executive Director of Healthy Maryland; establishing the powers and duties of the Executive Director; requiring the Secretary of Budget and Management to perform certain functions relating to the employment and contracting of staff for Healthy Maryland; providing that an employee or independent contractor of Healthy Maryland is not subject to certain laws, regulations, or executive orders; providing for the implementation of Healthy Maryland; requiring the Board to provide a certain percentage of the annual budget of Healthy Maryland to provide certain assistance to certain programs for a certain time period; prohibiting a carrier from offering certain benefits and certain services; authorizing certain carriers to offer certain benefits; requiring that certain data be reported to the Health Services Cost Review Commission; providing that a certain provision of law does not impact certain provider reporting requirements; establishing the Healthy Maryland Public Advisory Committee; establishing certain requirements and prohibitions for Advisory Committee members regarding conflicts of interest; establishing the powers and duties of the Advisory Committee; prohibiting a member of the Advisory Committee from being held personally liable for certain actions taken as a member; establishing certain eligibility standards for enrollment in Healthy Maryland; prohibiting certain participating providers from engaging in certain conduct; authorizing certain institutions of higher education to purchase certain coverage for certain individuals; establishing certain requirements for certain employers and certain employees relating to the payment of certain premiums; authorizing certain residents of the State to receive certain benefits through certain employers and to opt out of participation in Healthy Maryland; providing that certain contributions made by employers on behalf of certain employees may not be abridged by this Act; authorizing certain persons to take certain credits against certain premiums; providing for the distribution, application, and amount of the credits; establishing the benefits covered under Healthy Maryland; establishing that a certain physician or health care provider has a certain approval under certain provisions of this Act and is authorized to establish a certain diagnosis and assessment; requiring the Board to perform a certain evaluation in a certain manner; authorizing health care providers and members of Healthy Maryland to petition the Board for a certain purpose; providing for the manner in which long-term services and supports are to be provided under Healthy Maryland;

establishing certain qualifications and requirements that must be met for health care providers to participate in Healthy Maryland; authorizing and requiring participating providers to provide certain services and take certain actions under Healthy Maryland; authorizing a member of Healthy Maryland to receive certain services from certain health care providers under certain circumstances; providing for the enrollment with and withdrawal from certain health care delivery systems, medical practices, and community providers for certain individuals and members of Healthy Maryland; prohibiting certain entities from furnishing certain items and services under certain circumstances; prohibiting participating providers from taking certain actions; requiring that a certain contract contain certain provisions; providing that a certain contract is null and void; prohibiting certain payments under certain circumstances; prohibiting the Board from terminating a certain participation agreement or from certain discrimination against certain individuals under certain circumstances; authorizing a certain provider or authorized representative of a provider to seek certain relief; prohibiting a certain employer from terminating or otherwise discriminating against a certain employee under certain circumstances; authorizing a certain employee to file a certain civil action; providing that certain rights, privileges, and remedies may not be waived under certain circumstances; establishing certain requirements for the payment of certain services under Healthy Maryland; prohibiting participating providers from charging certain rates and soliciting or accepting certain payment from certain persons for certain health care services; establishing certain requirements for payment of certain capital-related expenses; requiring the Board to pay a certain global budget payment to a certain provider within a certain time period; prohibiting certain payment amounts from taking into account certain factors; allowing certain operating expenses of a certain provider to include certain costs; requiring Healthy Maryland to engage in certain negotiations with certain representatives; requiring the Board to establish a certain formulary; requiring the Board to establish certain rates; prohibiting certain payments from taking into account, allowing, or including any process for the provision of certain funding; requiring Healthy Maryland to have a certain standard of health care for residents of the State; prohibiting certain payments under Healthy Maryland from being calculated in a certain manner; establishing certain requirements and duties for health care providers who participate in Healthy Maryland; requiring the Board, on or before a certain date, to apply for certain waivers of certain requirements and make certain arrangements under certain programs for a certain purpose; authorizing the Board to take certain actions relating to certain implementation for Healthy Maryland and certain administration of Medicare in the State; establishing certain requirements for Healthy Maryland regarding certain supplemental insurance coverage and certain drug coverage; authorizing the Board to waive or modify the applicability of certain provisions of this Act under certain circumstances; authorizing the Board to apply for coverage for certain members of Healthy Maryland and enroll those members in certain programs; requiring certain members of Healthy Maryland to enroll in certain coverage as a condition of certain eligibility for certain health care services; requiring members of Healthy Maryland to provide and authorize Healthy Maryland to obtain certain information; authorizing the termination of coverage under Healthy Maryland under certain circumstances; requiring Healthy Maryland to assume

responsibility for providing certain benefits and certain health care services in a certain manner; establishing the Healthy Maryland Trust Fund as a special, nonlapsing fund; requiring interest earnings of the Fund to be credited to the Fund; exempting the Fund from a certain provision of law requiring interest earning on State money to accrue to the General Fund of the State; authorizing certain health care providers to meet and communicate for the purpose of collectively negotiating with Healthy Maryland on certain matters; establishing certain rights and requirements relating to certain negotiations with Healthy Maryland; requiring a certain representative to pay a certain fee to the Board for a certain purpose; requiring the Board to set the fee at a certain amount; prohibiting certain concerted action and the negotiation of certain agreements by certain representatives; repealing the Board of Trustees of the Maryland Health Benefit Exchange; requiring the Healthy Maryland Board to oversee the administration of the Maryland Health Benefit Exchange under certain circumstances; repealing a requirement that the Board of Trustees of the Maryland Health Benefit Exchange appoint an Executive Director of the Exchange, with the approval of the Governor, and determine certain compensation for the Executive Director; requiring the Executive Director of Healthy Maryland to serve as the Executive Director of the Maryland Health Benefit Exchange under certain circumstances; making the provisions of this Act severable; defining certain terms; and generally relating to Healthy Maryland.

BY adding to

Article – Health – General

Section 25–101 through 25–1204 to be under the new title “Title 25. Healthy Maryland”

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Insurance

Section 31–101(a)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2017 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Insurance

Section 31–101(b)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2017 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing

Article – Insurance

Section 31–104 and 31–105(a)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2017 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – Insurance
Section 31–104 and 31–105(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2017 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – State Finance and Procurement
Section 6–226(a)(2)(i)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – State Finance and Procurement
Section 6–226(a)(2)(ii)122. and 123.
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – State Finance and Procurement
Section 6–226(a)(2)(ii)124.
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 535 – Delegate Acevero

AN ACT concerning

Maryland Sign Language Interpreter Act

FOR the purpose of establishing the State Board of Sign Language Interpreters in the Maryland Department of Labor; providing that certain provisions of law do not apply to certain individuals; providing for the composition of the Board and the appointment, terms, qualifications, expenses, and removal of the Board members; providing for the chair, term of the chair, meetings, and quorum of the Board; authorizing the Board to perform certain acts to enforce certain provisions of law; providing for the powers and duties of the Board; requiring the Board to establish criteria for the development of certain specialty area portfolios and certain requirements for certain services; requiring the Board to maintain a certain list of licensees and to make the list available to the public; authorizing the Board to set certain fees for certain purposes; requiring certain fees to be paid to the Comptroller, and the Comptroller to distribute certain fees in a certain manner; establishing the Sign Language Interpreters Fund; providing for the purpose and administration of the Fund; providing that the Fund is a special, nonlapsing fund; requiring the State Treasurer to hold the Fund separately, and the Comptroller to account for the Fund; providing for the contents of the Fund; providing for certain uses of the Fund;

requiring the State Treasurer to invest the money of the Fund in a certain manner; requiring certain investment earnings to be credited to the General Fund of the State; providing that certain expenditures must be made in accordance with the State budget; requiring the Board to confirm the license status and qualifications of an individual in a certain manner under certain circumstances; providing that the Board exercises its powers, duties, and functions subject to the authority of the Secretary of Labor; requiring an individual, except under certain circumstances, to be licensed by the Board before the individual may provide sign language interpretation services in the State or make certain representations; establishing certain qualifications for a license to provide sign language interpretation services; authorizing the Board to waive certain requirements for a certain license under certain circumstances; requiring the Board to issue a certain license in a certain manner; providing that certain licenses are not transferable; providing for the scope of certain licenses; requiring a licensee to provide a certain notice to the Board to change certain information on a license within a certain period of time; providing for the renewal, reinstatement, and reactivation of certain licenses; authorizing the Board to adopt certain regulations regarding continuing professional competency requirements; providing for the issuance, term, scope, and renewal of a provisional license; authorizing the Board to impose certain sanctions on certain license holders or applicants under certain circumstances; authorizing an individual sanctioned by the Board to submit a certain request for review in a certain manner; authorizing the Board to take certain actions on review; requiring the Board to commence certain proceedings on receipt of a certain complaint; establishing certain hearing procedures; establishing that certain confidentiality and privileges apply to sign language interpreters; establishing certain penalties for certain violations of law; authorizing certain individuals to report certain violations of law to the Board within a certain period of time; requiring the Board to provide a certain written notice under certain circumstances; authorizing a certain person to bring a certain action in court under certain circumstances; requiring that an evaluation of the Board and the statutes and regulations that relate to the Board be performed on or before a certain date; providing for a delayed effective date for certain licensing requirements; requiring the Board to develop and implement a certain public awareness campaign; providing that holding a certain certification satisfies a certain licensing requirement for members initially appointed to the Board; providing for the terms of the initial members of the Board; requiring the Governor to include a certain amount in the budget bill for a certain fiscal year for a certain purpose; defining certain terms; and generally relating to the State Board of Sign Language Interpreters.

BY renumbering

Article – Business Regulation

Section 2–108(a)(23) through (33), respectively
to be Section 2–108(a)(24) through (34), respectively

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY renumbering

Article – State Government

Section 8–403(58) through (62), respectively
to be Section 8–403(59) through (63), respectively
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – Business Occupations and Professions
Section 22–101 through 22–502 to be under the new title “Title 22. Sign Language
Interpreters”
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – Business Regulation
Section 2–108(a)(23)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – State Government
Section 8–403(58)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 536 – Delegate Acevero

AN ACT concerning

Public Financing Act – State Senate and House of Delegates Candidates and Matching Fund Revisions

FOR the purpose of altering the candidates authorized to receive public contributions from the Fair Campaign Financing Fund to include candidates for State Senator and member of the House of Delegates; requiring the Comptroller to distribute public contributions to a certain campaign finance entity established to receive public contributions for certain eligible candidates; altering the frequency with which the Comptroller is required to submit a certain statement to the State Board of Elections; requiring the State Board to make a certain determination regarding the balance of the Fund on or before a certain date in certain years; requiring the State Board to provide a certain notice to the Department of Budget and Management on or before a certain date under certain circumstances; requiring the Governor to include a certain appropriation in the budget bill in a certain year under certain circumstances; repealing certain provisions of law regarding the raising of seed money by gubernatorial tickets in order to be eligible to receive a public contribution; requiring certain candidates to take certain actions before receiving public

contributions from the Fund; authorizing certain campaign finance entities to accept only certain contributions and loans; establishing requirements that must be met to qualify as an eligible candidate; establishing a qualifying period for certain candidates; repealing certain provisions of law governing campaign expenditure limits for gubernatorial tickets that accept public contributions from the Fund; requiring the State Board to authorize distribution of money in the Fund on certification that certain qualifications have been met and not earlier than a certain date in a certain year; requiring the State Board to distribute public contributions from the Fund during the distribution period in a certain manner; establishing certain limits on the total public contribution payable to eligible candidates for certain elections; repealing certain provisions of law requiring that public contributions be distributed in a certain manner; prohibiting the State Board from distributing matching dollars for certain contributions and loans; requiring that a certain eligible candidate receive a certain proportion of a certain public contribution amount; authorizing an eligible candidate to withdraw under certain circumstances; altering the reasons for which public contributions may be spent to include an expenditure accompanied by a certain receipt; altering the time period within which expenses must be incurred in order to be paid using a public contribution; altering the time period within which a certain part of a public contribution is required to be repaid; providing that certain persons are civilly and criminally liable for the repayment of an unspent public contribution; requiring the State Board to authorize the repayment of certain money to the General Fund of the State from the Fund under certain circumstances; altering the provisions required to be included in certain regulations that the State Board is required to adopt; requiring a person who violates a certain provision of law in a certain manner to pay a certain civil penalty; providing that a certain infraction is a civil offense; authorizing the State Board to impose a certain civil penalty for certain violations of law; establishing procedures for the issuance, service, notice, contents, and prosecution of a certain civil citation; providing for the amount and payment of a certain civil penalty under certain circumstances; establishing certain provisions regarding a District Court proceeding relating to certain violations of law; requiring certain penalties to be distributed to the Fund; defining certain terms; providing for the application of certain provisions of this Act; altering certain defined terms and certain definitions; repealing certain defined terms; making conforming changes; and generally relating to the Public Financing Act.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Election Law

Section 13–235, 15–102, 15–103, 15–104.1, and 15–106 through 15–111

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2017 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing

Article – Election Law

Section 15–104 and 15–105

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2017 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – Election Law
Section 15–104, 15–105, 15–108, and 15–113
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2017 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 537 – Delegate Ruth

AN ACT concerning

Mental Health Law – Petitions for Emergency Evaluation – Procedures

FOR the purpose of authorizing, rather than requiring, a certain petitioner for emergency evaluation of an individual to give the petition to a peace officer; repealing the requirement that a peace officer explain certain information to a certain petitioner; requiring a certain petitioner for emergency evaluation to take an emergency evaluatee to the nearest emergency facility under certain circumstances; requiring, to the extent practicable, a certain petitioner to notify the emergency facility in advance that the petitioner is bringing an emergency evaluatee to the emergency facility; providing that a certain petitioner who brings an emergency evaluatee to an emergency facility is not required to stay with the emergency evaluatee; and generally relating to petitions for emergency evaluation.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Health – General
Section 10–622 and 10–624
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Health – General
Section 10–623
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 538 – Delegate Hartman

AN ACT concerning

Handgun Permits – Qualifications – High–Risk Occupations

FOR the purpose of requiring the Secretary of State Police to issue a certain permit to carry, wear, or transport a handgun to a person who meets certain requirements and is employed in a certain profession; and generally relating to permits to carry, wear, or transport a handgun.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Public Safety
Section 5–306(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 539 – Delegate Buckel

AN ACT concerning

Historic Revitalization Tax Credit – Certified Historic Structure and Single-Family, Owner-Occupied Residence – Definitions

FOR the purpose of altering the definitions of “certified historic structure” and “single-family, owner-occupied residence” to include a certain structure that is located on property that is owned by the Department of Natural Resources or one of its units; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to the State historic revitalization tax credit program.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – State Finance and Procurement
Section 5A–303(a)(1), (5), (13), (17), and (20)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – State Finance and Procurement
Section 5A–303(a)(6) and (29)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 540 – Delegate Morgan

AN ACT concerning

Interstate Occupational Therapy Licensure Compact

FOR the purpose of entering into the Interstate Occupational Therapy Licensure Compact; stating the purpose of the Compact; requiring a state to meet certain requirements to participate in the Compact; establishing certain duties of member states; authorizing a certain state to charge a certain fee for granting a certain compact privilege; requiring certain occupational therapists or occupational therapy assistants to meet certain eligibility requirements to receive certain licensure and exercise a certain privilege; establishing certain authorizations and requirements regarding the practice of occupational therapists and occupational therapy assistants under a compact privilege; requiring a licensee who is active duty military or the spouse of an individual who is active duty military to designate certain locations as the home state under certain circumstances; establishing certain authority of home states and remote states with regard to certain adverse actions; establishing the Occupational Therapy Compact Commission and its duties; providing for the election of an Executive Board of the Commission and establishing its duties; providing for the financing of the Commission; requiring the Commission to provide for the development, maintenance, and utilization of a coordinated database and reporting system; requiring member states to submit certain information to the data system; authorizing the Commission to adopt certain rules and amendments in a certain manner; providing for certain oversight, dispute resolution, and enforcement of the Compact; establishing certain requirements for withdrawal by member states from the Compact; providing for the dissolution of the Compact under certain circumstances; providing for the application of the Compact; providing for the binding effect of the Compact; establishing procedures for amending the Compact; making the provisions of the Compact severable; making this Act subject to a certain contingency; defining certain terms; and generally relating to the Interstate Occupational Therapy Licensure Compact.

BY adding to

Article – Health Occupations

Section 10–3A–01 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 3A. Interstate Occupational Therapy Licensure Compact”

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 541 – Montgomery County Delegation

AN ACT concerning

Montgomery County – Residential Property Sales – School District Information

MC 01–21

FOR the purpose of requiring a contract for the sale of single–family residential real property in Montgomery County to contain a certain notice concerning school district boundary changes; establishing that a certain contract may not be voided under

certain circumstances; and generally relating to notice of school district information in the sale of residential real property in Montgomery County.

BY adding to

Article – Real Property

Section 10–711

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 542 – Delegate C. Watson

AN ACT concerning

Emergency Management – Chief Resilience Officer – Appointment and Duties

FOR the purpose of requiring the Director of the Maryland Emergency Management Agency to appoint a Chief Resilience Officer; providing that the Chief Resilience Officer serves at the pleasure of the Director; providing for the salary of the Chief Resilience Officer and the categorization of the Chief Resilience Officer in the State Personnel Management System; establishing the duties and responsibilities of the Chief Resilience Officer; requiring the Chief Resilience Officer to prioritize certain efforts and ensure the collaboration of certain State agencies and programs in addressing certain priorities in certain years; requiring the Adaptation and Resiliency Workgroup of the Maryland Commission on Climate Change to provide certain support and assistance to the Chief Resilience Officer and to take certain actions with respect to the Workgroup’s membership under certain circumstances; requiring the Department of the Environment to provide certain assistance to the Chief Resilience Officer; requiring the University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science to provide certain assistance to the Chief Resilience Officer; requiring the Chief Resilience Officer to make a certain annual report to the Governor, the State Treasurer, and the General Assembly on or before a certain date; and generally relating to the Chief Resilience Officer.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Public Safety

Section 14–101

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – Public Safety

Section 14–104.1

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

APPOINTMENTS

January 15, 2021

RESOLVED, that the Speaker makes the following Joint Statutory Committee Appointments:

Joint Committee on Cybersecurity, Information Technology and Biotechnology

Hon. Pat Young, House Chair

Joint Committee on Spending Affordability

Hon. Marc Korman, House Chair

BY ORDER, SYLVIA SIEGERT, CHIEF CLERK

Read and adopted.

APPOINTMENT

JANUARY 15, 2021

RESOLVED, that the Speaker makes the following Special Joint Committee Appointment:

Joint Committee on Pensions

Hon. Brooke Lierman, House Chair

BY ORDER, SYLVIA SIEGERT, CHIEF CLERK

Read and adopted.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:33 A.M. on motion of Delegate Luedtke the House adjourned until 9:30 A.M. on Wednesday, January 20, 2021 into a Pro Forma Session.

Annapolis, Maryland
Wednesday, January 20, 2021
9:30 A.M. Session

The House met at 9:30 A.M. and pledged Allegiance to the Flag.

A quorum being present under House Rule 119, the House is operating in a Pro Forma Session.

The Journal of January 15, 2021 was read and approved.

CONSENT CALENDAR OF INTRODUCTORY HOUSE BILLS NO. 13

House Bill 543 – Delegate Hornberger

AN ACT concerning

Firearms – Right to Purchase, Possess, and Carry – Use of Medical Cannabis

FOR the purpose of providing that a person may not be denied the right to purchase, possess, or carry a firearm solely on the basis that the person is authorized to use medical cannabis; and generally relating to firearms.

BY adding to

Article – Public Safety

Section 5–701 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 7. Miscellaneous”

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 544 – Delegate Hornberger

AN ACT concerning

**Presidential Elections – Agreement Among the States to Elect the President by
National Popular Vote – Repeal**

FOR the purpose of rescinding the State’s consent to enter into the Agreement Among the States to Elect the President by National Popular Vote and repealing the statutory provisions reciting the Agreement; repealing certain provisions of law relating to the nomination of presidential electors; specifying that presidential electors in the State continue to be elected at large by the voters of the entire State and not in accordance with the procedure outlined in the Agreement; specifying that presidential electors

cast their votes for the candidates for President and Vice President who received a plurality of the votes cast in the State and not as defined under the Agreement; repealing a certain contingency relating to the State’s entry into the Agreement; and generally relating to the repeal of the Agreement Among the States to Elect the President by National Popular Vote.

BY repealing

Article – Election Law

Section 8–503(d)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2017 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

(As enacted by Chapters 43 and 44 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2007)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Election Law

Section 8–504 and 8–505

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2017 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

(As enacted by Chapters 43 and 44 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2007)

BY repealing

Article – Election Law

Section 8–5A–01 and the subtitle “Subtitle 5A. Agreement Among the States to Elect the President by National Popular Vote”

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2017 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing

Chapter 43 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2007

Section 3

BY repealing

Chapter 44 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2007

Section 3

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 545 – Delegate Hornberger

AN ACT concerning

Natural Resources – Licenses, Permits, Registrations, and Certificates – Digital or Electronic Format

FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of Natural Resources to make available and, on request, issue certain licenses, permits, registrations, and certificates in a digital or electronic format; establishing that an individual may satisfy certain

requirements to possess or display a license, permit, registration, or certificate by possessing or displaying the document in a certain digital or electronic format; requiring the Department to design certain digital or electronic documents in a certain manner; and generally relating to licenses, permits, registrations, and certificates issued by the Department of Natural Resources.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Natural Resources
Section 1–403(a), (b), (c), and (g)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Natural Resources
Section 1–403.1
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 546 – Delegate Hornberger

AN ACT concerning

Video Lottery Operator – Reconciliation of Proceeds – Uncollectible Debt

FOR the purpose of altering the definition of “proceeds” to allow a video lottery operator, under certain circumstances, to reduce the amount of proceeds received from video lottery terminals and table games by the amount of certain uncollectible negotiable instruments for up to a certain number of days following a certain determination; requiring the State Lottery and Gaming Control Commission to adopt certain regulations; requiring a video lottery operator to report certain information to certain committees of the General Assembly at a certain frequency; making technical changes; defining a certain term; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to proceeds from video lottery terminals and table games.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – State Government
Section 9–1A–01(a) and 9–1A–26(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – State Government
Section 9–1A–01(u) and 9–1A–26(e)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 547 – Delegate R. Lewis

AN ACT concerning

Maryland Medical Assistance Program – Dental Prophylaxis Care and Oral Health Exams

FOR the purpose of prohibiting, beginning on a certain date, the Maryland Medical Assistance Program from including a certain limitation on the frequency of dental prophylaxis care and oral health exams; and generally relating to dental prophylaxis care and oral health exam services provided under the Maryland Medical Assistance Program.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Health – General
Section 15–103(a)(1)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Health – General
Section 15–103(a)(2)(xv) and (xvi)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Health – General
Section 15–103(a)(2)(xvii)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 548 – Delegate R. Lewis

AN ACT concerning

Human Services – Trauma–Informed Care – Commission and Training

FOR the purpose of establishing the Commission on Trauma–Informed Care; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Commission; providing that the Commission is an independent commission functioning in the Department of Human Services; providing for the purpose of the Commission; requiring the Commission to determine certain procedures; providing for the terms of members of the

Commission; requiring the Governor to designate the chair of the Commission; prohibiting a member of the Commission from receiving certain compensation, but authorizing the reimbursement of certain expenses; providing that a majority of members serving on the Commission is a quorum; requiring the Commission to identify certain programs and services; requiring the Commission to assist in the development of a certain statewide trauma–responsive strategy; requiring the Commission to establish certain metrics, in collaboration with the Maryland Department of Health, related to a certain initiative; requiring the Commission to coordinate and develop, in consultation with the Maryland Department of Health, certain training on trauma–informed care; requiring the Commission to disseminate certain information among agencies; requiring the Commission to advise and assist the Governor for a certain purpose; requiring the Commission to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before a certain date each year; requiring members of the Commission to participate in a certain training each year; requiring certain State agencies to designate certain staff members to participate in a certain training each year; requiring certain staff members of certain State agencies to perform certain duties in a certain manner each year; requiring the Maryland Department of Health to provide certain technical support to certain staff members of certain State agencies; requiring certain directors of certain State agencies to submit to the Commission a certain report each year; defining certain terms; and generally relating to trauma–informed care.

BY adding to

Article – Human Services

Section 8–1301 through 8–1310 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 13.
Trauma–Informed Care”

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 549 – Delegate Pena–Melnyk

AN ACT concerning

Maryland Department of Health – Birth Registration – Gestational Carriers

FOR the purpose of requiring a certain person to attach a copy of an order of the court establishing parentage to a certificate of birth under certain circumstances; requiring, for a birth involving a gestational carrier in which parentage is determined by a certain court, that a certain person enter certain information on the forms provided by the Secretary of Health and attach a certain order to the forms; requiring the Division of Vital Records to immediately take certain actions on receipt of certain documents; defining a certain term; and generally relating to birth registration and gestational carriers.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Health – General
Section 4–208 and 4–226(b)(2)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 550 – Montgomery County Delegation

AN ACT concerning

Montgomery County – Education – School Site Council Pilot Program

MC 21–21

FOR the purpose of establishing the School Site Council Pilot Program in Montgomery County; providing for the purpose of the Program; requiring each public school in Montgomery County to establish a school site council; providing for the membership and purpose of the school site council; requiring each public school in Montgomery County to create a School Plan for Student Achievement; providing for the purpose and content of the Plan; requiring a school site council to conduct a certain needs assessment and a certain process before developing the Plan; establishing a certain process and time frame for submission, review, and approval of the Plan; authorizing a Plan to serve as a certain school improvement plan under certain circumstances; authorizing a school site council to be used to satisfy certain federal stakeholder requirements; requiring the Montgomery County Board of Education to adopt certain policies; defining certain terms; and generally relating to the Montgomery County School Site Council Pilot Program.

BY adding to

Article – Education
Section 4–501 through 4–505 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 5. Montgomery County School Site Council Pilot Program”
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means and the Committee on Appropriations.

House Bill 551 – Delegate Bagnall

AN ACT concerning

Maryland Medical Assistance Program and Health Insurance – Coverage and Reimbursement of Telehealth Services

FOR the purpose of altering the health care services the Maryland Medical Assistance Program is required to provide through telehealth; repealing a certain limitation on the requirement that the Program provide certain health care services through telehealth; altering the circumstances under which the Program is required to provide health care services through telehealth; requiring, subject to certain requirements, that certain provisions of law relating to coverage of and reimbursement for health care services delivered through telehealth apply to the Program and managed care organizations in a certain manner; authorizing the Maryland Department of Health to adopt certain regulations relating to telehealth services provided to Program recipients; requiring the Department to include certain health care providers and programs when specifying by regulation the types of health care providers eligible to receive certain reimbursement; repealing certain authorization of the Department relating to the coverage of and reimbursement for health care services that are delivered through store-and-forward technology or remote patient monitoring; establishing, for a certain purpose and certain standards, that a health care service provided through telehealth is equivalent to the same health care service when provided through an in-person consultation under certain circumstances; authorizing the Department to apply to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services for a certain amendment to certain waivers to implement certain requirements of this Act; repealing certain authorization provided to the Department to require submission of a certain form to the Department; repealing a certain requirement that the Department apply for a certain amendment to certain waivers to implement a certain pilot program relating to the provision of certain telehealth services; repealing a requirement that the Department administer the pilot program, collect certain data, and submit certain reports to the General Assembly; requiring certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations to provide certain coverage for certain services delivered through telehealth regardless of the location of the patient at the time the services are provided; establishing that a certain requirement relating to coverage of certain health care services delivered through telehealth includes coverage for the treatment for substance use disorders and mental health conditions; requiring certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations to reimburse certain health care services provided through telehealth in a certain manner and at a certain rate; requiring a certain utilization review by certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations to comply with certain State and federal laws; requiring certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations to allow an insured patient to select the manner in which a health care service is delivered; prohibiting certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations from requiring an insured patient to use telehealth in lieu of in-person service delivery; authorizing certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations to use telehealth to satisfy certain network access standards under certain circumstances; repealing the requirement that the Department study and submit a certain report to the General Assembly; requiring the Department to revise certain regulations for a certain purpose on or before a certain date; revising, restating, and recodifying certain provisions of law relating to the Program and reimbursement of services provided through telemedicine and telehealth; defining

certain terms; altering certain definitions; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to the coverage and reimbursement of health care services delivered through telehealth.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Health – General
Section 15–103(a)(1)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Health – General
Section 15–103(a)(2)(xv), 15–105.2, and 15–141.2
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Insurance
Section 15–139
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2017 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing
Chapter 17 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2020
Section 3

BY repealing
Chapter 18 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2020
Section 3

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 552 – Delegate Hornberger

AN ACT concerning

Maryland Medical Assistance Program – Emergency Service Transporters – Reimbursement

FOR the purpose of altering the medical services provided by an emergency service transporter for which the Maryland Department of Health is required to reimburse the emergency service transporter under certain circumstances; requiring the Department to increase the amount of certain reimbursement by a certain amount each fiscal year, beginning in a certain fiscal year, until the rate is at least a certain amount; and generally relating to the reimbursement of services provided by emergency service transporters.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Health – General
Section 15–114.1
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations and the Committee on Appropriations.

House Bill 553 – Delegate Ebersole

AN ACT concerning

State Lottery Tickets – Prohibition on Internet Sales – Repeal

FOR the purpose of repealing a provision of law that prohibits the State Lottery and Gaming Control Agency from allowing a person to purchase a State lottery ticket through an electronic device that connects to the Internet; and generally relating to the sale of State lottery tickets on the Internet.

BY repealing
Article – State Government
Section 9–111(e)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 554 – Delegate Pena–Melnyk

AN ACT concerning

Division of Consumer Protection – Assisted Living Programs

FOR the purpose of requiring certain assisted living programs to report certain information, on or before a certain date each year, to the Division of Consumer Protection of the Office of the Attorney General; requiring the Office of Health Care Quality within the Maryland Department of Health to refer an allegation of an unfair, abusive, or deceptive trade practice by an assisted living program to the Division of Consumer Protection under certain circumstances; defining a certain term; and generally relating to assisted living programs and the Division of Consumer Protection of the Office of the Attorney General.

BY adding to
Article – Commercial Law
Section 13–4B–01 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 4B. Reporting Requirements for Assisted Living Programs”

Annotated Code of Maryland
(2013 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Health – General
Section 19–1801
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Health – General
Section 19–1814
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 555 – Delegate Long

AN ACT concerning

**Baltimore County – Alcoholic Beverages – Class D Beer, Wine, and Liquor
Licenses**

FOR the purpose of repealing a prohibition on the Board of License Commissioners for Baltimore County from issuing a certain alcoholic beverages license to a drugstore; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages in Baltimore County.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Alcoholic Beverages
Section 13–102
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Alcoholic Beverages
Section 13–904
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 556 – Delegate D.E. Davis

EMERGENCY BILL

AN ACT concerning

Public Service Commission – Virtual Public Hearings

FOR the purpose of 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 certain notice of certain proceedings being conducted virtually; making this Act an emergency measure; and generally relating to the Public Service Commission and public hearings.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Public Utilities
Section 3–104 and 7–207(d)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 557 – Delegate Long

AN ACT concerning

Homestead Property Tax Credit – Calculation of Credit for Dwelling Purchased by First-Time Homebuyer

FOR the purpose of authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City or the governing body of a county to allow, by law, a first-time homebuyer in the State to calculate the homestead property tax credit using a certain method; requiring that the credit for a property that includes a newly purchased dwelling be calculated in a certain manner; providing that a certain homeowner receive the larger of the homestead property tax credit amounts as calculated using certain methods; making a conforming change; defining a certain term; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to the homestead property tax credit.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Tax – Property
Section 9–105(a)(1), (5), (7), and (9) and (b)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Tax – Property
Section 9–105(e)(1) and (2)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 558 – Delegate D.E. Davis

AN ACT concerning

For–Hire Driving and Vehicles – Requirements

FOR the purpose of 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 taxicab license in Baltimore City to have completed a certain course; repealing certain identification requirements for certain taxicabs; altering certain prohibitions relating to the operation of limousines to apply to certain motor vehicles operated for hire; prohibiting an individual from operating certain motor vehicles for hire unless the individual holds a valid for–hire driver’s license or transportation network operator’s license issued by the Commission or the appropriate local authority; prohibiting a person from allowing the operation of certain motor vehicles for hire unless the individual holds a valid for–hire driver’s license or transportation network operator’s license issued by the Commission or the appropriate local authority; repealing the requirement that certain motor vehicles driven for hire display certain special plates; repealing an exemption for taxicabs from the requirement to be equipped with certain seat belts; making conforming changes; and generally relating to the Public Service Commission and for–hire drivers and vehicles.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Public Utilities
Section 10–104 and 10–206
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Transportation
Section 21–1127 and 22–412
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 559 – Delegate Long

AN ACT concerning

Baltimore County – Property Tax – Homeowners Property Tax Credit

FOR the purpose of requiring the governing body of Baltimore County to grant a certain property tax credit to supplement the State homeowners property tax credit; providing for the calculation of the credit; prohibiting the county from granting the credit under certain circumstances; providing that the State Department of Assessments and Taxation is responsible for certain administrative duties with respect to the credit; requiring the county to reimburse the Department for certain costs; defining certain terms; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to a homeowners property tax credit supplement for certain property located in Baltimore County.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Tax – Property
Section 9–215(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Tax – Property
Section 9–305(h)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 560 – Delegate Fennell

AN ACT concerning

Human Relations – Discrimination in Housing – Reentry–Into–Society Status

FOR the purpose of expanding the housing policy of the State to include providing for fair housing to all citizens regardless of reentry–into–society status; prohibiting a person from refusing to sell or rent a dwelling to any person because of reentry–into–society status; prohibiting a person from discriminating against any person in the terms, conditions, or privileges of the sale or rental of a dwelling because of reentry–into–society status; prohibiting a person from making, printing, or publishing certain types of materials with respect to the sale or rental of a dwelling that indicate a preference, limitation, or discrimination on the basis of reentry–into–society status; prohibiting a person from falsely representing that a dwelling is not available for inspection, sale, or rental based on reentry–into–society status; prohibiting a person from inducing or attempting to induce, for profit, a person to sell or rent a dwelling by making certain representations relating to the entry or prospective entry into the neighborhood of a person having a particular reentry–into–society status; prohibiting a person whose business includes engaging in residential real estate–related transactions from discriminating against any person in making available a transaction or in the terms or conditions of a

transaction because of reentry–into–society status; prohibiting a person from denying a person, based on reentry–into–society status, access to, or membership or participation in, a service, an organization, or a facility relating to the business of selling or renting dwellings, or discriminating against a person in the terms or conditions of membership or participation; prohibiting a person from, by force or threat of force, willfully injuring, intimidating, or interfering with any person because of reentry–into–society status because the person is negotiating for the sale or rental of any dwelling or participating in any service relating to the business of selling or renting dwellings; providing that this Act does not limit the rights or remedies that are otherwise available to a landlord or tenant under any other law; defining a certain term; and generally relating to prohibitions against discrimination in housing based on reentry–into–society status.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – State Government
Section 20–701, 20–702, 20–705, 20–707, and 20–1103
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – State Government
Section 20–703 and 20–704
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 561 – Delegate D.E. Davis

AN ACT concerning

Renewable Energy Portfolio Standard – Wastewater, Thermal, and Other Renewable Sources

FOR the purpose of expanding the types of energy sources that qualify as Tier 1 renewable sources under the renewable energy portfolio standard; altering the types and uses of methane made from certain sources that qualify as Tier 1 renewable sources; adding certain wastewater used in certain manners to the definition of a “Tier 1 renewable source”; authorizing energy from a wastewater heating or cooling system to be eligible for inclusion in meeting the renewable energy portfolio standard under certain conditions; requiring the Public Service Commission to determine the energy savings of a wastewater heating or cooling system in a certain manner; requiring the Commission to adopt certain regulations; making technical corrections; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to wastewater, thermal energy, and the renewable energy portfolio standard.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Public Utilities
Section 7–701(a) and (d) and 7–704(f)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Public Utilities
Section 7–701(s) and 7–704(a) and (h)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Public Utilities
Section 7–704(j)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 562 – Montgomery County Delegation

AN ACT concerning

Montgomery County – Speed Limits – Establishment

MC 02–21

FOR the purpose of authorizing Montgomery County to decrease the maximum speed limit to not less than a certain speed on highways only after performing an engineering and traffic investigation; and generally relating to the establishment of speed limits on highways in Montgomery County.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Transportation
Section 21–803
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 563 – Delegate Long

AN ACT concerning

Local Government – Animal Control Facilities – Adoption Fee Waiver for Veterans (Pets for Vets Act of 2021)

FOR the purpose of 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 certain 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 under this Act in a certain manner; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to animal control facilities operated by a county or municipality.

BY adding to

Article – Local Government
Section 1–1314
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2013 Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 564 – Montgomery County Delegation

AN ACT concerning

Montgomery County – Automated Traffic Enforcement – Implementing Agency

MC 4–21

FOR the purpose of authorizing Montgomery County to designate the Montgomery County Department of Transportation as the agency responsible for implementing automated traffic enforcement programs in the county; requiring that an employee of the Montgomery County Department of Transportation, instead of a law enforcement officer, sign a certain required statement on a citation issued through the use of automated traffic enforcement systems in Montgomery County, under certain circumstances; altering the process under certain circumstances for the certification of evidence produced through the use of automated traffic enforcement systems; and generally relating to automated traffic enforcement in Montgomery County.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Transportation
Section 21–202.1(a)(1) and (c), 21–809(a)(1), and 21–810(a)(1)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Transportation
Section 21–202.1(a)(2), 21–706.1, 21–809(a)(2), (d)(1)(viii), and (e)(1), and
21–810(a)(2) and (8), (d)(1), (2), and (3), (e)(1), and (i)
Annotated Code of Maryland

(2020 Replacement Volume)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 565 – Delegate Charkoudian

AN ACT concerning

Health Facilities – Hospitals – Medical Debt Protection

FOR the purpose of specifying the method for calculating family income to be used for certain purposes under a certain hospital financial assistance policy; requiring a hospital to submit annually a certain report to the Health Services Cost Review Commission at a certain time; requiring the Commission to post certain information on its website; altering the required contents of a hospital's policy on the collection of debts owed by patients; requiring a hospital to provide a refund of certain amounts collected from a patient or the guarantor of a patient who was found eligible for reduced-cost care on the date of service; establishing certain prohibitions on hospitals that charge interest fees on hospital bills; requiring a hospital to provide in writing to certain patients information about the availability of a certain installment payment plan; requiring a hospital to provide certain information to a patient, the patient's family, an authorized representative, or the patient's legal guardian at certain times; prohibiting a certain payment plan from requiring a patient to make certain monthly payments and imposing certain penalties; requiring a hospital to determine certain adjusted monthly income in a certain manner under certain circumstances; requiring a certain payment plan to have a certain repayment period; establishing that certain patients are deemed to be compliant with a certain payment plan under certain circumstances; requiring a hospital to demonstrate that it attempted in good faith to meet certain requirements before the hospital takes certain actions; altering and specifying certain time periods during which and the circumstances under which a hospital is prohibited from taking a certain action; prohibiting a hospital from reporting certain information about certain patients to a consumer reporting agency; prohibiting a hospital from taking certain actions against certain patients under certain circumstances; requiring a hospital to provide certain instructions to a consumer reporting agency under certain circumstances; repealing a certain authorization for a hospital to hold a certain lien; prohibiting a hospital from requesting a certain lien in a certain action; prohibiting a hospital from filing an action or giving a certain notice to a patient for nonpayment of debt until after a certain time period; prohibiting a hospital from taking certain actions if the hospital files a certain action; prohibiting a hospital from requesting a certain writ to garnish certain wages or filing a certain action under certain circumstances; prohibiting a hospital from filing a certain action if a certain debt is below a certain amount; prohibiting a hospital from making a certain claim against an estate of a deceased patient; prohibiting a hospital from filing a certain action against a certain patient or until certain conditions are met; prohibiting a hospital from delegating certain collection activity to a debt collector to collect a certain amount of debt; prohibiting certain individuals from being held liable for a certain debt; authorizing

a certain individual to consent to assume a certain liability under certain circumstances; requiring a hospital to send a certain written notice of intent at least a certain period of time before filing a certain action; providing for the manner of delivery, content, and structure of a certain notice of intent; requiring a certain complaint to include a certain affidavit and be accompanied by certain documents; requiring that a hospital require a debt collector to have certain responsibility for meeting certain requirements under certain circumstances; requiring the Commission to prepare a certain annual report; requiring that a certain report be made available to the public in a certain manner and submitted to certain committees of the General Assembly; altering certain references by changing “outside collection agency” to “debt collector”; making conforming changes; and generally relating to hospital debt collection policies.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Health – General
Section 19–214.1(b)(1)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Health – General
Section 19–214.1(b)(2)(i) and (ii) and 19–214.2
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 566 – Delegate Long

AN ACT concerning

County Boards of Education – Virtual Schools – Requirement

FOR the purpose of requiring a county board of education, beginning in a certain school year, in coordination with the State Department of Education, to establish virtual schools to provide students with an alternative to traditional classroom instruction; requiring certain virtual schools to provide instruction to certain students; and generally relating to virtual schools in the State.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Education
Section 7–1401 and 7–1403
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Education

Section 7-1402
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 567 – Montgomery County Delegation

AN ACT concerning

**Montgomery County – Cooperative Housing Corporations, Condominiums, and
Homeowners Associations – Reserve Studies**

MC 3-21

FOR the purpose of requiring the governing body of certain cooperative housing corporations in Montgomery County to have a certain reserve study conducted of the common elements of the cooperative housing corporation by a certain date and at certain intervals under certain circumstances; requiring the reserve study conducted of the common elements of a cooperative housing corporation in Montgomery County to meet certain criteria; requiring the annual budget of a cooperative housing corporation in Montgomery County to include certain information if a reserve study indicates a need to budget for reserves; requiring the governing body of a cooperative housing corporation in Montgomery County to provide reserve funds in the annual budget for the cooperative housing corporation in accordance with a reserve study conducted under this Act; establishing that the governing body of a cooperative housing corporation in Montgomery County has the authority to increase a certain assessment notwithstanding certain provisions; altering the content of the annual budget of certain condominiums in Montgomery County; requiring the governing body of certain condominiums in Montgomery County to have a certain reserve study conducted of the common elements of the condominium by a certain date and at certain intervals under certain circumstances; requiring the reserve study conducted of the common elements of a condominium in Montgomery County to meet certain criteria; requiring the governing body of a condominium in Montgomery County to provide reserve funds in the annual budget for the condominium in accordance with a reserve study conducted under this Act; establishing that the board of directors of a condominium in Montgomery County has the authority to increase a certain assessment notwithstanding certain provisions; altering the content of the annual budget of certain homeowners associations; requiring the governing body of certain homeowners associations in Montgomery County to have a certain reserve study conducted of the common areas of a homeowners association by a certain date and at certain intervals under certain circumstances; requiring the reserve study conducted of the common areas of a homeowners association in Montgomery County to meet certain criteria; requiring the governing body of a homeowners association in Montgomery County to provide reserve funds in the annual budget for the homeowners association in accordance with a reserve study conducted under this Act; establishing that the governing body of a homeowners association in

Montgomery County has the authority to increase a certain assessment notwithstanding certain provisions; altering certain definitions; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to reserve studies and annual budgets of cooperative housing corporations, condominiums, and homeowners associations in Montgomery County.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
 Article – Corporations and Associations
 Section 5–6B–26.1
 Annotated Code of Maryland
 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
 Article – Real Property
 Section 11–109(c)(16)(v), 11–109.2(c), 11–109.4, 11–110(b)(1)(ii), 11B–106.1(e),
 11B–112.2(d), 11B–112.3, and 11B–117(a)(2)
 Annotated Code of Maryland
 (2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 568 – Delegate Pena–Melnyk

AN ACT concerning

Human Services – Maryland Baby Bond Account Program – Establishment

FOR the purpose of establishing the Maryland Baby Bond Account Program in the Office of the State Treasurer; establishing the Baby Bond Account Fund as a special, nonlapsing fund; specifying the purpose of the Fund; requiring the Baby Bond Account Board 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; requiring interest earnings of the Fund to be credited to the Fund; exempting the Fund from a certain provision of law requiring interest earnings on State money to accrue to the General Fund of the State; providing that money from the Fund may not be considered money of the State, deposited in the Treasury, or commingled with other State funds; prohibiting the State from being held liable for any losses or shortage of funds resulting from certain investments; establishing the Baby Bond Account Board; providing for the purpose of the Board; providing for the membership, terms, and compensation of the Board; requiring the Board to select a chair from among its members; requiring members of the Board to file a certain financial disclosure statement; requiring the Board to appoint an Executive Director; authorizing the Board to hire certain staff and consult with certain individuals; authorizing the Board to adopt certain regulations; requiring the Board to develop a certain marketing plan; requiring the State Treasurer to establish and make certain deposits into certain accounts for

eligible individuals; requiring the State Treasurer, the Maryland Department of Health, and the Department of Human Services to exchange information necessary to carry out this Act; requiring the State Treasurer to establish a process to accept certain contributions and transfers of money; authorizing an eligible individual to withdraw money from the individual's account under certain circumstances; requiring an eligible individual to take a course in financial literacy before withdrawing money from the eligible individual's account; requiring any unclaimed money in an eligible individual's account to remain in the Fund and be designated for other eligible individuals; requiring the Governor to make a certain appropriation to the Fund during a certain fiscal year; requiring the State Treasurer to adopt certain regulations; allowing certain individuals a subtraction modification under the Maryland income tax for certain contributions made to or money deducted from an individual account established under the Program; defining certain terms; providing for the initial terms of the public members of the Board; and generally relating to the Maryland Baby Bond Account Program.

BY adding to

Article – Human Services

Section 8–1301 through 8–1310 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 13. Maryland Baby Bond Account Program”

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – State Finance and Procurement

Section 6–226(a)(2)(i)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – State Finance and Procurement

Section 6–226(a)(2)(ii)122. and 123.

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – State Finance and Procurement

Section 6–226(a)(2)(ii)124.

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Tax – General

Section 10–207(a)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2016 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – Tax – General

Section 10–207(jj)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2016 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

House Bill 569 – Delegate Clippinger

AN ACT concerning

Electricity – Net Energy Metering – Limit

FOR the purpose of altering the statewide limit on rated generating capacity for net energy metering under a certain contract or tariff available to certain eligible customer–generators; and generally relating to electricity and net energy metering.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Public Utilities

Section 7–306(d)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2020 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 570 – Delegate Long

AN ACT concerning

Homestead Property Tax Credit Program – Notice of Eligibility – Lead Registry and Code Compliance

FOR the purpose of requiring the State Department of Assessments and Taxation to include with a required notice to a homeowner about the homestead property tax credit certain information regarding the homeowner’s obligation, under certain circumstances, to register certain property with the Maryland Department of the Environment and comply with certain building and housing codes; and generally relating to the homestead property tax credit program.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Tax – Property

Section 9–105(f)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 571 – Montgomery County Delegation

EMERGENCY BILL

AN ACT concerning

Montgomery County – Disabled Active Duty Service Members, Disabled Veterans, and Surviving Spouses – Property Tax Abatement

MC 20–21

FOR the purpose of authorizing the governing body of Montgomery County to authorize, by law, for certain taxable years and under certain circumstances, an abatement of any overdue property tax on dwelling houses owned by disabled active duty service members, disabled veterans, or surviving spouses who qualify for a certain property tax exemption; making a conforming change; making this Act an emergency measure; and generally relating to a property tax exemption for dwelling houses owned by disabled active duty service members, disabled veterans, or surviving spouses.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Tax – Property
Section 7–208(a) and (b)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Tax – Property
Section 7–208(f)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 572 – Delegate Clippinger

AN ACT concerning

Baltimore City – 46th District – Alcoholic Beverages Licenses

FOR the purpose of authorizing the holder of certain alcoholic beverages licenses in the 46th alcoholic beverages district in Baltimore City to apply for an alteration to a certain license; authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Baltimore City to issue a Class D beer and light wine license in a certain area if a memorandum of understanding has been executed with Brewer’s Hill Neighbors, Inc.; and generally

relating to alcoholic beverages licenses in the 46th alcoholic beverages district in Baltimore City.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Alcoholic Beverages
Section 12–102 and 12–1406
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Alcoholic Beverages
Section 12–1604
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 573 – Delegate Long

AN ACT concerning

Baltimore County – Overdue Property Taxes – Waiver of Interest and Penalties

FOR the purpose of requiring the governing body of Baltimore County to waive any interest or penalties imposed on a person for the late payment of the county property tax on residential real property in Baltimore County for certain taxable years; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to payment of property taxes in Baltimore County.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Tax – Property
Section 14–603(b)(5)(i) and 14–702(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 574 – Montgomery County Delegation

AN ACT concerning

Montgomery County Stable Homes Act

MC 8–21

FOR the purpose of prohibiting evictions of a tenant holding over beyond the expiration of a lease in Montgomery County in the absence of just cause under certain

circumstances; specifying the circumstances under which just cause exists in a certain action to evict; specifying that just cause is not required under certain circumstances; requiring a certain notice to a tenant to be sent in a certain manner under certain circumstances; authorizing a landlord to evict a tenant only after providing certain notice under certain circumstances; requiring a landlord to plead and prove certain facts concerning just cause under certain circumstances; requiring the Montgomery County Executive, subject to certain conditions, to make publicly available on the Montgomery County Executive's website and to report to the Montgomery County Council and the members of the Montgomery County Delegation to the General Assembly annually on or before a certain date certain information on evictions in Montgomery County in the preceding calendar year; defining certain terms; providing for the application of certain provisions of this Act; declaring the intent of the General Assembly; and generally relating to just cause evictions in Montgomery County.

BY adding to

Article – Real Property
Section 8–402(d) and (e)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 575 – Cecil County Delegation

AN ACT concerning

Cecil County – Motor Vehicle Registration – Exception for Golf Carts

FOR the purpose of creating an exception from motor vehicle registration requirements under certain circumstances for golf carts in Cecil County; providing that a person who operates a golf cart in Cecil County may operate the golf cart only on certain highways at certain times and only if the golf cart is equipped with certain lighting devices; requiring a person who operates a golf cart on a highway in Cecil County to keep as far to the right of the roadway as feasible and possess a valid driver's license; authorizing Cecil County to designate certain highways on which a person may operate a golf cart; authorizing the governing body of a municipality in Cecil County to designate the highways on which a person may operate a golf cart within the municipality's limits; and generally relating to an exception to motor vehicle registration requirements for golf carts in Cecil County.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Transportation
Section 13–402(a)(1)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Transportation
Section 13–402(c)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume)

BY adding to
Article – Transportation
Section 21–104.5
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 576 – Delegate Hornberger

AN ACT concerning

Election Law – Political Clubs

FOR the purpose of altering the application of certain provisions of law for the purpose of requiring a political club to be established as a political committee and to file a certain statement of organization; repealing the exemption for political clubs from the requirement that campaign finance entities file campaign finance reports at the State Board of Elections in a certain manner; repealing a certain exemption for political clubs from the prohibition on paying a person other than a campaign finance entity to defray the costs of a campaign finance entity; making a conforming change; providing that a political club in existence before a certain date is not required to file any campaign finance reports under this Act for any period before a certain date and shall file a campaign finance report covering a certain period; and generally relating to political clubs.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Election Law
Section 1–101(a), (h), and (gg)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2017 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Election Law
Section 1–101(ss), 13–207, 13–208, 13–304(a)(1), and 13–602(a)(4)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2017 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 577 – Delegate Stewart

AN ACT concerning

**Health and Welfare of H-2 Visa and Migrant Workers – COVID-19 Pandemic –
Regulations
(Healthy Farmworkers Act)**

FOR the purpose of requiring the Secretary of Labor to adopt certain regulations, on or before a certain date, relating to housing, accommodations, safety, health, rights, and welfare of H-2A and H-2B visa and migrant workers during the COVID-19 pandemic; and generally relating to the adoption of regulations regarding the health and welfare of H-2 visa and migrant workers.

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 578 – Delegate D.E. Davis

AN ACT concerning

Public Utilities – Annual Reports

FOR the purpose of altering the due dates of certain annual reports prepared by the Public Service Commission; altering the due date of a certain report by the Department of Housing and Community Development relating to the Electric Universal Service Program; and generally relating to public utilities and annual reports.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Public Utilities
Section 2-122, 7-211(k), and 7-512.1(c) and (d)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 579 – Delegate Hornberger

AN ACT concerning

Snare Traps – Prohibition Against Sale or Possession – Alterations

FOR the purpose of repealing a prohibition against possessing a snare trap in certain counties; repealing a prohibition against using, selling, possessing, setting, placing, or maintaining a snare trap in Cecil County; repealing an obsolete provision of law; and generally relating to snare traps.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Natural Resources

Section 10–410(p)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 580 – Delegate D.M. Davis

AN ACT concerning

Driver’s Licenses – Suspension for Child Support Arrearages – Repeal

FOR the purpose of repealing the process under which the Child Support Administration is authorized to notify the Motor Vehicle Administration of an individual’s child support arrearages for the purpose of suspending the individual’s driver’s license or privilege to drive; repealing the process under which the Motor Vehicle Administration is required to suspend an individual’s driver’s license or privilege to drive on certain notice that the individual has child support arrearages; making certain conforming changes; making certain stylistic changes; and generally relating to the repeal of the processes under which an individual’s driver’s license or privilege to drive is suspended as a result of child support arrearages.

BY repealing

Article – Family Law
Section 10–119
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing

Article – Transportation
Section 16–203
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Transportation
Section 16–208(a) and 16–303(h)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 581 – Delegate D.E. Davis

EMERGENCY BILL

AN ACT concerning

**Labor and Employment – Employment Standards During an Emergency
(Maryland Essential Workers’ Protection Act)**

FOR the purpose of requiring the Maryland Health Benefit Exchange to provide for a special enrollment period for health insurance coverage for certain essential workers during certain emergencies; requiring an essential employer to give a written statement regarding certain hazard pay paid to certain essential workers at certain intervals; requiring the Maryland Emergency Management Agency and a local organization of emergency services to periodically evaluate and determine whether an emergency is occurring or has occurred and make a certain announcements under certain circumstances; requiring an essential employer to take certain actions related to occupational safety and health during an emergency; authorizing an essential worker to refuse to fulfill a certain responsibility under certain circumstances; prohibiting an essential employer from retaliating or taking other adverse action against an essential worker or other worker for certain actions; requiring an essential worker to notify the Commissioner of Labor of Industry of certain information within a certain time period for a certain purpose; providing for the enforcement of this Act; requiring an essential employer to comply with certain standards, protocols, and procedures established by the Commissioner; requiring essential employers to prepare a certain plan and take certain actions with regard to the plan; requiring essential employers to take certain steps to minimize the risk of transmission of an infectious disease under certain circumstances; requiring an essential employer to pay costs associated with certain testing under certain circumstances; requiring essential employees to report certain test results to the Maryland Department of Health in a certain manner; requiring essential employers to provide essential workers with certain bereavement and health leave; requiring essential employers to provide certain essential workers with certain hazard pay in a certain manner; prohibiting an essential employer from lowering certain pay for a certain purpose; requiring essential employers to provide certain financial assistance during an emergency under certain circumstances and in a certain manner; prohibiting certain financial assistance from being counted towards an essential worker’s eligibility for State means–tested benefit programs; prohibiting an essential employer from misclassifying an essential worker; defining certain terms; providing for the application of this Act; making this Act an emergency measure, and generally relating to employment standards during an emergency.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Insurance
Section 31–108(b)(6)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2017 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Labor and Employment
Section 3–504
Annotated Code of Maryland

(2016 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – Labor and Employment

Section 3–1601 through 3–1612 to be the new subtitle “Subtitle 16. Maryland
Essential Workers’ Protection Act”

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2016 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters and the Committee on Appropriations.

House Bill 582 – Cecil County Delegation

AN ACT concerning

Cecil County – Sales and Use Tax Exemption – Federal Facilities Redevelopment Areas

FOR the purpose of 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 certain evidence to a vendor; defining certain terms; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to the sales and use tax.

BY adding to

Article – Tax – General

Section 11–241

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2016 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 583 – Delegate Stein

AN ACT concerning

Climate Solutions Now Act of 2021

FOR the purpose of requiring the State to reduce statewide greenhouse gas emissions by a certain percentage from certain levels by a certain year; requiring the State to achieve net–zero statewide greenhouse gas emissions by a certain year; providing that certain net–zero energy requirements do not apply to certain public school buildings, subject to certain exceptions; requiring certain schools to be constructed to meet certain net–zero energy requirements subject to the availability of certain funding; requiring a certain school system to provide a certain notice to the

Interagency Commission on School Construction; requiring certain schools to be solar-ready; requiring the State to make available a certain loan to cover certain costs incurred in constructing a new school to meet certain net-zero energy requirements, subject to the availability of certain funding; requiring the Commission on Environmental Justice and Sustainable Communities to recommend a certain methodology, develop certain recommendations, set certain goals, and make a certain report on or before a certain date; requiring the Commission on Environmental Justice and Sustainable Communities to consider certain factors in evaluating certain methodologies; requiring the Commission on Environmental Justice and Sustainable Communities to hold certain meetings and solicit certain input in carrying out its responsibilities under this Act; authorizing certain meetings to be held using teleconference or Internet-based conferencing technology under certain circumstances; requiring the Department of the Environment to require a certain landfill operator to take certain actions if certain methane emissions data acquired from aircraft observations exceeds certain ground-level emissions data; requiring the Department of the Environment to publicly disclose certain data and discrepancies on the Department of the Environment's website; requiring the Department of the Environment to submit certain plans to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before certain dates; requiring the Department of the Environment to adopt a certain final plan on or before a certain date; requiring the Department of the Environment to review and, as necessary, revise a certain plan on or before a certain date; establishing certain requirements for a certain final plan; requiring the Department of the Environment, in developing and implementing certain plans, to ensure that certain greenhouse gas emissions reduction measures incorporate certain methane emissions data and use certain best available scientific data; specifying that certain economic benefits should be compared with a no-action scenario and requiring a certain economic benefit analysis to include the social cost of carbon, in accordance with certain requirements; specifying that certain greenhouse gas emissions reduction measures should encourage certain employment opportunities particularly in certain areas of the State; requiring the Maryland Commission on Climate Change to establish a Just Transition and Employment Retraining Working Group; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Working Group; prohibiting a member of the Working Group from receiving certain compensation, but authorizing the reimbursement of certain expenses; requiring the Working Group to study, identify, and advise on certain matters; requiring the Working Group to report its findings to the General Assembly on or before a certain date; requiring certain reports of the Maryland Commission on Climate Change to include a certain analysis in certain years; requiring the Maryland Department of Labor to adopt regulations establishing certain energy conservation requirements for certain buildings on or before a certain date; specifying the energy use reductions that certain regulations must require certain buildings to achieve; establishing certain exceptions to certain energy conservation requirements; requiring the Maryland Department of Labor to adopt regulations requiring certain buildings to be solar-ready on or before a certain date; allowing certain regulations to authorize a local jurisdiction to waive certain solar-ready requirements under certain circumstances; authorizing a local jurisdiction to adopt certain energy conservation and solar energy requirements that are more stringent than certain requirements

established by the Maryland Department of Labor; requiring certain buildings to be renovated to achieve certain energy use reductions under certain circumstances; authorizing a local jurisdiction to waive certain renovation requirements under certain circumstances; requiring the Maryland Department of Labor to adopt certain regulations relating to building renovations on or before a certain date; requiring the Maryland Department of Labor to adopt regulations directing local jurisdictions to require certain energy life cycle cost estimates for certain buildings on or before a certain date; establishing a certain exemption from certain life cycle analysis requirements; requiring certain regulations to require certain energy models to evaluate life cycle costs for certain options; requiring the consideration of certain costs when calculating certain life cycle costs; requiring certain life cycle cost estimates to be made available to the Maryland Department of Labor and taken into consideration when the State revises the Maryland Building Performance Standards or the Energy Code; requiring the Public Service Commission to require each electric company to procure or provide certain energy efficiency and conservation programs and services to its electricity customers on a certain savings trajectory for the duration of certain program cycles; altering the definition of “high performance building” for purposes of certain provisions of law; applying certain requirements regarding high performance buildings to capital projects for which at least a certain percentage of the project costs are funded with State funds; repealing a requirement that the Maryland Green Building Council develop certain guidelines for new public school buildings; requiring the Maryland Green Building Council to ensure that certain buildings, schools, and community colleges meet certain high performance building requirements and to develop guidelines for evaluating the energy balance and achieving a certain energy balance in certain buildings; establishing the intent of the General Assembly that a certain percentage of light-duty vehicles in the State vehicle fleet be zero-emission vehicles by a certain year; requiring the State to ensure that a certain minimum percentage of light-duty vehicles purchased for the State vehicle fleet in certain fiscal years are zero-emission vehicles, subject to the availability of funding; requiring the Chief Procurement Officer to submit a certain report to the General Assembly on or before a certain date each year; requiring certain units to cooperate with the Chief Procurement Officer in the collection and reporting of certain information; establishing the Net-Zero School Loan Fund as a special, nonlapsing fund; specifying the purpose of the Net-Zero School Loan Fund; requiring the Maryland Energy Administration to administer the Net-Zero School Loan Fund; requiring the State Treasurer to hold the Net-Zero School Loan Fund and the Comptroller to account for the Net-Zero School Loan Fund; specifying the contents of the Net-Zero School Loan Fund; specifying the purpose for which the Net-Zero School Loan Fund may be used; providing for the investment of money in and expenditures from the Net-Zero School Loan Fund; requiring interest earnings of the Net-Zero School Loan Fund to be credited to the Net-Zero School Loan Fund; exempting the Net-Zero School Loan Fund from a certain provision of law requiring interest earnings on State money to accrue to the General Fund of the State; requiring a certain amount of certain proceeds received by the Maryland Strategic Energy Investment Fund to be allocated to the Maryland Healthy Soils Program in certain fiscal years; requiring a certain amount of certain proceeds received by the Maryland Strategic Energy Investment Fund to be credited to a climate solutions

account to be used for certain purposes in certain fiscal years, under certain circumstances; limiting the amount of money that may be deposited to the climate solutions account; requiring the Maryland Energy Administration to prioritize the allocation of certain funds in a certain order under certain circumstances; prohibiting the Motor Vehicle Administration from entering into a contract to purchase buses for the Administration's State transit bus fleet that are not zero-emission buses beginning in a certain fiscal year; requiring the full cost of certain zero-emission buses to be paid from the Transportation Trust Fund; requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration to make a certain annual report to certain committees of the General Assembly on or before a certain date; specifying the contents of a certain report; exempting certain personal property that is part of a certain community solar energy generating system from county or municipal corporation property tax under certain circumstances; requiring a certain landowner who enrolls in the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program in certain fiscal years to receive a certain signing bonus; requiring certain signing bonuses to be funded in a certain manner; establishing the policy of the State to support and encourage certain tree-planting efforts, with a goal of planting and helping to maintain in the State a certain number of sustainable trees of species native to the State by the end of a certain year; specifying that this goal is in addition to certain trees projected to be planted under certain programs and includes certain tree plantings accomplished through certain State programs and private efforts; establishing the intent of the General Assembly that a certain minimum number of trees should be planted in certain underserved areas; making the Department of the Environment responsible for tracking the State's progress toward meeting certain tree-planting goals and requiring the Department of the Environment to serve as the lead agency to receive certain data; establishing a 5 Million Tree Program Coordinator within the Department of the Environment; establishing the responsibilities of the Program Coordinator and requiring the Program Coordinator to consolidate certain data and make a certain report to certain committees of the General Assembly on or before a certain date each year; requiring the Governor to formally pledge the State's commitment to achieving certain tree-planting goals through the U.S. Chapter of the World Economic Forum's One Trillion Trees Initiative; requiring a certain amount from the Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays 2010 Trust Fund to be used for certain purposes in certain fiscal years; requiring the BayStat Subcabinet agencies to distribute certain funds through grants to the Green Shores Program; establishing an Urban Trees Program administered by the Chesapeake Bay Trust; providing for the purpose of the Urban Trees Program; requiring the Trust to make grants to qualified organizations for certain purposes; specifying certain eligible Program expenses for the Urban Trees Program; providing for the funding of the Urban Trees Program; requiring the Trust to seek certain funds, grants, and donations for the purpose of the Urban Trees Program; requiring a certain grant agreement to specify the allowed uses of certain funds and include provisions for the verification of certain information; requiring the Trust to report certain information concerning certain grant awards to the Department of Natural Resources and the Department of the Environment on or before a certain date each year; requiring the Department of the Environment to make certain transfers from the Bay Restoration Fund for certain purposes in certain fiscal years, after funding certain eligible costs; establishing certain authorizations

and restrictions regarding the distribution and use of certain funds transferred to the Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays 2010 Trust Fund; providing that certain funds transferred from the Bay Restoration Fund are supplemental to and may not take the place of certain other funding; establishing the Commission for the Innovation and Advancement of Carbon Markets and Sustainable Tree Plantings; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Commission for the Innovation and Advancement of Carbon Markets and Sustainable Tree Plantings; prohibiting a member of the Commission for the Innovation and Advancement of Carbon Markets and Sustainable Tree Plantings from receiving certain compensation, but authorizing the reimbursement of certain expenses; requiring the Commission for the Innovation and Advancement of Carbon Markets and Sustainable Tree Plantings to study and make recommendations regarding certain matters; requiring the Commission for the Innovation and Advancement of Carbon Markets and Sustainable Tree Plantings to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before a certain date; requiring the Governor to appropriate a certain amount per fiscal year from the climate solutions account of the Strategic Energy Investment Fund to the Net-Zero School Loan Fund in certain fiscal years, subject to the availability of funding in the climate solutions account; defining certain terms; altering certain definitions; providing for the application of certain provisions of this Act; providing for the effective date of certain provisions of this Act; providing for the termination of certain provisions of this Act; making certain provisions of this Act subject to a certain contingency; and generally relating to climate change and measures to combat climate change.

BY renumbering

Article – Environment

Section 2–1204.2

to be Section 2–1204.3

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2013 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Education

Section 5–312

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Environment

Section 1–701(a) and (h), 2–1201(4), 2–1204.1, 2–1205, 2–1206, 2–1210, 2–1303(a),
and 2–1304

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2013 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Environment

Section 1–701(b) and (c)

Annotated Code of Maryland
(2013 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – Environment
Section 1–702, 2–407, 2–1204.2, 2–1212, and 2–1303.1
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2013 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Public Safety
Section 12–501
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – Public Safety
Section 12–511 through 12–513
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Public Utilities
Section 7–211(g)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – State Finance and Procurement
Section 3–602.1, 4–809(f), and 6–226(a)(2)(ii)122. and 123.
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – State Finance and Procurement
Section 6–226(a)(2)(i)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – State Finance and Procurement
Section 6–226(a)(2)(ii)124. and 14–417
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – State Government

Section 9–2010
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – State Government
Section 9–20B–05(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – State Government
Section 9–20B–05(g)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Transportation
Section 7–406
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Tax – Property
Section 7–237
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Agriculture
Section 8–706
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Natural Resources
Section 8–2A–02(a), 8–2A–04(a), and 8–1901
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Natural Resources
Section 8–2A–02(f) and 8–2A–04(c)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – Natural Resources
Section 8–1911
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Environment
Section 9–1605.2(i)(1)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Environment
Section 9–1605.2(i)(2)(xii) and (xiii)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Environment
Section 9–1605.2(i)(2)(xiv) and (11)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Environment
Section 9–1605.2(i)(1)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)
(As enacted by Chapters 366 and 367 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2017)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Environment
Section 9–1605.2(i)(2)(xi) and (xii)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)
(As enacted by Chapters 366 and 367 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2017)

BY adding to
Article – Environment
Section 9–1605.2(i)(2)(xiii) and (10)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)
(As enacted by Chapters 366 and 367 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2017)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation and the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 584 – Delegate R. Watson

AN ACT concerning

Public Utilities – Net Energy Metering

FOR the purpose of increasing the maximum generation capacity of an electric generating system that may be used by an eligible customer-generator for net metering; prohibiting the Public Service Commission from prohibiting the construction or operation of multiple net metered solar generating facilities located on certain contiguous lots solely because the capacity of the combined net metering systems exceeds a certain limit under certain circumstances; and generally relating to the net metering of electric generating systems.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Public Utilities

Section 7–306(a)(1), (4), (7), and (8) and (b) through (f)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2020 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Public Utilities

Section 7–306(g)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2020 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 585 – Delegate D.M. Davis

AN ACT concerning

Commercial Law – Consumer Protection – Financial Capabilities and Legal Assistance Fund

FOR the purpose of prohibiting a collection agency from passing to a consumer any costs associated with certain filing fees; establishing the Financial Capabilities and Legal Assistance Fund as a special, nonlapsing fund; specifying the purpose of the Fund; requiring the Division of Consumer Protection in the Office of the Attorney General to administer the Fund; requiring the Division to adopt certain regulations; 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; requiring the State Court Administrator and the Chief Judge of the District Court to collect certain fees and pay the fees into the Fund; requiring interest earnings of the Fund to be credited to the Fund; exempting the Fund from a certain provision of law requiring interest earnings on State money to accrue to the General

Fund of the State; defining certain terms; and generally relating to the Financial Capabilities and Legal Assistance Fund.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Business Regulation
Section 7–101(a) and (d)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Business Regulation
Section 7–402
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Commercial Law
Section 13–207
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2013 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings
Section 7–202(h) and 7–301(g)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – State Finance and Procurement
Section 6–226(a)(2)(i)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – State Finance and Procurement
Section 6–226(a)(2)(ii)122. and 123.
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – State Finance and Procurement
Section 6–226(a)(2)(ii)124.
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 586 – Delegate R. Watson

AN ACT concerning

General Provisions – Commemorative Days – Tuskegee Airmen Commemoration Day

FOR the purpose of requiring the Governor annually to proclaim a certain day as Tuskegee Airmen Commemoration Day; requiring the proclamation to urge certain organizations to observe Tuskegee Airmen Commemoration Day through appropriate and informative programs and activities; and generally relating to Tuskegee Airmen Commemoration Day.

BY renumbering

Article – General Provisions

Section 7–402 through 7–417, respectively

to be Section 7–403 through 7–418, respectively

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – General Provisions

Section 7–402

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 587 – Delegate R. Watson

AN ACT concerning

Department of Information Technology – Status of Information Technology and Cybersecurity in State Agencies – Reports

FOR the purpose of requiring each unit of State government to submit a certain report related to information technology and cybersecurity to the Department of Information Technology on or before a certain date each year; establishing the required contents of certain reports; requiring the Department to compile and analyze certain information and report to each unit of State government and the General Assembly certain information and recommendations each year; and generally relating to information technology and cybersecurity in units of State government.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – State Finance and Procurement

Section 3A–101(a) and (b)

Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – State Finance and Procurement

Section 3A–315

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

CONSENT CALENDAR OF INTRODUCTORY HOUSE BILLS NO. 14

House Bill 588 – The Speaker and the President (By Request – Administration)

Budget Bill

(Fiscal Year 2022)

AN ACT for the purpose of 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; and generally relating to appropriations and budgetary provisions made pursuant to that section.

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

House Bill 589 – The Speaker (By Request – Administration)

AN ACT concerning

Budget Reconciliation and Financing Act of 2021

FOR the purpose of altering the source of funding for certain required appropriations; expanding the authorized uses of certain funds; altering, for certain fiscal years, the total State operating fund per full-time equivalent student for certain community colleges that the Governor is required to request; altering, for certain fiscal years, the total State operating funds required to be distributed to certain community colleges; altering, for certain fiscal years, the annual apportionment for each institution that qualifies for aid under the Joseph A. Sellinger Program; requiring certain scholarship funds to be deposited in a certain student financial assistance fund under certain circumstances; requiring certain funding to be used to disburse assistance under a certain loan assistance repayment program; altering the amount the Governor is authorized to appropriate to a certain fund in certain budgets; limiting the amount of a certain subsidy that a certain commission may receive each fiscal year; requiring that a certain subsidy for a certain program must be at least a certain amount each fiscal year; reducing the amount the State is required to

appropriate in the State budget as a payment to a certain city for certain services; repealing a requirement that a certain appropriation to a certain city be increased each year by a certain amount; providing that, for certain fiscal years, a certain revenue estimate adjustment made by the Bureau of Revenue Estimates may not exceed certain amounts; altering a requirement that for a certain fiscal year the Governor include in the budget bill a certain appropriation to the accumulation funds of the State Retirement and Pension System; expanding the uses of State bond premiums transferred to the Annuity Bond Fund; requiring local governments to be responsible for a certain percentage of payments owed to certain erroneously convicted individuals; increasing the percentage of certain costs for which each county and Baltimore City are responsible for reimbursing the State; altering certain requirements that for certain fiscal years the Governor appropriate certain amounts from the General Fund to a certain special fund; providing the budgeted Medicaid Deficit Assessment for certain fiscal years; providing that payments to certain providers with rates set by a certain committee may not increase by more than a certain amount for a certain fiscal year; authorizing the Governor to transfer certain amounts from certain funds; authorizing certain State agencies to temporarily charge certain expenditures to a certain account; providing a process to reimburse a certain account for certain charged expenditures; authorizing the Governor to print a reduced number of budget books for a certain fiscal year; requiring the Comptroller to transfer a certain amount from a certain special fund if certain conditions are not met; making certain grants to local jurisdictions in a certain fiscal year contingent on certain local funding; exempting certain retirees of the Employees' and Teachers' Pension Systems from a certain earnings limitation for a certain period of time; providing for the application and termination of a certain provision relating to a certain retiree earnings limitation; requiring certain employees in positions in certain Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services facilities to be transferred to certain vacancies in certain other facilities; and generally relating to the financing of State and local government.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Commercial Law

Section 14–4104(a)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2013 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Education

Section 5–219(a) through (c), 18–401, 18–501(a), 18–3201(a), (b), and (d), and 24–201

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Education

Section 5–219(g), 16–305(c)(1), 17–104(a), 18–407(d), 18–501(c), 18–3203, and
24–204(d)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Health – General
Section 19–2201(a) and (e)(1)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Health – General
Section 19–2201(e)(2)(iv)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Health – General
Section 19–2201(e)(2)(v)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Insurance
Section 6–102.1, 14–106(d) and (e), and 31–107.2(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2017 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Natural Resources
Section 4–209(k)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – State Finance and Procurement
Section 4–608, 6–104(e), 7–311(j)(1), 7–325, 8–132, and 10–501(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – State Finance and Procurement
Section 10–501(b)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Tax – General
Section 2–1303

Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Tax – Property
Section 2–106 and 13–209(d–1) and (g)(2), (3), and (4)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Tax – Property
Section 13–209(d)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Chapter 397 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2011, as amended by Chapter 425 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2013, Chapter 464 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2014, Chapter 489 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2015, Chapter 23 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2017, Chapter 10 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2018, Chapter 16 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2019, and Chapter 538 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2020
Section 16(c)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

House Bill 590 – The Speaker (By Request – Administration)

AN ACT concerning

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

FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt in the amount of One Billion, One Hundred Seven Million, Four Hundred Twenty–Seven Thousand Dollars (\$1,107,427,000), 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, subject to certain requirements that certain matching funds be provided and expended by certain dates; providing generally for the issuance and sale of bonds evidencing the loan; imposing a certain tax on all assessable property in the State; requiring that certain grantees convey certain easements under certain circumstances to the Maryland Historical Trust; providing that the proceeds of certain loans must be expended or encumbered by a

certain date; authorizing the Board of Public Works, under certain circumstances, to approve certain appropriations, notwithstanding certain technical differences; authorizing certain unexpended appropriations in certain prior capital budgets and bond loans to be expended for other public projects; altering certain requirements for certain programs in certain prior capital budgets and bond loans; reducing prior authorizations of State Debt; requiring that certain projects be constructed at certain locations; adding, altering, and repealing certain requirements for certain appropriations; specifying the use of certain project funds; altering and expanding the authorized purpose of certain grants; providing that certain grants may not terminate before certain dates; authorizing premiums from the sale of State bonds in certain fiscal years to be used for certain purposes under certain circumstances; requiring the Comptroller to make certain transfers, adjustments, and reconciliations; repealing certain Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loan Preauthorization acts; authorizing the creation of State Debt in certain years to be used for certain purposes; making certain technical corrections; providing for a delayed effective date for certain provisions of this Act; and generally relating to the financing of certain capital projects.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Chapter 444 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2012, as amended by Chapter 463 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2014, Chapter 495 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2015, Chapter 27 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2016, Chapter 22 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2017, Chapter 9 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2018, and Chapter 14 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2019

Section 1(1)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Chapter 444 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2012, as amended by Chapter 14 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2019

Section 1(3) Item RC00(A)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Chapter 424 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2013, as amended by Chapter 463 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2014, Chapter 495 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2015, Chapter 27 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2016, Chapter 22 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2017, Chapter 9 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2018, Chapter 14 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2019, and Chapter 537 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2020

Section 1(1)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Chapter 424 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2013, as amended by Chapter 22 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2017 and Chapter 537 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2020

Section 1(3) Item DE02.01(A)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Chapter 463 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2014
Section 1(3) Item RM00(A)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Chapter 463 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2014, as amended by Chapter
495 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2015, Chapter 27 of the Acts of the
General Assembly of 2016, Chapter 22 of the Acts of the General Assembly of
2017, Chapter 9 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2018, Chapter 14 of
the Acts of the General Assembly of 2019, and Chapter 537 of the Acts of the
General Assembly of 2020
Section 1(1)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Chapter 463 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2014, as amended by Chapter 9
of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2018 and Chapter 14 of the Acts of the
General Assembly of 2019
Section 1(3) Item RD00(A)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Chapter 495 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2015
Section 1(3) Item UA01(A) and WA01(A)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Chapter 495 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2015, as amended by Chapter 27
of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2016, Chapter 22 of the Acts of the
General Assembly of 2017, Chapter 9 of the Acts of the General Assembly of
2018, and Chapter 14 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2019
Section 1(1)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Chapter 27 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2016
Section 1(3) Item RE01(A)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Chapter 27 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2016, as amended by Chapter 22
of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2017, Chapter 9 of the Acts of the
General Assembly of 2018, Chapter 14 of the Acts of the General Assembly of
2019, and Chapter 537 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2020
Section 1(1)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Chapter 22 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2017
Section 1(3) Item ZA02(E) and (K) and ZA03(U) and (AQ)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Chapter 22 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2017, as amended by Chapter 537
of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2020
Section 1(1)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Chapter 9 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2018
Section 1(1), 1(3) Item ML10(A) and ZA02(AN), and 14(1) Item DE02.02(A)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Chapter 14 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2019
Section 1(3) Item ML10(A)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Chapter 537 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2020
Section 1(3) Item ZA01(C) and 16(1) Item RB36(A) and RB25(A)

BY repealing
Chapter 537 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2020
Section 13, 14, and 15

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

House Bill 591 – Delegate R. Watson

AN ACT concerning

Property Tax Exemption – Disabled Veterans

FOR the purpose of expanding eligibility for a property tax exemption for the dwelling house of a disabled veteran to include veterans with at least a certain percentage of service connected disability; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to a property tax exemption for the dwelling house of a disabled veteran.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Tax – Property
Section 7–208(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Tax – Property
Section 7–208(b)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 592 – Delegate Fraser–Hidalgo

AN ACT concerning

State Vehicle Fleet – Conversion to Zero–Emission Electric Vehicles

FOR the purpose of prohibiting, beginning in a certain fiscal year, a State unit from entering into a contract to purchase or lease a vehicle for the State vehicle fleet that is not a zero–emission electric vehicle; and generally relating to the State vehicle fleet and zero–emission electric vehicles.

BY adding to

Article – State Finance and Procurement

Section 14–417

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 593 – Delegate Fraser–Hidalgo

AN ACT concerning

Condominiums and Homeowners Associations – Meeting Requirements

FOR the purpose of making clarifying changes to certain additional meeting requirements for a council of unit owners; requiring notice of an initial properly called meeting of a council of unit owners to include certain information under certain circumstances; requiring an additional meeting of a council of unit owners to be held not earlier than a certain time; requiring a certain notice of an additional meeting of the council of unit owners to be delivered, advertised, or posted in a certain manner; authorizing an additional meeting of lot owners to be held under certain circumstances; requiring notice of an initial properly called meeting of the lot owners of a homeowners association to include certain information under certain circumstances; requiring an additional meeting of lot owners to be held not earlier than a certain time; requiring a certain notice of an additional meeting of the lot owners to be delivered, advertised, or posted in a certain manner; establishing certain quorum and approval requirements for an additional meeting of lot owners under certain circumstances; providing for the construction of certain provisions of this Act; and generally relating to meeting requirements in condominiums and homeowners associations.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Real Property

Section 11–109(c)(8) and 11B–111(4) and (5)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – Real Property

Section 11B–111(6)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 594 – Delegate Fraser–Hidalgo

AN ACT concerning

**Prohibition on Sale of Wildlife – Local Venison Donation
Programs – Application**

FOR the purpose of establishing that the prohibition against selling, offering for sale, bartering, or exchanging a game bird or game mammal taken from the wild does not apply to certain venison that is donated to certain local venison donation programs for processing and distribution to certain nonprofit entities; making certain conforming changes; and generally relating to the application of the prohibition against selling, offering for sale, bartering, or exchanging a game bird or game mammal taken from the wild.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings

Section 5–634

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2020 Replacement Volume)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Natural Resources

Section 10–404(e)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2012 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Natural Resources

Section 10–404(g)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2012 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 595 – Delegate Fraser–Hidalgo

AN ACT concerning

Vehicle Laws – Personal Delivery Devices – Standards and Requirements

FOR the purpose of establishing an exception to motor vehicle registration requirements for personal delivery devices; authorizing a personal delivery device to operate on any highway, sidewalk, or crosswalk in the State; prohibiting a personal delivery device from being operated in certain manners; creating certain marking, equipment, and insurance requirements for personal delivery devices being operated on highways, sidewalks, or crosswalks; excluding personal delivery devices from the defined terms “motor vehicle” and “vehicle”; defining certain terms; and generally relating to standards and requirements for personal delivery devices.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Transportation
Section 11–135, 11–176, and 13–402(c)(13) and (14)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Transportation
Section 13–402(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume)

BY adding to
Article – Transportation
Section 13–402(c)(15) and 21–104.5
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 596 – Delegate D.E. Davis

AN ACT concerning

Commercial Law – Professional Athlete Funding Act

FOR the purpose of establishing certain requirements for certain player brand agreements between certain professional athletes and certain investors; establishing that player brand agreements that comply with requirements of certain provisions of this Act are valid, binding, and enforceable contracts notwithstanding certain laws; stating the findings of the General Assembly; providing that the Attorney General and the Division of Consumer Protection of the Office of the Attorney General have certain authority to enforce this Act; authorizing certain professional athletes to bring an action in a certain court to recover for certain injuries or losses sustained as a result of a violation of this Act; authorizing a court to award certain costs and fees under certain circumstances; establishing a certain penalty for a violation of this Act;

establishing a certain short title for this Act; providing for the application of this Act; defining certain terms; and generally relating to professional athletes and player brand agreements.

BY adding to

Article – Commercial Law

Section 11–1701 through 11–1706 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 17.
Professional Athlete Funding Act”

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2013 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 597 – Delegate Kelly

AN ACT concerning

Child Care Centers – Teacher Qualifications

FOR the purpose of 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 a certain individual to be a child care teacher in a certain child care center; requiring that the probationary employment qualifications allow an individual to be employed as a child care teacher in a probationary period under certain circumstances; requiring a child care center to terminate or reassign a certain individual to a nonteaching position under certain circumstances; and generally relating to the qualifications of child care center teachers.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Education

Section 9.5–404(a)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Education

Section 9.5–404(b)(10) and (11)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – Education

Section 9.5–404(b)(12) and (c)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 598 – Delegate Kelly

AN ACT concerning

**Maryland Medical Assistance Program – Applied Behavior Analysis Services –
Reimbursement**

FOR the purpose of 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 certain individuals in a certain setting; providing for the application of this Act; defining certain terms; and generally relating to the Maryland Medical Assistance Program and reimbursement of applied behavior analysis services.

BY adding to

Article – Health – General

Section 15–149

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 599 – Delegate Kelly

AN ACT concerning

Public Health – Long–Term Care Planning

FOR the purpose of requiring the Maryland Department of Health, on or before a certain date, to develop and publish materials to assist State residents with long–term care family planning; requiring certain materials to meet certain requirements, be consistent with certain other materials, and include certain contact information; requiring the Department to make certain materials available in certain languages; requiring, on or before a certain date, certain State agencies to update certain websites in a certain manner; providing for a delayed effective date; and generally relating to long–term care planning.

BY adding to

Article – Health – General

Section 20–2001 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 20. Long–Term Care
Planning”

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 600 – Delegate Belcastro

AN ACT concerning

**State Board of Examiners for Audiologists, Hearing Aid Dispensers, and
Speech–Language Pathologists – Duties, Appointment of Members, and
Requirements for Licensees**

FOR the purpose of altering the definition of “board” for purposes of requiring the State Board of Examiners for Audiologists, Hearing Aid Dispensers, and Speech–Language Pathologists to post a list of certain courses, provide certain information on certain courses at a certain time, and advertise the availability of certain courses; requiring the Board, instead of certain organizations, to submit certain lists to the Secretary of Health and the Governor for the purpose of appointing certain speech–language pathologist and certain audiologist members; requiring the Board to notify licensed speech–language pathologists in the State of a certain vacancy and conduct a certain balloting process for the purpose of filling certain speech–language pathologist member vacancies; requiring the Board, rather than certain organizations, to notify licensed audiologists in the State of a certain vacancy and conduct a certain balloting process for the purpose of filling certain audiologist member vacancies; requiring the Secretary, rather than the Department of Disabilities, to submit a certain list to the Governor for purposes of appointing certain consumer members; repealing the requirement that the Department of Disabilities solicit certain nominees for certain consumer members; authorizing certain organizations or family members to submit certain recommendations to the Secretary for certain consumer member vacancies; authorizing the Board and the Secretary to notify certain organizations or family members of a certain vacancy and solicit certain applications; requiring certain licensees to identify and represent themselves to the public using certain information; requiring certain licensees to include a certain license number on certain documentation; repealing a certain requirement that a certain licensee display a certain license in a certain manner in a certain place; requiring the Board to maintain a certain list of individuals licensed by the Board and make the list available on its website; authorizing an individual to contact the Board to verify a certain license; altering the changes in information with respect to which a licensee is required to notify the Board within a certain period of time; repealing certain obsolete provisions of law; making technical, stylistic, and conforming changes; and generally relating to audiologists, hearing aid dispensers, and speech–language pathologists.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Health Occupations

Section 1–801, 2–202(a), 2–302.1(a), 2–302.2, 2–305(a) and (b), 2–307.4, and 2–311

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Health Occupations
Section 1–802
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 601 – Delegate Kipke

AN ACT concerning

Pharmacy Benefits Managers – Definition of Purchaser and ERISA

FOR the purpose of altering the definition of “purchaser” for the purposes of certain provisions of State insurance law governing pharmacy benefits managers to repeal the exclusion of certain persons that provide prescription drug coverage or benefits through plans subject to ERISA; repealing a certain definition; and generally relating to pharmacy benefits managers and plans subject to ERISA.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Insurance
Section 15–1601
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2017 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 602 – Delegate Kipke

EMERGENCY BILL

AN ACT concerning

Maryland Medical Assistance Program and Managed Care Organizations That Use Pharmacy Benefits Managers – Reimbursement Requirements

FOR the purpose of requiring the Maryland Medical Assistance Program to establish reimbursement levels, rather than maximum reimbursement levels, for certain drug products; requiring that certain minimum reimbursement levels be at least equal to a certain drug acquisition cost plus a certain fee; altering the cost on which a certain reimbursement level is required to be based; providing that certain provisions of this Act apply to managed care organizations that use pharmacy benefits managers to manage prescription drug coverage; requiring a pharmacy benefits manager that contracts with a pharmacy on behalf of a managed care organization to reimburse the pharmacy an amount that is at least equal to a certain cost plus a certain fee; making this Act an emergency measure; and generally relating to the Maryland

Medical Assistance Program and managed care organizations that use pharmacy benefits managers.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Health – General
Section 15–118(b)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Health – General
Section 15–118(f)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Insurance
Section 15–1632
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2017 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 603 – Delegate Kipke

AN ACT concerning

Health Insurance – Pharmacy Benefits Managers – Explanation of Benefits Statements

FOR the purpose of requiring pharmacy benefits managers to provide to certain beneficiaries on a quarterly basis an explanation of benefits statement on a form approved by the Maryland Insurance Commissioner; requiring that the explanation of benefits statements contain certain information regarding certain claims for prescription drugs; providing for the application of this Act; providing for a delayed effective date; and generally relating to pharmacy benefits managers and explanation of benefits statements.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Insurance
Section 15–1601(a), (c), (l), (m), and (o)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2017 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Insurance
Section 15–1604.1

Annotated Code of Maryland
(2017 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 604 – Delegate Kipke

AN ACT concerning

**Funeral Establishments and Crematories – Unclaimed Cremains of Veterans
– Notification, Disposition, and Reporting**

FOR the purpose of specifying that the purpose for which licensed funeral establishments and holders of a permit for the business of operating a crematory are authorized to transfer certain cremains to a veterans service organization under certain circumstances is for the appropriate disposition of the cremains; requiring a licensed funeral establishment and the holder of a permit for the business of operating a crematory in possession of unclaimed cremated remains of a certain veteran or a certain eligible dependent to make a certain notification to the Department of Veterans Affairs within a certain period of time for the purpose of the appropriate disposition of the cremains; requiring a funeral establishment or crematory to transfer certain cremains to the Department for a certain purpose; and generally relating to the appropriate disposition of unclaimed cremains of veterans.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Health Occupations
Section 7–406
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 605 – Delegate Kipke

AN ACT concerning

Veterans – Behavioral Health Services – Mental Health First Aid

FOR the purpose of 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 certain entities to report certain information to the Department; requiring the Department, annually beginning on a certain date and under certain circumstances, to report certain information to the Governor and the General

Assembly; making conforming changes; and generally relating to mental health first aid for veterans.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Health – General
Section 13–2702
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Health – General
Section 13–2703
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 606 – Delegate D.E. Davis

EMERGENCY BILL

AN ACT concerning

Electricity and Gas – Limited–Income Mechanisms

FOR the purpose of authorizing certain utility companies to adopt a limited–income mechanism to benefit certain eligible limited–income customers, subject to the approval of the Public Service Commission; authorizing various forms that a mechanism may take; requiring a utility company to apply for approval of a mechanism by the Commission in certain manners; requiring a proposal for a mechanism to allocate certain costs across rate classes; providing for the required contents of a proposal for a mechanism; requiring the Office of Home Energy Programs to certify an eligible limited–income customer’s qualifications under certain circumstances; providing that an eligible limited–income customer who participates in a certain mechanism may also be eligible for certain other assistance programs; establishing that certain services provided to eligible limited–income customers under a certain mechanism are not subject to certain limitations; declaring the intent of the General Assembly; defining certain terms; making this Act an emergency measure; and generally relating to limited–income customers and utility services.

BY adding to
Article – Public Utilities
Section 4–308
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Public Utilities
Section 4–503
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 607 – Delegate Kipke

EMERGENCY BILL

AN ACT concerning

**State Health and Welfare Benefits Program – Requirements for Selection of
Pharmacy Benefits Manager**

FOR the purpose of requiring that the terms of a certain participant bidding agreement for participation in a reverse auction for the selection of a pharmacy benefits manager for the Maryland Rx Program include a requirement that the bidder, if selected as a pharmacy benefits manager for the Program through the auction, pay a certain dispensing fee to certain pharmacists; requiring the Department of Budget and Management to require that the fee be stated by the bidders in certain bids; providing for the retroactive application of this Act; making this Act an emergency measure; making technical corrections; and generally relating to pharmacy benefits managers and the State Health and Welfare Benefits Program.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – State Personnel and Pensions
Section 2–502.2
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations and the Committee on Appropriations.

House Bill 608 – Delegate Solomon

AN ACT concerning

**Early Childhood Education – Child Care Provider Support Grant Program
(The Child Care Provider Support Act)**

FOR the purpose of establishing the Child Care Provider Support Grant Program; establishing the purpose of the Grant Program; requiring the Department of Commerce, in consultation with the State Department of Education, to implement and administer the Grant Program and, in consultation with certain industry

leaders or advisory groups, to adopt certain regulations; authorizing the Secretary of Commerce to adjust the amount of a grant award under certain circumstances; prohibiting the Secretary of Commerce from awarding a grant that is greater than a certain amount; requiring the Secretary of Commerce to prioritize grant awards to eligible grantees located in certain zip codes; restricting the use of grant awards to certain purposes; requiring the Governor to include in the annual budget bill a certain appropriation for the Grant Program for each fiscal year; defining certain terms; and generally relating to the Child Care Provider Support Grant Program.

BY adding to

Article – Education

Section 9.5–421

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means and the Committee on Appropriations.

House Bill 609 – Delegate Boyce

AN ACT concerning

Public and Nonpublic Schools – Bronchodilator Availability and Use – Policy (Bronchodilator Rescue Inhaler Law)

FOR the purpose of requiring each county board of education and authorizing nonpublic schools in the State to establish a policy to authorize certain school personnel to administer bronchodilators to certain students under certain circumstances; prohibiting a school nurse or certain school personnel from administering a bronchodilator to a prekindergarten student except under certain circumstances; requiring a certain policy to include certain information; providing that certain nurses and certain school personnel may not be held personally liable for certain acts or omissions except under certain circumstances; requiring each public school to notify a certain student’s parent or legal guardian, make a certain record, and file a certain form under certain circumstances; requiring each public school to submit a certain report to the State Department of Education and the Maryland Department of Health using a certain form and on a schedule required by the State Department of Education and the Maryland Department of Health; requiring the State Department of Education and the Maryland Department of Health jointly to develop and disseminate certain forms; defining certain terms; making a stylistic change; and generally relating to a bronchodilator availability and use policy in public and nonpublic schools in the State.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Education

Section 7–426.2 and 7–426.3

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 610 – Delegate Hill

AN ACT concerning

Homeowners' Property Tax Credit – Transfer of Dwelling to Surviving Family Member

FOR the purpose of altering eligibility for a certain homeowners' property tax credit to include certain surviving family members of a homeowner who inherit the dwelling of the homeowner or are granted a life estate in the dwelling under certain circumstances; defining a certain term; making stylistic and conforming changes; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to the homeowners' property tax credit.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Tax – Property

Section 9–104(a)(1), (6), and (9)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Tax – Property

Section 9–104(i) and (q)(1)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 611 – Delegate Hill

AN ACT concerning

Public Health – Prohibition on Testing Cosmetics on Animals

FOR the purpose of prohibiting a person from conducting or contracting for animal testing in the development of a cosmetic; prohibiting a manufacturer from selling or offering for sale in the State a cosmetic under certain circumstances beginning on a certain date; providing that certain provisions of this Act do not apply to certain animal testing; prohibiting a political subdivision from adopting or enforcing certain provisions of local law; establishing certain penalties for certain violations of this Act; requiring a certain person to provide certain evidence under certain circumstances; authorizing a local law enforcement agency to enforce certain provisions of this Act; authorizing a State's Attorney to seek certain relief and review

certain testing data under certain circumstances; providing that certain testing data are entitled to certain protection; providing that certain penalty provisions are not applicable to violations of certain provisions of this Act; providing for the construction of certain provisions of this Act; defining certain terms; requiring a manufacturer with a certain inventory to sell or otherwise dispose of the inventory on or before a certain date; providing for a delayed effective date; and generally relating to a prohibition on testing cosmetics on animals.

BY adding to

Article – Health – General
Section 21–259.2
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Health – General
Section 21–1215
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

INTRODUCTORY HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTIONS NO. 15

House Joint Resolution 3 – Delegate Bagnall

A House Joint Resolution concerning

Commission to Establish a Maryland Women Veterans Memorial

FOR the purpose of urging the Governor to create a certain commission for the purpose of establishing a Maryland Women Veterans Memorial.

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations.

APPOINTMENTS

January 20, 2021

RESOLVED, that the Speaker makes the following Joint Statutory Committee Appointments:

Joint Audit Committee

Hon. Nick Charles replaces Hon. Karen Lewis Young

Joint Committee on Federal Relations

Hon. Lily Qi replaces Hon. Marc Korman

BY ORDER, SYLVIA SIEGERT, CHIEF CLERK

Read and adopted.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:32 A.M. on motion of Delegate Luedtke the House adjourned until 9:50 A.M. on Wednesday, January 20, 2021 into a Pro Forma Session.

AFTER RECESS
Annapolis, Maryland
Wednesday, January 20, 2021

At 9:50 A.M. the House resumed its session and pledged Allegiance to the Flag.

INTRODUCTORY HOUSE BILLS NO. 16

House Bill 612 – The Speaker (By Request – Administration)

EMERGENCY BILL

AN ACT concerning

**Recovery for the Economy, Livelihoods, Industries, Entrepreneurs, and
Families (RELIEF) Act**

FOR the purpose of authorizing the Maryland Small Business Development Financing Authority to convert up to a certain amount of certain financing provided to certain businesses to grants under certain circumstances; allowing, beginning with a certain taxable year, a subtraction under the Maryland income tax for certain unemployment insurance benefits paid to an individual; allowing, for certain taxable years, a subtraction under the Maryland income tax for certain coronavirus relief payments received by a certain person during the taxable year; requiring the Comptroller to publish certain guidance regarding the subtraction; requiring certain governmental entities, on certain request, to provide certain information to the Comptroller; allowing a subtraction modification under the Maryland income tax for certain State economic impact payments; altering the definition of “rating year” for purposes of excluding certain fiscal years from the calculation of the earned rates of contribution for certain employing units under unemployment insurance law; authorizing certain vendors, under certain circumstances, to take a certain credit against the sales and use tax; requiring the Comptroller to provide certain payments, in a certain manner, to certain individuals eligible to claim the Maryland earned income tax credit for certain taxable years; requiring the Comptroller to report to the Governor and the General Assembly on certain matters on or before certain dates; defining certain terms; providing for the termination of certain provisions of this Act; making this Act an emergency measure; and generally relating to economic development and tax relief.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Economic Development
Section 5–501(a) and (b) and 5–549(a), (f), and (h)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – Economic Development
Section 5–559
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Labor and Employment
Section 8–606(a) and 8–610(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Labor and Employment
Section 8–606(e)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Tax – General
Section 10–207(a), 10–307(a), and 11–105
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – Tax – General
Section 10–207(jj) through (ll) and 10–307(g)(6)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Tax – General
Section 10–307(g)(4) and (5)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means and the Committee on Economic Matters.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:51 A.M. on motion of Delegate Luedtke the House adjourned until 9:30 A.M. on Friday, January 22, 2021 into a Pro Forma Session.

Annapolis, Maryland
Friday, January 22, 2021
9:30 A.M. Session

The House met at 9:30 A.M. and pledged Allegiance to the Flag.

A quorum being present under House Rule 119, the House is operating in a Pro Forma Session.

The Journal of January 20, 2021 was read and approved.

CONSENT CALENDAR OF INTRODUCTORY HOUSE BILLS NO. 17

House Bill 613 – Prince George’s County Delegation

EMERGENCY BILL

AN ACT concerning

**Prince George’s County – Coal– and Gas–Fired Generating Stations –
Prohibitions
(Prince George’s County Stop Environmentally Unjust Coal and Gas Plants Act
of 2021)**

PG 410–21

FOR the purpose of prohibiting the Public Service Commission from issuing a certificate of public convenience and necessity for the construction of a coal– or gas–fired generating station if any part of the generating station will be located in Prince George’s County; prohibiting a person from operating a certain coal– or gas–fired generating station under certain circumstances; making conforming changes; making this Act an emergency measure; and generally relating to the operation of coal– and gas–fired generating stations in Prince George’s County.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Public Utilities
Section 7–207(b)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 614 – Prince George’s County Delegation

AN ACT concerning

**Prince George’s County – Board of Education and Chief Executive Officer –
Alterations**

PG 503–21

FOR the purpose of altering the membership of the Prince George’s County Board of Education to require all members to be elected; repealing provisions of law relating to the appointed members of the county board, including the appointment, terms, and compensation of the members; requiring elected members of the county board to be elected by the voters of the entire county rather than by the voters of the school district the member represents; repealing a provision of law requiring the Prince George’s County Executive to appoint certain officers of the county board; requiring the county board to select a chair and vice chair from among the elected members of the board; altering the number of affirmative votes required for the county board to pass a motion; repealing provisions of law that established the title of the county superintendent as the Chief Executive Officer of the Prince George’s County public school system; providing for the expiration of the terms of the appointed members of the county board; defining a certain term; repealing certain definitions; making stylistic and conforming changes; and generally relating to the membership of the Prince George’s County Board of Education and the Chief Executive Officer.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Education

Section 3–114, 3–1002, 3–1003, 3–1004, 4–102(a), 4–120(c), 4–125.1, 4–201.1,
4–202(a), 4–204(a), 4–206(a), 4–402, 4–403, and 6–201(a)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 615 – Prince George’s County Delegation

AN ACT concerning

Natural Resources – Sunday Deer Hunting – Prince George’s County

PG 402–21

FOR the purpose of authorizing the Department of Natural Resources to allow a person to hunt deer on certain Sundays of the deer hunting seasons in Prince George’s County; authorizing the Department to allow a person to hunt on public land designated for hunting on Sunday in Prince George’s County; making conforming changes; and generally relating to Sunday deer hunting in Prince George’s County.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Natural Resources
Section 10–410(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 616 – Prince George’s County Delegation

AN ACT concerning

**Prince George’s County Board of Education – Nonstudent Member
Compensation and Student Member Scholarship**

PG 501–21

FOR the purpose of altering the amount of compensation of the elected and appointed members of the Prince George’s County Board of Education; requiring that a certain student member be granted a certain scholarship; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to the members of the Prince George’s County Board of Education.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Education
Section 3–1002(a) and (b)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Education
Section 3–1003(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 617 – Prince George’s County Delegation

AN ACT concerning

Prince George’s County – Alcoholic Beverages – Licenses for Supermarkets

PG 306–21

FOR the purpose of authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Prince George’s County to issue a Class A beer and light wine license for use in a supermarket under certain circumstances; limiting the number of certain licenses that the Board can

issue for use in any single legislative district; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages in Prince George’s County.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Alcoholic Beverages
Section 26–102 and 26–1501
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Alcoholic Beverages
Section 26–1509
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 618 – Prince George’s County Delegation

AN ACT concerning

Prince George’s County – Speed Monitoring Systems – Intersection of Suitland Road and Skyline Drive

PG 310–21

FOR the purpose of authorizing the placement and use of speed monitoring systems at the southern intersection of Suitland Road and Skyline Drive in Prince George’s County, subject to certain placement and signage requirements; and generally relating to the placement and use of speed monitoring systems in Prince George’s County.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Transportation
Section 21–809(a)(1) and (8), (b)(1)(i) and (v), and (c)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Transportation
Section 21–809(b)(1)(vi) through (viii)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 619 – Prince George’s County Delegation

AN ACT concerning

Prince George's County – Speed Monitoring Systems – Residential Districts and School Zones

PG 302–21

FOR the purpose of establishing that certain provisions of law authorizing the use of speed monitoring systems in certain residential districts apply in Prince George's County; establishing that a school zone speed monitoring system in Prince George's County may be used in a school zone with any speed limit; and generally relating to speed monitoring systems in Prince George's County.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Transportation
Section 21–809(a)(1) and (8) and (b)(1)(i)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Transportation
Section 21–809(b)(1)(vi)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 620 – Prince George's County Delegation

AN ACT concerning

Prince George's County – Alcoholic Beverages – Distance Restrictions

PG 304–21

FOR the purpose of adding a Class C alcoholic beverages license to the types of alcoholic beverages licenses that may be used for an establishment located within certain distances of a place of worship or a school in Prince George's County; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages licenses in Prince George's County.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Alcoholic Beverages
Section 26–102
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Alcoholic Beverages
Section 26–1604
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 621 – Prince George’s County Delegation

AN ACT concerning

**Prince George’s County – Elementary School Students – Daily Physical Activity
(Student Health and Fitness Act)**

PG 504–21

FOR the purpose of requiring that a public school student in a Prince George’s County elementary school be provided a certain daily program of physical activity each week totaling a minimum number of minutes; requiring the program of physical activity for a certain category of student to be consistent with a certain program for the student, if applicable; requiring a Prince George’s County public elementary school to designate a certain group to plan and coordinate certain activities; requiring the Prince George’s County Board of Education to adopt certain regulations; requiring a certain elementary school to provide a certain notice to the county board on or before a certain date; authorizing a public elementary school to apply to the county board for a certain extension; establishing the termination date of a certain extension; and generally relating to elementary school student health and fitness in Prince George’s County.

BY adding to

Article – Education
Section 7–409.1
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 622 – Prince George’s County Delegation

EMERGENCY BILL

AN ACT concerning

**Prince George’s County – Land Use – Magnetic Levitation Transportation
System Siting
(Prince George’s County Stop the Maglev Act of 2021)**

PG 406–21

FOR the purpose of prohibiting a person from constructing a magnetic levitation transportation system within a certain distance of certain property in Prince George’s County; prohibiting units of State and local government from taking certain actions related to the construction of a magnetic levitation transportation system within a certain distance of certain property in the county; establishing that the prohibitions under this Act do not apply under certain circumstances; authorizing the Prince George’s County Council to adopt local laws for the use of certain land consistent with certain law; defining certain terms; making this Act an emergency measure; and generally relating to land use related to magnetic levitation transportation systems in Prince George’s County.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Land Use
Section 25–101
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Land Use
Section 25–214
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 623 – Prince George’s County Delegation

AN ACT concerning

**Prince George’s County – Assisted Living Program Licensing – Notice of
Applicant Located in Common Ownership Community**

PG 401–21

FOR the purpose of requiring the Secretary of Health to notify the county health officer for Prince George’s County if the Secretary receives a licensure application under a certain provision of law for an assisted living program that will be located in Prince George’s County; requiring the county health officer to determine whether an assisted living program is to be operated within a common ownership community in the county; requiring, under certain circumstances, the county health officer to provide notice of a certain application to the county council and a certain common ownership community; defining a certain term; and generally relating to applications for licensure of assisted living programs in Prince George’s County.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Health – General
Section 19–1801
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Health – General
Section 19–1804.1(e)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 624 – Prince George’s County Delegation

AN ACT concerning

Prince George’s County – Board of Education and Chief Executive Officer – Revisions

PG 502–21

FOR the purpose of repealing provisions of law that established the position of the Chief Executive Officer of the Prince George’s County public school system; repealing certain provisions of law that established the powers and duties of the Chief Executive Officer; revising the membership of the Prince George’s County Board of Education to require all members to be elected; repealing provisions of law relating to the appointed members of the county board, including the appointment, terms, and compensation of the members; repealing provisions that specified certain staggered terms for certain elected members of the county board; repealing certain provisions that specified a certain method of filling certain vacancies on the county board; requiring a vacancy of an elected member of the county board to be filled at special election under certain circumstances; repealing a provision of law requiring the Prince George’s County Executive to appoint certain officers of the county board; requiring the county board to meet at a certain time each year to elect a chair and vice chair from among its members; altering the number of affirmative votes required for the county board to pass a motion; providing for the expiration of the terms of the appointed members of the county board; defining a certain term; repealing certain definitions; making stylistic and conforming changes; and generally relating to the membership of the Prince George’s County Board of Education and the Chief Executive Officer.

BY repealing
Article – Education
Section 4–201.1 and 4–401 through 4–403 and the subtitle “Subtitle 4. Prince
George’s County”
Annotated Code of Maryland

(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Education

Section 3–114, 3–1002, 3–1003, 3–1004, 4–102(a), 4–120, 4–125.1, 4–201, 4–202,
4–204, 4–206, and 6–201(a)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 625 – Prince George’s County Delegation

AN ACT concerning

Prince George’s County – Alcoholic Beverages – Alcohol Density Zones and Licenses

PG 307–21

FOR the purpose of authorizing the issuance of a Class A beer and wine license for a grocery store in an alcohol density zone in Prince George’s County under certain circumstances; prohibiting the issuance of a Class A beer, wine, and liquor license for a grocery store in the county; authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Prince George’s County to approve the transfer of a Class A beer, wine, and liquor license into a part of certain alcoholic beverages districts in the county if the original licensed premises is in an alcohol density zone; defining “alcohol density zone”; making a conforming change; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages in Prince George’s County.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Alcoholic Beverages

Section 4–205 and 26–102

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2016 Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Alcoholic Beverages

Section 26–101, 26–801, 26–804, 26–901, and 26–1603(a)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2016 Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 626 – Prince George’s County Delegation

AN ACT concerning

Prince George’s County – Vehicle Height Monitoring Systems**PG 305–21**

FOR the purpose of authorizing the use of certain vehicle height monitoring systems in Prince George’s County to enforce certain State and local laws restricting the presence of certain vehicles during certain times; applying to Prince George’s County certain provisions of law relating to vehicle height monitoring systems; defining a certain term; making a stylistic and a technical change; making conforming changes; providing for the effective date of certain provisions of this Act; providing for the termination of certain provisions of this Act; and generally relating to imposing liability on owners of motor vehicles recorded while being operated in violation of a State or local law restricting the presence of vehicles during certain times.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings
Section 7–302(e)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Transportation
Section 24–111.3
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Transportation
Section 24–111.3
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume)
(As enacted by Chapter 504 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2020)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 627 – Prince George’s County Delegation

AN ACT concerning

Prince George’s County – Speed Monitoring Systems – Briggs Chaney Road**PG 303–21**

FOR the purpose of authorizing the placement and use of a speed monitoring system on Briggs Chaney Road between Sawgrass Drive and Calvert Hills Drive in Prince George’s County, subject to certain placement and signage requirements; and

generally relating to the placement and use of speed monitoring systems in Prince George's County.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Transportation
Section 21–809(a)(1) and (8), (b)(1)(i) and (v), and (c)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Transportation
Section 21–809(b)(1)(vi) through (viii)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 628 – Prince George's County Delegation

AN ACT concerning

Prince George's County – Speeding Violations on Maryland Route 210 (Indian Head Highway) – Fines

PG 301–21

FOR the purpose of establishing certain fines for certain violations of the prohibition against exceeding the maximum posted speed limit on Maryland Route 210 (Indian Head Highway) in Prince George's County; making stylistic changes; and generally relating to fines for speeding violations on Maryland Route 210 (Indian Head Highway) in Prince George's County.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Transportation
Section 21–801.1
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 629 – Delegate Novotny

AN ACT concerning

County Boards of Education – Student Member – Voting

FOR the purpose of prohibiting the vote of a certain student member of a county board of education from being the deciding vote on any matter being decided by the county board; and generally relating to the vote of a student member of a county board of education.

BY adding to

Article – Education

Section 3–106

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 630 – Delegate Solomon

AN ACT concerning

Primary and Secondary Education – School District Energy Use – Policy and Study

FOR the purpose of requiring each school district to adopt or update a school district energy policy beginning on a certain date; specifying the contents of a school district energy policy; encouraging school districts to set certain targets in their school district energy policy; requiring that a school district energy policy be posted on the school district's website and updated with a certain frequency; requiring the Interagency Commission on School Construction to coordinate with the Department of the Environment and the Maryland Energy Administration to develop a certain template on or before a certain date; requiring the Interagency Commission to coordinate with the Administration and the Maryland Clean Energy Center to study and make recommendations regarding the Maryland Net Zero Energy School Initiative Grant Program; requiring the Interagency Commission to report its findings to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before a certain date; and generally relating to school district energy policies.

BY adding to

Article – Education

Section 5–312.1

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 631 – Delegate Beitzel

AN ACT concerning

**State Lakes Protection and Restoration Fund – Purpose, Use, and
Funding – Sunset Extension**

FOR the purpose of extending the termination date applicable to certain provisions relating to the purpose, use, and funding of the State Lakes Protection and Restoration Fund; and generally relating to the State Lakes Protection and Restoration Fund.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Natural Resources
Section 8–205
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Chapter 698 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2018
Section 3

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 632 – Delegate Beitzel

AN ACT concerning

Garrett County – Alcoholic Beverages Act of 2021

FOR the purpose of repealing certain requirements that the Board of License Commissioners for Garrett County charge a one–time issuing fee for certain licenses; altering the types of alcoholic beverages that a license holder may purchase from a wholesaler or a retailer in Garrett County; making a conforming change; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages in Garrett County.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Alcoholic Beverages
Section 4–1204, 21–102, 21–904(b), and 21–1001(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Alcoholic Beverages
Section 21–904(g), 21–1001(g), 21–1301, and 21–1312
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 633 – Delegate Beitzel

AN ACT concerning

Gun Theft Felony Act of 2021

FOR the purpose of classifying the theft of a firearm as a felony; establishing certain penalties for theft of a firearm; and generally relating to theft of a firearm.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Criminal Law
Section 7–104
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 634 – Delegate Beitzel

AN ACT concerning

Association Health Coverage Plans

FOR the purpose of clarifying that, for purposes of provisions of law concerning health insurance, a chamber of commerce may be considered an association; repealing certain provisions of law that apply certain provisions of law governing small group market plans to health benefit plans offered by certain entities; altering a certain definition; defining a certain term; making certain conforming changes; making a technical correction; providing for the application of this Act; providing for a delayed effective date; and generally relating to health insurance and associations.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Insurance
Section 11–601(d)(1), 15–302(c) and (d)(2), 15–1201(i)(2), and 15–1202
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2017 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Insurance
Section 15–302(a) and 15–1201(i)(1)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2017 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 635 – Prince George’s County Delegation

AN ACT concerning

**Maryland Emergency Management Agency, Department of Transportation, and
Department of the Environment – Study on Historic and Recent Flooding in
Prince George’s County**

PG 407–21

FOR the purpose of requiring the Maryland Emergency Management Agency, the Department of Transportation, and the Department of the Environment to study flooding in Prince George’s County; requiring that the study analyze, evaluate, and examine certain information, measures, and issues; requiring that the study develop certain recommendations; requiring the Agency, the Department of Transportation, and the Department of the Environment to report the findings and recommendations, on or before a certain date, to the Governor, the members of the Prince George’s County Senate delegation, the members of the Prince George’s County House delegation, the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House, and the General Assembly; and generally relating to flooding in Prince George’s County.

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 636 – Delegate Solomon

AN ACT concerning

**School Buildings – Drinking Water Outlets – Elevated Level of Lead
(Safe School Drinking Water Act)**

FOR the purpose of altering the definition of “elevated level of lead” for purposes of certain provisions of law requiring certain testing for the presence of lead in certain drinking water outlets in certain occupied public and nonpublic school buildings; requiring a school to take certain measures to remediate a certain drinking water outlet on or before a certain date; making conforming changes; and generally relating to the presence of lead in drinking water outlets in occupied public and nonpublic school buildings.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Environment
Section 6–1501(a) and (b)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2013 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Environment
Section 6–1501(c), 6–1502, and 6–1503(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2013 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation and the Committee on Appropriations.

House Bill 637 – Allegany County Delegation and Garrett County Delegation

AN ACT concerning

Allegany County and Garrett County – Archery Hunting – Safety Zone

FOR the purpose of altering 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; and generally relating to the archery hunting safety zone in Allegany County and Garrett County.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Natural Resources
Section 10–410(g)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 638 – Delegate Lopez

AN ACT concerning

Public Safety – Untraceable and Undetectable Firearms

FOR the purpose of altering a certain definition of a regulated firearm to include a certain unfinished frame or receiver; requiring the Secretary of State Police to suspend a certain dealer's license if the dealer is convicted of a certain violation; requiring the Secretary to revoke a certain dealer's license if the dealer is convicted of a certain violation; expanding a certain provision of law to prohibit a person from obliterating, removing, changing, or altering a certain mark or number or any other mark of identification on a firearm or certain unfinished frame or receiver; authorizing a person to continue to possess a certain firearm or unfinished frame or receiver on or after a certain date under certain circumstances; prohibiting a person from transferring ownership of a certain firearm or unfinished frame or receiver on or after a certain date, with certain exceptions; requiring, on or after a certain date, a certain firearm or unfinished frame or receiver to be marked by a certain federally licensed firearms manufacturer or federally licensed firearms importer in a certain manner; requiring a certain serial number and other mark of identification to be engraved, cast, or stamped on a firearm frame or receiver or unfinished frame or receiver in a certain manner and to conform with certain requirements; requiring, on or after a certain date, a certain firearm or unfinished frame or receiver to be marked in a certain manner by a federally licensed firearms manufacturer before the firearm or unfinished frame or receiver is sold, offered for sale, or transferred in

the State; requiring, on or after a certain date, a certain firearm or unfinished frame or receiver to be marked in a certain manner by a federally licensed firearms importer before the firearm or unfinished frame or receiver is imported or otherwise brought into the State; prohibiting a federally licensed firearms dealer from selling, offering to sell, or transferring a certain firearm or unfinished frame or receiver under certain circumstances on or after a certain date; requiring, on or after a certain date, a federally licensed firearms manufacturer, federally licensed firearms importer, and federally licensed firearms dealer to maintain a certain record log; prohibiting a person who is prohibited by law from manufacturing, assembling, owning, or possessing a firearm from knowingly soliciting, requesting, compelling, coercing, conspiring, facilitating, aiding, or abetting the manufacturing or assembling of a firearm or an unfinished frame or receiver; prohibiting a person from knowingly conspiring, facilitating, aiding, or abetting the manufacturing or assembling of a firearm or an unfinished frame or receiver for a person who is prohibited by law from manufacturing, assembling, owning, or possessing a firearm; prohibiting a person from manufacturing, assembling, possessing, selling, offering to sell, transferring, purchasing, or receiving a certain covert firearm or undetectable firearm; establishing certain penalties for violations of this Act; authorizing a court to order a certain suspension of prosecution if the court makes certain findings; prohibiting a dealer or certain other person from selling, renting, or transferring an unfinished frame or receiver unless the purchaser, lessee, or transferee presents a certain handgun qualification license; authorizing a person to purchase, rent, or receive an unfinished frame or receiver only under certain circumstances; providing for the application of certain provisions of this Act; defining certain terms; making conforming changes; providing for a delayed effective date for certain provisions of this Act; and generally relating to firearms.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Public Safety

Section 5–101(a) and (h) and 5–144

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Public Safety

Section 5–101(r), 5–114, 5–117.1, and 5–142

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – Public Safety

Section 5–701 through 5–707 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 7. Untraceable and Undetectable Firearms”

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 639 – Delegate D.M. Davis

AN ACT concerning

Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland – Property Management – Southern Maryland Regional Agricultural Center

FOR the purpose of authorizing the Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland to act as a property manager of the Southern Maryland Regional Agricultural Center; defining a certain term; and generally relating to the Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Economic Development
Section 13-601(a) and (c)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Economic Development
Section 13-612
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 640 – Delegate Ruth

AN ACT concerning

Criminal Law – Failure to Obey a Reasonable and Lawful Order – Repeal

FOR the purpose of repealing the prohibition against willfully failing to obey a reasonable and lawful order that a law enforcement officer makes to prevent a disturbance to the public peace; and generally relating to disturbing the peace.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Criminal Law
Section 10-201
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 641 – Delegate Palakovich Carr

AN ACT concerning

Homeowner's Insurance – Weather-Related Claims

FOR the purpose of prohibiting an insurer, under certain circumstances, from considering a claim for a weather-related event for the purpose of canceling or refusing to renew coverage for homeowner's insurance; and generally relating to homeowner's insurance.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Insurance
Section 27-501(i)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2017 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Insurance
Section 27-501(j)(2)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2017 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 642 – Delegate Palakovich Carr

AN ACT concerning

Consumer Protection – Maryland Consumer Reporting Act – Regulations

FOR the purpose of requiring that certain regulations relating to the Maryland Consumer Reporting Act required to be adopted by the Commissioner of Financial Regulation include procedures for developing standards for achieving certain accuracy in matching certain information, developing a system for the exclusion of certain records, and tracking and addressing the causes of certain consumer complaints; and generally relating to the Maryland Consumer Reporting Act.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Commercial Law
Section 14-1201(a), (c), (d), (e), and (f)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2013 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Commercial Law
Section 14-1226(f)
Annotated Code of Maryland

(2013 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 643 – Delegate Palakovich Carr

AN ACT concerning

Public Health – Cosmetic Products – Ingredient Prohibition

FOR the purpose of prohibiting, except under certain circumstances, a person from manufacturing, selling, delivering, holding, or offering for sale in the State a cosmetic product that contains certain ingredients; providing that a person is not in violation of this Act under certain circumstances; defining a certain term; providing for a delayed effective date; and generally relating to ingredients in cosmetic products.

BY adding to

Article – Health – General

Section 21–259.2

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 644 – Delegate Arentz

AN ACT concerning

Queen Anne’s County – Alcoholic Beverages – License Applications – Exceptions

FOR the purpose of authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Queen Anne’s County to exempt up to a certain number of licenses held on behalf of certain entities from certain ownership requirements; prohibiting the Board from granting an exemption in a certain area; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages licenses in Queen Anne’s County.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Alcoholic Beverages

Section 27–102

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2016 Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Alcoholic Beverages

Section 27–1403

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2016 Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 645 – Delegate Arentz

AN ACT concerning

Criminal Law – Disruption of Highway Usage – Prohibition

FOR the purpose of prohibiting a person from knowingly and without lawful purpose obstructing, hindering, impeding, or blocking the use of a highway; establishing certain penalties; making conforming changes; and generally relating to disrupting highway use.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Criminal Law
Section 10–201
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Criminal Law
Section 10–206
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 646 – Delegate Valentino–Smith

AN ACT concerning

**Child Abuse and Neglect – Memorandum of Understanding With Military
Family Advocacy Program**

FOR the purpose of requiring certain local departments of social services to enter into a memorandum of understanding with a certain military family advocacy program; establishing certain requirements for a memorandum of understanding under this Act; defining a certain term; and generally relating to child abuse and neglect.

BY adding to
Article – Family Law
Section 5–705.5
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 647 – Delegate Wilson

AN ACT concerning

**Corporations and Associations – Fees for Processing Articles of Dissolution,
Certificates of Cancellation, and Other Documents – Repeal**

FOR the purpose of 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; and generally relating to fees charged to business entities by the State Department of Assessments and Taxation.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Corporations and Associations
Section 1–203(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Corporations and Associations
Section 1–203(b)(1), (2), and (4)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Corporations and Associations
Section 1–203(b)(14)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 648 – Delegate Wilson

AN ACT concerning

Electric Cooperatives – Meetings – Alterations

FOR the purpose of authorizing an electric cooperative to hold certain meetings virtually or with a combination of in–person and virtual attendance; requiring the notice for a meeting that will be held virtually or with a combination of in–person and virtual attendance to include certain information; altering the requirements for a quorum to include members attending the meeting rather than members present in person; repealing the requirement that for voting to occur in a certain manner the manner

must be provided in an electric cooperative's bylaws; authorizing voting in any manner provided in an electric cooperative's bylaws; making stylistic and conforming changes; and generally relating to meetings of members of electric cooperatives.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Corporations and Associations
Section 5–616 through 5–619
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 649 – Delegate Anderton

AN ACT concerning

Transportation – Highway User Revenues – Revenue and Distribution

FOR the purpose of altering the amounts of certain capital grants calculated based on highway user revenues that are required to be appropriated to Baltimore City, counties, and municipalities in certain fiscal years; making a stylistic change; repealing certain obsolete provisions of law; making certain conforming changes; and generally relating to revenue for and distributions of highway user revenues.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Transportation
Section 8–402 and 8–403
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 650 – Delegate Boyce

AN ACT concerning

Minority Business Enterprises – Sexual and Gender Minorities (Imari's Business Pride Act)

FOR the purpose of altering the definition of “socially and economically disadvantaged individual” for purposes of certifying certain minority business enterprises to include certain sexual and gender minorities; and generally relating to minority business enterprises.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – State Finance and Procurement
Section 14–301

Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 651 – Delegate Qi

AN ACT concerning

Education – Educational Interpreter – Certification Requirements

FOR the purpose of requiring the State Board of Education and the Professional Standards and Teacher Education Board to develop certain rules and regulations for the certification of educational interpreters on or before a certain date; providing that certain individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing may not be denied the right to receive certain credentials or a contract for work for which the individual is otherwise qualified because the individual is deaf or hard of hearing; requiring the State Board and the Board to develop certain regulations on or before a certain date; establishing certain qualifications for a certificate as an educational interpreter; establishing certain professional development requirements for renewal of an educational interpreter certificate; requiring certain regulations to include reimbursement of examination costs for certain candidates who successfully obtain a certificate as an educational interpreter; requiring certain educational interpreters to obtain certification on or before a certain date; requiring the State to explore fiscal support for educational interpreters; defining certain terms; making a stylistic change; and generally relating to the certification of educational interpreters.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Education

Section 6–704(a)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – Education

Section 6–704.2

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 652 – Delegate Qi

AN ACT concerning

Health Facilities – Residential Service Agencies – Guidance and Reporting

FOR the purpose of requiring the Office of the Attorney General, in consultation with the Maryland Department of Health and the Maryland Department of Labor, to produce a guidance document concerning the application of certain laws to certain personal care aides; providing for the content and structure of the guidance report; requiring a residential agency to certify certain information through the signature of a certain individual to the Maryland Department of Health as a condition of obtaining or renewing a license to operate as a residential service agency; requiring the Secretary of Health to provide a certain document to each licensed residential service agency on a certain basis; requiring a certain residential service agency to report certain information to the Maryland Department of Health; defining a certain term; and generally relating to guidance and reporting for residential service agencies.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Health – General
Section 19–4A–01
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Health – General
Section 19–4A–11
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 653 – Delegate Qi

AN ACT concerning

Joint Committee on Workforce Development

FOR the purpose of creating a Joint Committee on Workforce Development; specifying the membership of the Committee; providing that members of the Committee serve at the pleasure of the appointing officer; providing for the appointment of cochairs of the Committee; establishing the powers and duties of the Committee; requiring the Committee to submit a certain report to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before a certain date each year; and generally relating to the Joint Committee on Workforce Development.

BY adding to
Article – State Government
Section 2–10A–16
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 654 – Delegate Qi

AN ACT concerning

**Maryland Small Business Innovation Research and Technology Transfer
Incentive Program**

FOR the purpose of establishing the Maryland Small Business Innovation Research and Technology Transfer Incentive Program; requiring the Maryland Technology Development Corporation to administer the Program; establishing the purposes of the Program; establishing qualifications for participation in the Program; authorizing the Program to provide certain awards and investments to certain businesses on a competitive basis, subject to certain limitations; providing for the coordination of certain activities of the Program with comparable county programs; providing that a certain award or investment recipient may be required to return certain funds under certain circumstances; establishing the Maryland Small Business Innovation Research and Technology Transfer Incentive Matching Fund as a special, nonlapsing fund; specifying the purpose of the Fund; 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; requiring interest earnings of the Fund to be credited to the Fund; requiring the Corporation to adopt certain regulations; exempting the Fund from a certain provision of law requiring interest earnings on State money to accrue to the General Fund of the State; defining certain terms; and generally relating to the Maryland Small Business Innovation Research and Technology Transfer Incentive Program.

BY adding to

Article – Economic Development

Section 10–4C–01 through 10–4C–06 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 4C.
Maryland Small Business Innovation Research and Technology Transfer
Incentive Program”

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – State Finance and Procurement

Section 6–226(a)(2)(i)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – State Finance and Procurement

Section 6–226(a)(2)(ii)122. and 123.

Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – State Finance and Procurement

Section 6–226(a)(2)(ii)124.

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 655 – Delegate Crosby

AN ACT concerning

Local Government – County Commissioner Elections – District Voting

FOR the purpose of requiring an election of a county commissioner to represent a specific district to be decided by a plurality of the votes cast within that district; and generally relating to county commissioner elections.

BY adding to

Article – Local Government

Section 9–401.1

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2013 Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 656 – Delegate Crosby

AN ACT concerning

Election Law – Early Voting Centers – Accessibility by Public Transportation

FOR the purpose of requiring that, in a county that has fixed–route public transportation service, each early voting center be located within a certain distance of a public transportation station or stop; and generally relating to early voting centers.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Election Law

Section 10–301.1

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2017 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 657 – Delegate Crosby

AN ACT concerning

Commercial Law – Maryland Credit Services Business Act – Revisions

FOR the purpose of prohibiting a credit services business, its employees, and independent contractors from attempting to remove or advising a consumer to remove certain information from the consumer's credit report, calling or sending certain communications to certain entities, and sending certain communications to a person without disclosing certain information; requiring a certain credit services business, its employees, and independent contractors to provide certain information to a certain credit reporting agency or data furnisher in a certain communication, perform certain services within a certain time frame, provide a certain monthly statement to a certain consumer, and identify when certain communications originate from the credit services business under certain circumstances; requiring a certain credit services business to redact certain information from certain communications; altering a certain description required to be included in a certain contract between a consumer and a credit services business; requiring a consumer credit reporting agency, creditor, debt collector, or debt buyer to communicate with a credit services business about certain accounts under certain circumstances; prohibiting a credit reporting agency, creditor, or debt collector from being required to communicate with a credit services business concerning a certain account under certain circumstances; and generally relating to the Maryland Credit Services Business Act.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Commercial Law
Section 14–1902 and 14–1906(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2013 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Commercial Law
Section 14–1917
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2013 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 658 – Delegate Qi

AN ACT concerning

**Transforming Manufacturing in a Digital Economy Workgroup
(Making It in Maryland)**

FOR the purpose of establishing the Workgroup to Study the Transformation of Manufacturing in Maryland's Emerging Digital Economy; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Workgroup; prohibiting a member of the Workgroup from receiving certain compensation, but authorizing the reimbursement of certain expenses; requiring the Workgroup to study and make recommendations regarding certain matters relating to the State's current and future workforce and emerging digital economy; requiring the Workgroup to submit an interim report and a final report to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before certain dates; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to the Workgroup to Study the Transformation of Manufacturing in Maryland's Emerging Digital Economy.

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 659 – Delegate Qi

AN ACT concerning

Vehicle Laws – Manufacturers and Dealers – Prices Listed on Dealer Website

FOR the purpose of providing that a manufacturer, distributor, or factory branch may not prohibit a dealer from listing on the dealer's website a vehicle for sale or lease at a certain price, coerce or require a dealer to list a certain price on the dealer's website, or take an adverse action against a dealer for listing a certain price on the dealer's website; defining a certain term; and generally relating to advertising for the sale or lease of vehicles.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Transportation
Section 15–207(a) and (h)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Transportation
Section 15–313(a) and (b)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

CONSENT CALENDAR OF INTRODUCTORY HOUSE BILLS NO. 18

House Bill 660 – Delegate Chisholm

AN ACT concerning

Maryland Veterans Service Animal Program – Definitions

FOR the purpose of defining the terms “service dog”, “support dog”, and “therapy horse” for the purposes of the provisions of law governing the Maryland Veterans Service Animal Program in the Department of Veterans Affairs; and generally relating to the Maryland Veterans Service Animal Program in the Department of Veterans Affairs.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – State Government
Section 9–957
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 661 – Delegate Chisholm

AN ACT concerning

**Income Tax – Expensing of Business Property and Bonus Depreciation –
Recoupling With Federal Law**

FOR the purpose of repealing certain Maryland income tax modifications for certain deductions for the cost of business property placed in service that is treated as an expense for federal income tax purposes; repealing certain Maryland income tax modifications for a certain additional depreciation allowance under the federal income tax for business property placed in service; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to certain Maryland income tax modifications with respect to the federal income tax treatment of business property.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Tax – General
Section 10–210.1
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 662 – Delegate Chisholm

AN ACT concerning

**Anne Arundel County – Property Tax Credit for Business Entities – State of
Emergency**

FOR the purpose of authorizing the governing body of Anne Arundel County to grant, by law, a tax credit against the county property tax imposed on real property owned or leased by a business entity affected by a certain state of emergency; authorizing the governing body of Anne Arundel County to provide, by law, for the amount and duration of the credit, the eligibility criteria, the regulations and application process for the credit, and any other provision necessary to administer the credit; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to a property tax credit in Anne Arundel County for business entities.

BY adding to

Article – Tax – Property

Section 9–303(b)(8)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 663 – Delegate Boteler

AN ACT concerning

Local Government – Regulation of Amateur Radio Station Antenna Structures

FOR the purpose of declaring the intent of the General Assembly; establishing certain requirements that apply to a county or municipal ordinance regulating amateur radio station antenna structures; providing for the application of this Act; defining a certain term; and generally relating to county or municipal regulation of amateur radio station antenna structures.

BY adding to

Article – Local Government

Section 1–1314

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2013 Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 664 – Delegate Howard

AN ACT concerning

Financial Institutions – Consumer Credit – Sales–Based Financing Transactions

FOR the purpose of requiring certain revenue, fees, and examination and investigation fees and assessments relating to the licensure of a person who engages in the business of making or soliciting a sales–based financing transaction to be credited to the Nondepository Special Fund; altering the composition of the Fund; prohibiting a

person from engaging in the business of making or soliciting a sales–based financing transaction unless the person is licensed by the Commissioner of Financial Regulation; providing that an employee of a certain licensee is not required to obtain a license to engage in an activity within the scope of the person’s employment; providing that a license authorizes the licensee to engage in the business of making or soliciting a sales–based financing transaction at certain locations and under certain names; providing that the requirements under certain federal and State laws regarding the confidentiality of information or material provided to Nationwide Mortgage Licensing System and Registry (NMLS), and any privilege arising out of federal or state law, shall continue to apply after the information or material has been disclosed to NMLS; authorizing the sharing of certain information and material with certain officials without the loss of privilege or confidentiality protections provided by federal or certain State laws; prohibiting certain information or material from being subject to disclosure, subpoena, discovery, or admission into evidence under certain circumstances; establishing certain qualifications for obtaining a license; establishing procedures for applying for a license; requiring the Commissioner to conduct an investigation to determine if an applicant meets certain requirements; requiring the Commissioner to issue a license to an applicant who meets certain requirements; requiring the Commissioner to deny an application for a license under certain circumstances; establishing procedures for the approval and the denial of an application; providing for the term of a license; establishing procedures for the renewal of a license; authorizing the Commissioner to determine that licenses issued under this Act shall expire on a staggered basis; authorizing a licensee to surrender a license under certain circumstances; prohibiting the Commissioner from refunding any part of a license fee under certain circumstances; providing that the surrender of a license does not affect certain liability; providing that a license is not transferable; requiring each licensee to conspicuously post certain information at each location where business is conducted, except under certain circumstances, and to display certain information on its website, certain software applications, and certain profile pages; requiring each licensee to keep certain books and records; authorizing the Commissioner to investigate the business of a licensee or a certain person; requiring that the Commissioner be given access to certain items for certain purposes; authorizing the Commissioner to subpoena certain evidence and summon and examine under oath certain persons for certain purposes; authorizing the Commissioner to issue a certain cease and desist order for certain violations; authorizing the Commissioner to enforce a cease and desist order in a certain manner; authorizing the Commissioner to suspend or revoke a license under certain circumstances; requiring the Commissioner to provide certain notice and an opportunity for a hearing in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act under certain circumstances; prohibiting a licensee from advertising, printing, displaying, publishing, distributing, or broadcasting false, misleading, or deceptive statements regarding sales–based financing transactions; prohibiting a licensee from engaging in the business of making or soliciting a sales–based financing transaction under a name other than that under which the licensee is licensed except under certain circumstances; providing for the method in which a licensee must calculate a recipient’s projected sales volume, estimated term of repayment, projected payment amounts, and the estimated annual percentage rate of a

sales-based transaction; requiring a licensee to report certain information to the Commissioner on or before a certain date each year; requiring each licensee to disclose or provide certain information to a recipient at a certain time; authorizing a licensee to require a recipient to pay off the balance of an existing sales-based financing transaction as a condition of obtaining an additional sales-based financing transaction under certain circumstances; providing for the calculation of a certain prepayment charge; requiring a licensee to record a certain answer to a certain question under certain circumstances; prohibiting a licensee from taking a certain confession of judgment, taking certain negotiable instruments in which blanks are left to be filled after execution, or entering into a sales-based financing transaction with an estimated annual percentage rate that exceeds a certain percentage; providing that a violation of this Act is an unfair, abusive, or deceptive trade practice under the Maryland Consumer Protection Act and is subject to certain enforcement and penalty provisions; establishing a certain penalty for a violation of certain provisions of this Act; providing that the Commissioner has sole authority to enforce compliance with certain provisions of this Act; requiring the Commissioner to adopt certain regulations; authorizing the Commissioner to determine certain charges by regulation; providing for the application of certain provisions of this Act; defining certain terms; making the provisions of this Act severable; and generally relating to sales-based financing transactions.

BY renumbering

Article – Commercial Law

Section 13–301(14)(xxix) through (xxxv), respectively
to be Section 13–301(14)(xxx) through (xxxvi), respectively

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2013 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – Commercial Law

Section 13–301(14)(xxix)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2013 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Financial Institutions

Section 11–610(a) through (c)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2020 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – Financial Institutions

Section 12–1101 through 12–1124 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 11.
Sales-Based Financing Transactions”

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2020 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 665 – Delegate Boteler

AN ACT concerning

Education – Public Charter Schools – Virtual Learning Programs

FOR the purpose of altering the definition of “public charter school” to include a virtual learning program; requiring professional staff of a virtual learning program of a public charter school to be subject to certain certification provisions; defining a certain term; making conforming changes; and generally relating to virtual learning programs and public charter schools.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
 Article – Education
 Section 9–102, 9–102.1(a), 9–104(a)(1), and 9–105
 Annotated Code of Maryland
 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

BOND INITIATIVES

Introductory House Bond Initiatives No. 1

January 22, 2021

1. Del. Howard American Legion Post 226 APP

The preceding bond initiatives were read and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

LETTERS OF REASSIGNMENT

January 22, 2021

MEMORANDUM

To: Chair, Judiciary Committee
 From: Adrienne A. Jones, Speaker of the House
 Re: Reassignment of Bill/Resolution

In accordance with Rule 33, you are hereby requested to return to the Office of the Chief Clerk, the following legislation for reassignment as indicated below:

Bill/Resolution No.
HB 23

Reassignment
JUD and ENT

Read and ordered journalized.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:32 A.M. on motion of Delegate Luedtke the House adjourned until 10:00 A.M. on Tuesday, January 26, 2021 into a Pro Forma Session.

Annapolis, Maryland
Tuesday, January 26, 2021
10:00 A.M. Session

The House met at 10:01 A.M. and pledged Allegiance to the Flag.

A quorum being present under House Rule 119, the House is operating in a Pro Forma Session.

The Journal of January 22, 2021 was read and approved.

CONSENT CALENDAR OF INTRODUCTORY HOUSE BILLS NO. 19

House Bill 666 – Delegate Barron

AN ACT concerning

**Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority – Metro Transit Police –
Quotas and Metro Transit Police Complaints Board**

FOR the purpose of altering the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority Compact to require the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority to prohibit the use of certain enforcement quotas for certain purposes with respect to members of the metro transit police, and providing for the establishment, composition, powers, and duties of a Metro Transit Police Complaints Board, subject to a certain contingency; and generally relating to quotas and the establishment of a Metro Transit Police Complaints Board for the metro transit police.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Transportation
Section 10–204 Title III Article XVI Section 76(f)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume)

BY adding to
Article – Transportation
Section 10–204 Title III Article XVI Section 76(i)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 667 – Delegate Sample–Hughes

AN ACT concerning

General Provisions – State Song – Repeal

FOR the purpose of repealing the State song.

BY repealing

Article – General Provisions

Section 7–318

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY renumbering

Article – General Provisions

Section 7–319

to be Section 7–318

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 668 – Delegate Szeliga

AN ACT concerning

**Reckless and Negligent Driving – Death of Another – Must–Appear Violation
(Sherry’s and Ryan’s Law)**

FOR the purpose of providing that a person charged with reckless or negligent driving that contributes to an accident that results in the death of another person must appear in court and may not prepay the fine; and generally relating to reckless or negligent driving contributing to accidents resulting in death.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Transportation

Section 21–901.1

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2020 Replacement Volume)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 669 – Delegate Attar

AN ACT concerning

Crimes – Firearms – Straw Purchase Participant Penalty

FOR the purpose of altering from a misdemeanor to a felony the crime of knowingly being a participant in a straw purchase of a regulated firearm under certain circumstances; and generally relating to firearms.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Public Safety
Section 5–141
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 670 – The Speaker (By Request – Workgroup to Address Police Reform and Accountability)

AN ACT concerning

Police Reform and Accountability Act of 2021

FOR the purpose of repealing the Law Enforcement Officers’ Bill of Rights; providing that the Police Department of Baltimore City is an agency and instrumentality of the City of Baltimore, instead of the State; providing that certain police officers have the authority conferred under a certain provision of law; altering a certain ground for issuance of a certain search warrant; repealing a certain ground for issuance of a certain search warrant; authorizing a judge to issue a certain “no–knock” search warrant only under certain circumstances; providing that a warrant to search a residence shall be executed between certain times, absent certain circumstances; providing that an individual attending a certain institution of higher education is exempt from paying tuition under certain circumstances; requiring an individual who has received a certain exemption from tuition payment to pay a certain value to a certain institution under certain circumstances; altering the membership of the Maryland Police Training and Standards Commission; requiring the Commission to develop and administer training programs on certain matters for citizens who intend to qualify to participate as a member of a certain charging committee and citizens who are appointed to serve as members of the Commission; requiring the Commission to take certain actions in response to certain violations of a certain Use of Force Statute; requiring the Commission to develop a test and training for implicit bias, require certain law enforcement agencies to use the implicit bias test at a certain time, and require certain police officers to complete implicit bias testing and training at certain times; altering a certain requirement for police officer certification that an individual submit to a psychological evaluation to require that an individual submit to a mental health screening by a certain professional; adding as a requirement for police officer certification that an individual submit to a certain physical agility assessment; requiring a police officer, as a condition of certification, to submit to a mental health assessment and a physical agility assessment at a certain time for a certain purpose; establishing that prior marijuana use is not a disqualifier for certification as a police officer and may not be the basis for

disqualifying an applicant for a position as police officer; requiring, at certain intervals beginning on a certain date, a law enforcement agency that maintains a SWAT team to report certain information to the Governor's Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services using a certain format; requiring the Commission, in consultation with the Office, to develop a standardized format that certain law enforcement agencies shall use in reporting certain data relating to the activation and deployment of certain SWAT teams to the Office and to certain local officials; requiring a law enforcement agency to compile certain information as a report in a certain format and to submit the report to the Office no later than a certain date following the period that is the subject of the report; requiring the Office to analyze and summarize certain reports of law enforcement agencies and to submit a report of the analyses and summaries to the Governor, the General Assembly, and each law enforcement agency before a certain date each year; providing that, if a law enforcement agency fails to comply with certain reporting requirements, the Office shall report the noncompliance to the Commission; providing that the Commission shall contact a certain law enforcement agency and request that the agency comply with certain reporting requirements under certain circumstances; providing that, if a certain law enforcement agency fails to comply with certain reporting requirements within a certain period after being contacted by the Commission, the Office and the Commission jointly shall make a certain report to the Governor and the Legislative Policy Committee of the General Assembly and publish the report on its website; requiring each law enforcement agency to require the use of body-worn cameras on or before a certain date; altering a certain provision of law requiring each law enforcement agency to establish a certain early intervention policy to require a system instead of a policy, repeal the requirement that the system be confidential and nonpunitive, and alter the purpose and function of the system; requiring the Commission to develop guidelines for a certain early intervention system; requiring that a certain shooting or other incident be investigated by a certain investigative agency; requiring a law enforcement agency to notify a certain investigative agency of a certain shooting or other incident at a certain time and cooperate with the investigative agency in a certain investigation; requiring a certain investigative agency to submit a certain report to a certain State's Attorney and publicize the report at a certain time; requiring the Governor to annually include certain funding in the State budget; requiring each police officer to sign a certain pledge; providing that a police officer may only use certain force; requiring a police officer to take certain steps to gain compliance and de-escalate conflict under certain circumstances; requiring a police officer to intervene to prevent or terminate the use of certain force by a certain police officer; requiring a police officer to render certain first aid to a certain subject and request certain assistance at a certain time; requiring a police supervisor to respond to the scene of a certain incident and gather and review certain recordings; requiring a police officer to document certain incidents in a certain manner; requiring a law enforcement agency to adopt a certain policy; requiring a police officer to undergo certain training; requiring a police officer to sign a certain training completion document; providing that a police officer may only use deadly force for a certain purpose; requiring all police officers to undergo less-lethal force training and be trained and equipped with certain less-lethal weapons; prohibiting a police officer from shooting at a certain vehicle except under

certain circumstances; prohibiting a police officer from using a chokehold, neck restraint, or a certain other type of restraint; prohibiting a law enforcement agency from acquiring a certain armored or weaponized vehicle; requiring a law enforcement agency to have a written de-escalation of force policy; prohibiting a police officer from knowingly and willfully violating certain provisions of this Act; prohibiting a police officer from recklessly violating certain provisions of this Act; establishing certain penalties for a violation of certain provisions of this Act; requiring the Governor's Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services to withhold grant funding from a certain law enforcement agency; establishing that a certain provision of law shall be known as the Maryland Use of Force Statute; requiring the Maryland Police Training and Standards Commission to submit a certain annual report to the Governor and General Assembly; requiring each law enforcement agency to establish and implement a certain police discipline process with certain requirements; requiring each law enforcement agency to post the police discipline process on the agency's public website; requiring certain members of trial boards and administrative charging committees to receive certain training; prohibiting a law enforcement agency from negating or altering certain requirements of a certain provision of law through collective bargaining; providing for the establishment, composition, and duties of an administrative charging committee; requiring, that on completion of a certain investigation, a law enforcement agency forward the investigatory files for certain matters to an administrative charging committee; requiring that a certain allegation proceed in accordance with the policies and procedures of a certain law enforcement agency; providing that the meetings of an administrative charging committee are not subject to the requirements of the Open Meetings Act; requiring the Emergency Number Systems Board to conduct a certain study and submit a certain report; providing for the application of a certain provision of this Act; requiring a certain publisher, in consultation with and subject to the approval of the Department of Legislative Services, to correct certain cross-references and terminology and describe a certain correction in a certain manner; making conforming changes; defining certain terms; and generally relating to police reform.

BY renumbering

Article – Public Safety

Section 1–101(c) and (d) and 3–101(e), respectively
to be Section 1–101(d) and (e) and (c), respectively

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing

Article – Public Safety

Section 3–101 through 3–113 and the subtitle “Subtitle 1. Law Enforcement Officers’
Bill of Rights”

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

The Public Local Laws of Baltimore City
Section 16–2(a) and 16–3
Article 4 – Public Local Laws of Maryland
(1979 Edition and 1997 Supplement and 2000 Supplement, as amended)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Criminal Procedure
Section 1–203(a)(2)(vi)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Criminal Procedure
Section 1–203(a)(7)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Education
Section 15–106.11
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Public Safety
Section 3–203, 3–207(g), 3–209, 3–215, 3–511, and 3–516
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Public Safety
Section 3–207(j) and (k), 3–508, and 3–523 through 3–526
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 671 – The Speaker

AN ACT concerning

Public Information Act – Personnel and Investigatory Records – Complaints Against Police Officers

FOR the purpose of requiring a custodian to allow inspection of certain records by the United States Attorney, the Attorney General, the State Prosecutor, or a State’s Attorney; establishing that a record relating to a formal complaint of job-related

misconduct made against a police officer is not a personnel record under certain provisions of the Public Information Act under certain circumstances; authorizing a custodian to deny inspection of certain records involving a certain complaint of job-related misconduct made against a police officer only under certain circumstances; requiring a custodian to provide a certain person with a certain statement under certain circumstances; requiring each law enforcement agency to annually submit certain information relating to use of force complaints to the Maryland Police Training and Standards Commission; requiring the Commission to annually post on its website and submit to the General Assembly a compendium of certain information; prohibiting the Governor's Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services from making certain grant funds available to a certain law enforcement agency under certain circumstances; defining certain terms; and generally relating to personnel records and investigatory records under the Public Information Act.

BY renumbering

Article – General Provisions
Section 4-101(i) and (j), respectively
to be Section 4-101(j) and (k), respectively
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – General Provisions
Section 4-101(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – General Provisions
Section 4-101(i)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – General Provisions
Section 4-311 and 4-351
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Public Safety
Section 3-514
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 672 – Delegate Attar

AN ACT concerning

Department of Juvenile Services – Juvenile Offense Database

FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of Juvenile Services, in coordination with the Administrative Office of the Courts, to develop a certain publicly accessible database; requiring the database to contain certain information; prohibiting the database from containing certain information; providing that certain provisions of law mandating the confidentiality of certain juvenile records do not prohibit the publication of, or access to or use of, certain information concerning certain juveniles in a certain database; and generally relating to the duties of the Department of Juvenile Services and the confidentiality of juvenile records.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings
Section 3–8A–27(a) through (c)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume)

BY adding to
Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings
Section 3–8A–27(i)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume)

BY adding to
Article – Human Services
Section 9–224
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 673 – Delegate Valentino-Smith

EMERGENCY BILL

AN ACT concerning

State Health Care Facilities – Employees – Alternative Workweeks

FOR the purpose of authorizing the Secretary of Health, beginning on a certain date, to authorize an employee of a State facility to work according to an alternative

workweek under certain circumstances; requiring that a certain employee be considered a full-time employee of the State and be entitled to certain compensation; providing that certain provisions of law governing the payment for overtime work apply to employees of a State facility who are authorized to work according to a certain alternative workweek; defining certain terms; making this Act subject to a certain contingency; making this Act an emergency measure under certain circumstances; and generally relating to alternative workweeks for employees of State health care facilities.

BY adding to

Article – Health – General
Section 2–104(p)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – State Personnel and Pensions
Section 8–305
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 674 – Delegate Valentino–Smith

AN ACT concerning

Nursing Homes – Transfer of Ownership – Site Visits and Surveys

FOR the purpose of requiring the Maryland Department of Health to conduct site visits and conduct full surveys, within certain time periods, of a licensed nursing home 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; and generally relating to nursing home site visits and surveys.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Health – General
Section 19–1408
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 675 – Delegate Valentino–Smith

AN ACT concerning

Drunk and Drugged Driving – Prior Convictions – Conviction for the Drunk or Drugged Operation of a Vessel

FOR the purpose of establishing that certain previous convictions for the drunk or drugged operation of a vessel under certain provisions of law constitute prior convictions for the purpose of determining certain enhanced subsequent offender penalties under State vehicle laws; and generally relating to penalties for drunk and drugged driving.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Natural Resources
Section 8–738(a) and (g)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Transportation
Section 21–902(a)(1), (b)(1), (c)(1), (d)(1), (e), (h), and (i)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 676 – Delegate Bhandari

AN ACT concerning

General Provisions – Commemorative Days – Dashain Day

FOR the purpose of requiring the Governor annually to proclaim a certain day as Dashain Day.

BY renumbering
Article – General Provisions
Section 7–415 through 7–417, respectively
to be Section 7–416 through 7–418, respectively
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – General Provisions
Section 7–415
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 677 – Delegate Bhandari

AN ACT concerning

**Baltimore County – Alcoholic Beverages – Board of License Commissioners –
Qualifications**

FOR the purpose of requiring that each member of the Board of License Commissioners for Baltimore County be a resident and voter of Baltimore County; and generally relating to the Board of License Commissioners for Baltimore County.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Alcoholic Beverages
Section 13–101(a) and (b) and 13–102
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Alcoholic Beverages
Section 13–202
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 678 – Delegate Buckel

AN ACT concerning

**Crimes of Violence – Parole
(Stopping Dangerous and Violent Criminals Act of 2021)**

FOR the purpose of altering the portion of a sentence that must be served before a certain inmate convicted of a certain violent crime committed on or after a certain date can be paroled; and generally relating to parole.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Correctional Services
Section 7–301(c)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2017 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 679 – Delegate Rogers

AN ACT concerning

Anne Arundel County – Alcoholic Beverages – Class MT License

FOR the purpose of establishing a Class MT (movie theater) beer and wine license in Anne Arundel County; authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Anne Arundel County to issue the license to the owner of a movie theater who holds a certain certification; authorizing a license holder to sell beer and wine to certain patrons at retail at the place described in the license for on-premises consumption; specifying the hours during which the license holder may sell beer and wine; specifying where and how on the licensed premises beer and wine may be sold; specifying where on the licensed premises beer and wine may be consumed; stating that a license holder need not obtain a certain Sunday license; specifying that the license holder is subject to certain alcohol awareness requirements; establishing an annual license fee; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages in Anne Arundel County.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Alcoholic Beverages
Section 11–102
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Alcoholic Beverages
Section 11–1006.2
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 680 – Delegate Rogers

AN ACT concerning

Anne Arundel County – Board of License Commissioners – Chief Inspector

FOR the purpose of requiring the Board of License Commissioners for Anne Arundel County to employ a chief inspector; providing for the salary of the chief inspector; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages in Anne Arundel County.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Alcoholic Beverages
Section 11–102
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Alcoholic Beverages
Section 11–204

Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 681 – Delegate Buckel

AN ACT concerning

Task Force to Study the Maryland Orphans’ Courts

FOR the purpose of establishing the Task Force to Study the Maryland Orphans’ Courts; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Task Force; prohibiting a member of the Task Force from receiving certain compensation, but authorizing the reimbursement of certain expenses; requiring the Task Force to study and make recommendations regarding certain matters; requiring the Task Force to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before a certain date; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to the Task Force to Study the Maryland Orphans’ Courts.

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 682 – Delegate Buckel

AN ACT concerning

Renewable Energy Portfolio Standard – Thermal Biomass Systems

FOR the purpose of authorizing certain biomass systems primarily fueled with qualifying biomass other than animal manure to be eligible for renewable energy credits; altering the definition of “thermal biomass system”; and generally relating to the renewable energy portfolio standard and thermal biomass systems.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Public Utilities

Section 7–701(a) and 7–704(i)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2020 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Public Utilities

Section 7–701(r)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2020 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 683 – Delegate Valderrama

AN ACT concerning

Workers' Compensation – Medical Cannabis – Compensation and Benefits

FOR the purpose of providing that a covered employee or a dependent of a covered employee is not entitled to compensation or benefits under the workers' compensation law if a certain accidental personal injury, compensable hernia, or occupational disease was caused solely by the effect of medical cannabis on the employee and the medical cannabis was not administered or taken with the written certification of a certifying provider or the written instructions of a physician; including medical cannabis in the medicine that an employer or its insurer is required to provide to a covered employee under certain circumstances; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to compensation and benefits under workers' compensation law.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Labor and Employment
Section 9–506(a) and 9–660(b)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Labor and Employment
Section 9–506(b) and 9–660(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters and the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 684 – Delegate Valderrama

AN ACT concerning

Professional Land Surveyors – Surveying Practice – Definition and Licensing Exception

FOR the purpose of altering the definition of “practice land surveying” for purposes of certain provisions of law governing professional land surveyors; exempting certain individuals who utilize certain tools for determining topography and contours and are certified by certain entities approved by the State Board for Professional Land Surveyors from certain licensing requirements; and generally relating to professional land surveying.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Business Occupations and Professions

Section 15–101(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Business Occupations and Professions
Section 15–101(k) and 15–301
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 685 – Delegate Valderrama

AN ACT concerning

Labor and Employment – Secure Maryland Wage Act

FOR the purpose of requiring that certain employees working at a Maryland heightened security interest location be paid a certain wage or combination of certain wages or benefits under certain circumstances; declaring findings of the General Assembly; specifying the purposes of certain provisions of this Act; specifying that certain provisions of this Act do not diminish certain rights of certain covered employees; requiring an employer to pay certain covered employees an overtime wage under certain circumstances; specifying that a certain agreement to work for less than a certain wage is void; requiring and authorizing the Commissioner of Labor and Industry to create and make available certain materials for certain employers; requiring the Commissioner to provide certain materials to certain employers under certain circumstances; requiring an employer to keep posted in each place of employment certain materials in a certain manner; requiring employers to keep certain records for a certain period of time; requiring the Commissioner to take certain enforcement actions; providing for the confidentiality of certain records and statements; authorizing a certain person to file a complaint in circuit court within a certain time period under certain circumstances; requiring that a certain complaint be served on the Commissioner; requiring the court to make a certain determination under certain circumstances; authorizing certain employees to bring a certain action under certain circumstances; authorizing the Commissioner to take certain actions regarding certain claims under certain circumstances; providing that a certain agreement is not a defense for certain purposes; requiring a court to make certain awards to certain employees under certain circumstances; prohibiting certain employers and employees from taking certain actions; establishing a certain penalty; prohibiting a certain conviction of a certain employer except under certain circumstances; requiring the Commissioner to enforce certain provisions of law; authorizing the Commissioner to conduct a certain investigation under certain circumstances; establishing an exemption under the Wage and Hour Law for a certain covered employee; establishing an exemption under the Living Wage Law for a certain covered employee; providing for the application of certain provisions of this

Act; defining certain terms; and generally relating to wages paid at heightened security interest locations.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Labor and Employment
Section 3–102 and 3–403(13) and (14)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Labor and Employment
Section 3–103(m) and 3–403(15); and 3–1501 through 3–1511 to be under the new
subtitle “Subtitle 15. Secure Maryland Wage Act”
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – State Finance and Procurement
Section 18–102
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 686 – Delegate McComas

AN ACT concerning

Court Officials – Public Disclosure of Personal Information

FOR the purpose of authorizing a certain court official or an immediate family member of the court official to make a written request to a person who discloses on the Internet or through certain other means of publication certain personal information about the court official or the immediate family member to remove the information; providing for a request under this Act to be made on behalf of a minor; requiring a person who receives a request under this Act to remove the information within a certain period of time and prohibiting the person from subsequently disclosing certain personal information; authorizing actions for an injunction and for damages for a violation of this Act; requiring that a custodian of records deny the inspection of a part of a public record that contains the home address or telephone number of certain current and former judges and prosecutors unless certain permission has been given; defining certain terms; and generally relating to the public disclosure of personal information about judges and prosecutors and their immediate family members.

BY adding to
Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings
Section 3–2201 and 3–2202 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 22. Court Officials

– Protected Information”
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume)

BY adding to
Article – General Provisions
Section 4–357
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 687 – Delegate McComas

AN ACT concerning

Law Enforcement Officers’ Bill of Rights – Uniform Disciplinary Procedures

FOR the purpose of providing that a law enforcement agency or the agency’s superior governmental authority and a collective bargaining unit may not enter into an agreement that is inconsistent with the provisions of the Law Enforcement Officers’ Bill of Rights; repealing a certain authorization for a law enforcement agency or the agency’s superior governmental authority to negotiate with a certain representative, under certain circumstances, an alternative method of forming a certain hearing board; repealing a certain authorization for a law enforcement agency or the agency’s superior governmental authority to agree with a certain representative that a certain decision is final; making conforming changes; and generally relating to uniform disciplinary procedures under the Law Enforcement Officers’ Bill of Rights.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Public Safety
Section 3–102, 3–107(c), and 3–108(c)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 688 – Delegate McComas

AN ACT concerning

Criminal Law – Second Degree Assault – Sports Official

FOR the purpose of prohibiting a person from intentionally causing physical injury to another if the person knows or has reason to know that the other is an official, an umpire, a referee, or a judge officiating at a sporting event; authorizing a police officer to arrest a person without a warrant if the police officer has probable cause to

believe that the person has committed a certain assault; establishing certain penalties; and generally relating to second degree assault.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Criminal Law
Section 3–203
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Criminal Procedure
Section 2–203
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 689 – Delegate McComas

AN ACT concerning

Certificates for Involuntary Admission – Licensed Certified Social Worker–Clinical

FOR the purpose of altering a requirement that a certain certificate accompany an application for involuntary admission to certain facilities by providing that the certificate may be of a physician and a licensed certified social worker–clinical; altering certain provisions of law related to certificates for involuntary admission to certain facilities to prohibit the certificate from being used for an admission if a certain licensed certified social worker–clinical has a certain interest in a certain facility or a certain relationship to a certain individual; altering certain provisions of law related to individuals certified for involuntary admission to require the Maryland Department of Health to receive and evaluate a certain individual within a certain time after receiving a certain notification from a licensed certified social worker–clinical under certain circumstances; making a conforming change; and generally relating to certificates for involuntary admission to facilities and licensed certified social workers–clinical.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Health – General
Section 10–615, 10–616, and 10–619
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 690 – Delegate Hornberger

AN ACT concerning

Election Integrity Act

FOR the purpose of requiring a certain agent of a voter to be a family member or member of the voter's household to pick up and deliver the voter's absentee ballot; prohibiting a certain campaign volunteer from being designated by a voter as a certain agent to pick up and deliver an absentee ballot; prohibiting a certain agent of a voter from picking up and delivering more than a certain number of absentee ballots during each election; and generally relating to the use of an agent to pick up and deliver absentee ballots.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Election Law
Section 9–307
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2017 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Election Law
Section 9–312
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2017 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 691 – Delegate Hornberger

AN ACT concerning

Election Law – Campaign Contributors – Disclosure of Owning or Controlling Individual or Business Entity

FOR the purpose of requiring, to the extent practicable, the treasurer of a campaign finance entity to record the name of the owning or controlling individual or business entity of certain contributors; requiring campaign finance reports to include information regarding the owning or controlling individual or business entity of certain contributors; defining a certain term; and generally relating to the disclosure of the owning or controlling individual or business entity of campaign contributors.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Election Law
Section 13–221(a)(1)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2017 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – Election Law
Section 13–221(a)(4)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2017 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Election Law
Section 13–221(a)(4) and 13–304(b)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2017 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 692 – Cecil County Delegation

AN ACT concerning

Cecil County – Board of Education – Member Terms and Compensation

FOR the purpose of altering the number of terms a voting member of the Cecil County Board of Education may serve; requiring the County Council of Cecil County to set the amount of compensation for members of the county board; altering the minimum amount of compensation the president and other voting members of the county board are entitled to receive; providing that this Act does not apply to the compensation of the president or other voting members of the county board during a certain term of office; making conforming changes; and generally relating to the terms and compensation of the members of the Cecil County Board of Education.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Education
Section 3–4A–01 and 3–4A–04
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 693 – Cecil County Delegation

AN ACT concerning

Cecil County – Fishing – Restrictions

FOR the purpose of establishing that a certain riparian right of first refusal to set commercial fishing nets in certain waters of the Chesapeake Bay and a certain process through which another person may set commercial fishing nets in front of the property of the riparian property owner do not apply in Cecil County; repealing

certain fishing restrictions that apply in Cecil County; and generally relating to fishing in Cecil County.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Natural Resources
Section 4–712
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing
Article – Natural Resources
Section 4–717
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 694 – Delegate Hornberger

AN ACT concerning

Election Law – Offenses Related to Voting – Penalties

FOR the purpose of altering the circumstances under which an individual is not qualified to be a registered voter to include if the individual has been convicted of a certain violation of the election law and less than a certain period of time has elapsed since the date of the conviction; providing that a person who is convicted of a certain violation of the election law is ineligible to vote for a certain period of time after the date of the conviction; making a conforming change; and generally relating to election law violations.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Election Law
Section 3–102(b) and 16–201
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2017 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 695 – Delegate Hornberger

AN ACT concerning

State Board of Elections – Campaign Finance Reporting Database – Study

FOR the purpose of requiring the State Board of Elections to study and make recommendations regarding certain requirements that need to be met to implement

a system that provides the public with real-time access to certain campaign finance information; requiring the State Board to research certain options and make certain recommendations; authorizing the State Board to work in coordination with the Maryland Bankers Association in conducting the study; requiring the State Board to submit its findings and recommendations to certain committees of the General Assembly on or before a certain date; and generally relating to a study on the implementation of a campaign finance reporting database.

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 696 – Delegate Hornberger

AN ACT concerning

Public Safety – Consumer and Display Fireworks

FOR the purpose of authorizing a person who is at least a certain age and meets certain requirements to purchase, possess, and use certain consumer fireworks; prohibiting a person from intentionally igniting or discharging certain consumer fireworks in certain circumstances; altering certain provisions to establish that certain provisions authorizing the State Fire Marshal to issue a certain permit relating to fireworks apply only to certain display fireworks; applying certain penalties to a violation of this Act; establishing that certain consumer fireworks may be sold only from certain structures, with certain exceptions; defining certain terms; altering certain definitions; and generally relating to consumer and display fireworks.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Public Safety
Section 10–101, 10–103, 10–104, and 10–110
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Public Safety
Section 10–102.1 and 10–114
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Public Safety
Section 10–109 and 10–111
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 697 – Delegate Williams

AN ACT concerning

Residential Property – Eviction Proceedings – Shielding of Court Records

FOR the purpose of requiring a court to shield certain court records on the commencement of certain actions involving residential property; requiring a court to cease shielding certain records if the court issues a warrant of restitution or warrant of possession to a certain party, except under certain circumstances; authorizing the release of shielded records under certain circumstances; requiring a summons issued for a certain cause of action to contain a certain statement in a certain form; providing for the application of this Act; defining certain terms; making stylistic changes; and generally relating to the shielding of court records in eviction cases.

BY adding to

Article – Real Property
Section 8–406 and 8–807(m)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Real Property
Section 8–807(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Real Property
Section 8A–1703
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 698 – Delegate Crutchfield

AN ACT concerning

Maryland Model Prisons Study Workgroup

FOR the purpose of establishing the Maryland Model Prisons Study Workgroup; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Workgroup; prohibiting a member of the Workgroup from receiving certain compensation, but authorizing the reimbursement of certain expenses; requiring the Workgroup to study and make recommendations regarding certain matters; requiring the Workgroup to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or

before a certain date; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to the Maryland Model Prisons Study Workgroup.

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 699 – Delegate D.M. Davis

AN ACT concerning

Motor Vehicles – Driver’s License and Insurance Offenses – Penalties

FOR the purpose of altering and repealing certain penalties for certain motor vehicle offenses related to driver’s licenses or the privilege to drive in the State; altering and repealing certain penalties for driving, or knowingly allowing another person to drive, under certain circumstances, a motor vehicle that is not covered by the required security; making a technical correction; and generally relating to penalties for motor vehicle offenses related to driver’s licenses and insurance requirements.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Transportation

Section 16–303 and 17–107

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2020 Replacement Volume)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 700 – Delegate Ruth

AN ACT concerning

Education – Disruption of School Activities – Repeal of Prohibition

FOR the purpose of repealing a provision of law prohibiting a person from willfully disturbing or otherwise willfully preventing the orderly conduct of activities, administration, or classes of any institution of elementary, secondary, or higher education; and generally relating to the disruption of activities in elementary, secondary, and higher education institutions.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Education

Section 26–101

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 701 – Delegate McComas

AN ACT concerning

Child Abuse and Neglect – Training of Health Care Professionals

FOR the purpose of requiring the Maryland Department of Health to provide certain boards with a list of certain generally recommended courses relating to the obligation to report child abuse and neglect and the identification of abused and neglected children; requiring certain boards to post certain information prominently on each board's website, provide information about certain recommended courses to certain health care professionals at a certain time, or advertise the availability of certain recommended courses in certain media; providing for the application of certain provisions of this Act; defining certain terms; and generally relating to child abuse and neglect and the training of certain health care professionals.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Family Law
Section 5–704
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Health Occupations
Section 1–225
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 702 – Delegate Ivey

AN ACT concerning

Higher Education – Standardized Tests – Prohibition of Use in Student Admissions

FOR the purpose of prohibiting a public institution of higher education from requiring an applicant to submit a standardized test score as part of the admissions process; specifying that the prohibition does not apply to a public medical school in the State; making conforming changes; and generally relating to standardized test scores and higher education.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Education
Section 12–109(e), 14–104(e), and 15–101
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

House Bill 703 – Delegate Ivey

AN ACT concerning

Transportation – I-270 and I-495 – Prohibition on Adding New Lanes

FOR the purpose of prohibiting the State Highway Administration from adding any new lanes to Interstate 270 or Interstate 495; and generally relating to Interstate 270 and Interstate 495.

BY adding to

Article – Transportation
Section 8–609.4
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation and the Committee on Appropriations.

House Bill 704 – Delegate Ivey

EMERGENCY BILL

AN ACT concerning

**Land Use – Magnetic Levitation Transportation System Siting
(Maryland Stop the Maglev Act of 2021)**

FOR the purpose of prohibiting a person from constructing a magnetic levitation transportation system within a certain distance of certain property; prohibiting units of State and local government from taking certain actions related to the construction of a magnetic levitation transportation system within a certain distance of certain property; establishing that the prohibitions under this Act do not apply under certain circumstances; authorizing counties to adopt local laws for the use of certain land under certain circumstances; defining certain terms; making this Act an emergency measure; and generally relating to land use and magnetic levitation transportation systems.

BY renumbering

Article – Land Use
Section 1–401(b)(16) through (27), respectively
to be Section 1–401(b)(17) through (28), respectively
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Land Use
Section 1–101(a) and (c) through (e), 1–401(a) and (c), and 1–402
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Land Use
Section 1–401(b)(16) and 4–215
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 705 – Delegate Ivey

AN ACT concerning

**Transportation – I-270 and I-495 – Prohibition on Toll Lanes
(Stop Unnecessary Toll Lanes Act of 2021)**

FOR the purpose of prohibiting the Maryland Transportation Authority, or a private entity participating in a public–private partnership, from imposing a toll for the use of Interstate 495 or Interstate 270; and generally relating to prohibiting tolls.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Transportation
Section 4–312(a)(2) and (b)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Transportation
Section 4–312(c)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation and the Committee on Appropriations.

House Bill 706 – Delegate Ivey

AN ACT concerning

Medical Cannabis – Dispensary Grower–Processor License

FOR the purpose of requiring the Natalie M. LaPrade Medical Cannabis Commission to license medical cannabis dispensary grower-processors under certain circumstances; requiring an applicant to meet certain conditions to be licensed as a dispensary grower-processor; providing that an applicant for a dispensary grower-processor license may not have received certain disciplinary action from the Commission or have failed to meet certain deadlines; requiring the Commission to establish a certain application review process; requiring the Commission to actively seek to achieve racial, ethnic, and geographic diversity and to encourage certain applicants when licensing dispensary grower-processors; requiring the Commission to provide certain forms on the Commission's website; providing for the term of an initial and renewal medical cannabis dispensary grower-processor license; prohibiting a certain person from having an ownership interest in or control of more than one dispensary; requiring a dispensary grower-processor agent to meet certain requirements; requiring a dispensary grower-processor to apply to the Commission for a registration card for each dispensary grower-processor agent by submitting certain information to the Commission; requiring, under certain circumstances, dispensary grower-processors to notify the Commission and return registration cards of certain agents to the Commission within a certain time period; requiring the Commission, on receipt of a certain notice, to revoke certain registrations in a certain manner and, under certain circumstances, notify the Department of State Police that certain registration cards have not been returned; authorizing the Commission to register certain persons as dispensary grower-processor agents except under certain circumstances; requiring certain dispensary grower-processors to submit a certain annual report to the Commission; requiring the Commission to allow certain dispensary grower-processors and dispensary grower-processor agents to take certain actions related to edible cannabis products for use by certain persons; requiring the Commission to allow dispensary grower-processors and dispensary grower-processor agents to transport edible cannabis products to an independent testing laboratory; prohibiting dispensary grower-processors and dispensary grower-processor agents from being arrested or penalized for certain actions; authorizing certain persons to obtain medical cannabis from a certain facility; authorizing a certain entity to grow, process, and dispense medical cannabis on the same premises; requiring a certain entity to ensure that certain safety precautions are followed by a certain facility; requiring the Commission to establish certain requirements for security and a certain manufacturing process; authorizing the Commission to inspect a dispensary grower-processor for a certain purpose; requiring and authorizing the Commission to adopt certain regulations; authorizing the Commission to impose certain penalties or rescind a certain license under certain circumstances; providing that a certain dispensary grower-processor is subject to certain provisions of law; including dispensary grower-processors and dispensary grower-processor agents in certain provisions of law governing medical cannabis; defining certain terms; and generally relating to a medical cannabis dispensary grower-processor license.

BY renumbering

Article – Health – General

Section 13-3301(h) through (p), respectively

to be Section 13–3301(j) through (r), respectively
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Health – General
Section 13–3301(a) and (f)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Health – General
Section 13–3301(h) and (i) and 13–3307.1
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Health – General
Section 13–3301(l) and (o)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)
(As enacted by Section 1 of this Act)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Health – General
Section 13–3302(f)(1) and (2)(iii) and (h)(1), 13–3303(b)(2), 13–3303.1(c) and (h),
13–3304(g)(5)(i), 13–3304.1(b), 13–3306(a)(1), (b), and (h), 13–3309(f) and (g),
13–3311.1(a)(1), 13–3313(a) and (b)(1), and 13–3313.1(b), (d)(1), and (e)(1)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Health – General
Section 13–3304(f)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)
(As enacted by Chapter 474 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2016)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 707 – Delegate Bhandari

AN ACT concerning

Public Safety – Law Enforcement Reform

FOR the purpose of providing that the Police Department of Baltimore City is an agency and instrumentality of the City of Baltimore, instead of the State; providing that certain police officers have the authority conferred under a certain provision of law; requiring that a certain “no-knock” search warrant be preapproved by a certain supervisor and the State’s Attorney; altering the required frequency of certain police training; altering the scope of required police training to require certain training to address certain interactions and add implicit bias as a training topic; requiring a certain law enforcement agency to require the use of body-worn cameras by a certain date; requiring that the cost of certain equipment for a body-worn camera program be split equally between the State and a certain county or municipality; requiring that certain operating costs for a body-worn camera program be borne solely by a certain county or municipality; altering a certain provision of law requiring each law enforcement agency to establish a certain early intervention policy to require a system instead of a policy, repeal the requirement that the system be confidential and nonpunitive, and alter the purpose and function of the system; requiring a certain chief to adopt certain rules to be followed by certain law enforcement officers; and generally relating to law enforcement reform.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
The Public Local Laws of Baltimore City
Section 16–2(a) and 16–3
Article 4 – Public Local Laws of Maryland
(1979 Edition and 1997 Supplement, and 2000 Supplement, as amended)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Criminal Procedure
Section 1–203(a)(2)(vi)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Public Safety
Section 3–207(a)(16) and (17), 3–511, and 3–516
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Public Safety
Section 3–523
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 708 – Delegate Krebs

AN ACT concerning

**State Board of Dental Examiners – Dispositions and Summary Suspensions
– Time Periods**

FOR the purpose of requiring the State Board of Dental Examiners to dispose of certain disciplinary matters within a certain period of time after a certain hearing; authorizing a certain licensee to provide certain written notice that a decision is due; establishing that a certain decision shall be construed in a certain manner under certain circumstances; requiring the Board to issue a certain order on a certain summary suspension within a certain period of time; and generally relating to dispositions and summary suspensions and the State Board of Dental Examiners.

BY adding to

Article – Health Occupations

Section 4–318.1

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 709 – Delegate Krebs

AN ACT concerning

Pharmacy Benefits Managers – Drug Reimbursement – Reporting Requirements

FOR the purpose of requiring pharmacy benefits managers to file with the Maryland Insurance Commissioner, beginning on a certain date and at certain intervals thereafter, a certain report of all drugs appearing on a certain cost list that were reimbursed during a certain time period at an amount below a certain cost plus a certain fee; requiring that the report be made available to the public by the Commissioner; providing that certain provisions of this Act apply to pharmacy benefits managers that contract with managed care organizations in the same manner as they apply to pharmacy benefits managers that contract with carriers; providing for the construction of certain provisions of this Act; and generally relating to drug reimbursement reporting requirements for pharmacy benefits managers.

BY adding to

Article – Health – General

Section 15–102.3(j)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Insurance

Section 15–1612

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2017 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 710 – Delegate Krebs

AN ACT concerning

**Maryland Medical Assistance Programs – Dental Providers and Dental Students
– Reimbursement**

FOR the purpose of requiring the Maryland Department of Health, under the Maryland Medical Assistance Program, to reimburse a dental provider for services rendered by a student of dentistry who is engaged in an educational program at a school of dentistry that meets certain requirements and providing services under the supervision of a licensed dentist; and generally relating to the reimbursement of dental providers under the Maryland Medical Assistance Program.

BY renumbering

Article – Health – General

Section 15–114.1

to be Section 15–114.2

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – Health – General

Section 15–114.1

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 711 – Delegate D. Jones

AN ACT concerning

**Income Tax – Subtraction Modification – Donations to Diaper Banks and Other
Charitable Entities**

FOR the purpose of allowing a subtraction under the Maryland income tax for 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 Department of Human Services to adopt certain regulations; defining certain terms; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to a subtraction under the Maryland

income tax for donations of diapers, hygiene products, or monetary gifts to charitable entities.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Tax – General
Section 10–208(a) and 10–308(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Tax – General
Section 10–208(y)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Tax – General
Section 10–308(b)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 712 – Delegate D. Jones

AN ACT concerning

Bureau of Revenue Estimates – Tax Incidence Study – Scope

FOR the purpose of altering the scope of certain tax incidence studies submitted by the Bureau of Revenue Estimates; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to certain tax incidence studies submitted by the Bureau of Revenue Estimates.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – State Finance and Procurement
Section 6–101(a) and (c)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – State Finance and Procurement
Section 6–104(d)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means and the Committee on Appropriations.

House Bill 713 – Delegate Guyton

AN ACT concerning

County Boards of Education – Therapy Dogs – Policy for Handling and Use in Schools

FOR the purpose of requiring each county board of education to allow the use of therapy dogs in public schools in the county; requiring each therapy dog used in a public school to be accompanied by a handler; requiring each county board to adopt a certain policy for the use and handling of therapy dogs in public schools in the county; defining certain terms; and generally relating to therapy dogs in public schools.

BY adding to

Article – Education

Section 4–138

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 714 – Delegate Guyton

AN ACT concerning

Special Education – Learning Continuity Plan – Requirement

FOR the purpose of requiring an individualized education program to include a learning continuity plan to be implemented for certain students during emergency conditions beginning on a certain date; requiring an individualized education program team to develop a learning continuity plan at certain times and to consider certain risks for a certain purpose; providing for the contents of a learning continuity plan; authorizing a local school system to provide certain services by certain learning models; specifying that the provision of services under a learning continuity plan does not alter a child's educational placement for a certain purpose; requiring an individualized education program team to periodically update a learning continuity plan; requiring a local school system to develop a certain learning continuity plan for certain students on or before a certain date; defining certain terms; and generally relating to learning continuity plans for students receiving special education.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Education

Section 8–405

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – Education

Section 8–405.1

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 715 – Delegate Guyton

AN ACT concerning

Public Schools – Self-Contained Special Education Classrooms – Use of Video Recording Devices

FOR the purpose of requiring each county board of education, beginning in a certain school year, to install certain video recording devices in self-contained special education classrooms; requiring a certain video recording device to record certain areas at certain times; prohibiting a certain video recording device to record certain areas; requiring a county board to provide notice of the use of video recording devices in self-contained special education classrooms in a certain manner; prohibiting a county board from storing a certain video recording for a certain amount of time except under certain circumstances; requiring a county board to store a certain video recording for a certain amount of time under certain circumstances; requiring a certain person to submit a certain report to the principal of a certain school under certain circumstances; requiring the principal to maintain a certain report for a certain amount of time; establishing that a certain video recording is confidential and may not be viewed, shared, or disseminated except under certain circumstances; authorizing certain persons to view a certain video recording under certain circumstances; requiring a school administration to review a certain video recording by a certain time under certain circumstances; requiring a school administration or a representative of Child Protective Services to make a certain video recording available only to a certain law enforcement agency under certain circumstances; authorizing a school administration to share a certain video recording with certain parties at the conclusion of a certain investigation under certain circumstances; requiring a certain employee to report certain actions under certain circumstances and in a certain manner; requiring a principal to notify a parent or legal guardian of a certain student of a certain report within a certain amount of time; requiring a county board to make a reasonable attempt to conceal the identity of a certain student under certain circumstances; prohibiting the State Department of Education, a county board, a school, or a principal from using a certain video recording device for a certain purpose; authorizing a county board to solicit and accept certain funds for a certain purpose; requiring certain video recording devices to comply with certain fire and safety standards; requiring a county board to collect certain data each year; requiring a county board, beginning in a certain year and

each year thereafter, to submit a certain report to the Department; requiring the Department to adopt certain regulations; defining certain terms; and generally relating to the use of video recording devices in self-contained special education classrooms.

BY adding to

Article – Education

Section 7–447

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Education

Section 8–401(a)(1) and (5)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 716 – Delegate Griffith

AN ACT concerning

Special Education – Individualized Education Programs – Educational Evaluations

FOR the purpose of 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 a certain period of time or, on approval, the educational evaluation meeting does not occur within a certain period of time under certain circumstances; making conforming changes; and generally relating to educational evaluations in individualized education programs.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Education

Section 8–405

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 717 – Delegate Guyton

AN ACT concerning

**Education – Technology Resources – Funding
(Ending the Digital Divide Act)**

FOR the purpose of providing for the target per pupil foundation amount in a certain fiscal year; requiring each county board of education to use a certain percentage of the target per pupil foundation amount for certain purposes; authorizing a county board to partner with certain organizations for a certain purpose; authorizing a county board to hold certain funds in a special fund under a certain circumstance; requiring a county board that allocates certain funding to follow certain information technology security standards; providing for the intent of the General Assembly; requiring each local school system to use certain federal funds for a certain purpose before using local funds; altering a certain definition; and generally relating to technology funding for local school systems.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Education
Section 5–202(a)(1)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Education
Section 5–202(a)(13)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Education
Section 5–202(m)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations and the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 718 – Delegate Guyton

AN ACT concerning

**State Coordinator for Autism Strategy and Advisory Stakeholder Group on
Autism–Related Needs – Mandated Appropriation**

FOR the purpose of requiring the Governor to include in the annual budget bill, for a certain fiscal year and each fiscal year thereafter, a certain appropriation to fund the position of State Coordinator for Autism Strategy and the Advisory Stakeholder Group on Autism–Related Needs within the Department of Disabilities; requiring the appropriation to be increased in subsequent fiscal years to reflect annualization

and ongoing costs; and generally relating to a mandated appropriation for the position of State Coordinator for Autism Strategy and the Advisory Stakeholder Group on Autism–Related Needs.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Human Services
Section 7–111(a) and 7–112(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Human Services
Section 7–111(e)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

House Bill 719 – Delegate Moon

EMERGENCY BILL

AN ACT concerning

Commercial Tenants – Personal Liability Clauses – Enforceability

FOR the purpose of providing that a certain personal liability clause in a commercial lease or associated document is unenforceable under certain circumstances; prohibiting a commercial landlord from attempting to enforce a personal liability clause that the commercial landlord knows or reasonably should know is unenforceable under this Act; authorizing a court to enter a certain judgment; providing that certain lawful action by a commercial landlord may not be construed as a violation of certain provisions of this Act; defining certain terms; making this Act an emergency measure; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to the enforcement of certain provisions in commercial leases and associated documents.

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 720 – Delegate Moon

AN ACT concerning

Intercepted Communications – Penalties and Admissibility of Evidence

FOR the purpose of reclassifying, as a misdemeanor instead of a felony, a certain offense relating to the prohibition against intercepting and disclosing certain communications; altering certain penalties relating to the prohibition against

intercepting and disclosing certain communications; providing that a certain communication that was intercepted in violation of certain provisions of law may be admissible in certain proceedings under certain circumstances; prohibiting the admissibility of the contents of an intercepted communication or evidence derived from an intercepted communication as evidence unless certain conditions are met; and generally relating to intercepted communications and the admissibility of evidence.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings
Section 10–402(a), (d), and (f)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings
Section 10–402(b) and (e) and 10–405
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Criminal Procedure
Section 4–101(a)(1), (2), and (4) and (c)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 721 – Delegate Moon

AN ACT concerning

Tort Claims Acts – Limits on Liability

FOR the purpose of increasing the limits on liability of a local government and the State and its units for claims arising from tortious acts or omissions committed by an employee within the scope of employment with the local government or the State or its units; altering the limits on liability of a local government and the State and its units for claims arising from tortious acts or omissions committed by a law enforcement officer; providing for the retroactive application of this Act for a cause of action arising before the effective date of this Act if the cause of action is filed on or after the effective date of this Act; and generally relating to liability under the Local Government Tort Claims Act and the Maryland Tort Claims Act.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings
Section 5–303

Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – State Government
Section 12–104
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 722 – Delegate Ivey

AN ACT concerning

Procurement – Disparity Studies – African American–Owned Businesses

FOR the purpose of requiring a certain certification agency, in consultation with the Office of the Attorney General, to contract with an independent consultant to conduct a review of a certain disparity study to evaluate whether the data in the study demonstrates a compelling interest to implement certain remedial measures specifically to assist African American–owned businesses; requiring a certain certification agency, in consultation with the Office of the Attorney General, to initiate a certain disparity study and, on or before a certain date, to report the findings of the disparity study to certain persons under certain circumstances; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to the awarding of contracts and subcontracts by the State to African American–owned businesses.

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 723 – Delegate Ivey

AN ACT concerning

Public Institutions of Higher Education – Incarcerated and Formerly Incarcerated Individuals – Academic and Employment Opportunities

FOR the purpose of requiring the Maryland Higher Education Commission, in consultation with public institutions of higher education and Maryland Correctional Enterprises, to establish a certain process to increase access to certain academic and employment opportunities at public institutions of higher education for certain incarcerated and formerly incarcerated individuals; specifying certain requirements for the process; and generally relating to public institutions of higher education and opportunities for incarcerated and formerly incarcerated individuals.

BY adding to
Article – Education

Section 11–409
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations and the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 724 – Delegate Guyton

EMERGENCY BILL

AN ACT concerning

Special Education – Education and Vocational Services – Prolonged School Closure

FOR the purpose of requiring a county board of education to enroll a certain student whose school is subject to a prolonged school closure in continuing school classes and certain education services for a certain period of time; requiring a county board to provide a certain notice to the parents or guardians of certain students and to offer the opportunity to opt out of enrollment; requiring a county board to provide a certain extension to certain students regardless of whether certain conditions have been met; requiring that certain classes and services be of a certain type and quality; requiring a county board to coordinate with certain entities to ensure that certain students have access to certain services; requiring the Division of Rehabilitation Services within the State Department of Education to ensure that certain transitioning students continue to have access to certain services for a certain period of time; defining certain terms; making this Act an emergency measure; and generally relating to education and vocational services for special education students who are experiencing a prolonged school closure.

BY adding to

Article – Education
Section 8–404.1
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Education
Section 21–305
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 725 – Delegate Ivey

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

AN ACT concerning

Constitutional Amendment – Legislative Sessions

FOR the purpose of proposing an amendment to the Maryland Constitution to add a certain number of legislative sessions each year; providing for the lengths of certain legislative sessions each year; making a clarifying change; and submitting this amendment to the qualified voters of the State for their adoption or rejection.

BY proposing an amendment to the Maryland Constitution
Article III – Legislative Department
Section 14 and 15

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations.

House Bill 726 – Delegate Ivey

AN ACT concerning

**Labor and Employment – Apprenticeship and Training Council –
Representation**

FOR the purpose of requiring that the Apprenticeship and Training Council include representation by individuals who are Black and Latino; making a technical correction; and generally relating to representation on the Apprenticeship and Training Council.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Labor and Employment
Section 11–403(b)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 727 – Delegate Moon

AN ACT concerning

Law Enforcement – Body–Worn Cameras – Capabilities

FOR the purpose of requiring a certain policy developed and published by the Maryland Police Training and Standards Commission to require that a body–worn camera purchased or otherwise procured for use by a law enforcement officer on or after a

certain date have certain capabilities; repealing a certain obsolete reference; and generally relating to law enforcement officers and body-worn cameras.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Public Safety
Section 3–511
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 728 – Delegate Moon

AN ACT concerning

Criminal Procedure – Committed Persons – Release Proceedings

FOR the purpose of providing that a certain person may file exceptions to a certain report of the Office of Administrative Hearings only if that person appeared at a certain release hearing; altering a provision of law to require a court to hold a certain hearing unless all parties that appeared at a certain prior hearing waive the hearing, rather than requiring the court to hold a certain hearing unless a certain committed person and the State’s Attorney waive the hearing; providing that certain provisions of the Maryland Rules relating to discovery apply in a certain administrative proceeding; requiring a State’s Attorney who makes a certain determination and believes certain action by a court is necessary to provide a certain notice to certain persons; requiring a court that receives a certain report to promptly notify certain persons; requiring the Maryland Department of Health to notify the court and certain persons if the Department receives a certain report; requiring a petition for revocation or modification of a conditional release to contain a certain affidavit stating certain information; requiring a court that determines that there is no probable cause supporting a certain petition to notify certain persons; requiring a court to hold a hearing after a certain application is made; establishing that a certain applicant has a certain burden of proof to establish a certain issue by a preponderance of the evidence; authorizing a court to modify a certain conditional release in a certain manner at a certain time; making conforming changes; and generally relating to release proceedings.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Criminal Procedure
Section 3–116, 3–117, 3–119, 3–121(a) through (d), and 3–122
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 729 – The Speaker (By Request – Office of the Attorney General)

AN ACT concerning

Landlord and Tenant – Eviction Actions – Filing Surcharge and Prohibited Lease Provisions

FOR the purpose of increasing the surcharge that the District Court is required to assess for filing a civil case for summary ejectment, tenant holding over, or breach of lease that seeks a judgement for possession of residential property against a residential tenant; requiring the District Court to assess the surcharge against a landlord and prohibiting the court from awarding or assigning the surcharge against a residential tenant; prohibiting a landlord from including in a residential lease a provision that provides that a tenant is responsible for, or requires a tenant to agree to be responsible for, payment of the surcharge; prohibiting a landlord from seeking the surcharge in the landlord's written complaint to repossess residential property filed in the District Court; and generally relating to court surcharges for eviction filings.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings
Section 7–301(c)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Real Property
Section 8–208(d)(7) and (8) and 8–401(b)(1)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Real Property
Section 8–208(d)(9)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Real Property
Section 8–401(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 730 – The Speaker (By Request – Administration)

AN ACT concerning

**Driver’s Licenses, Learner’s Instructional Permits, and Identification Cards –
Applications and Renewals**

FOR the purpose of authorizing the Motor Vehicle Administration to extend the period of time that an identification card remains effective by a certain amount under certain circumstances; altering the documentation that certain applicants for a learner’s instructional permit 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; altering the time period within which a certain visual test is required to take place before application for driver’s license renewal; and generally relating to applications and renewals for driver’s licenses, learner’s instructional permits, and identification cards.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Transportation

Section 12–301(a) and 16–115(a)(1) and (2) and (i)(1)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2020 Replacement Volume)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Transportation

Section 12–301(i), 16–105(a), and 16–115(a)(3) and (4) and (i)(2)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2020 Replacement Volume)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 731 – The Speaker (By Request – Administration)

AN ACT concerning

Telehealth Services – Expansion

FOR the purpose of altering the health care services the Maryland Medical Assistance Program is required to provide through telehealth; altering the circumstances under which the Program is required to provide health care services through telehealth; requiring the Maryland Department of Health to apply to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services for a certain amendment to certain waivers to implement certain requirements of this Act; repealing a certain requirement that the Department apply for a certain amendment to certain waivers to implement a certain pilot program relating to the provision of certain telehealth services; repealing a requirement that the Department administer the pilot program, collect certain data, and submit certain reports to the General Assembly; altering the definition of telehealth in certain provisions of law applicable to certain health care practitioners; altering a provision of law requiring certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations to reimburse certain health

care services provided through telehealth to require reimbursement to be provided in a certain manner and at a certain rate; prohibiting certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations from imposing, as a condition of reimbursement of a health care service delivered through telehealth, that the health care service be provided by a certain health care provider; repealing the termination date of certain provisions of law relating to the Maryland Medical Assistance Program and coverage for telehealth; defining certain terms; altering certain definitions; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to the coverage and reimbursement of health care services delivered through telehealth.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Health – General
Section 15–103(a)(1)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Health – General
Section 15–103(a)(2)(xv) and 15–141.2
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Health Occupations
Section 1–1001
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Insurance
Section 15–139
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2017 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Chapter 17 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2020
Section 4

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Chapter 18 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2020
Section 4

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 732 – The Speaker (By Request – Administration)

AN ACT concerning

Health Care Practitioners – Telehealth – Out-of-State Health Care Practitioners

FOR the purpose of authorizing an out-of-state health care practitioner to provide telehealth services to a patient located in the State in accordance with certain provisions of this Act; requiring a certain health occupations board to register an out-of-state health care practitioner, under certain circumstances, to provide telehealth services to a patient located in the State; requiring an out-of-state health care practitioner who is registered under certain provisions of this Act to take certain actions under certain circumstances; prohibiting an out-of-state health care practitioner who is registered under certain provisions of this Act from taking certain actions; requiring that an out-of-state health care practitioner registered under certain provisions of this Act be held to certain standards and subject to certain disciplinary actions and sanctions; providing that an out-of-state health care practitioner may be subject to disciplinary action for practicing without a license under certain circumstances; requiring each health occupations board to publish certain information in a certain manner about out-of-state health care practitioners that are registered under certain provisions of this Act; altering a certain definition; defining a certain term; making a clarifying change; making conforming changes; providing for the construction of certain provisions of this Act; and generally relating to out-of-state health care practitioners and telehealth.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Health Occupations

Section 1–1001(a), 2–301(a)(1), 3–301(b), 4–301(a), 6–301(a), 8–301(a) and (b), 9–301(a), 10–301(a), 15–301(d)(1), 17–301(a), 18–301(a), and 19–301(a)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Health Occupations

Section 1–1001(c), 1–1005, 1A–301, 2–301(b)(1)(v) and (vi), 3–301(d), 4–301(b)(5) and (6), 5–301, 6–301(b)(5) and (6), 8–301(c)(4) and (5), 10–301(b)(4) and (5), 11–301, 12–301, 13–301, 14–301, 15–301(f), 16–301, 17–301(b), 18–301(b) and (e), 19–301(b)(3) and (4), and 20–301(a) and (b)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – Health Occupations

Section 2–301(b)(1)(vii), 4–301(b)(7), 6–301(b)(7), 8–301(c)(6), 9–301(c), 10–301(b)(6), 18–301(g), and 19–301(b)(5)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 733 – The Speaker (By Request – Administration)

AN ACT concerning

Retirement Tax Reduction Act of 2021

FOR the purpose of allowing certain individuals a subtraction modification under the Maryland income tax for a certain amount of income; limiting the amount of the subtraction modification for certain taxable years; providing that the subtraction modification may not include income that is included under a certain other subtraction modification; prohibiting an individual that includes income under the subtraction modification from including income under a certain subtraction modification for certain retirement income; requiring the Comptroller to adopt certain regulations; and generally relating to a subtraction modification under the Maryland income tax.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Tax – General

Section 10–207(a)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2016 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – Tax – General

Section 10–207(jj)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2016 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Tax – General

Section 10–209

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2016 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 734 – The Speaker (By Request – Administration)

AN ACT concerning

Income Tax – Subtraction Modification – Military Retirement Income

FOR the purpose of altering for certain taxable years a certain limitation on a subtraction modification under the Maryland income tax for certain military retirement income;

and generally relating to a subtraction modification under the Maryland income tax for military retirement income.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Tax – General
Section 10–207(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Tax – General
Section 10–207(q)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 735 – The Speaker (By Request – Administration)

AN ACT concerning

**Income Tax Subtraction Modification – Correctional Officers, Law Enforcement Officers, and Fire, Rescue, and Emergency Services Personnel
(Hometown Heroes Act)**

FOR the purpose of altering the age at which a resident is eligible for a subtraction modification under the Maryland income tax for certain retirement income attributable to certain employment; increasing the amount of certain retirement income that is eligible for a certain subtraction modification under the Maryland income tax; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to a subtraction modification for certain retirement income.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Tax – General
Section 10–209
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 736 – The Speaker (By Request – Administration)

AN ACT concerning

Interstate Licensed Professional Counselors Compact

FOR the purpose of 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; establishing certain authorizations and requirements regarding the practice of professional counselors under a certain Compact privilege; requiring a licensee who is active duty military or a certain spouse to designate a certain location as a home state under certain circumstances; providing for the authority of certain licensees to practice telehealth as a Compact privilege; establishing certain authority of home states and remote states with regard to certain adverse actions for licensees; establishing the Counseling Compact Commission and its duties; providing for the election of the Executive Board of the Commission and establishing its duties; providing for the financing of the Commission; requiring the Commission to provide for the development, maintenance, and utilization of a coordinated data system and reporting system; requiring member states to submit certain information to the data system; authorizing the Commission to promulgate certain rules and amendments in a certain manner; providing for certain oversight, dispute resolution, and enforcement of the Compact; establishing certain requirements for the withdrawal by member states from the Compact; providing for the dissolution of the Compact under certain circumstances; providing for the application of the Compact; providing for the binding effect of the Compact; establishing procedures for amending the Compact; making the provisions of the Compact severable; making this Act subject to a certain contingency; defining certain terms; and generally relating to the Interstate Licensed Professional Counselors Compact.

BY adding to

Article – Health Occupations

Section 17–6B–01 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 6B. Interstate Licensed Professional Counselors Compact”

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 737 – The Speaker (By Request – Administration)

AN ACT concerning

Emergency Services – Exposure to Contagious Diseases and Viruses – Notification and Other Requirements

FOR the purpose of altering the definition of “contagious disease or virus” for the purposes of certain provisions of law governing the notification of a possible exposure of certain emergency services personnel to include 2019–nCoV; extending certain notification requirements regarding possible exposure to a contagious disease or virus to certain

emergency medical services clinicians; requiring that certain emergency medical services clinicians receive certain training and certain equipment; applying to agencies that employ certain emergency medical services clinicians certain requirements regarding the development of certain procedures; authorizing certain facilities and certain physicians to enter into an agreement with the State–Designated Health Information Exchange to facilitate the process for providing certain notices; making conforming changes; defining certain terms; altering certain definitions; and generally relating to emergency services and exposure of personnel to contagious diseases and viruses.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Health – General
Section 18–213, 18–213.1, and 18–213.2
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

**House Bill 738 – Chair, Ways and Means Committee (By Request – Departmental
– State Board of Elections)**

AN ACT concerning

Election Law – Certificates of Candidacy and Ballot Questions – Revisions

FOR the purpose of altering the deadlines by which a certificate of candidacy for a successor candidate for Governor or Lieutenant Governor must be filed under certain circumstances; altering the day by which a certain statement regarding certain statewide questions to appear on a ballot is required to be submitted to the State Board of Elections; altering the number of days prior to the general election during which the complete text of a certain question is required to be posted in the office of the State Board and certain local boards of elections; authorizing an individual to receive a copy of the complete text of all constitutional amendments and questions electronically; making conforming changes; and generally relating to certificates of candidacy and ballot questions.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Election Law
Section 5–903, 5–904, 5–1005, 5–1101, and 7–105
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2017 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 739 – The Speaker (By Request – Office of the Attorney General)

AN ACT concerning

**Environment – Multidefendant Oil and Hazardous Substance Pollution Cases
– Effect of Settlement**

FOR the purpose of exempting certain types of pollution cases from the Maryland Uniform Contribution Among Joint Tort–Feasors Act; requiring the factfinder in certain legal actions to make a determination of the total liability and assign comparative responsibility to certain parties; authorizing the State to continue to pursue certain legal actions or bring new legal actions if the State has obtained less than complete relief from a certain person who has resolved the person’s liability with the State in a settlement; providing that a certain person is not liable for certain claims under certain circumstances; providing for the effect of a settlement that resolves the liability of a particular person with the State; authorizing a certain person to seek contribution from certain other persons pursuant to certain provisions of law; and generally relating to legal actions involving oil or hazardous substance pollution.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Environment
Section 4–401(a) and (j) and 7–201(a) and (t)(1)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2013 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Environment
Section 4–421
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2013 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Environment
Section 7–221
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2013 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 740 – The Speaker (By Request – Administration)

AN ACT concerning

Building Opportunity Act of 2021

FOR the purpose of requiring certain public school construction projects in Prince George’s County to comply with a certain memorandum of understanding under certain circumstances; authorizing, on or before a certain date, the Prince George’s County government, the Prince George’s County Board of Education, and a private entity to enter into a certain public–private partnership agreement; requiring a certain

public–private partnership agreement, if entered into by certain parties, to be reviewed by the Maryland Stadium Authority and approved by the Interagency Commission on School Construction in order for certain provisions of law to apply; requiring the Authority to deposit certain amounts into certain funds under certain circumstances during certain fiscal years; requiring the Prince George’s County government and the Prince George’s County Board to deposit certain amounts required under a certain public–private partnership agreement into a certain fund under certain circumstances during certain fiscal years; requiring the Interagency Commission on School Construction to pay a certain private entity from a certain fund under certain circumstances during certain fiscal years; requiring the Prince George’s County government, the Prince George’s County Board, and the Interagency Commission on School Construction to submit a certain report on a certain date each year; requiring the Interagency Commission on School Construction to complete a certain evaluation and to submit a report on a certain evaluation on or before a certain date; specifying the administration of and the purpose for which certain funds in the Prince George’s County Public–Private Partnership Fund may be used; providing for the investment of money in and expenditures from the Prince George’s County Public–Private Partnership Fund; providing that eligible public school construction or capital improvement costs include planning costs under certain circumstances; providing that regulations adopted by the Interagency Commission on School Construction may include certain provisions; requiring the Interagency Commission on School Construction to adopt certain regulations; requiring the Interagency Commission on School Construction to update certain regulations by a certain date; requiring a certain replacement value of certain systems and a certain prioritization of certain systems to be considered during a certain process; requiring a certain reduction to the local cost–share formula and a certain increase to the State cost–share formula for certain counties under certain circumstances; altering the date by which the Interagency Commission on School Construction is required to adopt regulations establishing the use of the results of a certain facility assessment; altering the eligibility requirements for a certain capital grant program; exempting the Authority from a certain provision of law; authorizing the use of a combination of State funds for certain projects; requiring grants from the Healthy School Facility Fund to be awarded to schools based on the severity of certain issues in the school; providing that certain plumbing projects be prioritized in the Healthy School Facility Fund application procedures; requiring the Interagency Commission on School Construction or, under certain circumstances, the Authority to conduct a certain evaluation of building life–cycles; authorizing the Interagency Commission on School Construction or the Authority to contract with a third party for a certain purpose; requiring the Interagency Commission on School Construction to provide certain reimbursements for certain projects begun on or after a certain date subject to a certain approval; requiring the State Department of Education, the Interagency Commission on School Construction, and the Authority to collaborate with local school systems and community colleges to develop a certain career and technology program or apprenticeship program; providing that contracts to construct a public school facility or for construction on a public school site do not require the prior approval of the Board of Public Works; requiring the Authority to take certain actions related to

public school facility projects; prohibiting the power granted to the Authority under this Act from interfering with certain powers of county boards of education; prohibiting certain powers of county boards from limiting the ability of the Authority to carry out certain duties under this Act; authorizing the Authority to issue bonds to finance the construction of or improvements to certain public school facilities subject to certain limitations; specifying that certain expenses incurred by the Authority are payable only from certain funds; specifying that certain bonds issued under this Act are a limited obligation of the Authority payable solely from certain pledged money and are not a debt, liability, moral obligation, or pledge of the faith and credit or taxing power of the State, the Authority, or any other governmental unit; requiring the Authority to obtain approval from the Board of Public Works before each issuance of bonds to finance improvements to public school facilities; authorizing the Authority to issue bonds to finance improvements to a public school facility on or after a certain date; prohibiting the debt service for all outstanding bond issues related to improvements to public school facilities from exceeding a certain amount under certain circumstances; requiring the Comptroller to deposit certain amounts into a certain fund on or before certain dates each year; authorizing the Authority to transfer certain funds under certain circumstances; requiring the Authority and county boards of education to take certain actions in connection with public school facility projects; providing for the payment of certain costs; requiring the Authority to submit a certain report on or before a certain date each year; requiring the Authority to complete a certain evaluation on or before a certain date; requiring the Interagency Commission on School Construction to submit a report on a certain evaluation on or before a certain date; requiring the Interagency Commission on School Construction to approve certain projects to be funded from a certain fund; providing for the allocation of a certain percentage of bond proceeds under certain circumstances; prohibiting the allocation of a certain percentage of bond proceeds for a certain county if a certain condition is met; providing for the reallocation of bond proceeds under certain circumstances; specifying that the allocation of certain bond proceeds represents the State share of eligible public school construction costs under certain circumstances; authorizing certain bond proceeds to be used for certain purposes in a certain jurisdiction; requiring the Authority to take certain actions relating to certain public school facility projects in a certain jurisdiction under certain circumstances; specifying that certain public school facility projects are subject to certain requirements under certain circumstances; requiring the Authority and the Interagency Commission on School Construction to enter into a certain program memorandum of understanding before a public school facility project is approved for funding; requiring the Authority, a county government, and a county board of education to enter into a certain project memorandum of understanding before a public school facility project is approved for funding; providing that the provisions of a certain project memorandum of understanding prevail in certain circumstances; enabling the Authority to authorize a county board of education to take certain actions related to public school facility projects under certain circumstances after considering the county board's track record of managing public school facility projects; authorizing the Authority to use funds from the Baltimore City Public School Construction Financing Fund and the Baltimore City Public School Construction Facilities Fund for certain purposes; altering the

composition of the Workgroup on the Assessment and Funding of School Facilities; requiring the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House to appoint the chair of the Workgroup; altering the date of the Workgroup report; establishing the Supplemental Public School Construction Financing Fund, the Supplemental Public School Construction Facilities Fund, and the Public School Facilities Priority Fund as continuing, nonlapsing funds; specifying the contents of the funds and providing for the uses of the funds; exempting from the sales and use tax certain construction material purchased by the Authority for certain projects; exempting the funds from a certain provision of law requiring interest on State money in special funds to accrue to the General Fund of the State; providing that money deposited in certain funds may be used as security for a bond issue; repealing certain provisions requiring funds from the Education Trust Fund to be used for certain capital projects; requiring the Governor, beginning in a certain fiscal year, to include in the annual budget submission certain amounts or percentages of certain revenues as supplemental funding for certain purposes; requiring the Governor, beginning in a certain fiscal year, to identify in the annual budget as introduced how certain revenues are being used to supplement certain spending on education in certain grades in public schools; requiring that certain funding be in addition to certain State funding provided in certain grades in public schools; requiring each county board of education to complete and submit a certain capacity study on or before a certain date to the Interagency Commission on School Construction and certain legislative committees; stating the intent of the General Assembly; repealing certain provisions of law; defining certain terms; altering certain definitions; making stylistic changes; providing for a delayed effective date for certain provisions of this Act; making certain provisions of this Act subject to a certain contingency; and generally relating to public school construction projects in the State.

BY renumbering

Article – Education

Section 4–126.1 and 5–206, respectively

to be Section 4–126.2 and 5–324, respectively

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Education

Section 4–126, 5–303(a) and (d)(2) and (3), 5–310(g), 5–313, and 5–322

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – Education

Section 4–126.1, 5–303(d)(5) and (k), 5–325, 5–326, and 21–207

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Education
Section 4–126.2
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)
(As enacted by Section 1 of this Act)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Economic Development
Section 10–601, 10–608, 10–618, 10–620(e) and (f), 10–628(c)(1), 10–634, 10–656(b),
10–657(b), and 10–658
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Economic Development
Section 10–645(n), 10–649, 10–650, 10–658, and 10–658.1
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – State Finance and Procurement
Section 6–226(a)(2)(i)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – State Finance and Procurement
Section 6–226(a)(2)(ii)122. and 123. and 11–203(c)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – State Finance and Procurement
Section 6–226(a)(2)(ii)124., 125., and 126.
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – State Government
Section 9–1A–30
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Chapter 14 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2018
Section 3(a)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Chapter 14 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2018
Section 3(b)(3), (c), and (g)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – State Finance and Procurement
Section 6–226(a)(2)(ii)124. and 125.
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)
(As enacted by Section 3 of this Act)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Tax – General
Section 11–236
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing
Article – Education
Section 5–317
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing
Article – Education
Section 5–324
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)
(As enacted by Section 1 of this Act)

BY repealing
The Public Local Laws of Baltimore County
Section 9–1–104(d)
Article 3 – Public Local Laws of Maryland
(2015 Edition and October 2019 Supplement, as amended)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

House Bill 741 – The Speaker (By Request – Administration)

EMERGENCY BILL

AN ACT concerning

**Maryland Environmental Service – Officers, Board of Directors, and
Responsibilities – Alterations**

FOR the purpose of removing the Deputy Director of the Maryland Environmental Service as a designated officer of the Service and instead authorizing the Board of Directors of the Service to appoint a Deputy Director to assist the Director in a certain manner; providing that the Deputy Director serves at the pleasure of the Board; providing for the compensation of the Deputy Director; providing that the Secretary and the Treasurer of the Service be appointed by the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Senate of Maryland; providing that the Treasurer and the Secretary serve at the pleasure of the Board; altering the size and membership of the Board; providing that the Director serves as a nonvoting member of the Board; prohibiting an employee of the Service, except for the Director, from serving as a member of the Board; altering the number of members that constitutes a quorum for the transaction of business of the Board; altering the number of votes necessary for certain actions of the Board; providing for the terms of certain members of the Board; requiring Board membership to reflect certain diversity of the State in a certain manner; requiring members of the Board to file a certain financial statement with the State Ethics Commission in a certain manner; requiring the Governor to appoint the chair of the Board from among the Board's members; prohibiting the Director from serving as chair of the Board; requiring the Board to establish certain criteria and procedures for evaluating the Director in a certain manner and to publish the criteria and procedures on the Service's website; altering certain requirements for submitting a certain budget of the Service to the Department of Budget and Management; requiring the Board to adopt, on or before a certain date, a certain conflict of interest policy for members of the Board and to send the conflict of interest policy to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House under certain circumstances; requiring members of the Board to observe a certain standard of care; requiring the Board to obtain a certain assessment of the Board's operations on or before certain dates; authorizing a certain member of the Board to apply for reappointment under certain circumstances and subject to certain conditions; altering the contents of a certain report; requiring the Service to obtain a certain audit to be reviewed by the Board in a certain manner; requiring the Service to provide a copy of a certain audit and certain information to the Department of Budget and Management; requiring the Board to post a certain audit on the Service's website in a certain manner; requiring, on or before a certain date, that the Board review certain matters, make certain changes under certain circumstances, and submit a certain report to the Governor and the General Assembly; making this Act an emergency measure; making technical and conforming changes; and generally relating to the Maryland Environmental Service.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – General Provisions
Section 5–601(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – General Provisions
Section 5–601(d)

Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Natural Resources
Section 3–101(a), (b), (f), and (n)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Natural Resources
Section 3–103 and 3–126(d) and (h)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Natural Resources
Section 3–103.3 and 3–103.4
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

BOND INITIATIVES

Introductory House Bond Initiatives No. 2

January 26, 2021

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| 1. | Del. D. Jones | Chesapeake Children’s Museum Amphitheater | APP |
| 2. | Del. D. Jones | PAL Park Field | APP |
| 3. | Del. Barron | Prince George’s Cultural Arts Foundation Amphitheater | APP |
| 4. | Del. Rogers | Resiliency and Education Center at Kuhn Hall | APP |
| 5. | Del. Hornberger | Cecil County Farm Museum | APP |

The preceding bond initiatives were read and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

LETTERS OF REASSIGNMENT

January 26, 2021

MEMORANDUM

To: Chair, Ways and Means Committee
From: Adrienne A. Jones, Speaker of the House
Re: Reassignment of Bill/Resolution

In accordance with Rule 33, you are hereby requested to return to the Office of the Chief Clerk, the following legislation for reassignment as indicated below:

<u>Bill/Resolution No.</u>	<u>Reassignment</u>
HB 630	APP

Read and ordered journalized.

MINORITY LEADERSHIP APPOINTMENTS

January 26, 2021

RESOLVED, THAT THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS BE APPOINTED BY THE MINORITY LEADERSHIP:

Minority Leader, The Hon. Nic Kipke

Assistant Minority Leader, The Hon. Matt Morgan

Minority Whip, The Hon. Kathy Szeliga

Assistant Minority Whip, The Hon. Neil Parrott

Chief Deputy Minority Whip, The Hon. Jason Buckel

Caucus Chair, The Hon. Jay Jacobs

Minority Parliamentarian, The Hon. Haven Shoemaker

RESOLVED, THAT THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS BE APPOINTED DEPUTY MINORITY WHIPS:

Hon. Chris Adams

Hon. Charles Otto

Hon. Sid Saab

Hon. Lauren Arikan

Hon. Kevin Hornberger

Read and ordered journalized.

ADJOURNMENT

At 10:03 A.M. on motion of Delegate Luedtke the House adjourned until 10:00 A.M. on Friday, January 29, 2021 for a Pro Forma Session.

Annapolis, Maryland
Friday, January 29, 2021
10:00 A.M. Session

The House met at 10:00 A.M. and pledged Allegiance to the Flag.

A quorum being present under House Rule 119, the House is operating in a Pro Forma Session.

The Journal of January 26, 2021 was read and approved.

CONSENT CALENDAR OF INTRODUCTORY HOUSE BILLS NO. 20

House Bill 742 – Delegate Dumais

AN ACT concerning

**Compensation to Individual Erroneously Convicted, Sentenced, and Confined
(The Walter Lomax Act)**

FOR the purpose of altering a provision of law to require, rather than authorize, the Board of Public Works to pay certain compensation to a certain individual who has been erroneously convicted, sentenced, and confined for a felony on receipt of a certain order; authorizing an administrative law judge to issue a certain order of eligibility under certain circumstances; requiring certain compensation made by the Board to be equal to a certain amount; authorizing the administrative law judge issuing a certain order to direct certain State agencies and service providers to provide certain benefits free of charge; requiring certain compensation to be reduced by certain amounts under certain circumstances; authorizing the State to obtain a certain lien under certain circumstances; prohibiting an individual from receiving certain compensation for certain periods of confinement; requiring an individual to file a petition for a certain order within a certain period of time after certain events; authorizing a certain person to request an order of eligibility on behalf of a certain deceased individual; requiring a certain petition to be served on a certain State's Attorney, or the State's Attorney's designee, and the Attorney General, or the Attorney General's designee; authorizing a certain decision to be appealed by certain parties; requiring a certain order to contain certain information; requiring a copy of a certain order to be delivered to the Board and certain State agencies or service providers; repealing a provision of law providing for eligibility for a certain grant in situations in which a State's Attorney has certified that a conviction was in error under a certain provision of law; repealing certain provisions of law prohibiting the payment of certain money to certain individuals; providing that certain provisions do not prohibit an individual from contracting for services to obtain certain compensation; establishing certain reporting requirements; requiring the Office of

Administrative Hearings, in consultation with the Board, to adopt certain regulations; prohibiting a person who provides certain services to obtain certain compensation from charging, demanding, receiving, or collecting payment except under certain circumstances; providing that a certain obligation incurred is void under certain circumstances; requiring the Chief Administrative Law Judge to assign administrative law judges to conduct hearings on certain cases; authorizing the Chief Administrative Law Judge to serve as an administrative law judge in a certain case; making conforming changes; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to compensation to individuals erroneously convicted, sentenced, and confined.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – State Finance and Procurement
Section 10–501
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – State Finance and Procurement
Section 10–502
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – State Government
Section 9–1604(a)(4) and (b)(1)(i)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 743 – Delegate Dumais

AN ACT concerning

Electricity – Standard Offer Service – Renewable Energy

FOR the purpose of requiring an electric company to contract for certain renewable energy credits and electricity generated from certain Tier 1 renewable sources to meet a portion of the renewable energy portfolio standard for the electric company; requiring an electric company to solicit certain bids and award certain contracts in a certain manner; providing for certain remuneration for certain contracts; providing a required minimum and maximum term for certain contracts; requiring an electric company to submit certain contracts to the Public Service Commission for review and approval; requiring the Commission to approve certain contracts under certain circumstances; providing that certain contracts are under the regulatory authority of the Commission; requiring that certain credits and electricity be used to meet a

certain portion of the renewable energy portfolio standard for electricity provided to certain standard offer service customers; exempting certain electric cooperatives from this Act; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to standard offer service and renewable energy.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Public Utilities
Section 7–701(a) and (s)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Public Utilities
Section 7–703.1
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 744 – Delegate Dumais

AN ACT concerning

Courts – Counsel Appearance Fees – Domestic Violence

FOR the purpose of prohibiting the clerk of a circuit court from collecting fees for docketing the appearance of a petitioner’s counsel in certain domestic violence cases; and generally relating to counsel appearance fees in domestic violence actions.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings
Section 7–204
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 745 – Delegate Luedtke

AN ACT concerning

Election Law – Early Voting Centers – Number Required

FOR the purpose of altering the number of early voting centers certain counties are required to establish; and generally relating to early voting centers.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Election Law
Section 10–301.1
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2017 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 746 – Delegate Wivell

AN ACT concerning

Election Law – Absentee Ballot Envelopes – Party Affiliation

FOR the purpose of prohibiting the form and content required to be prescribed by the State Board of Elections for an envelope enclosing an absentee ballot from including language or information that visibly identifies the party affiliation of the voter; prohibiting ballot/return and return envelopes for absentee ballots from including language or information that visibly identifies the party affiliation of the voter; prohibiting an envelope template provided by a local board of elections for an absentee ballot sent by Internet or facsimile transmission from containing language or information that visibly identifies the party affiliation of the voter; and generally relating to absentee ballot envelopes.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Election Law
Section 9–310
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2017 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 747 – Delegate Brooks

AN ACT concerning

Consumer Protection – Internet Event Ticket Sales – Prohibition on Sharing Personal Information

FOR the purpose of prohibiting a ticket seller, except under certain circumstances, from disclosing the personal information of a purchaser to a third party; prohibiting the personal information of a purchaser from being printed on a ticket to an entertainment event unless the purchaser is able to remove, delete, or fully obscure the personal information without invalidating the ticket; defining certain terms; making a technical correction; and generally relating to the sharing of personal information in Internet event ticket sales.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Commercial Law

Section 13–301(14)(xxxiv) and (xxxv); and 14–4001 and 14–4004 to be under the amended subtitle “Subtitle 40. Internet Event Ticket Sales”

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2013 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – Commercial Law

Section 13–301(14)(xxxvi) and 14–4004

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2013 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 748 – Delegate Atterbeary

AN ACT concerning

Family Law – Child Custody and Visitation

FOR the purpose of requiring a court, in a custody or visitation proceeding, to deny custody or visitation rights to a certain party under certain circumstances, unless the court makes a certain finding and states the reasons for the finding; authorizing the court to approve a supervised visitation arrangement under certain circumstances; providing that any reasonable effort to protect a child or a party to a custody or visitation order from the other party may not be deemed an unjustifiable denial or interference with visitation under a certain provision of law; establishing that there is no presumption that joint custody is in the best interest of the child in a child custody or visitation proceeding; requiring the court, in determining the best interest of the child in a custody or visitation proceeding, to give extra weight to certain factors; requiring the court to consider certain factors; authorizing the court to consider certain factors; requiring the court to articulate certain findings of fact on the record; providing for the scope of certain provisions of this Act; making certain clarifying and conforming changes; and generally relating to child custody and visitation.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Family Law

Section 9–101, 9–101.1, and 9–105

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – Family Law

Section 9–109

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 749 – Delegate Atterbeary

AN ACT concerning

Drunk Driving Offenses – Ignition Interlock System Program

FOR the purpose of requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration to require certain persons who are convicted of, or granted certain probation for, certain criminal offenses to participate in the Ignition Interlock System Program for certain periods of time; making technical corrections; and generally relating to participation in the Ignition Interlock System Program.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Transportation

Section 16–404.1(a)(1), (4), and (5), (b)(1), and (d)(1)(ii) and (3)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2020 Replacement Volume)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Transportation

Section 16–404.1(c)(1) and (d)(1)(i)1. and 2., (2)(i), and (4)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2020 Replacement Volume)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 750 – Delegate Atterbeary

AN ACT concerning

Office of the Attorney General – Right to Counsel in Immigration Proceedings Coordinator

FOR the purpose of establishing that certain individuals have a right to legal representation in certain immigration proceedings; establishing the Right to Counsel in Immigration Proceedings Coordinator in the Office of the Attorney General; providing for the purpose, appointment, duties, and expenses of the Coordinator; requiring the Attorney General, in cooperation with the Secretary of Budget and Management, to set minimum salary, qualifications, and experience standards for the Coordinator and certain staff; requiring the Coordinator to provide for legal representation of certain individuals in certain immigration proceedings by certain organizations in a timely manner; requiring the Coordinator to award a certain individual with a certain stipend for a certain purpose under certain circumstances; prohibiting the termination of legal representation of certain individuals until a

certain time; requiring the Coordinator to designate certain organizations to conduct certain outreach and provide certain education to certain individuals and certain communities; authorizing a local jurisdiction to enact a certain program; requiring the Coordinator to direct certain funds to a certain local jurisdiction for a certain purpose under certain circumstances; requiring the Coordinator to report to the Governor, the House Judiciary Committee, and the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee on or before a certain date, and to publish the report on the Attorney General's website; requiring the Coordinator to adopt certain regulations; making the provisions of this Act severable; defining certain terms; and generally relating to the Right to Counsel in Immigration Proceedings Coordinator.

BY adding to

Article – State Government

Section 6–601 through 6–609 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 6. Right to Counsel in Immigration Proceedings Coordinator”

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2014 Replacement Code and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 751 – Delegate Ebersole

AN ACT concerning

Baltimore County – Board of Education – Oversight by the Baltimore County Office of the Inspector General

FOR the purpose of providing that the Baltimore County Board of Education is subject to the jurisdiction of the Baltimore County Office of the Inspector General; specifying the matters for which the Baltimore County Office of the Inspector General may receive and investigate complaints concerning the Baltimore County Board of Education; requiring the Baltimore County Office of the Inspector General to provide a certain report, on request, to certain entities; prohibiting certain entities from requesting an investigation by the Baltimore County Office of the Inspector General; and generally relating to oversight of the Baltimore County Board of Education.

BY adding to

Article – Education

Section 4–138

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 752 – Delegate Ebersole

AN ACT concerning

Income Tax Credit – Food Donation Pilot Program – Extension

FOR the purpose of altering the taxable years for which a qualified farm may claim a certain credit against the State income tax for certain food donations; extending the period of time during which the State Department of Agriculture may issue certain tax credit certificates; extending the period of time for which the Secretary of Agriculture, in consultation with the Comptroller, shall submit a certain report; declaring the intent of the General Assembly with regard to the expenditure of certain funds by the Department for certain purposes; and generally relating to a tax credit for food donations.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Tax – General
Section 10–745
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 753 – Delegate Ebersole

AN ACT concerning

**Education – Student–Organized Peaceful Demonstrations – Student Discipline
and Policy**

FOR the purpose of prohibiting a public school from prohibiting a student from organizing or participating in a student–organized peaceful demonstration or imposing certain limits on a student’s right to free speech during a certain demonstration, subject to certain limitations; authorizing a public school to impose certain limitations on a student–organized peaceful demonstration under certain circumstances; prohibiting a public school from disciplining a student for engaging in a student–organized peaceful demonstration under certain circumstances; prohibiting a school from imposing a disciplinary action on a certain student that is greater than the consequence for an unlawfully absent student under certain circumstances; requiring each county board of education to develop a certain written policy; providing for the application of this Act; defining a certain term; and generally relating to student–organized peaceful demonstrations and student discipline.

BY adding to
Article – Education
Section 7–312
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 754 – Delegate Pippy

AN ACT concerning

Criminal Procedure – Expungement – Entitlement

FOR the purpose of providing that a person is not entitled to expungement of certain records if the court ordered the person to register as a certain sex offender in connection with the disposition of a certain charge or the person has not satisfied an obligation to pay court costs, fines, or restitution imposed by the court in connection with the disposition of a certain charge; and generally relating to expungement of police and court records.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Criminal Procedure
Section 10–105(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Criminal Procedure
Section 10–105(e)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 755 – Delegate Thiam

AN ACT concerning

Natural Resources – Complimentary Angler’s License – Disabled Veterans

FOR the purpose of reducing the qualifying percentage of disability necessary for the Department of Natural Resources to be authorized to issue a lifetime complimentary angler’s license to any Maryland resident who certifies that the resident is a service connected disabled American veteran; and generally relating to complimentary angler’s licenses for disabled veterans.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Natural Resources
Section 4–607
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 756 – Delegate Krimm

AN ACT concerning

**Office of Legislative Audits – Acceptance and Investigation of Allegations of
Fraud, Waste, and Abuse**

FOR the purpose of authorizing the Office of Legislative Audits to compel by subpoena or otherwise certain records and the appearance of a person for a certain purpose; authorizing the Office to coordinate an investigation with certain law enforcement units; requiring certain law enforcement units to cooperate and share information under certain circumstances; providing that, except under certain circumstances, certain information obtained in relation to an act or allegation of fraud, waste, or abuse is confidential and may not be disclosed; authorizing the Legislative Auditor to authorize the disclosure of certain information in relation to an act or allegation of fraud, waste, or abuse to certain persons under certain circumstances; requiring the Office to maintain a certain fraud hotline; authorizing the Office to investigate or refer to a certain agency certain allegations under certain circumstances; requiring each unit of State government to keep posted in conspicuous places on its premises a certain notice and on its website a certain link, distribute certain information to certain persons under certain circumstances, report certain information to the Office, and provide timely cooperation on certain inquiries; and generally relating to the Office of Legislative Audits.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – State Government
Section 2–1220(a)(4)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – State Government
Section 2–1223 and 2–1226
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – State Government
Section 2–1228
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

House Bill 757 – Delegate Bagnall

AN ACT concerning

Local Health Departments and Community Action Agencies – Feminine Hygiene Products

FOR the purpose of requiring local health departments and community action agencies to make available to certain women feminine hygiene products in a certain amount; prohibiting local health departments and community action agencies from requiring payment for certain feminine hygiene products; defining a certain term; and generally relating to local health departments and community action agencies and feminine hygiene products.

BY adding to

Article – Health – General

Section 3–501 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 5. Feminine Hygiene Products in Local Health Departments”

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Housing and Community Development

Section 8–107

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 758 – Delegate Bagnall

AN ACT concerning

Maryland Licensure of Certified Midwives Act

FOR the purpose of establishing a licensing and regulatory system for the practice of certified midwifery under the State Board of Nursing; altering the duties of the Board to require the Board to set standards for the practice of certified midwifery and keep a certain list of certain licensed midwives; including certain midwives under the jurisdiction of a certain rehabilitation committee; requiring the Board to give certain persons a hearing before taking certain actions; requiring certain employers to report certain names and license numbers under certain circumstances; requiring certain individuals to be licensed before practicing certified midwifery in the State; specifying the qualifications for a license to practice certified midwifery; establishing the application process for a license to practice certified midwifery; requiring the Board to set certain fees for the issuance and renewal of certain licenses and certain other services; requiring the Board to pay certain fees to the Comptroller of the State; requiring the Comptroller to distribute certain fees to the

Board; requiring that the fees be used to cover certain costs; requiring the Board to issue a license to practice certified midwifery to certain individuals, record certain licenses in a certain manner, and include a certain expiration date on certain licenses; requiring the Board to consider certain factors on receipt of certain criminal history record information in making certain determinations; prohibiting the Board, under certain circumstances, from issuing or renewing a license to practice midwifery; specifying the scope of a license issued under this Act; providing for the expiration, renewal, and reinstatement of a license to practice certified midwifery; requiring the Board to send to a licensee a certain renewal notice and, under certain circumstances, certain documents for initiating a criminal records check at a certain time and in a certain manner; requiring certain licensees to notify the Board of certain changes of information within a certain period of time; requiring certain licensees to submit to additional criminal history records checks at specified intervals; prohibiting certified midwives from surrendering their licenses except under certain circumstances; authorizing the Board to deny certain licenses, grant certain licenses, reprimand or place on probation certain licensees, or suspend or revoke certain licenses under certain circumstances, subject to certain hearing provisions; authorizing the Board to impose certain penalties; prohibiting certain individuals from making certain representations or using certain abbreviations or designations unless authorized to practice certified midwifery in the State; prohibiting certain licensees from advertising in a certain manner; requiring certified midwives to report certain actions or conditions of certain licensees or certificate holders to the Board under certain circumstances; authorizing certain persons aggrieved by certain Board decisions to petition for certain judicial review; prohibiting certain Board action from being stayed under certain circumstances; establishing a certain short title; prohibiting a certain individual from practicing as a certified midwife unless licensed by the Board; authorizing the State or the Board to maintain certain action to enjoin certain conduct; providing that a violation of certain provisions of law is a misdemeanor and subject to certain penalties under certain circumstances; defining certain terms; altering certain definitions; and generally relating to the licensing and regulation of certified midwives.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Health Occupations

Section 8–205(a)(2) and (10)(ix) and (x), 8–208(a), (j)(1) and (4), and (m)(3) and (4), 8–317(a), 8–504, 8–701(e–1), (f), and (g), 8–708(a), and 8–710(a)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – Health Occupations

Section 8–205(a)(10)(x); 8–6D–01 through 8–6D–14 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 6D. Licensed Certified Midwives”; and 8–701(g)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Health Occupations
Section 8–208(b)(1)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 759 – Delegate Kaiser

AN ACT concerning

Election Law – Postelection Tabulation Audits – Risk-Limiting Audits

FOR the purpose of requiring that the State Board of Elections conduct a certain automated software audit in collaboration with the local boards of elections; altering the scope of the automated software audit to be of the electronic images of not more than a certain percentage of ballots cast in an election, rather than of all ballots cast; requiring the State Board, in collaboration with the local boards, to conduct a certain risk-limiting audit after each statewide election; repealing a requirement that the State Board conduct a certain manual audit after each statewide general election; repealing the authority of the State Board to conduct a certain manual audit after each statewide primary election; repealing certain provisions of law governing the conduct of a certain manual audit; requiring the State Board, in collaboration with the local boards, to conduct a risk-limiting audit of at least one statewide contest, at least one countywide or other local contest in each county, and any other contests selected for audit by the State Board after each statewide election; requiring that a risk-limiting audit manually examine certain paper records or batches of certain paper records in a certain manner, be completed before certification of the election results, and be observable by the public to a certain extent; requiring the official result of an election to be altered to match the result found by a risk-limiting audit if the risk-limiting audit finds that the electronic count is incorrect; requiring the State Board to post a certain report on its website concerning a risk-limiting audit within a certain period of time; requiring that certain regulations adopted by the State Board be comprehensive; requiring that certain regulations include certain criteria, the risk limit, and the audit method; requiring the State Administrator of Elections to convene a Risk-Limiting Audits Workgroup; requiring the Workgroup to consist of certain persons selected by the State Administrator; requiring the State Administrator, or the State Administrator's designee, to serve as chair of the Workgroup; requiring that the first meeting of the Workgroup be held on or before a certain date; requiring the Workgroup to draft proposed text of certain risk-limiting audit regulations; requiring the State Board to adopt certain regulations on or before a certain date; defining certain terms; altering a certain definition; repealing a certain definition; making conforming changes; and generally relating to postelection tabulation audits.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Election Law

Section 11–309
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2017 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 760 – Delegate Kaiser

AN ACT concerning

Election Law – Time for Processing Absentee Ballots

FOR the purpose of authorizing a local board of elections to take certain actions to prepare an absentee ballot for tabulation during a certain period; prohibiting a local board from tabulating absentee ballots before a certain time; altering a requirement that a local board prepare and release a report of the unofficial results of the absentee ballot tabulation at the end of the each day of canvassing to apply the requirement only to a certain period; repealing the prohibition on a local board opening an envelope of an absentee ballot before a certain time; making a conforming change; and generally relating to the time for processing absentee ballots.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Election Law
Section 11–302
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2017 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 761 – Delegate Kaiser

AN ACT concerning

Election Law – Contested Elections

FOR the purpose of prohibiting certain candidates from petitioning for a recount under certain circumstances; prohibiting a registered voter from filing a petition for a recount based on the certified results of a ballot question under certain circumstances; altering the circumstances under which a certain petitioner for a recount is not liable for the costs of the recount; providing that a person may accept a donation or make a disbursement related to a contested election only if the person establishes a contested election committee and makes certain disclosures; authorizing a person to establish a contested election committee by filing a certain statement of organization with the State Board of Elections; requiring a contested election committee to deposit all donations in and make all disbursements from a designated bank account; requiring that disbursements of a contested election committee pass through the hands of the treasurer and be in accordance with the

purposes of the entity; establishing a certain limit on the aggregate amount of donations a person may make to a contested election committee in an election year; establishing a certain limit on the aggregate amount of transfers a campaign finance entity may make to a contested election committee in an election year; providing that donations or transfers to a contested election committee established to contest a ballot question election are not subject to certain limits; providing that donations from the personal funds of a candidate or the candidate's spouse to a certain contested election committee are not subject to certain limits; prohibiting a contested election committee from accepting a loan other than a loan from certain sources; providing that certain loans may be of any amount; requiring the treasurer of a contested election committee to maintain certain records; requiring a contested election committee to retain the records for a certain period of time; requiring the treasurer of a contested election committee to file certain reports with the State Board in a certain manner; requiring the State Board to make certain reports publicly available on the Internet; requiring that a report filed by a treasurer of a contested election committee include certain information; requiring the treasurer of a contested election committee to file a report on or before certain dates; requiring the State Board to establish certain reporting periods for certain reports; requiring the State Board, under certain circumstances, to notify the treasurer of a contested election committee of certain deficiencies in a certain manner; requiring the treasurer of a contested election committee to file an amended report under certain circumstances; requiring the State Board to assess certain late filing fees for failure to file certain reports; providing for the amount, payment, use, and certain other matters relating to late filing fees; requiring the State Board to issue a certain notice to the treasurer of a contested election committee that has failed to file a certain report or pay a certain late filing fee; authorizing a certain prosecuting authority to refer certain matters to the Central Collection Unit in the Department of Budget and Management; providing that a treasurer of a contested election committee who commits a certain violation is guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction is subject to certain penalties; prohibiting a candidate whose contested election committee has failed to file a certain report or pay a certain late fee from being issued a certificate of nomination under certain circumstances; prohibiting a candidate whose contested election committee has failed to file a certain report or pay a certain late fee from being deemed to be elected to a certain office, take the oath or otherwise assume the duties of the office, or receive a certain salary or compensation; prohibiting certain officials from issuing a commission or administering an oath to an individual until the official receives a certain certification from the State Board; authorizing the State Board to impose a civil penalty on a contested election committee for certain violations; providing for the amount, manner of assessment, and payment of certain civil penalties; requiring a contested election committee to pay all outstanding obligations and dispose of its remaining assets in a certain manner before filing a final report; repealing a provision of law providing that certain provisions of law do not affect the right of an individual to pay certain legal expenses associated with maintaining or contesting the results of an election; requiring that a certain system of public campaign financing established by the governing body of a county allow a publicly financed candidate to establish a contested election committee; authorizing a system of public campaign financing established by the governing body of a county

to provide public funds to the contested election committee of a publicly financed candidate and provide for more stringent regulation of campaign finance activity related to a contested election committee of a publicly financed candidate; making a technical correction; defining certain terms; and generally relating to contested elections.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Election Law

Section 12–101(a), 12–103(a), 12–107, 13–233, and 13–505

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2017 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – Election Law

Section 12–301 through 12–313 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 3. Contested Election Committee”

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2017 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 762 – Delegate Kittleman

AN ACT concerning

State Designations – State Astronomical Feature – Crab Nebula

FOR the purpose of designating the Crab Nebula as the State astronomical feature.

BY adding to

Article – General Provisions

Section 7–332 to be under the new part “Part V. Miscellaneous”

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 763 – Delegate Shetty

AN ACT concerning

Task Force to Study Crime Classification and Penalties – Alterations

FOR the purpose of altering the due date by which the Task Force to Study Crime Classification and Penalties is required to submit a report on certain findings and recommendations; altering the termination date for the Task Force; and generally relating to the Task Force to Study Crime Classification and Penalties.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Chapter 372 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2019
Section 1(g) and 2

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 764 – Delegate Kittleman

AN ACT concerning

**Education – Broadening Options and Opportunities for Students Today
Program – Established and Mandated Funding**

FOR the purpose of establishing the Broadening Options and Opportunities for Students Today Program; establishing the purpose of the Program; requiring the State Department of Education to administer the Program and adopt certain regulations; requiring the Governor, beginning in a certain fiscal year, to include a certain appropriation in the annual budget bill to the Program; defining a certain term; and generally relating to the Broadening Options and Opportunities for Students Today Program.

BY adding to
Article – Education
Section 7–126
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means and the Committee on Appropriations.

House Bill 765 – Delegate Terrasa

EMERGENCY BILL

AN ACT concerning

**Workers’ Compensation – Occupational Disease Presumptions – Novel
Coronavirus
(Essential Workers’ Compensation Act)**

FOR the purpose of providing that certain firefighters, rescue squad members, advanced life support unit members, police officers, sheriffs, deputy sheriffs, correctional officers, health care workers, and child care workers who are suffering from the effects of severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 are presumed, under certain circumstances, to have an occupational disease that was suffered in the line of duty or course of employment and is compensable in a certain manner; requiring

that an individual who is eligible for benefits under certain provisions of this Act provide a copy of a certain test or certain written documentation to the employer or insurer; establishing the date of injury; specifying that a certain individual not entitled to a certain presumption is not precluded from claiming an occupational disease or personal injury under State law; providing that a certain presumption may be rebutted only under certain circumstances; defining certain terms; making this Act an emergency measure; and generally relating to occupational disease presumptions under the workers' compensation law.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Labor and Employment
Section 9–503
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 766 – Delegate Terrasa

AN ACT concerning

Estates and Trusts – Administration of Estates – Fees

FOR the purpose of providing that, except under certain circumstances, a register of wills is not required to record or provide certain documents until certain fees for the administration of an estate have been paid; altering certain probate fees on estates that are valued at a certain amount; requiring a register of wills to collect and assess certain fees at a certain time; authorizing registers of wills to provide certain services and charge a certain fee for those services; altering certain fees for certain services provided by a register of wills; authorizing a register of wills to collect fees for certain costs and the issuance of certain orders; altering the fees that may be charged for the administration of certain small estates; making certain stylistic and conforming changes; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to fees for estate administration.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Estates and Trusts
Section 2–206 and 5–606
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2017 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 767 – Montgomery County Delegation

AN ACT concerning

Montgomery County – Voting Methods**MC 22–21**

FOR the purpose of authorizing the Montgomery County Council to adopt, by law, a ranked choice voting method or an approval voting method for elections for certain local offices; defining “ranked choice voting” and “approval voting”; authorizing a local law adopting ranked choice voting or approval voting to provide for the ballot format, procedures for tabulating votes, and other provisions necessary to implement ranked choice voting or approval voting; and generally relating to the use of ranked choice voting or approval voting for elections for local offices in Montgomery County.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Election Law
Section 8–101 and 9–204
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2017 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 768 – Montgomery County Delegation

AN ACT concerning

Montgomery County – Community Choice Energy – Pilot Program**MC 17–21**

FOR the purpose of 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; authorizing a community choice aggregator to act as an electricity supplier for certain purposes without obtaining a certain license; establishing a certain Community Choice Aggregator Pilot Program; providing for the application of certain provisions of this Act; establishing a process by which, beginning on a certain date, a county may form a community choice aggregator; requiring a county to develop and give certain notice of a certain aggregation plan under certain circumstances; providing for the contents of a certain aggregation plan; prohibiting a county from excluding certain customers from the ability to participate in certain aggregation activities under certain circumstances; establishing a process under which certain customers shall be deemed to have given permission to a certain county to act as the customers’ community choice aggregator; providing that certain customers may refuse to participate in certain aggregation activities under certain circumstances; requiring a certain electricity supplier to give certain notice to a community choice aggregator regarding the end of a certain contract term; prohibiting a community choice aggregator from assessing certain new fees, taxes, or charges in the aggregation charges or rates under certain circumstances;

authorizing a community choice aggregator to provide and promote energy efficiency programs, in consultation with certain persons under certain circumstances; exempting a community choice aggregator from certain requirements relating to the licensing of electricity suppliers; authorizing a community choice aggregator to own a certain electric generating facility or electric storage facility for a certain purpose; requiring a community choice aggregator to submit a certain plan to the Public Service Commission for the use or disposition of a certain electric generating facility or electric storage facility under certain circumstances; authorizing a community choice aggregator to contract for service from an electric generating facility under certain circumstances; requiring a community choice aggregator to submit a certain plan to the Public Service Commission when contracting for service that exceeds a certain period; requiring any contract relating to the provision of electric service by a community choice aggregator to allow for or anticipate the adoption of a certain mechanism; requiring a county to give or provide for certain notices to certain persons and to the Commission under certain circumstances; providing for the contents of certain notices; requiring the Commission to notify a certain county as to its approval of the aggregation plan and certain proposed terms of service, rates, and categories of certain charges, fees, or other costs under certain circumstances; providing that a community choice aggregator may award contracts for competitive generation service supply only at certain times; authorizing the Commission to establish a schedule by which a community choice aggregator may transfer load from standard offer service to retail or wholesale contracts under an aggregation plan; providing that a certain county is deemed to have obtained certain customer authorization to retrieve certain data; requiring an electric company to provide certain data to a community choice aggregator; requiring the Commission to review certain fees, request formats, and the format of certain data provided to facilitate the intent of certain provisions of law; establishing a Community Choice Energy Workgroup; providing for the composition and staffing of the Workgroup; requiring the Workgroup to study and make recommendations regarding certain matters; requiring the Workgroup to submit an annual report to the Commission on the status of the community choice aggregator; requiring the Commission to report its findings to the Governor and the General Assembly at the conclusion of the pilot program; providing for the beginning and the termination of the pilot program; requiring the Commission to report to the General Assembly on the pilot program on or before a certain date; requiring the Commission to adopt certain regulations and establish certain procedures; authorizing the Commission to make a certain allocation under certain circumstances; requiring certain bills to contain a certain notice; requiring the Commission to consider certain factors; providing for the application of this Act; providing for the construction of certain provisions of this Act; defining certain terms; altering certain definitions; and generally relating to the ability of a county to aggregate demand for electricity within the county.

BY renumbering

Article – Public Utilities

Section 1–101(f) through (i) and (j) through (tt), respectively
to be Section 1–101(g) through (j) and (l) through (vv), respectively
Annotated Code of Maryland

(2020 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Public Utilities

Section 1–101(a), 7–306(a)(1), (4), and (7) and (f)(1), and 7–306.2(d)(1) and (2)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2020 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Public Utilities

Section 1–101(b), 7–306(f)(5) and (h), 7–306.2(d)(3), 7–507(a), and 7–510(f)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2020 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – Public Utilities

Section 1–101(f) and (k), 7–306(h), and 7–510.3

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2020 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 769 – Montgomery County Delegation

AN ACT concerning

Montgomery County – Housing Opportunities Commission – Public Body

MC 07–21

FOR the purpose of providing that a committee of the Housing Opportunities Commission of Montgomery County is a public body for purposes of the Open Meetings Act; and generally relating to the Housing Opportunities Commission of Montgomery County.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Housing and Community Development

Section 16–105

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 770 – Delegate McIntosh

AN ACT concerning

Baltimore City Community College – Procurement Authority

FOR the purpose of exempting Baltimore City Community College from certain provisions of State procurement law; requiring the Board of Trustees of the College, subject to review and approval by the Board of Public Works and the Joint Committee on Administrative, Executive, and Legislative Review, to develop certain policies and procedures governing procurement; requiring the Board of Trustees to develop an information technology plan that meets certain requirements; exempting the College from certain provisions of law relating to the purchase, lease, or rental of information technology or any changes to the purchase, lease, or rental of information technology; exempting the College from certain provisions of law governing telecommunication systems or services; exempting the College from certain provisions of law governing the oversight of public improvement projects by the Department of General Services; requiring the Department, on request of the Board of Public Works, to advise the Board of Public Works on certain contracts for the College that exceed a certain amount under certain circumstances; requiring the Board of Public Works to review and approve certain contracts that exceed a certain amount under certain circumstances; requiring certain procurements by the College to comply with certain policies and procedures; establishing the authority of the State Board of Contract Appeals over certain contract claims by the College before and after a certain date; exempting the College from a certain review of a certain contract for certain expenditures; subjecting a certain contract for certain expenditures to certain approval; altering a certain definition; making stylistic changes; and generally relating to the procurement authority of Baltimore City Community College.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Education
Section 16–505(c)(1)(x)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Education
Section 16–505.3
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – State Finance and Procurement
Section 3A–302, 3A–402, 4–401(d), 4–402(a), 4–406(a), 11–203(e), and 12–202
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – State Finance and Procurement
Section 4–401(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 771 – Delegate Queen

AN ACT concerning

**Public Schools – Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Surveys –
Revisions**

FOR the purpose of requiring the State Department of Education to establish procedures for the administration of certain Centers for Disease Control and Prevention surveys to certain students; repealing the authority of the State Department of Education to omit a certain amount of survey questions under certain circumstances; requiring the State Department of Education to include in the survey certain tiers and questions; requiring, within a certain period of time, the Maryland Department of Health to publish a certain data summary and trends report on certain data; defining a certain term; making a technical change; and generally relating to Centers for Disease Control and Prevention surveys.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Education
Section 7–420
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 772 – Delegate Queen

AN ACT concerning

Courts – Judgments – Exemptions from Execution

FOR the purpose of exempting up to a certain amount of money in certain accounts of a judgment debtor from execution on the judgment without an election by the debtor to exempt the money; establishing a certain limit on the cumulative value of property and cash that may be exempted; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to exemptions from execution of a judgment.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings
Section 11–504
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 773 – Delegate Queen

AN ACT concerning

Public Safety – Firearm Telematics – Study

FOR the purpose of requiring the Handgun Roster Board under the Department of State Police to study and make recommendations about firearm telematics; requiring the Handgun Roster Board to take certain actions in conducting the study and making recommendations; requiring the Handgun Roster Board to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before a certain date; defining a certain term; and generally relating to firearm telematics.

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 774 – Delegate Queen

AN ACT concerning

Public Health – Adverse Childhood Experience Screening – Requirement and Practitioner Training Program

FOR the purpose of requiring a certain physical examination to include a certain screening for adverse childhood experiences beginning with children entering the public school system in a certain school year; requiring the Maryland Medical Assistance Program, subject to a certain limitation and as permitted by federal law, to provide reimbursement to a licensed physician, licensed physician assistant, or certified registered nurse practitioner who provides a certain screening under certain circumstances; requiring the Secretary of Health to approve certain training programs for a certain purpose; requiring the Maryland Department of Health to provide a certain list on request; requiring certain boards to adopt regulations that allow certain licensees to receive continuing education units or credits for completing a certain training program; making conforming changes; and generally relating to adverse childhood experience screenings.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Education

Section 7–402

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Health – General

Section 15–103(a)(1)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Health – General
Section 15–103(a)(2)(xv) and (xvi)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Health – General
Section 15–103(a)(2)(xvii) and 15–150
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Health Occupations
Section 8–312, 14–316(d), and 15–307(d)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Health Occupations
Section 14–301, 14–316(c), 15–306, and 15–307(c)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 775 – Delegate Kittleman

AN ACT concerning

Task Force to Study the Establishment of Regional Centers for Women Veterans

FOR the purpose of establishing the Task Force to Study the Establishment of Regional Centers for Women Veterans; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Task Force; prohibiting a member of the Task Force from receiving certain compensation, but authorizing the reimbursement of certain expenses; requiring the Task Force to study and make recommendations regarding certain matters; requiring the Task Force to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before a certain date; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to the Task Force to Study the Establishment of Regional Centers for Women Veterans.

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 776 – Delegate Ebersole

AN ACT concerning

**State Department of Education – Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health
Consultation Project – Study and Report**

FOR the purpose of requiring the State Department of Education to perform a thorough study, analysis, and evaluation of the Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health Consultation Project; requiring that, in completing its study, the Department evaluate Project services, capacity, and integration with existing programs; requiring the Department to report on progress toward completing certain recommendations; requiring the Department to consult with certain stakeholders in carrying out its duties; requiring the Department to report its findings to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before a certain date; defining a certain term; and generally relating to the State Department of Education's study of the Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health Consultation Project.

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 777 – Delegate Brooks

AN ACT concerning

**Power Plant Research Program – Review of Application for Certificate of Public
Convenience and Necessity – Alterations**

FOR the purpose of altering the circumstances under which the Public Service Commission must notify the Department of Natural Resources and the Department of the Environment about an application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity associated with power plant construction; altering the timeframe under which the Department of Natural Resources and the Department of the Environment must conduct a certain study and investigation; requiring the Department of Natural Resources to complete a certain report within a certain amount of time after the Commission deems an application complete; altering the timeframe under which the Secretary of Natural Resources and the Secretary of the Environment must submit certain information to the Commission; requiring that certain licensing conditions must be consistent with certain requirements but may not exceed the authority of the Department of the Environment; authorizing the Commission to waive certain deadlines under certain circumstances; repealing the requirement that the Secretary of Natural Resources and the Secretary of the Environment present certain recommendations to the Commission within a certain number of days after a certain hearing; making stylistic and conforming changes; and generally relating to the Power Plant Research Program and the review of applications for a certificate of public convenience and necessity.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Natural Resources

Section 3-306
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 778 – Delegate Brooks

AN ACT concerning

Income Tax – Healthy Indoor Air Quality Tax Credit

FOR the purpose of allowing certain persons to claim a credit against the State income tax for certain costs incurred during the taxable year to purchase and install certain indoor air quality equipment in a home or commercial building; requiring the Comptroller, in consultation with the Maryland Energy Administration, to publish on the Comptroller's website a list of approved indoor air quality equipment on or before a certain date each year; requiring a person to obtain a certain eligibility certificate from the Comptroller in order to claim the credit; prohibiting the Comptroller from issuing eligibility certificates in a taxable year during which a certain state of emergency is declared; authorizing a person who otherwise qualifies for the credit to obtain an eligibility certificate in the taxable year immediately following a taxable year during which a certain state of emergency is declared; specifying the form and contents of the certificate; requiring a person to file the certificate with the person's income tax return; providing that the tax credit may not exceed a certain amount and that any unused credit may not be carried over to any other taxable year; authorizing the Comptroller, in consultation with the Administration, to adopt certain regulations; defining certain terms; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to an income tax credit for costs incurred to purchase and install indoor air quality equipment.

BY adding to

Article – Tax – General
Section 10-751
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 779 – Delegate Metzgar

AN ACT concerning

Corporations and Associations – Filing Fees – Reductions

FOR the purpose of reducing on a certain timetable certain filing fees paid by corporations and other business entities to the State Department of Assessments and Taxation; and generally relating to business entity filing fees.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Corporations and Associations
Section 1–203(b)(3)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 780 – Delegate Kerr

AN ACT concerning

Maryland Health Benefit Exchange – State–Based Young Adult Health Insurance Subsidies Pilot Program

FOR the purpose of altering the purpose of the Maryland Health Benefit Exchange Fund to include the provision of funding for the establishment and operation of the State–Based Young Adult Health Insurance Subsidies Pilot Program; providing that the operation and administration of the Pilot Program may include certain functions delegated to certain third parties; altering the contents of the Fund; altering the purposes for which the Fund may be used; requiring the Board of Trustees of the Maryland Health Benefit Exchange to maintain a separate account within the Fund for the Pilot Program; clarifying that certain funds received from the federal government under a certain waiver may be used only for the purposes of funding the State Reinsurance Program; requiring the Exchange, in consultation with the Maryland Insurance Commissioner and as approved by the Board, to establish and implement a Pilot Program to provide subsidies to young adults for the purchase of health benefit plans in the individual health insurance market; requiring that the Pilot Program be designed to reduce the amount that young adults pay for certain health benefit plans and target certain young adults; requiring the Exchange, in consultation with the Commissioner and as approved by the Board, to establish subsidy eligibility and payment parameters for the Pilot Program for certain years; requiring the Exchange to consider certain factors in determining certain parameters; requiring the Governor to designate, in certain fiscal years, certain funds to be used for the Pilot Program for a certain purpose; requiring the Exchange to adopt certain regulations on or before a certain date; requiring the Exchange to track certain information on a certain basis, post the information on a certain website, and include the information in a certain report; defining a certain term; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to the Maryland Health Benefit Exchange and the State–Based Young Adult Health Insurance Subsidies Pilot Program.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Insurance
Section 31–107
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2017 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Insurance
Section 31–122
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2017 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 781 – Delegate Dumais

AN ACT concerning

Corporations and Real Estate Investment Trusts – Miscellaneous

FOR the purpose of clarifying that the charter or bylaws of a corporation may require that any internal corporate claim be brought only in certain specified courts; repealing the authority of certain corporations to effect a certain reverse stock split; altering the circumstances under which certain boards of directors may remove certain officers or agents of a corporation; altering the manner in which a corporation may allow stockholders to participate in a certain meeting; authorizing a certain meeting of the stockholders to be held partially or solely by means of remote communication; repealing a requirement that, on a certain request, the board of directors provide a place for a meeting of the stockholders; prohibiting a board of directors from issuing stock authorized by an amendment before the time the amendment is effective; providing that stock issued before the time the amendment with respect to the stock is effective shall cease to be voidable at the time the amendment becomes effective; providing that a right or liability accrued by reason of the issuance of the stock before the time the amendment is effective shall be extinguished at the time the amendment becomes effective under certain circumstances; authorizing the majority of the entire board of directors to approve certain articles of amendment without action by stockholders; providing that shares issued by a real estate investment trust before the time the articles supplementary with respect to the shares are effective shall cease to be voidable at the time the articles supplementary become effective; providing that a right or liability accrued by reason of the issuance of the shares before the time the articles supplementary are effective shall be extinguished at the time the articles supplementary become effective under certain circumstances; prohibiting a board of trustees from issuing certain shares by an amendment before the time the amendment is filed with the State Department of Assessments and Taxation; providing that shares issued before the time the amendment with respect to the shares is effective shall cease to be voidable at the time the amendment becomes effective; providing that a right or liability accrued by reason of the issuance of the shares before the time the amendment is effective shall be extinguished at the

time the amendment becomes effective under certain circumstances; providing that certain provisions of law authorizing stockholders to meet by remote communication apply to real estate investment trusts; repealing a duplicative provision of law; altering certain definitions; making a technical correction; making conforming changes; and generally relating to corporations and real estate investment trusts.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Corporations and Associations

Section 2–113, 2–309(e), 2–413, 2–502.1, 2–503(b), 2–607(a), 3–701(d) and (e),
3–702(b) and (c), 8–203(c) through (h), 8–501, and 8–601.1

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Corporations and Associations

Section 2–604(b), 3–701(a), 3–702(a), and 8–203(b)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – Corporations and Associations

Section 2–606.1 and 8–203(c)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 782 – Delegate Patterson

AN ACT concerning

Public Schools – Purple Star Schools Program – Establishment

FOR the purpose of establishing the Purple Star Schools Program; providing for the purpose of the Program; requiring the State Department of Education to administer the Program and designate a public school as a Purple Star School under certain circumstances; establishing the qualifications for the designation of a Purple Star School, including the provision of certain services and supports for military-connected students and their families; authorizing a public school to partner with a county board of education to fulfill certain requirements to qualify as a Purple Star School; requiring the Department to adopt certain regulations; defining certain terms; and generally relating to the Purple Star Schools Program.

BY adding to

Article – Education

Section 7–126

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 783 – Delegate Queen

AN ACT concerning

Workgroup on Screening Related to Adverse Childhood Experiences

FOR the purpose of establishing the Workgroup on Screening Related to Adverse Childhood Experiences; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Workgroup; prohibiting a member of the Workgroup from receiving certain compensation, but authorizing the reimbursement of certain expenses; requiring the Workgroup to update, improve, and develop certain screening tools, submit certain screening tools to the Maryland Department of Health, study certain actions and best practices, develop a certain template, and make and develop certain recommendations; requiring the Workgroup to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before a certain date; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to the Workgroup on Screening Related to Adverse Childhood Experiences.

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations and the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 784 – Delegate Terrasa

AN ACT concerning

Residential Construction – Electric Vehicle Charging

FOR the purpose of requiring a builder of certain new housing units or a builder's agent to provide each buyer or prospective buyer with the option to include on or in a certain garage, carport, or driveway a certain electric vehicle charging station or a dedicated electric line with certain voltage under certain circumstances; requiring a certain builder or builder's agent to give to certain buyers and prospective buyers notice of certain options and information about certain rebate programs under certain circumstances; providing for the application of this Act; defining certain terms; and generally relating to electric vehicle charging and new residential construction.

BY adding to

Article – Public Safety

Section 12–205

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 785 – Delegate Terrasa

AN ACT concerning

Landlord and Tenant – Commencement of Action to Repossess for Failure to Pay Rent – Required Notice and Grace Period

FOR the purpose of requiring a landlord or a duly authorized agent of a landlord to provide certain written notice to a tenant in a certain manner and under certain circumstances; authorizing a landlord or a duly authorized agent of a landlord to file a complaint to repossess for failure to pay rent only a certain period of time after the receipt of certain notice by a tenant; and generally relating to commencement of actions to repossess for failure to pay rent.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Real Property
Section 8–401(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Real Property
Section 8–401(b) and (c)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 786 – Delegate Kaiser

AN ACT concerning

Department of Human Services, Maryland Department of Health, and Department of Education – Easing Access to Family Support Programs

FOR the purpose of establishing that it is the policy of the State to do everything possible to alleviate administrative hurdles for low-income families seeking access to support programs; requiring the Department of Human Services, the Maryland Department of Health, and the State Department of Education to take certain steps to achieve the policy goal; requiring the Secretary of Human Services, the Secretary of Health, and the State Superintendent to work in concert to simplify the application process for family support programs on or before a certain date; requiring the Secretary of Health, the Secretary of Human Services, and the State Superintendent to explore, and when possible, take certain actions to simplify certain application processes; requiring the Secretary of Health, the Secretary of Human Services, and the State

Superintendent and all relevant departmental staff to meet at least a certain number of times between certain dates for a certain purpose; requiring the Secretary of Health, the Secretary of Human Services, and the State Superintendent to adopt certain regulations and alter certain policies and guidelines and seek certain waivers from federal entities in order to take certain actions specified in this Act; requiring the Secretary of Health, the Secretary of Human Services, and the State Superintendent to evaluate whether certain legislative changes are needed; requiring the Secretary of Health, the Secretary of Human Services, and the State Superintendent to issue a certain report to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before a certain date; defining a certain term; and generally relating to easing access to family support programs.

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

House Bill 787 – Delegate Kaiser

AN ACT concerning

Burtonsville Crossing – Acquisition by the Department of General Services

FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of General Services to initiate proceedings for the acquisition of a certain property by a certain date; requiring the Department of General Services to acquire certain property in a certain manner and for a certain purpose; and generally relating to the acquisition of the property known as Burtonsville Crossing by the Department of General Services.

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 788 – Delegate Krimm

AN ACT concerning

Procurement Officers – Hiring Practices and Certification

FOR the purpose of requiring the Procurement Advisor to the Board of Public Works to establish minimum qualifications that a unit shall include in a position selection plan to fill a vacant procurement officer position; requiring the Procurement Advisor to establish a standardized selection test that a unit shall administer to certain applicants for a procurement officer position; specifying that individuals issued State purchasing cards are included amongst the officials for which the Procurement Advisor is required to establish certain training policies; requiring that the training policies established by the Procurement Advisor require certification in State procurement law within a certain number of days after the date of hire of a procurement officer; requiring that the training policies prohibit a newly hired procurement officer from taking certain actions with respect to a procurement contract until the newly hired procurement officer is certified; authorizing a noncertified procurement officer to assist a certified procurement officer in the

execution of certain duties; requiring the Procurement Improvement Council to provide a forum for the discussion of procurement officer hiring practices; providing for the prospective application of this Act; and generally relating to the hiring and training of State procurement officers.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – State Finance and Procurement
Section 11–101(a), (d), (n) through (p), and (y), 12–101(b)(2), 12–102(a)(1), and
12–105(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – State Finance and Procurement
Section 12–102(a)(2)(xi) and (4)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – State Finance and Procurement
Section 12–102(a)(2)(xi) through (xiv) and 12–105(g)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 789 – Montgomery County Delegation and Prince George’s County Delegation

AN ACT concerning

Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission – Video and Audio Streaming and Archiving Meetings and Financial Assistance

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FOR the purpose of 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; requiring the Commission to make certain good faith efforts to record a meeting that it is unable to livestream and to maintain on its website a complete and unedited archived video recording of the meeting; providing that financial assistance provided under the Commission’s

Customer Assistance Program may include the reduction or waiver of certain fees; and generally relating to the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Public Utilities
Section 16–101(a) and (b)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Public Utilities
Section 17–106 and 25–501.1(b)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 790 – Delegate P. Young

AN ACT concerning

Procurement – Office of Small, Minority, and Women Business Affairs – Small Business Reserve Program and Veteran–Owned Small Business Enterprise Program

FOR the purpose of providing that the Small Business Reserve Program includes certain veteran–owned small business enterprises that meet certain criteria; requiring the Office of Small, Minority, and Women Business Affairs to adopt regulations to establish a certain overall percentage goal of certain procurement contracts to be made with veteran–owned small business enterprises; requiring certain solicitation documents to include certain information; altering the required contents of a certain annual report; creating the Advisory Committee on Veteran–Owned Small Business Enterprises in the Office; providing for the membership, chair, staffing, and duties of the Advisory Committee; altering the duties of the Special Secretary for the Office; altering certain definitions; defining certain terms; and generally relating to the Office of Small, Minority, and Women Business Affairs and procurement preferences.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – State Finance and Procurement
Section 14–501 and 14–601 through 14–604
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – State Finance and Procurement
Section 14–604.1

Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – State Government
Section 9–301(a) and (e)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – State Government
Section 9–304
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

CONSENT CALENDAR OF INTRODUCTORY HOUSE BILLS NO. 21

House Bill 791 – Delegate P. Young

AN ACT concerning

Military Service Credit – Eligibility

FOR the purpose of authorizing certain members of the State Retirement and Pension System to receive credit for certain military service if the member receives military service credit in another retirement system; prohibiting an individual from receiving credit more than a certain number of times; and generally relating to members of the State Retirement and Pension System receiving military service credit.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – State Personnel and Pensions
Section 38–104
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

House Bill 792 – Delegate Anderton

AN ACT concerning

Sales and Use Tax – Tax-Free Periods – University and College Textbooks

FOR the purpose of designating certain periods each year to be tax-free periods during which an exemption from the sales and use tax is provided for the sale of certain textbooks purchased by certain individuals; defining a certain term; and generally relating to sales and use tax-free periods for the sale of university and college textbooks.

BY adding to

Article – Tax – General

Section 11–241

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2016 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 793 – Delegate Anderton

AN ACT concerning

Local Governments – Income Tax Disparity Grants – Amounts

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

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Local Government

Section 16–501

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2013 Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Chapter 738 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2016, as amended by Chapter 472 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2018

Section 2

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

House Bill 794 – Carroll County Delegation

AN ACT concerning

Carroll County – Sheriff – Salary

FOR the purpose of altering the salary of the Sheriff of Carroll County; providing that this Act does not apply to the salary or compensation of the incumbent Sheriff; and generally relating to the salary of the Sheriff of Carroll County.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings
Section 2–320(b)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 795 – Wicomico County Delegation

AN ACT concerning

Wicomico County – Alcoholic Beverages – Repeal of Food Sales Requirement for Class B (Golf Course) License

FOR the purpose of repealing a requirement that a certain golf course have average daily receipts from the sale of food that exceed the average daily receipts from the sale of alcoholic beverages to be issued a certain Class B beer, wine, and liquor license by the Board of License Commissioners for Wicomico County; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages in Wicomico County.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Alcoholic Beverages
Section 32–102
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Alcoholic Beverages
Section 32–1003
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 796 – Delegate Buckel

AN ACT concerning

Sales and Use Tax – Alcoholic Beverages – Rate Reduction

FOR the purpose of altering the rate of the sales and use tax imposed on the charge for an alcoholic beverage; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to the Maryland sales and use tax.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Tax – General
Section 11–104(g)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 797 – Delegate Qi

AN ACT concerning

Procurement – Small Business Reserve Program – Administration and Application

FOR the purpose of providing that the Small Business Reserve Program applies to certain universities in the State; specifying certain guidelines that the Governor’s Office of Small, Minority, and Women Business Affairs is required to establish for the administration of the Program; requiring that certain guidelines for the Program be developed in partnership with certain persons; requiring that a unit assess certain procurements up to and including a certain dollar value under the guidelines for the Program and either designate the procurement for the Program or request a certain waiver certified by the Governor’s Office of Small, Minority, and Women Business Affairs; making the provisions of this Act severable; and generally relating to the Small Business Reserve Program.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – State Finance and Procurement
Section 11–203(e)(1) and (2), 14–501, and 14–502
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – State Finance and Procurement
Section 11–203(e)(5), 14–503, and 14–504
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 798 – Frederick County Delegation

AN ACT concerning

Frederick County Board of Education – Vacancies

FOR the purpose of altering the method for filling a vacancy on the Frederick County Board of Education; specifying that an individual appointed to fill a vacancy serves for the

remainder of a certain term and until a successor is appointed and qualifies except that, under certain circumstances, the individual serves only until a successor is elected at the next general election; specifying how certain positions are to be filled at a general election; establishing the manner for nominating candidates for vacated offices; establishing the term of an individual elected to fill a vacated position; and generally relating to the Frederick County Board of Education.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Education
Section 3–5B–01(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Education
Section 3–5B–01(d)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 799 – Delegate Clark

AN ACT concerning

Aquaculture Leases and Shellfish Nursery Operations – Wetlands

FOR the purpose of exempting under certain circumstances certain activities and the use of certain equipment associated with an aquaculture lease or a shellfish nursery operation from the requirement to obtain certain licenses from the Department of the Environment or the Board of Public Works; establishing that the use of certain equipment on or attached to a pier and associated with an aquaculture lease or a shellfish nursery operation is not included as a nonwater-dependent project for the purposes of the requirement to obtain a State or tidal wetlands license; establishing that certain aquaculture activity and the installation of certain equipment on a pier for the cultivation of shellfish seed under a certain permit are lawful uses on private wetlands; making certain conforming changes; altering a certain definition; and generally relating to wetlands license or permit requirements for aquaculture leases and shellfish nursery operations.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Environment
Section 16–101(a), 16–104(b)(1), and 16–202(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Environment
Section 16–101(i), 16–202(h), and 16–304
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Natural Resources
Section 4–11A–09(a), 4–11A–10(a), and 4–11A–23(a) and (b)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Natural Resources
Section 4–11A–10(d–1)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Natural Resources
Section 4–11A–23(d)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 800 – Delegate Clark

AN ACT concerning

Aquaculture Leases – Marking and Recording Requirements – Mobile Application

FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of Natural Resources to develop a certain mobile application; providing for the purpose of the mobile application; authorizing the Department to contract with a third-party developer to develop the mobile application; and generally relating to marking and recording requirements for aquaculture leases.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Natural Resources
Section 4–11A–10(a)(2) and (3) and 4–11A–12(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Natural Resources
Section 4–11A–12(d)

Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 801 – Delegate Clark

AN ACT concerning

Calvert County – Public Safety – Buildings Used for Agritourism

FOR the purpose of 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; and generally relating to buildings used for agritourism in Calvert County.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Public Safety
Section 12–508
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 802 – Delegate Clark

AN ACT concerning

Calvert County – Sunday Hunting

FOR the purpose of authorizing the Department of Natural Resources to allow a person to hunt on each Sunday of the game bird and game mammal season in Calvert County; authorizing the Department to allow a person to hunt on public land designated for hunting by the Department on Sunday in Calvert County; making conforming changes; and generally relating to hunting in Calvert County.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Natural Resources
Section 10–410(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 803 – Delegate Solomon

AN ACT concerning

**Facilitating University Transformations by Unifying Reductions in Emissions
(FUTURE) Act**

FOR the purpose of requiring each public senior higher education institution to be carbon neutral for certain emissions on or before certain dates; specifying certain requirements that a certain public senior higher education institution must meet in order to achieve the carbon neutral requirements under this Act; authorizing a certain public senior higher education institution to use carbon offsets that do not meet the requirements of this Act under certain circumstances; requiring that certain carbon offsets be verified by certain methods; requiring each public senior higher education institution to designate, on or before a certain date, a certain individual to implement and monitor the institution's progress with and adherence to the requirements of this Act; requiring that certain individuals and a certain office report directly to a public senior higher education institution's president or equivalent head of the institution; requiring a public senior higher education institution to create and fill, on or before a certain date, a certain position under certain circumstances; requiring each public senior higher education institution to report on certain matters to certain committees of the General Assembly on or before a certain date each year; defining certain terms; and generally relating to public senior higher education institutions and carbon neutrality.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Education
Section 10–101(a) and (m)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Education
Section 15–126
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

House Bill 804 – Delegate Palakovich Carr

AN ACT concerning

**Taxes – Whistleblower Reward Program and Statute of Limitations for Tax
Collections**

FOR the purpose of establishing a certain whistleblower reward program within the Office of the Comptroller; providing that a certain whistleblower who voluntarily provides certain information to the Comptroller shall be entitled to receive a certain monetary award under certain circumstances; providing that the determination of the amount

of the award shall be solely in the discretion of the Comptroller; requiring the Comptroller to consider certain factors in determining the amount of the award; authorizing a determination of the Comptroller under this Act to be challenged in accordance with certain provisions of law under certain circumstances; prohibiting a contract with the Comptroller or certain agencies from being required in order for a whistleblower to receive an award under this Act; requiring a whistleblower to be represented by counsel under certain circumstances; requiring a whistleblower to disclose certain information before the payment of an award claimed anonymously; requiring the Comptroller to provide certain notification to the whistleblower or the whistleblower's attorney in a certain manner under certain circumstances; providing that certain information is not subject to disclosure under the Maryland Public Information Act; prohibiting the Comptroller from disclosing certain information except under certain circumstances; authorizing the provision of certain information to certain regulatory and law enforcement authorities under certain circumstances and subject to certain conditions; prohibiting certain employers, contractors, or agents from taking certain adverse actions against an individual because of certain lawful acts by that individual; authorizing an individual who is subject to certain adverse actions to bring an action for certain relief; prohibiting the waiver of certain rights and remedies provided under this Act; prohibiting an action to recover certain salary and wages earned by a whistleblower under certain circumstances; requiring the Comptroller to report certain information on the whistleblower enforcement program to the General Assembly on or before a certain date each year; requiring the Comptroller to adopt certain regulations; altering the period of time after which certain taxes may not be collected; making a stylistic change; defining certain terms; providing for the application and construction of certain provisions of this Act; and generally relating to the collection and enforcement of State taxes.

BY adding to

Article – Tax – General

Section 1–401 through 1–408 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 4. Whistleblower
Reward Program”

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2016 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Tax – General

Section 13–1103

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2016 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 805 – Delegate Palakovich Carr

AN ACT concerning

Economic Development – Enterprise Zone Program – Alterations

FOR the purpose of altering the circumstances under which the Secretary of Commerce may designate an area as an enterprise zone; prohibiting the Secretary from designating a new enterprise zone or granting an expansion of an existing enterprise zone under certain circumstances; altering a certain limitation on the area by which an existing enterprise zone may be expanded in a single calendar year; altering the circumstances under which the Secretary may grant an extraordinary expansion of an enterprise zone; requiring the State Department of Assessments and Taxation, rather than the Comptroller, and the Department of Commerce to jointly assess the effectiveness of certain tax credits provided to certain business entities in enterprise zones; requiring each county within which an enterprise zone is located to submit to the Department of Commerce and the State Department of Assessments and Taxation a certain report on or before a certain date; requiring the Department of Commerce to provide certain notification to a county under certain circumstances; requiring the Department of Commerce and the State Department of Assessments and Taxation to jointly develop certain metrics and a framework for analyzing certain matters; requiring the State Department of Assessments and Taxation, rather than the Comptroller, and the Department of Commerce to submit a certain report; requiring the Secretary to adopt certain regulations; altering the definitions of “focus area employee” and “qualified employee” for purposes of eligibility for a certain credit against the State income tax; making a stylistic change and a technical correction; providing for the application of certain provisions of this Act; and generally relating to the Enterprise Zone Program.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Economic Development
Section 5–704(a)(1) and (4) and (b), 5–705, and 5–709
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Economic Development
Section 5–707(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Tax – General
Section 10–702
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 806 – Delegate K. Young

AN ACT concerning

Health Facilities – Nursing Homes and Assisted Living Programs – Essential Caregivers

FOR the purpose of requiring each nursing home and assisted living program to establish certain policies and procedures authorizing certain visitation from an essential caregiver and relating to the designation and use of an essential caregiver; authorizing nursing homes and assisted living programs to consult with a certain local health officer when establishing certain policies and procedures; requiring each nursing home and assisted living program to consult with certain administrators and staff to make a certain determination; requiring each nursing home and assisted living program to consult with certain patients or residents and essential caregivers to identify a certain schedule; requiring each nursing home and assisted living program to ensure that certain scheduling considers the number of essential caregivers in the nursing home or assisted living program at any given time and designates a certain point of entry; requiring each nursing home and assisted living program to require essential caregivers to abide by certain rules adopted by the nursing home or assisted living program; requiring an essential caregiver to inform the staff of the nursing home or assisted living program if the essential caregiver develops certain symptoms; authorizing an essential caregiver to transport a certain patient or resident for a certain purpose; prohibiting an essential caregiver from visiting a patient or resident if the patient or resident is quarantined; authorizing nursing homes and assisted living programs to restrict or revoke essential caregiver status under certain circumstances; defining certain terms; and generally relating to essential caregivers in nursing homes and assisted living programs.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Health – General
Section 19–1401(a) and (e) and 19–1801
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Health – General
Section 19–1418
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 807 – Delegate Love

AN ACT concerning

Task Force to Review and Update the Maryland Recycling Act

FOR the purpose of establishing the Task Force to Review and Update the Maryland Recycling Act; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Task Force; prohibiting a member of the Task Force from receiving certain compensation, but authorizing the reimbursement of certain expenses; requiring the Task Force to study and make recommendations regarding certain matters; requiring the Task Force to report its findings and recommendations to certain committees of the General Assembly on or before a certain date; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to the Task Force to Review and Update the Maryland Recycling Act.

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 808 – Delegate Haynes

AN ACT concerning

Juvenile Law – Procedure – Appearance by Video Conference

FOR the purpose of authorizing the juvenile court to permit a child to appear by video conference in certain proceedings; and generally relating to juvenile law and appearance by video conference.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings
Section 3–8A–13(f)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 809 – Delegate Haynes

AN ACT concerning

Public Safety – Use of Force De–Escalation Training of Law Enforcement Officers – Reports

FOR the purpose of requiring a certain law enforcement agency to report at a certain interval to the Governor’s Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services on certain policies and procedures related to use of force de–escalation training for its law enforcement officers; requiring the Governor’s Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services to adopt procedures for the collection, analysis, and compilation of certain use of force de–escalation training information received from a certain law enforcement agency; requiring the Governor’s Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services to submit a certain report at a certain interval that compiles certain information received from a certain law enforcement agency; and generally relating to use of force de–escalation training.

BY adding to

Article – Public Safety

Section 3–523

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 810 – Delegate Cullison

AN ACT concerning

Health Occupations – Pharmacists – Laboratory Tests

FOR the purpose of altering the definition of “practice pharmacy” to include the ordering and administering of certain laboratory tests; requiring, on or before a certain date, the State Board of Pharmacy to adopt regulations to authorize pharmacists to order and administer certain laboratory tests; and generally relating the State Board of Pharmacy and the performance of laboratory tests by pharmacists.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Health Occupations

Section 12–101(x)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – Health Occupations

Section 12–513

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 811 – Delegate Cullison

AN ACT concerning

State Board of Social Work Examiners – Revisions

FOR the purpose of requiring certain individuals employed by federal agencies to comply with certain provisions of law; establishing a certain date by which an applicant to obtain a certified social worker license is required to meet certain requirements; altering the number of hours of certain supervision an applicant for a certified social worker–clinical license is required to complete; specifying that certain supervision is to be provided in accordance with regulations adopted by the State Board of Social

Work Examiners; requiring that certain electronic license records include disciplinary history if applicable; prohibiting a licensed certified social worker from engaging in private practice; repealing the requirement for the Board to issue a certain renewal certificate; replacing the “social worker rehabilitation committee” with the “social worker rehabilitation process” and altering certain requirements; repealing references to the obsolete license category licensed graduate social worker; increasing a certain fine for a certain violation; altering the short title of certain provisions of law; altering certain definitions; repealing certain obsolete provisions of law; updating certain terminology; making stylistic changes; and generally relating to the State Board of Social Work Examiners.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Health Occupations

Section 19–101, 19–202(a), (d), and (g)(2), 19–301, 19–302(d), (e), and (f)(5), 19–302.1, 19–302.3(a), 19–306, 19–307, 19–308(d)(4) and (e)(1), 19–309(d)(6), 19–311(15), 19–315, 19–317(a), 19–318(b), 19–402, 19–407(a), and 19–501

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 812 – Delegate Cullison

AN ACT concerning

Maryland Department of Health – 2–1–1 Maryland – Mental Health Services Phone Call Program

FOR the purpose of requiring the Maryland Department of Health, in consultation with 2–1–1 Maryland, to make certain recommendations relating to the establishment of a certain opt–in mental health services phone call program; and generally relating to 2–1–1 Maryland and mental health services.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Health – General

Section 24–1204

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 813 – St. Mary’s County Delegation

AN ACT concerning

St. Mary’s County – Public Facilities Bond

FOR the purpose of authorizing and empowering the County Commissioners of St. Mary's County, from time to time, 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, 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; empowering the County to fix and determine, by resolution, the form, tenor, interest rate or rates or method of determining the same, terms, conditions, maturities, and all other details incident to the issuance and sale of the bonds; empowering the County to issue refunding bonds for the purchase or redemption of bonds in advance of maturity; empowering and directing the County to levy, impose, and collect, annually, ad valorem taxes in rate and amount sufficient to provide funds for the payment of the maturing principal of and interest on the bonds; exempting the bonds and refunding bonds and the interest thereon and any income derived therefrom from all State, county, municipal, and other taxation in the State of Maryland; providing that nothing in this Act shall prevent the County from authorizing the issuance and sale of bonds the interest on which is not excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes; and generally relating to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

House Bill 814 – Delegate Morgan

EMERGENCY BILL

AN ACT concerning

St. Mary's County – Alcoholic Beverages Licenses – Annual Fees

FOR the purpose of requiring the Board of License Commissioners for St. Mary's County, for a certain licensing period, to waive the entire amount of the annual fee for certain alcoholic beverages licenses under certain circumstances; making this Act an emergency measure; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages licenses in St. Mary's County.

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 815 – Delegate Shoemaker

AN ACT concerning

**State Agricultural Land Transfer Tax – Application of Nonagricultural Use
Reduction and Exemption**

FOR the purpose of 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 a certain date; 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 a certain date; authorizing a person who paid State agricultural land transfer tax under certain provisions of law on a transfer under a contract of sale dated before a certain date to apply for a refund of any excess tax paid in accordance with certain provisions of law; and generally relating to the application of the State agricultural land transfer tax.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Tax – Property
Section 13–303 and 13–305(h)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Chapter 566 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2019
Section 2

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Chapter 567 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2019
Section 2

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 816 – Delegate Shoemaker

AN ACT concerning

Family Law – Support of Destitute Adult Children – Repeal

FOR the purpose of repealing a requirement that a parent provide certain support to the parent's destitute adult child under certain circumstances; repealing related provisions of law regarding penalties and certain complaint, pretrial, and trial procedures; and generally relating to the support of destitute adult children.

BY repealing
Article – Family Law
Section 13–101 through 13–109 and the title “Title 13. Support of Parents and Adult Children”
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 817 – Delegate Shoemaker

AN ACT concerning

**State Department of Education – Interscholastic Athletics Eligibility Waiver –
Graduate Athletes**

FOR the purpose of requiring the State Department of Education to waive certain eligibility requirements for participation in interscholastic athletics in order to allow certain graduate athletes to participate in certain interscholastic athletics under certain circumstances; providing that certain graduate athletes may participate in an interscholastic athletic program only at a certain school; providing that a certain graduate athlete may be enrolled at an institution of higher education while participating in a certain athletic program; defining a certain term; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to interscholastic athletics eligibility for graduate athletes.

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 818 – Carroll County Delegation

AN ACT concerning

Carroll County – Instant Ticket Lottery Machines

FOR the purpose of adding certain fraternal and sororal organizations in Carroll County to the list of organizations in certain counties that may be licensed to operate a certain number of instant ticket lottery machines; making conforming changes; altering a certain definition; and generally relating to the operation of instant ticket lottery machines in Carroll County.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – State Government
Section 9–112
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 819 – Delegate Krebs

AN ACT concerning

Pharmacy Benefits Managers – Prohibited Actions

FOR the purpose of prohibiting a pharmacy benefits manager from engaging in any practice that bases certain reimbursement for a prescription drug on patient outcomes, scores, or metrics under certain circumstances; prohibiting a pharmacy benefits manager from engaging in the practice of spread pricing, denying any pharmacy a certain right, taking more than a certain number of days to review the application of a pharmacy or pharmacist to participate in a certain policy or contract, and setting

different fees for a beneficiary's copay based on certain circumstances; prohibiting a pharmacy benefits manager from requiring beneficiaries to use a mail order pharmacy to fill a prescription; providing that certain provisions of this Act apply to pharmacy benefits managers that contract with managed care organizations in the same manner as they apply to pharmacy benefits managers that contract with carriers; providing for the application of this Act; providing for the construction of this Act; defining certain terms; providing for a delayed effective date; and generally relating to pharmacy benefits managers.

BY adding to

Article – Health – General
Section 15–102.3(j)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Insurance
Section 15–1601(a) and (o)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2017 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – Insurance
Section 15–1601(q)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2017 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Insurance
Section 15–1601(q), (r), and (s), 15–1611, and 15–1611.1
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2017 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 820 – Delegate Rose

AN ACT concerning

County Boards of Education – Computer Science Courses – Reporting Requirements

FOR the purpose of requiring each county board of education, beginning in a certain school year, to submit a certain report on or before a certain date each year to the State Board of Education and the General Assembly on computer science courses offered in public schools in the county in the prior school year; requiring each county board to include certain information in the report; establishing a method of reporting to

protect the identity of a certain student or group of students; requiring each county board to publish a certain report for the prior school year on its website; and generally relating to reporting requirements for computer science course information.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Education
Section 4–111.4
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Education
Section 4–111.5
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 821 – Delegate Rose

AN ACT concerning

Natural Resources – Hunting Licenses – New Residents

FOR the purpose of authorizing a person to receive a resident hunting license without submitting a certain application if the person has resided in the State for a certain period of time, held a certain license for a certain period of time, and pays a certain fee; and generally relating to hunting licenses.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Natural Resources
Section 10–301(d)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Natural Resources
Section 10–301(g)(4)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 822 – Delegate Grammer

AN ACT concerning

Baltimore County Board of Education – Members – Publication of Contact Information

FOR the purpose of requiring the Baltimore County public school system to publish prominently on its website certain contact information for each member of the Baltimore County Board of Education; and generally relating to the members of the Baltimore County Board of Education.

BY adding to

Article – Education

Section 4–138

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 823 – Delegate Rose

AN ACT concerning

Public Schools – Mathematics Credit – College Preparatory Computer Science or Computer Programming Course

FOR the purpose of authorizing a student who is enrolled at a public high school to satisfy a certain graduation requirement to earn credits in mathematics by completing a credit in a certain college preparatory computer science or computer programming course under certain circumstances; requiring a county board of education to make a certain certification that a certain course may count toward a certain graduation requirement; and generally relating to a requirement for mathematics credits at public high schools.

BY adding to

Article – Education

Section 7–209

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 824 – Delegate P. Young

AN ACT concerning

Public Schools – Cyber Safety Guide and Training Course – Development, Implementation, and Reporting

FOR the purpose of requiring the State Department of Education, the Behavioral Health Administration within the Maryland Department of Health, the Maryland Center for School Safety, and the Department of Information Technology jointly to develop and publish a cyber safety guide and training course to be implemented in public schools beginning in a certain school year; requiring the cyber safety guide and training course to contain information and guidance on safe Internet, social media, and technology usage for certain students, parents, and employees in public schools; requiring the cyber safety guide and training course to be developed in consultation with certain professionals and include certain information and best practices; requiring the cyber safety guide to be posted on certain websites and distributed to each county board of education; requiring the training course to be updated each year and available on the State Department of Education website; requiring the training course to include certain components and to satisfy certain standards and certification requirements; authorizing the inclusion of certain modules in the training course; authorizing a county board to offer credit on completion of the training course; requiring the State Department of Education to provide certain updates to county boards each year; requiring the State Department of Education to compile certain data from county boards; authorizing the State Board of Education to adopt certain regulations; requiring the State Department of Education, the Behavioral Health Administration within the Maryland Department of Health, the Maryland Center for School Safety, and the Department of Information Technology to report to the General Assembly on or before a certain date on the development of the cyber safety guide and training course; and generally relating to the development and implementation of a cyber safety guide and training course in public schools.

BY adding to

Article – Education

Section 7–447

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 825 – Delegate Healey

AN ACT concerning

Cooperative Housing Corporations – Dispute Settlement and Eviction Procedures

FOR the purpose of specifying that a certain dispute settlement mechanism does not apply to complaints or demands arising out of a cooperative housing member's failure to pay certain assessments; repealing a requirement that the governing body of a cooperative housing corporation hold a hearing on a certain alleged violation under certain circumstances; requiring the governing body of a cooperative housing corporation to give certain notice of a member's right to request a hearing on a certain alleged violation under certain circumstances; requiring the governing body

of a cooperative housing corporation to hold a certain hearing if a member requests a hearing under certain circumstances; requiring the governing body of a cooperative housing corporation to deliberate on a certain matter and decide whether a certain sanction is appropriate if a member does not request a hearing under certain circumstances; repealing a certain provision that prohibits the governing body of a certain cooperative housing corporation from bringing an action in court to evict a member based solely on the member's failure to pay certain assessments under certain circumstances; altering the date on and after which a certain dispute settlement mechanism applies under certain circumstances; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to dispute settlement and evictions in cooperative housing corporations.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Corporations and Associations
Section 5–6B–30
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing
Article – Corporations and Associations
Section 5–6B–31
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 826 – Delegate Healey

AN ACT concerning

Real Property – Condominiums and Homeowners Associations – Dispute Settlement

FOR the purpose of altering the procedures a council of unit owners or a board of directors of a condominium shall take before a penalty for a violation of the rules of the condominium can be imposed on an alleged violator; altering the procedures a council of unit owners or a board of directors shall take if an alleged violator does not comply with a certain written demand to cease and desist within a certain period of time; requiring the written notice from a council of unit owners or a board of directors to include certain information; authorizing a council of unit owners or a board of directors to take certain action if an alleged violator does not respond to a certain written notice; establishing the procedures a board of directors or another governing body of the homeowners association shall take before a penalty for a violation of the rules of the homeowners association can be imposed on an alleged violator; establishing the procedures the board of directors or other governing body of the homeowners association shall take if an alleged violator does not comply with a certain written demand to cease and desist within a certain period of time;

authorizing the board of directors or other governing body of the homeowners association to take certain action if an alleged violator does not respond to a certain written notice; providing that certain provisions of this Act do not apply to certain associations; making stylistic changes; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to dispute settlement in condominiums and homeowners associations.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Real Property
Section 11–113
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Real Property
Section 11B–111.8
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 827 – Delegate Buckel

EMERGENCY BILL

AN ACT concerning

No Representation Without Population Act – Repeal

FOR the purpose of repealing certain provisions of law governing the inclusion and counting of incarcerated individuals in the population count used after each decennial census for the purpose of creating congressional and certain legislative districting plans; repealing certain provisions of law requiring the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services to submit certain information for certain incarcerated individuals to the Maryland Department of Planning and the Department of Legislative Services on or before a certain date in certain years; repealing certain provisions of law requiring the Maryland Department of Planning and the Department of Legislative Services to enter into certain memoranda of understanding on or before a certain date in certain years; providing for the construction of this Act; making this Act an emergency measure; and generally relating to repealing the No Representation Without Population Act.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Election Law
Section 8–701
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2017 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing

Article – State Government

Section 2–2A–01 and the subtitle “Subtitle 2A. Creation of the Legislative Districting Plan”

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing

Article – Local Government

Section 1–1307

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2013 Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations.

House Bill 828 – Delegate Cox

AN ACT concerning

Good Teacher Protection Act

FOR the purpose of providing that a certain staff member of a school is not civilly liable for personal injury or property damage resulting from intervention in certain student activity subject to certain exceptions; and generally relating to immunity from civil liability for school staff.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings

Section 5–803

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2020 Replacement Volume)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 829 – Delegate Lierman

AN ACT concerning

Economic Development – Small Business Financing – Loan Loss Reserve (Maryland Capital Access Program)

FOR the purpose of establishing a Capital Access Program in the Department of Commerce for a certain purpose; specifying that certain loans qualify under the Program; requiring a lender to enroll a qualifying loan not more than a certain number of days after a certain date; authorizing a lender to enroll all or a portion of a qualifying loan in an amount not more than a certain amount; requiring the Department to establish

a loan loss reserve account under certain circumstances; requiring the borrower, lender, and Department to make certain payments under certain circumstances; requiring that a loan loss reserve account be available under certain circumstances; requiring the Department to establish certain procedures; requiring the Governor to include in the annual budget bill for a certain fiscal year a certain appropriation for the Program; authorizing the Department to adopt certain regulations; defining certain terms; declaring the intent of the General Assembly; and generally relating to the establishment of the Capital Access Program.

BY adding to

Article – Economic Development

Section 5–1701 through 5–1708 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 17. Capital Access Program”

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 830 – Delegate Lierman

AN ACT concerning

Community Development Administration – Financial Assistance Programs – Prohibitions

FOR the purpose of prohibiting the Community Development Administration from requiring the use of certain bonds to qualify for certain loans or otherwise conditioning the award of certain financial assistance on the use of certain Administration resources; and generally relating to financial assistance programs of the Administration.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Housing and Community Development

Section 4–225

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

House Bill 831 – Delegate Charkoudian

EMERGENCY BILL

AN ACT concerning

Maryland Food System Resiliency Council

FOR the purpose of establishing the Maryland Food System Resiliency Council; providing for the composition, co–chairs, co–vice chairs, and staffing of the Council; providing that a member of the Council may not receive compensation but may be reimbursed for certain expenses; authorizing the Council to establish certain subcommittees; specifying the duties of the Council; requiring the Council to submit certain reports to the General Assembly on or before certain dates; making this Act an emergency measure; defining certain terms; and generally relating to the Maryland Food System Resiliency Council.

BY adding to

Article – Public Safety

Section 14–1101 through 14–1103 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 11.
Maryland Food System Resiliency Council”

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 832 – Delegate Fraser–Hidalgo

AN ACT concerning

Public Utilities – Electric School Bus Pilot Program

FOR the purpose of establishing the electric school bus pilot program; requiring the Public Service Commission to implement and administer the pilot program; authorizing certain electric companies to apply to the Commission to implement a pilot program if the pilot program meets certain standards; authorizing certain electric companies to recover certain costs under a pilot program in a certain manner, subject to the approval of the Commission; requiring certain electric companies that apply to implement a pilot program to provide the Commission with certain information; requiring the Commission to approve, deny, or approve with modifications an application to implement a pilot program; requiring a certain electric company to submit a certain annual report on the status of the pilot program to the Governor, the Commission, and certain committees of the General Assembly under certain circumstances; establishing certain minimum and maximum initial durations for a pilot program; authorizing the Commission to expand the scope, deployment, program costs, and duration of a pilot program under certain circumstances; defining certain terms; and generally relating to the electric school bus pilot program.

BY adding to

Article – Public Utilities

Section 7–217

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2020 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters and the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 833 – Delegate Buckel

AN ACT concerning

Natural Resources – State Lakes Protection and Restoration Fund – Mandatory Funding

FOR the purpose of increasing the amount of a certain appropriation, beginning in a certain fiscal year, that the Governor is required to provide in the annual budget bill to the State Lakes Protection and Restoration Fund; and generally relating to the State Lakes Protection and Restoration Fund.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Natural Resources
Section 8–205
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation and the Committee on Appropriations.

House Bill 834 – Delegate Metzgar

AN ACT concerning

Public Health – Federal and State Funding for Abortions – Prohibition and Exceptions

FOR the purpose of prohibiting the use of federal or State funds to pay for an abortion procedure or health benefits coverage of abortion procedures; providing that a certain prohibition does not apply under certain circumstances; and generally relating to federal and State funding for abortions.

BY adding to
Article – Health – General
Section 20–217 to be under the new part “Part V. Federal and State Funding”
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

House Bill 835 – Delegate Shoemaker

AN ACT concerning

**States of Emergency and Catastrophic Health Emergencies – Renewals –
Authorization by General Assembly or Legislative Policy Committee**

FOR the purpose of prohibiting the Governor from renewing a state of emergency or catastrophic health emergency for more than a certain period of time without approval from the General Assembly by joint resolution or, under certain circumstances, by a majority vote of the Legislative Policy Committee; authorizing the Committee to vote on certain requests at a meeting held either in person or virtually; clarifying that a state of emergency expires under certain circumstances; and generally relating to the renewal of states of emergency and catastrophic health emergencies.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Public Safety
Section 14–107(a) and 14–3A–02
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 836 – Delegate Pena–Melnyk

EMERGENCY BILL

AN ACT concerning

COVID–19 Testing, Contact Tracing, and Vaccination Act of 2021

FOR the purpose of requiring, on or before a certain date, the Maryland Department of Health, in collaboration with local health departments in the State, to adopt and implement a certain plan to respond to the outbreak of COVID–19; establishing certain requirements for the plan; requiring the Department, in collaboration with local health departments and other persons, to include in the plan the establishment of a Maryland Public Health Jobs Corps; establishing certain requirements for the Corps; requiring the Department to submit the plan to the General Assembly on or before a certain date; requiring the Department to provide in certain fiscal years certain funding in grants to local jurisdictions for certain purposes; authorizing a local jurisdiction to use certain grant funding for a certain purpose; establishing certain formulas for the allocation of certain funding to local jurisdictions; requiring the Department to first use certain federal funding to provide certain funding to local jurisdictions; requiring the Department to use general funds to provide certain funding to local jurisdictions under certain circumstances; requiring the Department, on or before a certain date and with input from certain persons, to develop and submit to the General Assembly a certain plan for vaccinating residents of the State against COVID–19; requiring that the plan include certain information; requiring the Department to provide to the General Assembly, for the duration of a

certain calendar year, certain weekly progress reports on implementation of the plan; requiring the reports to be submitted to the General Assembly in a certain manner; requiring the Department to convene a Maryland Public Health Infrastructure Modernization Workgroup; providing for the composition of the Workgroup; requiring the Workgroup to conduct a certain assessment and make certain recommendations; requiring the Workgroup to submit a certain report to the General Assembly on or before a certain date; requiring, for a certain calendar year, institutions of higher education in the State to adopt and implement a certain COVID–19 testing plan; requiring that the COVID–19 testing plan adopted and implemented by institutions of higher education include a certain requirement; requiring home health agencies, nursing homes, and assisted living programs to adopt and implement COVID–19 testing plans; establishing certain requirements for the COVID–19 testing plans; requiring the Department to adopt certain regulations; requiring the Department, to the extent practicable, to provide certain grant funding to home health agencies and assisted living facilities in certain years to cover the cost of certain COVID–19 testing; requiring certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations to provide coverage for certain COVID–19 tests and associated costs for the administration of the tests; prohibiting certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations from requiring a member to obtain a certain determination as a condition for the coverage; prohibiting certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations from applying a copayment, coinsurance requirement, or deductible to the coverage; stating the intent of the General Assembly; defining certain terms; providing for the application of certain provisions of this Act; making this Act an emergency measure; providing for the termination of certain provisions of this Act; and generally relating to public health and testing, contact tracing, and vaccination for COVID–19.

BY adding to

Article – Health – General

Section 16–201.5; 18–9A–01 through 18–9A–04 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 9A. COVID–19 Testing, Contact Tracing, and Vaccination Act”; 19–411; 19–14C–01 and 19–14C–02 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 14C. COVID–19 Testing Plan”; and 19–1814

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – Education

Section 11–1701 and 11–1702 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 17. COVID–19 Testing Plan”

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – Insurance

Section 15–856

Annotated Code of Maryland
(2017 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations and the Committee on Appropriations.

House Bill 837 – Delegate Carr

AN ACT concerning

Collective Bargaining – Teachers at the Maryland School for the Deaf – Separate Bargaining Unit

FOR the purpose of establishing a separate bargaining unit for certain teachers at the Maryland School for the Deaf; defining a certain term; and generally relating to collective bargaining for employees of the Maryland School for the Deaf.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – State Personnel and Pensions
Section 3–101 and 3–403(f)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – State Personnel and Pensions
Section 3–403(a) through (c)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

House Bill 838 – Delegate P. Young

AN ACT concerning

**Baltimore County – Public School Construction
– LEED Green Building Rating System**

FOR the purpose of requiring a new school in Baltimore County that receives State public school construction funds to meet certain green building performance requirements; and generally relating to green building requirements for new public school construction in Baltimore County.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Education
Section 5–312
Annotated Code of Maryland

(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

House Bill 839 – Delegate Qi

AN ACT concerning

State Department of Assessments and Taxation – Lists of Business Entities Not Filing Annual Report

FOR the purpose of 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; and generally relating to business entities that do not file required annual reports.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Corporations and Associations

Section 3–503(c), 4A–911(c), 9A–1007(c), 10–209(c), and 12–801(c)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 840 – Delegate Otto

AN ACT concerning

Somerset County – Natural Resources – Sunday Hunting

FOR the purpose of authorizing the Department of Natural Resources to allow a person in Somerset County to hunt on private property on each Sunday of the game bird or game mammal seasons; establishing an exception to the prohibition against the Department authorizing Sunday hunting on public land for public land in Somerset County leased to a hunt club; making certain conforming changes; and generally relating to Sunday hunting in Somerset County.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Natural Resources

Section 10–410(a)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2012 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 841 – Delegate Otto

AN ACT concerning

**Labor and Employment – Maryland Wage and Hour Law – Agricultural Stands,
Retail Farms, and Farmers’ Markets**

FOR the purpose of establishing an exemption from the Maryland Wage and Hour Law for an individual employed at an agricultural stand, a retail farm, or a farmers’ market that primarily sells agricultural products that the employer has produced; and generally relating to the Maryland Wage and Hour Law.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Labor and Employment
Section 3–403
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 842 – Delegate Howard

AN ACT concerning

Electric Companies – Billing Information

FOR the purpose of requiring an electric company to provide to a certain customer certain usage and billing information on request; providing that the electric company must make the information available in a certain manner; and generally relating to electric companies and electric customers.

BY adding to
Article – Public Utilities
Section 7–312
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 843 – Delegate Howard

AN ACT concerning

Anne Arundel County – Natural Resources – Fishing With a Haul Seine

FOR the purpose of repealing certain provisions of law that restrict the length of a haul seine that a person may use in certain waters of Anne Arundel County; repealing a certain penalty for a violation of certain provisions of law that restrict the length of a haul seine that a person may use in certain waters of Anne Arundel County;

authorizing a person to use a haul seine to fish in the waters of Anne Arundel County except under certain circumstances; making technical, stylistic, and clarifying changes; and generally relating to fishing with a haul seine in Anne Arundel County.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Natural Resources
Section 4–713
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Natural Resources
Section 4–714
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 844 – Delegate Lierman (Chair, Joint Committee on Pensions)

AN ACT concerning

State Retirement and Pension System – Fiduciary Insurance

FOR the purpose of authorizing the State to purchase a certain insurance policy to satisfy a certain requirement that covers certain losses of State Retirement and Pension System assets; and generally relating to fiduciary insurance for the State Retirement and Pension System.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – State Personnel and Pensions
Section 21–210
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

House Bill 845 – Delegate Cox

AN ACT concerning

Public Safety – Permit to Carry, Wear, or Transport a Handgun – Qualifications

FOR the purpose of clarifying that personal protection or self–defense can qualify as a good and substantial reason to carry, wear, or transport a handgun for purposes of the issuance by the Secretary of State Police of a permit to carry, wear, or transport a handgun; and generally relating to a permit to carry, wear, or transport a handgun.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Public Safety
Section 5–301(a) and (c)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Public Safety
Section 5–306(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 846 – Delegate Cox

AN ACT concerning

Public Health – Abortions – Prenatal Diagnosis of Down Syndrome (Down Syndrome Dignity Act)

FOR the purpose of providing that a certain prohibition on State interference with a certain decision to terminate a pregnancy at a certain time does not apply to a decision to terminate a pregnancy because the fetus has a prenatal diagnosis of Down syndrome except under certain circumstances; and generally relating to abortions and prenatal diagnoses of Down syndrome.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Health – General
Section 20–209
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Health – General
Section 20–1501(a) and (b)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 847 – Delegate Cox

AN ACT concerning

Criminal Procedure – Registered Sex Offenders – Residency Restrictions

FOR the purpose of prohibiting a certain individual registered with the State sex offender registry from residing within a certain distance of certain locations; establishing a certain penalty; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to sex offender registration.

BY adding to

Article – Criminal Procedure

Section 11–722.1

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 848 – The Speaker (By Request – Office of the Attorney General)

AN ACT concerning

Small Claims – Examination in Aid of Enforcement – Prohibition on Arrest or Incarceration for Failure to Appear

FOR the purpose of prohibiting an individual from being arrested or incarcerated for failure to respond to certain orders to appear in court relating to an examination in aid of enforcement of a money judgment entered in a small claim action in the District Court; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to enforcement of certain money judgments.

BY adding to

Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings

Section 11–704

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2020 Replacement Volume)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

CONSENT CALENDAR OF INTRODUCTORY HOUSE BILLS NO. 22

House Bill 849 – Delegate Rosenberg

AN ACT concerning

Public Health – Medical Records – Fees

FOR the purpose of repealing the exemption for X-rays from the application of certain provisions of law governing medical records fees; altering the fees that State facilities regulated by the Maryland Department of Health may require a person in interest

or any other person who requests a copy of a medical record to pay; altering the cap on the fee that certain health care providers are authorized to charge for certain medical records; repealing a certain provision of law prohibiting certain fees from being adjusted annually for inflation in a certain manner; requiring a health care provider to provide certain persons with an itemized bill of certain charges under certain circumstances; prohibiting a health care provider from charging a fee for providing copies of a medical record to support certain claims or appeals; repealing a certain provision of law prohibiting a health care provider from charging a certain person in interest who requests copies of medical records of individuals enrolled in the Maryland Medical Assistance Program a fee that exceeds a certain amount; and generally relating to fees for medical records.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Health – General
Section 4–304(c)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Health – General
Section 4–304(d)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 850 – Delegate Rosenberg

AN ACT concerning

Higher Education – Maryland Corps Program Fund – COVID–19 Emergency Funding Priorities

FOR the purpose of requiring, in certain fiscal years, the Board of Directors of the Maryland Corps Program to give priority to, when providing Program funds, certain Program participants who serve with certain entities that provide certain COVID–19 related services; declaring the intent of the General Assembly; requiring the Governor to report to the General Assembly within a certain period of time under certain circumstances; and generally relating to the Maryland Corps Program Fund.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Education
Section 24–1108
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Education
Section 24–1109
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

House Bill 851 – Delegate Ruth

AN ACT concerning

Corrections – Restrictive Housing – Serious Mental Illness

FOR the purpose of prohibiting the placement of an inmate with a certain serious mental illness in certain restrictive housing, with certain exceptions; prohibiting the placement of a certain inmate in restrictive housing for more than a certain period of time; requiring the managing official of a correctional facility to require a certain wellness check of a certain individual under certain circumstances; requiring the removal of a certain individual from restrictive housing under certain circumstances; requiring the managing official of a correctional facility to create and maintain a certain record; requiring the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services to make certain reports to the General Assembly on or before certain dates; defining certain terms; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to restrictive housing.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Correctional Services
Section 9–614(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2017 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Correctional Services
Section 9–614.2
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2017 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 852 – Delegate Kaiser

AN ACT concerning

Property Tax – Tax Sales – Homeowner Protection Program

FOR the purpose of requiring the collector to withhold from sale the dwelling of a homeowner who is enrolled in the Homeowner Protection Program; requiring a

certain insert included in a certain notice mailed to certain owners of property on which the taxes are in arrears to include certain information about the Program; establishing the Homeowner Protection Program in the Department of Assessments and Taxation; providing that the purpose of the Program is to divert vulnerable homeowners from the private tax lien sale process into an alternative program with certain purposes; establishing certain eligibility requirements for the Program; authorizing the Department to establish additional eligibility requirements for the Program; requiring the Department to establish certain processes to give priority to certain homeowners for enrollment in the Program and to ensure that homeowners are enrolled in the Program who reside in each county in the State; requiring the Department to determine the maximum number of homeowners who may be enrolled in the Program in the next succeeding fiscal year on or before a certain date each year; providing that the number of homeowners enrolled in the Program may not exceed the maximum number determined by the Department; requiring a homeowner to submit an application to the Department to be enrolled in the Program; authorizing a homeowner to submit an application by certain methods; requiring the State Tax Sale Ombudsman to take certain actions to raise awareness of the Program and disseminate applications; requiring the Department and the county to take certain actions if a homeowner is first enrolled in the Program before the lien on the homeowner's dwelling is sold at tax sale; requiring the Department to take certain actions if a homeowner is first enrolled in the Program after the lien on the homeowner's dwelling is sold at tax sale; requiring the Department and the county to take certain actions after a homeowner is enrolled in the Program; specifying to whom a homeowner's tax debt is owed after the lien on the homeowner's dwelling is sold to the Department; requiring the Ombudsman to make certain efforts to assist homeowners; requiring the Ombudsman to communicate with homeowners in a certain manner; authorizing the Ombudsman to take certain actions to assist a homeowner; authorizing the Ombudsman to forgive all or part of the tax debt owed by a homeowner under certain circumstances; authorizing the Department to charge interest not exceeding a certain rate on unpaid taxes owed to the Department; authorizing the Ombudsman to set a lower interest rate or waive interest; prohibiting the Department from imposing certain additional fees or costs on a homeowner; authorizing the Department to conduct an in rem foreclosure and sale of dwelling of a homeowner under certain circumstances; requiring the Department to take certain actions to initiate an in rem foreclosure action; requiring all taxes to be included in the foreclosure action and cease to be a lien on the dwelling under certain circumstances; requiring a complaint for an in rem foreclosure to include certain information; authorizing a complaint for an in rem foreclosure to be amended in a certain manner; authorizing an interested party to cure the delinquent taxes on a dwelling; providing for the timing and conduct of a hearing on an in rem foreclosure; requiring the court to enter a certain judgment and order the dwelling to be sold at public auction if the court makes certain findings; requiring the Department to sell a dwelling at public auction at a certain time and in a certain manner; requiring the Department to deposit certain funds in an escrow account and requiring the court to distribute the funds in a certain manner; requiring the Department to file a certain notice to the court after a sale; providing that the sale of a dwelling is final and binding on the maker of the highest bid; requiring the title

acquired in an in rem foreclosure proceeding to be of a certain nature; providing that a judgment in an in rem foreclosure is binding and conclusive on certain persons; altering the transfer tax rate applicable to certain instruments of writing; requiring that certain transfer tax revenue be distributed to the Homeowner Protection Fund; prohibiting the collector from delivering a certificate of sale to the purchaser of a property at tax sale until the purchaser has paid a certain fee to the collector; requiring the fee to be credited to the Homeowner Protection Fund; establishing the Homeowner Protection Fund as a special, nonlapsing fund; specifying the purpose of the Fund; requiring the Department 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; requiring interest earnings of the Fund to be credited to the Fund; requiring that the Fund be the exclusive source of funding for the Program; prohibiting county governments from being required to pay any costs of the Program; exempting the Fund from a certain provision of law requiring interest earnings on State money to accrue to the General Fund of the State; requiring the Department to determine the maximum number of homeowners who may be enrolled in the Program in a certain fiscal year on or before a certain date; providing for the effective dates of this Act; providing for a delayed effective date for certain provisions of this Act; defining certain terms; and generally relating to a Homeowner Protection Program for homeowners in tax sales.

BY adding to

Article – Tax – Property

Section 14–811(g); and 14–883 through 14–891 to be under the new part “Part VII. Homeowner Protection Program”

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Tax – Property

Section 14–812(a)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – State Finance and Procurement

Section 6–226(a)(2)(i)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – State Finance and Procurement

Section 6–226(a)(2)(ii)122. and 123.

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – State Finance and Procurement
Section 6–226(a)(2)(ii)124.
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Tax – Property
Section 13–203(a)(1), 13–209(a), 14–812(b), and 14–820(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

**House Bill 853 – Chair, Ways and Means Committee (By Request – Departmental
– Commerce)**

AN ACT concerning

Small, Minority, and Women–Owned Businesses Account – Alterations

FOR the purpose of expanding the eligible uses of the Small, Minority, and Women–Owned Businesses Account to include the provision of certain grants and the conversion of certain loan amounts into grants in areas declared to be federal disaster areas or subject to a federal or State declaration of emergency; limiting the amount of certain grants and loan amounts converted to grants that may be provided to a certain business or in a certain fiscal year; and generally relating to the Small, Minority, and Women–Owned Businesses Account.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Economic Development
Section 5–1501(a) and (c)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – Economic Development
Section 5–1501(h)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Economic Development
Section 5–1501(h) and (i)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 854 – Delegate Kaiser

AN ACT concerning

Maryland Longitudinal Data System Center – Inclusion of Out-of-Home Placement Data

FOR the purpose of including placement data from State-sponsored out-of-home care originations in the data collected, organized, managed, disaggregated, reported on, and analyzed by the Maryland Longitudinal Data System Center; altering the purpose of the Center to include using information about children who were provided with State-sponsored out-of-home care; adding the Social Services Administration within the Department of Human Services as one of the organizations providing the Center with data; requiring the Center to conduct research on the educational and economic impact of childhood out-of-home placement; repealing a requirement that the Center annually report certain information on students who are dually enrolled to the Governor and the General Assembly; requiring the Center to develop a certain data dashboard that is published annually on the Center's website on students who are dually enrolled; requiring the Center to develop a certain data dashboard that is published annually on the Center's website on children in out-of-home placements; requiring the Department of Human Services to make every effort to comply with certain data requirements; making conforming changes; defining a certain term; and generally relating to the inclusion of placement data in the Maryland Longitudinal Data System.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Education

Section 24-701, 24-702, 24-703(f), 24-703.1, and 24-707(a)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Education

Section 24-703(a)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 855 – Delegate Hartman

AN ACT concerning

**Criminal Law – Life-Threatening Injury Involving a Motor Vehicle or Vessel
– Criminal Negligence**

(Wade's Law)

FOR the purpose of prohibiting a person from driving, operating, or controlling a motor vehicle or vessel in a criminally negligent manner that results in a life-threatening injury to another; providing that certain conduct does not constitute a violation of this Act; establishing penalties for a violation of this Act; defining certain terms; and generally relating to life-threatening injuries involving a motor vehicle or vessel.

BY adding to

Article – Criminal Law

Section 3–212.1

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2012 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 856 – Delegate Hartman

AN ACT concerning

**Worcester County – Sunday Hunting – Game Bird and Game Mammal Seasons
and Public Land**

FOR the purpose of authorizing the Department of Natural Resources to allow a person to hunt on each Sunday of the game bird and game mammal seasons in Worcester County; authorizing the Department to allow a person to hunt on public land designated for hunting by the Department on Sundays in Worcester County; making conforming changes; and generally relating to Sunday hunting in Worcester County.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Natural Resources

Section 10–410(a)(1), (4), (5), and (15)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2012 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 857 – Delegate Lehman

AN ACT concerning

Environment – Synthetic Turf and Turf Infill – Chain of Custody and Reuse

FOR the purpose of requiring a certain producer of synthetic turf and turf infill to establish a system to track the chain of custody of the synthetic turf and turf infill from their manufacture to their reuse, recycling, and final disposal on or before a certain date, subject to a certain exception; requiring a certain owner of synthetic turf and turf

infill to establish a system to track the chain of custody of the synthetic turf and turf infill from their use to their reuse, recycling, and final disposal under certain circumstances; requiring the chain of custody to be transmitted in writing to the Department of the Environment; requiring the chain of custody to include certain information; requiring the Department to publish the chain of custody on its website; prohibiting synthetic turf and turf infill from being reused except under certain circumstances; requiring the Department to develop and maintain a website that displays certain chain of custody information; defining certain terms; and generally relating to synthetic turf and turf infill.

BY adding to

Article – Environment

Section 9–2301 through 9–2304 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 23. Synthetic Turf and Turf Infill”

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation and the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 858 – Delegate Hornberger

AN ACT concerning

Higher Education – Active Duty Law Enforcement Officers – Tuition Exemption

FOR the purpose of exempting certain active duty law enforcement officers from paying tuition at public institutions of higher education in the State under certain circumstances; defining certain terms; and generally relating to a tuition exemption for active duty law enforcement officers at public institutions of higher education in the State.

BY adding to

Article – Education

Section 15–106.11

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

House Bill 859 – Cecil County Delegation

AN ACT concerning

Cecil County – Video Lottery Terminals – Distribution of Proceeds

FOR the purpose of altering the percentage of the proceeds from video lottery terminals at the video lottery facility in Cecil County that are paid to the video lottery operation licensee of the facility; requiring that a certain percentage of the proceeds from video lottery terminals at the facility be spent on certain activities and improvements; and generally relating to the percentage of the proceeds from video lottery terminals that are paid to video lottery operation licensees.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – State Government
Section 9–1A–27(a)(2)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – State Government
Section 9–1A–27(b)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 860 – Delegate Gilchrist

AN ACT concerning

State Planning – Preservation of Agricultural Land – Goal

FOR the purpose of establishing a State goal of preserving a certain amount of productive agricultural land by a certain year through certain programs; and generally relating to the preservation of agricultural land.

BY adding to
Article – State Finance and Procurement
Section 5–7A–03
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 861 – Delegate Palakovich Carr

AN ACT concerning

Real Property – Landlord and Tenant – Reusable Tenant Screening Reports

FOR the purpose of requiring that a reusable tenant screening report contain certain information regarding a prospective tenant; requiring a landlord that does not accept

a reusable tenant screening report to notify prospective tenants in a certain manner; requiring a landlord that maintains a website for certain purposes to state on the homepage of the website whether the landlord accepts reusable tenant screening reports; prohibiting a landlord that accepts a reusable tenant screening report from a prospective tenant from assessing certain fees to the prospective tenant; defining a certain term; and generally relating to reusable tenant screening reports.

BY adding to

Article – Real Property

Section 8–119

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 862 – St. Mary’s County Delegation

AN ACT concerning

St. Mary’s County and Metropolitan Commission – Debt Limitations

FOR the purpose of altering the calculation of the aggregate amount of bonds and other evidences of indebtedness outstanding at any one time in St. Mary’s County; altering the calculation of the total amount of debt the St. Mary’s County Metropolitan Commission may incur under certain circumstances; and generally relating to limitations on the amount of debt St. Mary’s County and the Metropolitan Commission may incur.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

The Public Local Laws of St. Mary’s County

Section 27–11

Article 19 – Public Local Laws of Maryland

(2007 Edition and March 2015 Supplement, as amended)

(As enacted by Chapter 424 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2017)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

The Public Local Laws of St. Mary’s County

Section 113–6

Article 19 – Public Local Laws of Maryland

(2007 Edition and March 2015 Supplement, as amended)

(As enacted by Chapter 284 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2016, as amended by Chapter 424 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2017, Chapter 108 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2018, and Chapter 66 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2020)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

House Bill 863 – St. Mary’s County Delegation

AN ACT concerning

St. Mary’s County – Motor Vehicle Registration – Exception for Golf Carts

FOR the purpose of creating an exception from motor vehicle registration requirements, under certain circumstances, for golf carts in St. Mary’s County; providing that a person who operates a golf cart on a county highway in St. Mary’s County may operate the golf cart only on certain roads at certain times and only if the golf cart is equipped with certain lighting devices; requiring a person who operates a golf cart on a county highway in St. Mary’s County to keep as far to the right of the roadway as feasible and possess a valid driver’s license; authorizing the St. Mary’s County Board of Commissioners to designate the county highways on which a person may operate a golf cart in St. Mary’s County; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to an exception to motor vehicle registration requirements for golf carts in St. Mary’s County.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Transportation
Section 13–402(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Transportation
Section 13–402(c)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume)

BY adding to

Article – Transportation
Section 21–104.5
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 864 – Delegate Charles

AN ACT concerning

Income Tax – Subtraction Modification – Military Retirement Income

FOR the purpose of allowing a subtraction under the Maryland income tax for a certain amount of military retirement income received by an individual during the taxable year if the individual has received a certain determination of a service–connected

disability; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to a subtraction modification under the Maryland income tax for military retirement income.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Tax – General
Section 10–207(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Tax – General
Section 10–207(q)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 865 – Delegate Smith

AN ACT concerning

Historic Revitalization Tax Credit – Small Commercial Projects – Alterations

FOR the purpose of increasing the maximum aggregate amount of initial tax credit certificates that the Director of the Maryland Historic Trust may issue under the historic revitalization tax credit program for certain small commercial projects; and generally relating to the historic revitalization tax credit.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – State Finance and Procurement
Section 5A–303(a)(1) and (30)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – State Finance and Procurement
Section 5A–303(e)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 866 – Delegate Smith

AN ACT concerning

Environment – Business Recycling Reporting Requirements

FOR the purpose of requiring a certain business to submit a certain recycling report to a certain county on or before a certain date each year; specifying the contents of the recycling report; establishing a certain penalty for a violation of this Act; providing for the enforcement of this Act; providing for the distribution of certain penalties; requiring, rather than authorizing, a county to require a certain property owner, manager, or tenant to report to the county on recycling activities in a certain manner; defining a certain term; and generally relating to business recycling reports.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Environment
Section 9–1705
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Environment
Section 9–1705.1
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Environment
Section 9–1711(b)(2) and 9–1714(b)(3)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation and the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 867 – Delegate Smith

AN ACT concerning

Baltimore Regional Neighborhood Initiative Program Fund

FOR the purpose of extending the period in which the Governor is required to include in the State budget a certain appropriation for the Baltimore Regional Neighborhood Initiative Program Fund; and generally relating to the Baltimore Regional Neighborhood Initiative Program Fund.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Housing and Community Development
Section 6–510
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

House Bill 868 – Delegate Smith

AN ACT concerning

Baltimore City – 45th District – Alcoholic Beverages – Class B–D–7 License

FOR the purpose of authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Baltimore City to issue a Class B–D–7 license in a certain area of the 45th alcoholic beverages district if the applicant meets certain requirements; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages licenses in Baltimore City.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Alcoholic Beverages

Section 12–102 and 12–1603(a) and (b)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2016 Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Alcoholic Beverages

Section 12–1603(c)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2016 Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 869 – Delegate Smith

AN ACT concerning

Sales and Use and Vehicle Excise Taxes – Peer-to-Peer Car Sharing and Short-Term Vehicle Rentals – Alterations and Distribution

FOR the purpose of repealing the termination of certain provisions of law making sales and charges related to peer-to-peer car sharing subject to a certain sales and use tax rate; altering the definition of “marketplace facilitator” to include certain peer-to-peer car sharing programs for purposes of a requirement to collect certain sales and use taxes; altering the sales and use tax rate imposed on certain short-term vehicle rentals; repealing an exemption for certain rental vehicles from the vehicle excise tax; altering the distribution of certain vehicle excise tax revenues; making conforming changes; making certain provisions of this Act contingent on the taking effect of another Act; providing for the effective dates of this Act; and generally relating to taxes on peer-to-peer car sharing and short-term vehicle rentals.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Chapter 852 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2018, as amended by Chapter
567 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2020
Section 7

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Tax – General
Section 11–101(c–2) and 11–104(c)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Tax – General
Section 11–101(l)(4) and 11–104(c–1)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Transportation
Section 13–810(a)(24) and (26) and 13–814
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume)

BY repealing
Article – Transportation
Section 13–810(a)(25)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Education
Section 15–127(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)
(As enacted by Chapter ____ (S.B. 1/H.B. 1) of the Acts of the General Assembly of
2021)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Education
Section 15–127(f)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)
(As enacted by Chapter ____ (S.B. 1/H.B. 1) of the Acts of the General Assembly of
2021)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 870 – Delegate Hill

AN ACT concerning

Maryland General and Limited Power of Attorney Act – Assistance With Governmental Benefits and Programs

FOR the purpose of altering certain statutory forms for a power of attorney to include certain provisions relating to the authority of an agent to perform certain acts relating to eligibility and qualifications for certain governmental benefits or programs; and generally relating to powers of attorney.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Estates and Trusts
Section 17–202 and 17–203
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2017 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 871 – Delegate Charles

AN ACT concerning

Consolidation of the Procurement Improvement Council and the Council for the Procurement of Health, Educational, and Social Services

FOR the purpose of merging the Procurement Improvement Council and the Council for the Procurement of Health, Educational, and Social Services; altering the duties and membership of the Procurement Improvement Council; repealing provisions of law relating to the Council for the Procurement of Health, Educational, and Social Services; declaring the intent of the General Assembly; and generally relating to the Procurement Improvement Council and the Council for the Procurement of Health, Educational, and Social Services.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – State Finance and Procurement
Section 12–105
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing
Article – State Finance and Procurement
Section 12–110
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 872 – Delegate Charles

AN ACT concerning

**Sheila E. Hixson Behavioral Health Services Matching Grant Program for
Service Members and Veterans – Establishment**

FOR the purpose of establishing the Sheila E. Hixson Behavioral Health Services Matching Grant Program for Service Members and Veterans; providing for the purpose of the Program; requiring the Maryland Department of Health to administer the Program; requiring the Program to award certain grants to nonprofit organizations to establish and expand certain community behavioral health programs; establishing a certain eligibility requirement; requiring an eligible nonprofit organization to secure certain contributions for the proposal at least equal in value to the amount requested from the Program; requiring the Department to develop selection criteria for evaluating applicant proposals; requiring that the selection criteria contain positive scoring for certain proposals; requiring the Department, in awarding matching grants, to give priority to proposals that best meet the selection criteria, regardless of cost; requiring the Department to establish certain application procedures; requiring the Department to establish a certain system of outcome measurement; requiring recipients of a grant under the Program to submit certain information to the Department; requiring the Department to establish certain guidelines for nonprofit organizations receiving a grant under the Program to bill certain insurers; requiring the Department to establish certain procedures; authorizing, beginning in a certain fiscal year, the Governor to include in the annual budget bill a certain appropriation for the Program; requiring, on or before a certain date each year, the Department to report certain information to the Governor and the General Assembly; defining certain terms; and generally relating to the Sheila E. Hixson Behavioral Health Services Matching Grant Program for Service Members and Veterans.

BY adding to

Article – Health – General

Section 7.5–210

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations and the Committee on Appropriations.

House Bill 873 – Delegate Charles

AN ACT concerning

State Board for Certification of Residential Child Care Program Professionals –

Certification – Revisions

FOR the purpose of requiring the State Board for Certification of Residential Child Care Program Professionals to maintain an electronic roster of all individuals certified by the Board; requiring that the roster be available for electronic verification of certification through the Board’s website; authorizing certain individuals to contact the Board to verify a certificate; repealing a certain requirement that a certain renewal notice sent by the Board contain certain information; and generally relating to certification of residential child care program professionals.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Health Occupations
Section 20–307 and 20–310(b)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 874 – Delegate Cox

AN ACT concerning

**Maryland Veterans Trust Fund – CAM for Veterans Grant Program –
Established
(David Perez Military Heroes Act (End 22 a Day))**

FOR the purpose of establishing the CAM for Veterans Grant Program; providing for the purpose of the Program; requiring the Maryland Veterans Trust to implement and administer the Program; requiring the Trust to expend money from the Maryland Veterans Trust Fund to provide grants for the Program; requiring the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to adopt certain regulations; and generally relating to the CAM for Veterans Program and the Maryland Veterans Trust Fund.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – State Government
Section 9–913
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – State Government
Section 9–914.2
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – State Government

Section 9-914.4
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 875 – Delegate D.E. Davis

AN ACT concerning

Electricity – Renewable Energy Portfolio Standard – Qualifying Biomass

FOR the purpose of altering the definition of “qualifying biomass” for purposes of excluding energy derived from certain material from being eligible for meeting certain Tier 1 obligations under the renewable energy portfolio standard; providing that existing obligations or contract rights may not be impaired by this Act; providing for the application of this Act; making technical corrections; and generally relating to electricity and the renewable energy portfolio standard.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Public Utilities
Section 7-701(a) and (s)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Public Utilities
Section 7-701(l) and 7-704(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 876 – Chair, Economic Matters Committee (By Request – Departmental – Uninsured Employers’ Fund)

AN ACT concerning

Uninsured Employers’ Fund and Subsequent Injury Fund – Amount of Assessment on Awards and Settlements – Sunset Extension

FOR the purpose of extending to a certain date the termination provision relating to the percentages of certain assessments imposed by the Workers’ Compensation Commission payable to the Uninsured Employers’ Fund and the Subsequent Injury Fund; and generally relating to assessments related to the Uninsured Employers’ Fund and the Subsequent Injury Fund.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Labor and Employment
Section 9–806(a)(1) and 9–1007(a)(1)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Chapter 495 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2020
Section 2

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 877 – Delegate Valentino–Smith (Chair, Joint Committee on Ending Homelessness)

AN ACT concerning

Workgroup on Adaptive Reuse of Vacant Commercial Spaces

FOR the purpose of establishing the Workgroup on Adaptive Reuse of Vacant Commercial Spaces; providing for the composition, cochairs, and staffing of the Workgroup; prohibiting a member of the Workgroup from receiving certain compensation, but authorizing the reimbursement of certain expenses; requiring the Workgroup to study and make recommendations regarding certain matters; requiring the Workgroup to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before a certain date; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to the Workgroup on Adaptive Reuse of Vacant Commercial Spaces.

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 878 – Delegate Chang

AN ACT concerning

Bay Restoration Fund – County Authority to Incur Indebtedness

FOR the purpose of 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 the Bay Restoration Fund; authorizing a county to expend the net proceeds of the sale of a certain issue of notes only for certain purposes; authorizing the principal of certain notes and the interest on certain notes to be paid from certain sources; authorizing a county to pledge its full faith and credit and taxing power to the payment of the principal of and interest on certain notes under certain circumstances; providing that the authority to borrow money and issue notes granted to counties by this Act is supplemental to and not in derogation of certain other powers; and generally relating to the Bay Restoration Fund.

BY adding to

Article – Local Government

Section 19–1001 through 19–1004 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 10. Public Debt – Grants and Loans for Septic Upgrades”

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2013 Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

House Bill 879 – Delegate R. Watson

AN ACT concerning

Maryland Emergency Management Agency – Cybersecurity Coordination and Operations Office – Establishment

FOR the purpose of establishing the Cybersecurity Coordination and Operations Office within the Maryland Emergency Management Agency (MEMA); providing for the purpose of the Office; requiring the Director of MEMA to appoint an Executive Director as head of the Office; requiring the Office to be provided with sufficient staff to perform the Office’s functions; requiring the Office to establish regional assistance groups to deliver or coordinate support services to political subdivisions, agencies, or regions in accordance with certain requirements; authorizing the Office to hire or procure regional coordinators; requiring a certain report annually; defining certain terms; and generally relating to the establishment of the Cybersecurity Coordination and Operations Office within MEMA.

BY adding to

Article – Public Safety

Section 14–104.1

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 880 – Allegany County Delegation

EMERGENCY BILL

AN ACT concerning

Allegany County – Alcoholic Beverages Licenses – Annual Fees

FOR the purpose of authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Allegany County, for a certain 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; requiring the Board, for a certain licensing period, to waive the entire amount of the annual fee for certain alcoholic beverages licenses and to impose a reduced amount of the annual fee for certain other alcoholic beverages licenses; making this Act an emergency measure; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages licenses in Allegany County.

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 881 – Delegate Valentino–Smith

AN ACT concerning

Mental Health Facilities – Sexual Abuse and Harassment – Reporting and Prevention

FOR the purpose of requiring certain mental health facilities to report certain complaints of sexual abuse and sexual harassment to certain entities; requiring certain mental health facilities to develop and implement certain policies and procedures, ensure that staff provide certain assistance, and develop and oversee certain training and education; requiring the Behavioral Health Administration to ensure that certain policies and procedures are uniform for certain State facilities; requiring certain mental health facilities to use certain screen–tools for a certain purpose, reassign certain patients under certain circumstances, provide a certain patient with certain treatment and education, and ensure that certain staff are trained in a certain trauma recovery modality; requiring certain entities to adopt a certain plan; altering certain requirements relating to sexual abuse and sexual harassment reporting and prevention for certain State facilities; requiring the Office of Health Care Quality to enforce certain provisions of law; requiring the Maryland Department of Health to adopt certain regulations; and generally relating to mental health facilities and the reporting and prevention of sexual abuse and harassment.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Health – General
Section 10–101(a), (g), and (k) and 10–701(a)(1) and (3)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Health – General
Section 10–705
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 882 – Delegate Barron

EMERGENCY BILL

AN ACT concerning

Workgroup to Study Partial Expungement

FOR the purpose of establishing the Workgroup to Study Partial Expungement; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Workgroup; prohibiting a member of the Workgroup from receiving certain compensation, but authorizing the reimbursement of certain expenses; requiring the Workgroup to study and make recommendations regarding certain matters; requiring the Workgroup to submit a report to the General Assembly on or before a certain date; providing for the termination of this Act; making this Act an emergency measure; and generally relating to the Workgroup to Study Partial Expungement.

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 883 – Allegany County Delegation

AN ACT concerning

Allegany County – Alcoholic Beverages – Transfer and Auction of Licenses

FOR the purpose of providing for the transfer of certain expired alcoholic beverages licenses by the Board of License Commissioners for Allegany County to the County Commissioners of Allegany County; requiring the Board to issue a certain number of new Class D licenses each year to the County Commissioners for certain purposes; authorizing the Board to determine which types of new Class D licenses are issued to the County Commissioners; providing that certain licenses are not subject to certain limitations; requiring the County Commissioners to conduct a public auction each year of certain alcoholic beverages licenses in a certain manner; providing for the disposition of the proceeds of certain auctions; providing that certain licenses transferred or issued to the County Commissioners are to be held solely for the purposes of public auction and not to be exercised by the County Commissioners; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages licenses in Allegany County.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Alcoholic Beverages
Section 9–101(a) and (b) and 9–102
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Alcoholic Beverages
Section 9–1602
Annotated Code of Maryland

(2016 Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 884 – Delegate Buckel

AN ACT concerning

**Task Force on the Economic Future of Western Maryland – Extension of Report
Deadline and Task Force**

FOR the purpose of extending the deadline for the reporting requirement for the Task Force on the Economic Future of Western Maryland; extending the termination date for the Task Force; and generally relating to the Task Force on the Economic Future of Western Maryland.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Chapter 207 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2020
Section 1(a)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Chapter 207 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2020
Section 1(g) and 2

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 885 – Delegate R. Watson

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

AN ACT concerning

Courts of Appeals and Special Appeals – Renaming

FOR the purpose of proposing an amendment to the Maryland Constitution to change the name of the Court of Appeals to be the Supreme Court of Maryland, to change the name of the Court of Special Appeals to be the Appellate Court of Maryland, to change the name of a Judge of the Court of Appeals to be a Justice of the Supreme Court of Maryland, and to change the name of the Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals to be the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Maryland; providing that the Supreme Court of Maryland is the successor to the Court of Appeals; providing that the Appellate Court of Maryland is the successor to the Court of Special Appeals; providing that a Justice of the Supreme Court of Maryland is the successor to a Judge of the Court of Appeals; providing that the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Maryland is the successor to the Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals; providing that the Chief Judge of the Appellate Court of Maryland is the successor to the Chief Judge of the Court of Special Appeals; providing that a Judge of the Appellate Court

of Maryland is the successor to a Judge of the Court of Special Appeals; providing that the Clerk of the Supreme Court of Maryland is the successor the Clerk of the Court of Appeals; providing that the Clerk of the Appellate Court of Maryland is the successor to the Clerk of the Court of Special Appeals; providing that certain names and titles of a certain unit and officials in laws and other documents mean the names and titles of the successor unit and officials; providing for the continuity of certain matters and persons; providing that letterhead, business cards, and other documents reflecting the renaming of the Court of Appeals, the Court of Special Appeals, a Judge of the Court of Appeals, and the Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals may not be used until all letterhead, business cards, and other documents already in print and reflecting the name of the Court of Appeals, the Court of Special Appeals, a Judge of the Court of Appeals, and the Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals before the effective date of this Act are used; changing references to the Court of Appeals, the Court of Special Appeals, a Judge of the Court of Appeals, and the Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals in the Annotated Code of Maryland to the Supreme Court of Maryland, the Appellate Court of Maryland, a Justice of the Supreme Court of Maryland, and the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Maryland, respectively, on the passage and ratification of a certain constitutional amendment; making stylistic changes; requiring the publisher of the Annotated Code of Maryland, in consultation with and subject to the approval of the Department of Legislative Services, to correct any cross-references or terminology rendered incorrect by this Act and to describe any corrections made in an editor's note following the section affected; and submitting this amendment to the qualified voters of the State for their adoption or rejection.

BY proposing an amendment to the Maryland Constitution
Article II – Executive Department
Section 6

BY proposing an amendment to the Maryland Constitution
Article III – Legislative Department
Section 5, 30, and 52

BY proposing an amendment to the Maryland Constitution
Article IV – Judiciary Department
Section 1, 3, 3A, 4B, 5A, 10, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 22, and 41E

BY proposing an amendment to the Maryland Constitution
Article V – Attorney-General and State's Attorneys
Section 6

BY proposing an amendment to the Maryland Constitution
Article XVII – Quadrennial Elections
Section 3

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 886 – Delegate J. Lewis

AN ACT concerning

Public Safety – Elevator Inspections – Transit Compact Authority

FOR the purpose of establishing that certain provisions of law relating to the inspections of elevators do not apply to elevators installed in a building or structure that is owned, operated, or controlled by a certain transit compact authority under certain circumstances; and generally relating to elevator inspections.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Public Safety
Section 12–804(a)(1)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 887 – Delegate Chang

AN ACT concerning

State Debt – Annuity Bond Fund – Use of Bond Premiums

FOR the purpose of altering 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, under certain circumstances, any other use authorized by the Internal Revenue Code; defining a certain term; and generally relating to the use of certain premiums transferred to the Annuity Bond Fund from the sale of State bonds.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – State Finance and Procurement
Section 8–132
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

House Bill 888 – Delegate McKay

AN ACT concerning

**Income Tax – Subtraction Modification for Volunteer Fire, Rescue, or
Emergency Medical Services Members – Active Status Points**

FOR the purpose of altering, under certain circumstances, certain service requirements for a subtraction modification under the Maryland income tax for certain volunteer fire, rescue, or emergency medical services members; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to a subtraction modification under the Maryland income tax for volunteer fire, rescue, and emergency medical services members.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Tax – General
Section 10–208(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Tax – General
Section 10–208(i–1)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 889 – Delegate Chang

AN ACT concerning

Public Health – Cottage Food Businesses – Annual Revenues

FOR the purpose of altering the definition of “cottage food business” for the purpose of increasing the cap on the annual revenue from the sale of cottage food products that a cottage food business may earn; and generally relating to cottage food businesses and annual revenues.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Health – General
Section 21–301(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Health – General
Section 21–301(b–1)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 890 – Delegate D.E. Davis

AN ACT concerning

**Natural Gas – Strategic Infrastructure Development and Enhancement –
Surcharge and Plans**

FOR the purpose of altering the maximum monthly surcharge that may be assessed on certain natural gas customers for certain infrastructure replacement projects under certain plans approved by the Public Service Commission under the Strategic Infrastructure Development and Enhancement Program; providing for the inclusion of certain project costs in certain gas company base rates during a multiyear rate plan; providing for the continuation of a certain surcharge for certain costs not included in certain base rates; and generally relating to natural gas and infrastructure development and enhancement.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Public Utilities
Section 4–210(d)(1)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Public Utilities
Section 4–210(d)(4) and (g)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

BOND INITIATIVES

Introductory House Bond Initiatives No. 3

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1.	Del. Kerr	The Ranch Residence Hall	APP
2.	Del. Dumais	Madison House New Day Pavilion	APP
3.	Del. Krimm	African American Heritage Center	APP
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5.	Del. McIntosh	Hampden Family Center	APP
6.	Del. Stewart	Wheaton Regional Park	APP

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7.	Del. Shoemaker	Carroll County Youth Service Bureau	APP
8.	Del. Shoemaker	Hampstead Volunteer Fire Company Security System	APP
9.	Del. Qi	Ivymount School, Inc	APP
10.	Del. P. Young	Friends of the Patapsco Valley State Park – Simkins Site	APP
11.	Del. Chang	Lindale Middle School	APP
12.	Del. Stein	Torah Institute	APP

The preceding bond initiatives were read and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

ADJOURNMENT

At 10:02 A.M. on motion of Delegate Luedtke the House adjourned until 10:15 A.M. on Tuesday, February 2, 2021 for a Pro Forma Session.

Annapolis, Maryland
Tuesday, February 2, 2021
10:15 A.M. Session

The House met at 10:14 A.M. and pledged Allegiance to the Flag.

A quorum being present under House Rule 119, the House is operating in a Pro Forma Session.

The Journal of January 29, 2021 was read and approved.

CONSENT CALENDAR OF INTRODUCTORY HOUSE BILLS NO. 23

House Bill 891 – Delegate D.M. Davis

AN ACT concerning

Higher Education – Hunger-Free Campus Grant Program – Established

FOR the purpose of establishing the Hunger-Free Campus Grant Program; stating the purposes of the Program; requiring the Maryland Higher Education Commission to administer the Program, develop a certain form, and designate certain campuses at certain public institutions of higher education as hunger-free campuses using certain criteria; authorizing certain public institutions of higher education to develop certain procedures; requiring certain public institutions of higher education to make certain information publicly available; requiring the Governor, beginning in a certain fiscal year, to include in the annual budget bill a certain appropriation for the Program; requiring the Commission to allocate grant funding to certain public institutions of higher education; requiring the Commission to determine the amount of grant funding to each eligible public institution of higher education; requiring the Commission to include a certain plan in a certain strategic plan; requiring the Commission to adopt certain regulations to carry out the requirements of this Act; requiring the Commission to report to the Governor and the General Assembly on the implementation of this Act within a certain time period; defining certain terms; and generally relating to the Hunger-Free Campus Grant Program.

BY adding to

Article – Education

Section 11-1701 through 11-1706 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 17.
Hunger-Free Campus Grant Program”

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

House Bill 892 – Delegate Buckel

AN ACT concerning

Economic Development – Maryland Technology Infrastructure Pilot Program – Establishment

FOR the purpose of establishing the Maryland Technology Infrastructure Pilot Program in the Maryland Technology Development Corporation; establishing the purposes of the Program; establishing the Maryland Technology Infrastructure Authority; providing for the appointment of members, the selection of officers, and the purposes and procedures of the Authority; establishing the Maryland Technology Infrastructure Fund as a special, nonlapsing fund; specifying the purpose of the Fund; requiring the Executive Director of the Corporation or the Executive Director's designee 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; providing for the investment of money in and expenditures from the Fund; requiring interest earnings of the Fund to be credited to the Fund; exempting the Fund from a certain provision of law requiring interest earnings on State money to accrue to the General Fund of the State; requiring the Program to provide certain financial assistance to certain entities for certain purposes, subject to certain conditions; requiring certain projects to be given priority for certain awards of financial assistance; requiring the Authority to adopt certain regulations; requiring the Corporation and the Authority to report to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before a certain date; defining certain terms; and generally relating to the Maryland Technology Infrastructure Pilot Program and the Maryland Technology Development Corporation.

BY adding to

Article – Economic Development

Section 10–4C–01 through 10–4C–10 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 4C. Maryland Technology Infrastructure Pilot Program”

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – State Finance and Procurement

Section 6–226(a)(2)(i)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – State Finance and Procurement

Section 6–226(a)(2)(ii)122. and 123.

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – State Finance and Procurement

Section 6–226(a)(2)(ii)124.

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 893 – Delegate Dumais

AN ACT concerning

Foster Parents, Kinship Parents, Preadoptive Parents, and Caregivers – Right to Intervene

FOR the purpose of requiring the local department of social services and the circuit court to provide notice to a child’s foster parent, kinship parent, preadoptive parent, or caregiver of the right to intervene as a party in a certain proceeding under certain circumstances; requiring the local department of social services and the circuit court to provide certain notice to a child’s kinship parent; granting to certain individuals who have not exercised a certain right to intervene in certain proceedings the right to be heard in certain proceedings; granting to foster parents, kinship parents, preadoptive parents, and caregivers the right to intervene as a party in certain proceedings under certain circumstances; specifying certain rights for kinship parents in the State; granting the right to obtain certain documents to a foster parent or kinship parent under certain circumstances; requiring a party who asserts a certain privilege to take certain actions; altering a certain definition; making conforming changes; and generally relating to the rights of foster parents, kinship parents, preadoptive parents, and caregivers.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings

Section 3–801(u) and 3–816.3

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2020 Replacement Volume)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Family Law

Section 5–504

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 894 – Delegate Haynes

AN ACT concerning

Education – Community Colleges – Collective Bargaining

FOR the purpose of establishing collective bargaining rights for certain community college employees; establishing procedures for the election and certification of an exclusive representative of a bargaining unit; specifying a certain time frame to submit a certain petition and conduct a certain election under certain circumstances; providing procedures by which the State Higher Education Labor Relations Board may designate a bargaining unit; establishing a cap on the number of bargaining units that may be at each community college; specifying the composition of certain bargaining units that may be at each community college; prohibiting the Board from requiring that certain bargaining units conform to certain requirements under certain circumstances; requiring that certain petitions include certain showing of interest forms; providing that certain showing of interest forms are valid under certain circumstances; requiring a public employer to provide to the Board and an employee organization a certain list within a certain time period; requiring a community college to allow certain employees and employee organizations to access certain property and facilities for a certain purpose; prohibiting a community college from limiting the amount of time a public employee has access to certain property or altering or revising certain rules or regulations for a certain purpose; requiring certain collective bargaining agreements to include certain provisions; establishing procedures for providing an exclusive representative with certain new employee information and processing; establishing the matters subject to collective bargaining negotiations; establishing procedures for authorization and certification of the deduction of dues; establishing the matters subject to collective bargaining negotiations; providing for certain rights and responsibilities in connection with the collective bargaining process; authorizing certain parties to engage in mediation and fact-finding under certain circumstances and providing for fact-finding procedures; providing for the settlement of certain grievances; prohibiting certain public employees and exclusive bargaining representatives from engaging in a strike and providing sanctions for engaging in a strike; requiring the parties to collective bargaining negotiations to make certain efforts to conclude negotiations by a certain time; authorizing a collective bargaining agreement to include a provision for the arbitration of certain grievances; requiring that the terms of a collective bargaining agreement supersede certain regulations and policies; providing that a collective bargaining agreement may be reopened under certain circumstances; repealing certain provisions of law relating to collective bargaining rights that apply to individual community colleges; altering the scope of duty of the Board to include administering and enforcing provisions of this Act; providing for the disclosure of certain employee information; requiring that certain community colleges continue to operate under certain agreements and contracts under certain circumstances for a certain period of time; providing that the exclusive representative of a certain bargaining unit maintains certification under certain circumstances; requiring that certain community colleges be subject to certain rules and regulations under certain circumstances; requiring certain impasses to be resolved under certain procedures;

stating the intent of the General Assembly that the State promote certain relationships with certain employees of the community college system in a certain manner; authorizing the Board to adopt certain regulations and to make a certain delegation and assignment of responsibilities and obligations; prohibiting the Board from adopting certain rules; defining certain terms; providing for the application of this Act; providing for the construction of this Act; and generally relating to collective bargaining rights for community college employees.

BY repealing

Article – Education

Section 16–403, 16–412, and 16–414.1

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – Education

Section 16–701 through 16–715 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 7. Collective Bargaining”

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – State Personnel and Pensions

Section 3–2A–01

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – State Personnel and Pensions

Section 3–2A–05, 3–2A–07, and 3–2A–08(a)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

House Bill 895 – Delegate Mangione

AN ACT concerning

Election Law – Polling Places at Continuing Care Retirement Communities

FOR the purpose of requiring local boards of elections to establish separate precincts at certain continuing care retirement communities under certain circumstances to specifically serve the retirement communities; requiring continuing care retirement community providers to provide certain facilities and services to the local board if a polling place is established at the continuing care retirement community; defining a

certain term; and generally relating to the establishment of precincts and polling places at continuing care retirement communities.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Election Law
Section 2–303(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2017 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 896 – Delegate Mangione

AN ACT concerning

Criminal Law – Crime of Violence – Definition

FOR the purpose of altering a certain definition of “crime of violence” as it relates to the age of victims of certain offenses; and generally relating to crimes of violence.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Criminal Law
Section 14–101(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 897 – Delegate Mangione

AN ACT concerning

Gaming – Sports and Event Wagering License – Maryland State Fair and Agricultural Society, Inc.

FOR the purpose of requiring the State Lottery and Gaming Control Commission, under certain circumstances, to issue a sports and event wagering license to a certain entity; and generally relating to a license to offer sports and event wagering in the State.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – State Government
Section 9–109(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – State Government
Section 9–109(d)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 898 – Delegate McIntosh

EMERGENCY BILL

AN ACT concerning

Operating Budget – Unanticipated Federal Funds – Authorized Uses

FOR the purpose of prohibiting the expenditure of certain money from the federal government by amendment of an appropriation in the fiscal year 2021 or 2022 State budget unless the money is used for certain purposes; providing that the prohibition does not apply to the amendment of an appropriation if the Board of Public Works makes a certain determination; making this Act an emergency measure; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to the amendment of certain federal fund appropriations.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – State Finance and Procurement
Section 7–209(c)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – State Finance and Procurement
Section 7–217
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Chapter 19 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2020
Section 5, 7, and 27

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

House Bill 899 – Delegate Bartlett

AN ACT concerning

Courts – Civil Jury Trials – Amount in Controversy

FOR the purpose of altering the amount in controversy in a civil action in which a party may not demand a jury trial; providing for the construction and application of this Act; making this Act contingent on the passage and ratification of a certain constitutional amendment; and generally relating to jury trials in civil actions.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings
Section 4–402(e)(1)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 900 – Delegate Bartlett

AN ACT concerning

Anne Arundel County – Alcoholic Beverages – Board of License Commissioners

FOR the purpose of requiring the Governor to appoint additional members to the Board of License Commissioners for Anne Arundel County; requiring that members be appointed from each legislative district in the county; limiting the number of terms that each member may serve on the Board; staggering the terms of members of the Board; altering certain requirements for political diversity among the members of the Board; authorizing the Board, rather than the Governor, to designate a chair of the Board; specifying the expiration of the terms of the members of the Board; and generally relating to the Board of License Commissioners for Anne Arundel County.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Alcoholic Beverages
Section 11–101(a) and (b), 11–102, and 11–201
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Alcoholic Beverages
Section 11–202 and 11–203
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 901 – Delegate Bartlett (By Request – Anne Arundel County Administration)

AN ACT concerning

Anne Arundel County – Hotel Tax Alterations – Distribution of Revenue

FOR the purpose of requiring a certain percentage of the hotel tax revenue generated in the City of Annapolis to be distributed to a special fund to be used only to provide funds to the Annapolis Art in Public Places Commission; requiring the Commission to report to the City of Annapolis and certain committees and members of the General Assembly on or before a certain date; requiring certain percentages of the hotel tax revenue generated in the City of Annapolis and Anne Arundel County to be distributed to certain special funds; altering a certain reporting requirement; authorizing the County Auditor of Anne Arundel County to conduct an audit of certain organizations; requiring the Auditor to report any audit findings to the County Executive of Anne Arundel County; authorizing Anne Arundel County and the City of Annapolis to withhold funds dedicated to certain organizations under certain circumstances; making a stylistic change; defining certain terms; and generally relating to the hotel tax in Anne Arundel County.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Local Government
Section 20–603
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2013 Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 902 – Delegate Bartlett**CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT**

AN ACT concerning

Constitutional Amendment – Civil Jury Trials

FOR the purpose of proposing an amendment to the Maryland Declaration of Rights to alter the amount in controversy in civil proceedings in which the right to a jury trial may be limited by legislation; altering the amount in controversy in civil proceedings in which the right to a jury trial shall be inviolably preserved; and submitting this amendment to the qualified voters of the State for their adoption or rejection.

BY proposing an amendment to the Maryland Constitution
Declaration of Rights
Article 5 and 23

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 903 – Delegate Bridges

AN ACT concerning

Task Force to Study the Maryland Public Guardianship Program

FOR the purpose of establishing the Task Force to Study the Maryland Public Guardianship Program; providing for the composition, co–chairs, and staffing of the Task Force; authorizing the co–chairs of the Task Force to appoint additional members to the Task Force as deemed necessary by the co–chairs; prohibiting a member of the Task Force from receiving certain compensation, but authorizing the reimbursement of certain expenses; requiring the Task Force to study and make recommendations regarding certain matters; requiring the Task Force to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before a certain date; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to the Task Force to Study the Maryland Public Guardianship Program.

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 904 – Delegate Bridges

AN ACT concerning

State Personnel – Collective Bargaining – Exclusive Representative Access to New Employees

FOR the purpose of altering the type of access and the circumstances under which certain access to new employees by exclusive representatives is required to be permitted by the State, a system institution, Morgan State University, St. Mary’s College of Maryland, and Baltimore City Community College; altering the period of time for which an exclusive representative is required to be permitted to address certain new employees under certain circumstances; requiring that an exclusive representative be permitted at least a certain amount of time to meet with a new employee; requiring that a certain meeting between a new employee and an exclusive representative be in person; authorizing a certain exclusive representative to meet with a new employee through certain video technology under certain circumstances; requiring that the State, a system institution, Morgan State University, St. Mary’s College of Maryland, and Baltimore City Community College encourage but not require certain new employees to meet with certain exclusive representatives; requiring that a certain notice be provided on the start date of a new employee; requiring that a certain notice be provided to certain individuals in a certain manner within a certain time period and include certain information; making conforming changes; and generally relating to collective bargaining for State employees and access by an exclusive representative to new employees.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – State Personnel and Pensions

Section 3–307

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

House Bill 905 – Delegate Bridges

AN ACT concerning

Education – Workforce Development Sequence Scholarships – Eligibility

FOR the purpose of expanding program eligibility for Workforce Development Sequence Scholarships by altering a certain definition to include certain students enrolled directly in registered apprenticeship programs; and generally relating to Workforce Development Sequence Scholarships.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Education
Section 18–3301
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Education
Section 18–3302
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

House Bill 906 – Delegate Carey

EMERGENCY BILL

AN ACT concerning

**Unemployment Insurance – Earned Rating Record – Waiver of Benefit Charges
Due to COVID–19**

FOR the purpose of requiring, except under certain circumstances, the Secretary of Labor to waive the charges of unemployment insurance benefits against the earned rating record of an employing unit for claims filed during a certain period of time that the Secretary determines to be related to COVID–19; authorizing the Secretary to charge certain unemployment insurance benefits against the earned rating record of an employing unit due to certain conduct related to separation notices; making this Act an emergency measure; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to the earned rating records of employing units under the unemployment insurance law.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Labor and Employment
Section 8–611(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Labor and Employment
Section 8–611(k)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 907 – Delegate Carey

EMERGENCY BILL

AN ACT concerning

Unemployment Insurance – Study on System Reforms

FOR the purpose of requiring the Maryland Department of Labor, in consultation with the Department of Legislative Services, to study and make recommendations regarding reforms to the unemployment insurance system in the State; specifying the scope of the study; requiring the Maryland Department of Labor to report, at a certain interval, to the Department of Legislative Services and the co–chairs of the Joint Committee on Unemployment Insurance Oversight and to consult with certain other agencies and stakeholders for certain purposes; requiring the Maryland Department of Labor to submit an interim and a final report to certain committees of the General Assembly on or before certain dates; making this Act an emergency measure; and generally relating to unemployment insurance.

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 908 – Delegate Carey

EMERGENCY BILL

AN ACT concerning

Unemployment Insurance – Employer Contributions – Payment Plans

FOR the purpose of requiring the Secretary of Labor to offer to employing units for certain calendar years a variety of payment plan options that spread certain contribution due dates through the end of a certain month; requiring the Secretary to offer a variety of additional payment plan options that mutually serve certain interests and,

for plans offered in a calendar year in which a certain table of rates is applicable, provide more flexibility than certain plans offered under a certain provision of this Act; repealing a certain provision of law rendered obsolete by a certain provision of this Act; making this Act an emergency measure; and generally relating to payment plans for unemployment insurance.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Labor and Employment
Section 8–607(d)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Labor and Employment
Section 8–607.1
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 909 – Delegate Carey

AN ACT concerning

Maryland Healthy Working Families Act – Applicability

FOR the purpose of providing that the Maryland Healthy Working Families Act does not apply to certain employees of a county board of education; and generally relating to the applicability of the Maryland Healthy Working Families Act.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Labor and Employment
Section 3–1303(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 910 – Delegate Lisanti

AN ACT concerning

Health Insurance – Hearing Aids for Adults – Coverage

FOR the purpose of requiring insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations that provide certain health insurance benefits under certain insurance policies or contracts to provide coverage for certain hearing aids

for adults covered under the policies or contracts; authorizing insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations to limit the benefit payable under this Act in a certain manner; authorizing an insured or enrollee to choose a certain hearing aid and pay a certain amount for the hearing aid without financial or contractual penalty to the provider of the hearing aid; providing for the application of this Act; providing for a delayed effective date; defining a certain term; making a conforming change; and generally relating to health insurance and coverage for hearing aids.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Insurance
Section 15–838
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2017 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Insurance
Section 15–838.1
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2017 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 911 – Delegate Lisanti

AN ACT concerning

Natural Resources – Waterfowl Hunting – Susquehanna Flats

FOR the purpose of establishing that a person may hunt wild waterfowl in the waters of the Susquehanna Flats while standing in water on the natural bottom only in areas designated by the Department of Natural Resources; prohibiting a person from hunting wild waterfowl in the Susquehanna Flats from a boat that is drifting, being sculled, or anchored in areas designated for hunting wild waterfowl while standing in water on the natural bottom; making stylistic changes; and generally relating to hunting wild waterfowl in the waters of the Susquehanna Flats.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Natural Resources
Section 10–604 through 10–606
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 912 – Delegate Lisanti

EMERGENCY BILL

AN ACT concerning

Maryland Transportation Authority – Video Tolls – Collection

FOR the purpose of extending the termination date for certain provisions of law relating to the collection of certain unpaid video tolls and associated penalties; making this Act an emergency measure; and generally relating to the collection of certain video tolls and associated penalties.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – State Finance and Procurement
Section 3–302(b)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Transportation
Section 21–1414(a)(1), (2), and (11) and (h)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Chapter 547 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2018
Section 3

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 913 – Delegate Bhandari

AN ACT concerning

Board of Community College Trustees for Baltimore County – Collective Bargaining – Faculty

FOR the purpose of expanding the scope of certain provisions of law governing collective bargaining to include faculty of Baltimore County community colleges; requiring the Board of the Community College Trustees for Baltimore County to establish certain procedures and recognize certain rights of faculty; requiring the Board to adopt certain rules and regulations; providing that this Act does not authorize a strike by faculty; and generally relating to collective bargaining for faculty of Baltimore County community colleges.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Education
Section 16–403

Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

House Bill 914 – Delegate Bhandari

AN ACT concerning

Education – Home and Hospital Teaching Program for Students – Report

FOR the purpose of requiring the State Department of Education to study and make recommendations regarding certain matters relating to the Home and Hospital Teaching Program for Students; requiring the Department to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor, the State Board of Education, and the General Assembly on or before a certain date; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to a report on the Home and Hospital Teaching Program for Students.

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 915 – Delegate Amprey

AN ACT concerning

Workgroup on Black, Latino, and Other Underrepresented Mental Health Professionals

FOR the purpose of establishing the Workgroup on Black, Latino, and Other Underrepresented Mental Health Professionals; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Workgroup; prohibiting a member of the Workgroup from receiving certain compensation, but authorizing the reimbursement of certain expenses; requiring the Workgroup to study and make recommendations regarding certain mental health professionals and certain students in the State who are Black, Latino, or otherwise underrepresented in the mental health profession; requiring the Workgroup to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before a certain date; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to the Workgroup on Black, Latino, and Other Underrepresented Mental Health Professionals.

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 916 – Delegate Amprey

AN ACT concerning

Education – Public Middle and High Schools – Financial Literacy Curriculum

and Graduation Requirement

FOR the purpose of requiring the State Department of Education to update the Maryland State Curriculum for Personal Financial Literacy Education and corresponding financial literacy standards to include content related to student loans and taxes; authorizing a county board of education to collaborate with financial managers and institutions to help students achieve financial literacy; requiring the State Board of Education to establish a financial literacy education week; requiring a county board to require schools in the county to host public discussions on financial literacy during the financial literacy education week; requiring the State Board to develop curriculum content for certain courses in financial literacy; requiring each county board to implement the financial literacy curriculum content in every public middle and high school in the county, beginning in a certain school year; requiring students to complete a financial literacy course in order to graduate from a public middle or high school; requiring the financial literacy curriculum content to enable students to understand and apply certain principles of financial literacy; authorizing the State Board to adopt regulations to carry out this Act; and generally relating to the development and implementation of a financial literacy curriculum that is required for graduation from a public middle or high school in the State.

BY adding to

Article – Education

Section 7–205.5 and 7–205.6

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 917 – Delegate Amprey

AN ACT concerning

Corrections – Restrictive Housing – Prohibition

FOR the purpose of prohibiting the placement of a certain inmate in certain restrictive housing, with certain exceptions; requiring a certain facility to document the usage of restrictive housing in a certain manner; requiring certain records to be posted on a certain website in a certain manner; defining certain terms; and generally relating to restrictive housing.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Correctional Services

Section 9–614(a)(1) and (3)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2017 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – Correctional Services
Section 9–614.2
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2017 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 918 – Delegate Amprey

AN ACT concerning

**Higher Education – Maryland Loan Assistance Repayment Program
– Underrepresented Teachers**

FOR the purpose of establishing the Maryland Loan Assistance Repayment Program for Underrepresented Teachers; requiring the Office of Student Financial Assistance in the Maryland Higher Education Commission to assist in the repayment of a certain loan owed by certain eligible individuals; requiring the Office to determine the annual amount of certain assistance; requiring a certain amount of assistance to equal at least a certain percentage of a certain loan; prohibiting the Office from providing certain assistance for more than a certain number of years; requiring a certain applicant to demonstrate to the Office that a certain loan was used for a certain purpose; requiring the Office to adopt certain regulations; specifying that funds for the Program shall be as provided in the State budget; requiring the Office to report to the General Assembly on or before a certain date each year on certain information regarding the Program; defining certain terms; and generally relating to the Maryland Loan Assistance Repayment Program for Underrepresented Teachers.

BY adding to

Article – Education
Section 18–3701 through 18–3705 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 37.
Maryland Loan Assistance Repayment Program for Underrepresented
Teachers”
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

House Bill 919 – Delegate Bagnall

EMERGENCY BILL

AN ACT concerning

**Maryland Insurance Commissioner – Specialty Mental Health Services and
Payment of Claims – Enforcement**

FOR the purpose of requiring the Maryland Insurance Commissioner to enforce a certain provision of law providing that certain provisions of the Insurance Article apply to a certain delivery system for specialty mental health services and administered by an administrative services organization; making this Act an emergency measure; and generally relating to enforcement duties of the Maryland Insurance Commissioner.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Health – General
Section 15–103(b)(21)(i) and (vi)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Insurance
Section 2–108
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2017 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 920 – Delegate Carr

AN ACT concerning

Open Meetings Act – Definition – Administrative Function

FOR the purpose of excluding the administration of certain personnel matters from the definition of “administrative function” as it applies to the Open Meetings Act; and generally relating to the Open Meetings Act.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – General Provisions
Section 3–101(a) and 3–103
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – General Provisions
Section 3–101(b)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 921 – Delegate Long

AN ACT concerning

Baltimore County – Sewer Service Charge – Adjustment

FOR the purpose of authorizing, in Baltimore County, a property owner to request an adjustment to a sewer service charge under certain circumstances and in a certain manner; and generally relating to sewer service charges in Baltimore County.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Environment
Section 9–726
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 922 – Delegate Lierman (Chair, Joint Committee on Pensions)

AN ACT concerning

State Retirement and Pension System – COVID–19–Related Death Benefits – Clarification

FOR the purpose of clarifying the eligibility of certain members of the State Retirement and Pension System for certain death benefits; 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 to accept certain information as proof of when a member contracted COVID–19; requiring the Board to accept certain information as proof that COVID–19 caused or contributed to the death of a member; authorizing certain individuals who have received certain death benefits prior to this Act taking effect to apply for certain death benefits under this Act; requiring the Board to recover certain death benefit payments under certain circumstances; providing for the method of the recovery of the benefits; prohibiting the recovery of the benefits from reducing a death benefit allowance below a certain amount; authorizing the Board to refer a claim under this Act to a medical board; clarifying that a special death benefit awarded in accordance with this Act is a benefit in the nature of a worker's compensation act for certain taxation purposes; requiring the State Retirement Agency to report certain information regarding death benefits administered in accordance with this Act by certain dates; providing for the application of this Act; providing for the termination of this Act; defining certain terms; and generally relating to clarifying the administration of death benefits in the State Retirement and Pension System.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – State Personnel and Pensions
Section 20–101(a), (j), and (z)

Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

House Bill 923 – Delegate Pena–Melnyk

AN ACT concerning

**Labor and Employment – Worker Safety and Health – Injury and Illness
Prevention Program**

FOR the purpose of requiring certain employers to develop and implement a certain health and safety committee for a certain purpose; requiring that the committee be established in accordance with certain provisions of this Act and a certain collective bargaining agreement; providing for the membership, meetings, and duties of the committee; requiring that an employee acting as a committee member be paid at a certain rate for time spent on committee activities; requiring that the committee maintain certain records and retain the records for a certain period of time; requiring each employer to establish, implement, and maintain an injury and illness prevention program; requiring certain employers to establish the program in consultation with a certain committee; establishing certain requirements for the program; requiring that certain inspections be conducted in a certain manner and by the committee, under certain circumstances, or the employer; providing that certain persons have the right and shall be given the opportunity to examine or receive a copy of the program; requiring an employer to provide certain access or copies of a program at no cost and within a certain time period; requiring that a certain copy of the program include certain records; requiring that certain records be maintained for a certain period of time; requiring the Commissioner of Labor and Industry to adopt or update certain regulations on or before a certain date each year; requiring the Commissioner to publish and maintain certain data on the website of the Maryland Department of Labor; requiring the Commissioner to report certain data to the General Assembly on or before a certain date each year; providing for the construction of this Act; defining certain terms; and generally relating to the Injury and Illness Prevention Program.

BY adding to

Article – Labor and Employment

Section 5–1301 through 5–1305 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 13. Injury and
Illness Prevention Program”

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2016 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 924 – Delegate Arikan

AN ACT concerning

Real Property – Mobile Home Parks – Rent Increases

FOR the purpose of requiring a certain owner of a mobile home park to provide written notice of any increase in the annual rent for a site in the park to a certain resident, a certain homeowners association, and the Division of Consumer Protection in the Office of the Attorney General a certain amount of time before the effective date of the increase; requiring the notice to include certain information or the park owner to make certain information available on request to a certain resident, a certain homeowners association, and the Division; authorizing an increase in annual rent to exceed an increase in a certain index only under certain circumstances; prohibiting a rent increase from incorporating or being based on certain costs; requiring a park owner to schedule a certain meeting within a certain time period and provide certain information if a proposed rent increase exceeds the increase in a certain index; authorizing the continuation of a certain meeting under certain conditions; authorizing the Division to require a park owner who increased a certain rent by more than a certain amount without prior approval to reduce the rent by a certain amount and refund any unauthorized collected rent with interest; requiring the Division to maintain certain information on its website; defining certain terms; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to rent increases in mobile home parks.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Real Property

Section 8A–101(f), (g), (h), and (j)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – Real Property

Section 8A–203

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 925 – Delegate Arikan

AN ACT concerning

Workgroup on Medical Cannabis Use by Pregnant and Nursing Women

FOR the purpose of establishing the Workgroup on Medical Cannabis Use by Pregnant and Nursing Women; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Workgroup; prohibiting a member of the Workgroup from receiving certain compensation, but authorizing the reimbursement of certain expenses; requiring the Workgroup to

conduct a certain study and make certain recommendations; requiring the Workgroup to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before a certain date; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to the Workgroup on Medical Cannabis Use by Pregnant and Nursing Women.

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 926 – Delegate Arikan

AN ACT concerning

Criminal Law – Homicide by Vehicle or Vessel – Penalties (Josette’s Law)

FOR the purpose of increasing the maximum period of incarceration that may be imposed for the offenses of manslaughter by vehicle or vessel and homicide by motor vehicle or vessel while under the influence of alcohol or alcohol per se; and generally relating to penalties for homicide by vehicle or vessel.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Criminal Law
Section 2–209 and 2–503
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 927 – Delegate Arikan

AN ACT concerning

Drunk and Drugged Driving – Testing – Warrants (Danshaun’s Law)

FOR the purpose of establishing an exception to the prohibition on compelling a person to undergo a certain test of the person’s breath or blood for a test that is required by a valid warrant; and generally relating to drunk and drugged driving.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Transportation
Section 16–205.1(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Transportation

Section 16–205.1(b)(1)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 928 – Delegate Arikan

AN ACT concerning

Baltimore County – Archery Hunting – Safety Zone

FOR the purpose of altering the size of the safety zone for archery hunters in Baltimore County within which archery hunting may not take place except under certain circumstances; requiring an archery hunter in Baltimore County to use a tree stand when hunting any wild bird or mammal within a certain distance of certain buildings; and generally relating to the archery hunting safety zone in Baltimore County.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Natural Resources
Section 10–410(g)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 929 – Delegate Arikan

AN ACT concerning

Teachers’ Pension System – Vested Allowance – Break in Service

FOR the purpose of 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; and generally relating to retirement from the Teachers’ Pension System.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – State Personnel and Pensions
Section 29–303(b)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

House Bill 930 – Delegate Arikan

AN ACT concerning

Family Law – Removal of Child From Home – Meetings

FOR the purpose of specifying that, at any meeting of a local department of social services during which the removal of a child from the child's home is discussed, certain information is required to be redacted and is prohibited from being referenced; requiring the local department to keep minutes of certain meetings; and generally relating to local departments of social services.

BY adding to

Article – Family Law

Section 5–525.3

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 931 – Delegate Arikan

AN ACT concerning

**Child Care Providers – Notice of Allegations of Child Abuse or Neglect
(Aiden's Law)**

FOR the purpose of requiring the designee of the State Superintendent of Schools, on receipt of a certain notification of a certain allegation of child abuse or neglect, to ensure that a certain notice has been provided; requiring a certain family child care provider or child care center to provide a certain notice to certain parents and guardians within a certain period of time after first having knowledge of a certain report or incident of suspected child abuse or neglect; specifying the contents of the notice; prohibiting a person from providing the notice under certain circumstances; establishing certain penalties; defining certain terms; and generally relating to child care providers and reports of suspected child abuse or neglect.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Education

Section 9.5–309(a), 9.5–312, 9.5–418, and 9.5–419(a)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – Education

Section 9.5–309.1 and 9.5–419.1

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Family Law
Section 5–704(a), 5–705(a), and 5–705.3
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 932 – Delegate Arikan

AN ACT concerning

Drugged Driving – Controlled Dangerous Substance Testing – Authorized Police Officers

FOR the purpose of authorizing a police officer who has successfully completed a certain program of training in advanced roadside impaired driving enforcement to request, require, or direct that a person take a certain test for drug or controlled dangerous substance content under certain circumstances; repealing a provision of law authorizing a police officer who is a trainee or is participating directly or indirectly in a certain program of training for certification as a drug recognition expert to request, require, or direct that a person take a certain test for drug or controlled dangerous substance content under certain circumstances; making certain conforming changes; and generally relating to testing for drugged driving.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Transportation
Section 16–205.1(j)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 933 – Delegate Bartlett

AN ACT concerning

Anne Arundel County – Transfer Tax – Housing Trust Special Revenue Fund

FOR the purpose of authorizing the governing body of Anne Arundel County to increase the rate of the transfer tax imposed on certain written instruments conveying title to property or a leasehold interest in real property; requiring any revenue derived from a higher transfer tax rate to be distributed to a certain special fund; establishing a Housing Trust Special Revenue Fund and requiring that certain revenue attributable to certain transfer and recordation tax rates be paid into the

fund; providing that the fund is a special, nonlapsing fund; requiring that revenue paid into the fund be dedicated and appropriated to provide housing for certain individuals; repealing certain obsolete language; making stylistic and conforming changes; and generally relating to the transfer tax and the creation of a special fund for certain types of housing in Anne Arundel County.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
The Public Local Laws of Anne Arundel County
Section 4-3A-102 and 4-11-111
Article 2 – Public Local Laws of Maryland
(2005 Edition and June 2020 Supplement, as amended)

BY adding to
The Public Local Laws of Anne Arundel County
Section 4-11-122
Article 2 – Public Local Laws of Maryland
(2005 Edition and June 2020 Supplement, as amended)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 934 – Delegate Bartlett

AN ACT concerning

Public Health – Chief Medical Examiner – Autopsy Findings and Conclusions

FOR the purpose of clarifying the circumstances under which a person in interest may appeal to the Secretary of Health the denial by the Chief Medical Examiner to correct certain findings and conclusions recorded on a certificate of death; making stylistic changes; and generally relating to autopsy findings and conclusions of the Chief Medical Examiner.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Health – General
Section 5-310(d)(1) and (2)(ii)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Health – General
Section 5-310(d)(2)(i)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 935 – Delegate Bartlett

AN ACT concerning

Emergency Community Services Fund

FOR the purpose of establishing the Emergency Community Services Fund as a special, nonlapsing fund; specifying the purpose of the Fund; requiring the Governor to include a certain appropriation to the Fund in the annual budget bill; requiring the Department of Budget and Management 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 when the Fund may be used; specifying the purpose for which the Fund may be used; authorizing the Governor, after notice and approval by the Legislative Policy Committee, to transfer certain funds by budget amendment; stating that the Fund may be used only to provide supplemental funding for certain programs and services and may not be used to offset operating deficiencies; requiring the Governor, on notice of a proposed budget amendment, to report certain information to certain committees of the General Assembly; providing for the investment of money in and expenditures from the Fund; requiring interest earnings of the Fund to be credited to the Fund; exempting the Fund from a certain provision of law requiring interest earnings on State money to accrue to the General Fund of the State; requiring the Department of Budget and Management to submit a certain annual report providing certain information about the Fund; providing that money appropriated from the Fund is supplemental to and is not intended to take the place of other funding; defining a certain term; and generally relating to the Emergency Community Services Fund.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – State Finance and Procurement
Section 6–226(a)(2)(i)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – State Finance and Procurement
Section 6–226(a)(2)(ii)122. and 123.
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – State Finance and Procurement
Section 6–226(a)(2)(ii)124. and 7–332
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

House Bill 936 – Delegate Lisanti

AN ACT concerning

**Hospitals and Freestanding Medical Facilities – Closing or Partial
Closing – Public Notice**

FOR the purpose of requiring the Maryland Health Care Commission to publish a certain notice of the closing or partial closing of a certain hospital or freestanding medical facility within a certain time period; requiring the Commission to ensure that a certain notice is available to the public for certain purposes and provided to a certain local governing body and certain members of the General Assembly; requiring that a certain notice be provided to each member of a certain local governing body and certain members of the General Assembly in writing and electronically; requiring the Commission to publish a notice of certain informational meetings; specifying certain procedures for the publication of certain notices by the Commission; requiring the Commission to electronically post a certain notice and to provide a certain method for certain persons to electronically request certain additional notices; requiring that a certain electronic notice include certain information; authorizing the Commission to require a certain person to publish and send certain notices under certain circumstances; making conforming changes; and generally relating to public notification of the closing or partial closing of a hospital or freestanding medical facility.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Health – General
Section 19–120(l)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 937 – Delegate McIntosh

AN ACT concerning

State Lottery Fund – Maryland Humanities Council – Funding

FOR the purpose of repealing certain provisions of law requiring the Comptroller to pay from the Racing Special Fund a certain grant to a certain entity; requiring the Comptroller to pay a certain amount of money from the State Lottery Fund to a certain entity to be used for certain purposes; and generally relating to the State Lottery Fund and the Maryland Humanities Council.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Business Regulation
Section 11–403(a)(9)
Annotated Code of Maryland

(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – State Government
Section 9–120(b)(1)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

House Bill 938 – Delegate Hill

AN ACT concerning

Real Property Transfer–on–Death Deed Task Force

FOR the purpose of establishing the Real Property Transfer–on–Death Deed Task Force; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Task Force; prohibiting a member of the Task Force from receiving certain compensation, but authorizing the reimbursement of certain expenses; requiring the Task Force to study and make recommendations regarding certain matters; requiring the Task Force to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before a certain date; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to the Real Property Transfer–on–Death Deed Task Force.

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 939 – Delegate Arikan

AN ACT concerning

Education – Student Education Grant Program – Established

FOR the purpose of establishing the Student Education Grant Program in the Department of Education; establishing the purpose of the Program; authorizing certain students to apply to the Department to receive a grant from the Program; providing for the renewal of a grant from the Program; requiring the Department to establish an application and approval process for the Program; requiring the Department to distribute grants in a certain manner; requiring each grant to be not less than a certain amount; requiring the Department to use certain funds in providing grants under the Program; authorizing the Department to adopt certain regulations; prohibiting the Department from adopting certain regulations; defining certain terms; and generally relating to the Student Education Grant Program.

BY adding to
Article – Education
Section 5–222

Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means and the Committee on Appropriations.

House Bill 940 – The Speaker

AN ACT concerning

Gaming – Regulation of Fantasy Gaming Competitions and Implementation of Sports Wagering

FOR the purpose of requiring certain fantasy competition operators to register with the State Lottery and Gaming Control Commission under certain circumstances; requiring a fantasy competition operator to pay certain fees and a certain percentage of the proceeds from fantasy competitions to the State Lottery and Gaming Control Commission; requiring the State Lottery and Gaming Control Commission to distribute the proceeds from fantasy competitions in a certain manner; altering the authorized uses of the Problem Gambling Fund; authorizing certain license holders to accept wagers on certain sporting events from certain individuals and by certain methods at certain locations; requiring the State Lottery and Gaming Control Commission to regulate sports wagering in the State; requiring certain persons to apply to the State Lottery and Gaming Control Commission for certain licenses; requiring certain fees for the issuance and renewal of certain licenses; providing for the terms of certain licenses; providing that certain applicants and licensees are subject to certain minority business participation goals; authorizing the State Lottery and Gaming Control Commission to provide waivers or exemptions from certain licensing requirements under certain circumstances; requiring applicants for certain licenses to pay certain fees set by the State Lottery and Gaming Control Commission; providing for the distribution of certain licensing fees collected by the State Lottery and Gaming Control Commission; providing that certain applicants and licensees have a certain responsibility; requiring certain applicants and licensees to provide certain information, assistance, and cooperation; requiring applicants and licensees to establish certain qualification criteria, including the existence of a certain labor peace agreement; establishing certain procedures and requirements for the issuance of certain licenses; authorizing the State Lottery and Gaming Control Commission to grant or deny certain licenses; authorizing the State Lottery and Gaming Control Commission to deny, suspend, or revoke a license and reprimand or fine a licensee under certain circumstances; authorizing the State Lottery and Gaming Control Commission to impose a certain penalty under certain circumstances; authorizing certain sports wagering licensees to enter into certain agreements for the operation of online sports wagering; providing that an individual may register for online sports wagering either in person or online; prohibiting certain individuals from making a wager and certain sports wagering licensees from accepting a wager from certain individuals; requiring certain sports wagering licensees to establish certain procedures, provide certain safeguards, and report

certain information to the State Lottery and Gaming Control Commission; authorizing the State Lottery and Gaming Control Commission to prohibit certain types or forms of wagering or certain individuals from wagering at the request of certain interested parties under certain circumstances; requiring the State Lottery and Gaming Control Commission to respond to certain requests from certain interested parties by a certain time; providing for the accounting and distribution of certain sports wagering proceeds and certain unclaimed winning wagers; requiring the State Lottery and Gaming Control Commission to adopt certain regulations; requiring the State Lottery and Gaming Control Commission to report annually to the Governor and the General Assembly on certain matters on or before a certain date; establishing a Sports Wagering Application Review Commission, its membership, and certain eligibility requirements for membership; providing for certain reimbursements and staffing; authorizing the Sports Wagering Application Review Commission to award not more than a certain number of certain sports wagering licenses; requiring the State Lottery and Gaming Control Commission and the Sports Wagering Application Review Commission, in consultation with certain entities, to evaluate a certain study of the sports wagering industry, make a certain determination relating to certain business participation in the sports wagering industry, evaluate certain race-neutral programs and other methods, and adopt certain regulations; providing for the termination of the Sports Wagering Application Review Commission; authorizing the Governor to reconstitute the Sports Wagering Application Review Commission under certain circumstances; requiring a certain certification agency, in consultation with the Office of the Attorney General and the Governor's Office of Small, Minority, and Women Business Affairs, to initiate a certain analysis; requiring a certain certification agency to submit a certain report to the Legislative Policy Committee on or before a certain date; declaring the intent of the General Assembly; making conforming changes; defining certain terms; and generally relating to wagering on fantasy competitions and sporting events.

BY renumbering

Article – State Government
Section 9–1D–01(b) and 9–1D–01(c), respectively
to be Section 9–1D–02 and 9–1D–05, respectively
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Education
Section 5–219(b)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Education
Section 5–219(f)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – State Government
Section 9–1A–01(a) and (k)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – State Government
Section 9–1A–03, 9–1A–33(b), and 9–1D–01(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – State Government
Section 9–1D–02 and 9–1D–05
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)
(As enacted by Section 1 of this Act)

BY adding to
Article – State Government
Section 9–1D–03 and 9–1D–04; and 9–1E–01 through 9–1E–15 to be under the new
subtitle “Subtitle 1E. Sports Wagering”
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 941 – Delegate Wells (By Request – Baltimore City Administration)

AN ACT concerning

Baltimore City – Speed Limits – Establishment

FOR the purpose of authorizing Baltimore City to establish the maximum speed limit on a highway under its jurisdiction without performing an engineering and traffic study; and generally relating to the establishment of speed limits on highways in Baltimore City.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Transportation
Section 21–803
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 942 – Delegate Conaway

AN ACT concerning

Commercial Leases – Grounds for Termination by Tenant

FOR the purpose of prohibiting a certain landlord from charging a tenant or causing a tenant to be charged for electricity usage except in accordance with the terms of a written lease; authorizing a certain tenant to terminate a lease without penalty under certain circumstances; providing that the termination takes effect immediately upon the tenant providing a certain notice to the landlord; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to grounds for termination of a commercial lease by a tenant.

BY adding to

Article – Real Property

Section 8–119

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 943 – Delegate Bridges

AN ACT concerning

Community Development Administration – Live Near Your School Program – Establishment

FOR the purpose of requiring the Community Development Administration in the Department of Housing and Community Development to administer a home buyer assistance program that assists certain individuals with receiving certain low-interest mortgages for the purchase of homes near the individuals' schools; requiring the Administration to coordinate with, and match where appropriate, similar other programs under certain circumstances; requiring the Administration to allow public institutions of higher education to provide certain matching funds; requiring the Administration to facilitate the marketing of a certain home buyer assistance program with certain persons; requiring the Department to report to the General Assembly on a certain home buyer assistance program on or before a certain date each year; requiring the Administration to administer certain community development projects to provide certain individuals with certain financial assistance to buy homes near the individuals' schools under certain circumstances; exempting certain community development projects from certain requirements regarding income; designating certain community development projects as the Live Near Your

School program; requiring the Administration to adopt certain regulations; defining certain terms; and generally relating to the Live Near Your School program.

BY adding to

Article – Housing and Community Development
Section 4–215.1 and 4–217(e)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Housing and Community Development
Section 4–217(a) and (b)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 944 – Delegate Solomon

AN ACT concerning

Growing Family Child Care Opportunities Pilot Program – Established

FOR the purpose of establishing the Growing Family Child Care Opportunities Pilot Program in the State Department of Education; stating the purpose of the Program; requiring the Department to administer the Program in partnership with a certain entity; requiring the Department to award certain grants to certain recipients; requiring grant recipients to use the grants for certain purposes; requiring grant recipients to raise certain funding, collaborate with certain providers during a certain period, provide certain services, and establish certain partnerships for certain purposes; requiring the Governor, in certain fiscal years, to include in the annual budget bill a certain appropriation for the Program; requiring the Department to develop certain guidelines in partnership with a certain entity; authorizing the Department to seek funding for the Program and to provide grants as soon as possible under a certain circumstance; requiring the Department to develop and publish goals for the Program each year; requiring the Department to submit a certain report to the General Assembly on or before a certain date of each year; defining certain terms; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to the Growing Family Child Care Opportunities Pilot Program.

BY adding to

Article – Education
Section 9.5–113
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means and the Committee on Appropriations.

House Bill 945 – Delegate Carey

AN ACT concerning

Human Services – Critical Medical Needs Program – Application for Assistance

FOR the purpose of prohibiting the Office of Home Energy Programs from requiring certain medical certification when an individual applies for assistance from the Critical Medical Needs Program if the applicant is at least a certain age and assisted by a navigator; and generally relating to the application for assistance from the Critical Medical Needs Program.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Human Services
Section 5–5A–08
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 946 – Delegate Wells

AN ACT concerning

Maryland Transit Administration – Reduced Fare Program for Opioid Treatment Center Patients – Modifications

FOR the purpose of altering requirements relating to participation in the Maryland Transit Administration’s Disabled Reduced Fare Program by certain opioid treatment programs by requiring the Administration to allow opioid treatment programs to certify eligibility for and issue identification cards and monthly transit passes to qualifying patients; requiring rather than authorizing participating opioid treatment programs to issue the identification cards and transit passes to patients on-site; altering the requirements for certain regulations the Administration is required to adopt; making a stylistic change; and generally relating to the Maryland Transit Administration and transit passes for patients of opioid treatment programs.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Transportation
Section 7–712
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 947 – Delegate Wells

AN ACT concerning

Maryland Transit Administration – Disabled Reduced Fare Program for Opioid Treatment Program Patients – Modifications

FOR the purpose of altering requirements relating to participation in the Maryland Transit Administration’s Disabled Reduced Fare Program by certain opioid treatment programs by requiring the Administration to allow opioid treatment programs to certify eligibility for and issue identification cards and monthly transit passes to qualifying patients; requiring rather than authorizing participating opioid treatment programs to issue the identification cards and transit passes to patients on-site; making certain conforming changes to certain regulatory requirements; making a stylistic change; and generally relating to the Maryland Transit Administration and transit passes for patients of opioid treatment programs.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Transportation

Section 7-712

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2020 Replacement Volume)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 948 – Delegate Wells

AN ACT concerning

Maryland Office of the Inspector General – Establishment

FOR the purpose of establishing the Maryland Office of the Inspector General; establishing the Maryland Office of the Inspector General Advisory Board; providing for the composition of the Advisory Board; establishing a quorum for the transaction of business by the Advisory Board; establishing that the Advisory Board has the power to appoint and remove the Inspector General subject to certain conditions; requiring the Advisory Board to conduct a certain number of meetings annually to review the performance of the Inspector General; requiring that, in the event that the position of Inspector General remains vacant for a period in excess of a certain number of days, the Advisory Board submit a certain report to the General Assembly by a certain day and at regular intervals thereafter until the vacancy is filled; establishing the conditions under which the position of Inspector General shall be deemed vacant; establishing the position of the Inspector General; providing for the term of the Inspector General; establishing that the Inspector General shall continue to serve until a successor is appointed; specifying eligibility qualifications that an

individual must meet to qualify for the position of Inspector General; requiring the Inspector General to supervise and direct the Office; authorizing the Inspector General to establish office space maintained and equipped by the State; authorizing the Inspector General to employ a staff; authorizing the Inspector General to designate from the employees one Chief Deputy Inspector General and a certain number of deputies; providing for the salary of the Inspector General and funding for the Office; providing for the Chief Deputy Inspector General to serve as the acting Inspector General during a period of temporary inability or unavailability of the Inspector General and providing that the position of Inspector General may not be deemed vacant during a period of temporary inability or unavailability if certain conditions are met; requiring the Inspector General to receive certain complaints and establish certain methods for the anonymous filing of complaints; requiring the Inspector General to determine whether complaints received by the Office should be investigated; requiring the Inspector General to notify the appropriate law enforcement agency if evidence of criminal activity is discovered while investigating a complaint; authorizing the Inspector General to investigate certain complaints and audit or cooperate in audits and investigations of a unit of the Executive Branch of the State; prohibiting the Inspector General from disclosing the source of a complaint except under certain circumstances; requiring the Inspector General to periodically review the policies and procedures of Executive Branch units and make recommendations to improve the policies and procedures of the units; requiring a unit to cooperate fully with the Inspector General in an investigation or audit conducted by the Office; requiring the Inspector General to have access to records, data, reports, contracts, correspondence, or other documents of a unit during an investigation or audit; providing for the Inspector General's duties and powers when conducting an investigation or audit; providing that certain records prepared or obtained by the Inspector General are not subject to the Public Information Act until a certain report is issued; providing that an individual who discloses a record that is protected from disclosure is guilty of a misdemeanor and subject to a fine, a term of imprisonment, or both; providing for the disclosure of certain public records; requiring the Inspector General, at the end of each fiscal year, to submit certain reports to the Governor and the General Assembly; requiring the Inspector General to provide an opportunity for the unit which is the subject of a certain investigation or audit to respond to a certain report under certain circumstances; requiring reports of the Office to be posted to the website for the Office; requiring the Inspector General to develop an operations manual that conforms to certain standards and to publish the manual on the Office's website; requiring the Inspector General to provide training and education for the units; authorizing the Inspector General to adopt regulations to carry out this Act; authorizing the Governor to transfer to the Office certain positions and funds from agencies, departments, and units of the Executive Branch of State government; requiring that all employees transferred to the Office as a result of this Act be transferred without diminution of their rights, benefits, employment, or retirement status; defining certain terms; and generally relating to the Maryland Office of the Inspector General.

BY adding to

Article – State Government

Section 7.5–101 through 7.5–112 to be under the new title “Title 7.5. Inspector General”

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 949 – Delegate Washington

AN ACT concerning

Campaign Finance – Collections by Membership Entities – Noncampaign Political Activity

FOR the purpose of authorizing a membership entity to require a member to donate to noncampaign political activity of the membership entity up to a certain portion of the total annual amount the member is required to pay as dues, fees, or other assessments as a condition of membership if the member exercises the right not to contribute to a political action committee affiliated with the membership entity; requiring a membership entity that solicits a member by a certain invoice to make a contribution to an affiliated political action committee to inform the member of the member’s right to redirect the portion of the amount invoiced that is designated as a contribution to the political action committee to noncampaign political activity of the membership entity, if applicable; authorizing a membership entity to receive and use a donation for noncampaign political activity of a membership entity as part of dues, fees, or other assessments required as a condition of membership if the donation is obtained in accordance with this Act; defining a certain term; and generally relating to collections by membership entities for noncampaign political activity.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Election Law

Section 13–243

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2017 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 950 – Delegate Washington

AN ACT concerning

Judges – Community and Cultural Awareness Training

FOR the purpose of requiring the State Court Administrator to ensure that each judge in the State receives certain annual training to increase community and cultural awareness; and generally relating to judges and community and cultural awareness training.

BY adding to
Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings
Section 13–101.2
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 951 – Delegate Washington

AN ACT concerning

Income Tax Subtraction Modification – Military and Public Safety Retirement Income

FOR the purpose of increasing the amount of a subtraction modification under the Maryland income tax for certain military retirement income for individuals who are at least a certain age; increasing the amount of a subtraction modification under the Maryland income tax for certain retirement income attributable to a resident's employment as a correctional officer, a law enforcement officer, or a fire, rescue, or emergency services personnel; altering a certain limitation on the amount of a subtraction modification under the Maryland income tax for certain retirement income attributable to a resident's employment as a correctional officer, a law enforcement officer, or a fire, rescue, or emergency services personnel; defining certain terms; making conforming changes; providing for the application of this Act; providing for a delayed effective date for certain provisions of this Act; and generally relating to subtraction modifications under the Maryland income tax for certain retirement income.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Tax – General
Section 10–207(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Tax – General
Section 10–207(q) and 10–209
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Tax – General
Section 10–207(jj)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Tax – General
Section 10–207(jj) and 10–209
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)
(As enacted by Section 2 of this Act)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 952 – Delegate Washington

AN ACT concerning

Real Property – Sale of Apartment Facilities – Rights of Qualified Organizations

FOR the purpose of prohibiting an owner of an apartment facility from taking certain actions with regard to the sale of an apartment facility unless the owner complies with the requirements of this Act; requiring an owner to send notice of the owner's intent to sell an apartment facility to the Department of Housing and Community Development; requiring the notice of intent to sell to contain certain information; requiring the Department to take certain actions upon receipt of the notice of intent to sell; requiring the Department to operate an electronic system for certain purposes; authorizing the Department to adopt certain regulations; providing that certain provisions of this Act may not be construed to establish the Department as a party or an agent to the sale of an apartment facility; authorizing a qualified organization to send written notice by certain means within a certain period of time to the owner of or the seller's agent for an apartment facility expressing interest in purchasing the apartment facility; requiring an owner or a seller's agent to provide a qualified organization with a disclosure package containing certain information under certain circumstances; requiring a certain qualified organization to confirm by a certain means its interest in purchasing an apartment facility within a certain number of business days after receiving a disclosure package; requiring a certain qualified organization to submit by a certain means a written offer to purchase an apartment facility within a certain number of days after receiving a disclosure package; authorizing the owner of an apartment facility to reject a certain offer and sell the apartment facility to a person other than a qualified organization under certain circumstances; requiring an owner who intends to accept a certain offer to purchase the apartment facility to notify a certain qualified organization by a certain means and provide the qualified organization with a right of first refusal to purchase the apartment facility under certain terms; requiring a qualified organization to notify the owner of or the seller's agent for the apartment facility of the organization's intent to accept or reject the terms in a certain manner within a certain number of days after receiving a certain notice; authorizing the owner to accept a certain offer from a person who is not a qualified organization under certain circumstances; requiring the owner to sell the apartment facility to a certain qualifying organization under certain circumstances; authorizing a qualified

organization that does not receive a certain notice to request that a court issue a certain injunction; specifying the conditions that a qualified organization may place on tenants after the sale of an apartment facility under this Act; providing that the provisions of this Act are severable; defining certain terms; providing for the application of this Act; making stylistic changes; and generally relating to the sale of apartment facilities.

BY renumbering

Article – Real Property

Section 10–801 and 10–802, respectively, and the subtitle “Subtitle 8. Miscellaneous Provisions”

to be Section 10–901 and 10–902, respectively, and the subtitle “Subtitle 9. Miscellaneous Provisions”

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – Real Property

Section 10–801 through 10–806 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 8. Sale of Apartment Buildings – Rights of Qualified Organizations”

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 953 – Delegate Washington

AN ACT concerning

Law Enforcement – Racial Equity Audits and Coordinators

FOR the purpose of requiring the chief of each law enforcement agency with a certain budget to perform a certain annual racial equity audit and hire a racial equity coordinator; and generally relating to law enforcement agencies.

BY adding to

Article – Public Safety

Section 3–523

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 954 – Delegate Washington

AN ACT concerning

Property Tax – Solar Energy Systems

FOR the purpose of establishing certain solar energy property as a subclass of personal property; providing that the county tax rate applicable to certain solar energy property may be a different rate from the county tax rate applicable to other personal property, subject to a certain limitation; exempting personal property that is a certain community solar energy generating system from a county or municipal corporation property tax under certain circumstances; prohibiting the supervisor of assessments for a county, when valuing income producing real property, from considering the value of certain income attributable to the installation of a certain community solar energy generating system; defining a certain term; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to property taxes and solar energy systems.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Public Utilities
Section 7–306.2(a)(1) and (3)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Tax – Property
Section 6–302(b)(1) and 8–101(c)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Tax – Property
Section 7–402 and 8–105(a)(4)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Tax – Property
Section 8–101(a) and 8–105(a)(1)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 955 – Delegate Washington

AN ACT concerning

Election Law – Absentee Ballot Delivery and Marking

FOR the purpose of repealing a provision of law requiring a local board of elections to provide an absentee ballot by facsimile transmission if requested by a voter; altering a certain provision of law to require a local board to provide an absentee ballot by the Internet only if requested by certain voters, rather than to any voter on request; authorizing the State Board to provide an accessible optional online ballot marking tool for use by certain voters, rather than by any voter, who request to have an absentee ballot sent by the Internet; and generally relating to absentee ballot delivery and marking.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Election Law
Section 9–306 and 9–308.1
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2017 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 956 – Delegate Washington

AN ACT concerning

Criminal Procedure – Law Enforcement Procedures – Use of Force

FOR the purpose of providing that a certain police officer is justified in using force under certain circumstances; providing that a certain police officer is justified in using deadly force under certain circumstances; requiring a certain trier of fact to consider certain factors when assessing whether a certain police officer's beliefs and actions were reasonable; prohibiting a police officer from using a certain type of restraint, subject to a certain exception; requiring a certain police officer to make a certain attempt to intervene, to terminate, or to prevent a certain other officer's use of a certain type of restraint under certain circumstances; prohibiting a police officer from using deadly force directed at a moving vehicle, subject to certain exceptions; requiring a certain trier of fact to consider a certain police officer's beliefs and actions from the perspective of a reasonable police officer; defining certain terms; and generally relating to the use of force by police officers.

BY adding to
Article – Criminal Procedure
Section 2–109
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 957 – Delegate Conaway

AN ACT concerning

Business Regulation – Pawnbrokers and Pawn Transactions – Conversion of Interest Into Fees

FOR the purpose of prohibiting a pawnbroker, or other lending agent acting on behalf of a pawnbroker, from converting interest charged on a pawn transaction into a fee collectible by the pawnbroker; establishing that each occurrence of a fee charged in violation of this Act within a pawn transaction shall constitute a separate offense under a certain statutory penalty provision; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to pawnbrokers and pawn transactions.

BY adding to

Article – Business Regulation

Section 12–105

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 958 – Delegate Conaway

AN ACT concerning

Business Regulation – Pawnbrokers and Pawn Transactions – Limitation on Conversion of Interest to Fees

FOR the purpose of prohibiting a pawnbroker, or other lending agent acting on behalf of a pawnbroker, from converting more than a certain percentage of interest charged on a pawn transaction into a fee collectible by the pawnbroker within a certain period of time within the term of the pawn transaction; establishing that each occurrence of a certain violation constitutes a separate offense for the purpose of imposing a certain penalty; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to pawnbrokers and pawn transactions.

BY adding to

Article – Business Regulation

Section 12–105

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 959 – Delegate Conaway

AN ACT concerning

Absolute Divorce – Mutual Consent – Deadline for Ruling

FOR the purpose of requiring a court to rule on an application for absolute divorce within a certain number of days after the date on which the application is filed; and generally relating to absolute divorce.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Family Law
Section 7–103(a)(8)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Family Law
Section 7–103(f)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 960 – Delegate Conaway

AN ACT concerning

Landlord and Tenant – Lease Agreements – Estoppel Certificates and Subordination, Non-Disturbance, and Attornment Agreements

FOR the purpose of prohibiting a landlord from using a lease or form of lease containing an estoppel certificate or a subordination, non-disturbance, and attornment agreement or requiring a tenant to agree to sign an estoppel certificate or a subordination, non-disturbance, and attornment agreement as a provision of a lease; providing for the construction of this Act; providing that existing obligations or contract rights may not be impaired by this Act; and generally relating to lease agreements.

BY adding to
Article – Real Property
Section 8–119
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 961 – Delegate Parrott

AN ACT concerning

Local Government – Lemonade Stands – Prohibition on Regulation by Local Law

FOR the purpose of prohibiting a municipality, a county, or any other political subdivision from adopting or enforcing a local law prohibiting or regulating the sale of lemonade or other nonalcoholic beverages by minors from a stand on private property; and generally relating to the regulation of lemonade stands by local law.

BY adding to

Article – Local Government
Section 1–1314
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2013 Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 962 – Delegate Parrott

AN ACT concerning

Washington County – Nursing Homes and Assisted Living Programs – Essential Caregivers

FOR the purpose of requiring each nursing home and assisted living program in Washington County to establish certain policies and procedures authorizing certain visitation from an essential caregiver and relating to the designation and use of an essential caregiver; authorizing nursing homes and assisted living programs to consult with the local health officer when establishing the policies and procedures; requiring certain nursing homes and assisted living programs to consult with certain administrators and staff to make a certain determination; requiring certain nursing homes and assisted living programs to consult with certain patients or residents and essential caregivers to identify a certain schedule; requiring certain nursing homes and assisted living programs to ensure that certain scheduling considers the number of essential caregivers in the nursing home or assisted living program at any given time and designates a certain point of entry; requiring certain nursing homes and assisted living programs to require essential caregivers to abide by certain rules adopted by the nursing home or assisted living program; requiring an essential caregiver to inform the staff of the nursing home or assisted living program if the essential caregiver develops certain symptoms; authorizing an essential caregiver to transport a certain patient or resident for a certain purpose; prohibiting an essential caregiver from visiting a patient or resident if the patient or resident is quarantined; authorizing certain nursing homes and assisted living programs to restrict or revoke essential caregiver status under certain circumstances; providing for the application of this Act; defining certain terms; and generally relating to essential caregivers in nursing homes and assisted living programs.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Health – General
Section 19–1401(a) and (e) and 19–1801

Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – Health – General

Section 19–1416.1

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 963 – Delegate Parrott

AN ACT concerning

Sales and Use Tax – Exemption – Firearm Safety Devices

FOR the purpose of providing an exemption from the sales and use tax for a certain amount of the taxable price of certain firearm safety devices; defining a certain term; and generally relating to a sales and use tax exemption for the sales of certain firearm safety devices.

BY adding to

Article – Tax – General

Section 11–241

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2016 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 964 – Delegate Parrott

AN ACT concerning

Vehicle Laws – Driving in Right–Hand Lanes – Interstate Highways in Rural Areas

FOR the purpose of requiring the driver of a vehicle traveling slower than the general speed of traffic on certain interstate highways to drive the vehicle in the right–hand lanes under certain circumstances; requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration to include certain information in the State’s driver education curriculum; requiring the State Highway Administration to inform drivers of certain requirements by posting certain signage and providing certain notice in a certain manner; requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration and the State Highway Administration to provide a certain report to certain committees of the General Assembly; defining certain terms; and generally relating to requirements to drive in the right–hand lanes of a roadway.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Transportation
Section 8–101(a) and (j) and 8–507(a)(1) and (3)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Transportation
Section 21–301(b)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 965 – Delegate Parrott

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

AN ACT concerning

Congressional Districts – Standards

FOR the purpose of proposing an amendment to the Maryland Constitution to require congressional districts to conform to certain standards and that due regard be given to certain boundaries; and submitting this amendment to the qualified voters of the State for their adoption or rejection.

BY proposing an addition to the Maryland Constitution
New Article XX – Congressional Districts
Section 1

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations.

House Bill 966 – Delegate Parrott

AN ACT concerning

Public Safety – Handgun Qualification License – Training Exemption

FOR the purpose of exempting an applicant who is a law enforcement officer with a law enforcement agency in a certain state or Washington, D.C. from the firearms safety training course requirement for a handgun qualification license; and generally relating to handgun qualification licenses.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Public Safety
Section 5–117.1(d)

Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Public Safety
Section 5–117.1(e)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 967 – Delegate Bridges (By Request – Baltimore City Administration)

AN ACT concerning

Baltimore City – Speed Monitoring Systems – Interstate 83

FOR the purpose of authorizing the placement and use of a certain number of speed monitoring systems on Interstate 83 in Baltimore City; requiring that fines collected by Baltimore City as a result of violations enforced by certain speed monitoring systems be used to assist in covering the cost of roadway improvements on Interstate 83 in Baltimore City; providing for the termination of certain provisions of this Act; making a technical correction; and generally relating to speed monitoring systems on Interstate 83 in Baltimore City.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings
Section 7–302(e)(4)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Transportation
Section 21–809(a)(1) and (8), (b)(1)(i) and (viii), and (c)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Transportation
Section 21–809(b)(1)(v) through (vii)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 968 – Delegate Conaway

AN ACT concerning

Business Regulation – Pawnbrokers and Pawn Transactions – Interest and Fees

FOR the purpose of prohibiting a pawnbroker, or other lending agent acting on behalf of a pawnbroker, from converting interest charged on a pawn transaction into a fee collectible by the pawnbroker and concurrently assessing an additional interest charge on the pawn transaction; establishing that each occurrence of a fee charged in violation of this Act within a pawn transaction constitutes a separate offense under a certain statutory penalty provision; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to pawnbrokers and pawn transactions.

BY adding to

Article – Business Regulation

Section 12–105

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 969 – Delegate Carey

AN ACT concerning

Home Energy Assistance – Critical Medical Needs Program – Power to the People Pilot Program

FOR the purpose of requiring the Office of Home Energy Programs, in coordination with the United Way of Central Maryland and the Fuel Fund of Maryland, to establish the Power to the People Pilot Program on or before a certain date; stating the purpose of the Pilot Program; requiring the Pilot Program to provide training for certain individuals to serve as navigators under the Critical Medical Needs Program; requiring the United Way of Central Maryland to develop a certain screening intake process; requiring certain intake specialists to perform certain duties; requiring the Fuel Fund of Maryland to provide certain services; requiring the Governor to include a certain amount in the annual State budget for the Pilot Program; requiring that certain funds be used in a certain manner; altering a certain definition; defining a certain term; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to the Power to the People Pilot Program.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Human Services

Section 5–5A–08

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

BOND INITIATIVES

Introductory House Bond Initiatives No. 4

February 2, 2021

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| 1. | Del. Carey | North County High School Field House | APP |
| 2. | Del. Hill | 600 Frederick Road Facility | APP |
| 3. | Del. Bagnall | Chrysalis House | APP |

The preceding bond initiatives were read and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE INTRODUCTORY SENATE BILLS NO. 1

**Senate Bill 67 – Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee
(By Request – Departmental – Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical
Services Systems) and Senators Carozza, Gallion, Hester, Kagan, and Reilly**

EMERGENCY BILL

AN ACT concerning

Emergency Medical Services – Paramedics – Vaccination Administration

FOR the purpose of authorizing a paramedic to administer a vaccination included on a certain recommended immunization schedule or authorized for emergency use by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration under a certain provision of federal law if the services are under the direction of a ~~certain entity~~ or certain physician and authorized by the Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems, part of a certain program or outreach effort, and provided in accordance with a certain written agreement that includes certain provisions; making this Act an emergency measure; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to vaccination administration by paramedics.

BY repealing

Article – Education

Section 13–516(g)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – Education

Section 13–516(g)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

Senate Bill 86 – Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Labor)

AN ACT concerning

Correctional Education – Changes to Mandatory Education Requirements

FOR the purpose of increasing the number of required days for a certain mandatory education program for correctional institutions in the Division of Correction; and generally relating to correctional education.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Labor and Employment

Section 11–902(a)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2016 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Labor and Employment

Section 11–902(b)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2016 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill 106 – Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Assessments and Taxation)

AN ACT concerning

Licensing – Good Standing With the State Department of Assessments and Taxation – Requirement

FOR the purpose of requiring, before certain licenses or permits are issued or renewed, the issuing authority to verify with the State Department of Assessments and Taxation that the applicant is in good standing with the Department under certain circumstances; making technical corrections; and generally relating to the issuance or renewal of licenses and permits.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Business Occupations and Professions
Section 1–204
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Business Regulation
Section 1–210
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Environment
Section 1–203
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2013 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Health – General
Section 1–203
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Health Occupations
Section 1–213
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Natural Resources
Section 1–402
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Tax – General
Section 1–205
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Transportation
Section 1–103
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

**Senate Bill 109 – Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request –
Departmental – Secretary of State)**

AN ACT concerning

**Secretary of State – Address Confidentiality Programs – Merger of Programs
and Expanded Participant Eligibility**

FOR the purpose of merging the Address Confidentiality Program and the Human Trafficking Address Confidentiality Program into a single Address Confidentiality Program administered by the Secretary of State; expanding certain eligibility requirements for the Address Confidentiality Program to include certain individuals; repealing the requirement that a request by a Program participant to withdraw from the Address Confidentiality Program be notarized; repealing a requirement that the Secretary of State cancel the participation of a Program participant under certain circumstances; authorizing the Secretary of State to cancel the participation of a Program participant under certain circumstances; defining certain terms; altering certain definitions; making certain technical changes; and generally relating to address confidentiality programs administered by the Secretary of State.

BY repealing

Article – Family Law

Section 4–519 through 4–531 and the part “Part IV. Address Confidentiality Program”

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Election Law

Section 1–101(a)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2017 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Election Law

Section 1–101(b–1)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2017 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Family Law

Section 4–513

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Real Property
Section 3–114(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Real Property
Section 3–114(c) and (d)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – State Government
Section 7–301 through 7–304 and 7–307 to be under the amended subtitle “Subtitle
3. Address Confidentiality Program”
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

**Senate Bill 110 – Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental –
Maryland Insurance Administration)**

AN ACT concerning

**Private Passenger Motor Vehicle Liability Insurance – Notices – Alteration of
Requirements**

FOR the purpose of repealing the requirement that a certain notice required to be sent by an insurer that intends to cancel or fail to renew a policy or binder of private passenger motor vehicle liability insurance or reduce coverage under a policy of private passenger motor vehicle liability insurance be in triplicate; repealing the requirement that a certain notice required to be sent by an insurer that intends to increase the total premium for a policy of private passenger motor vehicle liability insurance be in duplicate; and generally relating to notices sent by private passenger motor vehicle liability insurers.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Insurance
Section 27–613(a), (b), and (c)(1) and 27–614(a), (b), and (c)(1)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2017 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Insurance
Section 27–613(c)(2) and 27–614(c)(4)

Annotated Code of Maryland
(2017 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

**Senate Bill 118 – Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request –
Departmental – Public Safety and Correctional Services)**

AN ACT concerning

Correctional Services – Warrant Apprehension Unit – Transfer

FOR the purpose of transferring the Warrant Apprehension Unit of the Division of Parole and Probation in the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services to the Intelligence and Investigative Division in the Department; making conforming and technical changes; defining certain terms; and generally relating to the Warrant Apprehension Unit in the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services.

BY repealing

Article – Correctional Services
Section 6–106
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2017 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – Correctional Services
Section 10–702
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2017 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Criminal Procedure
Section 2–101(c)(25)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Public Safety
Section 3–101(e)(1)(ii)25. and 3–201(f)(1)(ii)20.
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Public Safety
Section 3–201(f)(1)(i)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – State Personnel and Pensions
Section 26–201(a)(21), 26–202(b)(1)(xix), 26–203.1(f), and 26–203.4(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

**Senate Bill 125 – Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee
(By Request – Departmental – Health)**

AN ACT concerning

State Board of Chiropractic Examiners – Sunset Extension

FOR the purpose of continuing the State Board of Chiropractic Examiners in accordance with the provisions of the Maryland Program Evaluation Act (sunset law) by extending to a certain date the termination provisions relating to the statutory and regulatory authority of the Board; and generally relating to the State Board of Chiropractic Examiners.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Health Occupations
Section 3–201
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Health Occupations
Section 3–602
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

**Senate Bill 132 – Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request –
Departmental – Secretary of State)**

AN ACT concerning

**Inspection of Public Records – Notaries Public – Disclosure of Home Address
and Phone Number**

FOR the purpose of providing that a custodian of a public record is required to disclose the home address or home telephone number of a notary public only if the custodian has not been provided with the business address or business telephone number of the

notary public; and generally relating to the required disclosures of public records about notaries public.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – General Provisions
Section 4–332
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

**Senate Bill 141 – Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee
(By Request – Departmental – Labor)**

AN ACT concerning

**State Board of Public Accountancy – Education Requirements – Obsolete
References**

FOR the purpose of updating and correcting obsolete references to certain educational institution accrediting bodies referenced in the Maryland Public Accountancy Act; and generally relating to the education requirements for certified public accountants.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Business Occupations and Professions
Section 2–303
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

Senate Bill 145 – Senator Hough

AN ACT concerning

**Family Law – Preventing or Interfering With Report of Suspected Sexual Abuse
of a Child – Statute of Limitations**

FOR the purpose of altering the statute of limitations for a violation of the prohibition on preventing or interfering with the making of a certain report of suspected sexual abuse of a child; providing that a person who violates the prohibition on preventing or interfering with the making of a certain report of suspected sexual abuse of a child may reserve a point or question for in banc review; and generally relating to the reporting of suspected sexual abuse of a child.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings

Section 5–106(b)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Family Law
Section 5–704(a) and 5–705.1(c)(1) and (2)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Family Law
Section 5–705.2
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill 156 – Senator Kramer

AN ACT concerning

Public Safety – Law Enforcement – Veterinary Care of Retired Law Enforcement K–9s Act

FOR the purpose of requiring certain State and local law enforcement agencies to reimburse individuals who take possession of dogs formerly used in law enforcement work under certain circumstances for certain veterinary treatment; specifying that the reimbursement may be only for certain veterinary treatment and may not exceed a certain amount of money; authorizing certain State law enforcement agencies to accept public donations for the payment of certain veterinary expenses; authorizing certain State law enforcement agencies to accept certain donations; requiring that certain donations accepted by a State law enforcement agency be disbursed to the K–9 Compassionate Care Fund; authorizing certain local law enforcement agencies to establish a separate fund to accept public donations for the payment of certain veterinary expenses; establishing the K–9 Compassionate Care Fund as a special, nonlapsing fund; specifying the purpose of the Fund; requiring the Department of State Police 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; defining a certain term; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to dogs formerly used for law enforcement work.

BY adding to
Article – Public Safety
Section 3–523

Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – State Finance and Procurement
Section 6–226(a)(2)(i)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – State Finance and Procurement
Section 6–226(a)(2)(ii)122. and 123.
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – State Finance and Procurement
Section 6–226(a)(2)(ii)124.
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

**Senate Bill 181 – Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request –
Departmental – Assessments and Taxation)**

AN ACT concerning

Corporations and Associations – Trade Name Certificates – Requirements

FOR the purpose of requiring that a certain certificate filed with the State Department of Assessments and Taxation disclose a certain identification number assigned by the Department for the business associated with the certificate; ~~prohibiting the Department from accepting a certain certificate associated with a business that is not in good standing with the Department;~~ making a stylistic change; and generally relating to trade name certificates filed with the State Department of Assessments and Taxation.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Corporations and Associations
Section ~~1–406~~ 1–406(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

Senate Bill 206 – Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Labor)

AN ACT concerning

State Collection Agency Licensing Board – Sunset Extension

FOR the purpose of continuing the State Collection Agency Licensing Board in accordance with the provisions of the Maryland Program Evaluation Act (sunset law) by extending to a certain date the termination provisions relating to certain statutory and regulatory authority of the Board; and generally relating to the State Collection Agency Licensing Board.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Business Regulation
Section 7–502
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

**Senate Bill 212 – Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request –
Departmental – Secretary of State)**

AN ACT concerning

State Government – Notaries Public – Official Stamp of a Notary Public

FOR the purpose of requiring certain county residence or qualification information of a notary public to be printed on a certain notary stamp; repealing the requirement that certain jurisdiction information be printed on a certain notary stamp; and generally relating to the official stamp of notaries public.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – State Government
Section 18–217
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

**Senate Bill 222 – Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request –
Departmental – Juvenile Services)**

AN ACT concerning

Juveniles Charged as Adults – Study and Confinement

FOR the purpose of repealing certain provisions requiring certain courts exercising criminal jurisdiction in certain cases involving a child to order the child to be held in a secure juvenile facility pending a certain determination, except under certain circumstances; repealing certain provisions requiring certain courts to state the reasons for a certain finding on the record under certain circumstances; requiring, rather than authorizing, certain courts to order that a certain study of a child be made under certain circumstances; authorizing a county administrative judge or the judge's designee to change a certain transfer hearing date under certain circumstances; requiring a certain child to be held in a secure juvenile facility and prohibiting the child from having sight or sound contact with adult inmates while the child is awaiting trial or other legal process, except under certain circumstances; requiring a court exercising criminal jurisdiction over a certain child to consider certain factors in making a certain determination; authorizing a court to order that a certain child is eligible for community detention under certain circumstances; requiring a court to hold a certain hearing at certain intervals under certain circumstances; prohibiting a child from being held in a correctional facility and from having sight or sound contact with adult inmates for more than a certain number of days, except under certain circumstances; requiring a child to be promptly transferred to the appropriate officer or correctional facility in a certain manner under certain circumstances; defining a certain term; making certain clarifying changes; and generally relating to juveniles charged as adults.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Criminal Procedure
Section 4–202 and 4–202.1
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Criminal Procedure
Section 4–202.3
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

**Senate Bill 247 – Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee
(By Request – Departmental – Health)**

AN ACT concerning

State Board of Podiatric Medical Examiners – Sunset Extension

FOR the purpose of continuing the State Board of Podiatric Medical Examiners in accordance with the provisions of the Maryland Program Evaluation Act (sunset law) by extending to a certain date the termination provisions relating to the statutory

and regulatory authority of the Board; making a technical correction; and generally relating to the State Board of Podiatric Medical Examiners.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Health Occupations
Section 16–201
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Health Occupations
Section 16–602
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

Senate Bill 262 – Senator Eckardt

AN ACT concerning

**Department of Information Technology – Study of a Common Information
Technology Platform for Health Occupations Boards**

FOR the purpose of 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; requiring the Department to report certain findings and recommendations to certain committees of the General Assembly on or before a certain date; and generally relating to a common information technology platform for health occupations boards.

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

Senate Bill 265 – Senator Waldstreicher

AN ACT concerning

Estates and Trusts – Maryland Revised Uniform Anatomical Gift Act – Revisions

FOR the purpose of altering the purposes for which certain anatomical gifts may be used; repealing provisions of law that require certain persons to search certain individuals for a document of gift or any other information identifying the individual as a donor, that specify certain procedures to be taken if a document is located, and that concern certain administrative sanctions; requiring a certain procurement organization to make a certain search of certain registries under certain circumstances; and generally relating to the Maryland Revised Uniform Anatomical Gift Act.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Estates and Trusts
Section 4–509(a) and (g)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2017 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Estates and Trusts
Section 4–509(e) and (f) and 4–512(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2017 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing
Article – Estates and Trusts
Section 4–510
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2017 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

**Senate Bill 267 – Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request –
Departmental – Human Services)**

AN ACT concerning

**Family Law – Investigation of Suspected Child Abuse and Neglect – Preliminary
Report to State’s Attorney**

FOR the purpose of repealing the requirement that a local department of social services or law enforcement agency provide a local State’s Attorney with a certain report of the preliminary findings of an investigation of suspected child abuse or neglect within a certain period of time; and generally relating to the investigation and reporting of suspected child abuse and neglect.

BY repealing
Article – Family Law
Section 5–706(i)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Family Law
Section 5–706(j) through (t)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill 281 – Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Labor)

AN ACT concerning

Office of the Commissioner of Financial Regulation – Sunset Extension

FOR the purpose of continuing the office of the Commissioner of Financial Regulation in accordance with the provisions of the Maryland Program Evaluation Act (sunset law) by extending to a certain date the termination provisions relating to the statutory and regulatory authority of the office of the Commissioner of Financial Regulation; and generally relating to the office of the Commissioner of Financial Regulation.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Financial Institutions
Section 2–401
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

Senate Bill 291 – Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request – Departmental – Transportation)

AN ACT concerning

Motor Vehicle Offenses – Following Too Closely – Unified Truck Travel

FOR the purpose of establishing that certain motor vehicle offenses related to following too closely do not apply to a group of individual trucks that are traveling in a unified manner with electronically coordinated speed and braking systems and are being operated in a certain manner; requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration to adopt certain regulations governing truck travel in a unified manner; and generally relating to the application to trucks of motor vehicle offenses related to following too closely.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Transportation
Section 21–310
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

Senate Bill 309 – Senators Hough, Bailey, Carozza, Corderman, Eckardt, Edwards, Gallion, Hershey, Ready, and Salling

AN ACT concerning

Handgun Permit – Preliminary Approval

FOR the purpose of authorizing a person to apply for preliminary approval of a handgun permit without completing a certain firearms training requirement; requiring the Secretary of State Police to investigate an application for a handgun permit to determine whether certain requirements have been satisfied; requiring the Secretary to issue preliminary approval for a handgun permit if the applicant meets certain requirements except for a certain firearms training requirement; requiring an applicant to satisfy a certain firearms training requirement within a certain period of time after receiving notice of preliminary approval of a handgun permit; requiring the Secretary to revoke preliminary approval and deny a handgun permit if an applicant does not fulfill a certain firearms training requirement within a certain period of time; providing for the construction of this Act; and generally relating to handgun permits.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Public Safety
Section 5–301(a) and (c)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Public Safety
Section 5–306
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

**Senate Bill 310 – Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee
(By Request – Departmental – State Board of Elections)**

AN ACT concerning

Election Law – Campaign Finance Entities – Termination

FOR the purpose of 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; altering the scope of a certain provision of law providing that the termination of a campaign finance entity does not limit the right of certain persons

to take certain actions; and generally relating to the termination of campaign finance entities.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Election Law
Section 13–310 and 13–313
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2017 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senate Bill 312 – Senator Eckardt

AN ACT concerning

Motor Vehicle Registration – Exception for Golf Carts – Hoopers Island and Taylors Island

FOR the purpose of creating an exception from motor vehicle registration requirements under certain circumstances for golf carts on Upper Hoopers Island, Middle Hoopers Island, or Taylors Island; providing that a person who operates a golf cart on a highway on Upper Hoopers Island, Middle Hoopers Island, or Taylors Island may operate the golf cart only on certain roads at certain times and only if the golf cart is equipped with certain lighting devices; requiring a person who operates a golf cart on a highway on Upper Hoopers Island, Middle Hoopers Island, or Taylors Island to keep as far to the right as feasible and possess a valid driver's license; authorizing the County Council of Dorchester County to designate highways on which a person may operate a golf cart on Upper Hoopers Island, Middle Hoopers Island, or Taylors Island; and generally relating to an exception to motor vehicle registration requirements for golf carts on Upper Hoopers Island, Middle Hoopers Island, or Taylors Island.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Transportation
Section 13–402(a)(1)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Transportation
Section 13–402(c)(12)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume)

BY adding to
Article – Transportation
Section 21–104.5

Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

**Senate Bill 320 – Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request –
Departmental – Assessments and Taxation)**

AN ACT concerning

**Foreign Corporations – Resident Agents – State Department of Assessments and
Taxation**

FOR the purpose of authorizing a foreign corporation to certify that the State Department of Assessments and Taxation is the corporation's resident agent when registering with the Department; authorizing a foreign corporation to certify that the Department is the corporation's resident agent when qualifying with the Department; authorizing the Department to act as a resident agent for a foreign corporation that does business in the State without a resident agent or with a resident agent who cannot be found or served with the exercise of reasonable diligence; making a stylistic change; and generally relating to resident agents of foreign corporations.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Corporations and Associations
Section 7–202, 7–203, and 7–205
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

**Senate Bill 342 – Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee
(By Request – Departmental – General Services)**

AN ACT concerning

Maryland Military Department – Sale of Superfluous Armories

FOR the purpose of adding as conditions precedent for a sale of a certain superfluous armory by the Maryland Military Department that the Maryland Military Department has complied with a certain provision of law and that the Department of ~~Budget and Management Planning~~ Budget and Management Planning has made a certain determination that no unit of State government is interested in the property; and generally relating to the sale of superfluous armories by the Maryland Military Department.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Public Safety

Section 13–217
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

**Senate Bill 343 – Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee
(By Request – Departmental – Natural Resources)**

AN ACT concerning

Natural Resources – Shrimp Fishery – Licensing and Regulation

FOR the purpose of requiring a person to obtain a license from the Department of Natural Resources before catching shrimp for commercial purposes; authorizing the Department to adopt certain regulations governing any aspect of the shrimp fishery, including regulations establishing and implementing a certain pilot program; and generally relating to licensing and regulation of the shrimp fishery.

BY adding to

Article – Natural Resources
Section 4–904 to be under the amended subtitle “Subtitle 9. Lobster, Shrimp,
Terrapin, and Conch”
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

**Senate Bill 349 – Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee
(By Request – Departmental – Environment)**

AN ACT concerning

Environment – Drinking Water Revolving Loan Fund – Use of Funds

FOR the purpose of altering the conditions under which the Maryland Drinking Water Revolving Loan Fund may be used to provide certain financial assistance for certain purposes; and generally relating to the Maryland Drinking Water Revolving Loan Fund.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Environment
Section 9–1605.1(a)(1)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Environment
Section 9–1605.1(d)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

**Senate Bill 350 – Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee
(By Request – Departmental – Natural Resources)**

AN ACT concerning

Natural Resources – Aquaculture – Leases

FOR the purpose of repealing provisions of law authorizing 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 aquatic plants; prohibiting the Department from issuing an enterprise lease for the purpose of cultivating certain nonnative species; requiring a person who wishes to obtain an enterprise lease to complete and submit a certain application and pay a certain application fee; authorizing the Department to deny an enterprise lease application for reasonable cause or include any conditions in an enterprise lease; establishing a maximum lease term and maximum lease size for enterprise leases; requiring the Department, in consultation with the Aquaculture Coordinating Council, to establish certain rent for enterprise leases; prohibiting enterprise leases in certain areas; prohibiting the assignment, transfer, and renewal of an enterprise lease; authorizing an enterprise leaseholder to cultivate aquatic plants in any manner approved by the Department; authorizing the Department to adopt certain regulations to implement this Act; requiring a proposed enterprise lease to be marked under certain circumstances; establishing a process for providing notice of enterprise lease applications and considering protests of the applications; requiring the Department to hold a public informational meeting on an enterprise lease application under certain circumstances; defining a certain term; and generally relating to aquaculture in the State.

BY renumbering

Article – Natural Resources
Section 4–11A–01(i) through (q), respectively
to be Section 4–11A–01(j) through (r), respectively
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Natural Resources
Section 4–11A–01(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland

(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – Natural Resources
Section 4–11A–01(i) and 4–11A–05
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing

Article – Natural Resources
Section 4–11A–05
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

**Senate Bill 352 – Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee
(By Request – Departmental – Agriculture)**

AN ACT concerning

Agriculture – Multiflora Rose Management – Repeal

FOR the purpose of repealing provisions of law declaring that the existence of multiflora rose may be a certain nuisance on land used for agricultural production; repealing provisions of law requiring a person who owns land where multiflora rose is grown to maintain the land in a certain manner; repealing provisions of law requiring the Secretary of Agriculture to make a certain investigation under certain circumstances; repealing provisions of law requiring the Secretary to provide certain notice of a certain violation; repealing provisions of law authorizing the Secretary to accept and use certain funding under certain circumstances; and generally relating to multiflora rose management.

BY repealing

Article – Agriculture
Section 9–701 through 9–705 and the subtitle “Subtitle 7. Multiflora Rose Management”
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

ADJOURNMENT

At 10:17 A.M. on motion of Delegate Luedtke the House adjourned until 10:15 A.M. on Friday, February 5, 2021 for a Pro Forma Session.

Annapolis, Maryland
Friday, February 5, 2021
10:15 A.M. Session

The House met at 10:15 A.M. and pledged Allegiance to the Flag.

A quorum being present under House Rule 119, the House is operating in a Pro Forma Session.

The Journal of February 2, 2021 was read and approved.

CONSENT CALENDAR OF INTRODUCTORY HOUSE BILLS NO. 24

House Bill 970 – Delegate Johnson

AN ACT concerning

Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact

FOR the purpose of entering into the Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact; stating the purpose of the Compact; 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; requiring certain psychologists to hold a certain license from a home state and meet certain eligibility requirements to exercise certain temporary authority to practice in-person, face-to-face psychology in certain compact states; establishing certain requirements for certain psychologists practicing into certain receiving states under the authority to practice interjurisdictional telepsychology; establishing certain requirements for certain psychologists practicing into certain distant states under certain temporary authorization to practice; authorizing a psychologist to practice telepsychology in certain receiving states in the performance of certain scope of practice and under certain circumstances; establishing certain authority of home states and distant states with regard to certain adverse action; establishing certain authority for certain compact states' psychology regulatory authority to investigate and take certain action with respect to certain conduct and to issue certain subpoenas and orders under certain circumstances; providing for the development and maintenance of a coordinated licensure information system; requiring that certain data be sent to the coordinated licensure information system; establishing the Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact Commission and its duties and powers; providing for the membership, meetings, and voting of the Commission; providing for the membership and duties of the Executive Board of the Commission; providing for the financing of the Commission; providing qualified immunity, legal defense, and indemnification to certain individuals affiliated with the Commission under certain circumstances;

authorizing the Commission to adopt certain rules and amendments in a certain manner; providing for certain oversight, dispute resolution, and enforcement of the Compact; providing for the implementation of the Compact; establishing certain requirements for withdrawal by compact states from the Compact; establishing a certain procedure for amending the Compact; making the Compact severable; defining certain terms; and generally relating to the Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact.

BY adding to

Article – Health Occupations

Section 18–3A–01 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 3A. Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact”

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 971 – Delegate Mautz

AN ACT concerning

Talbot County Speed Monitoring Systems

FOR the purpose of authorizing the placement and use of a speed monitoring system at the intersection of Maryland Route 333 (Oxford Road) and Bonfield Avenue in Talbot County, subject to certain placement and signage requirements; making a technical correction; and generally relating to the placement and use of a speed monitoring system in Talbot County.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Transportation

Section 21–809(a)(1) and (8), (b)(1)(i) and (viii), and (c)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2020 Replacement Volume)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Transportation

Section 21–809(b)(1)(v), (vi), and (vii)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2020 Replacement Volume)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 972 – Delegate C. Branch

AN ACT concerning

Real Estate – Real Estate Brokerage Services – Prohibition

FOR the purpose of prohibiting a real estate broker from providing brokerage services relating to any new transaction involving certain property until certain trust money has been distributed in accordance with certain provisions of law, under certain circumstances; and generally relating to real estate brokerage services and trust money.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Business Occupations and Professions
Section 17–101(a) and (l) and 17–501
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Business Occupations and Professions
Section 17–505
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 973 – Delegate C. Branch

AN ACT concerning

Family Law – Grandparent Visitation

FOR the purpose of altering the circumstances under which an equity court is authorized to grant visitation rights to a grandparent of a child; requiring the court to consider certain circumstances in making a certain determination; specifying the circumstances under which an equity court is required to grant visitation rights to a grandparent of a child; prohibiting the court from denying visitation rights to a grandparent based on certain allegations, except under certain circumstances; and generally relating to grandparent visitation.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Family Law
Section 9–102
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 974 – Prince George’s County Delegation

AN ACT concerning

Prince George's County – Alcoholic Beverages – License Sanctions and Sunday Off-Sale Permits

PG 317–20

FOR the purpose of altering the alcoholic beverages licenses for which the Board of License Commissioners for Prince George's County may issue a Sunday off-sale permit; authorizing the Board to issue a Sunday off-sale permit to the holder of any Class A alcoholic beverages license; authorizing the Board to issue a Sunday off-sale permit to the holder of any Class B alcoholic beverages license with an off-sale privilege; providing that the holder of a Class B alcoholic beverages license with a Sunday off-sale permit need not comply with certain requirements; applying certain annual fees to a Sunday off-sale permit issued to certain license holders; prohibiting the Board from approving a license renewal for certain persons until a certain period has elapsed after the date of a certain felony conviction; requiring the Board to revoke a license if the license holder or a certain stockholder that uses the license is convicted of a certain felony; providing that a license holder or an employee of a license holder who violates a certain provision on underage service is guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction is subject to imprisonment or a fine or both; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages and permits in Prince George's County.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Alcoholic Beverages

Section 4–109(a)(9), (10), (12), and (14), 4–407, 6–304, 6–402, 26–102, 26–1408, and 26–1801(c)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2016 Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Alcoholic Beverages

Section 26–1104, 26–1806, 26–2102, and 26–2801

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2016 Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – Alcoholic Beverages

Section 26–2801.1

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2016 Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 975 – Prince George's County Delegation

AN ACT concerning

**Prince George’s County – Board of Education – Student Member Voting and
Member Candidacy**

PG 506–21

FOR the purpose of authorizing the student member of the Prince George’s County Board of Education to vote on all matters before the county board, with the exception of one matter; repealing a prohibition on members of the county board from being candidates for a public office other than a position on the county board while serving on the county board; and generally relating to the Prince George’s County Board of Education.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Education
Section 3–1002(b)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Education
Section 3–1002(g)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing
Article – Education
Section 3–1002(j)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 976 – Delegate D. Jones

EMERGENCY BILL

AN ACT concerning

**Catastrophic Health Emergency – Authority of Governor – Administration of
Vaccinations**

FOR the purpose of authorizing the Governor to order the Secretary of Health and the Emergency Medical Services Board, as appropriate, to adopt regulations to authorize certain individuals to administer certain vaccinations as a result of the issuance of a proclamation that a catastrophic health emergency exists; making this Act an emergency measure; and generally relating to the authority of the Governor in a catastrophic health emergency and the administration of vaccinations.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Public Safety
Section 14–3A–01(a) and (f) and 14–3A–03(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Public Safety
Section 14–3A–03(e)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 977 – Prince George’s County Delegation

AN ACT concerning

Prince George’s County – Public Safety and Behavioral Health Surcharges – Behavioral Health Programs

PG 414–21

FOR the purpose of renaming the Public Safety and Behavioral Health Surcharge in Prince George’s County imposed for certain residential construction; providing for an exemption to the public safety and behavioral health surcharge; making conforming changes; and generally relating to the public safety surcharge in Prince George’s County.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
The Public Local Laws of Prince George’s County
Section 10–192.11(a) to be under the amended subdivision “Subdivision 4. Public
Safety and Behavioral Health Surcharge”
Article 17 – Public Local Laws of Maryland
(2015 Edition and 2017 Supplement, as amended)
(As enacted by Chapter 351 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2019)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
The Public Local Laws of Prince George’s County
Section 10–192.11(b) and (c) through (g)
Article 17 – Public Local Laws of Maryland
(2015 Edition and 2017 Supplement, as amended)
(As enacted by Chapter 684 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2013)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 978 – Prince George’s County Delegation

AN ACT concerning

**Prince George’s County – Speed Monitoring Systems – Maryland Route 382
(Croom Road)**

PG 316–21

FOR the purpose of authorizing the placement and use of speed monitoring systems on Maryland Route 382 (Croom Road) between Mount Calvert Road and Molly Berry Road in Prince George’s County, subject to certain placement and signage requirements; and generally relating to the placement and use of speed monitoring systems in Prince George’s County.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Transportation
Section 21–809(a)(1) and (8), (b)(1)(i) and (v), and (c)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Transportation
Section 21–809(b)(1)(vi) and (viii)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 979 – Prince George’s County Delegation

AN ACT concerning

Prince George’s County – Alcoholic Beverages – BLX License

PG 318–21

FOR the purpose of providing that the requirement to obtain a certain entertainment permit does not apply to the holder of a certain license under certain circumstances; authorizing a certain license holder to offer entertainment when persons under the age of 21 years are on the licensed premises under certain circumstances; requiring a certain agreement and a certain lease to contain certain provisions; requiring the license holder to meet with certain persons at certain times for certain purposes; requiring the license holder to indemnify a certain entity for any recommendations the license holder makes to the Board of License Commissioners for Prince George’s County; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages licenses in Prince George’s County.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Alcoholic Beverages
Section 26–102
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Alcoholic Beverages
Section 26–1103(a) and 26–1616
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 980 – Prince George’s County Delegation

AN ACT concerning

Prince George’s County – Public Ethics – Definition of Application

PG 416–21

FOR the purpose of altering a certain definition of “application” to exclude participation in adopting and approving a certain amendment to a countywide zoning map in Prince George’s County for a certain purpose; and generally relating to public ethics and Prince George’s County.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – General Provisions
Section 5–833(a), (i), (j), and (k)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – General Provisions
Section 5–833(d)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 981 – Prince George’s County Delegation

AN ACT concerning

Prince George’s County – Tax Sales – Limited Auction

PG 413–21

FOR the purpose of altering the types of properties for which the tax collector in Prince George’s County shall conduct a certain limited auction prior to conducting a public auction for property subject to tax liens; providing that any payments received for a certain tax sale certificate that is void under certain circumstances shall be applied to any taxes on the property that are in arrears; and generally relating to tax sales of property in Prince George’s County.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Tax – Property
Section 14–817(d)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Tax – Property
Section 14–833(h)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 982 – Delegate Lehman

AN ACT concerning

Income Tax – Mechanical Insulation Installation Tax Credit

FOR the purpose of allowing a credit against the State income tax for certain qualified expenses paid or incurred by a taxpayer for the installation of certain mechanical insulation in a certain manner on a certain property and for which the taxpayer obtains a tax credit certificate from the Maryland Energy Administration; requiring the Administration to issue, on a first–come, first–served basis and in a timely manner, tax credit certificates not exceeding a certain amount; prohibiting the Administration from issuing tax credit certificates for credit amounts in the aggregate totaling more than a certain amount in a taxable year; providing that the credit may not exceed a certain percentage of the State income tax for the taxable year and may not be carried forward to another taxable year; requiring the Administration to report certain information to the Comptroller on or before a certain date each year; requiring the Administration, in consultation with the Comptroller, to adopt regulations to carry out the tax credit; defining certain terms; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to an income tax credit for the installation of certain mechanical insulation.

BY adding to

Article – Tax – General
Section 10–751
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 983 – Delegate Lehman

AN ACT concerning

Nursing Homes – COVID–19 – Visitation

FOR the purpose of requiring the Maryland Department of Health to develop certain guidelines relating to the restrictions on personal and compassionate care visitation that a nursing home may impose to reduce the spread of COVID–19; defining certain terms; and generally relating to guidelines for nursing home visitation.

BY adding to

Article – Health – General
Section 19–1410.3
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 984 – Delegate Impallaria

AN ACT concerning

Harford County – Alcoholic Beverages – License Limits

FOR the purpose of requiring the Board of License Commissioners for Harford County to develop and implement a plan to limit the number of certain alcoholic beverages licenses that are available in each councilmanic district in Harford County; providing for the required content of the plan; requiring the Board to adopt certain regulations; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages licenses in Harford County.

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 985 – Delegate Impallaria

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

AN ACT concerning

Election Law – State Officials – Recall Election

FOR the purpose of proposing an amendment to the Maryland Constitution to provide that certain State officials are subject to a recall election; requiring that the recall of a certain State official be proposed by the filing of a petition for recall with the Secretary of State; prohibiting a petition for recall from being filed within a certain number of days at the beginning of the term of a certain State official; providing that a petition for recall is sufficient if it has certain signatures that are equal in number to at least a certain percentage of certain votes; requiring the Secretary of State to certify the petition for recall and refer it to a vote under certain circumstances; requiring the special recall election to be held within a certain number of days after the certification of a certain petition; and submitting the amendment to the qualified voters of the State for their adoption or rejection.

BY proposing an addition to the Maryland Constitution
New Article XVII–A – Recall Elections
Section 1 through 3

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 986 – Delegate Harrison

AN ACT concerning

Labor and Employment – Workplace Fraud Act – Rebuttable Presumption of the Employer–Employee Relationship

FOR the purpose of establishing that an employer may overcome the presumption of an employer–employee relationship under the Workplace Fraud Act and establish that a certain individual is acting as an independent contractor on a certain showing; and generally relating to the Workplace Fraud Act.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Labor and Employment
Section 3–903
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Labor and Employment
Section 3–903.1
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 987 – Delegate Qi

AN ACT concerning

**Economic Development – Comprehensive Technical Assistance Program –
Establishment**

FOR the purpose of establishing the Comprehensive Technical Assistance Program in the Maryland Technology Development Corporation; providing for the purpose of the Program; requiring the Program to include certain types of technical assistance; requiring the Corporation to include certain information on the Program in a certain annual report; requiring the Corporation to adopt certain regulations; and generally relating to the establishment of the Comprehensive Technical Assistance Program in the Maryland Technology Development Corporation.

BY adding to

Article – Economic Development

Section 10–416

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 988 – Delegate Rosenberg

AN ACT concerning

**Horse Racing – Development of Pimlico Racing Facility Communities –
Memorandum of Understanding**

FOR the purpose of altering a certain requirement that certain entities agree to consult with certain stakeholders regarding development and construction in the communities surrounding the Pimlico racing facility; and generally relating to the development of the Pimlico racing facility communities.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Chapter 590 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2020

Section 6

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means and the Committee on Appropriations.

House Bill 989 – Delegate Krebs

AN ACT concerning

Public Safety – 9–1–1 Emergency Telephone System – Alterations

FOR the purpose of requiring, under certain circumstances, that certain commercial mobile radio service providers and 9–1–1 service carriers provide certain notice to a certain public safety answering point, the Maryland Joint Operations Center, and the Maryland 9–1–1 Board; altering the composition of the Board; altering the responsibilities of the Board to include establishing certain training standards related to individual psychological well-being and resilience for public safety answering point personnel; requiring the Board to support certain 9–1–1 specialist recruitment activities; requiring the Board to establish certain onboarding standards for newly hired 9–1–1 specialists; altering the purposes of the 9–1–1 Trust Fund; prohibiting the Fund from being used for a certain purpose; prohibiting a county from spending certain funds distributed from a certain State 9–1–1 fee in a certain manner; requiring the designee of a county or municipality to be responsible for enforcing certain provisions of law relating to the installation and operation of certain multiple-line telephone systems; requiring the Office of the State Fire Marshal to be responsible for enforcing certain provisions of law relating to the installation and operation of certain multiple-line telephone systems under certain circumstances; requiring the terms of certain members of the Board to terminate on a certain date; specifying the terms of certain initial members of the Board; requiring the Behavioral Health Administration in the Maryland Department of Health, in consultation with the Workers' Compensation Commission and the Board, to conduct a certain study; requiring the Department, on or before a certain date, to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor, the Board, the Commission to Advance Next Generation 9–1–1 Across Maryland, and the General Assembly; repealing an obsolete provision of law; making a certain stylistic change; and generally relating to 9–1–1 emergency telephone systems.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Public Safety

Section 1–301(a), (c), (d), (l), (m), and (t), 1–305(a), 1–306(a), and 1–308(a)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – Public Safety

Section 1–304.3 and 1–306(b)(17)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Public Safety

Section 1–305(b), 1–306(b)(15) and (16) and (e), 1–308(b), 1–309(c), 1–312(a), and 1–314

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 990 – Delegate Krebs

AN ACT concerning

Maryland Department of Emergency Management – Establishment and Transfer of Maryland 9–1–1 Board

FOR the purpose of transferring the Maryland 9–1–1 Board and certain functions, powers, duties, assets, liabilities, and records from the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services to the Maryland Department of Emergency Management; providing that certain Board members may continue to serve for a certain term; transferring certain functions, powers, and duties from the Secretary of Public Safety and Correctional Services to the Secretary of Emergency Management; renaming the Maryland Emergency Management Agency to be the Maryland Department of Emergency Management; establishing the Maryland Department of Emergency Management as a principal department of the Executive Branch of State government; providing that the head of the Maryland Department of Emergency Management is the Secretary of Emergency Management; requiring the Secretary of Emergency Management to be appointed by the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Senate; providing for the term and salary of the Secretary of Emergency Management and requiring the Secretary of Emergency Management to devote full time to certain duties; specifying that the Maryland Department of Emergency Management is the successor of the Maryland Emergency Management Agency; providing that this Act does not affect the term of office of an appointed or elected member of any commission, office, department, agency, or other unit; providing for the continuity of certain transactions, employment status, rights, duties, and interests; specifying that certain employees in budgeted positions of the Maryland Emergency Management Agency whose positions are transferred to the Maryland Department of Emergency Management are transferred without any change or loss of rights or status; providing for the continuity of certain units and their personnel records and other properties; requiring that certain letterheads, business cards, and other documents may not be used until other documents already in print have been used; requiring the publisher of the Annotated Code of Maryland, in consultation with and subject to the approval of the Department of Legislative Services, to correct any cross–references or terminology rendered incorrect by this Act and to describe any corrections made in an editor’s note following the section affected; altering a certain short title; making conforming and stylistic changes; defining certain terms; and generally relating to the Maryland Department of Emergency Management.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Public Safety
Section 1–301(a) and 8–101(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Public Safety

Section 1–301(u), 1–305(a), 8–101(b)(1) and (h) through (n), 8–102(c) and (e)(1), 8–103(a)(1) and (c)(7)(iii) and (iv), 8–104(a)(2)(i) and (3)(i), (b)(3), (d)(2)(ii), and (e)(1), (3)(i), (5)(ii), (6), (7)(ii) and (iii), and (8)(iii), 8–105(a)(1) and (b)(1), 8–106(b)(1), and 13–501(c); 14–101, 14–102(a), 14–103, 14–104, 14–106(a)(1), 14–107(b)(2) and (c)(1), 14–108(b)(4), 14–109(c)(1), 14–110, 14–112(c)(1) and (2), 14–115, and 14–116(b) and (c) to be under the amended subtitle “Subtitle 1. Maryland Emergency Management Act”; and 14–201(c), 14–603, and 14–803

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing

Article – Public Safety

Section 8–101(g) and 14–101.1

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – Public Safety

Section 8–101(n)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – State Government

Section 8–201, 9–2901(c)(9), and 10–1503(b)(17)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Environment

Section 5–803(h)(3)(ii)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2013 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – General Provisions

Section 4–314.1(b)(5)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Health – General

Section 17–602(c)(5) and 17–701(e)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Labor and Employment
Section 9–232(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Natural Resources
Section 3–1005(a)(9) and 3–1015(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 991 – Delegate Gilchrist

AN ACT concerning

Natural Resources – Forest Mitigation Banks – Qualified Preservation

FOR the purpose of establishing the use of qualified preservation in a forest mitigation bank of all or a part of certain existing forests as a standard for meeting afforestation or reforestation requirements under the Forest Conservation Act; defining the term “qualified preservation” as it applies to the Forest Conservation Act; altering the defined term “forest mitigation banking” as it applies to the Forest Conservation Act to include the qualified preservation of forests for certain purposes; making conforming changes and a stylistic change; and generally relating to the use of qualified preservation in a forest mitigation bank.

BY renumbering
Article – Natural Resources
Section 5–1601(gg) through (pp), respectively
to be Section 5–1601(hh) through (qq), respectively
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Natural Resources
Section 5–1601(a) and (b) and 5–1607(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Natural Resources
Section 5–1601(o), 5–1607(b), and 5–1610.1
Annotated Code of Maryland

(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – Natural Resources
Section 5–1601(gg)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Natural Resources
Section 5–1601(hh)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)
(As enacted by Section 1 of this Act)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 992 – Delegate Gilchrist

AN ACT concerning

Natural Resources – Maryland Environmental Trust – Appointment of Trustees

FOR the purpose of altering the manner in which certain trustees are chosen to serve on the board of the Maryland Environmental Trust by requiring certain ex officio members of the Trust to appoint the remaining trustees; stating the intent of the General Assembly; making conforming changes; and generally relating to the Maryland Environmental Trust.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Natural Resources
Section 3–202(a), 3–203(4), and 3–204(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 993 – Chair, Environment and Transportation Committee (By Request – Departmental – Environment)

AN ACT concerning

Clean Water Commerce Act of 2021

FOR the purpose of authorizing funds in the Bay Restoration Fund to be used for the costs associated with the purchase of certain nutrient load reductions, not to exceed a certain amount per year in certain years; requiring certain regulations to be adopted

in a certain manner and in accordance with certain requirements; requiring the Department of the Environment to consult with the Secretary of Transportation, the Secretary of Natural Resources, the Secretary of Commerce, the Secretary of Agriculture, and certain stakeholders when developing certain regulations; requiring the load reductions purchased under this Act to be consistent with certain accounting procedures and purchased through a certain procurement approach; requiring the Department to report to the Bay Restoration Fund Advisory Committee annually on the implementation of this Act; requiring the Department, on or before a certain date, to report to certain committees of the General Assembly on the implementation of this Act; authorizing the Department to enter into any contracts under this Act until a certain date; providing that contracts entered into by the Department under this Act may be funded for a certain period of time; providing for the effective date of certain provisions of this Act; providing for the termination of certain provisions of this Act; and generally relating to the use of funds in the Bay Restoration Fund.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Environment
Section 9–1605.2(a)(1) and (i)(1)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Environment
Section 9–1605.2(i)(2) and (3) and (l)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Environment
Section 9–1605.2(i)(2)(xi) and (xii) and (l)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)
(As enacted by Chapters 366 and 367 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2017)

BY adding to
Article – Environment
Section 9–1605.2(i)(2)(xiii) and (10)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)
(As enacted by Chapters 366 and 367 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2017)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 994 – Delegate Qi

AN ACT concerning

Alcoholic Beverages – Retail Delivery – Class A License Holders

FOR the purpose of authorizing a Class A alcoholic beverages license holder to provide retail delivery of alcoholic beverages to a certain purchaser under certain circumstances; and generally relating to retail delivery of alcoholic beverages by Class A license holders.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Alcoholic Beverages
Section 4–507
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 995 – Delegate Qi

AN ACT concerning

Sales and Use Tax – Restaurant Utilities – Exemption

FOR the purpose of providing that the sales and use tax does not apply to the sale of electricity, oil, liquefied petroleum gas, or artificial or natural gas used to operate a restaurant; defining a certain term; and generally relating to a sales and use tax exemption for certain energy consumption at restaurants.

BY adding to
Article – Tax – General
Section 11–241
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 996 – Delegate Qi

AN ACT concerning

**Alcoholic Beverages – Class A Licenses – Retail Grocery Establishments
(Healthy Food Accountability Act of 2021)**

FOR the purpose of establishing a certain exception to the prohibition against issuing certain retail alcoholic beverages licenses for use in conjunction with or on the premises of certain establishments; requiring a local licensing board to issue a Class A beer or beer and wine license for use in conjunction with or on the premises of certain self-service or delivery-based grocery establishments located in certain

areas; requiring an applicant for a license or license renewal authorized under this Act to pay to the Alcohol and Tobacco Commission a certain annual license or renewal fee; requiring the Commission to collect the annual license or renewal fee and distribute the proceeds to the Community Legacy Financial Assistance Fund; specifying certain contents of the Fund; establishing that a certain prohibition against being issued or using more than one license does not apply to a license issued under the authority of this Act; prohibiting a local licensing authority from transferring a Class A license under the authority of this Act; exempting a certain delivery-based license holder from the requirement to obtain a letter of authorization from the local licensing board to make certain deliveries of alcoholic beverages; establishing that certain residency, voter registration, or taxpayer status requirements do not apply to an applicant for or a holder of a license issued under the authority of this Act; making certain conforming changes to certain provisions of law governing local jurisdictions that prohibit the issuance of certain licenses for use at certain establishments; requiring the Commission to contract with a certain expert to conduct a certain review of a certain disparity study for certain purposes; requiring a certain certification agency, in consultation with the General Assembly and the Office of the Attorney General, to initiate a certain disparity study and to report the findings of the disparity study under certain circumstances; and generally relating to the issuance of Class A beer or beer and wine licenses for use in conjunction with or on the premises of certain grocery establishments.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Alcoholic Beverages
Section 4–205, 4–507, 20–1603, 22–1603, and 26–1509
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Alcoholic Beverages
Section 20–102, 22–102, and 26–102
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Housing and Community Development
Section 6–211
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 997 – Delegate Metzgar

AN ACT concerning

Equal Protection for Unborn Human Life Act

FOR the purpose of repealing provisions of law providing for the prosecution for murder or manslaughter of a viable fetus under certain circumstances; declaring the intent of the General Assembly regarding the provision of equal protection for all unborn human beings within the State; providing that the General Assembly acknowledges that certain federal or State laws, regulations, executive orders, or court opinions contrary to certain findings are void; requiring certain executive, legislative, and judicial officers in the State to fulfill a certain duty to support the United States Constitution and the Maryland Constitution for a certain purpose; requiring the Attorney General to monitor the enforcement of certain provisions of law; prohibiting the State, certain political subdivisions of the State, and certain agents from entering an appearance in certain federal lawsuits; providing that certain persons are subject to prosecution for murder or manslaughter for providing or procuring an abortion except under certain circumstances; requiring both a mother and embryo or fetus to be treated as patients for certain purposes; prohibiting the Maryland Medical Assistance Program from providing certain services to certain women that cause or attempt to cause an abortion; repealing certain provisions of law relating to the provision of abortion services; defining certain terms; declaring that the provisions of this Act are not severable; and generally relating to the protection of and provision of services for unborn human beings.

BY repealing

Article – Criminal Law

Section 2–103

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2012 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – Criminal Law

Section 2A–101 through 2A–103 to be under the new title “Title 2A. Equal Protection of Unborn Human Beings”

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2012 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Health – General

Section 15–103(a)(1)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Health – General

Section 15–103(a)(2)(iv)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing

Article – Health – General
Section 20–103, 20–208, and 20–209
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 998 – Delegate Griffith

AN ACT concerning

County Boards of Education – In–Person Instruction and Related Services – Requirement

FOR the purpose of, notwithstanding any law, regulation, or executive order to the contrary, requiring each county board, for a certain school year, to require school buildings to be open each school day to provide certain students with in–person instruction and related services, including specified services; requiring each county board to provide instruction and related services to certain students in person except under certain circumstances; requiring each county board to provide special education and related services in accordance with a student’s individualized education program or 504 plan and in consultation with the student’s parent or guardian and individualized education program team; requiring each county board to provide in–person instruction and related services in a manner that adheres to certain health and safety standards and protocols; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to county boards of education providing in–person instruction and related services.

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 999 – Delegate Griffith

AN ACT concerning

Adoption – Access to Birth and Adoption Records and Search, Contact, and Reunion Services

FOR the purpose of repealing certain provisions of law specifying that certain provisions of law apply only to adoptions in which a juvenile court enters an order for adoption on or after a certain date; repealing provisions of law limiting, under certain circumstances, access to certain information in certain birth and adoption records by certain adoptees and biological parents; repealing the right of certain adoptees and biological parents to file, cancel, or refile a disclosure veto barring the disclosure of certain information in certain birth and adoption records; authorizing certain adoptees and biological parents to file, cancel, or refile a certain contact preference form regarding certain contact with certain individuals; altering the age at which an adoptee, or a biological parent if an adoptee is at least a certain age, may apply to

the Secretary of Health for a copy of certain birth or adoption records; requiring the Director of Social Services to develop and make available a certain contact preference form; specifying the contents of a contact preference form; requiring the Secretary to take certain actions; repealing certain provisions of law requiring the Secretary to redact certain information from certain birth and adoption records; altering the age at which certain individuals may apply to the Director to receive adoption search, contact, and reunion services; altering the age of certain individuals whom a confidential intermediary is authorized to attempt to contact under certain circumstances; requiring the Secretary to replace a certain disclosure veto with a certain contact preference form under certain circumstances; defining a certain term; altering a certain definition; and generally relating to birth and adoption records and adoption search, contact, and reunion services.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Family Law

Section 5–321(a)(3), 5–339(a)(3), 5–351(a), 5–359, 5–3A–19(a), 5–3A–35(c), 5–3A–42, 5–3B–21(a), 5–3B–29, 5–4B–01(h), 5–4B–02(a), and 5–4B–11

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Family Law

Section 5–4B–01(a)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Health – General

Section 4–211(g)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 1000 – Delegate Pippy

AN ACT concerning

Estates and Trusts – Guardian of Property of Minor or Disabled Person – Prohibition on Distribution or Disbursement

FOR the purpose of prohibiting a guardian of the property of a minor or disabled person from distributing or disbursing property of the minor or disabled person without court authorization or confirmation under certain circumstances; providing that, if a guardian of the property violates this Act, the guardian is liable for breach of the guardian's fiduciary duty to certain persons to a certain extent; defining a certain

term; and generally relating to guardianship of the property of a minor or disabled person.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Estates and Trusts
Section 13–214
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2017 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 1001 – Delegate Pippy

AN ACT concerning

Criminal Law – Indecent Exposure With Lascivious or Prurient Intent

FOR the purpose of prohibiting a person from indecently exposing private parts of the person's body with lascivious or prurient intent in a public place in the presence of another; altering a certain definition of "tier I sex offender" to include a person who has been convicted of conspiring to commit, attempting to commit, or committing indecent exposure with lascivious or prurient intent in a public place in the presence of another; establishing penalties for a violation of this Act; making a certain conforming change; and generally relating to indecent exposure.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Criminal Law
Section 11–107
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Criminal Law
Section 11–108
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Criminal Procedure
Section 11–701(o)(1)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Criminal Procedure
Section 11–704(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland

(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 1002 – Delegate Charkoudian

EMERGENCY BILL

AN ACT concerning

Unemployment Insurance – Revisions and Required Study

FOR the purpose of requiring the Maryland Department of Labor to take certain actions to carry out the State’s unemployment insurance law; requiring the Maryland Department of Labor to begin implementing a system through which claimants may consent to the sharing of certain information with the Maryland Health Benefit Exchange and the Maryland Department of Health for the purpose of determining eligibility for certain health insurance; requiring the Maryland Department of Labor to enter into a certain memorandum of understanding with the Maryland Health Benefit Exchange and the Maryland Department of Health before a certain system begins to operate; requiring that a certain consent request be placed in a certain manner on the weekly claim certification form using certain language; requiring the Maryland Department of Labor to cooperate with certain other agencies to claim the maximum amount of certain available federal funding; requiring the Maryland Department of Labor to report to a certain committee of the General Assembly on or before a certain date each year; requiring the Secretary of Labor to waive the charge of benefits against the earned rating record of an employing unit under certain circumstances related to COVID–19; providing that the waiver may apply only to certain benefits; altering the maximum amount of wages disregarded when computing the weekly benefit amount to be paid to a claimant; requiring the Maryland Department of Labor to conduct a certain study in collaboration with the Office of the Attorney General and the Maryland Department of Health; requiring the Maryland Department of Labor to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and certain committees of the General Assembly on or before a certain date; making this Act an emergency measure; and generally relating to unemployment insurance.

BY adding to

Article – Labor and Employment

Section 8–109

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2016 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Labor and Employment

Section 8–611(k) and 8–803(d)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2016 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 1003 – Delegate Lierman

AN ACT concerning

**States of Emergency – Emergency Procurement and Budget Amendments –
Notice and Authorization**

FOR the purpose of requiring the Governor or the head of a certain unit to provide certain notice to the Legislative Policy Committee within a certain time frame when authorizing a certain emergency procurement during a state of emergency under certain circumstances; requiring the Office of Legislative Audits to perform a certain audit within a certain time frame under certain circumstances; requiring the Governor to provide certain notice to certain persons within a certain time frame after suspending the effect of a certain statute or rule or regulation under certain circumstances; authorizing a certain appropriation to be increased by budget amendment if the Board of Public Works makes a certain declaration; prohibiting the Governor from suspending the effects of certain provisions under certain circumstances; and generally relating to emergency procurements and the Governor's authority to suspend the effect of a statute, rule, or regulation during a state of emergency.

BY adding to

Article – Public Safety

Section 14–117

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – State Finance and Procurement

Section 7–214

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations and the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 1004 – Delegate Crosby

AN ACT concerning

**Financial Institutions – Commissioner of Financial Regulation – Credit Union
Power**

FOR the purpose of altering the process by and circumstances under which a credit union may engage in any additional activity, service, or other practice that is permissible for federal credit unions; requiring a credit union to provide certain notice to the Commissioner of Financial Regulation at least a certain number of days before engaging in an additional activity, service, or other practice; allowing credit unions to engage in any additional activity, service, or other practice on a certain day after the Commissioner receives a certain notice unless the Commissioner specifies a different date or prohibits the activity, service, or other practice; authorizing the Commissioner, under certain circumstances, to extend a certain time period after which a credit union may engage in any additional activity, service, or other practice; authorizing the Commissioner to prohibit a credit union from engaging in any additional activity, service, or other practice under certain circumstances; and generally relating to the powers of credit unions.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Financial Institutions
Section 6–313
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 1005 – Delegate Crosby

AN ACT concerning

Election Law – Early Voting Centers – Number Required

FOR the purpose of altering the number of early voting centers required to be established in certain counties; and generally relating to early voting centers.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Election Law
Section 10–301.1
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2017 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 1006 – Delegate Crosby

AN ACT concerning

Health Occupations – Service Members, Veterans, and Military Spouses – Temporary Licensure, Certification, and Registration

FOR the purpose of requiring certain health occupations boards to issue a temporary expedited license, certificate, or registration to a service member, veteran, or military spouse who meets certain requirements; providing for the term of a certain temporary license, certificate, or registration; requiring that an application for a certain temporary license, certificate, or registration include certain information; requiring a certain health occupations board to make a certain determination before issuing a certain temporary license, certificate, or registration; authorizing a certain health occupations board to apply to the Secretary of Health for approval of a certain alternative process for licensure, certification, or registration for certain individuals for a certain purpose; requiring that a certain health occupations board be considered to have fulfilled certain requirements under certain circumstances; authorizing certain health occupations boards to issue a temporary license, certificate, or registration to certain individuals who hold a certain license, certificate, or registration in another state that does not meet certain requirements in the State; providing that a certain temporary license, certificate, or registration authorizes the service member, veteran, or military spouse to perform certain services for a certain limited period of time under certain circumstances; prohibiting a health occupations board from issuing a certain temporary license, certificate, or registration under certain circumstances; and generally relating to temporary health occupational licensure, certificate, and registration requirements and service members, veterans, and military spouses.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Health Occupations
Section 1–701
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Health Occupations
Section 1–702.1 and 1–702.2
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 1007 – Delegate Charkoudian

AN ACT concerning

Renewable Energy Portfolio Standard and Geothermal Heating and Cooling Systems

FOR the purpose of 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; clarifying that energy from certain geothermal heating and cooling systems is eligible for inclusion in meeting the renewable energy portfolio standard; specifying that certain geothermal heating and cooling systems are eligible for inclusion in meeting the renewable energy portfolio standard if the company installing the system meets certain requirements; requiring the Public Service Commission to adopt certain regulations; requiring certain electricity suppliers to pay certain compliance fees into the Maryland Strategic Energy Investment Fund under certain circumstances; requiring certain money in the Fund to be used only in a certain manner; requiring the Commission to report to the General Assembly on or before certain dates on the status of the implementation of geothermal heating and cooling systems in the State; requiring the Maryland Energy Administration to conduct a certain study on geothermal heating and cooling systems; providing for the content of the study; authorizing the Administration to contract with a third party to conduct the study; requiring the Administration to submit the results of the study to the Geothermal Energy Workgroup on or before a certain date; establishing the Workgroup; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Workgroup; prohibiting a member of the Workgroup from receiving certain compensation, but authorizing the reimbursement of certain expenses; requiring the Workgroup to study and make recommendations regarding certain matters; requiring the Administration, in consultation with the Workgroup, to develop recommendations for a certain incentive structure; requiring the Director of the Administration, or the Director's designee, to report certain results, findings, and recommendations to the General Assembly on or before a certain date; defining certain terms; and generally relating to the renewable energy portfolio standard and geothermal heating and cooling systems.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Public Utilities
Section 7–701(a) through (c) and (s)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Public Utilities
Section 7–701(d), 7–703(b), 7–704(h), 7–705(b), and 7–712
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Public Utilities
Section 7–701(e–1) and (i–1), 7–703(f), and 7–705(b–1)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – State Government

Section 9–20B–05(a) and (b)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – State Government
Section 9–20B–05(i–1)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 1008 – Delegate Hill

AN ACT concerning

Failure to Pay Rent Proceedings – Sealing of Court Records

FOR the purpose of requiring the District Court to seal court records relating to a failure to pay rent proceeding if the proceeding does not result in a judgment of possession; authorizing the District Court to seal court records relating to a failure to pay rent proceeding that results in a judgment of possession on a certain motion under certain circumstances; specifying the time frame for sealing certain court records under this Act; and generally relating to sealing court records relating to failure to pay rent proceedings.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Real Property
Section 8–401(e)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Real Property
Section 8–401(g)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 1009 – Delegate Stewart

AN ACT concerning

**Mortgage Servicers – Requirements and Prohibitions During and After a State
of Emergency and Catastrophic Health Emergency
(Foreclosure Relief Act of 2021)**

FOR the purpose of prohibiting a mortgage servicer from commencing or completing an action to foreclose a mortgage or deed of trust under certain circumstances; requiring a certain servicer to grant a forbearance of a mortgage loan under certain circumstances; prohibiting a period of forbearance from lasting more than a certain number of days except under certain circumstances; authorizing a borrower to request a forbearance if the servicer has commenced a certain action; requiring a servicer to notify the court of a certain request for forbearance under certain circumstances; requiring a servicer to notify a borrower of a certain right to mediation under certain circumstances; requiring a certain notice to contain certain information; prohibiting a servicer from assessing certain fees or costs under certain circumstances; prohibiting certain penalties and interest from accruing on a mortgage under certain circumstances; requiring a servicer to provide written notice to a borrower regarding the denial of a request for forbearance during a certain period of time under certain circumstances; providing for the contents of the notice; requiring a servicer to take certain actions and make certain allowances if a request for a forbearance has a defect or is incomplete; requiring a servicer to send to the borrower a statement of denial under certain circumstances; providing that a certain foreclosure sale occurring during a certain period of time is not valid except under certain circumstances; authorizing a servicer to extend a forbearance period for a certain number of days under certain circumstances; authorizing a servicer to shorten a certain forbearance period on request of the borrower; requiring a servicer to disclose and implement certain postforbearance options by a certain date; providing for the limits of certain postforbearance options; authorizing certain postforbearance options to require certain payments under certain circumstances; prohibiting a servicer from furnishing certain information to a consumer reporting agency for a certain amount of time under certain circumstances; requiring a mortgage servicer to communicate certain information in a certain manner under certain circumstances; requiring a servicer to be deemed to be in compliance with the provisions of this Act under certain circumstances; authorizing a borrower to bring an action for certain relief under certain circumstances; authorizing a court to make a certain award; providing that certain rights, remedies, and procedures are in addition to and independent of any other rights, remedies, and procedures; providing that certain provisions of law do not limit or negate certain rights, remedies, or procedures; establishing that a certain waiver is contrary to public policy and is void; requiring a certain servicer to provide written notice by mail to certain borrowers regarding the borrowers' rights under this Act on or before a certain date; defining certain terms; and generally relating to requirements and prohibitions for mortgage servicers during and after a proclamation of a state of emergency and catastrophic health emergency.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Real Property
Section 7–105
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – Real Property

Section 7–601 through 7–611 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 6. Foreclosures
During States of Emergency”

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 1010 – Prince George’s County Delegation

AN ACT concerning

Prince George’s County – Payment in Lieu of Taxes Agreements – Low–Income Housing

PG 415–21

FOR the purpose of 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 constructed or rehabilitated under certain programs or acquired under a certain county program; requiring the owner of real property subject to a payment in lieu of taxes agreement to agree to certain requirements for the use of the property for low–income housing; authorizing real property subject to a payment in lieu of taxes agreement to include certain service facilities; providing that real property subject to a payment in lieu of taxes agreement is exempt from county property tax when certain requirements are met; defining a certain term; and generally relating to payment in lieu of taxes agreements for low–income housing in Prince George’s County.

BY adding to

Article – Tax – Property

Section 7–506.3

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 1011 – Delegate Rosenberg

AN ACT concerning

Cigarettes, Other Tobacco Products, and Electronic Smoking Devices – Local Law Authorization

FOR the purpose of authorizing a county or municipality to enact and enforce local laws regulating the sale and distribution of cigarettes, other tobacco products, and electronic smoking devices, subject to certain exceptions; declaring the intent of the General Assembly; and generally relating to the regulation of cigarettes, other tobacco products, and electronic smoking devices in counties and municipalities.

BY adding to

Article – Business Regulation
Section 16–308.4, 16.5–104, and 16.7–103
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 1012 – Delegate Stewart

EMERGENCY BILL

AN ACT concerning

**Labor and Employment – Reinstatement of Employment – Employees at
Baltimore–Washington International Thurgood Marshall Airport
(BWI–Thurgood Marshall Workers’ Right to Reinstatement Act)**

FOR the purpose of requiring certain employers at the Baltimore–Washington International Thurgood Marshall Airport to reinstate certain laid–off employees under certain circumstances; requiring certain employers to provide certain laid–off employees with certain written notice of a layoff in a certain manner and at a certain time; requiring certain employers to offer certain laid–off employees certain job positions; establishing the process through and manner in which an employer is required to offer employment to certain laid–off employees; requiring a certain employer to provide a laid–off employee who is offered a position under a certain provision of this Act with at least a certain amount of time to accept or decline the job offer; requiring a certain employer to provide a certain notification to a laid–off employee within a certain period of time under certain circumstances; providing that a new employer is subject to the requirements of certain provisions of this Act under certain circumstances; requiring certain employers to provide the Maryland Aviation Administration with certain information for laid–off employees; requiring the Administration to use certain information to contact laid–off employees for a certain purpose; authorizing the Administration to provide certain contact information to certain third parties for certain purposes; requiring an employer to retain certain records for at least a certain period of time; specifying the date on which a certain retention period begins; prohibiting an employer from taking certain adverse actions against an individual under certain circumstances; specifying that a certain protection applies to certain individuals under certain circumstances; establishing a certain rebuttable presumption; specifying the manner in which an employer is

required to rebut a certain presumption and a laid-off employee may respond to a certain rebuttal; authorizing certain persons to bring a civil action for certain enforcement and remedies; authorizing a court to take certain actions on certain findings; requiring a court to consider certain information when determining the amount of certain awards; requiring a court to award certain reasonable fees and costs under certain circumstances; authorizing the Administration to adopt regulations; providing for the application of this Act; requiring a certain employer to provide a certain notice to a certain employee under certain circumstances within a certain period of time; requiring the Administration to report to the General Assembly on or before a certain date; defining certain terms; making this Act an emergency measure; and generally relating to employment at the Baltimore–Washington International Thurgood Marshall Airport.

BY adding to

Article – Labor and Employment

Section 3–718

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2016 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 1013 – Delegate Crosby

AN ACT concerning

General Provisions – Standard Time – Year–Round Daylight Saving Time

FOR the purpose of altering the standard time in the State to be Eastern Daylight Time year–round; making this Act subject to a certain contingency; and generally relating to the State standard time.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – General Provisions

Section 1–301

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 1014 – Delegate Qi

EMERGENCY BILL

AN ACT concerning

Small Business COVID–19 Relief Act of 2021

FOR the purpose of establishing the Maryland COVID–19 Emergency Loan Program in the Department of Commerce; establishing the purposes of the Emergency Loan Program; authorizing the Department to carry out the purposes of the Emergency Loan Program and to make loans to certain eligible small businesses under certain circumstances; authorizing an eligible small business to apply for a loan under the Emergency Loan Program for certain purposes under certain circumstances; requiring the Department, subject to certain circumstances, to prioritize approving loans for applicants in a certain manner and specify the terms of the loan; establishing the Maryland COVID–19 Emergency Grant Program in the Department; establishing the purposes of the Emergency Grant Program; requiring the Department, subject to certain circumstances, to distribute to each county certain funds in a certain manner for the purpose of providing grants to certain eligible small businesses located in the county; authorizing a county to apply to the Department for a distribution of funds in accordance with this Act; authorizing a county to establish certain criteria for grants issued in accordance with this Act; establishing the Maryland COVID–19 Business Recovery Assistance Program in the Small Business Development Center (SBDC) Network; establishing the purposes of the Business Recovery Assistance Program; authorizing a certain eligible small business to apply to participate in the Business Recovery Assistance Program; requiring the SBDC Network to prioritize approving applications to participate in the Business Recovery Assistance Program in a certain manner; requiring the SBDC Network, subject to availability of certain funds, to provide an eligible small business participating in the Business Recovery Assistance Program access to certain business support services; establishing the Maryland COVID–19 Emergency Loan Fund, the Maryland COVID–19 Emergency Grant Fund, and the Maryland COVID–19 Business Recovery Assistance Fund as special, nonlapsing funds; specifying the purposes of the funds; requiring certain persons to administer the funds; requiring the State Treasurer to hold the funds and the Comptroller to account for the funds; specifying the contents of the funds; specifying the purposes for which the funds may be used; providing for the investment of money in and expenditures from the funds; declaring the intent of the General Assembly; allowing a subtraction modification under the Maryland income tax for a certain amount of income earned by certain small businesses for a certain taxable year; defining certain terms; providing for the application of certain provisions of this Act; providing for the construction of certain provisions of this Act; making certain provisions of this Act subject to a certain contingency; making this Act an emergency measure; and generally relating to assistance for small businesses recovering from the coronavirus pandemic.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Economic Development
Section 1–101(a), (c), and (e)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Economic Development

Section 5–1701 through 5–1704 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 17. Maryland COVID–19 Emergency Loan Program”; 5–1801 through 5–1804 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 18. Maryland COVID–19 Emergency Grant Program”; and 10–1001 through 10–1004 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 10. Maryland COVID–19 Business Recovery Assistance Program”

Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Tax – General

Section 10–207(a) and 10–307(a)

Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – Tax – General

Section 10–207(jj)

Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Tax – General

Section 10–307(g)

Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 1015 – Delegate Hill

AN ACT concerning

Real Property – Transfer to Heir – Exemption From Prepayment of Taxes

FOR the purpose of providing that certain requirements for the prepayment of certain real property taxes do not apply to an instrument of writing transferring certain property from the estate of a decedent to an heir of the decedent; making conforming changes; and generally relating to the transfer of real property from the estate of a decedent to the heir of a decedent.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Real Property

Section 3–104(a) and (b)

Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Real Property
Section 3–104(c)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 1016 – Delegate M. Fisher

AN ACT concerning

Calvert County – Alcoholic Beverages Licenses – Annual Fees

FOR the purpose of requiring the Board of License Commissioners for Calvert County, for a certain licensing period, to reimburse holders of certain alcoholic beverages licenses the entire amount of the annual license fee; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages licenses in Calvert County.

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 1017 – Delegate Beitzel

AN ACT concerning

**Income Tax Credit for Venison Donation – Alterations, Extension, and Testing
for Chronic Wasting Disease**

FOR the purpose of altering the maximum amount of qualified expenses an individual may claim as a credit against the State income tax for a certain donation of processed deer meat; altering the maximum aggregate credit amount the individual may claim in a taxable year; extending the termination date of the tax credit; requiring the Department of Natural Resources to report to certain committees of the General Assembly on or before a certain date on certain testing; providing for the application of certain provisions of this Act; and generally relating to an income tax credit for the donation of processed deer meat and testing for chronic wasting disease.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Tax – General
Section 10–746
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Chapter 172 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2018
Section 3

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Chapter 173 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2018
Section 3

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 1018 – Charles County Delegation

AN ACT concerning

Charles County – Alcoholic Beverages – Class 4 Limited Winery License

FOR the purpose of exempting a holder of a Class 4 limited winery license from certain restrictions on interactions with retailers in Charles County; authorizing a holder of a Class 4 limited winery license to have a financial interest in a certain other license; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages in Charles County.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Alcoholic Beverages
Section 2–216(a)(1) and (3), (b), and (e) and 18–102
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Alcoholic Beverages
Section 18–401
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Alcoholic Beverages
Section 18–403
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 1019 – Delegate Buckel

EMERGENCY BILL

AN ACT concerning

Sales and Use Tax – Vendor Collection Credit

FOR the purpose of authorizing a certain vendor credit for the collection and payment of the sales and use tax; specifying eligibility requirements for and the amount of the credit; prohibiting a vendor from claiming a certain credit if another credit is

claimed; authorizing an eligible vendor to claim the credit established under this Act retroactively for certain months; requiring the Comptroller to pay a certain claim for the credit from a certain account; making this Act an emergency measure; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to a sales and use tax vendor collection credit.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Tax – General
Section 11–105
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Tax – General
Section 11–105.1
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 1020 – Delegate Williams

AN ACT concerning

Election Law – Curbside Voting – Establishment

FOR the purpose of providing that voters are eligible for curbside voting under certain circumstances; requiring that curbside voting be made available to all registered voters with disabilities recognized under a certain federal law; requiring each local board of elections to establish a location outside each polling place for curbside voting; requiring that a curbside voting location meet certain requirements; requiring that an eligible voter using curbside voting be observed by a certain number of certain election judges except under certain circumstances; requiring an eligible voter seeking to use curbside voting to make a certain request and provide certain information to an election judge for a certain purpose; requiring an election judge to give a certain voter a certain ballot or, under certain circumstances, a certain device; prohibiting a local board from being required to purchase or have a certain device to comply with the requirements of this Act; requiring an eligible voter using curbside voting to take certain actions after marking a paper ballot; requiring certain election judges to maintain a certain record; establishing requirements for certain handheld voting devices; requiring that the State Board of Elections adopt certain regulations; defining certain terms; and generally relating to curbside voting.

BY adding to
Article – Election Law
Section 10–316
Annotated Code of Maryland

(2017 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

CONSENT CALENDAR OF INTRODUCTORY HOUSE BILLS NO. 25

House Bill 1021 – Delegate Pendergrass

AN ACT concerning

Health Insurance – Incentive Arrangements – Authorization

FOR the purpose of providing that a certain provision of law prohibiting a person from doing acts of an insurance business except under certain circumstances does not apply to a primary care provider that accepts capitated payments in a certain manner but does not perform certain other acts considered acts of an insurance business; authorizing certain bonus or incentive-based compensation to include a certain two-sided incentive arrangement; exempting certain carriers who recoup funds in accordance with a certain provision of this Act from the prohibition on certain carriers retaining certain capitated fees; authorizing a certain carrier to recoup funds paid to an eligible provider under a two-sided incentive arrangement that meets certain requirements and criteria; requiring a carrier that enters into a certain two-sided incentive arrangement with an eligible provider to disclose certain information; providing that a certain provision of law regarding retroactive denials of reimbursement does not apply to a two-sided incentive arrangement that complies with a certain provision of this Act; providing that a certain primary care provider is not engaged in certain acts of an insurance business if certain requirements are met solely because the primary care provider enters into a certain contract that includes certain capitated payments; providing for the application of certain provisions of this Act; defining certain terms; altering a certain definition; and generally relating to health insurance, two-sided incentive arrangements, and capitated payments.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Insurance

Section 4-205(a), 15-113(a), (c), and (e), and 15-1008(b)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2017 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Insurance

Section 4-205(b) and (c), 15-113(b), and 15-1008(c)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2017 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – Insurance

Section 15–113(f); and 15–2101 and 15–2102 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 21. Self–Funded Group Capitated Payments”
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2017 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 1022 – Delegate Pendergrass

AN ACT concerning

Public Health – State Designated Exchange – Clinical Information

FOR the purpose of requiring a nursing home, on request of the Maryland Department of Health, to electronically submit clinical information to the State designated exchange; authorizing the State designated exchange to provide certain information to certain individuals and entities in a certain manner; providing that information submitted under a certain provision of this Act may be combined with other data maintained by the State designated exchange for a certain purpose under certain circumstances; requiring an electronic health network to provide certain transactions to the State designated exchange for certain purposes; prohibiting an electronic health network from charging a certain fee to a health care provider of the State designated exchange; requiring the State designated exchange to develop and implement certain policies and procedures; authorizing the Maryland Health Care Commission to adopt certain regulations; altering the purposes to which certain regulations adopted by the Commission are required to limit the scope of certain information; providing that certain regulations adopted by the Commission may limit redisclosure of certain information and restrict certain data in relation to the exchange of certain information; requiring the Department to identify and seek certain funding; requiring the Commission to report to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before a certain date; defining certain terms; making stylistic changes; and generally relating to the State designated exchange and the sharing of clinical information.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Health – General
Section 4–302.3
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 1023 – Delegate Holmes

AN ACT concerning

Real Property – Condominiums, Homeowners Associations, and Cooperative

Housing Corporations – Virtual Meetings

FOR the purpose of authorizing the governing body of a condominium, homeowners association, or cooperative housing corporation 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 certain purposes; authorizing certain matters to be set for a vote at a certain virtual meeting under certain circumstances; authorizing certain members, unit owners, and lot owners who attend a meeting virtually to vote in a certain manner under certain circumstances; authorizing certain members, unit owners, and lot owners to vote by proxy in a certain manner under certain circumstances; requiring the governing body of a condominium, homeowners association, or cooperative housing corporation to comply with certain notice requirements in order to conduct a virtual meeting; providing that nominations from the floor are not required at a certain virtual meeting under certain circumstances; providing that the inability of a certain individual to join a certain virtual meeting does not invalidate the meeting or actions taken at the meeting; and generally relating to condominiums, homeowners associations, and cooperative housing corporations.

BY adding to

Article – Corporations and Associations
Section 5–6B–25.1
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – Real Property
Section 11–139.3 and 11B–113.6
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 1024 – Charles County Delegation

AN ACT concerning

Charles County – Citizens Complaint Oversight Board

FOR the purpose of establishing the Citizens Complaint Oversight Board of Charles County; specifying the purpose of the Board; providing for the composition, chair, voting, terms, powers, duties, staffing, procedures, jurisdiction, and reporting of the Board; establishing certain requirements for members of the Board; requiring the Board to employ staff; providing for the selection and termination of staff; requiring the Board to employ attorneys; providing certain duties of the attorneys; requiring the Board to employ investigators; providing certain duties of the investigators;

requiring the Board members and employees to receive certain training; prohibiting a certain individual employed by the Board from having been employed by a certain law enforcement agency within a certain period of time before becoming employed by the Board; prohibiting an individual employed by the Board from also being employed by a certain unit or agency; establishing certain requirements for a law enforcement unit; requiring and authorizing the Board to engage in certain investigations and take certain actions; providing that the Board has certain investigative authority over certain matters; requiring the Board to conduct a certain investigation and issue a certain report with certain findings within a certain period of time, subject to a certain exception; requiring the Board to provide certain notice to certain persons under certain circumstances; requiring the Board to make certain recommendations regarding discipline or remedial action against a certain police officer; providing for the adjudication of a certain complaint made by the Board; providing for the review of a certain determination; requiring a certain individual to cooperate with certain requests made by the Board under certain circumstances; providing that a certain individual is subject to discipline under certain circumstances; requiring the Board to form a panel to hold a hearing under a certain circumstance; requiring certain individuals to appear at the hearing; providing certain individuals an opportunity to present at the hearing; requiring the panel to make certain findings at the conclusion of the hearing; requiring that a certain complaint be made within a certain period of time; requiring that a certain complaint be made with certain entities; requiring certain entities to provide certain complaints to the Board and keep certain records; requiring staff of the Board to record certain information and provide certain complaints to certain members of the Board; requiring a certain complaint to contain certain information; authorizing the Board to conduct hearings, administer oaths and affirmations, issue certain process, and require a person to testify and produce evidence; requiring the chief of a certain law enforcement unit to provide a certain response to certain correspondence; providing for the service and enforcement of a certain subpoena; authorizing a certain person to have an attorney present under certain circumstances; requiring the Board to advise a certain person of the right to counsel under certain circumstances; requiring certain oaths to be administered in certain proceedings; requiring that certain testimony be recorded; providing for certain recommendations made by the Board to a law enforcement unit; requiring the chief of a certain law enforcement unit to provide a certain response to certain recommendations made by the Board within a certain period of time; requiring the Board to make certain reports and recommendations publicly available in a certain manner; requiring the Board to redact certain information from certain reports; requiring the Board to develop and implement a certain program to educate the public about certain information concerning the Board; prohibiting a person from retaliating against, punishing, intimidating, discouraging, threatening, or penalizing another under certain circumstances; prohibiting a person from knowingly refusing to comply with a certain subpoena; prohibiting a person from knowingly interfering with or obstructing a certain investigation; prohibiting a person from knowingly making a certain false statement, report, or complaint under certain circumstances; establishing penalties for violations of certain provisions of this Act; prohibiting the Board from making certain information publicly available; requiring the Board to be

the custodian of certain information; requiring a certain custodian to provide certain information under certain circumstances; requiring the Board to make certain semiannual and annual reports; providing that this Act may not be construed to abrogate certain rights of certain individuals; providing that this Act may not be construed to abrogate or change certain methods or procedures for certain individuals; providing for the staggering of the terms of the initial members of the Board; defining certain terms; and generally relating to the Citizens Complaint Oversight Board of Charles County.

BY adding to

The Public Local Laws of Charles County
Section 136–1 through 136–14 to be under the new chapter “Chapter 136. Citizens
Complaint Oversight Board”
Article 9 – Public Local Laws of Maryland
(2013 Edition and October 2018 Supplement, as amended)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 1025 – Delegate Terrasa

AN ACT concerning

Pesticides – Carbofuran – Collection, Disposal, and Prohibition on Possession or Storage

FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of Agriculture, in coordination with the Department of Natural Resources, to establish a certain program to address the illegal use of carbofuran and to eliminate stockpiles of carbofuran in the State; prohibiting a person from possessing or storing any quantity of carbofuran in the State on or after a certain date; authorizing the Secretary of Agriculture, the Secretary of Natural Resources, or a Natural Resources police officer to seize any quantity of carbofuran for certain purposes; establishing certain penalties; requiring the Department of Agriculture, in coordination with the Department of Natural Resources, to adopt certain regulations; defining a certain term; and generally relating to carbofuran.

BY adding to

Article – Agriculture
Section 5–2B–01 through 5–2B–04 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 2B.
Carbofuran”
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 1026 – Delegate Wells

AN ACT concerning

Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners – Alterations

FOR the purpose of altering the membership of the Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners to require a certain number of voting members to be elected and a certain number of members to be appointed; altering and establishing certain qualifications for members of the board; requiring the elected members of the board to be elected in a certain manner; requiring the Baltimore City Council to establish certain school board districts that meet certain requirements; requiring the City Council to consult with the Baltimore City Public School Board Community Panel in the development of certain school board districts and in conducting a certain process in a certain manner; providing that each member of the board is entitled to an annual salary set by the City Council; authorizing the student member of the board to vote on all matters of the board, with a certain exception; authorizing the student member of the board to attend or participate in an executive or special session of the board; providing for the terms of the members of the board; requiring the City Council to choose certain members of the board for a certain purpose; requiring the City Council to provide public notice of certain choices on or before a certain date; and generally relating to the Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Education

Section 3–108.1

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 1027 – Delegate Wells (By Request – Baltimore City Administration)

AN ACT concerning

Baltimore City – Control of the Police Department of Baltimore City

FOR the purpose of providing that the Police Department of Baltimore City is an agency and instrumentality of the City of Baltimore, instead of the State; providing that certain police officers have the authority conferred under a certain provision of law; clarifying that the Police Department shall be considered to be an agency and instrumentality of the State for certain actions arising prior to a certain date and that the Police Department shall be considered to be an agency and instrumentality of Baltimore City for certain actions arising on and after a certain date; establishing an Advisory Board on the Transfer of Control of the Police Department of Baltimore City; providing for the membership, chair, staffing, and duties of the Advisory Board; requiring the Advisory Board to submit certain reports to certain persons at certain times; making a portion of this Act contingent on the passage and ratification, by a certain date, of a certain Baltimore City Charter amendment; providing for the

effective dates of this Act; and generally relating to the Police Department of Baltimore City.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
The Public Local Laws of Baltimore City
Section 16–2(a) and 16–3
Article 4 – Public Local Laws of Maryland
(1979 Edition and 1997 Supplement and 2000 Supplement, as amended)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 1028 – Delegate Crutchfield

AN ACT concerning

Juvenile Law – Dispositions – Placement Guidance

FOR the purpose of modifying the circumstances under which the juvenile court is prohibited from committing a child to the Department of Juvenile Services for out-of-home placement; and generally relating to juvenile law.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings
Section 3–8A–19(d)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 1029 – Delegate Crutchfield

AN ACT concerning

Juvenile Court – Jurisdiction

FOR the purpose of altering the jurisdiction of the juvenile court by repealing provisions specifying that the juvenile court does not have jurisdiction over a child at least a certain age alleged to have committed certain acts; making conforming changes; and generally relating to the jurisdiction of the juvenile court.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings
Section 3–8A–03(d)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Criminal Procedure
Section 4–202(b) and (c), 4–202.2(a) and (c), 10–215(a), and 10–216(d)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Criminal Procedure
Section 4–202.2(b)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Education
Section 7–303(a)(6)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Education
Section 7–303(a)(7), (8), and (9) and (b)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 1030 – Delegate Saab

AN ACT concerning

State Board of Dental Examiners – Membership – Nomination and Appointment Process

FOR the purpose of repealing a provision of law that requires the Governor to appoint certain members of the State Board of Dental Examiners from a list of names submitted to the Governor by the Board; requiring the Governor to appoint certain members of the Board from a list of qualified individuals submitted by certain organizations and certain petitions submitted to the Secretary of Health and the Governor; repealing a requirement that a certain number of names be submitted for a certain vacancy on the Board; requiring the Board to send a certain notice of vacancy to certain licensees and certain organizations that includes certain information and within a certain period of time; repealing a requirement that the Board conduct a certain balloting process; repealing a requirement that the Board develop certain guidelines for the solicitation of nominations and a certain balloting process; and generally relating to nominations and appointments to the State Board of Dental Examiners.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Health Occupations
Section 4–202(a) and (b)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 1031 – Delegate Saab

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

AN ACT concerning

General Assembly – Term Limits

FOR the purpose of proposing an amendment to the Maryland Constitution to limit the number of consecutive terms as either a Senator or a Delegate to which a person may be elected; specifying how service for a certain partial term shall be considered for purposes of the term limits; providing that certain provisions of this amendment do not prohibit a certain person who was elected to serve a further consecutive term in the same office in a certain election from serving in the same office during a certain term; providing for the termination of certain provisions of this amendment; making stylistic changes; and submitting this amendment to the qualified voters of the State for their adoption or rejection.

BY proposing an amendment to the Maryland Constitution
Article III – Legislative Department
Section 6

BY proposing an addition to the Maryland Constitution
Article XVIII – Provisions of Limited Duration
Section 6

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations.

House Bill 1032 – Delegate Cullison

AN ACT concerning

Health Occupations – Licensed Direct–Entry Midwives – Previous Cesarean Section

FOR the purpose of altering the circumstances under which a licensed direct–entry midwife is prohibited from assuming or taking certain responsibility for a patient who had a previous cesarean section; requiring a licensed direct–entry midwife to consult with a health care practitioner and document the consultation if a patient had a previous cesarean section that resulted in a certain incision and was performed at least a

certain number of months before a certain date; and generally relating to the practice of licensed direct-entry midwifery and cesarean sections.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Health Occupations
Section 8–6C–03(11) and 8–6C–04(a)(20) and (21)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Health Occupations
Section 8–6C–04(a)(22)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 1033 – Delegate Cullison

AN ACT concerning

Office of Health Care Quality – Influenza Virus Immunization Education and Information – Assisted Living Facilities

FOR the purpose of requiring the Office of Health Care Quality to monitor the compliance of assisted living facilities with certain influenza virus immunization educational and informational requirements during a certain annual inspection; and generally relating to influenza virus immunization education and information and assisted living facilities.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Health – General
Section 18–404
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 1034 – Delegate Cullison

AN ACT concerning

Prescription Drug Affordability Board – Plan of Action – Repeal of Date for Submission

FOR the purpose of 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; and generally relating to the submission of a plan of action by the Prescription Drug Affordability Board.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Health – General

Section 21–2C–13(a)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Health – General

Section 21–2C–13(d)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 1035 – Delegate Atterbeary

AN ACT concerning

State Government – Attorney General – Independent Law Enforcement Prosecution Unit

FOR the purpose of establishing the Independent Law Enforcement Prosecution Unit in the Office of the Attorney General; requiring the Unit to investigate certain shootings and other incidents under certain circumstances; requiring a law enforcement agency to notify the Unit of certain shootings and other incidents under certain circumstances at a certain time and to cooperate with the Unit under certain circumstances; requiring the Unit to submit a certain report to a certain State's Attorney and publicize the report at a certain time; authorizing the Attorney General to adopt certain regulations; requiring the Office of the Attorney General to conduct a certain study, make certain recommendations, and report its findings and recommendations to a certain committee of the General Assembly on or before a certain date; defining certain terms; and generally relating to the establishment of an Independent Law Enforcement Prosecution Unit in the Office of the Attorney General.

BY adding to

Article – Public Safety

Section 3–523

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – State Government

Section 6–601 through 6–606 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 6. Independent Law Enforcement Prosecution Unit”
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 1036 – Delegate Atterbeary

AN ACT concerning

Child Custody – Cases Involving Child Abuse or Domestic Violence – Training for Judges and Child’s Counsel

FOR the purpose of requiring the Maryland Judiciary, in consultation with certain organizations, to develop a training program for judges presiding over child custody cases involving child abuse or domestic violence and to review and update the training program at certain intervals; requiring the training program to include certain information; requiring the Maryland Judiciary to make information on a certain training program available on request; requiring the Maryland Judiciary to adopt procedures to identify child custody cases that may involve child abuse or domestic violence as soon as possible for a certain purpose; requiring the Maryland Judiciary to order a certain danger and lethality assessment to be conducted if the court has reasonable grounds to believe that a child custody or visitation case may involve child abuse or domestic violence; requiring a judge to receive certain training or continued training before the judge is authorized to preside over a child custody case involving child abuse or domestic violence; requiring an individual to receive certain training or retraining before the individual is authorized to serve as a child’s counsel in a child custody case involving child abuse or domestic violence; defining a certain term; providing for a delayed effective date for certain provisions of this Act; and generally relating to the training of judges and child’s counsel for child custody cases involving child abuse or domestic violence.

BY adding to

Article – Family Law
Section 9–101.3, 9–101.4, and 9–109
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 1037 – Delegate M. Fisher

AN ACT concerning

Election Law – Websites – Reporting of Political Censorship

FOR the purpose of requiring certain websites that practice political censorship to file a certain report with the State Board of Elections within a certain period of time after first practicing political censorship on or after a certain date; requiring certain websites that practice political censorship to file certain additional reports with the State Board at certain times under certain circumstances; providing that political censorship is considered to be a contribution to each candidate, political party, or question that benefits from the political censorship for purposes of this Act; providing that political censorship may not be considered to be a contribution to each candidate, political party, or question that benefits from the political censorship for purposes of certain provisions of law; requiring certain reports to include certain information; authorizing the State Board to assess a civil penalty not exceeding a certain amount on certain websites that fail to file certain reports; providing for certain matters concerning the civil penalty; authorizing the State Board to adopt regulations to implement this Act; defining certain terms; and generally relating to reporting of political censorship by websites.

BY adding to

Article – Election Law

Section 13–405.3

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2017 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 1038 – Delegate Palakovich Carr

AN ACT concerning

State Board of Elections – Membership, Contract Management, Ballot Drop Boxes, and Voting System Financing

FOR the purpose of altering the membership of the State Board of Elections; requiring certain members of the State Board to have expertise or experience in certain areas; providing for a nonvoting, ex officio member of the State Board; altering the duties of the State Board to include reviewing and voting on certain contracts and ensuring the cost effectiveness of the use of certain funds; requiring the State Administrator of Elections to report each proposed contract, contract renewal, and change order to the State Board; providing for the content of a certain report; authorizing the State Administrator to finalize a contract, contract renewal, or change order only under certain circumstances; requiring that a certain report of the State Board to the Board of Public Works include certain information and prohibiting the report from itemizing funding in a certain manner; requiring the State to pay the costs of certain items relating to the uniform statewide voting system; requiring the counties to reimburse the State Board for a certain amount of the State's costs of certain items relating to the uniform statewide voting system; providing for the calculation of a county's share of a certain cost; providing for the construction of certain provisions of this Act; requiring a certain team to collect absentee ballots collected in a ballot

drop box; prohibiting certain persons from collecting absentee ballots in a certain container; repealing certain provisions of law exempting certain counties from paying certain costs for the uniform statewide voting system under certain circumstances; repealing a certain provision of law that distributes certain federal funds received for certain improvements in voting systems and equipment; repealing a certain provision of law rendered obsolete by a certain provision of this Act; providing for the termination of the terms and the appointment of members of the State Board; declaring the intent of the General Assembly that members of the State Board be appointed in a certain priority order if a vacancy on the State Board occurs; defining a certain term; making conforming changes; and generally relating to the administration of elections and the State Board of Elections.

BY renumbering

Article – Election Law
Section 9–311 and 9–312, respectively
to be Section 9–312 and 9–313, respectively
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2017 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Election Law
Section 2–101 and 2–102
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2017 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – Election Law
Section 2–103.1, 2–110, 2–111, and 9–311
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2017 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing

Chapter 564 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2001
Section 4, 5, and 6

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 1039 – Delegate Kelly

AN ACT concerning

Health Occupations – State Board of Massage Therapy Examiners – Revisions

FOR the purpose of altering a certain requirement for certain State Board of Massage Therapy Examiners members who are licensed massage therapists; altering the education requirements for applicants to qualify for a certain license or registration by requiring that certain curriculums and programs be endorsed by a certain entity

or a certain equivalent entity; altering the number of sets of certain fingerprints that certain applicants are required to submit to the Criminal Justice Information System Central Repository of the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services; requiring the Central Repository to provide the Board with a certain revised statement under certain circumstances; requiring the Board to consider certain information when making certain determinations about certain applicants; requiring the Board to place certain licensed massage therapists and registered massage practitioners on inactive status under certain circumstances; authorizing certain licensed massage therapists and registered massage practitioners to reactivate the license or registration under certain circumstances; altering a certain ground for discipline; repealing a certain provision of law that provides that certain provisions of law do not require certain persons to reimburse a licensed massage therapist or registered massage practitioner for certain services rendered; altering a certain definition; making technical changes; and generally relating to the regulation of massage therapists and massage practitioners.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Health Occupations

Section 6–101, 6–202(b)(1)(iii), 6–302, 6–303, and 6–308(a)(16)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – Health Occupations

Section 6–306.2

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing

Article – Health Occupations

Section 6–403

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 1040 – Delegate Kelly

EMERGENCY BILL

AN ACT concerning

Health Occupations – Pharmacists – Administration of Vaccinations

FOR the purpose of authorizing a pharmacist to administer certain vaccinations to an individual in a certain age group; altering the age of an individual to whom a pharmacist may administer certain vaccinations; requiring a pharmacist to

administer certain vaccinations under a written protocol; repealing the requirement that individuals in a certain age group have a certain prescription in order for a pharmacist to be allowed to administer a certain vaccination to the individual; authorizing a pharmacist to administer certain vaccinations to an adult; repealing the requirement that a certain written protocol be vaccine-specific; making this Act an emergency measure; making a conforming change; and generally relating to the administration of vaccinations by pharmacists.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Health Occupations
Section 12–508
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 1041 – Delegate Kelly

AN ACT concerning

Health Occupations Boards – Uniform Reporting

FOR the purpose of requiring each health occupations board to request certain information from certain applicants and health care practitioners before issuing, renewing, or reinstating certain licenses, certificates, or registrations; requiring each health occupations board to post certain information on certain websites; requiring each health occupations board to provide an opportunity to certain applicants and health care practitioners to opt out of having certain information posted on certain websites; requiring health occupations boards to collaborate with the Maryland Department of Health and the Department of Information Technology to determine a certain method to collect and post certain information; requiring health occupations boards to collaborate with a unit of the Executive Branch of State government, at the request of the unit, during a state of emergency to provide certain information to the unit in a certain manner and make a certain determination; defining certain terms; and generally relating to health occupations boards and record keeping.

BY adding to
Article – Health Occupations
Section 1–225
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 1042 – Delegate Rosenberg

AN ACT concerning

Baltimore City – Property Tax Credit – Newly Constructed and Substantially Rehabilitated Dwellings

FOR the purpose of authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City to grant, by law, a property tax credit against the county property tax imposed on certain newly constructed or substantially rehabilitated dwellings; requiring that the property tax credit be equal to certain amounts in certain taxable years; authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City to provide for certain matters relating to the property tax credit; defining certain terms; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to a property tax credit in Baltimore City for newly constructed and substantially rehabilitated dwellings.

BY adding to

Article – Tax – Property

Section 9–304(l)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 1043 – Delegate Rosenberg

AN ACT concerning

Local Health Services – Funding and Infrastructure

FOR the purpose of requiring, for certain fiscal years, the Governor to include a certain appropriation in the annual budget bill for local health services; requiring the Maryland Department of Health, in consultation with the State designated health information exchange, to develop a certain plan; requiring, on or before a certain date, the Department to submit a certain plan to the Governor and the General Assembly; and generally relating to local health services.

BY repealing

Article – Health – General

Section 2–302

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – Health – General

Section 2–302

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

House Bill 1044 – Washington County Delegation

AN ACT concerning

Washington County – Business Licenses – Zoning Certification Requirement

FOR the purpose of prohibiting the clerk of the Circuit Court for Washington County from issuing a certain business license under certain circumstances unless the applicant submits a certain zoning certification; prohibiting the clerk of the Circuit Court for Washington County from endorsing a change in a place of business in Washington County until certain zoning requirements are met; and generally relating to business licenses in Washington County.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Business Regulation
Section 17–302 and 17–307
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 1045 – Delegate Wivell

AN ACT concerning

Labor and Employment – Elective Medical Procedures – Employee Protections

FOR the purpose of prohibiting an employer from requiring an employee to undergo a certain medical procedure except under certain circumstances; prohibiting an employer from taking a certain action against an employee; and generally relating to employment and medical procedures.

BY adding to
Article – Labor and Employment
Section 3–718
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 1046 – Delegate Rosenberg

AN ACT concerning

Vehicle Laws – Policies and Prohibition Against Discriminatory Traffic Stops

FOR the purpose of requiring the Maryland Police Training and Standards Commission in consultation with the Maryland Statistical Analysis Center to expand a certain model policy against race-based traffic stops to include certain other traffic stops; requiring a law enforcement officer making a traffic stop to report certain information to the law enforcement agency that employs the officer; requiring a law enforcement agency to adopt a policy against traffic stops based solely on an individual's national origin, religion, gender, gender identity, or sexual orientation; and generally relating to law enforcement policies promoting nondiscriminatory law enforcement.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Transportation
Section 25–113
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 1047 – Delegate Wilkins

AN ACT concerning

Mail-In Voting Enhancement Act

FOR the purpose of requiring that certain guidelines for absentee voting provide for voter access to information concerning the status of the voter's absentee ballot; requiring the State Board of Elections to ensure that ballot drop boxes are available during a certain period before each election; requiring the State Board to make at least a certain number of ballot drop boxes available for certain elections; requiring the State Board to establish a certain formula for the purpose of allocating ballot drop boxes among the counties; requiring each local board of elections to reimburse the State Board for a certain percentage of the cost of the ballot drop boxes located in the county; requiring the State Board to ensure that ballot drop boxes are compliant with a certain federal law and generally consistent in design, size, and security features; requiring each local board, subject to the approval of the State Board, to determine the location of each ballot drop box; requiring a local board to ensure certain accessibility when determining the location of ballot drop boxes; requiring a local board to make certain efforts to ensure the security of ballot drop boxes; requiring that a local board have certain access to certain security cameras; requiring a local board to remove the ballots from each ballot drop box at least once each day that the ballot drop box is open; requiring a local board to establish a certain electioneering boundary around a ballot drop box; requiring a local board to consider certain factors when determining the location of an electioneering boundary around a ballot drop box; requiring a local board to post certain signs to notify the public of the location of an electioneering boundary around a ballot drop box; prohibiting a person from engaging in certain electioneering activities beyond an electioneering boundary

around a ballot drop box; requiring that electioneering be allowed on public property up to the electioneering boundary around a ballot drop box; prohibiting a ballot drop box from being located on private property unless the property owner agrees to allow electioneering on the property up to the electioneering boundary around a ballot drop box; requiring that campaign signs be allowed on public or private property where a ballot drop box is located during a certain time period; defining a certain term; requiring the State Board to allow a voter to access certain information concerning the voter's absentee ballot; authorizing a voter to access the information concerning the voter's absentee ballot in a certain manner; authorizing a voter to request to receive a postcard, an e-mail message, or a text message concerning the voter's absentee ballot on the voter's absentee ballot application; requiring the State Board to provide updated information concerning a voter's absentee ballot in a timely manner; requiring the State Board to ensure the security, confidentiality, and integrity of certain information; altering the circumstances under which a local board is required to reject an absentee ballot; requiring the State Board to adopt regulations requiring a local board to notify a voter of a certain problem with the voter's absentee ballot and provide the voter an opportunity to correct the problem and have the ballot counted; requiring that the regulations allow a voter to supply a signature if the voter failed to sign a certain oath and to choose among multiple methods of communicating with the local board to correct a problem with the voter's absentee ballot; and generally relating to absentee voting.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Election Law
Section 9–303 and 11–302
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2017 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Election Law
Section 9–310.1 and 9–311.1
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2017 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 1048 – Delegate Wilkins

AN ACT concerning

Election Law – Permanent Absentee Ballot List

FOR the purpose of requiring that certain guidelines for absentee voting established by the State Board of Elections provide for a permanent absentee ballot list; providing that all voters are eligible for permanent absentee ballot status; requiring a voter to complete and submit certain information to apply for permanent absentee ballot status; prohibiting a voter who has applied for permanent absentee ballot status

from receiving an absentee ballot for the next election if the application is made after a certain deadline; requiring a voter to specify in the permanent absentee ballot application one of certain methods by which the voter chooses to receive an absentee ballot and one of certain methods by which the voter chooses to be notified by the State Board under a certain provision of this Act before each election; requiring a voter who uses the online permanent absentee ballot application or uses any method to request to receive a blank absentee ballot through the Internet to provide certain information; requiring that a voter who submits a proper application for permanent absentee ballot status be placed on the permanent absentee ballot list; requiring the State Board to send a certain written communication to each voter on the permanent absentee ballot list in a certain manner at a certain time; requiring that a certain written communication include certain information; requiring the State Board to send a certain written communication using a different method from the method chosen by the voter under certain circumstances; requiring a local board of elections to send an absentee ballot to each voter on the permanent absentee ballot list each time there is an election; requiring that a voter who has permanent absentee ballot status be removed from the permanent absentee ballot list under certain circumstances; requiring a voter to notify the State Board if certain changes occur while the voter has permanent absentee ballot status; requiring a local board to enclose a certain notification with a certain confirmation notice sent to a voter who has permanent absentee ballot status and gives notice of a change of address; and generally relating to a permanent absentee ballot list.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Election Law
Section 9–303
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2017 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Election Law
Section 9–311.1
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2017 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 1049 – Delegate Wilkins

AN ACT concerning

Police Qualified Immunity and Accountability Act

FOR the purpose of establishing, notwithstanding any other provision of law, that a law enforcement officer is not immune from civil or criminal liability for acts or omissions causing certain physical or mental injury that occur while the law enforcement officer is acting in an official capacity; prohibiting a person from bringing an action

under this Act under certain circumstances; specifying that certain immunity does not apply to a claim brought under this Act; specifying that qualified immunity is not a defense to liability under this Act; requiring the Maryland Police Training and Standards Commission to review certain cases and make certain determinations; providing for certain damages under this Act; requiring a court to award reasonable attorney's fees and court costs to a prevailing plaintiff in certain actions brought under this Act; providing that, notwithstanding any other provision of law, if a claim is brought against a law enforcement officer's employer or the local jurisdiction where the law enforcement officer is employed under this Act, certain provisions of law apply; authorizing a law enforcement officer's employer or the local jurisdiction where the law enforcement officer is employed to seek certain reimbursement from a law enforcement officer under certain circumstances; authorizing a law enforcement officer's employer to revoke a law enforcement officer's pension under certain circumstances; defining certain terms; providing for the prospective application of this Act; and generally relating to civil and criminal liability for law enforcement officers, law enforcement officers' employers, and local jurisdictions.

BY adding to

Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings

Section 5–1301 through 5–1304 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 13. Police
Qualified Immunity and Accountability Act”

Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 1050 – Delegate Rosenberg

AN ACT concerning

Tax Sales – Notices

FOR the purpose of requiring a tax collector to send a certain notice of a pending tax sale of property to certain persons with an interest in the property; requiring a tax collector to send a certain notice that a property was sold at tax sale to certain persons with an interest in the property; and generally relating to tax sales of property.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Tax – Property

Section 14–812(a) and 14–817.1

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 1051 – Delegate Buckel

AN ACT concerning

**Law Enforcement Officers' Bill of Rights – Identification Tags and Badges –
Name Requirement**

FOR the purpose of prohibiting a law enforcement officer from being required or requested to wear a personal identification tag or badge that indicates the law enforcement officer's first or last name under certain circumstances; and generally relating to identification tags or badges and law enforcement officers.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Public Safety
Section 3–103(c)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 1052 – Delegate Buckel

AN ACT concerning

**Income Tax – Subtraction Modification – Trade or Business Expenses Resulting
in Federal Loan Forgiveness**

FOR the purpose of allowing a subtraction modification under the Maryland income tax for certain expenses paid or incurred during certain taxable years if the payment of the expense results in forgiveness of a certain loan; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to a subtraction modification under the Maryland income tax for trade or business expenses.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Tax – General
Section 10–208(a) and 10–308(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Tax – General
Section 10–208(y)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Tax – General
Section 10–308(b)

Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 1053 – Delegate B. Barnes

AN ACT concerning

Operating Budget – Education Programs – Mandated Funding

FOR the purpose of requiring the Governor to include in the annual budget bill for a certain fiscal year an appropriation of at least a certain amount for certain education programs, plus a certain additional amount; and generally relating to mandated funding for education programs in the State budget.

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

House Bill 1054 – Delegate B. Barnes

AN ACT concerning

Education – Maryland School for the Blind – Pay Plan

FOR the purpose of requiring a certain pay plan for teachers and professional personnel at the Maryland School for the Blind; requiring the Secretary of Budget and Management to establish the pay plan that includes certain information after considering recommendations by the Board of Directors of the Maryland School for the Blind; requiring the Board to review certain salaries in determining pay plan recommendations; requiring the Board to submit certain recommendations to the Secretary on or before a certain date; requiring the Secretary to adjust the pay plan under certain circumstances; requiring the Board to review certain salaries and make certain recommendations to the Secretary; requiring the Secretary to review certain recommendations prior to a certain occurrence; requiring the Secretary to incorporate certain adjustments into the budget recommendations for the Governor's review and approval for inclusion in the annual budget request; and generally relating to the Maryland School for the Blind.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Education

Section 8–308

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

House Bill 1055 – Delegate B. Barnes

AN ACT concerning

Capital Budget – Legislative Initiatives – Alterations

FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of General Services to notify, within a certain period of time, the recipient of a grant authorized under certain enabling acts; requiring the Department, on receipt of a certain completed grant application, to promptly request a certain approval by the Board of Public Works or provide certain notice to the Comptroller; altering certain provisions of law that authorize the form of certain enabling acts; requiring the Comptroller, on notice by the Department, to expend money from the State and Local Facilities Loan Fund for certain purposes; providing that the Board of Public Works is not required, under certain circumstances, to approve a contract to spend the proceeds of a general obligation loan; repealing certain provisions of prior authorizations of State debt that require the recipients of certain grants to provide and expend a certain matching fund; defining a certain term; and generally relating to certain grants authorized in the capital budget.

BY adding to

Article – State Finance and Procurement
Section 4–211 and 8–117(d)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – State Finance and Procurement
Section 8–117(c), 8–125, and 8–301
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing

Article – State Finance and Procurement
Section 8–117(d)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Chapter 14 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2019
Section 1(3)

BY repealing

Chapter 14 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2019
Section 1(5)

BY adding to

Chapter 14 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2019

Section 1(5) and (10)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Chapter 537 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2020
Section 1(3)

BY repealing
Chapter 537 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2020
Section 1(5)

BY adding to
Chapter 537 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2020
Section 1(5) and (10)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

House Bill 1056 – Delegate Stein

AN ACT concerning

Nonpublic Schools – Adequate Health Services – Eligibility for Reimbursement

FOR the purpose of providing that a certain nonpublic school that provides adequate health services to certain students is eligible for certain reimbursement from a certain county government under certain circumstances; establishing qualifications for certain nonpublic schools to qualify for certain reimbursement; providing that a nonpublic school that does not meet certain qualifications is ineligible for certain reimbursement; prohibiting a nonpublic school student from being compelled to receive certain services, except under certain circumstances; providing for the construction of certain provisions of law; defining certain terms; and generally relating to reimbursement for adequate health services in nonpublic schools.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Education
Section 7–401
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Education
Section 7–401.1
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

House Bill 1057 – Delegate Buckel

AN ACT concerning

Sales and Use Tax – Rate Reduction

FOR the purpose of altering the maximum rate of the admissions and amusement tax that a county or municipal corporation may set for gross receipts that are also subject to the State sales and use tax; altering the rate of the sales and use tax; altering the percentage of gross receipts from vending or other self-service machine sales to which the sales and use tax rate is applied; altering the sales and use tax rate applied to certain charges made in connection with sales of alcoholic beverages and sales of dyed diesel fuel; altering the rate of sales and use tax applied to certain gratuities and service charges; specifying the sales and use tax rate for certain online sales; and generally relating to the sales and use tax rate.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Tax – General

Section 4–105(b), 11–104(a), (b), (g), (h)(2), and (i), and 11–301

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2016 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – Tax – General

Section 11–104(j)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2016 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 1058 – Delegate Stewart

AN ACT concerning

**Public Ethics – Disclosures, Training, and Use of Confidential Information
(Integrity in High Office Act)**

FOR the purpose of requiring the State Ethics Commission to provide a certain training course to a certain State official; requiring a certain official to send a copy of a certain disclosure of a certain conflict of interest to the presiding officers of the General Assembly and the Ethics Commission; requiring a certain official who takes a certain executive action and has a certain interest to provide certain information to the Ethics Commission and the Joint Committee on Legislative Ethics, except under certain circumstances; requiring the Ethics Commission to provide certain information regarding certain employment or financial interests of certain State officials to the Joint Ethics Committee; providing that the Ethics Commission is not required to provide certain documents to the Joint Ethics Committee under certain circumstances; prohibiting a former official or State employee from disclosing or

using certain confidential information for certain purposes; requiring a legislator to report certain information related to a certain contractual or financial relationship with a governmental or quasi-governmental entity, including those involving a certain business entity, to the Joint Ethics Committee; prohibiting the Ethics Commission and the Joint Ethics Committee from posting certain information on the Internet; requiring an individual required to disclose the name of a certain business to disclose certain information; requiring that a certain statement include a certain schedule of a certain financial or contractual relationship with a certain governmental or quasi-governmental entity; prohibiting a certain individual from being required to disclose the individual's employment as a public official on a financial disclosure statement; requiring a financial disclosure statement of certain State officials to include certain information; altering the types of interests attributable to a certain individual filing a financial disclosure statement; defining a certain term; and generally relating to disclosures, confidential information, and public ethics.

BY renumbering

Article – General Provisions
Section 5–607(j) and (k), respectively
to be Section 5–607(l) and (m), respectively
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – General Provisions
Section 5–101(a), (l), (t), and (ll), 5–502(a), (b), and (c), and 5–607(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – General Provisions
Section 5–101(gg–1), 5–502(f), and 5–607(a–1), (j), and (k)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – General Provisions
Section 5–205(d), 5–301, 5–303, 5–501, 5–507, 5–514(b), 5–606(a), and 5–608
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 1059 – Allegany County Delegation and Garrett County Delegation

AN ACT concerning

Allegany and Garrett Counties – Alcoholic Beverages – Gift Basket Permits

FOR the purpose of establishing, in Allegany and Garrett counties, gift basket permits; authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Allegany County to issue a gift basket permit to certain persons; authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Garrett County to issue a gift basket permit to certain persons; prohibiting each of the Boards from issuing the permit for certain uses; providing that the permit authorizes a permit holder to sell and deliver gift baskets containing beer, wine, or liquor to certain individuals under certain circumstances; requiring a permit holder to maintain certain records and submit certain reports; requiring a permit holder or certain employee to deliver a certain gift basket and require the person receiving a delivery of a certain gift basket to display proof of a certain age; requiring an individual who delivers a certain gift basket to be at least a certain age; limiting the total annual sales from alcoholic beverages to a certain percentage of the annual gross sales of the permit holder; requiring the alcoholic beverages contained in a gift basket to be purchased from a retail license holder; requiring each of the Boards to adopt certain regulations; establishing fees in each county for the permit; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages in Allegany and Garrett counties.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Alcoholic Beverages
Section 9–102 and 21–102
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – Alcoholic Beverages
Section 9–1001.2 and 21–1001.2
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 1060 – Delegate Patterson

AN ACT concerning

Charles County – Board of Education – Membership Alterations

FOR the purpose of altering the manner of election for certain members of the Charles County Board of Education by specifying that certain members be elected from certain school board districts; requiring the Board of Charles County Commissioners to establish a certain number of school board districts in a certain manner; providing for the ballot requirements for a certain election; requiring the State Board of Elections declare the election of certain candidates; providing for the qualifications of the elected members of the county board; altering the day the term of an elected member begins; establishing staggered terms for the elected members of the county

board beginning with a certain election; prohibiting elected members from serving more than a certain number of consecutive terms; requiring the County Commissioners to fill a certain vacancy under certain circumstances; establishing a residency requirement for an individual appointed to fill a certain vacancy; requiring the County Commissioners to interview an applicant for a certain vacancy on the county board in a certain manner; requiring the County Commissioners to publish a certain list of applicants in a certain manner at least a certain amount of time before interviews are scheduled to occur; requiring a student member of the county board, and an alternate, to be selected by a certain entity; providing that a student member of the county board is a voting member; requiring a certain member of the county board to serve as chair; repealing the requirement that the county board elect a chair in a certain manner; providing for the initial terms of the elected members of the county board; making conforming changes; defining a certain term; and generally relating to the membership of the Charles County Board of Education.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Education
Section 3–501 and 3–502
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 1061 – Charles County Delegation

AN ACT concerning

Southern Maryland – Multifamily Dwelling Registration – Fees and Fines

FOR the purpose of authorizing the code home rule counties of the Southern Maryland class to require a certain property owner to register certain property with the county in order to offer the property for lease; authorizing the code home rule counties of the Southern Maryland class to charge a fee on a certain property owner for registering certain property with the county and to impose a fine on a property owner who leases a dwelling that is not registered with the county; authorizing the code home rule counties of the Southern Maryland class to adopt certain regulations; and generally relating to multifamily dwellings in Southern Maryland.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Public Safety
Section 12–203
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 1062 – Delegate D. Jones

AN ACT concerning

**Education – Student Data Privacy – Reports and Student Data Privacy Council
Sunset Extension**

FOR the purpose of requiring each county board of education to provide a certain list of digital tools to the State Department of Education on or before a certain date each year; requiring the Department to publish certain information on digital tools provided by each county board on or before a certain date each year; requiring the Student Data Privacy Council to submit a certain report to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before a certain date; extending the termination date for the Council; altering certain definitions; and generally relating to student data privacy in the State.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Education
Section 4–131(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Education
Section 4–131(p)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Chapter 398 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2019
Section 1(h) and 2

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 1063 – Delegate Reznik

AN ACT concerning

**Insurance – Medicare Supplement Policy Plans – Open Enrollment Period
Following Birthday**

FOR the purpose of requiring a carrier to make available to an individual enrolled in a Medicare supplement policy plan different Medicare supplement policy plans with certain benefits during a certain time period following the individual's birthday; providing that a certain Medicare supplement policy plan shall be deemed to have benefits that are equal to or less than certain coverage under certain circumstances; prohibiting a carrier, for a plan required to be made available under a certain provision of this Act, from denying or conditioning the effectiveness of the plan, or

discriminating in the pricing of the plan, based on certain factors and from denying, reducing, or conditioning coverage to the individual based on certain factors; requiring a certain carrier to provide certain notice to an insured within a certain time period; and generally relating to Medicare supplement policy plans.

BY adding to

Article – Insurance

Section 15–909(b)(6)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2017 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 1064 – Delegate Reznik

AN ACT concerning

Commercial Law – Maryland Net Neutrality Act of 2021

FOR the purpose of prohibiting fixed Internet service providers and mobile broadband Internet access service providers, in the course of providing certain services and subject to a certain limitation, from blocking certain content, applications, services, or devices, or impairing or degrading certain Internet traffic on a certain basis; prohibiting fixed Internet service providers and mobile broadband Internet access service providers, in the course of providing certain services, from requiring certain consideration from an edge provider; prohibiting fixed Internet service providers and mobile broadband Internet access service providers, in the course of providing certain services, from managing the Internet service provider’s network to directly or indirectly favor certain Internet traffic over other Internet traffic under certain circumstances; prohibiting fixed Internet service providers and mobile broadband Internet access service providers, in the course of providing certain services, from engaging in zero–rating in exchange for consideration from a third party, zero–rating only certain Internet traffic, failing to publicly disclose certain information, or engaging in certain practices that have a certain purpose; prohibiting fixed Internet service providers and mobile Internet service providers, in the course of providing certain services and subject to a certain limitation, from unreasonably interfering with or disadvantaging an end user’s ability to select, access, and use certain services, content, applications, or devices or an edge provider’s ability to make certain content, applications, services, or devices available to end users; providing that it is not a violation of certain provisions of this Act to zero–rate Internet traffic in a certain manner under certain circumstances; prohibiting fixed Internet service providers and mobile Internet service providers from offering or providing certain services under certain circumstances; prohibiting fixed Internet service providers and mobile Internet providers from engaging in certain practices related to certain traffic exchange; authorizing the State, political subdivisions, and units, agencies, or instrumentalities of the State or a political subdivision and certain other persons to use State funds to purchase broadband Internet access service only from a provider

in compliance with certain provisions of this Act; requiring the State, political subdivisions, and certain other persons to certify to a certain division of the Public Service Commission that the State funds used to procure certain services were used only to procure certain services offered by a certain provider in compliance with certain provisions of this Act; providing for the application of this Act; providing that a certain waiver is unenforceable and void; defining certain terms; stating the intent of the General Assembly; making the provisions of this Act severable; and generally relating to net neutrality.

BY adding to

Article – Commercial Law

Section 14–4301 through 14–4305 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 43. Maryland Net Neutrality Act”

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2013 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – General Provisions

Section 1–101 and 1–114

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – State Finance and Procurement

Section 2–901 and 2–902 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 9. Restrictions on the Use of State Funds”

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 1065 – Delegate Holmes

AN ACT concerning

Bond Authority – Maryland State Ceiling and Housing Bond Allocations

FOR the purpose of authorizing a certain issuer receiving a certain housing bond allocation to transfer all or any portion of the housing bond allocation to another issuer for the issuance of housing bonds; requiring that the unused balance of the initial housing bond allocation to a housing authority and certain other allocations be reallocated in a certain manner; altering the reallocation of certain bond allocations; requiring each housing authority in the State, in consultation with the housing authority’s bond counsel, to develop a certain policy and to provide for the content of the policy; requiring a housing authority to retain a certain housing bond allocation under certain circumstances; requiring the Secretary of Commerce to create an electronic database relating to the Maryland State ceiling; providing for the contents of the

electronic database; requiring the Secretary, in consultation with local issuers, to develop a certain web-based application for the database; defining a certain term; making conforming and stylistic changes; and generally relating to the Maryland State ceiling and housing bond allocations.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Financial Institutions
Section 13–801, 13–803, and 13–805
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Financial Institutions
Section 13–808
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

House Bill 1066 – Delegate Feldmark

AN ACT concerning

Local Public Campaign Financing – Expansion to Additional Offices

FOR the purpose of authorizing the governing body of a county to establish a system of public campaign financing for certain offices after the governing body of the county has implemented a system of public campaign financing for elective offices in the executive or legislative branches of county government for at least one complete election cycle; making a conforming change; making a technical correction; and generally relating to the expansion of local public campaign financing.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Election Law
Section 13–505
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2017 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 1067 – Delegate Feldmark

AN ACT concerning

Community College Tuition and Residency Waivers – Funding

FOR the purpose of requiring the Governor, beginning in a certain fiscal year, to include in the annual State budget for the Maryland Higher Education Commission a General Fund appropriation of a certain amount to fund certain community college tuition and residency waivers; requiring the Commission to distribute the appropriation to each community college board of trustees based on the number of qualifying students enrolled in each community college in proportion to the total number of qualifying students, as determined by the Commission; requiring the Commission to adopt certain regulations or guidelines; defining a certain term; and generally relating to community college funding for State–mandated tuition and residency waivers.

BY adding to

Article – Education

Section 16–322

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

House Bill 1068 – Delegate Feldmark

AN ACT concerning

Election Law – Absentee Ballot Canvassing – Multiple Ballots Cast by an Individual

FOR the purpose of requiring a local board of elections to count an absentee ballot and reject a provisional ballot if the local board receives a legally sufficient absentee ballot and a provisional ballot from the same individual; and generally relating to canvassing multiple ballots cast by an individual in the same election.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Election Law

Section 11–302

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2017 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 1069 – Delegate Stewart

AN ACT concerning

Water Supply – Private Well Safety Program

FOR the purpose of establishing the Private Well Safety Program in the Department of the Environment; establishing the Private Well Safety Fund as a special, nonlapsing fund; specifying the purpose of the Program and the Fund; requiring the Secretary

of the Environment 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; establishing certain qualifications for certain counties to receive a certain grant under the Fund; requiring certain counties that are grant recipients to report certain information to the Department of the Environment; requiring the Department of the Environment, in consultation with the Maryland Department of Health, to establish a certain well surveillance program and to provide certain notices; requiring the Department of the Environment to utilize a certain portal to receive records of certificates of potability and results of certain water quality testing; requiring a county and a certain State-certified laboratory to upload certain information to a certain portal in a certain manner; requiring an owner of residential rental property that is served by a private water supply well to provide water quality testing in a certain manner and to disclose to a tenant certain results; requiring a vendor of residential real property that is served by a private water supply well to deliver to each purchaser, on or before a certain time, the results of a certain water quality test; establishing a certain special transfer tax payable for certain instruments of writing; requiring certain instruments of writing to be accompanied by a certain statement; requiring the State Department of Assessments and Taxation to deduct and credit a certain special transfer tax to the Fund; requiring the Department of the Environment to report to the General Assembly on or before a certain date; requiring the Department of the Environment and counties to engage in certain outreach for certain purposes in a certain manner; authorizing the Department of the Environment to adopt certain regulations; defining certain terms; and generally relating to water supply and private well safety.

BY adding to

Article – Environment

Section 9–4A–01 through 9–4A–16 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 4A. Private Well Safety Program”

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – Real Property

Section 10–711

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Tax – Property

Section 13–201, 13–202, 13–203(a), and 13–209(a)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – Tax – Property

Section 13–204.1
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 1070 – Delegate Boyce

AN ACT concerning

Baltimore City – Landlord and Tenant – Repossession for Failure to Pay Rent

FOR the purpose of repealing and adding certain provisions in the Public Local Laws of Baltimore City concerning landlord and tenant law and the repossession of premises; establishing certain procedures for repossession by a landlord when a tenant fails to pay rent when due; specifying the contents of a certain notice of default and a complaint for summary ejection; requiring a sheriff to serve a certain summons in a certain manner; making stylistic changes; and generally relating to landlord and tenant law in Baltimore City.

BY repealing

The Public Local Laws of Baltimore City
Section 9–2 and 9–3
Article 4 – Public Local Laws of Maryland
(1979 Edition and 1997 Supplement and 2000 Supplement)

BY adding to

The Public Local Laws of Baltimore City
Section 9–2 and 9–3
Article 4 – Public Local Laws of Maryland
(1979 Edition and 1997 Supplement and 2000 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 1071 – Delegate Hill

AN ACT concerning

Health – Health and Wellness Standards – Correctional Facilities and Health Care Facilities

FOR the purpose of requiring the Secretary of Public Safety and Correctional Facilities, with the advice of the Secretary of Health, to update certain minimum mandatory standards for inmate food services to reflect certain practices and guidelines, on or before a certain date and with certain frequency thereafter; requiring that certain minimum standards include a procedure for an inmate to elect to change to certain food and beverage options without requiring a certain exception and require an

inmate to provide adequate notice of any dietary requirements; establishing that a certain election and a certain notice remain valid for a certain period of time and shall be renewed automatically except under certain circumstances; requiring that certain rules and regulations adopted by the Secretary of Health that set standards for dietary matters for certain facilities include requiring that the facility's menus and alternative food locations comply with certain standards on or before a certain date; requiring the Secretary of Health to adopt certain health and wellness standards for certain health care facilities; providing that certain standards may exceed any comparable standards set by federal law; establishing the Correctional Facilities Health and Wellness Pilot Program; requiring the Secretary of Public Safety and Correctional Services to designate a certain number of State correctional facilities to participate in the Pilot Program; establishing the purpose of the Pilot Program; requiring each facility participating in the Pilot Program to comply with certain health and wellness standards, offer certain options for general consumption in a certain manner, provide certain information and resources to certain health care providers, provide certain information to inmates, and establish certain guidelines; requiring the Secretary of Health to adopt certain health and wellness standards for the correctional facilities participating in the Pilot Program; requiring the Secretary of Public Safety and Correctional Services to report to the Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities and the General Assembly on or before a certain date; providing for the application of certain provisions of this Act; providing for the termination of certain provisions of this Act; defining certain terms; stating the intent of the General Assembly; and generally relating to health and wellness standards in correctional facilities and health care facilities.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Correctional Services
Section 8–103
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2017 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Health – General
Section 19–308(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Health – General
Section 21–1301 and 21–1302 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 13. Health and Wellness Standards”
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations and the Committee on Judiciary.

CONSENT CALENDAR OF INTRODUCTORY HOUSE BILLS NO. 26**House Bill 1072 – Charles County Delegation**

AN ACT concerning

**Charles County – Community Service and Pretrial Release Programs –
Authorization**

FOR the purpose of authorizing the Charles County Board of County Commissioners to establish and provide for the administration of a certain community service program in Charles County; authorizing the Board to enact certain local laws and ordinances; providing that a court may order a person to participate in the community service program under certain circumstances; providing for a certain fee to be charged; providing for the waiver by a court of a certain fee; requiring staff for the community service program to report certain information to a court; authorizing the Board to establish and provide for the administration of a pretrial release program in Charles County; providing for a court to order a person to participate in the pretrial release program under certain circumstances; establishing certain requirements for the program; requiring staff for the pretrial release program to take certain actions with respect to the program; authorizing the Board and the Charles County Sheriff to enter into a certain agreement; requiring the Sheriff to notify staff for the pretrial release program of certain information; providing that a certain person who violates a certain condition is subject to removal from the pretrial release program; and generally relating to the establishment of community service and pretrial release programs in Charles County.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Correctional Services
Section 11–710
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2017 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 1073 – Delegate Bridges

AN ACT concerning

**Housing and Community Development – Neighborhood Revitalization – Passive
House Pilot Program**

FOR the purpose of establishing the Passive House Pilot Program in the Department of Housing and Community Development; establishing the purposes of the Program; requiring the Department to solicit proposals from nonprofit organizations that feature certain elements; requiring the Department to give priority to proposals for

which a nonprofit organization partners with certain educational institutions; establishing the Passive House Pilot Program Fund as a special, nonlapsing fund; specifying the purpose of the Fund; requiring the Secretary of Housing and Community Development or the Secretary's designee 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; providing for the investment of money in and expenditures from the Fund; requiring interest earnings of the Fund to be credited to the Fund; providing that certain appropriations and expenditures are subject to audit by the Office of Legislative Audits; exempting the Fund from a certain provision of law requiring interest earnings on State money to accrue to the General Fund of the State; requiring the Department to adopt certain regulations; defining certain terms; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to the Passive House Pilot Program.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Housing and Community Development
Section 1–101(a), (d), and (j)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Housing and Community Development
Section 6–801 through 6–805 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 8. Passive House
Pilot Program”
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – State Finance and Procurement
Section 6–226(a)(2)(i)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – State Finance and Procurement
Section 6–226(a)(2)(ii)122. and 123.
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – State Finance and Procurement
Section 6–226(a)(2)(ii)124.
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 1074 – Delegate R. Watson

AN ACT concerning

**Vehicle Laws – Commercial Motor Carriers – Safety, Inspection, Performance,
and Insurance Information
(James Cohran’s Law)**

FOR the purpose of requiring certain employers of commercial motor vehicle drivers to provide certain information to a prospective employee driver on a bona fide offer of employment; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to requirements for commercial motor carriers.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Transportation
Section 16–803(a) and (e)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Transportation
Section 16–806
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 1075 – Delegate Rosenberg

AN ACT concerning

State Fire Marshal – Investigations – Reporting Requirement

FOR the purpose of requiring the State Fire Marshal to report to the Public Service Commission with an update of a certain investigation within a certain number of days after a fire or explosion or attempt to cause a fire or explosion; requiring the State Fire Marshal to provide the Commission with subsequent updates on the investigation within a certain number of days after the previous update until the investigation is concluded; requiring an update to include the status of the investigation and the expected date on which the investigation will conclude; and generally relating to investigations of a fire or explosion or attempt to cause a fire or explosion.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Public Safety
Section 6–309
Annotated Code of Maryland

(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 1076 – Delegate Saab

AN ACT concerning

**Public Assistance Programs – Data Sharing and Review
(Welfare Program Integrity Act of 2021)**

FOR the purpose of requiring the Inspector General in the Maryland Department of Health to review certain information on a certain basis; requiring the Maryland Department of Health to enter into data-sharing agreements with the Division of Vital Records and the Maryland Department of Labor for a certain purpose; requiring the Family Investment Administration to enter into data-sharing agreements with the Maryland Lottery and Gaming Control Agency, the Maryland Department of Health, Division of Vital Records, and the Maryland Department of Labor for certain purposes; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to public assistance programs, data sharing, and Inspector General review.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Health – General
Section 2–503
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Health – General
Section 15–104.1
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Human Services
Section 5–205
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

House Bill 1077 – Delegate Saab

AN ACT concerning

**Health – Licensing of Food Establishments – Exemption for Open–Air Food
Markets**

FOR the purpose of providing that a food establishment license is not required for a person who operates an open-air food market at the person's place of business and obtains an exemption from the licensure requirement from the Maryland Department of Health; and generally relating to the exemption of open-air food markets from food establishment licensing requirements.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Health – General
Section 21–305(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Health – General
Section 21–305(b)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 1078 – Delegate Terrasa

AN ACT concerning

Attorney General – Climate Change Actions – Authorization

FOR the purpose of authorizing the Attorney General to take certain actions to hold certain entities accountable for certain conduct that has contributed to climate change; authorizing the Attorney General to hire outside counsel on a certain basis to assist with certain actions if the Attorney General makes a certain determination; stating the intent of the General Assembly; and generally relating to the authority of the Attorney General.

BY adding to
Article – Environment
Section 1–305
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2013 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 1079 – Delegate Attar

AN ACT concerning

Admissions and Amusement Tax – Exemption – Activities That Promote Health

and Physical Well-Being

FOR the purpose of altering the definition of “admissions and amusement charge” for purposes of the admissions and amusement tax to exclude a charge for use of a recreational or sports facility or use or rental of recreational or sports equipment; prohibiting a county or municipal corporation from imposing the admissions and amusement tax on gross receipts derived from any charge for participating in an activity that promotes health or physical well-being or for admission to an establishment that offers activities that promote health or physical well-being; and generally relating to an exemption from the admissions and amusement tax for activities that promote health and physical well-being.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Tax – General
Section 4–101(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Tax – General
Section 4–101(b) and 4–103(b)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 1080 – Delegate Moon

AN ACT concerning

Criminal Law – Animal Cruelty – Petition for Costs for Care of Seized Animal

FOR the purpose of authorizing, if an animal is seized under a certain provision of law, certain individuals to file a petition against a certain owner or custodian for certain costs; requiring that a certain petition be filed by a certain date; providing for service of the petition; requiring the court to set and hold a certain hearing; requiring a certain petitioner to present certain evidence at the hearing; authorizing a certain person to object to the petition; requiring the court to issue a certain order within a certain period; providing that a certain order include certain fees and costs; providing for the payment of certain costs; providing for forfeiture of a certain animal under certain circumstances; authorizing the euthanasia of a certain animal under certain circumstances; authorizing the court to adjust a certain order; establishing that a certain payment does not prevent the provision of certain care for or transfer of a seized animal; providing that certain costs may not be reimbursed under certain circumstances; providing for the termination of a certain order; establishing immunity from certain liability under certain circumstances; defining a certain term; and generally relating to animal cruelty.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Criminal Law
Section 10–615
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Criminal Law
Section 10–615.1
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 1081 – Charles County Delegation

AN ACT concerning

Southern Maryland – Human Relations Commission

FOR the purpose of authorizing the county commissioners of a code home rule county of the Southern Maryland class to establish a Human Relations Commission for the county and specifying the purpose of the Commission; making certain provisions of law governing a certain county human relations commission applicable to a Human Relations Commission established under this Act; defining a certain term; altering a certain definition; making conforming changes; and generally relating to a Human Relations Commission in a code home rule county of the Southern Maryland class.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Local Government
Section 29–101 through 29–109 to be under the amended title “Title 29. County Human Relations Commissions”
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2013 Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Local Government
Section 29–101.1
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2013 Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 1082 – Delegate Lopez

AN ACT concerning

Vehicle Laws – Enforcement and Use of Real-Time Digital Spotters

FOR the purpose of authorizing the use of a real-time digital spotter by law enforcement agencies to detect and enforce certain violations of the Maryland Vehicle Law; prohibiting the use of a real-time digital spotter in a local jurisdiction unless authorized by the governing body by local law adopted after reasonable notice and a public hearing; requiring a county, before using a real-time digital spotter at certain locations, to obtain certain approval, provide certain notice, and offer a certain right of first refusal; requiring a local jurisdiction that authorizes the use of real-time digital spotters to ensure that the placement and use of real-time digital spotters does not disproportionately impact certain communities; providing that an image captured by a real-time digital spotter is admissible as evidence of a violation; requiring a certain law enforcement agency to include traffic stops using real-time digital spotters as part of certain data compilation and reporting requirements; requiring a law enforcement agency to ensure that certain images captured by a real-time digital spotter are deleted or destroyed; requiring a law enforcement agency to develop and implement policies for the shielding of certain information captured by a real-time digital spotter; reducing certain fines for certain violations of the Maryland Vehicle Law; requiring the Department of State Police and the State Highway Administration jointly to adopt certain regulations; updating an obsolete reference; defining certain terms; altering a certain definition; and generally relating to enforcement of the Maryland Vehicle Law and the use of real-time digital spotters.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Transportation

Section 21–801(a), 21–1124.1(b) and (c), 21–1124.2(b) through (d), 21–1124.3, and 22–412.3(b) and (c)

Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Transportation

Section 21–1124.1(d), 21–1124.2(e), 22–412.3(k), and 25–113

Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume)

BY adding to

Article – Transportation

Section 21–1124.1(d) and 21–1133

Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation and the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 1083 – Delegate Rose

AN ACT concerning

County Health Officers – Procedures and Oversight

FOR the purpose of requiring each county board of health and the Baltimore City Health Department to establish certain requirements regarding the manner in which and circumstances under which the health officer for the county, or the health officer's staff, may perform an inspection of, issue a citation to, or issue an order to cease the operation of a business or place of employment in the county; providing that the requirements are subject to certain approval; requiring the governing body of each county to establish a certain oversight board that includes a certain member; establishing duties of the oversight board; requiring the governing body of each county to establish a certain appeal process; altering certain definitions; defining certain terms; and generally relating to procedures for and oversight of county health officers.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Health – General
Section 3–101
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Health – General
Section 3–311
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 1084 – Delegate Rose**EMERGENCY BILL**

AN ACT concerning

Catastrophic Health Emergencies – Immunity From Civil Liability

FOR the purpose of providing that a certain person is not civilly liable for certain acts or omissions relating to the person's failure to comply with guidance during a catastrophic health emergency except under certain circumstances; authorizing a certain party to appeal an interlocutory order entered by a circuit court in a civil case denying immunity asserted under this Act; defining certain terms; providing for the application of this Act; making this Act an emergency measure; and generally relating to civil immunity and catastrophic health emergencies.

BY adding to
Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings
Section 5–427
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings
Section 12–303
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Public Safety
Section 14–3A–01
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 1085 – Delegate Kaiser

AN ACT concerning

Election Law – Prohibition of Solicitation to Commit Election Crime

FOR the purpose of prohibiting a person from willfully and knowingly taking certain actions to attempt to cause another person to commit a felony or misdemeanor violation of election law; providing that a person who violates a certain provision of this Act is guilty of a felony and on conviction is subject to certain penalties; providing that a person who violates a certain provision of this Act is guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction is subject to certain penalties; providing that it is not a defense to a prosecution for a violation of this Act that the person allegedly solicited by the defendant could not be guilty of the crime solicited; and generally relating to prohibiting solicitation to commit an election crime.

BY adding to
Article – Election Law
Section 16–1005
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2017 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 1086 – Delegate Kaiser

AN ACT concerning

Maryland Tax Credit Evaluation Act – Alterations

FOR the purpose of requiring a unit of State government that administers certain tax credits to adopt certain regulations before issuing certain certificates; renaming the Tax Credit Evaluation Act to be the Tax Expenditure Evaluation Act; altering the purposes of the Act to include the legislative review of tax exemptions and preferences; requiring the Department of Legislative Services to conduct an evaluation of a State tax credit, exemption, or preference, or an aspect of a State tax credit, exemption, or preference, under certain circumstances; requiring the Department, beginning after a certain date, to conduct an evaluation of certain credits under certain circumstances; authorizing the Department to conduct an expedited review of a certain credit under certain circumstances; requiring the Department, in consultation with the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee and the House Committee on Ways and Means, to publish a certain schedule on the Department's website; repealing provisions of law establishing a certain evaluation committee; requiring certain instrumentalities of the State and local governments to promptly provide certain information to the Department and otherwise cooperate with the Department; requiring the Department, with respect to each evaluation, to submit a certain report to the General Assembly; defining a certain term; making conforming changes; and generally relating to income tax credits and the review and evaluation of tax credits, exemptions, and preferences.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Economic Development
Section 5–1407(b)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Tax – General
Section 1–206 and 1–306
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Tax – General
Section 1–301 through 1–303, 1–305, 1–306, and 1–311 to be under the amended
subtitle “Subtitle 3. Tax Expenditure Evaluation Act”
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing
Article – Tax – General
Section 1–304 and 1–307 through 1–310
Annotated Code of Maryland

(2016 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 1087 – Delegate Kaiser

EMERGENCY BILL

AN ACT concerning

Income Tax – Pass-Through Entities – State and Local Taxes

FOR the purpose of clarifying certain provisions of law concerning the State income tax imposed on certain pass-through entities; authorizing a pass-through entity to elect to pay that tax imposed with respect to certain shares of all members of the pass-through entity, rather than only resident members; allowing each member to claim a credit against the income tax for the member's proportionate share of the tax paid by the pass-through entity; requiring certain taxpayers to add the amount of the credit back to federal adjusted gross income to determine Maryland adjusted gross income; making conforming changes; providing for the application of this Act; making this Act an emergency measure; and generally relating to State and local income taxes and pass-through entities.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Tax – General
Section 10–102.1, 10–306(b), and 10–701.1
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Tax – General
Section 10–205(a) and 10–306(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Tax – General
Section 10–205(m)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 1088 – Delegate Acevero

AN ACT concerning

Nondiscrimination and LGBTQ+ Individuals

FOR the purpose of stating that it is the policy of the State to provide equal access to various courts, agencies, programs, departments, and services for certain individuals, to improve safety, well-being, and stability for certain individuals, to ensure that certain individuals are protected from discrimination on the basis of certain nonmerit factors, to prohibit discrimination on the basis of certain nonmerit factors, and to provide certain appropriate training to certain individuals; altering the rights that a certain posted notice is required to include; prohibiting a contractor, grantee, or other entity receiving public funds from engaging in certain discriminatory behavior; and generally relating to nondiscrimination and LGBTQ+ individuals.

BY adding to

Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings
Section 1–801 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 8. Nondiscrimination”
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume)

BY adding to

Article – Family Law
Section 1–204
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – Housing and Community Development
Section 2–401 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 4. Nondiscrimination”
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – Human Services
Section 1–301 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 3. Nondiscrimination”
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Human Services
Section 8–707(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Human Services
Section 8–707(b)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – State Government
Section 20–901
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 1089 – Delegate Acevero

AN ACT concerning

**Primary and Secondary Education – Expansion of Mental Health Services and
Prohibition of School Resource Officers
(Police-Free Schools Act)**

FOR the purpose of repealing certain provisions of law relating to the establishment of the Baltimore City School Police Force; prohibiting a local school system from contracting with certain law enforcement agencies for a certain purpose; prohibiting a local school system from establishing its own police force; altering certain functions and duties of the Maryland Center for School Safety to require the Center to analyze certain data, certify certain law enforcement coverage, and submit a certain report; altering a certain provision of law to require the School Safety Subcabinet to promote interagency efforts in a certain manner; altering the requirements of a certain report by the Subcabinet to include data collected on school security employees; altering the membership of the School Safety Subcabinet Advisory Board; requiring the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House jointly to appoint a chair of the Advisory Board; providing that a member appointed by the Governor or jointly by the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House serves at the pleasure of the appointing official or officials; requiring each local school system to designate a security coordinator; altering the training required to be a school security employee at a public school in the State; requiring the Center to collect certain data regarding school security employees; altering the issues for which the Center, in collaboration with local law enforcement agencies and local school systems, is required to develop certain guidelines; altering the school years during which each local school system is required to file a certain report; repealing a requirement that each local school system post certain information on its website; requiring the Center to collect data on all incidents of restraint by certain persons against a student under certain circumstances; altering the fiscal years for which the Governor is required to include in the annual budget bill a certain appropriation to the Safe Schools Fund to be used for certain purposes related to expanding the availability of school-based mental health services, restorative approaches, wraparound services, and trauma-informed schools; requiring a local school system, to the extent practicable, to use certain grants to contract with certain professionals who reflect the diversity of the student population of the local school system; requiring the grants to be distributed to each local school system based on a certain calculation; authorizing the Subcabinet to

deny a local school system a certain grant if the local school system previously used grant funds for purposes outside the purposes of the grant; requiring the Subcabinet to adopt regulations establishing a process to withhold or reinstate certain grants; requiring each local school system that receives a certain grant to provide the Center with evidence of how external funding will be maximized to provide students with behavioral health and wraparound services; requiring each local school system, on or before a certain date each year, to submit a report to the Center that includes certain information; expanding the uses of the Safe Schools Fund; requiring the State Board of Education to adopt regulations to carry out this Act; altering the permissible uses for which the Fund is authorized to make grants; altering the fiscal years during which a certain amount of money in the Fund may be used for a certain purpose; requiring, in certain fiscal years, a certain amount of money in the Fund to be used for a certain purpose; repealing local law enforcement agencies from the entities to which the Subcabinet may make grants from the Fund and for which the Subcabinet is required to establish certain procedures; making conforming changes; defining certain terms; altering certain definitions; and generally relating to mental health services and school safety in public schools in the State.

BY repealing

Article – Education

Section 4–318

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – Education

Section 7–126 and 7–1511.1

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Education

Section 7–1501, 7–1502(g)(16) through (18), 7–1503(g)(2) and (h), 7–1504, 7–1508, 7–1512(e) through (h), and 26–102

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Education

Section 7–1502(a), 7–1503(a), and 7–1512(a)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – General Provisions

Section 4–314.1(a)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 1090 – Delegate Stewart

AN ACT concerning

**Department of Housing and Community Development – Partnership Rental
Housing Program – Alterations
(Mixed–Income Housing Act of 2021)**

FOR the purpose of stating certain findings of the General Assembly regarding the need for housing to support households of middle income in the State; establishing that the purposes of the Partnership Rental Housing Program operated by the Department of Housing and Community Development include certain goals with regard to households of middle income; establishing that the conditions of the Program apply to households of middle income; establishing certain qualifications for initial occupancy for households of lower and middle income under the Program that use area median income as a determinant; establishing certain conditions for continued occupancy under the Program for a household of middle income; providing for the application of certain provisions of law to the creation of a mixed–income housing development; authorizing the Department of Housing and Community to adopt certain regulations relating to mixed–income housing developments; establishing certain qualifying criteria for a mixed–income housing development; authorizing a political subdivision or a certain housing authority to apply for a loan for a mixed–income housing development; requiring the Department of Housing and Community Development to consider certain factors when reviewing an application for a mixed–income development loan; requiring the Department of Housing and Community Development to give preference to a certain loan application under certain circumstances and to deny a certain loan application under certain circumstances; specifying certain additional funds to be contributed to the Partnership Rental Housing Fund; requiring the clerk of a circuit court to collect a certain surcharge for certain filings made to the court; requiring the distribution of a certain surcharge to the Fund; altering the State transfer tax on certain instruments; requiring the State Department of Assessments and Taxation to deduct and credit a portion of the State transfer tax to the Fund; requiring the Department of Housing and Community Development to establish maximum financing limits for certain projects of not less than certain amounts; prohibiting the Department of Housing and Community Development and the Community Development Administration from conditioning the award of a loan from the Fund on issuance of bonds by the Department of Housing and Community or the Administration; requiring the Department of Housing and Community Development to accept applications for mixed–income housing developments not later than a certain date; making stylistic and conforming changes; defining certain terms; and generally relating to the State transfer tax, court filing fees, and the Partnership Rental Housing Program.

BY renumbering

Article – Housing and Community Development
Section 4–1209
to be Section 4–1210
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Housing and Community Development
Section 4–503, 4–1201, 4–1202, and 4–1204 through 4–1208
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – Housing and Community Development
Section 4–1209
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Real Property
Section 3–601(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Tax – Property
Section 13–203(a) and 13–209(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 1091 – Delegate Reznik

AN ACT concerning

Emergency and Expedited Procurements – Reform

FOR the purpose of altering the circumstances under which a procurement officer may make an emergency procurement; requiring a unit's procurement officer to obtain approval from the Chief Procurement Officer or the Chief Procurement Officer's designee before making an emergency procurement under certain circumstances; requiring the Chief Procurement Officer or designee to approve or disapprove a certain request within a certain time frame after receiving the request; providing that if the Chief Procurement Officer or designee does not approve or disapprove a

certain request within a certain time frame the request shall be considered to be approved; requiring a procurement officer to make reasonable efforts to solicit a certain minimum number of quotes for an emergency procurement; requiring a procurement officer to evaluate a certain contractor's ability to perform the requirements of an emergency procurement based on certain criteria under certain circumstances; requiring a procurement officer to obtain the approval of the Board of Public Works before awarding an emergency procurement contract with a certain value; altering certain reporting requirements related to emergency procurement contracts; adding certain reporting requirements for certain emergency procurement contracts; altering the time frame within which a procurement officer must submit a certain report; requiring an emergency procurement contract to include provisions addressing the contractor's ability to perform the requirements of the contract within a certain time frame; limiting the term of a certain single source procurement contract; authorizing the Board to hold a certain emergency meeting for a certain purpose; specifying when a unit is required to publish notice of a certain emergency procurement in eMaryland Marketplace; authorizing certain units of State government to make a procurement on an expedited basis under certain circumstances; reducing the number of days after the end of each fiscal year that a primary procurement unit has to submit a certain report concerning certain procurement contracts; requiring a primary procurement unit to submit the report to the Chief Procurement Officer for the State instead of the Governor and the General Assembly; clarifying the types of procurement contracts that must be included in the report; requiring the report to include certain information on certain types of procurements; requiring the Chief Procurement Officer, within a certain number of days after the end of each fiscal year, to submit to the Governor and certain committees of the General Assembly a consolidated report that includes each report submitted to the Chief Procurement Officer by the primary procurement units as required under this Act; requiring that a report submitted to a committee of the General Assembly under this Act be submitted subject to a certain provision of law; authorizing the Board to adopt certain regulations; defining a certain term; and generally relating to State procurement.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – State Finance and Procurement
Section 13–108 and 15–111
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations and the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 1092 – Delegate Rosenberg

AN ACT concerning

State Procurement – Emergency and Expedited Procurements – Revisions and Reporting

FOR the purpose of requiring a unit's procurement officer to obtain approval from the Chief Procurement Officer or the Chief Procurement Officer's designee before making an emergency procurement under certain circumstances; requiring the Chief Procurement Officer or designee to approve or disapprove a certain request within a certain time frame after receiving the request; providing that if the Chief Procurement Officer or designee does not approve or disapprove a certain request within a certain time frame the request shall be considered to be approved; altering the time frame within which a procurement officer must submit a certain report to the Board of Public Works; specifying when a unit is required to publish notice of a certain emergency procurement in eMaryland Marketplace; requiring a unit that awards a certain contract or contract modification as an emergency procurement to submit a certain report to the Board and a certain appropriate control agency within a certain period of time; specifying the contents of a certain report; authorizing the Board to adopt certain regulations; authorizing certain units of State government to make a procurement on an expedited basis under certain circumstances; reducing the number of days after the end of each fiscal year that a primary procurement unit has to submit a certain report concerning certain procurement contracts; requiring a primary procurement unit to submit a certain report to the Chief Procurement Officer instead of the Governor and the General Assembly; clarifying the types of procurement contracts that must be included in a certain report; requiring a certain report to include certain information on certain types of procurements; requiring the Chief Procurement Officer, within a certain number of days after the end of each fiscal year, to submit to the Governor and certain committees of the General Assembly a consolidated report that includes each report submitted to the Chief Procurement Officer by the primary procurement units as required under this Act; requiring that a report submitted to a committee of the General Assembly under this Act be submitted subject to a certain provision of law; providing for the application of certain provisions of this Act; providing for the effective dates of this Act; defining a certain term; and generally relating to State procurement.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – State Finance and Procurement
Section 13–108 and 15–111
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – State Finance and Procurement
Section 13–108
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)
(As enacted by Section 1 of this Act)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations and the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 1093 – Delegate Palakovich Carr

AN ACT concerning

Real Property – Emergency Services and Nuisance Actions

FOR the purpose of prohibiting a landlord from using a lease or form of lease that contains a provision that limits a tenant's ability to reasonably summon, or penalizes a tenant or another individual for reasonably summoning, the assistance of law enforcement or emergency services; prohibiting a landlord from taking certain retaliatory actions because a tenant or another individual summons the assistance of law enforcement or emergency services for certain purposes; providing that circumstances under which a property may be designated by a court as a nuisance be based on criminal activity conducted on the property; requiring that the designation of a property as a nuisance be based on the activities of certain individuals; prohibiting, subject to certain conditions, the designation of a property as a nuisance based on criminal activity if the criminal activity was committed by a minor; requiring that a petitioner provide certain notice containing certain information to certain individuals prior to bringing a nuisance action under this Act; requiring the District Court to provide certain periodic reports containing certain information on its website; providing that, subject to certain conditions, abatement authority for a nuisance based on criminal activity is restricted to the residential unit or units in which the criminal activity occurred; prohibiting a county or municipality from establishing a local law or order for nuisance related to criminal activity that is more restrictive than State requirements subject to certain exceptions; altering certain notice requirements related to nuisances for certain local jurisdictions; prohibiting a local jurisdiction from enacting certain laws; providing that a prohibited law under this Act may be used as an affirmative defense or as the basis of a claim by certain individuals under certain circumstances; defining certain terms; making conforming changes; making stylistic changes; and generally relating to the summoning of emergency services to a property and the designation of a property as a nuisance.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Real Property

Section 8–208(d), 8–208.1(a), 14–120, 14–123(c)(3)(ii), 14–124(c)(3)(ii), 14–125(c)(3)(ii), 14–125.1(a)(4) and (d)(3)(ii), and 14–125.2(a)(3) and (d)(3)(ii)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Real Property

Section 8–208(f) and (g)(1), 8–208.1(b)(1), 14–123(b) and (c)(3)(i), 14–124(b) and (c)(3)(i), 14–125(b) and (c)(3)(i), 14–125.1(a)(1), (b), and (d)(3)(i), and 14–125.2(a)(1), (b), and (d)(3)(i)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – Real Property

Section 14–126

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 1094 – Delegate Ruth

AN ACT concerning

Workgroup to Evaluate the Establishment of a Regional Waste Disposal Facility

FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of the Environment to convene a workgroup to evaluate the establishment of a regional waste disposal facility to serve Anne Arundel County, Baltimore City, Baltimore County, Carroll County, Harford County, and Howard County; providing for the composition of the workgroup; requiring the workgroup to report certain findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before a certain date; and generally relating to a workgroup to evaluate the establishment of a regional waste disposal facility.

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 1095 – Delegate Bridges

AN ACT concerning

Real Property – Residential Contract of Sale – Buyer Identification

FOR the purpose of authorizing a buyer who executes a residential contract of sale for a single family residential real property with a real estate broker to make a certain election; requiring a buyer who makes a certain election to sign and initial a residential contract of sale in a certain manner; requiring a buyer who makes a certain election to identify the buyer's real estate broker in the residential contract of sale and to execute a separate document with the buyer's real estate broker; providing for the interpretation of this Act; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to residential contracts of sale.

BY adding to

Article – Real Property

Section 10–711

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 1096 – Delegate Reilly

AN ACT concerning

Public Schools – School Psychologist Recruitment Program

FOR the purpose of establishing the School Psychologist Recruitment Program within the State Department of Education; providing for the purpose of the Program; requiring the Program, in coordination with the State Board of Examiners of Psychologists, to provide professional development programs to certified school psychologists and individuals seeking to become certified school psychologists; authorizing professional development to include certain activities; requiring the Program to maintain a certain clearinghouse and communicate and promote certain opportunities and resources; requiring the Program to reimburse certified school psychologists for attending certain conferences under certain circumstances; requiring a certified school psychologist to submit a certain application to the Program on a certain form to qualify for a certain reimbursement; requiring the Program to approve an applicant under certain circumstances; prohibiting a certain reimbursement from exceeding a certain amount; requiring the Program to select a maximum number of individuals to which the Program shall provide an amount equal to a certain certification fee; requiring a certain individual to reimburse the Program under certain circumstances; authorizing the Program to provide certain aid to an individual for up to a certain number of applications; requiring the Department to adopt certain regulations; defining certain terms; and generally relating to the School Psychologist Recruitment Program.

BY adding to

Article – Education

Section 6–124

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 1097 – St. Mary’s County Delegation

AN ACT concerning

St. Mary’s County – Local Officials – Salaries

FOR the purpose of altering the salary of the members of the St. Mary’s County Board of Education, the Chair of the St. Mary’s County Board of Education, the Chief Judge of the Orphans’ Court of St. Mary’s County, the Associate Judges of the Orphans’ Court for St. Mary’s County, the Treasurer of St. Mary’s County, the President of the County Commissioners of St. Mary’s County, and the members of the County

Commissioners of St. Mary's County; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to the salaries of St. Mary's County public officials.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Education
Section 4–107(e)(5)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Estates and Trusts
Section 2–108(r)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2017 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Local Government
Section 16–203(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2013 Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
The Public Local Laws of St. Mary's County
Section 26–3.A.(1) and (2)
Article 19 – Public Local Laws of Maryland
(2007 Edition and March 2015 Supplement, as amended)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 1098 – Delegate M. Fisher

AN ACT concerning

**Elected Officials – State–Owned Electric Vehicle Charging Stations –
Reimbursement**

FOR the purpose of requiring certain State and local elected officials who use a State–owned electric vehicle charging station under certain circumstances to reimburse the State for certain expenses; and generally relating to State–owned electric vehicle charging stations.

BY adding to
Article – State Government
Section 17–110
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 1099 – Delegate Carr

AN ACT concerning

Historic African American Cemeteries Preservation Fund and Study

FOR the purpose of establishing the Historic African American Cemeteries Preservation Fund as a special, nonlapsing fund; specifying the purpose of the Fund; requiring the Department of Planning to administer the Fund in coordination with the Commission on African American History and Culture; 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; requiring interest earnings of the Fund to be credited to the Fund; exempting the Fund from a certain provision of law requiring interest earnings on State money to accrue to the General Fund of the State; authorizing a qualified applicant to apply to the Department for a grant from the Fund; authorizing the Department to provide a qualified applicant with a grant from the Fund; requiring the Governor to provide in the annual budget bill an appropriation to the Fund; requiring the Secretary of Planning, in consultation with the Commission, to adopt certain regulations; requiring the Department, in consultation with certain persons, to study certain issues, examine certain activities, and report certain findings to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before a certain date; defining certain terms; providing for a delayed effective date for certain provisions of this Act; and generally relating to the Historic African American Cemeteries Preservation Fund.

BY adding to

Article – State Finance and Procurement
Section 5A–331 and 6–226(a)(2)(ii)124.
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – State Finance and Procurement
Section 6–226(a)(2)(i)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – State Finance and Procurement
Section 6–226(a)(2)(ii)122. and 123.
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

House Bill 1100 – Harford County Delegation

AN ACT concerning

Harford County – Alcoholic Beverages – Gift Basket Permit

FOR the purpose of establishing, in Harford County, a gift basket permit; authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Harford County to issue the permit to certain persons; prohibiting the Board from issuing the permit for certain uses; providing that the permit authorizes a permit holder to sell and deliver gift baskets containing beer, wine, or liquor to certain individuals under certain circumstances; requiring a permit holder to maintain certain records and submit certain reports; requiring a permit holder or certain employee to deliver a certain gift basket and require the person receiving a delivery of a certain gift basket to display proof of a certain age; requiring an individual who delivers a certain gift basket to be at least a certain age; limiting the total annual sales from alcoholic beverages to a certain percentage of the annual gross sales of the permit holder; requiring the alcoholic beverages contained in a gift basket to be purchased from a retail license holder; requiring the Board to adopt certain regulations; establishing a fee for the permit; providing that certain distance requirements do not apply to the issuance of the permit; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages in Harford County.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Alcoholic Beverages
Section 22–102
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – Alcoholic Beverages
Section 22–1002.1
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Alcoholic Beverages
Section 22–1602
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 1101 – Delegate Acevero

AN ACT concerning

Maryland People’s Fund – Establishment

FOR the purpose of establishing the Maryland People’s Fund as a special, nonlapsing fund; requiring the State Treasurer 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; providing for the investment of money in and expenditures from the Fund; requiring interest earnings of the Fund to be credited to the Fund; exempting the Fund from a certain provision of law requiring interest earnings on State money to accrue to the General Fund of the State; requiring the Comptroller to distribute a certain percentage of Maryland estate tax revenue to the Fund; making conforming changes; defining a certain term; providing for a delayed effective date; and generally relating to the Maryland People’s Fund.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – State Finance and Procurement
Section 6–226(a)(2)(i)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – State Finance and Procurement
Section 6–226(a)(2)(ii)122. and 123.
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – State Finance and Procurement
Section 6–226(a)(2)(ii)124.
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – State Government
Section 5–108
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Tax – General
Section 2–801
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

House Bill 1102 – Delegate Wilson

EMERGENCY BILL

AN ACT concerning

Commercial Tenants – Personal Liability Clauses – Enforceability and Landlord Relief

FOR the purpose of providing that a certain personal liability clause in a commercial lease or associated document is unenforceable under certain circumstances; prohibiting a commercial landlord from attempting to enforce a personal liability clause that the commercial landlord knows or reasonably should know is unenforceable under this Act; authorizing a court to enter a certain judgment; providing that certain lawful action by a commercial landlord may not be construed as a violation of certain provisions of this Act; requiring the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City and the governing body of each county to grant a property tax refund to commercial landlords for any county property taxes paid in a certain taxable year on the space subject to a commercial lease; providing that a commercial landlord is eligible for a certain tax refund under certain circumstances; authorizing a county to provide, by law, for certain provisions necessary to carry out the requirement to issue a certain property tax refund; defining certain terms; making this Act an emergency measure; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to commercial leases and associated documents.

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 1103 – Delegate Wivell

AN ACT concerning

Task Force to Study Recycling and the Processing of Solid Waste

FOR the purpose of establishing the Task Force to Study Recycling and the Processing of Solid Waste; providing for the composition, cochairs, and staffing of the Task Force; prohibiting a member of the Task Force from receiving certain compensation, but authorizing the reimbursement of certain expenses; requiring the Task Force to study and make recommendations regarding certain matters; requiring the Task Force to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before a certain date; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to the Task Force to Study Recycling and the Processing of Solid Waste.

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 1104 – Delegate Wivell

AN ACT concerning

Primary and Secondary Education – Virtual School – Feasibility Study

FOR the purpose of requiring the State Department of Education to conduct a certain feasibility study for developing, establishing, and operating a certain virtual school; requiring the Department to submit the findings of the feasibility study to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before a certain date; and generally relating to a statewide virtual school for primary and secondary students in the State.

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 1105 – Delegate Wivell**EMERGENCY BILL**

AN ACT concerning

Unemployment Insurance – Earned Rating Record – Charging of Benefits

FOR the purpose of prohibiting the Secretary of Labor from charging unemployment insurance benefits against the earned rating record of an employing unit if, through no fault of the employing unit, the claimant is unemployed due to a certain order that is issued by a certain person; making this Act an emergency measure; and generally relating to the earned rating records of employers under the unemployment insurance law.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Labor and Employment
Section 8–610(a) and 8–611(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Labor and Employment
Section 8–611(e)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 1106 – Delegate Wivell

AN ACT concerning

Civil Actions – Immunity From Liability – COVID–19 Exposure

FOR the purpose of providing that an owner, a lessee, or a tenant of a premises is immune from certain civil liability relating to the exposure of others on the premises to COVID-19 under certain circumstances; applying this Act retroactively; defining a certain term; and generally relating to immunity from civil liability for the exposure of others to COVID-19.

BY adding to
Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings
Section 5-644
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 1107 – Delegate Hill

AN ACT concerning

Maryland Medical Assistance Program – Supplemental Rebate Program – Subscription Model for Hepatitis C Therapies

FOR the purpose of requiring, on or before a certain date, the Maryland Department of Health to apply to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services for a State plan amendment that authorizes certain supplemental rebate agreements and seeks an approval that authorizes a certain subscription model; requiring, to the extent possible, the Maryland Department of Health, in collaboration with the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services and other relevant State agencies, to develop a certain subscription model that covers certain individuals in a certain manner; and generally relating to a State plan amendment and supplemental rebate agreements.

BY adding to
Article – Health – General
Section 15-119
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 1108 – Delegate Wivell

EMERGENCY BILL

AN ACT concerning

Washington County – Alcoholic Beverages – Special Event Permits for Wineries

FOR the purpose of increasing the number of times per year a holder of a Class 3 winery license or a Class 4 limited winery license may use a certain special event permit in Washington County; making this Act an emergency measure; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages in Washington County.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Alcoholic Beverages
Section 31–102
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Alcoholic Beverages
Section 31–402.1
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 1109 – Delegate Ciliberti

AN ACT concerning

Health – Abortion – Ultrasound and Waiting Period

FOR the purpose of prohibiting a physician from performing or inducing an abortion on a pregnant woman within a certain period of time after the woman receives certain ultrasound imaging; requiring the medical professional performing a certain transabdominal ultrasound to have certain training, be working under the supervision of a licensed physician, and take certain actions regarding the performance of the ultrasound; providing that a woman is not required to accept anything offered during certain transabdominal ultrasound imaging; requiring a certain facility to maintain a certain copy of a certain ultrasound image for a certain amount of time; establishing a certain penalty; providing for the application and construction of this Act; making conforming changes; and generally relating to an ultrasound and waiting period before the performance of an abortion.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Health – General
Section 20–209
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Health – General
Section 20–210
Annotated Code of Maryland

(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 1110 – Delegate Ciliberti

AN ACT concerning

**Criminal Law – Felony Second–Degree Assault – Emergency Medical Care
Workers**

FOR the purpose of prohibiting a person from intentionally causing physical injury to another if the person knows or has reason to know that the other is a worker who is providing certain services in a certain department at a certain hospital or certain freestanding medical facility; applying certain penalties; and generally relating to felony second–degree assault.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Criminal Law
Section 3–203
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 1111 – Delegate Wivell

AN ACT concerning

Income Tax – Itemized Deductions

FOR the purpose of allowing an individual to itemize deductions to compute Maryland taxable income whether or not the individual itemizes deductions on the individual's federal income tax return; providing that Maryland itemized deductions shall be determined in a certain manner for an individual who does not itemize deductions on the individual's federal income tax return; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to deductions allowed for Maryland income tax purposes.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Tax – General
Section 10–217(a)(1) and 10–218
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 1112 – Delegate Wivell

AN ACT concerning

Public Health – Maternal and Child Mortality – Review and Perinatal Hospice Services

FOR the purpose of authorizing the State Child Fatality Review Team to enter into a certain agreement for certain storage of data and requiring the agreement to provide certain protection and address certain issues; requiring a certain entity to comply with certain confidentiality requirements; authorizing the Maternal Mortality Review Program to enter into a certain agreement for certain storage of data and requiring the agreement to provide certain protection and address certain issues; authorizing a physician or nurse practitioner who diagnoses an unborn child as having a certain anomaly to inform the pregnant woman in a certain manner of certain services, offer or refer the pregnant woman for certain services, and provide to the pregnant woman a certain information sheet in a certain manner; requiring the Maryland Department of Health to develop a certain list of certain perinatal hospice programs; requiring the Department to publish on its website certain information and a certain list; requiring that the Department’s website and a certain information sheet include a certain statement, a certain description, and certain information; requiring the Department to make a certain information sheet available in certain languages and in a certain format; authorizing a perinatal hospice program to request that the Department include certain information on the Department’s website; authorizing the Department to add certain information to its website under certain circumstances; defining certain terms; requiring the Department to publish certain information within a certain period of time; and generally relating to maternal and child mortality.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Health – General
Section 5–701(a) and (i)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Health – General
Section 5–709 and 13–1204
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Health – General
Section 20–2001 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 20. Perinatal Hospice Services”
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 1113 – Delegate Wivell

AN ACT concerning

**Primary and Secondary Education – Education Savings Account Program –
Established**

FOR the purpose of establishing an Education Savings Account program in the State; requiring the State Department of Education to administer the program; stating the purpose of the program; establishing the requirements for participation in the program; requiring a certain deposit into the account of certain students; establishing a process for calculating and depositing a certain amount; authorizing a parent to make a certain deposit; limiting the use of certain funds to certain purposes; authorizing the Department to determine a parent ineligible under certain circumstances and to refer certain actions to the Attorney General; prohibiting certain entities from refunding, rebating, or sharing certain grants with certain individuals; requiring the Department to provide certain notice to parents, qualify certain entities, establish certain fees, and conduct or contract for certain audits; requiring schools to meet certain criteria to qualify for the program and to provide a certain receipt to parents; requiring a certain school district to provide certain entities with student school records; requiring the Department to adopt certain regulations; allowing a subtraction modification under the Maryland income tax for deposits into certain accounts; defining certain terms; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to the Education Savings Account program.

BY adding to

Article – Education

Section 9.11–101 through 9.11–106 to be under the new title “Title 9.11. Education Savings Accounts”

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Tax – General

Section 10–208(a)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2016 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – Tax – General

Section 10–208(y)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2016 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

House Bill 1114 – Delegate Arentz

AN ACT concerning

Illegal Dumping and Litter Control Law – Yard Waste – Disposal on Highways

FOR the purpose of prohibiting a person from disposing of yard waste on a highway; establishing a penalty for a violation of this Act; requiring a court to order a person found guilty of disposing of yard waste in violation of this Act to take certain actions; defining a certain term; and generally relating to the Illegal Dumping and Litter Control Law.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Criminal Law
Section 10–110
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 1115 – Delegate Wilson

AN ACT concerning

Criminal Law – Felony Murder – Limitations and Review

FOR the purpose of altering the required elements for murder in the first degree under certain circumstances; authorizing a certain person to petition for a review of certain conviction under certain circumstances; requiring a court to hold a hearing at a certain time to make a certain determination; requiring a certain person to notify certain persons of a certain petition for review of conviction; requiring a court to take certain actions under certain circumstances; making conforming changes; and generally relating to felony murder.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Criminal Law
Section 2–201
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Criminal Law
Section 2–201.1
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 1116 – Delegate Wilson

AN ACT concerning

Juvenile Law – Child Custodial Interrogation – Rights

FOR the purpose of requiring that a child in custody be advised of certain rights before questioning; prohibiting any admission or confession resulting from the questioning of a child from being admitted into evidence except under certain circumstances; requiring that the parent, guardian, or custodian of a certain child be advised of the child's rights in certain circumstances; providing that a parent, guardian, or custodian may not waive certain rights on behalf of a child; requiring that an officer cease the questioning of a certain child under certain circumstances; requiring a court to make a certain finding before admitting certain evidence; requiring that the custodial interrogation of a minor be conducted in a certain manner; and generally relating to the custodial interrogation of a child.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings
Section 3–8A–14
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume)

BY adding to
Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings
Section 3–8A–14.2
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume)

BY adding to
Article – Criminal Procedure
Section 2–405
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 1117 – Delegate Arentz

AN ACT concerning

Kent Narrows Bridge – State Highway Right-of-Way – Fishing Prohibition

FOR the purpose of prohibiting a pedestrian from catching fish by any means within the State highway right-of-way at the Kent Narrows Bridge in Queen Anne’s County; and generally relating to catching fish at the Kent Narrows Bridge in Queen Anne’s County.

BY adding to
Article – Transportation
Section 21–507(k)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 1118 – Delegate Acevero

AN ACT concerning

Health Care Facilities – Discrimination

FOR the purpose of prohibiting certain facilities or certain staff from discriminating against certain individuals or residents on certain bases; requiring certain facilities to post a certain notice next to the facility’s nondiscrimination policy in certain locations; requiring certain facilities to include a certain notice in certain materials; providing for the contents of the notice; requiring certain facilities to keep certain records, comply with certain laws, and to use doors, curtains, screens, or other visual barriers for certain purposes; prohibiting certain facility staff from being present during certain physical examinations or the provision of personal care to certain residents under certain circumstances; requiring that all residents of a facility be informed of and have certain rights; prohibiting a certain refusal by a certain resident from diminishing access to certain care; providing that a person who violates this Act is subject to certain penalties; defining certain terms; and generally relating to discrimination by health care facilities.

BY adding to
Article – Health – General
Section 19–355.1
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Health – General
Section 19–359
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 1119 – Delegate Acevero

AN ACT concerning

**Public Health – Sickle Cell Trait – Public Awareness
(Journey’s Law)**

FOR the purpose of requiring the Maryland Department of Health, in collaboration with the Statewide Steering Committee on Services for Adults with Sickle Cell Disease and local health planning agencies, to develop a public awareness campaign on the importance of an individual knowing certain information and receiving a certain screening and, under certain circumstances, certain counseling; and generally relating to public awareness for individuals with the sickle cell trait.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Health – General
Section 18–506
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 1120 – Delegate Acevero

AN ACT concerning

**Property Tax – Special Use Assessment of Country Clubs and Golf Courses –
Repeal**

FOR the purpose of repealing a special use assessment for property tax purposes for certain country clubs and golf courses and related provisions of law; repealing a certain subclass of real property for land of a country club or golf course; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to the property tax assessment and subclassification of country clubs and golf courses.

BY repealing
Article – Tax – Property
Section 8–212 through 8–218
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Tax – Property
Section 8–101(b)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 1121 – Delegate Crutchfield

AN ACT concerning

**Juvenile Services – Workgroup to Develop Evidence–Based, Research–Based,
and Culturally Competent Practices**

FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of Juvenile Services and the Department of Human Services to convene a certain workgroup to increase accountability for certain services delivered to children by the Department of Juvenile Services through certain practices; requiring the workgroup to complete a certain assessment and prepare and publish a certain inventory; requiring the workgroup to consider and identify certain factors in assessing certain practices; requiring the Department of Juvenile Services to use certain funds and to coordinate certain training; requiring the Department of Juvenile Services to report to the General Assembly on or before a certain date; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to prevention and intervention services for children.

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 1122 – Delegate Crutchfield

AN ACT concerning

**Criminal Procedure – Out of Court Statements – Child and Vulnerable Adult
Victims**

FOR the purpose of authorizing the court to admit into evidence in certain criminal proceedings certain out of court statements made by a child victim or a vulnerable adult victim under certain circumstances and subject to certain requirements; making certain stylistic changes; defining a certain term; and generally relating to the admissibility of out of court statements of child or vulnerable adult victims in criminal proceedings.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Criminal Procedure
Section 11–304
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill 1123 – Delegate Reznik

AN ACT concerning

Local Health Departments – Funding

FOR the purpose of 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; prohibiting certain State funding to a subdivision for local health services from being less than the subdivision received in a certain fiscal year; repealing obsolete provisions of law; requiring the Maryland Department of Health to conduct a certain evaluation regarding local health departments on or before a certain date; requiring the Department to consult with certain entities when conducting the evaluation; requiring the Department to submit a certain report to certain committees of the General Assembly on or before a certain date; defining a certain term; and generally relating to local health departments.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Health – General

Section 2–301, 2–303, and 2–305

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Health – General

Section 2–302 and 2–304

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

House Bill 1124 – Delegate Harrison

AN ACT concerning

**Higher Education – Richard W. Collins III Leadership With Honor Scholarship –
Bowie State**

FOR the purpose of requiring the Office of Student Financial Assistance within the Maryland Higher Education Commission to award at least a certain percentage of annual grant money from the Richard W. Collins III Leadership With Honor Scholarship to students at Bowie State University; and generally relating to the Richard W. Collins III Leadership With Honor Scholarship.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Education

Section 18–605
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

House Bill 1125 – Delegate Beitzel

AN ACT concerning

Prescription Drug Monitoring Program – Prescribers of Opioids – Notification Requirement

FOR the purpose of requiring a prescriber to notify the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program of certain information relating to opioids and opioid reversal drugs if the prescriber prescribes or dispenses an opioid in a certain dosage; prohibiting a prescriber from being required to make a certain notification more than once; and generally relating to the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program and prescribers of opioids.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Health – General
Section 21–2A–02(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Health – General
Section 21–2A–04.2
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 1126 – Delegate Beitzel

EMERGENCY BILL

AN ACT concerning

Unemployment Insurance – Earned Rating Record – Waiver of Benefit Charges Due to COVID–19

FOR the purpose of authorizing the Secretary of Labor to waive the charging of unemployment insurance benefits paid to a claimant against the earned rating record of an employing unit during a state of emergency declared by the Governor due to COVID–19 under certain circumstances; providing that the required waiver

of benefit charges is in effect only until the earlier of a certain number of months after a certain state of emergency has ended or the date the employing unit hires a certain workforce; providing for the termination of this Act; making this Act an emergency measure; and generally relating to unemployment insurance.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Labor and Employment
Section 8–610(a) and 8–611(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Labor and Employment
Section 8–611(k)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 1127 – Delegate Beitzel

AN ACT concerning

Garrett County – Memorial Hospital – Board Membership and Meetings

FOR the purpose of altering the membership of the Board of Governors of the Garrett County Memorial Hospital; modifying the terms of members of the Board of Governors of the Garrett County Memorial Hospital; reducing the mandatory number of Board meetings; and generally relating to the Garrett County Memorial Hospital.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
The Public Local Laws of Garrett County
Section 36.03
Article 12 – Public Local Laws of Maryland
(2005 Edition and September 2018 Supplement, as amended)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 1128 – Delegate Beitzel

AN ACT concerning

Garrett County – Public Schools – Virtual Education Days

FOR the purpose of authorizing the Garrett County Superintendent to order a virtual education day instead of closing a public school under certain circumstances;

requiring the county superintendent to notify a public school principal as soon as possible after the county superintendent makes a certain decision; requiring a principal who receives a certain notice to immediately notify students, parents, and school staff of the implementation of a virtual education day; providing for the content of a virtual education day; requiring a certain school implementing a virtual education day to make accommodations for certain students and school staff; requiring the county superintendent to notify the Garrett County Board of Education of the decision to order a virtual education day for multiple consecutive school days; requiring the county superintendent to arrange for the continued provision of certain services under certain circumstances; requiring the county board to adopt a certain policy; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to virtual education days in Garrett County.

BY adding to

Article – Education

Section 7–103.2

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 1129 – Delegate Krimm

AN ACT concerning

Department of Information Technology – State and Local Government Employees and Contractors – Cybersecurity Training

FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of Information Technology, in coordination with the Maryland Cybersecurity Council, to develop criteria for the certification of certain cybersecurity training programs for a certain purpose, certify at least a certain number of programs, review and update certain certification standards at certain times, and maintain a list of certain programs on its website; requiring the certification criteria for certain programs to include certain requirements; authorizing the Department to contract with a third party to certify certain programs; requiring certain State and local government employees to complete a certain certified program each year; authorizing a unit to specify which certified program its employees are required to complete; specifying that a unit shall select a certain certification program based on certain factors; authorizing a unit to set different cybersecurity training requirements for different employees based on certain factors; requiring a unit to report certain information to the Department each year; requiring the Department to require certain periodic audits; requiring local governments to require certain audits; requiring the Department to approve at least one certified program to be used to train certain contractors; requiring certain contracts to contain a certain clause; requiring certain contractors to complete a certain certified program within a certain period of time; requiring a certain contractor to verify completion of a certain cybersecurity training program to a

certain unit; requiring a unit to conduct certain periodic audits for a certain purpose; requiring the Department to adopt certain regulations; defining certain terms; and generally relating to cybersecurity training requirements for State and local government employees and contractors.

BY adding to

Article – State Finance and Procurement

Section 3A–801 through 3A–805 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 8. Cybersecurity Training”

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

House Bill 1130 – Delegate D. Barnes

AN ACT concerning

Higher Education – For-Profit Institutions – Standards for Operation

FOR the purpose of requiring certain for-profit institutions of higher education and private career schools to meet certain outcome-based standards or be required to be subject to a certain revenue requirement and be subject to certain enrollment limitations; defining a certain term; making conforming changes; and generally relating to standards for operation of for-profit institutions of higher education.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Education

Section 11–210

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

House Bill 1131 – Carroll County Delegation

AN ACT concerning

Carroll County – Public Facilities Bond

FOR the purpose of authorizing and empowering the County Commissioners of Carroll County, from time to time, to borrow not more than \$48,450,000 in order to finance the construction, improvement, or development of certain public facilities in Carroll County, including water and sewer projects, to finance loans for fire or emergency-related equipment, buildings, and other facilities of volunteer fire departments in the County, and to effect such borrowing by the issuance and sale at

public or private sale of its general obligation bonds in like paramount; empowering the County to fix and determine, by resolution, the form, tenor, interest rate or rates or method of determining the same, terms, conditions, maturities, and all other details incident to the issuance and sale of the bonds; empowering the County to issue refunding bonds for the purchase or redemption of bonds in advance of maturity; providing that such borrowing may be undertaken by the County in the form of installment purchase obligations executed and delivered by the County for the purpose of acquiring agricultural land and woodland preservation easements; empowering and directing the County to levy, impose, and collect, annually, ad valorem taxes in rate and amount sufficient to provide funds for the payment of the maturing principal of and interest on the bonds; exempting the bonds and refunding bonds and the interest thereon and any income derived therefrom from all State, County, municipal, and other taxation in the State of Maryland; providing that nothing in this Act shall prevent the County from authorizing the issuance and sale of bonds the interest on which is not excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes; and generally relating to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

House Bill 1132 – Carroll County Delegation

AN ACT concerning

Maryland Historical Trust – Warfield Complex in Carroll County – Extinguishment or Termination of Easement

FOR the purpose of requiring the Maryland Historical Trust, on or before a certain date, to extinguish or terminate a certain easement the Trust holds in the parcel of land known as the Warfield Complex located in Carroll County; requiring the Trust to complete certain necessary recordings and filings to complete the extinguishment or termination of the easement; and generally relating to the easement the Maryland Historical Trust holds in the parcel of land known as the Warfield Complex.

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 1133 – Delegate Bridges

AN ACT concerning

Tree Planting – Urban Trees Program and Commission for the Innovation and Advancement of Carbon Markets and Sustainable Tree Plantings

FOR the purpose of establishing the policy of the State to support and encourage certain tree-planting efforts, with a goal of planting and helping to maintain in the State's underserved areas a certain number of sustainable trees of species native to the State by the end of a certain year; specifying that this goal is in addition to certain trees planted under certain programs and includes certain tree plantings

accomplished through certain State programs and nonprofit and private efforts; making the Department of the Environment responsible for tracking the State's progress toward meeting certain tree-planting goals and requiring the Department of the Environment to serve as the lead agency to receive certain data; requiring the Department of the Environment and the Chesapeake Bay Trust to jointly make a certain report to certain committees of the General Assembly on or before a certain date each year; establishing an Urban Trees Program administered by the Chesapeake Bay Trust; providing for the purpose of the Urban Trees Program; requiring the Trust to make grants to qualified organizations for certain purposes; specifying certain eligible Program expenses for the Urban Trees Program; providing for the funding of the Urban Trees Program; requiring the Trust to seek certain funds, grants, and donations for the purpose of the Urban Trees Program; requiring a certain grant agreement to specify the allowed uses of certain funds and include provisions for the verification of certain information; requiring the Trust to report certain information concerning certain grant awards to the Department of Natural Resources and the Department of the Environment on or before a certain date each year; requiring the Department of the Environment to make certain transfers from the Bay Restoration Fund for certain purposes in certain fiscal years, after funding certain eligible costs; providing that certain funds transferred from the Bay Restoration Fund are supplemental to and may not take the place of certain other funding; establishing the Commission for the Innovation and Advancement of Carbon Markets and Sustainable Tree Plantings; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Commission; prohibiting a member of the Commission from receiving certain compensation, but authorizing the reimbursement of certain expenses; requiring the Commission to develop certain plans and recommendations regarding certain matters; requiring the Commission to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before a certain date; defining certain terms; providing for the application of certain provisions of this Act; providing for the effective date of certain provisions of this Act; providing for the termination of certain provisions of this Act; and generally relating to urban tree planting in the State.

BY adding to

Article – Environment

Section 2–1212

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2013 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Natural Resources

Section 8–1901

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2012 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – Natural Resources

Section 8–1911

Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Environment
Section 9–1605.2(i)(1) and (2)(xii)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Environment
Section 9–1605.2(i)(2)(xiii)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Environment
Section 9–1605.2(i)(11)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Environment
Section 9–1605.2(i)(1)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)
(As enacted by Chapters 366 and 367 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2017)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Environment
Section 9–1605.2(i)(2)(xi) and (xii)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)
(As enacted by Chapters 366 and 367 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2017)

BY adding to
Article – Environment
Section 9–1605.2(i)(2)(xiii) and (10)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)
(As enacted by Chapters 366 and 367 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2017)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 1134 – Delegate Carey

AN ACT concerning

Natural Resources – Fishing and Hunting Rights

FOR the purpose of stating certain findings of the General Assembly related to fishing and hunting; 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 certain regulations and restrictions; and generally relating to the right to fish and hunt.

BY adding to

Article – Natural Resources
Section 4–103
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – Natural Resources
Section 10–102
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 1135 – Delegate Chisholm

AN ACT concerning

Environment – State Wetlands – Piers and Other Improvements

FOR the purpose of prohibiting a community association from preventing a riparian property owner from constructing a pier or making a certain improvement into the waters of the State if certain conditions are met; and generally relating to constructing piers and making other improvements into the waters of the State.

BY adding to

Article – Environment
Section 16–201.1
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

House Bill 1136 – Delegate Chisholm

AN ACT concerning

Anne Arundel County – Alcoholic Beverages Licenses – Annual Fees

FOR the purpose of requiring the Board of License Commissioners for Anne Arundel County, for a certain licensing period, to reimburse the entire amount of the annual fee for certain alcoholic beverages licenses; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages licenses in Anne Arundel County.

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 1137 – Delegate Kerr

AN ACT concerning

Property Tax Credit – Business Entities – State of Emergency

FOR the purpose of authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City or the governing body of a county or municipal corporation to grant a certain property tax credit against the county or municipal corporation property tax imposed on certain property owned or leased by a business entity affected by a certain state of emergency; authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City or the governing body of a county or municipal corporation to provide, by law, for certain matters relating to the tax credit; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to a tax credit for business entities affected by a state of emergency.

BY adding to

Article – Tax – Property

Section 9–266

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 1138 – Delegate Carey

EMERGENCY BILL

AN ACT concerning

Unemployment Insurance – Maryland Department of Labor – Accountability and Oversight

FOR the purpose of requiring the Maryland Department of Labor to submit a report on the administration and operation of the State’s unemployment insurance laws to certain persons on or before a certain day each month; requiring the Department to monitor the Unemployment Insurance Fund for a disaster; requiring the Department, when a certain determination is made, to initiate a certain plan and to comply with certain reporting requirements; requiring the Assistant Secretary for the Division of Unemployment Insurance to announce certain information when a disaster no longer

exists; requiring the Department to submit a certain disaster report to certain persons within a certain time period and with certain frequency thereafter; exempting the Department from certain requirements for hiring staff and requiring the Department to hire certain staff during a disaster; requiring the Assistant Secretary to oversee compliance with certain requirements during a disaster; defining a certain term; making this Act an emergency measure; and generally relating to unemployment insurance.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Labor and Employment
Section 8–101(a), (e), (j), (m), (m–1), and (x) and 8–311
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Labor and Employment
Section 8–101(m–2), 8–311.1, and 8–311.2
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 1139 – Delegate Carey

EMERGENCY BILL

AN ACT concerning

Unemployment Insurance – Weekly Benefit Amount – Income Disregard

FOR the purpose of altering the maximum amount of wages disregarded when computing the weekly benefit amount to be paid to a claimant for unemployment insurance benefits; making this Act an emergency measure; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to unemployment insurance.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Labor and Employment
Section 8–803(d)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

House Bill 1140 – Delegate Arentz

AN ACT concerning

Election Law – Voter Registration List – Right to Nondisclosure of Personal Information

FOR the purpose of requiring the State Board of Elections to establish, by regulation, a process by which an individual may opt out of disclosure of personal information in the individual's voter registration record to any person other than an employee or a vendor of the State Board or a local board; prohibiting personal information in an individual's voter registration record from being disclosed under certain provisions of law if the individual has opted out of disclosure; making a conforming change; and generally relating to the statewide voter registration list.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Election Law
Section 3–101(e) and 3–506
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2017 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Election Law
Section 3–101.1
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2017 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

INTRODUCTORY HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTIONS NO. 28

House Joint Resolution 4 – Delegate Crosby

A House Joint Resolution concerning

Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission – Atlantic Menhaden – Population Evaluation and Prohibition on Commercial Reduction Fishing

FOR the purpose of requesting the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission to evaluate the population of Atlantic menhaden in the Chesapeake Bay; requiring the Commission to consider prohibiting the commercial reduction fishing of Atlantic menhaden, including the use of purse seines and spotter planes, in the Chesapeake Bay; and generally relating to Atlantic menhaden.

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations.

House Joint Resolution 5 – Delegate Acevero

A House Joint Resolution concerning

United States of America – District of Columbia – Statehood

FOR the purpose of urging the members of the United States Congress to enact federal legislation or propose a constitutional amendment granting legislative autonomy and statehood to the District of Columbia; providing that copies of this Resolution be sent to certain persons; and generally relating to the granting of statehood for the District of Columbia.

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations.

BOND INITIATIVES

Introductory House Bond Initiatives No. 5

February 5, 2021

1.	Del. Reznik		Jewish Foundation for Group Homes, Inc	APP
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4.	Charles Delegation	County	Hospice of Charles County	APP
5.	Charles Delegation	County	Lions Camp Merrick Pool	APP
6.	Del. Crutchfield		Montgomery Community Media	APP
7.	Del. Gilchrist		Great Seneca Highway Pedestrian Bridge	APP
8.	Del. Gilchrist		Lincoln Park Community Center	APP
9.	Del. T. Branch		Roberta's House	APP
10.	Del. Kerr		Ranch Residence Hall	APP
11.	Del. Mautz		St. Michaels Community Center	APP
12.	Del. Crosby		Patuxent River Naval Air Museum and Visitor Center	APP
13.	Del. Pippy		Town of New Market Stormwater Infrastructure	APP

14.	Del. Beitzel	Friendsville Veterans Memorial	APP
15.	Del. Attar	Ohr Chadash Academy	APP
16.	Del. Attar	Beacon House Square	APP
17.	Del. Attar	Clyde R. Derrill Legacy Center	APP
18.	Del. Williams	Berwyn Heights Senior Center	APP
19.	Del. Brooks	Reisterstown Sportsplex	APP
20.	Del. Metzgar	Chesapeake High School	APP
21.	Del. Kipke	Northeast High School Physical Endurance Training Course	APP

The preceding bond initiatives were read and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

**MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE
INTRODUCTORY SENATE BILLS NO. 2**

Senate Bill 43 – Senators Elfreth and Hettleman

AN ACT concerning

Criminal Law – Law Enforcement Officers – Prohibition on Sexual Activity

FOR the purpose of prohibiting a law enforcement officer from engaging in certain sexual acts, sexual contact, or vaginal intercourse with a certain person who is a victim, witness, or suspect under certain circumstances or with a certain person requesting assistance from or responding to the law enforcement officer under certain circumstances; establishing a certain exception to the prohibition; and generally relating to law enforcement officers.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Criminal Law
Section 3–314
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill 116 – ~~Senators Kagan and West~~ Senators Kagan, West, and Hester

AN ACT concerning

**Department of the Environment – Office of Recycling – Recycling Market
Development**

FOR the purpose of requiring the Office of Recycling in the Department of the Environment to promote the development of markets for recycled materials and recycled products in the State in a certain manner; requiring a certain report submitted to the General Assembly on or before a certain date each year to include certain activities; requiring the Office to coordinate certain activities with certain entities; requiring the Department of Commerce, the Department of General Services, the Department of Transportation, and the Maryland Environmental Service to report to the Office on certain information available to promote the development of markets for recycled material and recycled products; altering the contents of a certain report; declaring the intent of the General Assembly; and generally relating to markets for recycled materials and recycled products in the State.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
 Article – Environment
 Section 9–1702(a) and (f)
 Annotated Code of Maryland
 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
 Article – Environment
 Section 9–1702(d) and (e)
 Annotated Code of Maryland
 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to
 Article – Environment
 Section 9–1702.1
 Annotated Code of Maryland
 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

Senate Bill 159 – ~~Senator Waldstreicher~~ Senators Waldstreicher, Smith, Bailey, Carter, Cassilly, Hettleman, Hough, Jackson, Lee, Sydnor, and West

AN ACT concerning

~~Criminal Law~~ **Local Government – Humane Society and Animal Control Officers
– Education and Training Requirements**

FOR the purpose of requiring a certain officer of a humane society and a certain animal control officer to receive certain training within a certain period of time of employment; requiring an officer of a humane society and an animal control officer

to complete certain continuing education at a certain time; requiring certain training and continuing education to include certain instruction; and generally relating to education and training requirements for humane society and animal control officers.

~~BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,~~

~~Article – Criminal Law~~

~~Section 10-609~~

~~Annotated Code of Maryland~~

~~(2012 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)~~

BY adding to

Article – Local Government

Section 13-110

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2013 Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

Senate Bill 208 – Senators Hough, Ready, and Waldstreicher

AN ACT concerning

Vehicle Laws – Manufacturers and Dealers – Prices Listed on Dealer Websites

FOR the purpose of providing that a manufacturer, distributor, or factory branch may not prohibit a dealer from listing on the dealer’s website a vehicle for sale or lease at a certain price, coerce or require a dealer to list a certain price on the dealer’s website, or take an adverse action against a dealer for listing a certain price on the dealer’s website; defining a certain term; and generally relating to advertising for the sale or lease of vehicles.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Transportation

Section 15-207(a) and (h)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2020 Replacement Volume)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Transportation

Section 15-313(a) and (b)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2020 Replacement Volume)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Matters.

Senate Bill 304 – ~~Senator Pinsky~~ Senators Pinsky, Ellis, and Simonaire

AN ACT concerning

**Maryland Recycling Act – Recyclable Materials and Resource Recovery
Facilities – Alterations**

FOR the purpose of altering the definition of “recyclable materials” under the Maryland Recycling Act to exclude incinerator ash; repealing the authority of a county to utilize a resource recovery facility to meet a certain percentage of the waste reduction required to be achieved through recycling in the county’s recycling plan; making conforming changes; and generally relating to the Maryland Recycling Act.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Environment
Section 9–1701(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Environment
Section 9–1701(p) and (t) through (w) and 9–1703(e) through (g)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing
Article – Environment
Section 9–1701(s) and 9–1703(d)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation and the Committee on Economic Matters.

**Senate Bill 344 – Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee
(By Request – Departmental – Agriculture)**

AN ACT concerning

Agriculture – Cost-Sharing Program – State Cost-Sharing Funds

FOR the purpose of clarifying that State cost-sharing funds are available for projects that are being considered for State cost-sharing; increasing the percentage of eligible costs for which State cost-sharing funds may be made available for projects that prevent or control agriculturally related nonpoint source water pollution; clarifying that certain matching funds may or may not be required in order to receive State cost-sharing funds; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to Maryland’s cost-sharing program.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Agriculture
Section 8–701(a), (c), and (g)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Agriculture
Section 8–704(a)(1) and (2)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Transportation.

**Senate Bill 345 – Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee
(By Request – Departmental – Information Technology)**

AN ACT concerning

State Government – Information Technology – Review of Projects and Proposals

FOR the purpose of altering the information technology proposals of which a unit of State government is required to advise the Secretary of Information Technology; altering the dollar value threshold of certain information technology proposals that triggers the requirement that the proposal be subject to approval by the Board of Public Works; repealing the requirement that certain information technology proposals be advertised for a certain time period in eMaryland Marketplace and be submitted to the Legislative Policy Committee for a certain review and comment period; making stylistic and conforming changes; and generally relating to the information technology used by State government.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – State Finance and Procurement
Section 3A–101(a), (c), and (e)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – State Finance and Procurement
Section 3A–307(c)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Government Operations.

Senate Joint Resolution 4 – Senator Guzzone

A Senate Joint Resolution concerning

Natural Resources – Fishing – Wild-Caught Blue Catfish

FOR the purpose of opposing certain inspection rules promulgated by the U.S. Department of Agriculture that affect the blue catfish harvest in the State; 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; requiring a copy of this Act to be forwarded to certain elected officials; and generally relating to the harvest and processing of wild blue catfish.

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations.

LETTERS OF REASSIGNMENT

February 5, 2021

MEMORANDUM

To: Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee
 From: Adrienne A. Jones, Speaker of the House
 Re: Reassignment of Bill/Resolution

In accordance with Rule 33, you are hereby requested to return to the Office of the Chief Clerk, the following legislation for reassignment as indicated below:

<u>Bill/Resolution No.</u>	<u>Reassignment</u>
HB 766	JUD

Read and ordered journalized.

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<u>Bill/Resolution No.</u>	<u>Reassignment</u>
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HB 815

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Read and ordered journalized.**LETTERS OF REASSIGNMENT**

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<u>Bill/Resolution No.</u>	<u>Reassignment</u>
HB 870	JUD

Read and ordered journalized.**ADJOURNMENT**

At 10:18 A.M. on motion of Delegate Luedtke the House adjourned until 3:00 P.M. on Monday, February 8, 2021.