



SYNOPSIS

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Schedule 12B

HB1141 through HB1253 and HJ6 appear on Part A of Schedule 12

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HOUSE BILLS INTRODUCED FEBRUARY 8, 2021

HB 1254 Delegate Ivey

PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYEES – WHISTLEBLOWER PROTECTION –
CIVIL ACTIONS

Repealing a prerequisite that a public school employee who is subject to a certain prohibited personnel action relating to an act of whistleblowing must exhaust any administrative remedies before instituting a civil action against a public school employer; authorizing any public school employee who is subject to a certain personnel action to file a certain complaint; requiring a public school employer to provide an administrative remedial process and complete the process within 30 days of the complaint filing; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

ED, § 6-904 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

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HB 1255 Delegate Ivey**HOMESTEAD AND HOMEOWNERS' PROPERTY TAX CREDITS – ACCESS AND ELIGIBILITY**

Requiring a contract for the sale of certain residential property to include a certain addendum concerning the homestead property tax credit; altering the definition of “gross income” for purposes of determining eligibility for and the computation of the homeowners’ property tax credit; altering the minimum age, from 70 to 60 years, at which a homeowner becomes eligible to receive the homeowners’ property tax credit for certain previous taxable years; applying the Act to all taxable years beginning after June 30, 2021; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2021

RP, § 14-117(n) - added and TP, §§ 9-104(a)(8) and (u), 9-105(f), and 14-812(b)(6) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 1256 Delegate K. Young**MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH – GENE SYNTHESIS PROVIDERS AND MANUFACTURERS OF GENE SYNTHESIS EQUIPMENT – CERTIFICATION**

Requiring the Maryland Department of Health, by January 1, 2023, to develop gene sequence and customer screening guidelines for gene synthesis providers and manufacturers of gene synthesis equipment that include certain requirements; requiring the Department to develop a process to certify that gene synthesis providers and manufacturers of gene synthesis equipment are in compliance with the guidelines; requiring, on or after January 1, 2024, the Department to certify certain gene synthesis providers and equipment manufacturers; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

HG, §§ 17-801 through 17-806 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 1257 Delegate Hornberger**BUSINESS PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX – BUSINESSES AFFECTED BY COVID–19 RESTRICTIONS – REIMBURSEMENT**

Requiring the State Department of Assessments and Taxation to reimburse businesses affected in a certain manner by certain COVID–19 restrictions that file a business personal property tax return during the period from January 1, 2021, to April 15, 2021, for the full amount of business personal property tax paid by the businesses in calendar year 2020; requiring the Department to reimburse eligible businesses exclusively out of certain State funds and in the order in which the businesses filed personal property tax returns; etc.

This bill requires a mandated appropriation in the annual budget bill.

EMERGENCY BILL

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 1258 Delegate Kipke**HEALTH ENTERPRISE ZONES – ESTABLISHED (RESTORING THE PROMISE ACT OF 2021)**

Declaring certain findings related to Health Enterprise Zones; requiring the Governor to include \$68,000,000 in the annual budget bill for fiscal year 2023 for waiting list services for individuals with developmental disabilities; requiring the Secretary of Health to designate contiguous geographic areas with documented health disparities and poor health outcomes as Health Enterprise Zones; authorizing certain entities to apply on behalf of certain areas for designation as Health Enterprise Zones; etc.

This bill requires a mandated appropriation in the annual budget bill.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

HG, SF, and TG - Various Sections - amended and added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 1259 Cecil County Delegation**HORSE RACING – FAIR HILL NATURAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT AREA**

Altering the amount of money to be credited to the Fair Hill Improvement Fund; requiring the Governor to include \$1,300,000 in the annual budget bill for fiscal years 2023 through 2027 for the Fair Hill Improvement Fund; and requiring the money appropriated to be spent on the operation and maintenance of the physical facilities within the Special Event Area of Fair Hill.

This bill requires a mandated appropriation in the annual budget bill.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

BR, §§ 11-702 and 11-704 and NR, § 5-908 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 1260 Delegate Malone**CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS – STANDARDS (ANTI-GERRYMANDERING OF MARYLAND’S CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS)**

Proposing an amendment to the Maryland Constitution to require congressional districts to conform to certain standards and that due regard be given to natural boundaries and boundaries of political subdivisions; and submitting the amendment to the qualified voters of the State for their adoption or rejection.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT – CONTINGENT

Maryland Constitution, Art. XX, § 1 - added

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

HB 1261 Delegate W. Fisher**WILLS, POWERS OF ATTORNEY, AND ADVANCE DIRECTIVES – ELECTRONIC EXECUTION**

Altering certain provisions of law related to the execution of wills, powers of attorney, and advance directives to authorize the electronic execution and remote witnessing of those documents under certain circumstances; providing that a will, a power of attorney, a notarization of a power of attorney, or an advance directive executed in conformance with the provisions of certain executive orders shall be deemed to satisfy certain requirements under the Act; applying the Act retroactively; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

ET, §§ 1-101(w), 4-102, 4-104, 17-101, and 17-110 and HG, §§ 5-601 and 5-602(c) - amended and ET, § 4-101 - repealed and added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 1262 Delegate Hornberger**MARYLAND ELECTRICIANS ACT – REVISIONS**

Altering the powers and duties of the State Board of Master Electricians; changing the name of the State Board of Master Electricians to the State Board of Electricians; requiring the Department, by December 1, 2024, to adopt regulations necessary for the regulation and licensing of low-voltage electricians if certain legislation establishing a certain licensing program is not enacted by July 1, 2024; prohibiting, beginning on a certain date, local jurisdictions from issuing certain licenses; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

BOP, Various Sections - amended, §§ 6-104, 6-307.1, and 6-605 through 6-608 - added, and § 6-605 - repealed

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 1263 Delegate Rosenberg**MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH – COVID–19 VACCINATION PLAN**

Requiring the Maryland Department of Health, on or before April 1, 2021, 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, a dedication of time and recourse for certain purposes, and a certain education campaign; requiring the Department to provide to the General Assembly, for the duration of calendar year 2021, certain weekly progress reports on implementation of the plan; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

HG, §§ 18-9A-01 and 18-9A-02 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 1264 Delegate W. Fisher**ESTATES AND TRUSTS – ADMINISTRATION OF ESTATES – PAYMENT OF COMMISSIONS AND ATTORNEY’S FEES**

Requiring, rather than authorizing, the payment of certain commissions to personal representatives and attorney’s fees to be made without court approval under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

ET, § 7-604 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 1265 Delegate W. Fisher

STATE GOVERNMENT – NOTARIAL ACTS – REMOTE NOTARIZATIONS

Expanding the availability of remote notarial acts to include certain wills and trust documents; clarifying the application of certain provisions of law regarding identity proofing and credential analysis; and affirming the validity of the notarization of certain documents in conformance with certain executive orders authorizing remote notarizations.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

SG, §§ 18-214(a) and (h) and 18-223 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 1266 Delegate W. Fisher

ESTATES AND TRUSTS – WILLS – CUSTODIANSHIP

Requiring a person having custody of a will to maintain custody of the will, except under certain circumstances; prohibiting the custodian of a will from taking certain actions related to the will, except under certain circumstances; authorizing the custodian of a will to deposit the will for safekeeping with a certain register of wills under certain circumstances; requiring the custodian of a will to deliver the will to certain persons under certain circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

ET, §§ 4-201, 4-204, and 4-205 - added and §§ 4-201 through 4-203 and 17-203 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 1267 Delegate Henson

WORKGROUP ON PUBLIC WATER ACCESS

Establishing the Workgroup on Public Water Access; requiring the Workgroup to study and make recommendations regarding certain matters; requiring the Workgroup to submit an interim report and a final report to certain committees of the General Assembly on or before certain dates; requiring the Governor to include in the annual budget bill for fiscal year 2023 an appropriation of \$60,000 to the Chesapeake Bay Trust to support the duties of the Workgroup; providing for the termination of the Act; etc.

This bill requires a mandated appropriation in the annual budget bill.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 1268 Delegate Henson**LEGAL EDUCATION SUCCESS COLLABORATIVE – ESTABLISHED**

Establishing a Legal Education Success Collaborative for the purpose of developing methods of increasing diversity in the legal field; requiring institutions to develop and administer programs and cooperatives related to the Collaborative; beginning in fiscal year 2023, requiring appropriations to be made each year to certain institutions and programs and to support a certain coordinator position; etc.

This bill requires a mandated appropriation in the annual budget bill.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

ED, § 15-126 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 1269 Delegate W. Fisher**CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – EXPUNGEMENT OF RECORDS – WAITING PERIOD**

Altering, from 3 years to 18 months, the amount of time that a person must wait before seeking expungement of certain records under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

CP, § 10-105(c) - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 1270 Frederick County Delegation**FREDERICK COUNTY – BARBERSHOP AND BEAUTY SALON BEER AND WINE LICENSES – ALTERATIONS**

Increasing from 5 ounces to 12 ounces the amount of beer that a holder of a barbershop or beauty salon beer and wine license in Frederick County may provide to a barbershop or beauty salon customer for on-premises consumption.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

AB, §§ 20-1001.3 and 20-1002 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 1271 Delegate Turner**SPECIAL EDUCATION – STUDENT EVALUATION – IDENTIFICATION OF TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY**

Requiring the initial evaluation of a certain child to determine whether the child is in need of special education services to include certain questions regarding the history of traumatic brain injury; and requiring these questions to be developed by the State Department of Education in consultation with the State Traumatic Brain Injury Advisory Board.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

ED, § 8-404 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 1272 Frederick County Delegation**FREDERICK COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – ALCOHOL BY VOLUME – WINE**

Altering the percentage of alcohol by volume that establishments holding certain alcoholic beverages licenses may serve in Frederick County to 22%.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

AB, §§ 20-701 and 20-904(d) - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 1273 Delegate Conaway**REAL PROPERTY – COMMERCIAL LEASE ADDENDUM – LIQUIDATED DAMAGES**

Requiring a landlord to pay \$1,000 in liquidated damages to a tenant if the landlord violates the terms of an addendum to a commercial lease, unless a greater amount of liquidated damages are otherwise provided for under the terms of the lease agreement or the addendum.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

RP, § 8-119 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 1274 Delegate Conaway**RETAIL PRICING – REQUIRED DISCLOSURE AND MANNER OF DISCLOSURE**

Requiring a seller to disclose the price of a consumer commodity if the total or unit price is raised; and providing for the manner of the required disclosure.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

CL, §§ 14-103 and 14-104 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 1275 Delegate Lisanti**MARYLAND AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE FUND – LIABILITY INSURANCE – SCHOOL BUS CONTRACTORS**

Requiring the Maryland Automobile Insurance Fund to offer primary or supplemental coverage to certain applicants that provide school bus services to a county board of education; requiring the coverage to include certain minimum coverages and to equal or exceed the coverage provided to public contractors for school bus services in the county; and exempting coverage under the Act from a certain limitation.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

IN, § 20-503 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 1276 Delegate Henson**MARYLAND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY – EMERGENCY PLANNING AND MANAGEMENT CULTURAL COMPETENCY – STUDY**

Requiring the Maryland Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) to study and make recommendations on best practices and model policies, including those addressing emergency responder training, for the culturally sensitive inclusion of minority communities in State and local emergency plans and management; requiring MEMA to conduct a survey of State and local emergency management plans to ascertain certain current emergency planning strategies; requiring MEMA to review certain emergency management plans; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 1277 Delegate Henson**STATE PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT SYSTEM – OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC DEFENDER – PLACEMENT**

Establishing that, within the Office of the Public Defender, the deputy public defender, district public defenders, assistant public defenders, and other employees are placed in certain employment categories in the State Personnel Management System; authorizing the Public Defender to employ, rather than appoint, assistant public defenders and other employees; authorizing assistant public defenders and other employees to be terminated or disciplined only for cause in accordance with certain provisions of law; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

CP, § 16-203 - amended

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 1278 Delegate Ebersole**DEPARTMENT OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES – STUDY – CAPACITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY OF STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

Requiring the Department of Legislative Services to contract with a consultant to study and make recommendations regarding the capacity and accountability of the State Department of Education to carry out certain responsibilities and duties; requiring the consultant to be independent and have certain expertise; requiring the consultant to collect certain data, account for certain spending, and review certain mitigation plans and corrective actions taken with regard to student learning loss during the COVID–19 pandemic; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2021

Assigned to: Ways and Means

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

Expanding the purposes of the Regional Institution Strategic Enterprise Zone Program; establishing the Regional Institution Strategic Enterprise Zone Fund in the Department of Commerce for certain purposes; prohibiting the Secretary of Commerce from approving a Regional Institution Strategic Enterprise (RISE) zone the geographic area of which exceeds 500 acres; altering eligibility for tax incentives that a business entity that locates in a RISE zone may receive under certain circumstances; etc.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

EC, SF, TG, and TP, Various Sections - amended and added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 1280 Delegate Pena–Melnyk**HEALTH – MARYLAND COMMUNITY HEALTH AND PUBLIC SAFETY
CENTER OF EXCELLENCE – ESTABLISHMENT**

Establishing the Maryland Community Health and Public Safety Center of Excellence within the Governor’s Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services; authorizing the Center to enter into contracts with the University of Maryland System or other entities for the purposes of carrying out its mission; requiring the activities of the Center to include certain planning, assistance, and coordination; requiring the Center to provide technical assistance to local governments for certain purposes; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2021

HG, §§ 13-4201 through 13-4206 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 1281 Delegate W. Fisher**ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES – VULNERABLE ADULTS REGISTRY
– INVESTIGATIONS AND RECORDS OF ABUSE AND NEGLECT AND
WORKGROUP STUDY**

Authorizing the Social Services Administration to establish and maintain a centralized confidential database for abused and neglected vulnerable adults; authorizing the Department of Human Services or a local department of social services to identify in the database an individual as responsible for abuse and neglect of a vulnerable adult in certain circumstances; establishing a Workgroup to Study Best Practices for a Vulnerable Adult Registry in Maryland; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

CONTINGENT – EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

FL, § 14-101 - amended and FL, §§ 14-305.1, 14-306, and 14-306.1 and HU, §§ 1-202.1 and 1-203.1 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 1282 Delegate Grammer**REAL PROPERTY – NUISANCE ACTIONS – RODENT HARBORAGE**

Authorizing an individual to bring a nuisance action for damages caused by rodent harborage on real property against an owner of the property; defining “rodent harborage” as a condition that provides sustenance or shelter for rodents, promotes their reproduction and continued existence on a property, creates or contributes to property damage, is injurious to public health and safety or obstructs the reasonable use of the property; authorizing the court to award certain damages to a prevailing plaintiff; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

RP, § 14-133 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 1283 Delegate Wells**REAL PROPERTY – RESIDENTIAL LEASES – RENT RESTRICTIONS**

Prohibiting a landlord from increasing rent on a certain restricted rental unit by more than 0.4% each year, subject to certain exceptions; and providing that rent restrictions for restricted rental units do not apply once rent reaches at least \$2,250 each month.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

RP, § 8-209 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 1284 Delegate Acevero**JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY – POLICE DEPARTMENT – REPEAL**

Repealing all provisions relating to the establishment and maintenance of a police department at the Johns Hopkins University, including all applicable authorizations, powers, requirements, and prohibitions on the University, University police officers, the Baltimore Police Department, and the Department of Legislative Services; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

ED, CP, PS, Various Sections and Ch. 25 of the Acts of 2019, § 3 - repealed and CP, PS, and PLL of Balt Cty, Various Sections - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 1285 Howard County Delegation

HOWARD COUNTY – FEE FOR RENTAL HOUSING SERVICES – ESTABLISHED HO. CO. 15–21

Establishing a fee on rental housing licenses issued in Howard County to fund educational services for any tenant or landlord in need of assistance and legal services for any tenant with a household income of up to 60% of the median household income in Howard County; requiring that the fee be \$15 per unit in fiscal year 2022; specifying that the fee is in addition to any other fees required for the issuance or renewal of a rental housing license; requiring a certain report; applying the Act prospectively; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

PLL of Howard County, Art. 14, § 14.906 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 1286 Delegate Grammer

LAW ENFORCEMENT PERFORMANCE MEASUREMENTS – REQUIRED REPORTING

Requiring local law enforcement agencies to submit certain information relating to law enforcement officer performance evaluation measures to the Maryland Police Training and Standards Commission on or before April 1 and October 1 each year; requiring the Commission to aggregate and report certain information relating to law enforcement officer performance measures to the General Assembly by May 1 and November 1 each year; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

PS, § 3-523 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 1287 Delegate R. Lewis

ALCOHOL AND DRUG COUNSELING – ALCOHOL AND DRUG TRAINEES – PRACTICE THROUGH TELEHEALTH

Authorizing alcohol and drug trainees to practice clinical drug and alcohol counseling without a license or drug and alcohol counseling without a certificate through telehealth if the individuals are working as trainees under the supervision of certain approved supervisors while completing certain experiential or course study requirements.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

HO, § 17-406 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 1288 Delegate Amprey**BALTIMORE CITY – 40TH DISTRICT ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES**

Authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Baltimore City to issue a Class C beer, wine, and liquor license in certain areas of the 40th alcoholic beverages district in Baltimore City; prohibiting certain license holders in the 40th alcoholic beverages district in Baltimore City from selling alcoholic beverages before 10 a.m. or after 10 p.m., with certain exceptions; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

AB, §§ 12-1603 and 12-2005 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 1289 Delegate Amprey**HOMESTEAD PROPERTY TAX CREDIT – NOTICE REQUIREMENTS AND APPLICATION WAIVER FOR FIRST-TIME HOMEBUYERS**

Requiring a contract for the sale of residential property to a certain first-time homebuyer in the State to include a certain statement relating to the homestead property tax credit; requiring the State Department of Assessments and Taxation to develop a certain form including a certain statement; requiring a certain vendor, at the initial sale of the first lot in a certain development to a certain individual, to deliver in a certain manner a certain statement to homeowners within a certain distance of the development; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2021

RP, §§ 10-711 and 11B-105.1 - added and TP, § 9-105(d) and (f) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 1290 Delegate Amprey**STATE DEPARTMENT OF ASSESSMENTS AND TAXATION – REAL PROPERTY ASSESSMENTS AND APPEALS**

Requiring the State Department of Assessments and Taxation to publish on the Department's website certain information in plain language relating to the assessment process and methodology used by the Department in determining the value of real property; requiring the Department and certain assessors employed by the Department, when determining the value of real property, to conform to certain federal guidelines, consider certain matters, and provide certain information; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

TP, § 2-218.1 - added and §§ 8-104(a) and (c)(1) and 14-516 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 1291 Delegate Amprey**PUBLIC SAFETY – UNTRACEABLE FIREARMS**

Prohibiting a person from manufacturing, assembling, possessing, selling, offering to sell, transferring, purchasing, or receiving a certain firearm or unfinished frame or receiver not imprinted with a serial number by a federally licensed firearms manufacturer or federally licensed firearms importer; establishing penalties for a violation of the Act of imprisonment for up to 2 years or a fine not to exceed \$5,000 or both; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

PS, § 5-101(h) - amended and §§ 5-701 through 5-703 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 1292 Delegate Amprey**BALTIMORE CITY – NURSING HOMES AND ASSISTED LIVING PROGRAMS – SOCIAL WORKERS**

Requiring each nursing home and assisted living program in Baltimore City to designate a licensed social worker for each resident to serve as the resident's case manager; and authorizing a certain social worker to provide services for nursing home or assisted living program residents that will help them attain or maintain their physical, mental, and psychosocial status.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

HG, §§ 19-1410.3 and 19-1807.1 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 1293 Delegate Amprey**BALTIMORE CITY – WEST NORTH AVENUE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**

Establishing the West North Avenue Development Authority in Baltimore City to support the development and approval of a comprehensive neighborhood revitalization plan in the target area and the buffer zone; requiring the Authority to work in coordination with residents of the target area to develop the comprehensive plan; prohibiting a member of the Authority from receiving certain compensation; requiring a report by the Authority to the Governor and certain committees of the General Assembly by October 1, 2023; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

EC, §§ 12-701 through 12-706 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 1294 Delegate Charles**PUBLIC HEALTH – BUSINESSES AND RETAIL ESTABLISHMENTS –
HAND SANITIZER**

Requiring certain retail and business establishments to provide hand sanitizer at each touch screen that is used by customers; and authorizing the Maryland Department of Health to adopt certain regulations.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

HG, § 24-213 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 1295 Delegate Ivey**UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF MARYLAND – STUDENT FEES – REVIEW
AND RETENTION**

Requiring the presidents of University System of Maryland institutions to ensure that a student committee is presented with any proposed fees for their review; requiring the amount of the fee, the students who will be charged the fee, and the proposed use of the revenue generated from the fee to be provided to the student committee; and requiring certain revenues to be retained by campus unit or department that imposed the fee unless the student committee approves the transfer of revenues to another campus unit or department.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

ED, § 12-109(e)(7) - amended and § 12-109(h) - added

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 1296 Delegate Walker**PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS – DAILY PHYSICAL ACTIVITY
(STUDENT HEALTH AND FITNESS ACT)**

Requiring a public school student in elementary school to be provided a daily program of physical activity totaling at least 150 minutes each week to include physical education and developmentally appropriate, moderate-to-vigorous activity, including recess and at least 90 minutes each week of physical education; requiring that the program of physical activity for a certain category of student be consistent with the student's Individualized Education Program; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

ED, § 7-409 - amended and § 7-409.1 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 1297 Delegate Walker

STATE HIGHWAYS – DESIGNATIONS – THURGOOD MARSHALL HIGHWAY

Requiring the State Highway Administration to designate Maryland Route 210 as the Thurgood Marshall Highway.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

TR, § 8-663 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 1298 Delegate Walker

GAMING – DISTRIBUTION OF VIDEO LOTTERY TERMINAL PROCEEDS – LOCAL IMPACT GRANTS

Requiring, if the amount of the local impact grants distributed to Anne Arundel County or Baltimore City under certain provisions of law is less than the amount of local impact grants received in fiscal year 2016, the Comptroller to pay the difference to Anne Arundel County or Baltimore City from the proceeds of video lottery terminals; and requiring that certain local impact grants received by Anne Arundel County or Baltimore City be used in a certain manner.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

SG, §§ 9-1A-26, 9-1A-27(a), and 9-1A-31(a)(7) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 1299 Delegate Walker

EDUCATION – PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOLS – FINANCIAL LITERACY CURRICULUM AND GRADUATION REQUIREMENT

Requiring the State Board of Education to develop curriculum content for a half-semester-long course in financial literacy; requiring each county board of education to implement the financial literacy curriculum content in every public high school in the county; and requiring students to complete a course in financial literacy in order to graduate from a public high school.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

ED, § 7-205.5 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 1300 Delegate Smith**INCOME TAX – 529 COLLEGE INVESTMENT PLANS – ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION EXPENSES**

Requiring an addition modification for certain distributions made under certain college investment accounts that are used for certain elementary and secondary education expenses; requiring certain account holders to report to the Comptroller in a certain manner whether certain distributions were used for certain education expenses; excluding from a subtraction modification certain contributions to and distributions from a certain college investment plan that are used for certain elementary and secondary education expenses; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

TG, §§ 10-205(h), 10-207(s), and 10-208(o) - amended and §§ 10-205(m) and 10-914 - added

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 1301 Delegate Smith**BALTIMORE CITY – VISIT BALTIMORE – APPROPRIATION CALCULATION**

Altering the method by which a certain annual appropriation in the Baltimore City budget to Visit Baltimore is calculated; and extending to 2027 the termination date of the appropriation for Visit Baltimore.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

The Charter of Baltimore City, Art. II, § (40)(e) - amended

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 1302 Delegate Smith**MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISES – CALCULATION OF PARTICIPATION RATES – EXEMPTION FOR PROCUREMENTS FROM MARYLAND CORRECTIONAL ENTERPRISES – REPEAL**

Repealing an exemption for certain procurements from Maryland Correctional Enterprises from the calculation of total procurement spending for the purpose of calculating a unit's Minority Business Enterprise Program participation rate.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

SF, § 14-302(a)(1)(i) - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 1303 Delegate Henson**SMALL, MINORITY, AND WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE – USE OF FUNDS**

Requiring an agency or unit of State government administering a certain financial assistance program authorized in response to certain disasters to authorize, notwithstanding certain provisions of law, small, minority, and women-owned businesses that are not in good standing with the State Department of Assessments and Taxation to apply to the agency or unit to conditionally participate in the program; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

SF, §§ 2-901 through 2-903 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 1304 Delegate Fraser-Hidalgo**STATE AIRPORTS – COMMERCIAL ACTIVITY – RENTAL VEHICLES AND PEER-TO-PEER CAR SHARING**

Establishing certain standards and requirements governing the provision of services and the granting of privileges by the Maryland Aviation Administration with respect to commercial activity undertaken by rental vehicle companies and peer-to-peer car sharing programs at State airports; altering the defined term “commercial activity” as it relates to State airports to include certain activities performed by rental vehicle companies and peer-to-peer car sharing programs; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

TR, § 5-408 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters and Environment and Transportation

HB 1305 Delegate Arentz**CONDOMINIUMS – MANDATORY INSURANCE COVERAGE – ALTERATIONS**

Providing that certain property insurance requirements are applicable to certain elements and units under certain circumstances; providing that for detached units, the requirement that each unit owner is an insured person under a certain insurance policy with respect to certain liability applies only to common elements; providing that a loss for attached or multifamily dwelling units covered by a certain policy be adjusted with the council of unit owners in a certain manner; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

RP, § 11-114 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 1306 Delegate Lisanti**MARYLAND CYBERSECURITY COUNCIL – ELECTION SECURITY AND HIGH-SPEED INTERNET ACCESS**

Altering the duties of the Maryland Cybersecurity Council to include monitoring and evaluating certain election security measures and high-speed Internet access in the State; and requiring the Council to make recommendations concerning any legislative changes considered necessary by the Council to address election security and high-speed Internet access.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

SG, § 9-2901 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 1307 Delegate Smith**EDUCATION – CHILD CARE CENTERS AND YOUTH DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATIONS AND PROGRAMS (SUPPORT YOUTH DEVELOPMENT FOR SCHOOL-AGE CHILDREN ACT)**

Exempting certain youth development organizations and programs from the definition of a child care center; requiring certain youth development organizations and programs to submit annually to the State Department of Education certain information; requiring certain youth development organizations and programs to maintain liability insurance and certain criminal background check records; requiring certain background checks to be completed at regular intervals as determined by certain entities; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

ED, § 9.5-401 - amended and § 9.5-401.1 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 1308 Delegate Brooks**VEHICLE LAWS – DELINQUENT TRAFFIC CITATIONS – ENFORCEMENT**

Repealing the requirement that the Motor Vehicle Administration suspend the driving privileges of a person for delinquent unpaid traffic fines; requiring the District Court or a circuit court to refer delinquent unpaid traffic fines to the Central Collection Unit in the Department of Budget and Management for collection; making certain conforming changes governing the contents of a traffic citation; requiring the District Court or a circuit court to provide certain notice of referral of a delinquent unpaid fine; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

TR, §§ 26-201(c) and 26-204 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 1309 Delegate Mangione**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – MARYLAND SMALL BUSINESS INNOVATION RESEARCH TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM – ALTERATIONS**

Altering the purpose of the Maryland Small Business Innovation Research Technical Assistance Program to include providing technical assistance to assist small businesses with attracting and accessing private capital.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

EC, § 10-4B-01 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 1310 Delegate Rosenberg**CLEAN ENERGY AND ENERGY EFFICIENCY – INVESTMENT IN LOW-INCOME COMMUNITIES**

Requiring the Commission on Environmental Justice and Sustainable Communities to develop certain policies and recommendations to place certain priorities in certain years for directing certain spending on clean energy and energy efficiency programs, projects, or investments to benefit certain low-income communities; providing for the application of certain priorities to certain programs, projects, and investments; requiring the Commission to consult with the Department of the Environment and certain other agencies; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2021

EN, § 1-701 - amended and § 1-703 - added

Assigned to: Appropriations and Economic Matters

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

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

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2021

TP, § 7-208(g) and (h) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 1312 Delegate Wilkins**COVID-19 EVICTION AND HOUSING RELIEF ACT OF 2021**

Requiring the Department of Housing and Community Development, in consultation with the Maryland Judiciary and local sheriffs and constables, to collect, maintain, and publish on the Departments' website certain information on eviction actions; requiring certain local sheriffs and constables to compile certain information in a certain manner designated by the Department and to report the information to the Department monthly; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL – VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

HS and RP, Various Sections - added and RP, § 8-401(a), (b)(1), and (e) - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary and Environment and Transportation

HB 1313 Delegate Mangione**EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES – PARAMEDICS – VACCINATION ADMINISTRATION**

Authorizing a paramedic to administer a vaccination included on the Recommended Adult Immunization Schedule from the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention or authorized for emergency use by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration if the services are under the direction of an EMS operational program medical director, ambulance service medical director, or other qualified physician, authorized by the Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems, and part of a certain program or population health outreach effort; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

ED, § 13-516(g) - repealed and added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 1314 Delegate Adams**BUSINESS REGULATION – SOCIAL MEDIA WEBSITES – CENSORED SPEECH**

Prohibiting a social media website from taking certain actions to censor the religious speech or political speech of a certain user; authorizing the Attorney General to bring a certain civil cause of action under certain circumstances; authorizing a court to award certain court costs and attorney's fees to the prevailing party of a certain action; providing that a certain violation of the Act is an unfair and deceptive trade practice that is subject to certain penalties; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

BR, §§ 19-1001 through 19-1006 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 1315 Delegate Fraser–Hidalgo**MOTOR VEHICLES – INSPECTION CERTIFICATES – EXCEPTION**

Exempting the transfer of a used vehicle from a business entity to an individual who wholly or partly owns the business entity from the requirement to obtain a motor vehicle safety inspection certificate.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

TR, § 23-106(a)(8) and (9) - amended and § 23-106(a)(10) - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 1316 Delegate Smith**BALTIMORE CITY – POLICE OFFICERS – PROMOTIONAL APPOINTMENTS**

Altering the procedures used by the Police Commissioner of Baltimore City to award promotional appointments; and authorizing the Commissioner to remove certain applicants from the list of eligible appointees if the Civilian Review Board has sustained a certain misconduct complaint against the applicant between the time the applicant applied for the promotion and the time in which the applicant is to be selected for the promotion.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

PLL of Baltimore City, Art. 4, § 16-10(c) - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 1317 Delegate Smith**BARBERS – EMPLOYMENT OF APPRENTICE BARBERS – ALTERATIONS**

Increasing, from 1 to 3, the maximum number of apprentice barbers per master barber that a barber shop may employ at the same time; and repealing a limit on the total number of apprentice barbers that a barbershop may employ at the same time.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

BOP, § 4-507(a) - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 1318 Delegate Howard**MARYLAND BUSINESS TAX RELIEF ACT**

Authorizing, for purposes of unemployment insurance law, a certain employing unit to elect to delay submitting a contribution and employment report for calendar quarters ending on March 31, 2021, and March 31, 2022; altering the application of a certain sales and use tax exemption for the sale of certain clothing or footwear during a certain sales-tax free period; establishing in calendar year 2021 an 8-day tax free period from the third Sunday in September through the following Sunday for certain restaurant sales of \$40 or less; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL – VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

LE, §§ 8-626 and 8-628 and TG, §§ 11-105 and 11-228 - amended and TG, §§ 10-751 and 11-241 through 11-243 and TP, § 9-266 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 1319 Delegate Howard**HEALTH INSURANCE – LYME DISEASE AND RELATED TICK-BORNE ILLNESSES – LONG-TERM ANTIBIOTIC TREATMENT**

Requiring certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations to provide coverage for certain long-term antibiotic treatment of Lyme disease and related tick-borne illnesses under certain circumstances; prohibiting an entity subject to the Act from denying certain treatment under certain circumstances; providing that the Act applies to all policies, contracts, and health benefit plans issued, delivered, or renewed in the State on or after January 1, 2022; etc.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2022

IN, § 15-856 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 1320 Delegate Boyce**BALTIMORE CITY – PROPERTY TAXES – AUTHORITY TO SET SPECIAL RATES**

Exempting Baltimore City from certain requirements relating to county property tax rates; authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City to set special property tax rates, under certain circumstances, for any class or subclass of real property that is subject to the county property tax; and applying the Act to taxable years beginning after June 30, 2021.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2021

TP, § 6-302 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 1321 Delegate Novotny**LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT – RIGHT TO WORK**

Prohibiting an employer from requiring, as a condition of employment or continued employment, an employee or a prospective employee, under certain circumstances, to join or remain a member of a labor organization, pay charges to a labor organization, or pay a certain amount to a third party; prohibiting an employer from threatening an employee or a prospective employee with certain action; providing certain penalties for violation of the Act; applying the Act prospectively; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

CJ, ED, HG, LE, LU, and SP, Various Sections - amended, LU, § 16-316 - repealed, and LE, §§ 4-701 through 4-707 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 1322 Delegate Washington**PRIMARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION – SCHOOL PERSONNEL – PROHIBITION ON RETALIATION FOR NOT RETURNING TO IN-PERSON INSTRUCTION AND WORK**

Prohibiting the Governor, the State Superintendent of Schools, the State Board of Education, a county superintendent, and a county board of education from disciplining, suspending, terminating, or otherwise retaliating against school personnel who choose not to return to a school building for in-person instruction during the 2020–2021 school year; requiring the State Board and county boards to allow certain school personnel to instruct and work remotely to the extent practicable during the 2020–2021 school year; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 1323 Delegate Hill**ALGORITHMIC DECISION SYSTEMS – PROCUREMENT AND DISCRIMINATORY ACTS**

Requiring a State unit to purchase a product or service that is or contains an algorithmic decision system that adheres to responsible artificial intelligence standards; specifying content included in responsible artificial intelligence standards as avoidance of harm, commitment to transparency and fairness, and an evaluation of the system’s impact and potential risks; and altering the definition of “discriminatory act” used in certain provisions of human relations law to include acts performed through algorithmic decision systems.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

SF, § 14-417 - added and SG, § 20-101 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 1324 Delegate P. Young**TOBACCO TAX – OUT-OF-STATE SALES OF PREMIUM CIGARS AND PIPE TOBACCO**

Requiring a person located outside the State to have a certain license in order to sell premium cigars or pipe tobacco to a consumer in the State; requiring the Executive Director of the Alcohol and Tobacco Commission to issue a certain license; authorizing the holder of a remote tobacco seller license to sell premium cigars and pipe tobacco to consumers in the State; establishing the requirements for an applicant for a remote tobacco seller license; altering the price used to calculate the tobacco tax for certain products; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022

BR, §§ 16.9-101 through 16.9-214 - added and TG, Various Sections - amended and added

Assigned to: Ways and Means and Economic Matters

HB 1325 Delegate Amprey**FOOD INSECURITY ZONES – STATE LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS – REPORTS**

Requiring the Department of Housing and Community Development and the Department of Planning to jointly produce a report for each State legislative district on the food environment in that district on or before December 1, 2021, and every 2 years thereafter; requiring the reports to include the metrics that determine food insecurity zones; requiring the reports to follow a certain format and be of a certain level of detail; authorizing the departments to collaborate with certain universities and nonprofit organizations; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2021

HS, § 6-308.5 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 1326 Delegate Dumais**MARYLAND HEALTHY WORKING FAMILIES ACT – REVISIONS AND PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY LEAVE**

Repealing the exemption from the Maryland Healthy Working Families Act for certain on-call employees; requiring employers to allow employees to use earned sick and safe leave during a public health emergency; requiring certain employers to provide employees certain earned sick and safe leave on the date that a public health emergency is declared or proclaimed for a jurisdiction; requiring an employer to provide certain earned sick and safe leave regardless of the employee's length of employment with the employer; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EMERGENCY BILL

LE, §§ 3-1301, 3-1303, 3-1304(c), 3-1305(a), 3-1306, 3-1309, and 3-1310 - amended and § 3-1306 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 1327 Delegate Dumais**PUBLIC UTILITIES – TRANSITIONAL AND DEFAULT ELECTRIC SERVICE – IMPLEMENTATION**

Requiring the Public Service Commission, by regulation or order, to require that customers are provided access to certain charges for electricity service; requiring the Commission to determine the terms and conditions of transitional electric service and default service; requiring the Commission to administer the transition to default service through a competitive assignment process beginning with electric service rendered on October 1, 2023, and thereafter; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

PU, Various Sections - amended and added and SF, § 6-226(a)(2)(ii)122. and 123. - amended and § 6-226(a)(2)(ii)124. - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 1328 Delegate Feldmark**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – BROADBAND PROVIDERS – JOINT TRENCHING AND FEE (BUILDING OUT BROADBAND ACT OF 2021)**

Declaring certain findings and the intent of the General Assembly; renaming the Rural Broadband Assistance Fund to be the Maryland Digital Connectivity Fund; altering the purpose of the Fund to include expansion of affordable broadband services; providing that the Fund consists of certain fees; altering the use of the Fund to include providing certain financial assistance to authorities to expand high-speed Internet access in certain areas of the State; authorizing a county or municipal corporation to adopt certain policies; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

EC, § 5-1101 - repealed and §§ 5-1101 and 5-1103 - added and EC, §§ 5-1102 and 13-504 and TR, § 8-654 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 1329 Cecil County Delegation

MARYLAND TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY – JOHN F. KENNEDY MEMORIAL HIGHWAY – TOLL PLAZAS

Prohibiting the Maryland Transportation Authority from making any capital investment in the John F. Kennedy Memorial Highway toll plaza; and requiring the Authority to remove the John F. Kennedy Memorial Highway toll plaza when it becomes functionally obsolete and establish a new toll plaza for the John F. Kennedy Memorial Highway at a location between Maryland Route 279 and Maryland Route 272.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

TR, § 4-408 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 1330 Delegate Amprey

VEHICLE LAWS – TOWING CHARGES AND ABANDONED VEHICLES

Applying certain provisions regulating the towing or removal of vehicles from parking lots to the towing and removal of vehicles from public rights-of-way; altering the total amount that a person who tows or removes a vehicle may charge; authorizing certain persons to sell at public auction an abandoned vehicle that is not reclaimed in a certain manner and for which a certain certificate is issued; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

TR, §§ 21-10A-04, 25-207, and 25-209 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 1331 Delegate D.M. Davis

MARYLAND CRIMINAL JUSTICE DEBT ELIMINATION AND PREVENTION ACT OF 2021

Altering who may be charged by certain licensed businesses for providing home monitoring services under certain circumstances; repealing certain fees and costs to certain inmates in certain counties; prohibiting the assessment of fees against a defendant for home monitoring under certain circumstances; prohibiting the court from imposing a monthly fee on a person under the supervision of the Division of Parole and Probation; prohibiting the court from charging certain fees under certain circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

BOP, CS, CJ, CP, FL, SF, and TR, Various Sections - amended, added, and repealed

Assigned to: Judiciary