



SYNOPSIS

House Bills and Joint Resolutions
2021 Maryland General Assembly Session

January 20, 2021
Schedule 4

PLEASE NOTE: 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.

HOUSE BILLS INTRODUCED JANUARY 20, 2021

HB 543 Delegate Hornberger

FIREARMS – RIGHT TO PURCHASE, POSSESS, AND CARRY – USE OF MEDICAL CANNABIS

Providing that a person may not be denied the right to purchase, possess, or carry a firearm solely on the basis that the person is authorized to use medical cannabis.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

PS, § 5-701 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

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HB 544 Delegate Hornberger**PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS – AGREEMENT AMONG THE STATES TO ELECT THE PRESIDENT BY NATIONAL POPULAR VOTE – REPEAL**

Rescinding the State's consent to enter into the Agreement Among the States to Elect the President by National Popular Vote and repealing the statutory provisions reciting the Agreement; repealing certain provisions of law relating to the nomination of presidential electors; specifying that presidential electors in the State are elected at large by the voters of the entire State; specifying that presidential electors cast their votes for the candidates who receive a plurality of the votes cast in the State; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

EL, Various Sections - amended and repealed and Ch. 43 of the Acts of 2007, § 3 and Ch. 44 of the Acts of 2007, § 3 - repealed

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 545 Delegate Hornberger**NATURAL RESOURCES – LICENSES, PERMITS, REGISTRATIONS, AND CERTIFICATES – DIGITAL OR ELECTRONIC FORMAT**

Requiring the Department of Natural Resources to make available and, on request, issue certain licenses, permits, registrations, and certificates in a digital or electronic format; establishing that an individual may satisfy certain requirements to possess or display a license, permit, registration, or certificate by possessing or displaying the document in a digital or electronic format as provided by the Department; and requiring the Department to design certain digital or electronic documents in a certain manner.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

NR, § 1-403.1 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 546 Delegate Hornberger**VIDEO LOTTERY OPERATOR – RECONCILIATION OF PROCEEDS – UNCOLLECTIBLE DEBT**

Altering the definition of “proceeds” to allow a video lottery operator, under certain circumstances, to reduce the amount of proceeds received from video lottery terminals and table games by the amount of certain uncollectible negotiable instruments for up to 7 days following a determination that a counter check is uncollectable; requiring a video lottery operator to report certain information to certain committees of the General Assembly at least quarterly; terminating the Act on July 1, 2023; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

SG, §§ 9-1A-01(u) and 9-1A-26(e) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 547 Delegate R. Lewis**MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM – DENTAL PROPHYLAXIS CARE AND ORAL HEALTH EXAMS**

Prohibiting, beginning January 1, 2022, the Maryland Medical Assistance Program from including a frequency limitation on dental prophylaxis care or oral health exams that requires the dental prophylaxis care or oral health exams to be provided at an interval greater than 120 days within a plan year.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

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

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 548 Delegate R. Lewis**HUMAN SERVICES – TRAUMA-INFORMED CARE – COMMISSION AND TRAINING**

Establishing the Commission on Trauma-Informed Care to coordinate a statewide initiative to prioritize the trauma-responsive and trauma-informed delivery of State services that impact children, youth, families, and older adults; requiring the Commission to submit its findings annually to the Governor and the General Assembly by June 30; requiring certain State agencies to designate two staff members to participate in a formal course in trauma-informed care each year and work with other agency designees in work sessions; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

HU, §§ 8-1301 through 8-1310 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 549 Delegate Pena–Melnik**MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH – BIRTH REGISTRATION – GESTATIONAL CARRIERS**

Requiring a certain person to attach a copy of an order of the court establishing parentage to a certificate of birth under certain circumstances; requiring, for a birth involving a gestational carrier in which parentage is determined by a certain court, that a certain person enter certain information on the forms provided by the Secretary of Health and attach a certain order to the forms; requiring the Division of Vital Records to immediately take certain actions on receipt of certain documents; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

HG, §§ 4-208 and 4-226(b)(2) - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 550 Montgomery County Delegation**MONTGOMERY COUNTY – EDUCATION – SCHOOL SITE COUNCIL PILOT PROGRAM MC 21–21**

Establishing the School Site Council Pilot Program in Montgomery County to hold schools accountable for the investment of tax dollars in schools by federal, State, and local entities; requiring each public school in Montgomery County to establish a school site council; requiring each public school in Montgomery County to create a School Plan for Student Achievement; providing for the purpose and content of the Plan; requiring a school site council to conduct a certain needs assessment and a certain process before developing the Plan; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

ED, §§ 4-501 through 4-505 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means and Appropriations

HB 551 Delegate Bagnall**MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM AND HEALTH INSURANCE – COVERAGE AND REIMBURSEMENT OF TELEHEALTH SERVICES**

Altering the health care services the Maryland Medical Assistance Program is required to provide through telehealth; requiring the Maryland Department of Health to include certain health care providers and programs when specifying by regulation the types of health care providers eligible to receive certain reimbursement; requiring certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations to provide certain coverage for certain services delivered through telehealth; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

HG and IN, Various Sections - amended and Chapters 17 and 18 of the Acts of 2020, § 3 - repealed

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 552 Delegate Hornberger**MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM – EMERGENCY SERVICE TRANSPORTERS – REIMBURSEMENT**

Altering the medical services provided by an emergency service transporter for which the Maryland Department of Health is required to reimburse the emergency service transporter under certain circumstances; and requiring the Department to increase the amount of certain reimbursement for emergency service transporters by \$25 each fiscal year, beginning in fiscal year 2022, until the rate is at least \$300.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

HG, § 15-114.1 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations and Appropriations

HB 553 Delegate Ebersole**STATE LOTTERY TICKETS – PROHIBITION ON INTERNET SALES – REPEAL**

Repealing a provision of law that prohibits the State Lottery and Gaming Control Agency from allowing a person to purchase a State lottery ticket through an electronic device that connects to the Internet, such as a personal computer or mobile device.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

SG, § 9-111(e) - repealed

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 554 Delegate Pena–Melnik**DIVISION OF CONSUMER PROTECTION – ASSISTED LIVING PROGRAMS**

Requiring certain assisted living programs to report certain information, on or before June 1 each year, to the Division of Consumer Protection of the Office of the Attorney General; requiring the Office of Health Care Quality within the Maryland Department of Health to refer an allegation of an unfair, abusive, or deceptive trade practice by an assisted living program to the Division of Consumer Protection under certain circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

CL, § 13-4B-01 and HG, § 19-1814 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 555 Delegate Long**BALTIMORE COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – CLASS D BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR LICENSES**

Repealing a prohibition on the Board of License Commissioners for Baltimore County from issuing a Class D beer, wine, and liquor license to a drugstore.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

AB, § 13-904 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 556 Delegate D.E. Davis**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION – VIRTUAL PUBLIC HEARINGS**

Authorizing the Public Service Commission to conduct certain hearings relating to certain rate increases virtually; authorizing the Commission to conduct certain public hearings relating to certain certificates of public convenience and necessity virtually in a certain manner; requiring the Commission to provide information on the virtual hearings prominently on the Commission's website; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

PU, §§ 3-104 and 7-207(d) - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 557 Delegate Long**HOMESTEAD PROPERTY TAX CREDIT – CALCULATION OF CREDIT FOR DWELLING PURCHASED BY FIRST-TIME HOMEBUYER**

Authorizing certain local governments to allow, by law, a first-time homebuyer in the State to calculate the homestead property tax credit for property that includes a newly purchased dwelling using a certain method; requiring that the credit for a newly purchased dwelling be calculated in a certain manner; providing that a certain homeowner may receive the larger of the homestead property tax credit amounts as calculated using certain methods; and applying the Act to taxable years beginning after June 30, 2021.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2021

TP, § 9-105(e)(1) and (2) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 558 Delegate D.E. Davis**FOR-HIRE DRIVING AND VEHICLES – REQUIREMENTS**

Altering the requirements for submission of certain photographs by certain applicants for a for-hire driver's license to the Public Service Commission; requiring certain applicants for a for-hire driver's license to allow the Commission access to photographs through the Motor Vehicle Administration; requiring certain applicants to provide photographs in a format that the Commission specifies; repealing the requirement for certain applicants for a Baltimore City taxicab license to have completed a certain course; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2021

PU, §§ 10-104 and 10-206 and TR, §§ 21-1127 and 22-412 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 559 Delegate Long**BALTIMORE COUNTY – PROPERTY TAX – HOMEOWNERS
PROPERTY TAX CREDIT**

Requiring the governing body of Baltimore County to grant a certain property tax credit to supplement the State homeowners property tax credit; providing for the calculation of the credit; prohibiting the county from granting the credit if the homeowner's combined net worth is in excess of \$200,000, or the combined gross income exceeds \$72,000; providing that the State Department of Assessments and Taxation is responsible for certain administrative duties; requiring the county to reimburse the Department for certain costs; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2021

TP, § 9-215(a) - amended and § 9-305(h) - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 560 Delegate Fennell**HUMAN RELATIONS – DISCRIMINATION IN HOUSING – REENTRY–
INTO–SOCIETY STATUS**

Expanding the housing policy of the State to include providing for fair housing to all citizens regardless of reentry–into–society status; prohibiting a person from refusing to sell or rent a dwelling to any person because of reentry–into–society status; prohibiting a person from discriminating against any person in the terms, conditions, or privileges of the sale or rental of a dwelling because of reentry–into–society status; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

SG, §§ 20-701, 20-702, 20-705, 20-707, and 20-1103 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 561 Delegate D.E. Davis**RENEWABLE ENERGY PORTFOLIO STANDARD – WASTEWATER, THERMAL, AND OTHER RENEWABLE SOURCES**

Expanding the types of energy sources that qualify as Tier 1 renewable sources under the renewable energy portfolio standard; altering the types and uses of methane made from certain sources that qualify as Tier 1 renewable sources; adding certain wastewater used in certain manners to the definition of a “Tier 1 renewable source”; authorizing energy from a wastewater heating or cooling system to be eligible for inclusion in meeting the renewable energy portfolio standard under certain conditions; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

PU, §§ 7-701(s) and 7-704(h) - amended and § 7-704(j) - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 562 Montgomery County Delegation**MONTGOMERY COUNTY – SPEED LIMITS – ESTABLISHMENT MC 02–21**

Authorizing Montgomery County to decrease the maximum speed limit to not less than 15 miles per hour on highways only after performing an engineering and traffic investigation.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

TR, § 21-803 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 563 Delegate Long**LOCAL GOVERNMENT – ANIMAL CONTROL FACILITIES – ADOPTION FEE WAIVER FOR VETERANS (PETS FOR VETS ACT OF 2021)**

Requiring an animal control facility operated by a county or municipality to waive the adoption fee for a dog or cat for a veteran who presents a valid driver’s license or identification card that includes a notation of veteran status; authorizing an animal control facility to limit the number of adoption fee waivers granted to an individual under the Act to one dog and one cat within a 6-month period; and applying the Act to all counties and municipalities.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

LG, § 1-1314 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 564 Montgomery County Delegation**MONTGOMERY COUNTY – AUTOMATED TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT
– IMPLEMENTING AGENCY MC 04–21**

Authorizing Montgomery County to designate the Montgomery County Department of Transportation as the agency responsible for implementing automated traffic enforcement programs in the county; requiring that an employee of the Montgomery County Department of Transportation, instead of a law enforcement officer, under certain circumstances, sign a certain required statement on a citation issued through the use of automated traffic enforcement systems in Montgomery County; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

TR, Various Sections - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 565 Delegate Charkoudian**HEALTH FACILITIES – HOSPITALS – MEDICAL DEBT PROTECTION**

Requiring a hospital to submit annually a certain report to the Health Services Cost Review Commission at a certain time; requiring the Commission to post the information in the report on its website; altering the required contents of a hospital's policy on the collection of debts owed by patients; requiring a hospital to provide a refund of certain amounts collected from a patient or the guarantor of a patient who was found eligible for reduced-cost care on the date of service; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

HG, §§ 19-214.1(b)(2)(i) and (ii) and 19-214.2 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 566 Delegate Long**COUNTY BOARDS OF EDUCATION – VIRTUAL SCHOOLS –
REQUIREMENT**

Requiring a county board of education, beginning in the 2021–2022 school year, in coordination with the State Department of Education, to establish virtual schools to provide students with an alternative to traditional classroom instruction; and requiring certain virtual schools to provide instruction to students in each grade level.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

ED, § 7-1402 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 567 **Montgomery County Delegation**

MONTGOMERY COUNTY – COOPERATIVE HOUSING CORPORATIONS, CONDOMINIUMS, AND HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATIONS – RESERVE STUDIES MC 03-21

Requiring the governing body of certain cooperative housing corporations in Montgomery County to have a certain reserve study conducted of the common elements of the cooperative housing corporation within 5 years after the date of the initial reserve and updated at least every five years under certain circumstances; requiring the reserve study conducted of the common elements of a cooperative housing corporation in Montgomery County to meet certain criteria; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

CA, § 5-6B-26.1 and RP, §§ Various Sections - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 568 **Delegate Pena–Melnyk**

HUMAN SERVICES – MARYLAND BABY BOND ACCOUNT PROGRAM – ESTABLISHMENT

Establishing the Maryland Baby Bond Account Program in the Office of the State Treasurer; establishing the Baby Bond Account Fund as a special, nonlapsing fund; specifying the purpose of the Fund is to provide money to eligible individuals to address wealth disparities in the State; establishing the Baby Bond Account Board; requiring the Governor to appropriate \$70,000,000 to the Fund for fiscal year 2023; requiring the State Treasurer to establish and make certain deposits into certain accounts for eligible individuals; etc.

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

HS, §§ 8-1301 through 8-1310, SF, § 6-226(a)(2)(ii)124., and TG, § 10-207(jj) - added and SF, § 6-226(a)(2)(ii)122. and 123. - amended

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 569 **Delegate Clippinger**

ELECTRICITY – NET ENERGY METERING – LIMIT

Increasing to 3,000 megawatts the statewide limit on rated generating capacity for net energy metering under a certain contract or tariff available to certain eligible customer–generators.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

PU, § 7-306(d) - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 570 Delegate Long**HOMESTEAD PROPERTY TAX CREDIT PROGRAM – NOTICE OF ELIGIBILITY – LEAD REGISTRY AND CODE COMPLIANCE**

Requiring the State Department of Assessments and Taxation to include with a required notice to a homeowner about the homestead property tax credit certain information regarding a homeowner's obligation to register residential rental property constructed before 1978 with the Maryland Department of the Environment and to comply with State and local building and housing codes for rental property.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

TP, § 9-105(f) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 571 Montgomery County Delegation**MONTGOMERY COUNTY – DISABLED ACTIVE DUTY SERVICE MEMBERS, DISABLED VETERANS, AND SURVIVING SPOUSES – PROPERTY TAX ABATEMENT MC 20-21**

Authorizing the governing body of Montgomery County to authorize, by law, for taxable years beginning on or after July 1, 2018, and under certain circumstances, an abatement of any overdue property tax on dwelling houses owned by disabled active duty service members, disabled veterans, or surviving spouses who qualify for a certain property tax exemption; making the Act an emergency measure; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

TP, § 7-208(f) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 572 Delegate Clippinger**BALTIMORE CITY – 46TH DISTRICT – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES LICENSES**

Authorizing the holder of a Class 9 limited distillery license and a 6-day Class D beer, wine, and liquor license to apply to the Board of License Commissioners for Baltimore City to convert the existing Class D license to a 7-day Class D beer, wine, and liquor license in the 46th alcoholic beverages district in Baltimore City; and authorizing the Board to issue a Class D beer and light wine license in a certain area if a memorandum of understanding has been executed with Brewer's Hill Neighbors, Inc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

AB, § 12-1604 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 573 Delegate Long**BALTIMORE COUNTY – OVERDUE PROPERTY TAXES – WAIVER OF INTEREST AND PENALTIES**

Requiring the governing body of Baltimore County to waive any interest or penalties imposed on a person for late payment of the county property tax on residential real property in Baltimore County for tax years beginning after June 30, 2021, but ending before July 1, 2023; and terminating the Act on December 31, 2023.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2021

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 574 Montgomery County Delegation**MONTGOMERY COUNTY STABLE HOMES ACT MC 8–21**

Prohibiting evictions of a tenant holding over beyond the expiration of a lease in Montgomery County in the absence of just cause under certain circumstances; specifying the circumstances under which just cause exists; specifying that just cause is not required under certain circumstances; requiring a certain notice to a tenant to be sent in a certain manner; authorizing a landlord to evict a tenant only after providing not less than 60 days' notice sent by first-class mail with a certificate of mailing in writing; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

RP, § 8-402(d) and (e) - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 575 Cecil County Delegation**CECIL COUNTY – MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION – EXCEPTION FOR GOLF CARTS**

Creating an exception from motor vehicle registration requirements under certain circumstances for golf carts in Cecil County; providing that a person who operates a golf cart in Cecil County may operate the golf cart only on certain highways at certain times and only if the golf cart is equipped with certain lighting devices; requiring a person who operates a golf cart on a highway in Cecil County to keep as far to the right of the roadway as feasible and possess a valid driver's license; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

TR, § 13-402(c) - amended and § 21-104.5 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 576 Delegate Hornberger**ELECTION LAW – POLITICAL CLUBS**

Altering the application of certain provisions of law for the purpose of requiring a political club to be established as a political committee and to file a certain statement of organization; repealing the exemption for political clubs from the requirement that campaign finance entities file campaign finance reports at the State Board of Elections in a certain manner; repealing a certain exemption for political clubs from the prohibition on paying a person other than a campaign finance entity to defray certain costs; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

EL, §§ 1-101(ss), 13-207, 13-208, 13-304(a)(1), and 13-602(a)(4) - amended
Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 577 Delegate Stewart**HEALTH AND WELFARE OF H-2 VISA AND MIGRANT WORKERS – COVID-19 PANDEMIC – REGULATIONS (HEALTHY FARMWORKERS ACT)**

Requiring the Secretary of Labor to adopt certain regulations, on or before October 1, 2021, relating to housing, accommodations, safety, health, rights, and welfare of H-2A and H-2B visa and migrant workers during the COVID-19 pandemic.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 578 Delegate D.E. Davis**PUBLIC UTILITIES – ANNUAL REPORTS**

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

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2021

PU, §§ 2-122, 7-211(k), and 7-512.1(c) and (d) - amended
Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 579 Delegate Hornberger**SNARE TRAPS – PROHIBITION AGAINST SALE OR POSSESSION – ALTERATIONS**

Repealing a prohibition against possessing a snare trap in Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Carroll, Harford, Montgomery, and Prince George’s counties; and repealing a prohibition against using, selling, possessing, setting, placing, or maintaining a snare trap in Cecil County.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

NR, § 10-410(p) - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 580 Delegate D.M. Davis**DRIVER’S LICENSES – SUSPENSION FOR CHILD SUPPORT ARREARAGES – REPEAL**

Repealing the process under which the Child Support Administration is authorized to notify the Motor Vehicle Administration of an individual’s child support arrearages for the purpose of suspending the individual’s driver’s license or privilege to drive; repealing the process under which the Motor Vehicle Administration is required to suspend an individual’s driver’s license or privilege to drive on certain notice that the individual has child support arrearages; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

FL, § 10-119 and TR, § 16-203 - repealed and TR, §§ 16-208(a) and 16-303(h) - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 581 Delegate D.E. Davis**LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT – EMPLOYMENT STANDARDS DURING AN EMERGENCY (MARYLAND ESSENTIAL WORKERS’ PROTECTION ACT)**

Requiring an essential employer to give a written statement regarding certain hazard pay paid to certain essential workers for each pay period; requiring an essential employer to take certain actions related to occupational safety and health during an emergency; authorizing an essential worker to refuse to fulfill a work responsibilities under certain circumstances; prohibiting an essential employer from retaliating or taking other adverse action against an essential worker or other worker for certain actions; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EMERGENCY BILL

IN, § 31-108(b)(6) and LE, § 3-504 - amended and LE, §§ 3-1601 through 3-1612 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters and Appropriations

HB 582 Cecil County Delegation**CECIL COUNTY – SALES AND USE TAX EXEMPTION – FEDERAL FACILITIES REDEVELOPMENT AREAS**

Providing an exemption from the sales and use tax for certain construction material or warehousing equipment purchased for use in a certain federal facilities redevelopment area in Cecil County under certain circumstances; requiring a buyer claiming the exemption to provide to the vendor evidence of eligibility issued by the Comptroller; and terminating the Act after June 30, 2031.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

TG, § 11-241 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 583 Delegate Stein**CLIMATE SOLUTIONS NOW ACT OF 2021**

Requiring the State to reduce statewide greenhouse gas emissions by 60% from 2006 levels by 2030; requiring the State to achieve net-zero statewide greenhouse gas emissions by 2045; requiring the Maryland Department of Labor to adopt regulations establishing certain energy conservation requirements for certain buildings by July 1, 2022; establishing a goal of planting and helping to maintain in the State 5,000,000 sustainable trees of species native to the State by the end of 2030; terminating certain provisions of the Act; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

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

CONTINGENT – EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2021

AG, ED, EN, NR, PS, PU, SF, SG, TP, and TR - Various Sections - added and amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation and Economic Matters

HB 584 Delegate R. Watson**PUBLIC UTILITIES – NET ENERGY METERING**

Increasing the maximum generation capacity of an electric generating system used by an eligible customer-generator for net metering to 5 megawatts; and prohibiting the Public Service Commission from prohibiting the construction or operation of multiple net metered solar generating facilities located on contiguous lots that are owned by a local government solely because the capacity of the combined net metering systems exceeds the 5 megawatt limit.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

PU, § 7-306(g) - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 585 Delegate D.M. Davis**COMMERCIAL LAW – CONSUMER PROTECTION – FINANCIAL CAPABILITIES AND LEGAL ASSISTANCE FUND**

Prohibiting a collection agency from passing to a consumer any costs associated with certain filing fees; establishing the Financial Capabilities and Legal Assistance Fund as a special, nonlapsing fund to receive and distribute funds to qualified nonprofit entities that provide counselling services and legal assistance to consumers related to consumer credit and debt collections; requiring the Division to adopt certain regulations; requiring the State Treasurer to hold the Fund and the Comptroller to account for the Fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

BR, § 7-402, CL, § 13-207, CJ, §§ 7-202(h) and 7-301(g), and SF, § 6-226(a)(2)(ii)124. - added and SF, Various Sections - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 586 Delegate R. Watson**GENERAL PROVISIONS – COMMEMORATIVE DAYS – TUSKEGEE AIRMEN COMMEMORATION DAY**

Requiring the Governor annually to proclaim the fourth Thursday in March as Tuskegee Airmen Commemoration Day; and requiring the proclamation to urge educational and cultural organizations to observe Tuskegee Airmen Commemoration Day through appropriate and informative programs and activities.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

GP, § 7-402 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 587 Delegate R. Watson**DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY – STATUS OF
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND CYBERSECURITY IN STATE
AGENCIES – REPORTS**

Requiring each unit of State government to submit a certain report related to information technology and cybersecurity to the Department of Information Technology on or before September 1 each year; establishing the required contents of certain reports; and requiring the Department to compile and analyze certain information and report to each unit of State government and the General Assembly certain information and recommendations by December 31 each year.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

SF, § 3A-315 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 588 The Speaker (By Request – Administration)**BUDGET BILL (FISCAL YEAR 2022)**

Making the proposed appropriations contained in the State Budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022, in accordance with Article III, Section 52 of the Maryland Constitution; etc.

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 589 The Speaker (By Request – Administration)**BUDGET RECONCILIATION AND FINANCING ACT OF 2021**

Authorizing, altering, or requiring the distribution and payment of certain revenue in certain fiscal years; increasing the amount local governments are required to reimburse the State for certain services; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

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

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2021

Various Articles, Various Sections - amended and added

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 590 The Speaker (By Request – Administration)

CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – MARYLAND CONSOLIDATED CAPITAL BOND LOAN OF 2021, AND THE MARYLAND CONSOLIDATED CAPITAL BOND LOANS OF 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, AND 2020

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt in the amount of \$1,107,427,000, the proceeds to be used for certain necessary building, construction, demolition, planning, renovation, conversion, replacement, and capital equipment purchases of the State, for acquiring certain real estate in connection therewith, and for grants to certain subdivisions and other organizations for certain development and improvement purposes; etc.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

Various Chapters, Various Sections - added, amended, and repealed

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 591 Delegate R. Watson

PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION – DISABLED VETERANS

Expanding eligibility for a property tax exemption for the dwelling house of a disabled veteran to include veterans with a service connected disability of at least 80%; and applying the Act to all taxable years beginning after June 30, 2021.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2021

TP, § 7-208(a) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 592 Delegate Fraser–Hidalgo

STATE VEHICLE FLEET – CONVERSION TO ZERO–EMISSION ELECTRIC VEHICLES

Prohibiting, beginning in fiscal year 2023, a State unit from entering into a contract to purchase or lease a vehicle for the State vehicle fleet that is not a zero–emission electric vehicle.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

SF, § 14-417 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 593 Delegate Fraser–Hidalgo**CONDOMINIUMS AND HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATIONS – MEETING REQUIREMENTS**

Making clarifying changes to certain additional meeting requirements for a council of unit owners; requiring notice of an initial properly called meeting of a council of unit owners to include certain information under certain circumstances; requiring an additional meeting of a council of unit owners to be held no earlier than 15 days after the initial properly called meeting; requiring a certain notice of an additional meeting of the council of unit owners to be delivered, advertised, or posted in a certain manner; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

RP, §§ 11-109(c)(8) and 11B-111(4) and (5) - amended and § 11B-111(6) - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 594 Delegate Fraser–Hidalgo**PROHIBITION ON SALE OF WILDLIFE – LOCAL VENISON DONATION PROGRAMS – APPLICATION**

Establishing that the prohibition against selling, offering for sale, bartering, or exchanging a game bird or game mammal taken from the wild does not apply to venison from a lawfully-harvested white-tailed deer that is donated to certain local venison donation programs for processing and distribution to certain nonprofit entities.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

NR, § 10-404(e) - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 595 Delegate Fraser–Hidalgo**VEHICLE LAWS – PERSONAL DELIVERY DEVICES – STANDARDS AND REQUIREMENTS**

Establishing an exception to motor vehicle registration requirements for personal delivery devices; authorizing a personal delivery device to operate on any highway, sidewalk, or crosswalk in the State; prohibiting a personal delivery device from being operated in certain manners; creating certain marking, equipment, and insurance requirements for personal delivery devices being operated on highways, sidewalks, or crosswalks; and excluding personal delivery devices from the defined terms “motor vehicle” and “vehicle”.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

TR, §§ 11-135, 11-176, and 13-402(c)(13) and (14) - amended and §§ 13-402(c)(15) and 21-104.5 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 596 Delegate D.E. Davis**COMMERCIAL LAW – PROFESSIONAL ATHLETE FUNDING ACT**

Establishing certain requirements for certain player brand agreements between certain professional athletes and certain investors; establishing that player brand agreements that comply with requirements of the Act are valid, binding, and enforceable contracts notwithstanding certain laws; providing that the Attorney General and the Division of Consumer Protection of the Office of the Attorney General have certain authority to enforce the Act; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

CL, §§ 11-1701 through 11-1706 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 597 Delegate Kelly**CHILD CARE CENTERS – TEACHER QUALIFICATIONS**

Requiring the regulations adopted by the State Board of Education to govern the licensing and operation of child care centers to include provisions that establish certain qualifications for probationary employment for an individual applying for the first time to be a child care teacher in a certain child care center in the State; requiring a child care center at the end of a 6-month probationary period to terminate or reassign an individual who has not completed the required pre-service training; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

ED, § 9.5-404(b)(10) and (11) - amended and § 9.5-404(b)(12) and (c) - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

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

Prohibiting the Maryland Department of Health from conditioning reimbursement of applied behavior analysis services provided to Maryland Medical Assistance Program recipients on the presence or availability of the parent or caregiver of the Program recipient in the setting where the applied behavior analysis services are provided to the Program recipient.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

HG, § 15-149 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 599 Delegate Kelly**PUBLIC HEALTH – LONG-TERM CARE PLANNING**

Requiring the Maryland Department of Health, on or before April 1, 2022, to develop and publish materials to assist State residents with long-term care family planning; requiring certain materials to meet certain requirements, be consistent with certain other materials, and include certain contact information; requiring the Department to make certain materials available in certain languages; and requiring certain State agencies to update certain websites in a certain manner on or before April 1, 2022.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2022

HG, § 20-2001 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 600 Delegate Belcastro**STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR AUDIOLOGISTS, HEARING AID DISPENSERS, AND SPEECH–LANGUAGE PATHOLOGISTS – DUTIES, APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS, AND REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSEES**

Altering the definition of “board” for purposes of requiring the State Board of Examiners for Audiologists, Hearing Aid Dispensers, and Speech–Language Pathologists to post a list of certain courses, provide certain information on certain courses at a certain time, and advertise the availability of certain courses; requiring the Board, instead of certain organizations, to submit certain lists to the Secretary of Health and the Governor for the purpose of appointing certain members of the Board; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

HO, §§ 1-801, 2-202(a), 2-302.1(a), 2-302.2, 2-305(a) and (b), 2-307.4, and 2-311 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 601 Delegate Kipke**PHARMACY BENEFITS MANAGERS – DEFINITION OF PURCHASER AND ERISA**

Altering the definition of “purchaser” for the purposes of certain provisions of State insurance law governing pharmacy benefits managers to repeal the exclusion of certain persons that provide prescription drug coverage or benefits through plans subject to ERISA; and repealing the definition of “ERISA”.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

IN, § 15-1601 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 602 Delegate Kipke**MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM AND MANAGED CARE ORGANIZATIONS THAT USE PHARMACY BENEFITS MANAGERS – REIMBURSEMENT REQUIREMENTS**

Requiring the Maryland Medical Assistance Program to establish reimbursement levels, rather than maximum reimbursement levels, for drug products for which there is a certain generic equivalent; requiring that certain minimum reimbursement levels be at least equal to the National Average Drug Acquisition Cost of the generic product plus the fee-for-service professional dispensing fee determined by the Maryland Department of Health in accordance with the most recent in-State cost-of-dispensing survey; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

HG, § 15-118(b) - amended and HG, § 15-118(f) and IN, § 15-1632 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 603 Delegate Kipke**HEALTH INSURANCE – PHARMACY BENEFITS MANAGERS – EXPLANATION OF BENEFITS STATEMENTS**

Requiring pharmacy benefits managers to provide to beneficiaries for whom the pharmacy benefits manager processed or paid a claim for prescription drugs during the immediately preceding 3-month period an explanation of benefits statement on a form approved by the Maryland Insurance Commissioner and on a quarterly basis; requiring that the explanation of benefits statements contain certain information regarding certain claims for prescription drugs; and applying the Act.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2022

IN, § 15-604.1 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 604 Delegate Kipke**FUNERAL ESTABLISHMENTS AND CREMATORIES – UNCLAIMED CREMAINS OF VETERANS – NOTIFICATION, DISPOSITION, AND REPORTING**

Specifying that the purpose for which licensed funeral establishments and holders of certain permits are authorized to transfer unclaimed cremains of a veteran or an eligible dependent to a veterans service organization under certain circumstances is for the appropriate disposition of the cremains; requiring a funeral establishment or crematory to transfer certain cremains to the Department of Veterans Affairs for the purpose of the appropriate disposition of the cremains; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

HO, § 7-406 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 605 Delegate Kipke**VETERANS – BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES – MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID**

Requiring that the behavioral health services for which the Maryland Department of Health provides service coordination for veterans under certain provisions of law include mental health first aid; requiring that mental health first aid consist of training for veterans and the immediate family members of veterans on how to identify and respond to signs of mental illness and substance use disorders; requiring entities teaching a mental health first aid course to report certain information to the Department; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

HG, § 13-2702 - amended and § 13-2703 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 606 Delegate D.E. Davis**ELECTRICITY AND GAS – LIMITED–INCOME MECHANISMS**

Authorizing certain gas and electric utilities to adopt a limited–income mechanism to benefit certain eligible limited–income customers, subject to the approval of the Public Service Commission; authorizing various forms that a mechanism may take; requiring a utility company to apply for Commission approval of a mechanism in certain manners; requiring a proposal for a mechanism to allocate certain costs across rate classes; providing for the required contents of a proposal for a mechanism; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

PU, § 4-308 - added and § 4-503 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 607 Delegate Kipke**STATE HEALTH AND WELFARE BENEFITS PROGRAM –
REQUIREMENTS FOR SELECTION OF PHARMACY BENEFITS
MANAGER**

Requiring that the terms of a certain participant bidding agreement for participation in a reverse auction for the selection of a pharmacy benefits manager for the Maryland Rx Program include a requirement that the bidder, if selected as a pharmacy benefits manager for the Program through the auction, pay a fee–for–service professional dispensing fee to certain pharmacists; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

SP, § 2-502.2 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations and Appropriations

HB 608 Delegate Solomon**EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION – CHILD CARE PROVIDER SUPPORT GRANT PROGRAM (THE CHILD CARE PROVIDER SUPPORT ACT)**

Establishing the Child Care Provider Support Grant Program to provide funds to eligible grantees to help support the operations of child care centers; requiring the Department of Commerce, in consultation with the State Department of Education, to implement and administer the Grant Program and, in consultation with certain industry leaders or advisory groups, to adopt certain regulations; requiring the Governor to include in the annual budget bill an appropriation of \$25,000,000 for the Grant Program; etc.

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

ED, § 9.5-421 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means and Appropriations

HB 609 Delegate Boyce**PUBLIC AND NONPUBLIC SCHOOLS – BRONCHODILATOR AVAILABILITY AND USE – POLICY (BRONCHODILATOR RESCUE INHALER LAW)**

Requiring each county board of education and authorizing nonpublic schools in the State to establish a policy to authorize certain school personnel to administer bronchodilators to certain students under certain circumstances; prohibiting a school nurse or certain school personnel from administering a bronchodilator to a prekindergarten student unless the student has received a certain diagnosis and has a certain prescription; requiring a certain policy to include certain information; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

ED, §§ 7-426.2 and 7-426.3 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 610 Delegate Hill**HOMEOWNERS' PROPERTY TAX CREDIT – TRANSFER OF DWELLING TO SURVIVING FAMILY MEMBER**

Altering eligibility for the homeowners' property tax credit to include certain surviving family members of the homeowner who inherit the dwelling of the homeowner or are granted a life estate in the dwelling under certain circumstances; providing that the credit ends for the surviving family member if the family member transfers the dwelling; applying the Act to taxable years beginning after June 30, 2021; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2021

TP, § 9-104(i) and (q)(1) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 611 Delegate Hill**PUBLIC HEALTH – PROHIBITION ON TESTING COSMETICS ON ANIMALS**

Prohibiting a person from conducting or contracting for animal testing in the development of a cosmetic; prohibiting a manufacturer from selling or offering for sale in the State a cosmetic under certain circumstances beginning July 1, 2022; providing that certain provisions of the Act do not apply to certain animal testing; prohibiting a political subdivision from adopting or enforcing provisions of local law relating to animal testing on cosmetics; establishing certain penalties for certain violations of the Act; etc.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2022

HG, § 21-259.2 - added and § 21-1215 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION INTRODUCED JANUARY 20, 2021**HJ 3 Delegate Bagnall****COMMISSION TO ESTABLISH A MARYLAND WOMEN VETERANS MEMORIAL**

Urging the Governor to create a certain commission with appropriate funding and authority for the purpose of establishing a Maryland Women Veterans Memorial that honors the service of women veterans of the State.

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations