



# SYNOPSIS

House Bills and Joint Resolutions  
2021 Maryland General Assembly Session

**January 22, 2021**  
**Schedule 7**

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**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.

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## **HOUSE BILLS INTRODUCED JANUARY 22, 2021**

### **HB 660 Delegate Chisholm**

MARYLAND VETERANS SERVICE ANIMAL PROGRAM –  
DEFINITIONS

Defining the terms “service dog”, “support dog”, and “therapy horse” for the purposes of the provisions of law governing the Maryland Veterans Service Animal Program in the Department of Veterans Affairs.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

SG, § 9-957 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

### **Department of Legislative Services**

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**HB 661 Delegate Chisholm****INCOME TAX – EXPENSING OF BUSINESS PROPERTY AND BONUS DEPRECIATION – RECOUPLING WITH FEDERAL LAW**

Repealing Maryland income tax modifications for specified deductions for the cost of business property that is treated as an expense for federal income tax purposes; repealing Maryland income tax modifications for a specified additional depreciation allowance under the federal income tax for specified business property; and applying the Act to all taxable years beginning after December 31, 2020.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

TG, § 10-210.1 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 662 Delegate Chisholm****ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – PROPERTY TAX CREDIT FOR BUSINESS ENTITIES – STATE OF EMERGENCY**

Authorizing the governing body of Anne Arundel County to grant, by law, a tax credit against the county property tax imposed on real property owned or leased by a business entity affected by a state of emergency declared under Title 14 of the Public Safety Article; authorizing the governing body of Anne Arundel County to provide for the amount and duration of the credit, the eligibility criteria, and the regulations and application process for the credit; applying the Act to taxable years beginning after June 30, 2021; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2021

TP, § 9-303(b)(8) - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 663 Delegate Boteler****LOCAL GOVERNMENT – REGULATION OF AMATEUR RADIO STATION ANTENNA STRUCTURES**

Declaring the intent of the General Assembly to codify a certain federal regulation concerning preemption of local regulation of amateur radio station antenna structures; requiring that an ordinance adopted by a county or municipality to regulate amateur radio station antenna structures may not preclude amateur radio communications, must accommodate amateur radio communications, and must constitute the minimum practicable regulation to accomplish the purpose of the ordinance; applying the Act to all counties and municipalities; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

LG, § 1-1314 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

**HB 664 Delegate Howard****FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS – CONSUMER CREDIT – SALES–BASED FINANCING TRANSACTIONS**

Prohibiting a person from engaging in the business of making or soliciting a sales–based financing transaction unless the person is licensed by the Commissioner of Financial Regulation; requiring an applicant for a license to have \$20,000 in available liquid assets and to have demonstrated a sufficient level of responsibility to command public confidence and warrant faith in the honest operation of the business; requiring the Commissioner to investigate and ensure that each applicant meets certain qualifications; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

CL, § 13-301(14)(xxix) - added and FI, § 11-610(a) through (c) - amended and §§ 12-1101 through 12-1124 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 665 Delegate Boteler****EDUCATION – PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOLS – VIRTUAL LEARNING PROGRAMS**

Altering the definition of “public charter school” to include a virtual learning program; defining “virtual learning program” as a program of instruction that provides a significant portion of its curriculum and delivers a significant portion of its instruction to its students by teachers in an interactive learning environment through the Internet; and requiring a virtual learning program of a public charter school to employ a teacher with the same certification required by professional staff of other public schools.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

ED, §§ 9-102, 9-102.1(a), 9-104(a)(1), and 9-105 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HOUSE BILL REASSIGNED JANUARY 22, 2021****HB 23 Delegate Stein****PERSONAL INFORMATION – STATE AND LOCAL AGENCIES – RESTRICTIONS ON ACCESS**

Requiring an officer, an employee, an agent, or a contractor of the State or a political subdivision to deny inspection by a federal agency seeking access for certain immigration enforcement matters of a public record that contains personal information or certain photographic images unless a valid warrant is provided; requiring law enforcement agencies operating certain databases to require certain individuals accessing the databases to provide certain information; requiring a certain annual report to the General Assembly; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

GP, § 4-320 - amended and GP, § 4-320.1 and PS, § 3-523 - added

Reassigned to: Judiciary and Environment and Transportation