



# SYNOPSIS

House Bills and Joint Resolutions  
2021 Maryland General Assembly Session

**January 15, 2021**  
**Schedule 3**

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**PLEASE NOTE:** January 19 – Bill request deadline.  
February 5 – Bill introduction deadline.  
All bills must be given to the Chief Clerk by 5:00 P.M. on Friday, February 5.  
As required by House Rule 32(b), bills introduced after this date will be referred to the House Rules and Executive Nominations Committee.

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## **HOUSE BILLS INTRODUCED JANUARY 15, 2021**

### **HB 422 Delegate D. Barnes**

#### **MINORITY PARTICIPATION IN THE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES INDUSTRY – STUDY**

Requiring the Governor's Office of Small, Minority, and Women Business Affairs to conduct a study of the participation of minority-owned businesses in the alcoholic beverages industry in the State; providing for the inclusion of certain issues in the study; requiring the Office to conduct the study in consultation and cooperation with certain agencies and interests; requiring the Office to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly by January 1, 2022; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2021

Assigned to: Economic Matters

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**HB 423 Delegate Feldmark****ELECTION LAW – VOTING SYSTEMS – ACCESSIBILITY FOR VOTERS WITH DISABILITIES**

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; applying the Act to all elections beginning with the statewide primary election held under a certain provision of law in 2022; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

EL, § 9-102(g) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 424 Delegate Feldmark****PUBLIC FINANCING ACT – MATCHING FUND REVISIONS (MARYLAND FAIR ELECTIONS ACT)**

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

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

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2021

EL, Various Sections - amended, repealed, and added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 425 Delegate Barron****CRIMINAL LAW – CRIMES INVOLVING COMPUTERS**

Prohibiting a person from committing a certain prohibited act with the intent to interrupt or impair the functioning of a health care facility or a public school; prohibiting a person from knowingly possessing certain ransomware with the intent to use the ransomware for purposes of introduction into a computer, network or system of another person; altering and establishing certain penalties; authorizing a victim of a certain offense to bring a civil action for damages against a certain person; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

CR, § 7-302 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 426 Delegate Dumais****CORRECTIONAL SERVICES – GERIATRIC PAROLE**

Requiring the Maryland Parole Commission to develop a dynamic risk assessment instrument to assist in predicting the risk that an inmate may violate the law if released on parole; 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; requiring a certain panel to consider and weigh certain factors, such as the age of the inmate, in determining whether a certain inmate is suitable for parole; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

CS, § 7-310 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 427 Delegate Jacobs****FEDERAL CLEAN WATER ACT – AUTHORITY OF STATE**

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.

EMERGENCY BILL – CONTINGENT

EN, § 9-353 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

**HB 428 Montgomery County Delegation****MONTGOMERY COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES LICENSES – ANNUAL FEES MC 19–21**

Authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Montgomery County, for the 2020–2021 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 for the 2021–2022 licensing period; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 429 Delegate Shetty****PHARMACISTS – REQUIRED NOTIFICATION AND AUTHORIZED  
SUBSTITUTION – LOWER-COST DRUG OR DEVICE PRODUCT**

Requiring a pharmacist, or the pharmacist's designee who is under certain supervision, to inform a certain consumer of the availability of a therapeutically equivalent brand name drug that is the lowest cost alternative to the originally prescribed drug or device and the cost difference between the therapeutically equivalent drug or device and the prescribed drug; altering the cost difference of which a pharmacist is required to inform a retail consumer; requiring a certain determination to be made based on a certain drug benefit; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

HO, § 12-504 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

**HB 430 Montgomery County Delegation****MONTGOMERY COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – SEATING  
REQUIREMENTS MC 11–21**

Repealing requirements for a minimum seating capacity of 200 and maximum seating capacity of 1,499 individuals for a BWL Community Performing Arts Facility license for alcoholic beverages in Montgomery County.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

AB, § 25-1004 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 431 Montgomery County Delegation****MONTGOMERY COUNTY – INTERFERENCE WITH ELECTRIC  
COMPANY'S VEGETATION MANAGEMENT COMPLIANCE –  
EXEMPTION MC 10–21**

Exempting Montgomery County from the prohibition against adopting or enforcing a local law, rule, or regulation or taking any other action that interferes with, or materially increases the cost of the work of an electric company toward, compliance with certain vegetation management standards.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

PU, § 7-213(e) - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 432**    **Montgomery County Delegation**

MONTGOMERY COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – DRAFT BEER FOR OFF-SITE CONSUMPTION IN DAMASCUS MC 12-21

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.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

AB, §§ 25-806, 25-1103, 25-1104.1, and 25-1603 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 433**    **Montgomery County Delegation**

MONTGOMERY COUNTY – PUBLIC CAMPAIGN FINANCING – EXPANSION MC 14-21

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.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2021

EL, § 13-505 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 434**    **Delegate K. Young**

PUBLIC HEALTH – TELEHEALTH – HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONERS AND THE MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Requiring the Maryland Medical Assistance Program, subject to a certain limitation, to provide health care services appropriately delivered through telehealth, including services provided using an audio-only call; altering a certain provision of law requiring the Program to provide certain mental health 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; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

HG, §§ 15-103(a)(2)(xv) and (xvi) and HO, §§ 1-1001 and 1-1006 - amended and HG, § 15-103(a)(2)(xvii) - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

**HB 435 Delegate Smith****STATE INDIVIDUAL INCOME TAX – MILLIONAIRES’ TAX**

Increasing the State income tax rate for an individual to 7% of Maryland taxable income in excess of \$1,000,000; applying the Act to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2021; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022

TG, § 10-105(a) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 436 Delegate Smith****ENOCH PRATT FREE LIBRARY – OPERATING HOURS AND FUNDING**

Requiring an annual appropriation of \$3,000,000 to be used for branches of the Enoch Pratt Free Library that extend operating hours and services above those in effect as of January 1, 2016; 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; etc.

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

ED, § 23-402(a) - amended

Assigned to: Appropriations

**HB 437 Delegate Reznik****GENERAL PROVISIONS – STATE SONG – ADVISORY PANEL**

Repealing the State song; establishing the State Song Advisory Panel; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Advisory Panel; requiring the Advisory Panel to review certain submissions and suggestions for a new State song and to hold at least three public hearings; requiring the Advisory Panel to report its recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly by December 1, 2021; terminating a certain provision of the Act after June 30, 2022; etc.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

GP, § 7-318 - repealed

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

**HB 438 Delegate Mangione****CRIMES – MALICIOUS DESTRUCTION OF HISTORICALLY SIGNIFICANT MONUMENT (MONUMENT PROTECTION ACT OF 2021)**

Prohibiting a person from willfully and maliciously destroying, damaging, vandalizing, or desecrating a certain historically significant monument; providing penalties for violations of the Act; authorizing a court to consider as one crime the aggregate value of damage to each property resulting from one scheme or course of conduct in determining a penalty; providing for the application and determination of the value of certain damage; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

CR, § 6-301.1 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 439 Delegate Guyton****INSTITUTE FOR INNOVATION AND IMPLEMENTATION – PREGNANT, EXPECTING, AND PARENTING STUDENTS – DATA COLLECTION AND REPORT**

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 June 1, 2022, and each June 1 thereafter; requiring the Institute to document and analyze certain data and to use certain information to develop recommendations on legislation, regulations, and policy initiatives needed to address certain issues; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

ED, § 4-138 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 440 Montgomery County Delegation****BURTONSVILLE CROSSING – ACQUISITION BY MONTGOMERY COUNTY MC 13–21**

Requiring Montgomery County to initiate proceedings for the acquisition of a certain property by December 31, 2021; and requiring Montgomery County to acquire certain property in Burtonsville, Maryland as quickly as is practical and for a public purpose.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

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

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

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2021

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 442 Delegate K. Young****SUICIDE TREATMENT IMPROVEMENTS ACT**

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 counseling for suicidal persons who may be in crisis; 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; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

HG, §§ 7.5-501, 10-701, 10-709, and 10-1003 and IN, § 15-802 - amended and PS, § 3-207(j) - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations



**HB 443 Delegate McKay****ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – MAKERSPACE INITIATIVE PILOT PROGRAM**

Establishing the Makerspace Initiative Pilot Program in the Maryland Technology Development Corporation to encourage the establishment and expansion of makerspaces throughout the State; 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; etc.

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

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

EC, §§ 10-473 through 10-477 and SF, § 6-226(a)(2)(ii)124. - added and SF, § 6-226(a)(2)(ii)122. and 123. - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 444 Montgomery County Delegation and Prince George’s County Delegation****MARYLAND–NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION – INNOVATIVE RECREATION YOUTH PROGRAM  
MC/PG 104–21**

Establishing an Innovative Recreation Youth Program in the Maryland–National Capital Park and Planning Commission to integrate nontraditional recreational opportunities into the Commission’s existing recreational programs; authorizing certain recreational opportunities to include certain offerings; and requiring the Governor, beginning in fiscal year 2023 and ending in fiscal year 2027, to include in the annual budget bill an appropriation of \$2,000,000 each year to the Program.

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

LU, §§ 26-201 through 26-204 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

**HB 445 Delegate Dumais**

## CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – CHARGING PROCEDURES – CITATIONS

Altering the circumstances under which a police officer is required to charge by citation for certain misdemeanor or local ordinance violations that have an imprisonment penalty of up to 90 days and do not involve serious injury or an immediate health risk; altering the categories of offenses for which a police officer is authorized to charge by citation; altering the circumstances under which a police officer may charge a defendant by citation; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

CP, § 4-101(c) - amended and PS, § 3-207(j) - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 446 Delegate Dumais**

## ORGANIZED RETAIL THEFT

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 any county in which any one of the thefts occurred; 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; providing that the State has the burden of proving that a certain crime is organized retail theft; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

CR, § 7-103(f) and CP, § 2-203 - amended and CP, § 6-235 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 447 Delegate Dumais**

## JUDGES – SELECTION, ELECTION, TENURE, AND CONTINUANCE IN OFFICE

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; submitting the amendment to the qualified voters of the State for their adoption or rejection; etc.

## CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT – CONTINGENT

Maryland Constitution, Art. IV, §§ 3, 5, 5A, 14B, and 41D - repealed, § 3 - added, and §§ 11, 12, and 18B - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary and Ways and Means

**HB 448 Delegate Harrison**

## STATE GOVERNMENT – LEGAL AND EMPLOYEE HOLIDAY – JUNETEENTH NATIONAL FREEDOM DAY

Designating June 19 for Juneteenth National Freedom Day as a State legal and employee holiday; and repealing the requirement that the Governor proclaim June 19 as Juneteenth National Freedom Day.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2021

GP, § 1-111 - amended and 7-411 - repealed and SP, § 9-201 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

**HB 449 Delegate Bartlett**

## FAMILY LAW – MARRIAGE – LICENSES AND RECORDS

Altering certain designations on a marriage license and certificate; and 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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

FL, §§ 2-403 and 2-501 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 450 Delegate Henson**

## ELECTION LAW – POLLING SITES – FIREARMS PROHIBITIONS

Prohibiting a person from carrying or displaying a firearm on the premises of a privately or publicly owned building being used as a polling site during an election, including in a parking lot, or carrying or possessing a firearm within 100 feet of a polling site during an election, subject to a certain exception; and establishing a certain civil penalty of up \$5,000 for a certain violation. etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

EL, §§ 16-903 and 16-1002 - amended and § 16-904 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 451 Delegate Henson****REAL PROPERTY – RESIDENTIAL RENTAL PROPERTY INSPECTION  
– REMOTE VIDEO INSPECTION**

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 the 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; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

RP, § 8-119 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

**HB 452 Delegate Crutchfield****HATE CRIMES – CIVIL REMEDY**

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 damages that may be equal to three times the amount of the actual damages; and applying the Act prospectively.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

CR, § 10-309 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 453 Delegate D. Barnes****HEALTH – MEDICAL CANNABIS REAUTHORIZATION ACT**

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; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

HG, §§ 13-3306 and 13-3309 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

**HB 454 Delegate D. Barnes****STATE AND LOCAL PROCUREMENT – PAYMENT PRACTICES**

Altering a State policy to make a payment under a procurement contract or after receipt of a proper invoice in 15 days rather than the current policy of 30 days; requiring each county and municipality to adopt a certain policy; reducing the number of days from 45 to 15 following receipt of an invoice after which the State owes interest on unpaid amounts and interest begins to accrue on unpaid amounts; and repealing a requirement that a contractor submit an invoice within a certain amount of time in order to receive interest payments.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

SF, §§ 15-103 through 15-105 - amended and LG, § 1-404 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

**HB 455 Delegate Jacobs****AGRICULTURE – PROCESSING OF POULTRY LITTER FOR ALTERNATIVE USE**

Requiring the processing of poultry litter for a certain alternative use, or the resulting product, 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; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

AG, § 8-1101 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

**HB 456 Delegate Jacobs****CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM – KENT COUNTY**

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 for the transfer of creditable service for a certain individual; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

SP, § 31-2B-07 - added

Assigned to: Appropriations

**HB 457 Delegate Dumais****INSURANCE – APPLICATION OF PREMIUM TAX – CONTINUED  
EXCLUSION OF MARYLAND AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE FUND**

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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

Chapter 509 of the Acts of 2017, § 4 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 458 Delegate Guyton****PROGRAM OPEN SPACE – LOCAL PROJECTS – VISITOR BEHAVIOR  
POLICIES**

Requiring an applicant to make a certain certification on an application for a certain local projects grant under Program Open Space; requiring each local governing body to submit to the Department of Natural Resources a policy of best practices of ethical behavior for visitors to parks and natural areas and a plan for sharing the policy with the public; requiring the policy to include certain information; and authorizing certain information to be submitted as part of a certain local land preservation and recreation plan.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

NR, § 5-906 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

**HB 459 Delegate Mangione****DISABLED ACTIVE DUTY SERVICE MEMBERS, DISABLED VETERANS, AND SURVIVING SPOUSES – EXEMPTION FROM PROPERTY TAX AND OTHER CHARGES AND REFUNDS**

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; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2021

TP, § 1-306 - added and § 7-208(g) and (h) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 460 Delegate Solomon****TRANSFER WITH SUCCESS ACT**

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 and submit to the Commission a report each year listing the denials and the reasons for the denials; and requiring the procedures to direct a certain institution to review a denial of the transfer of a credit or course.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

ED, § 11-207 - amended

Assigned to: Appropriations

**HB 461 Delegate Washington****PUBLIC SCHOOLS – STUDENT ATTENDANCE – EXCUSED ABSENCES FOR MENTAL HEALTH NEEDS**

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 1 day of absence in each quarter of each school year for a student's mental health needs; and prohibiting a county board from requiring a note from a physician to excuse a student's absence for mental health needs.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

ED, § 7-301.3 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 462 Delegate Washington****RESIDENTIAL REHABILITATION PROGRAMS – REPORTING OF CRITICAL INCIDENTS**

Requiring the Secretary of Health to provide the address of a residential rehabilitation program to certain entities at least 14 days before issuing a certain license; requiring the administrative head of a residential rehabilitation program to report a certain critical incident to certain entities 24 hours after receiving certain notification; requiring a certain local behavioral health authority to conduct a certain assessment and evaluation within 14 days after receiving a certain report; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

HG, § 10-714 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

**HB 463 Delegate Barron****MARYLAND HEALTH EQUITY RESOURCE ACT**

Requiring the Secretary of Health to designate certain areas as Health Equity Resource Communities in a certain manner; specifying that the purpose of establishing Health Equity Resource Communities is to reduce health disparities, improve health outcomes, improve access to primary care, promote primary and secondary prevention services and reduce health care costs and hospital admissions and readmissions; authorizing certain credits against the State income tax for certain health care providers and organizations; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

HG, §§ 20-1401 through 20-1408, SF, § 6-226(a)(2)(ii)124., and TG, § 10-731.1 - added and SF and TG, Various Sections - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations and Ways and Means



**HB 464**    **Montgomery County Delegation and Prince George’s County Delegation**  
MARYLAND–NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING  
COMMISSION – MANDATORY REFERRAL REVIEW MC/PG 101–21

Establishing that a referral to the Maryland–National Capital Park and Planning Commission is deemed approved under certain circumstances only if there is a complete submission or an explanatory narrative accompanied by architectural drawings that can be adequately reviewed by the Commission; requiring the Commission to notify a certain submitting entity within 3 business days regarding whether a certain submission or amendment to a submission is complete and accepted or rejected as incomplete; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

LU, § 20-304 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

**HB 465**    **Delegate Washington**

STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS – QUALIFICATIONS AND  
SENATE CONFIRMATION

Requiring that the State Superintendent of Schools be appointed with the advice and consent of the Senate; and prohibiting the appointment of an individual as State Superintendent if the individual is, or during the immediately preceding year was, a member of the State Board of Education.

EMERGENCY BILL

ED, § 2-302 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 466**    **Delegate Palakovich Carr**

HIGHER EDUCATION – STUDENT IDENTIFICATION CARDS –  
REQUIRED INFORMATION

Requiring each institution of higher education to provide the telephone number of Maryland’s Helpline on student identification cards, if provided by the institution; authorizing an institution of higher education to also provide certain telephone numbers of mental health crisis hotlines on student identification cards, if provided by the institution; and providing that certain student identification cards in use on, or printed before, the effective date of the Act will be in compliance with the Act.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

ED, § 15-126 - added

Assigned to: Appropriations

**HB 467 Delegate Rogers****RENEWABLE ENERGY PORTFOLIO STANDARD – HYDROELECTRIC POWER**

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; applying the Act to all renewable portfolio standard compliance years that begin on or after January 1, 2021; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2021

PU, §§ 7-703(b)(16) through (25) and 7-704(a)(4) - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 468 Delegate Forbes****BALTIMORE COUNTY – SCHOOL BOARD NOMINATING COMMISSION – VACANCY PROCEDURES**

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; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

ED, § 3-2B-03 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 469 Delegate Forbes****STATE-FUNDED CONSTRUCTION AND MAJOR RENOVATION PROJECTS – SOLAR PANELS – REQUIREMENT**

Requiring the State, for certain construction projects and major renovation projects proposed after December 31, 2021, 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; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

SF, § 3-602.2 - added and § 4-809(f) - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations and Appropriations

**HB 470 Delegate Ruth****PUBLIC HEALTH – COMMISSION ON UNIVERSAL HEALTH CARE**

Establishing the Commission on Universal Health Care; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Commission; requiring the Commission to develop a plan for the State to establish, on or before January 1, 2024, a universal health care program to provide health benefits to all residents of the State through a single-payer system; authorizing the Commission, the Maryland Health Benefit Exchange, and the Maryland Department of Health to apply for certain waivers; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2021

HG, §§ 13-4201 through 13-4203 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

**HB 471 Delegate C. Watson****FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS – SECURITY QUESTIONS AND MEASURES**

Requiring a financial institution that requires a customer to provide an answer to a security question in connection with the provision of an account to allow a customer to choose from at least two security questions options for each required security question; and applying the Act prospectively.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

FI, § 1-212 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 472 Delegate P. Young****AGRICULTURE – USE OF GLYPHOSATE – PROHIBITION**

Prohibiting a person from using glyphosate in the State on or after October 1, 2022.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

AG, § 5-210.6 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

**HB 473 Delegate Dumais****ELECTRICITY – CHANGE OF ADDRESS – MAINTENANCE OF SUBSCRIPTIONS AND CONTRACTS**

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; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

PU, § 7-306.2(f) and (g) - amended and § 7-312 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 474 Delegate Guyton****INCOME TAX CREDIT – WINERIES AND VINEYARDS – SUNSET EXTENSION**

Extending the termination for a credit against the State income tax for certain expenses related to certain wineries and vineyards in the State to June 30, 2026.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2021

Chapter 659 of the Acts of 2013, § 2, as amended - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 475 Delegate Attar****SPEED MONITORING SYSTEMS IN SCHOOL ZONES – OPERATION TIMES – LIMITATION**

Establishing that a speed monitoring system in a school zone may operate only during the regular school year.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2021

TR, § 21-809(b)(1)(ix) - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

**HB 476 Delegate Shoemaker**

## FAMILY LAW – GRANDPARENT VISITATION

Providing that an equity court may grant visitation rights to a grandparent of a child if both the child's living parents consent, one of the child's living parents consents, both of the child's living parents are unable to consent, or certain exceptional circumstances exist.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

FL, § 9-102 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 477 Delegate Pippy**

## COURT ORDER TO USE A CELL SITE SIMULATOR OR OBTAIN LOCATION INFORMATION FROM AN ELECTRONIC DEVICE – PROCEDURES

Providing the ways in which an application for a court order authorizing or directing a law enforcement officer to use a cell site simulator or obtain location information from an electronic device may be submitted to a judge; providing for the ways in which an applicant for the court order and a judge may converse about the court order application; and providing for the ways in which a judge may issue the court order.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

CP, § 1-203.1 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 478 Delegate Lopez**

## CIVIL CASES – SURCHARGES

Increasing surcharges for certain civil cases in the circuit courts from \$55 to \$75 per case and in the the District Court from \$8 to \$13 per summary ejectment case and from \$18 to \$24 per case for all other civil cases; and prohibiting the surcharge for a summary ejectment case from being passed on to a tenant.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

CJ, §§ 7-202 and 7-301(c) - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 479 Delegate Barve****STATE RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEM – INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT FEES**

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 0.2% of the market value of invested assets as of the last day of the preceding fiscal year; exempting from the prohibition certain fees incurred under a contract entered into on or before June 30, 2021; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

SP, § 21-315(d) - amended

Assigned to: Appropriations

**HB 480 Delegate Barve****VEHICLE LAWS – PLUG-IN ELECTRIC DRIVE VEHICLES – RESERVED PARKING SPACES**

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 for the use of plug-in electric drive vehicles; requiring that a parking space that is for the use of plug-in electric drive vehicles have green pavement markings; requiring that a parking space that is for the use of plug-in electric drive vehicles be counted as part of the overall number of parking spaces for purposes of complying with certain zoning or parking laws; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

TR, § 21-1003.2 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

**HB 481 Delegate Barve****ELECTION LAW – DEADLINE FOR SELECTION OF LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR**

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 21 days after the primary election; submitting this amendment to the qualified voters of the State for their adoption or rejection; etc.

**CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT – CONTINGENT**

Maryland Constitution, Art. II, § 1B - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 482 Delegate Kaiser****HORSE RACING – MARYLAND-BRED RACE FUND ADVISORY COMMITTEE – MEMBERSHIP**

Altering the membership of the Maryland-Bred Race Fund Advisory Committee to include a member of and recommended by the Maryland Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association, Inc.; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2021

BR, § 11-532(a) and (b) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 483 Delegate Turner****TOWING OR REMOVAL OF VEHICLES – RECLAMATION HOURS**

Limiting, to at a minimum from 6 a.m. to midnight, 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; and 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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

TR, §§ 21-10A-02(a)(4) and 21-10A-05(a) - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

**HB 484 Delegate Cullison****HEALTH CARE FACILITIES – DIALYSIS TREATMENT SERVICES – TRAINING (DAVID SELBY DIALYSIS PARITY ACT)**

Prohibiting a health care facility from providing peritoneal dialysis or hemodialysis treatment services unless the individual performing the dialysis procedure has been trained in the peritoneal dialysis or hemodialysis technique being performed; establishing civil penalties not exceeding \$5,000 for each violation of the Act; requiring the Maryland Department of Health to adopt certain regulations; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022

HG, § 19-150 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

**HB 485 Delegate Solomon****PUBLIC–PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS – PROCESS AND OVERSIGHT**

Establishing the Public–Private Partnership Oversight Review Board; requiring a certain reporting agency to include in presolicitation reports for public–private partnerships with a total value that exceeds \$500,000,000 presolicitation reports of certain contracts and a certain environmental impact statement under certain circumstances; requiring certain agreements to be submitted to the Legislative Policy Committee; prohibiting the Board of Public Works, under certain circumstances, from designating a public–private partnership; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2021

SF, Various Sections - amended and added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation and Appropriations



**HB 486 Delegate Solomon**

STATE EMPLOYEES – COLLECTIVE BARGAINING – APPLICABILITY, BARGAINING PROCESSES, AND MEMORANDUMS OF UNDERSTANDING

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; providing for the negotiation of a certain consolidated memorandum of understanding; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2021

SP, Various Sections - amended, repealed, and added and ED, § 12-110 - amended

Assigned to: Appropriations

**HB 487 Delegate Solomon**

EDUCATION – SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION – PEDESTRIAN SAFETY PLANS (SCHOOL PEDESTRIAN SAFETY ACT)

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 100 students, to submit a pedestrian safety plan to the Interagency Commission on School Construction under certain circumstances; requiring the Commission to review the plans in consultation with the State Highway Administration; providing for the contents of the plan to ensure safe routes for students to walk or bike to school; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

ED, § 5-324 - added

Assigned to: Appropriations

**HB 488 Delegate Moon****CRIMINAL LAW – USE OR POSSESSION OF A CONTROLLED DANGEROUS SUBSTANCE – DE MINIMIS QUANTITY**

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; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

CR, §§ 5-601 and 5-601.1 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 489 Delegate Moon****COURTS – WIRETAPPING – MISCONDUCT IN OFFICE**

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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

CJ, § 10-406 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 490 Montgomery County Delegation****MONTGOMERY COUNTY – DEER MANAGEMENT PERMIT PILOT PROGRAM MC 15–21**

Providing that specified provisions of law related to the sale of livestock apply to specified deer; providing that the Maryland Wholesome Meat Act applies to specified deer; establishing the Deer Management Permit Pilot Program in Montgomery County to develop a commercial market for venison legally taken by a person with a Deer Management Permit; 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; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

AG, §§ 3-301, 4-103, 4-107, and 4-123.1(a)(3) and NR, §§ 10-404 and 10-415 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

**HB 491**    **Montgomery County Delegation and Prince George's County Delegation**

MARYLAND–NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION – PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY – CONCRETE BATCHING PLANTS – SETBACK REQUIREMENT MC/PG 106–21

Requiring that certain concrete batching plants in Prince George's County constructed on or after October 1, 2021, comply with a certain setback requirement.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

LU § 25-214 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

**HB 492**    **Delegate Stein**

RAILROAD COMPANY – MOVEMENT OF FREIGHT – REQUIRED CREW

Prohibiting a train or light engine used in the movement of freight in the same rail corridor as a high–speed passenger or commuter train from being operated in the State unless it has at least two crew members; establishing certain penalties; providing that a railroad company is solely responsible for certain actions of its agents or employees; prohibiting a county or municipal corporation from enacting and enforcing more stringent measures; requiring certain notice be made to the Department of Legislative Services; etc.

CONTINGENT – EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

LE, § 5.5-110(e) - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

**HB 493**    **Delegate Guyton**

ELECTION LAW – VOTING LOCATIONS – ACCESSIBILITY BY PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION AND VOTERS WITH DISABILITIES

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 500 feet from a public transportation station or stop and designating polling places located not more than 500 feet from a public transportation station or stop; requiring ballot drop boxes be placed in a manner that is accessible to voters with disabilities; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

EL, § 9-310.1 - added and §§ 10-101(a)(1) and 10-301.1(c) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 494 Delegate Stewart****VEHICLE LAWS – RECKLESS DRIVING – EXCESSIVE SPEEDING**

Establishing that a person who drives 20 miles per hour or more above the maximum speed limit is guilty of reckless driving; and establishing that a person charged with reckless driving must appear in court and may not prepay the fine.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

TR, § 21-901.1 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

**HB 495 Delegate Palakovich Carr****INCOME TAX – INTERNAL REVENUE CODE AMENDMENTS AND THE FEDERAL CARES ACT – DECOUPLING**

Prohibiting, except under certain circumstances, the retroactive application of certain amendments to the Internal Revenue Code to the determination of Maryland taxable income; requiring an addition modification, for certain taxable years, 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 allowed under the Internal Revenue Code and expanded by the federal CARES Act; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

TG, §§ 10-108 and 10-306(b) - amended and § 10-205(m) and (n) - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 496 Delegate Wilkins****PRIMARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION – MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES – EXPANSION (COUNSELORS NOT COPS ACT)**

Altering the membership of the School Safety Subcabinet Advisory Board; requiring the Governor, beginning in fiscal year 2023, to include in the annual budget bill an appropriation of \$10,000,000 to the Safe Schools Fund to be used for certain purposes related to expanding the availability of school-based mental health services; etc.

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

ED, §§ 7-1501, 7-1504, 7-1508(c) and (g), and 7-1512(e) through (g) - amended and § 7-1511.1 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

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

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

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2021

TP, § 9-253 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 498 Delegate Rosenberg****FIRST AMENDMENT ACTIVITIES AND ASSOCIATIONS – USE OF VEHICLE TO INTERFERE OR DAMAGE PROPERTY**

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 damage or destroy or attempt to damage or destroy certain property because a person or group of persons of a particular religious belief is associated with the property; establishing certain penalties for a violation of the Act; and defining "First Amendment activities".

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

TR, § 21-906 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 499 Delegate Rosenberg****RENTAL HOUSING RESTITUTION FUND – ESTABLISHMENT**

Establishing the Rental Housing Restitution Fund to provide rental assistance and legal assistance to individuals facing a potential rental residential property eviction; 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; providing for the investment of money in and expenditures from the Fund; requiring interest earnings of the Fund to be credited to the Fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

SF, § 6-226(a)(2)(ii)122. and 123. - amended and §§ 6-226(a)(2)(ii)124. and 7-332 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

**HB 500 Delegate Rosenberg****POLICE PROCEDURES – REQUIRING A PERSON TO LIE PRONE**

Authorizing a police officer to require a person to lie prone on the ground only when it is objectively reasonable and necessary to obtain compliance with lawful commands or to resolve a conflict; and requiring a police officer to consider certain factors in deciding whether to require a person to lie prone on the ground.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

CP, § 2-109 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

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

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

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2021

PU, § 19-107 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

**HB 502 Delegate Crutchfield****OFFICE OF THE STATE’S ATTORNEY – COLLECTION AND PUBLICATION OF PROSECUTORIAL INFORMATION**

Requiring each Office of the State’s Attorney to collect and disclose certain information relating to prosecutions and office policies to the Governor’s Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services; requiring the Office to determine the manner in which the State’s Attorneys transmit and publish certain information; requiring the Office to publish online certain information in a certain manner; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

CP, §§ 15-501 through 15-506 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 503 Delegate P. Young****ENVIRONMENT – OFFICE ON CLIMATE CHANGE – ESTABLISHMENT**

Establishing the Office on Climate Change in the Office of the Governor to facilitate the implementation of the Commission on Climate Change’s recommendations; 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 submit an annual report to the Governor and certain committees of the General Assembly; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

EN, §§ 2-13A-01 through 2-13A-04 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

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

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

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2021

IN, §§ 9-201, 9-215, and 9-221 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 505 Delegate Dumais****CHILD CUSTODY – LEGAL DECISION MAKING AND PARENTING TIME**

Repealing references to the terms “child custody” and “visitation” and substituting the terms “legal decision making” and “parenting time” in certain instances; authorizing the court to award joint legal decision making to both parties under certain circumstances; authorizing the court, in determining certain legal decision–making authority and parenting time in certain child custody proceedings, to consider certain factors; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

FL, §§ 5-203(d) and 9-107 - repealed and Various Sections - added and amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 506 Delegate T. Branch****BALTIMORE CITY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES DISTRICTS – LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTING PLAN REFERENCES**

Updating certain provisions of law regarding Baltimore City alcoholic beverages districts to refer to the Legislative Districting Plan of 2012 rather than the corresponding plan of 2002; requiring the Board of License Commissioners for Baltimore City to grant a certain exemption to certain persons under certain circumstances; etc.

**EMERGENCY BILL**

AB, §§ 12-903(c)(1) and (d), 12-1603(a), 12-1604(a), 12-1707(a), and 12-2007(b)(1) - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

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

Establishing the Clean Water Commerce Fund as a special, nonlapsing fund; requiring the Department of the Environment to transfer \$20,000,000 from the Bay Restoration Fund to the Clean Water Commerce Fund for certain purposes beginning in fiscal year 2022; 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; etc.

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

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2021

EN, SF, Chapter 366 of the Acts of 2017, and Chapter 367 of the Acts of 2017, Various Sections - amended, added, and repealed

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation and Appropriations

**HB 508 Delegate Attar****COVID–19 CLAIM – CIVIL IMMUNITY**

Providing civil immunity from 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 for under the Act; limiting the effect of the civil immunity provided for under the Act; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

CJ, § 5-809 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary



**HB 509 Delegate Acevero****9-1-1 SPECIALISTS – CLASSIFICATION AS FIRST RESPONDERS**

Altering the intent of the General Assembly regarding classification of certain 9-1-1 specialists as first responders; and defining the term “first responder” as an employee of a State or local public safety agency that provides emergency response services.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

PS, §§ 1-301 and 1-302.1 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

**HB 510 Delegate Valentino-Smith****TRANSPORTATION – PRIVATE SECTOR TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS OMBUDSMAN – ESTABLISHMENT**

Establishing the office of Private Sector Transportation Projects Ombudsman within the Department of Transportation; requiring the Secretary of Transportation to designate an Ombudsman to respond to concerns, complaints, and inquiries from residents, local government officials, and other entities regarding private sector transportation projects being developed or tested within the State; requiring the Department to provide the Ombudsman with sufficient resources to respond to all inquiries in an accurate and timely manner; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

TR, § 2-113 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

**HB 511 Delegate Valentino-Smith****INCOME TAX – PERSONAL EXEMPTION – DISABLED INDIVIDUALS**

Authorizing individuals who have a permanent physical disability to deduct \$1,000 as a personal exemption under the Maryland income tax; applying the Act to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2020; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

TG, § 10-211 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 512 Delegate Lehman****COAST SMART SITING AND DESIGN CRITERIA – PRIVATE CONSTRUCTION OR RECONSTRUCTION PROJECTS AND ENFORCEMENT**

Applying Coast Smart siting and design criteria to certain private construction or reconstruction projects beginning on July 1, 2022; exempting certain private construction or reconstruction projects from the application of the Act; establishing that the Department of Natural Resources has sole responsibility for enforcement of the 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; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

NR, § 3-1009 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

**HB 513 Delegate K. Young****MARYLAND NON-EMERGENCY MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION FUND AND TASK FORCE TO STUDY THE MARYLAND NON-EMERGENCY MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION FUND**

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 certain kidney dialysis centers to pay a certain fee for certain transports; establishing the Task Force to Study the Maryland Non-Emergency Medical Transportation Fund to review patient access to dialysis treatment and the direct costs incurred by counties for transporting dialysis patients to and from certain centers; etc.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

SF, § 6-226(a)(2)(ii)122. and 123. - amended and SF, § 6-226(a)(2)(ii)124. and TR, § 7-213 - added

Assigned to: Appropriations

**HB 514 Delegate B. Barnes****MARYLAND LEGAL SERVICES CORPORATION FUNDING – ABANDONED PROPERTY**

Increasing, from \$2,000,000 to \$8,000,000, the amount that the State Comptroller is required to distribute of certain abandoned property funds each year to the Maryland Legal Services Corporation Fund.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

CL, § 17-317 - amended

Assigned to: Appropriations

**HB 515 Delegate Palakovich Carr****REAL PROPERTY – CANDIDATES – ACCESS TO APARTMENT BUILDINGS**

Prohibiting a person from preventing a candidate from accessing apartment buildings to campaign for elected office, register voters, or distribute campaign material, 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 residents of an apartment building under certain circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

RP, § 8-119 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation and Ways and Means

**HB 516 Montgomery County Delegation and Prince George's County Delegation****BICOUNTY AGENCIES – PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY – USE AND OCCUPANCY PERMITS – NOTICE REQUIREMENTS MC/PG 107–21**

Prohibiting, for Prince George's County, the Maryland–National Capital Park and Planning Commission from making a recommendation as to zoning requirements for a use and occupancy permit under review unless the permit application contains a statement that identifies whether the property in question is part of a common ownership community and, if so, that the applicant delivered a copy of the application to the governing body of the common ownership community; applying the Act prospectively; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

LU, § 20-517 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

**HB 517 Delegate C. Watson****CLEAN ENERGY LOAN PROGRAM – REMEDIATION AND RESILIENCY**

Expanding the purpose of a certain clean energy loan program to include loans for water efficiency projects, environmental remediation projects intended to remove environmental or health hazards, and resiliency projects to increase the capacity of a property to withstand the effects of climate change; adding water efficiency projects and environmental remediation and resiliency projects to the items requiring eligibility requirements under a certain ordinance; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

LG, §§ 1-1101 and 1-1103 through 1-1105 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

**HB 518 Delegate Dumais****PUBLIC LIBRARIES – ELECTRONIC BOOK LICENSES – ACCESS**

Requiring a publisher who offers to license an electronic book to the public to also offer to license the 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 license terms authorizing public libraries to provide access to electronic books to include certain limitations and measures; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

ED, §§ 23-701 and 23-702 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 519 Delegate Barve****VEHICLE EQUIPMENT – SAFETY GLASS – REPLACEMENT STANDARDS**

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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

TR, § 22-406(g) - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

**HB 520 Delegate Barve****STATE BUILDINGS – GEOTHERMAL ENERGY SYSTEMS – REQUIREMENT**

Requiring the State to install a geothermal energy system in certain State buildings constructed by the State if the payback period for the system is less than or equal to 20 years.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

SF, § 4-410.1 - added

Assigned to: Appropriations

**HB 521 Delegate Mangione****CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – REGISTERED SEX OFFENDERS – ENTRY ONTO SCHOOL PROPERTY (PREDATOR–FREE SCHOOLS ACT)**

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 to continue receiving a certain education in a certain location; requiring the State Board of Education to adopt certain guidelines and a model policy; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EMERGENCY BILL

CP, § 11-722 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 522 Delegate Washington****PUBLIC SCHOOLS – SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS – PROHIBITED CONDUCT**

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; and requiring a specialized curriculum for use in training of school resource officers to include training in conduct that is prohibited.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

ED, § 7-1508 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 523 Delegate Attar****BALTIMORE CITY – REPOSSESSION FOR FAILURE TO PAY RENT – REGISTRATION AND LICENSE INFORMATION**

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; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

PLL of Baltimore City, Art. 4, §§ 9-3 and 9-5 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 524 Delegate Lehman****ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY AND PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY – REPOSSESSION FOR FAILURE TO PAY RENT – RENTAL PROPERTY LICENSE INFORMATION**

Requiring a landlord or a landlord’s duly authorized agent, at the time of filing a certain complaint for repossession 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 records demonstrating that the property is compliant with certain rental property licensing requirements; specifying that a certain provisional or temporary license is insufficient to satisfy the requirement; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

RP, 8-401(b) and (c) - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 525 Delegate Morgan****ST. MARY’S COUNTY – LAW ENFORCEMENT HEARING BOARD – CIVILIAN MEMBERS**

Providing that in St. Mary’s County, a certain hearing board may include up to two voting or nonvoting members of the public who have received at least 40 hours of training administered by the Maryland Police Training and Standards Commission on the Law Enforcement Officers’ Bill of Rights and matters relating to police procedures.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

PS, § 3-107(c) - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 526 St. Mary's County Delegation**

ST. MARY'S COUNTY – PUBLIC AND NONPUBLIC SCHOOLS – PROHIBITION ON POSSESSION OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS BY MINORS

Prohibiting a minor from possessing a tobacco product in a school building or on school grounds of a public, charter, or nonpublic school in St. Mary's County; establishing as penalties for violating this prohibition attendance at a tobacco cessation program for a first offense, a civil penalty of up to \$50 for a second offense, and a civil penalty of up to \$100 for each violation for a third or subsequent violation; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

ED, § 26-105 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means and Economic Matters

**HB 527 St. Mary's County Delegation**

ST. MARY'S COUNTY HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION – EQUAL TREATMENT

Altering the duties of the St. Mary's County Human Relations Commission with regard to encouraging and ensuring the equal treatment of all people.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

LG, § 29-106(b) - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

**HB 528 St. Mary's County Delegation**

ST. MARY'S COUNTY – REPEAL OF IMPACT FEE – AUTHORIZATION OF BUILDING EXCISE TAX

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; 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; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

LG, § 20-706(b) - repealed and § 20-807 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

**HB 529 St. Mary's County Delegation****ST. MARY'S COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – DISTILLERY ON-SITE CONSUMPTION PERMIT**

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 30 days before use; and establishing an annual fee of \$650 for the permit.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

AB, § 28-401 - amended and § 28-403 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 530 St. Mary's County Delegation****ST. MARY'S COUNTY – GAMING – ADMINISTRATION OF BINGO LICENSES**

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; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

CR, §§ 13-2101, 13-2103, 13-2105, 13-2106, 13-2107, and 13-2115 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 531 Delegate Morgan****CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – SEXUAL OFFENDERS – LIFETIME SUPERVISION**

Requiring a sentence for certain persons convicted of certain sexual abuse crimes to include a term of lifetime sexual offender supervision; and providing for the prospective application of the Act.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

CP, § 11-723 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary



**HB 532 Allegany County Delegation**ALLEGANY COUNTY – VIDEO LOTTERY TERMINALS –  
DISTRIBUTION OF PROCEEDS

Altering the distribution of proceeds from video lottery terminals at a facility in Allegany County after 10 years of operations at the facility.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

SG, §§ 9-1A-01(u)(3)(ii), 9-1A-26(a)(3), and 9-1A-27(b) and (c) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 533 Delegate Acevero**STATE GOVERNMENT – PREVENTION OF GENOCIDE AND CRIMES  
AGAINST HUMANITY AND THE COMMISSION ON GENOCIDE  
PREVENTION

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, 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; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

SF, § 6-222(a) and (d) and SP, § 21-116 - amended and SF, §§ 6-222(g) and 13-219.1 and SG, §§ 9-3301 and 9-3302 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

**HB 534 Delegate Acevero**PUBLIC HEALTH – HEALTHY MARYLAND PROGRAM –  
ESTABLISHMENT

Establishing the Healthy Maryland Program as a public corporation and a unit of State government; stating that the General Assembly finds that millions of dollars have been diverted or wasted as part of a multipayer health care system; stating that it is the intent of the General Assembly that Healthy Maryland be established to provide comprehensive universal health coverage for every Maryland resident and be funded by certain revenue; establishing the Healthy Maryland Board and the Healthy Maryland Public Advisory Committee; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

HG, IN, and SF, Various Sections - added and amended and IN, §§ 31-104 and 31-105(a) - repealed

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

**HB 535 Delegate Acevero****MARYLAND SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETER ACT**

Establishing the State Board of Sign Language Interpreters in the Maryland Department of Labor for purposes of ensuring effective communications for deaf, deaf-blind, and hard of hearing persons and to promote the public welfare by regulating those who provide sign language interpretation services; providing that certain provisions of law do not apply to certain individuals; authorizing the Board to set licensing requirements for sign language interpreters and certain fees; establishing the Sign Language Interpreters Fund; etc.

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

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

BOP, §§ 22-101 through 22-502, BR, § 2-108(a)(23), and SG, § 8-403(58) - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

**HB 536 Delegate Acevero****PUBLIC FINANCING ACT – STATE SENATE AND HOUSE OF DELEGATES CANDIDATES AND MATCHING FUND REVISIONS**

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; etc.

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

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

EL, Various Sections - amended, repealed, and added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 537 Delegate Ruth****MENTAL HEALTH LAW – PETITIONS FOR EMERGENCY EVALUATION – PROCEDURES**

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; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

HG, §§ 10-622 and 10-624 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

**HB 538 Delegate Hartman****HANDGUN PERMITS – QUALIFICATIONS – HIGH-RISK OCCUPATIONS**

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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

PS, § 5-306(a) - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 539 Delegate Buckel****HISTORIC REVITALIZATION TAX CREDIT – CERTIFIED HISTORIC STRUCTURE AND SINGLE-FAMILY, OWNER-OCCUPIED RESIDENCE – DEFINITIONS**

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 and occupied by a person under an agreement with the Department by which the person pays for rehabilitation of the structure as a condition of occupancy; applying the Act to all taxable years beginning after December 31, 2020; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

SF, § 5A-303(a)(6) and (29) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 540 Delegate Morgan****INTERSTATE OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY LICENSURE COMPACT**

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; etc.

CONTINGENT – EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

HO, § 10-3A-01 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

**HB 541 Montgomery County Delegation****MONTGOMERY COUNTY – RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY SALES – SCHOOL DISTRICT INFORMATION MC 01–21**

Requiring a contract for the sale of single–family residential real property in Montgomery County to contain a notice that school boundaries designated for the property may be subject to change; and establishing that a certain contract may not be voided under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

RP, § 10-711 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

**HB 542 Delegate C. Watson****EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT – CHIEF RESILIENCE OFFICER – APPOINTMENT AND DUTIES**

Requiring the Director of the Maryland Emergency Management Agency to appoint a Chief Resilience Officer to be responsible for coordinating State and local efforts to build resilience to risks identified in the Maryland Hazard Mitigation Plan; providing that the Chief Resilience Officer serves at the pleasure of the Director; establishing the duties of the Chief Resilience Officer, including identifying funding streams and technical assistance and working with leaders of vulnerable industries; requiring a certain annual report; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

PS, § 14-104.1 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations