Please note: 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 26, 2021

HB 666 Delegate Barron

Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority – Metro Transit Police – Quotas and Metro Transit Police Complaints Board

Altering the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority Compact to require the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority to prohibit the use of enforcement quotas to evaluate, incentivize, or discipline members of the Metro Transit Police, including with regard to the number of arrests made or citations or warnings issued; and providing for the establishment, composition, powers, and duties of a Police Complaints Board, subject to a certain concurrence in the Act by the District of Columbia and the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Contingent – Effective October 1, 2021

TR, § 10-204 Title III Article XVI Section 76(f) - amended and § 10-204 Title III Article XVI Section 76(i) - added

Assigned to: Judiciary
HB 667  Delegate Sample–Hughes

GENERAL PROVISIONS – STATE SONG – REPEAL

Repealing the State song.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021
GP, § 7-318 - repealed
Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 668  Delegate Szeliga

RECKLESS AND NEGLIGENT DRIVING – DEATH OF ANOTHER – MUST–APPEAR VIOLATION (SHERRY’S AND RYAN’S LAW)

Providing that a person charged with reckless or negligent driving that contributes to an accident that results in the death of another person must appear in court and may not prepay the fine.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021
TR, § 21-901.1 - amended
Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 669  Delegate Attar

CRIMES – FIREARMS – STRAW PURCHASE PARTICIPANT PENALTY

Altering from a misdemeanor to a felony the crime of knowingly being a participant in a straw purchase of a regulated firearm under certain circumstances.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021
PS, § 5-141 - amended
Assigned to: Judiciary
HB 670  The Speaker (By Request – Workgroup to Address Police Reform and Accountability)

POLICE REFORM AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT OF 2021

Repealing the Law Enforcement Officers’ Bill of Rights; providing that the Police Department of Baltimore City is an agency and instrumentality of the City of Baltimore, instead of the State; authorizing a judge to issue a certain “no–knock” search warrant only under certain circumstances; providing that an individual attending a public institution of higher education is exempt from paying tuition if the individual intends to become a police officer under certain circumstances; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021
CP, ED, PS, and PLL of Balt City, Art. 4, Various Sections - added, amended, and repealed
Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 671  The Speaker

PUBLIC INFORMATION ACT – PERSONNEL AND INVESTIGATORY RECORDS – COMPLAINTS AGAINST POLICE OFFICERS

Requiring a custodian to grant inspection of certain personnel records by the United States Attorney, the Attorney General, the State Prosecutor, or a State’s Attorney; establishing that a record relating to a formal complaint of job–related misconduct made against a police officer is not a personnel record under certain provisions of the Public Information Act under certain circumstances; requiring the Maryland police Training and Standards Commission to post on its website and submit to the General Assembly certain information; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021
GP, § 4-101(i) - added and §§ 4-311 and 4-351 - amended and PS, § 3-514 - amended
Assigned to: Judiciary
HB 672  Delegate Attar
DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE SERVICES – JUVENILE OFFENSE DATABASE

Requiring the Department of Juvenile Services, in coordination with the Administrative Office of the Courts, to develop, maintain, regularly update, and publish a searchable database of all offenses involving juveniles on its website; prohibiting the database from containing certain information; providing that certain provisions of law mandating the confidentiality of certain juvenile records do not prohibit the publication of, or access to or use of, certain information concerning certain juveniles in a certain database; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021
CJ, § 3-8A-27(i) and HU, § 9-224 - added
Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 673  Delegate Valentino–Smith
STATE HEALTH CARE FACILITIES – EMPLOYEES – ALTERNATIVE WORKWEEKS

Authorizing the Secretary of Health to authorize an employee of a State facility to work according to an “alternative workweek”, which means a work schedule under which a certain employee works atypical shifts and may work less than 40 hours in a week; requiring that a certain employee be considered a full–time employee of the State; providing that certain provisions of law governing the payment for overtime work apply to employees of a State facility who are authorized to work according to a certain alternative workweek; etc.
EMERGENCY BILL – CONTINGENT
HG, § 2-104(p) - added and SP, § 8-305 - amended
Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 674  Delegate Valentino–Smith
NURSING HOMES – TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP – SITE VISITS AND SURVEYS

Requiring the Maryland Department of Health to conduct site visits and conduct full surveys, within 1, 3, and 6 months after the date of transfer, of a licensed nursing home if the ownership of the nursing home is transferred to a person that does not own or operate another nursing home in the State at the time of the transfer.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021
HG, § 19-1408 - amended
Assigned to: Health and Government Operations
HB 675  Delegate Valentino–Smith
DRUNK AND DRUGGED DRIVING – PRIOR CONVICTIONS – CONVICTION FOR THE DRUNK OR DRUGGED OPERATION OF A VESSEL

Establishing that a conviction for the drunk or drugged operation of a vessel under the Natural Resources Article constitutes a prior conviction for the purpose of calculating enhanced penalties for second or subsequent violations for drunk or drugged driving under State vehicle laws.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021
TR, § 21-902(a)(1), (b)(1), (c)(1), (d)(1), (e), (h), and (i) - amended
Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 676  Delegate Bhandari
GENERAL PROVISIONS – COMMEMORATIVE DAYS – DASHAIN DAY

Requiring the Governor annually to proclaim October 14 as Dashain Day, which is a festival originating in parts of South Asia that celebrates and symbolizes the victory of good over evil.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021
GP, § 7-415 - added
Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 677  Delegate Bhandari
Baltimore County – Alcoholic Beverages – Board of License Commissioners – Qualifications

Requiring that each member of the Board of License Commissioners for Baltimore County be a resident and voter of Baltimore County.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021
AB, § 13-202 - amended
Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 678  Delegate Buckel
CRIMES OF VIOLENCE – PAROLE (STOPPING DANGEROUS AND VIOLENT CRIMINALS ACT OF 2021)

Altering the portion of a sentence that must be served before a certain inmate convicted of a certain violent crime committed on or after October 1, 2021, can be paroled.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021
CS, § 7-301(c) - amended
Assigned to: Judiciary
HB 679  Delegate Rogers

ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – CLASS MT LICENSE

Establishing a Class MT (movie theater) beer and wine license in Anne Arundel County; authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Anne Arundel County to issue the license to the owner of a movie theater who holds a crowd control training certification; authorizing a license holder to sell beer and wine to certain patrons at retail at a certain place for on-premises consumption; specifying that the license holder is subject to certain alcohol awareness requirements; providing an annual license fee of $1,200; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021
AB, § 11-1006.2 - added
Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 680  Delegate Rogers

ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS – CHIEF INSPECTOR

Requiring the Board of License Commissioners for Anne Arundel County to employ a chief inspector; and providing for the salary of the chief inspector.
Preliminary analysis: local government mandate
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021
AB, § 11-204 - amended
Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 681  Delegate Buckel

TASK FORCE TO STUDY THE MARYLAND ORPHANS’ COURTS

Establishing the Task Force to Study the Maryland Orphans’ Courts; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Task Force; requiring the Task Force to examine the composition and purpose of the orphans’ courts in Maryland and make recommendations about how to improve the orphans’ courts in Maryland; requiring the Task Force to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before January 1, 2022; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021
Assigned to: Judiciary
HB 682  Delegate Buckel

RENEWABLE ENERGY PORTFOLIO STANDARD – THERMAL BIOMASS SYSTEMS

Authorizing certain biomass systems primarily fueled with qualifying biomass other than animal manure to be eligible for renewable energy credits; and altering the definition of “thermal biomass system”.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021
PU, § 7-701(r) - amended
Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 683  Delegate Valderrama

WORKERS’ COMPENSATION – MEDICAL CANNABIS – COMPENSATION AND BENEFITS

Providing that, under certain circumstances, a covered employee or a dependent of a covered employee is not entitled to workers’ compensation or benefits if a certain accidental personal injury, compensable hernia, or occupational disease was caused solely by the effect of medical cannabis on the employee and the medical cannabis was not administered or taken with the written certification of a certifying provider or the written instructions of a physician; applying the Act prospectively; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021
LE, §§ 9-506(b) and 9-660(a) - amended
Assigned to: Economic Matters and Health and Government Operations

HB 684  Delegate Valderrama

PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYORS – SURVEYING PRACTICE – DEFINITION AND LICENSING EXCEPTION

Altering the definition of “practice land surveying” for purposes of certain provisions of law governing professional land surveyors; and exempting certain individuals who utilize measurement devices or systems, regardless of the technology or methods used, for the exclusive purpose of determining topography and contours and are certified by certain entities approved by the State Board for Professional Land Surveyors from certain licensing requirements.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021
BOP, §§ 15-101(k) and 15-301 - amended
Assigned to: Economic Matters
HB 685 Delegate Valderrama

LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT – SECURE MARYLAND WAGE ACT

Requiring that certain employees working at a heightened security interest location be paid a certain wage or combination of wages and benefits; declaring findings of the General Assembly; specifying that certain provisions of the Act do not diminish certain collective bargaining rights of certain covered employees; specifying that a certain agreement to work for less than a certain wage is void under certain circumstances; requiring an employer to keep certain records for at least 3 years; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

LE, §§ 3-102 and 3-403(13) and (14) and SF, § 18-102 - amended and LE, §§ 3-103(m), 3-403(15), and 3-1501 through 3-1511 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 686 Delegate McComas

COURT OFFICIALS – PUBLIC DISCLOSURE OF PERSONAL INFORMATION

Authorizing certain judges and prosecutors and certain immediate family members to make a written request that certain personal information be removed from the Internet or from certain other publications; requiring a person who receives a request under the Act to remove the information within 72 hours; authorizing certain civil actions for violations of the Act; prohibiting the inspection without permission of public records containing certain personal information about certain current and former judges and prosecutors; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

CJ, §§ 3-2201 and 3-2202 and GP, § 4-357 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary
HB 687  Delegate McComas

LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS’ BILL OF RIGHTS – UNIFORM DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES

Providing that a law enforcement agency and the agency’s superior governmental authority and a collective bargaining unit may not enter into an agreement that is inconsistent with the provisions of the Law Enforcement Officers’ Bill of Rights; repealing a certain authorization for a law enforcement agency or the agency’s superior governmental authority to negotiate with a certain representative, under certain circumstances, an alternative method of forming a certain hearing board; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021
PS, §§ 3-102, 3-107(c), and 3-108(c) - amended
Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 688  Delegate McComas

CRIMINAL LAW – SECOND DEGREE ASSAULT – SPORTS OFFICIAL

Prohibiting a person from intentionally causing physical injury to another if the person knows or has reason to know that the other is an official, an umpire, a referee, or a judge officiating at a sporting event; authorizing a police officer to arrest a person without a warrant if the police officer has probable cause to believe that the person has committed a certain assault; and establishing that a violation of the Act is a misdemeanor with a penalty of up to 10 years in prison or a fine of up to $2,500 or both.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021
CR, § 3-203 and CP, § 2-203 - amended
Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 689  Delegate McComas

CERTIFICATES FOR INVOLUNTARY ADMISSION – LICENSED CERTIFIED SOCIAL WORKER–CLINICAL

Altering a requirement that a certain certificate accompany an application for involuntary admission to certain facilities by providing that the certificate may be of a physician and a licensed certified social worker–clinical; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021
HG, §§ 10-615, 10-616, and 10-619 - amended
Assigned to: Health and Government Operations
HB 690  Delegate Hornberger
ELECTION INTEGRITY ACT
Requiring a certain agent of a voter to be a family member or member of the voter’s household to pick up and deliver the voter’s absentee ballot; prohibiting a certain campaign volunteer from being designated by a voter as a certain agent to pick up and deliver an absentee ballot; and prohibiting a certain agent of a voter from picking up and delivering more than three absentee ballots during each election.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021
EL, § 9-307 - amended
Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 691  Delegate Hornberger
ELECTION LAW – CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTORS – DISCLOSURE OF OWNING OR CONTROLLING INDIVIDUAL OR BUSINESS ENTITY
Requiring, to the extent practicable, the treasurer of a campaign finance entity to record the name of the owning or controlling individual or business entity of certain contributors; requiring campaign finance reports to include information regarding the owning or controlling individual or business entity of certain contributors; and defining “business entity”.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021
EL, § 13-221(a)(4) - added and §§ 13-221(a)(4) and 13-304(b) - amended
Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 692  Cecil County Delegation
CECIL COUNTY – BOARD OF EDUCATION – MEMBER TERMS AND COMPENSATION
Increasing the number of terms a voting member of the Cecil County Board of Education may serve; requiring the County Council of Cecil County to set the amount of compensation for members of the county board; altering the minimum amount of compensation the president and other voting members of the county board are entitled to receive; and providing that the Act does not apply to the compensation of the president or other voting members of the county board during a certain term of office.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021
ED, §§ 3-4A-01 and 3-4A-04 - amended
Assigned to: Ways and Means
HB 693  Cecil County Delegation

CECIL COUNTY – FISHING – RESTRICTIONS

Establishing that a certain riparian right of first refusal to set commercial fishing nets in certain waters of the Chesapeake Bay and a certain process through which another person may set commercial fishing nets in front of the property of the riparian property owner do not apply in Cecil County; and repealing certain fishing restrictions that apply in Cecil County.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021
NR, § 4-712 - amended and § 4-717 - repealed
Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 694  Delegate Hornberger

ELECTION LAW – OFFENSES RELATED TO VOTING – PENALTIES

Altering the circumstances under which an individual is not qualified to be a registered voter to include if the individual has been convicted of a certain violation of the election law and less than 4 years have elapsed since the date of the conviction; and providing that a person who is convicted of a certain violation of the election law is ineligible to vote for a period of 4 years after the date of the conviction.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021
EL, §§ 3-102(b) and 16-201 - amended
Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 695  Delegate Hornberger

STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS – CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORTING DATABASE – STUDY

Requiring the State Board of Elections to study and make recommendations regarding certain requirements that need to be met to implement a system that provides the public with real-time access to the contributions made to and expenditures made by a campaign finance entity; requiring the State Board to research certain options and make certain recommendations; authorizing the State Board to work in coordination with the Maryland Bankers Association in conducting the study; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2021
Assigned to: Ways and Means
HB 696  Delegate Hornberger
PUBLIC SAFETY – CONSUMER AND DISPLAY FIREWORKS
Authorizing a person who is at least 18 years old and meets certain requirements to purchase, possess, and use certain consumer fireworks; prohibiting a person from intentionally igniting or discharging certain consumer fireworks in certain circumstances; altering certain provisions to establish that certain provisions authorizing the State Fire Marshal to issue a certain permit relating to fireworks apply only to certain display fireworks; applying certain penalties to a violation of the Act; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021
PS, §§ 10-101, 10-103, 10-104, and 10-110 - amended and §§ 10-102.1 and 10-114 - added
Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 697  Delegate Williams
RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY – EVICTION PROCEEDINGS – SHIELDING OF COURT RECORDS
Requiring a court to shield certain court records relating to an action involving certain residential property on the commencement of the action; requiring a court to cease shielding certain records if the court issues a warrant of restitution or warrant of possession to a certain party, except under certain circumstances; authorizing the release of shielded records under certain circumstances; requiring a summons issued for a certain cause of action to contain a certain statement in a certain form; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021
RP, §§ 8-406 and 8-807(m) - added and § 8A-1703 - amended
Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 698  Delegate Crutchfield
MARYLAND MODEL PRISONS STUDY WORKGROUP
Establishing the Maryland Model Prisons Study Workgroup to develop a plan to bring about fundamental changes to the culture and practices of State prisons and to consult with certain social justice organizations as part of the process; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Workgroup; authorizing the reimbursement of certain expenses; requiring the Workgroup to report and make recommendations the Governor and the General Assembly on or before December 1, 2021; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021
Assigned to: Judiciary
**HB 699** Delegate D.M. Davis  
MOTOR VEHICLES – DRIVER’S LICENSE AND INSURANCE OFFENSES – PENALTIES  
Altering and repealing certain penalties for certain motor vehicle offenses related to driver’s licenses or the privilege to drive in the State; altering and repealing certain penalties for driving, or knowingly allowing another person to drive, under certain circumstances, a motor vehicle that is not covered by the required security; etc.  
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021  
TR, §§ 16-303 and 17-107 - amended  
Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

**HB 700** Delegate Ruth  
EDUCATION – DISRUPTION OF SCHOOL ACTIVITIES – REPEAL OF PROHIBITION  
Repealing a provision of law prohibiting a person from willfully disturbing or otherwise willfully preventing the orderly conduct of activities, administration, or classes of any institution of elementary, secondary, or higher education.  
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021  
ED, § 26-101 - amended  
Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 701** Delegate McComas  
CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT – TRAINING OF HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS  
Requiring the Maryland Department of Health to provide certain boards that are authorized to take actions against persons who knowingly fail to report suspected child abuse with a list of courses relating to the obligation to report child abuse and neglect and the identification of abused and neglected children; requiring certain boards to post certain information on each board’s website, provide information about recommended courses to certain health care professionals, or advertise the availability of certain courses; etc.  
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021  
HO, § 1-225 - added  
Assigned to: Judiciary
HB 702  Delegate Ivey

HIGHER EDUCATION – STANDARDIZED TESTS – PROHIBITION OF USE IN STUDENT ADMISSIONS

Prohibiting a public institution of higher education from requiring an applicant to submit a standardized test score as part of the admissions process; and specifying that the prohibition does not apply to a public medical school in the State.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021
ED, §§ 12-109(e), 14-104(e), and 15-101 - amended
Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 703  Delegate Ivey

TRANSPORTATION – I–270 AND I–495 – PROHIBITION ON ADDING NEW LANES

Prohibiting the State Highway Administration from adding any new lanes to Interstate 270 or Interstate 495.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021
TR, § 8-609.4 - added
Assigned to: Environment and Transportation and Appropriations

HB 704  Delegate Ivey

LAND USE – MAGNETIC LEVITATION TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM SITING (MARYLAND STOP THE MAGLEV ACT OF 2021)

Prohibiting a person from constructing a magnetic levitation transportation system within 2 miles of certain property; prohibiting units of State and local government from taking certain actions related to the construction of a Maglev within 2 miles of certain property; establishing that the prohibitions under the Act do not apply if certain approvals have been obtained; authorizing counties to adopt local laws for the use of certain land under certain circumstances; etc.
EMERGENCY BILL
LU, §§ 1-401(b)(16) and 4-215 - added
Assigned to: Environment and Transportation
HB 705  Delegate Ivey
TRANSPORTATION – I–270 AND I–495 – PROHIBITION ON TOLL LANES (STOP UNNECESSARY TOLL LANES ACT OF 2021)

Prohibiting the Maryland Transportation Authority, or a private entity participating in a public–private partnership, from imposing a toll for the use of Interstate 495 or Interstate 270.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2021
TR, § 4-312(c) - amended
Assigned to: Environment and Transportation and Appropriations

HB 706  Delegate Ivey
MEDICAL CANNABIS – DISPENSARY GROWER–PROCESSOR LICENSE

Requiring the Natalie M. LaPrade Medical Cannabis Commission to license medical cannabis dispensary grower–processors to grow, process, and dispense medical cannabis if certain requirements are met; providing that an applicant for a dispensary grower–processor license may not have received certain disciplinary action from the Commission or have failed to meet certain deadlines; requiring the Commission to establish a certain application review process; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021
HG, Various Sections - added and amended
Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 707  Delegate Bhandari
PUBLIC SAFETY – LAW ENFORCEMENT REFORM

Providing that the Police Department of Baltimore City is an agency and instrumentality of the City of Baltimore, instead of the State; providing that police officers of the department have the authority conferred under Title 2 of the Criminal Procedure Article; requiring that a certain “no–knock” search warrant be preapproved by a certain supervisor and the State’s Attorney; altering the required frequency of certain police training; etc.
Preliminary analysis: local government mandate
This bill requires a mandated appropriation in the annual budget bill.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021
PLL of Baltimore City, Art. 4, §§ 16-2(a) and 16-3 - amended, CP, § 1-203(a)(2)(vi) - amended, & PS, Various Sections - amended and added
Assigned to: Judiciary
HB 708  Delegate Krebs

STATE BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS – DISPOSITIONS AND SUMMARY SUSPENSIONS – TIME PERIODS

Requiring the State Board of Dental Examiners to dispose of certain disciplinary matters within 90 days after a certain hearing; authorizing a certain licensee to provide certain written notice that a decision is due; establishing that a certain decision shall be construed in a certain manner under certain circumstances; and requiring the Board to issue a final, appealable order on a certain summary suspension within 30 days after the date of the summary suspension.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

HO, § 4-318.1 - added
Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 709  Delegate Krebs

PHARMACY BENEFITS MANAGERS – DRUG REIMBURSEMENT – REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

Requiring pharmacy benefits managers to file with the Maryland Insurance Commissioner, beginning January 1, 2022, and every 3 months thereafter, a certain report of all drugs appearing on the National Average Drug Acquisition Cost list that were reimbursed during a certain period at an amount below a certain cost plus a certain fee; requiring that the report be made available to the public by the Commissioner; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021
HG, § 15-102.3(j) - added and IN, § 15-1612 - amended
Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 710  Delegate Krebs

MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS – DENTAL PROVIDERS AND DENTAL STUDENTS – REIMBURSEMENT

Requiring the Maryland Department of Health, under the Maryland Medical Assistance Program, to reimburse a dental provider for services rendered by a student of dentistry who is engaged in an educational program at a school of dentistry that meets certain requirements and is providing services under the supervision of a licensed dentist.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021
HG, § 15-114.1 - added
Assigned to: Health and Government Operations
HB 711  Delegate D. Jones
INCOME TAX – SUBTRACTION MODIFICATION – DONATIONS TO DIAPER BANKS AND OTHER CHARITABLE ENTITIES
Allowing a subtraction under the Maryland income tax for up to $1,000 of donations of certain disposable diapers, certain hygiene products, and certain monetary gifts made by a taxpayer during the taxable year to certain qualified charitable entities; requiring the taxpayer to file certain information with the taxpayer’s income tax return in order to claim the subtraction; requiring the Department of Human Services to adopt certain regulations; and applying the Act to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2020.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021
TG, § 10-208(y) - added and § 10-308(b) - amended
Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 712  Delegate D. Jones
BUREAU OF REVENUE ESTIMATES – TAX INCIDENCE STUDY – SCOPE
Altering the scope of certain tax incidence studies submitted by the Bureau of Revenue Estimates; and applying the Act to studies submitted after September 30, 2021.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021
SF, § 6-104(d) - amended
Assigned to: Ways and Means and Appropriations

HB 713  Delegate Guyton
COUNTY BOARDS OF EDUCATION – THERAPY DOGS – POLICY FOR HANDLING AND USE IN SCHOOLS
Requiring a county board of education to allow the use of therapy dogs in public schools in the county; requiring each therapy dog used in a public school to be accompanied by a handler; and requiring each county board to adopt a policy with certain guidelines for the use and handling of therapy dogs in public schools in the county.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021
ED, § 4-138 - added
Assigned to: Ways and Means
HB 714 Delegate Guyton
SPECIAL EDUCATION – LEARNING CONTINUITY PLAN – REQUIREMENT

Requiring an individualized education program to include a learning continuity plan to be implemented for students with disabilities during emergency conditions beginning October 1, 2021; requiring an individualized education program team to develop a learning continuity plan at certain times and to consider certain risks for a certain purpose; providing for the contents of a learning continuity plan; authorizing a local school system to provide certain services by certain learning models; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021
ED, § 8-405 - amended and § 8-405.1 - added
Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 715 Delegate Guyton
PUBLIC SCHOOLS – SELF-CONTAINED SPECIAL EDUCATION CLASSROOMS – USE OF VIDEO RECORDING DEVICES

Requiring each county board of education, beginning in the 2021–2022 school year, to install at least one video recording device in each self-contained special education classroom; requiring video recording devices to record self-contained special education classrooms and exclusion areas during school hours and during any time that the classroom or exclusion area is in use; prohibiting the use of a video recording device in bathrooms or in areas that students use to change clothing; etc.
Preliminary analysis: local government mandate
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021
ED, § 7-447 - added
Assigned to: Ways and Means
HB 716  Delegate Griffith

SPECIAL EDUCATION – INDIVIDUALIZED EDUCATION PROGRAMS – EDUCATIONAL EVALUATIONS

Altering the circumstances under which a parent may request an independent educational evaluation of a child with a disability at public expense to include a parent who submits a certain request to a local school system and the local school system does not respond within 30 days after the date the request was received or, on approval and under certain circumstances, the educational evaluation meeting does not occur within 60 days after the date the request was received.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021
ED, § 8-405 - amended
Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 717  Delegate Guyton

EDUCATION – TECHNOLOGY RESOURCES – FUNDING (ENDING THE DIGITAL DIVIDE ACT)

Providing for the target per pupil foundation amount in fiscal year 2022; requiring each county board of education to use not less than 7% of the target per pupil foundation amount to provide certain technology resources to students; authorizing a local school system, at the end of each fiscal year, to hold unused funds in a special fund to be used in a subsequent fiscal year; requiring a county board that allocates certain funding to follow certain information technology security standards; etc.
Preliminary analysis: local government mandate
This bill requires a mandated appropriation in the annual budget bill.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021
ED, § 5-202(a)(13) - amended and § 5-202(m) - added
Assigned to: Appropriations and Ways and Means
HB 718 Delegate Guyton
STATE COORDINATOR FOR AUTISM STRATEGY AND ADVISORY
STAKEHOLDER GROUP ON AUTISM–RELATED NEEDS –
MANDATED APPROPRIATION

Requiring the Governor to include in the annual budget bill, for fiscal year 2023
and each fiscal year thereafter, an appropriation of at least $86,100 to fund the
position of State Coordinator for Autism Strategy and the Advisory
Stakeholder Group on Autism–Related Needs within the Department of
Disabilities; and requiring the appropriation to be increased in subsequent fiscal
years to reflect annualization and ongoing costs.
This bill requires a mandated appropriation in the annual budget bill.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021
HU, § 7-111(e) - added
Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 719 Delegate Moon
COMMERCIAL TENANTS – PERSONAL LIABILITY CLAUSES –
ENFORCEABILITY

Providing that a certain personal liability clause in a commercial lease or
associated document is unenforceable if, as the result of certain proclamations
relating to the outbreak of COVID–19, a commercial tenant was required to
cease certain operations or close to the public and the commercial tenant’s
default occurred between March 23, 2020, and September 30, 2020, inclusive;
making the Act an emergency measure; etc.
EMERGENCY BILL
Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 720 Delegate Moon
INTERCEPTED COMMUNICATIONS – PENALTIES AND
ADMISSIBILITY OF EVIDENCE

Reclassifying, as a misdemeanor instead of a felony, a certain offense relating
to the prohibition against intercepting and disclosing certain communications;
altering certain penalties relating to the prohibition against intercepting and
disclosing certain communications; providing that a certain communication
that was intercepted in violation of certain provisions of law may be admissible
in certain proceedings under certain circumstances; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021
CJ, §§ 10-402(b) and (e) and 10-405 - amended
Assigned to: Judiciary
HB 721  Delegate Moon

TORT CLAIMS ACTS – LIMITS ON LIABILITY

Increasing the limits on liability of a local government, from $400,000 for an individual claim and $800,000 for total claims to $600,000 for an individual claim and $1,200,000 for total claims, and the State and its units, from $400,000 to a single claimant to $600,000 to a single claimant, for claims arising from tortious acts or omissions committed by an employee within the scope of employment with the local government or the State or its units; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

CJ, §§ 5-303 and 12-104 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 722  Delegate Ivey

PROCUREMENT – DISPARITY STUDIES – AFRICAN AMERICAN–OWNED BUSINESSES

Requiring a certain certification agency, in consultation with the Office of the Attorney General, to contract with an independent consultant to conduct a review of the “Business Disparities in the Maryland Market Area” study completed on February 8, 2017 to evaluate, on or before October 1, 2021, whether the data in the study demonstrates a compelling interest to implement certain remedial measures specifically to assist African American–owned businesses; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2021

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 723  Delegate Ivey

PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION – INCARCERATED AND FORMERLY INCARCERATED INDIVIDUALS – ACADEMIC AND EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Requiring the Maryland Higher Education Commission, in consultation with public institutions of higher education and Maryland Correctional Enterprises, to establish a process to increase access to academic and employment opportunities at public institutions of higher education for incarcerated and formerly incarcerated individuals who are or were employed by Maryland Correctional Enterprises during their incarceration; and specifying the requirements for the process.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

ED, § 11-409 - added

Assigned to: Appropriations and Judiciary
HB 724  Delegate Guyton  
SPECIAL EDUCATION – EDUCATION AND VOCATIONAL SERVICES – PROLONGED SCHOOL CLOSURE  
Requiring a county board of education to offer and provide to certain disabled and special education students whose schools are subject to a prolonged school closure an option to continue attending school or receiving education services after the student’s anticipated graduation date; requiring a county board to provide a notice to the parents or guardians of eligible students about a student’s option to continue attending school or receiving certain education services; etc.  
Preliminary analysis: local government mandate  
EMERGENCY BILL  
ED, § 8-404.1 - added and § 21-305 - amended  
Assigned to: Ways and Means  

HB 725  Delegate Ivey  
CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT – LEGISLATIVE SESSIONS  
Proposing an amendment to the Maryland Constitution to add two thirty–day sessions of the General Assembly to the legislative calendar in June and October of each year.  
CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT – CONTINGENT  
Maryland Constitution, Art. III, §§ 14 and 15 - amended  
Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations  

HB 726  Delegate Ivey  
LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT – APPRENTICESHIP AND TRAINING COUNCIL – REPRESENTATION  
Requiring the Apprenticeship and Training Council to include representation by individuals who are Black and Latino.  
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021  
LE, § 11-403(b) - amended  
Assigned to: Economic Matters
HB 727  Delegate Moon

LAW ENFORCEMENT – BODY–WORN CAMERAS – CAPABILITIES

Requiring a policy for the issuance and use of a body–worn camera by a law enforcement officer developed and published by the Maryland Police Training and Standards Commission to require that a body–worn camera purchased or otherwise procured for use by a law enforcement officer on or after January 1, 2022, automatically record and save 2 minutes of audio and video footage immediately prior to the officer activating the record button on the device.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021
PS, § 3-511 - amended
Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 728  Delegate Moon

CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – COMMITTED PERSONS – RELEASE PROCEEDINGS

Providing that a certain committed person may file exceptions to a certain report of the Office of Administrative Hearings only if that person appeared at a certain release hearing; altering a provision of law to require a court to hold a certain hearing unless all parties that appeared at a certain prior hearing waive the hearing, rather than requiring the court to hold a certain hearing unless a certain committed person and the State’s Attorney waive the hearing; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021
CP, §§ 3-116, 3-117, 3-119, 3-121(a) through (d), and 3-122 - amended
Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 729  The Speaker (By Request – Office of the Attorney General)

LANDLORD AND TENANT – EVICTION ACTIONS – FILING SURCHARGE AND PROHIBITED LEASE PROVISIONS

Increasing, from not more than $18 to not less than $120, the surcharge that the District Court is required to assess per civil case for summary ejectment, tenant holding over, and breach of lease that seeks a judgment for possession of residential property against a residential tenant; requiring the District Court to assess the surcharge against a landlord and prohibiting the court from awarding or assigning the surcharge against a residential tenant; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2021
CJ, § 7-301(c) and RP, §§ 8-208(d)(7) and (8) and 8-401(b)(1) - amended and § 8-208(d)(9) - added
Assigned to: Judiciary
HB 730  The Speaker (By Request – Administration)

DRIVER’S LICENSES, LEARNER’S INSTRUCTIONAL PERMITS, AND IDENTIFICATION CARDS – APPLICATIONS AND RENEWALS

Authorizing the Motor Vehicle Administration to extend the period of time that an identification card remains effective by 90 days under certain circumstances; altering the documentation that applicants for a learner’s permit who are under the age of 16 years are required to present to the Administration; altering the time period before expiration within which a driver’s license is renewable; altering the standards for determining whether an individual is required to appear in person to renew the individual’s driver’s license; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

TR, §§ 12-301(i), 16-105(a), and 16-115(a)(3) and (4) and (i)(2) - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 731  The Speaker (By Request – Administration)

TELEHEALTH SERVICES – EXPANSION

Altering the health care services the Maryland Medical Assistance Program is required to provide through telehealth; altering the circumstances under which the Program is required to provide health care services through telehealth; altering a provision of law requiring certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations to reimburse certain health care services provided through telehealth to require reimbursement to be provided in a certain manner and at a certain rate; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021


Assigned to: Health and Government Operations
HB 732  The Speaker (By Request – Administration)

HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONERS – TELEHEALTH – OUT-OF-STATE HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONERS

Authorizing an out-of-state health care practitioner to provide telehealth services to a patient located in the State in accordance with certain provisions of the Act; requiring a certain health occupations board to register an out-of-state health care practitioner, under certain circumstances, to provide telehealth services to a patient located in the State; prohibiting an out-of-state health care practitioner who is registered under certain provisions of the Act from taking certain actions; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

HO, Various Sections - amended and added
Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 733  The Speaker (By Request – Administration)

RETIREMENT TAX REDUCTION ACT OF 2021

Allowing a subtraction modification under the Maryland income tax for up to a certain amount each year for certain individuals who are receiving certain benefits under the Social Security Act, or who are at least 65 years old and are not employed full time; establishing certain limits on the subtraction modification for certain taxable years; prohibiting income included in certain subtraction modifications from being included under the subtraction modification; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

TG, § 10-207(jj) - added and § 10-209 - amended
Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 734  The Speaker (By Request – Administration)

INCOME TAX – SUBTRACTION MODIFICATION – MILITARY RETIREMENT INCOME

Phasing out, over 2 taxable years, a certain limitation on the amount of certain military retirement income that may be included in a certain subtraction modification under the Maryland income tax; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

TG, 10-207(q) - amended
Assigned to: Ways and Means
HB 735  The Speaker (By Request – Administration)

INCOME TAX SUBTRACTION MODIFICATION – CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS, LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS, AND FIRE, RESCUE, AND EMERGENCY SERVICES PERSONNEL (HOMETOWN HEROES ACT)

Altering, from 55 years old to 50 years old, the age at which a resident is eligible for a subtraction modification under the Maryland income tax for retirement income attributable to employment as a correctional officer, law enforcement officer, or fire, rescue, or emergency services personnel of the United States, the State, or a political subdivision of the State; altering the amount of certain retirement income that may be included under a certain subtraction modification; applying the Act to certain taxable years; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021
TG, § 10-209 - amended
Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 736  The Speaker (By Request – Administration)

INTERSTATE LICENSED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS COMPACT

Entering the Interstate Licensed Professional Counselors Compact; stating the purpose of the Compact; requiring that a state meet certain requirements to participate in the Compact; establishing duties of member states; authorizing a certain state to charge a certain fee for granting a certain privilege; requiring certain professional counselors to meet certain eligibility requirements to receive certain licensure and exercise a certain privilege; etc.
CONTINGENT – EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021
HO, § 17-6B-01 - added
Assigned to: Health and Government Operations
HB 737  The Speaker (By Request – Administration)

EMERGENCY SERVICES – EXPOSURE TO CONTAGIOUS DISEASES AND VIRUSES – NOTIFICATION AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS

Altering the definition of “contagious disease or virus” for the purposes of certain provisions of law governing the notification of a possible exposure of certain emergency services personnel to include 2019-nCoV; extending certain notification requirements regarding possible exposure to a contagious disease or virus to certain emergency medical services clinicians; requiring that certain emergency medical services clinicians receive certain training and certain equipment; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021
HG, §§ 18-213, 18-213.1, and 18-213.2 - amended
Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 738  Chair, Ways and Means Committee (By Request – Departmental – State Board of Elections)

ELECTION LAW – CERTIFICATES OF CANDIDACY AND BALLOT QUESTIONS – REVISIONS

Altering the deadlines by which a certificate of candidacy for a successor candidate for Governor or Lieutenant Governor must be filed under certain circumstances; altering the day by which a certain statement regarding certain statewide questions to appear on a ballot is required to be submitted to the State Board of Elections; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021
EL, §§ 5-903, 5-904, 5-1005, 5-1101, and 7-105 - amended
Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 739  The Speaker (By Request – Office of the Attorney General)

ENVIRONMENT – MULTIDEFENDANT OIL AND HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE POLLUTION CASES – EFFECT OF SETTLEMENT

Exempting certain types of pollution cases from the Maryland Uniform Contribution Among Joint Tort-Feasors Act; requiring the factfinder in certain legal actions to make a determination of the total liability and assign comparative responsibility to certain parties; authorizing the State to continue to pursue certain legal actions or bring new legal actions if the State has obtained less than complete relief from a certain person who has resolved the person’s liability with the State in a settlement; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021
EN, § 4-421 - added and § 7-221 - amended
Assigned to: Environment and Transportation
HB 740  The Speaker (By Request – Administration)

BUILDING OPPORTUNITY ACT OF 2021

Requiring or authorizing, under certain circumstances, the Maryland Stadium Authority to contract for, manage, and oversee certain public school facility projects; authorizing the Prince George’s County government and Board of Education to enter into a certain public–private partnership to enhance the delivery of public school construction projects in the county; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

CONTINGENT – VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES


Assigned to: Appropriations

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HB 741  The Speaker (By Request – Administration)

MARYLAND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICE – OFFICERS, BOARD OF DIRECTORS, AND RESPONSIBILITIES – ALTERATIONS

Removing the Deputy Director of the Maryland Environmental Service as a designated officer of the Service and instead authorizing the Board of Directors of the Service to appoint a Deputy Director to assist the Director in a certain manner; providing that the Deputy Director and certain officers of the Service serve at the pleasure of the Board; altering the size and membership of the Board; requiring Board members to file a certain financial statement; providing that the Director serves as a nonvoting member of the Board; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

GP, § 5-601(d) and NR, §§ 3-103 and 3-126(d) and (h) - amended and NR, §§ 3-103.3 and 3-103.4 - added

Assigned to: Appropriations