



# SYNOPSIS

Prefiled Senate Bills and Joint Resolutions  
2021 Maryland General Assembly Session

**January 13, 2021**  
**Schedule 1**

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**PLEASE NOTE:** The following legislation was prefiled for the 2021 Session.  
SB193 and SB302 were removed at the request of the sponsor  
SB354 has been removed and may appear at a later date

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## **SENATE BILLS INTRODUCED January 13, 2021**

**SB 1**

**Senator Sydnor, et al**

### **HISTORICALLY BLACK COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES – FUNDING**

Requiring the Maryland Higher Education Commission to establish a certain new unit to assist in evaluating and reviewing certain proposals for new programs and substantial modifications of existing programs; requiring the Governor, in each of fiscal years 2023 through 2032, to include in the annual State operating budget \$57,700,000 to be allocated to certain historically black colleges and universities; establishing the Historically Black Colleges and Universities Reserve Fund; specifying the purpose and uses of the Fund; etc.

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

### **EMERGENCY BILL – CONTINGENT**

ED, §§ 10-214, 11-206.3, 15-126, and 15-127 - added and SF, Various Sections - added and amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation and Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

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**SB 2**      **Senator McCray, et al**

## MARYLAND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICE REFORM ACT OF 2021

Removing the Director and Deputy Director of the Maryland Environmental Service from the Board of Directors of the Maryland Environmental Service; requiring the Secretary and the Treasurer of the Service to be selected by the Board from among the Board's members; prohibiting the Board from awarding a severance package under certain circumstances; requiring the Director to appoint a Diversity officer; requiring the Board, by December 1, 2021, to adopt or readopt certain policies consistent with the provisions of the Act; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

NR, §§ 3-103, 3-103.1(b) and (c)(8) and 3-107 - amended and § 3-103.3 - added and SP, § 3-102(a) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation and Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 3**      **Senator Griffith, et al**

## PRESERVE TELEHEALTH ACCESS ACT OF 2021

Altering the health care services the Maryland Medical Assistance Program, subject to a certain limitation, is required to provide through telehealth; altering the circumstances under which the Program is required to provide health care services through telehealth; authorizing the Maryland Department of Health to apply to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services for a certain amendment to certain waivers to implement certain requirements of the Act; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

HG, §§ 15-103(a)(2)(xv) and 15-141.2, IN, § 15-139, Chapter 17 of the Acts of 2020, § 4 and Chapter 18 of the Acts of 2020, § 4 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 4**      **Senator Edwards, et al**

## MARYLAND PUBLIC ETHICS LAW – RETALIATION FOR REPORTING OR PARTICIPATING IN INVESTIGATION – PROHIBITION

Prohibiting an official or employee from retaliating against an individual for reporting or participating in an investigation of a violation of the Maryland Public Ethics Law.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2021

GP, § 5-509 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 5**      **Senator Griffith, et al****PUBLIC HEALTH – IMPLICIT BIAS TRAINING AND THE OFFICE OF MINORITY HEALTH AND HEALTH DISPARITIES**

Requiring the Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities to publish, to a certain extent, health data that includes race and ethnicity information collected by the Office and update the data at least once every 6 months; requiring the Governor, beginning in fiscal year 2023, to include an appropriation of at least \$1,788,314 in the annual budget bill for the Office; requiring the Cultural and Linguistic Health Care Professional Competency Program, to identify and approve certain implicit bias training programs; etc.

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

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

HG, §§ 20-1004(21) and (22), 20-1007, 20-1301, 20-1302, and 20-1305 - amended and §§ 20-1004(23) and 20-1306 - added and HO, § 1-225 - added

Assigned to: Finance and Budget and Taxation

**SB 6**      **Senators Lam and Hough****GENERAL ASSEMBLY – SPECIAL ELECTION TO FILL A VACANCY IN OFFICE**

Proposing an amendment to the Maryland Constitution to require an individual appointed by the Governor to fill a vacancy in the office of Delegate or Senator in the General Assembly to serve for the remainder of the term if the vacancy occurs after a certain date; requiring that a special election be held at the same time as a certain regular statewide election to fill a vacancy in the office of Delegate or Senator in the General Assembly if the vacancy occurs on or before a certain date; etc.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT – CONTINGENT

Maryland Constitution, Art. III, § 13 and Art. XVII, § 2 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 7**      **Senator Simonaire****COURTS – COURT DOG THERAPY PROGRAM – VETERANS TREATMENT COURTS**

Renaming the Court Dog and Child Witness Program to be the Court Dog Therapy Program; expanding the application of the Program to veterans participating in a certain veterans treatment court; establishing that the Program shall be in the circuit court of each county that participates in the Program and in the District Court of each county that participates in the Program under certain circumstances; altering the purpose of the Program; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

CJ, § 9-501 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 8**      **Senator Kagan****GENERAL PROVISIONS – STATE SONG – REPEAL**

Repealing the State song.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

GP, § 7-318 - repealed

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 9**      **Senator Kramer****STATE EMPLOYEES – COLLECTIVE BARGAINING – APPLICABILITY, BARGAINING PROCESSES, AND MEMORANDUMS OF UNDERSTANDING**

Requiring the Chancellor of the University System of Maryland to act on behalf of the University System of Maryland and certain system institutions for the purpose of collective bargaining; altering the application of certain collective bargaining requirements to certain employees by requiring the State Labor Relations Board and the State Higher Education Labor Relations Board to make certain determinations; providing for the negotiation of a certain consolidated memorandum of understanding; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2021

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

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 10**      **Senators Waldstreicher and Ferguson**

## ELECTION LAW – POLLING SITES – FIREARMS PROHIBITIONS

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

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

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

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 11**      **Senator Ellis**

## SALES AND USE TAX – AGRICULTURAL PURPOSE EXEMPTION – SEEDLINGS AND FRUIT TREES

Expanding an exemption from the sales and use tax for the sale of items for an agricultural purpose to include the sale of seedlings and fruit trees.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

TG, § 11-201 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

**SB 12**      **Senator Hettleman**

## MARYLAND OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL FOR HEALTH

Renaming the Office of the Inspector General in the Maryland Department of Health to be the Maryland Office of the Inspector General for Health and providing that the Office is an independent unit of the State, rather than a unit in the Department; requiring an annual report by December 1 of the Office's activities investigating fraud and waste of certain funds, referrals to the Medicaid Fraud Control Unit, recoveries of mistaken claims paid in error, recoveries of the cost of benefits mistakenly paid, and regulatory changes; etc. This bill requires a mandated appropriation in the annual budget bill.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022

HG, §§ 2-501(e-1), 2-502.1, and 2-506 - added and § 2-502 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 13**      **Senator Eckardt****CERTIFIED NURSING ASSISTANTS – CERTIFICATE RENEWAL – TRAINING PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS**

Altering the circumstances under which a certified nursing assistant may renew the certificate to allow the nursing assistant to provide, under certain circumstances, certain evidence of completion of a certain nursing assistant training program or a certain refresher training program as required in certain regulations adopted by the State Board of Nursing; and requiring the Board to adopt certain regulations.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

HO, § 8-6A-08(c) - amended and § 8-6A-08(m) - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 14**      **Senator Kelley, et al****COMPENSATION TO INDIVIDUAL ERRONEOUSLY CONVICTED, SENTENCED, AND CONFINED (THE WALTER LOMAX ACT)**

Altering a provision of law to require, rather than authorize, the Board of Public Works to pay certain compensation to a certain individual who has been erroneously convicted, sentenced, and confined for a felony on receipt of a certain order; authorizing an administrative law judge to issue a certain order of eligibility under certain circumstances; requiring certain compensation made by the Board to be equal to a certain amount; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

SF, § 10-501 - amended and § 10-502 - added and SG, § 9-1604(a)(4) and (b)(1)(i) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings and Budget and Taxation

**SB 15**      **Senator Bailey****FIREARMS – HANDGUN PERMIT – NOTICE OF EXPIRATION AND RENEWAL INSTRUCTIONS**

Requiring the Secretary of State Police to provide a certain notice of the impending expiration of a certain handgun permit and certain renewal instructions to a holder of a certain handgun permit at least 60 days before the expiration of the permit; and terminating the Act after June 30, 2023.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 16**      **Senator Augustine****COMMERCIAL LAW – CONSUMER PROTECTION – BIOMETRIC IDENTIFIERS AND BIOMETRIC INFORMATION PRIVACY**

Requiring certain private entities in possession of biometric identifiers or biometric information to develop a written policy, made available to the public, establishing a certain retention schedule and guidelines for permanently destroying biometric identifiers and biometric information; prohibiting a private entity from being required to make publicly available a certain policy; requiring each private entity in possession of biometric identifiers or biometric information to comply with certain schedules and guidelines; etc.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2022

CL, §§ 14-4301 through 14-4304 - added

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 17**      **Senators Carozza and West****CRIMINAL LAW – LIFE–THREATENING INJURY INVOLVING A MOTOR VEHICLE OR VESSEL – CRIMINAL NEGLIGENCE (WADE’S LAW)**

Prohibiting a person from causing a life–threatening injury to another as a result of the person’s driving, operating, or controlling a motor vehicle or vessel in a criminally negligent manner; exempting certain conduct that results in a life–threatening injury to another; and establishing a penalty of imprisonment not exceeding 18 months or a fine not exceeding \$5,000 or both for a violation of the Act.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

CR, § 3-212.1 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 18**      **Senator Hough, et al****INCOME TAX – SUBTRACTION MODIFICATION – SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR HOME INSTRUCTION AND VIRTUAL LEARNING PROGRAMS**

Allowing a subtraction modification under the Maryland income tax for up to \$250 of expenses paid or incurred by a parent or guardian of a student in kindergarten through grade 12 during the 2021 taxable year for certain school supplies used by certain students participating in a home instruction program or virtual learning program conducted in response to the COVID–19 public health emergency; and terminating the Act after June 30, 2022.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

TG, § 10-208(y) - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

**SB 19**      **Chair, Budget and Taxation Committee (By Request – Departmental – Commerce)**

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – BIOTECHNOLOGY INVESTMENT INCENTIVE TAX CREDIT PROGRAM – ALTERATIONS**

Altering eligibility for the Biotechnology Investment Incentive Tax Credit Program by altering the definition of “qualified Maryland biotechnology company”; stating the purpose of the program; altering the calculation of the tax credit under the program; altering the maximum percentage of the Maryland Biotechnology Investment Tax Credit Reserve Fund that a single qualified Maryland biotechnology company may receive in a fiscal year; applying the Act to initial credit certificates issued after June 30, 2021; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2021

TG, § 10-725(a)(7), (b), (d)(1) and (2), and (j) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

**SB 20**      **Senator Carter**

**VEHICLE LAWS – CANCELED, REVOKED, AND SUSPENDED DRIVER’S LICENSES – PENALTIES**

Altering certain penalties for a person who displays a canceled, revoked, or suspended driver’s license.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

TR, §§ 16-301(r)(3), 16-303(k), and 16-402(a)(16) and (36) - amended and § 16-402(a-1) - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 21**      **Senator Reilly**

**WETLANDS AND WATERWAYS – RIPARIAN RIGHTS – PROHIBITION ON TERMINATION OR IMPAIRMENT**

Prohibiting the Department of the Environment or the Board of Public Works from terminating or impairing the riparian rights of an individual, community association, or other entity through the application process for a permit or license to install a pier.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

EN, § 16-201.1 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs



**SB 22**      **Senator Young****ON-SITE SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEMS – INSPECTION – LICENSING**

Prohibiting an individual from engaging in the business of inspecting an on-site sewage disposal system unless the person holds a certain inspection license issued by the Department of the Environment on or after July 1, 2022; requiring the Department to adopt regulations establishing eligibility criteria, training requirements, renewal procedures, and fees for such inspection licenses by January 1, 2022; providing an administrative penalty of up to \$10,000 for a violation of the Act to be paid to an account in the Bay Restoration Fund; etc.

**VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES**

EN, § 9-217.2 - added and § 9-217.1 - repealed

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 23**      **Senator Hettleman****CONDITIONS OF PRETRIAL RELEASE – HOME DETENTION MONITORING**

Exempting certain defendants placed in private home detention as a condition of pretrial release from the requirement to pay a certain monitoring fee if the defendant qualifies as an indigent individual under certain circumstances or if a home detention monitoring device is provided by the State or a local jurisdiction; requiring the State to provide payments to certain private home detention monitoring agencies under certain circumstances; etc.

**CONTINGENT – EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021**

CP, § 5-201 and PS, § 4-1102 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 24**      **Senator West****GAMING – SPORTS AND EVENT WAGERING LICENSE – MARYLAND STATE FAIR AND AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY, INC.**

Requiring the State Lottery and Gaming Control Commission to issue a sports and event wagering license to the Maryland State Fair and Agricultural Society, Inc. if the Commission issues a license to another entity.

**EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2021**

SG, § 9-109(d) - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

**SB 25**      **Senator Eckardt**

## COMMEMORATIVE DAYS – MARYLAND VOTING EQUITY REFORM DAY

Providing that the fourth Tuesday in October each year is Maryland Voting Equity Reform Day.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

GP, § 7-416 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 26**      **Senator Ellis**

## STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION – STATE HIGHWAYS AND INTERSTATE HIGHWAYS – LITTER COLLECTION AND MOWING

Requiring the State Highway Administration to collect litter and mow the grass along State highways and certain interstate highways on a consistent and regular basis; requiring the Administration to seasonally adjust the frequency with which litter collection and mowing occurs, subject to certain requirements; requiring the Administration to contract with a Maryland-based company to collect litter and provide mowing services under the Act; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

TR, § 8-609.4 - added

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 27**      **Senator Hough, et al**

## PUBLIC SAFETY – PERMIT TO CARRY, WEAR, OR TRANSPORT A HANDGUN – QUALIFICATIONS

Clarifying that personal protection or self-defense can qualify as a good and substantial reason to carry, wear, or transport a handgun for purposes of the issuance by the Secretary of State Police of a permit to carry, wear, or transport a handgun.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

PS, § 5-306(a) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 28**      **Senator Patterson, et al****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: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 29**      **Senator Kramer****ELECTION LAW – VOTING – ELECTIONS BY MAIL, POLLING PLACES, AND EARLY VOTING CENTERS**

Requiring each local board of elections to send a vote-by-mail ballot to each individual who is registered to vote as the 21st day before the day of each election; requiring the State Board to establish a certain date by which the vote-by-mail ballots must be mailed; requiring a voter to take certain actions to vote a vote-by-mail ballot; requiring the instructions provided with each vote-by-mail ballot to include a certain warning; authorizing a voter to return a marked vote-by-mail ballot to a local board by certain methods; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2021

EL, §§ 9-501 through 9-507 - repealed, §§ 1-101(b), 10-101(a)(1) and (2), and 11-101(c) - amended, and §§ 9-501 through 9-505 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 30**      **Senators Elfreth and Guzzone****STATE FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT – APPROPRIATION REDUCTIONS (BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS BUDGET REDUCTION CLARIFICATION ACT)**

Limiting the authorization for the Governor, with the approval of the Board of Public Works, to reduce a certain appropriation to not more than a total of 25% of the appropriation in any fiscal year; and increasing to 10 the number of business days the Board must wait before approving a proposed reduction of an appropriation after the Secretary of Budget and Management publishes and provides certain notice of the proposed reduction.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

SF, § 7-213 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

**SB 31**      **Senator Washington****ELECTRICITY AND GAS – ENERGY SUPPLIERS – SUPPLY OFFERS**

Requiring the Public Service Commission, by January 1, 2022, to establish an administrative process to approve supply offers for electricity or gas for households in the State that receive energy assistance through a program administered by the Office of Home Energy Programs; prohibiting, beginning on July 1, 2022, approved supply offers from offering to provide electricity or gas, renewing a certain contract, or charging a certain fee to households in the State that receive certain energy assistance; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

PU, § 4-308 - added

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 32**      **Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request – Departmental – Transportation)****MARYLAND TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION – LIMITATION OF LIABILITY**

Limiting the liability of the Maryland Transit Administration in a tort action to \$800,000 to a single claimant for injuries arising from a single incident or occurrence; and applying the Act prospectively.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

TR, § 7-702 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 33**      **Senator Ellis****STATE AND COUNTY PROCUREMENT – MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PROGRAM PARTICIPATION GOALS**

Requiring the Special Secretary for the Office of Small, Minority, and Women Business Affairs, in consultation with the Secretary of Transportation and the Attorney General, to establish a certain overall percentage participation goal for certain minority business enterprises; requiring the Special Secretary to consider certain information when establishing the goal; requiring each unit of State government to structure procurement procedures in a certain manner to try to achieve a certain goal; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

**CONTINGENT – VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES**

SF, §§ 14-301, 14-302, and 14-303(b)(11) and Chapter 154 of the Acts of 2012, § 2, as amended - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 34**      **Senator Lam****STATE BOARD OF PHYSICIANS – GENETIC COUNSELORS – LICENSING**

Requiring the State Board of Physicians to license genetic counselors; providing that provisions of the Act do not limit the right of certain individuals to practice certain occupations; establishing the Genetic Counseling Advisory Committee within the Board; requiring individuals, on or after October 1, 2023, to be licensed by the Board as genetic counselors before practicing genetic counseling in the State except under certain circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

HO, §§ 14-5G-01 through 14-5G-28 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 35**      **Senator Feldman****PROCUREMENT – PREVAILING WAGE – APPLICABILITY**

Repealing a certain limitation on the applicability of the Prevailing Wage Law to the construction of a public work and applying the Prevailing Wage Law to construction of a certain public work funded in whole or in part with State funds; and altering the applicability of the Prevailing Wage Law to public work contracts by reducing the contract threshold amount from \$500,000 to \$250,000.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

SF, §§ 17-201 and 17-202 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 36**      **Senator Gallion**

## 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: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 37**      **Senator Carter**

## ELECTION LAW – REGISTERED VOTER LIST SECURITY AND ELECTRONIC SIGNATURE REQUIREMENTS FOR PETITIONS

Requiring the State Board of Elections to adopt regulations specifying requirements for the secure storage and use of voter data for copies of the registered voters list; requiring the State Board to adopt regulations specifying procedures for the collection of electronic signatures on petitions; authorizing certain petitions to contain the electronic signature of certain individuals; requiring electronic signatures to be electronically signed, typed, or affixed to a certain form; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

EL, §§ 3-506(a), 6-103(a), and 6-203 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 38**      **Senator West**

## 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: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 39**      **Senator Ellis****DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING – COLLATERAL CONSEQUENCES FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH CRIMINAL RECORDS – STUDY**

Requiring the Maryland Department of Planning in coordination with the Maryland State Data Center to study, report on, and make recommendations relating to certain collateral consequences for individuals with criminal records; requiring the Department to report certain information to the General Assembly on or before December 31, 2021; and providing for the termination of the Act.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2021

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 40**      **Senator Peters****HIGHER EDUCATION – RICHARD W. COLLINS III LEADERSHIP WITH HONOR SCHOLARSHIP – BOWIE STATE**

Requiring the Office of Student Financial Assistance within the Maryland Higher Education Commission to award at least 25% of annual grant money from the Richard W. Collins III Leadership With Honor Scholarship to students at Bowie State University.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

ED, § 18-605 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 41**      **Senator Augustine****HEALTH – MENTAL AND EMOTIONAL DISORDERS – CONSENT (MENTAL HEALTH ACCESS INITIATIVE)**

Altering the minimum age, from 16 years to 12 years, at which a minor has the same capacity as an adult to consent to consultation, diagnosis, and certain treatment of a mental or emotional disorder by a health care provider or clinic; and providing that a health care provider may decide to provide certain information to a certain parent, guardian, or custodian under certain provisions of law unless the health care provider believes that the disclosure will lead to harm to the minor or deter the minor from seeking care.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

HG, § 20-104 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 42**      **Senator Young****PUBLIC SAFETY – POLICE OFFICERS – SCREENING FOR VIOLENT BEHAVIOR, AGGRESSIVE BEHAVIOR, AND BIAS**

Prohibiting a law enforcement agency from employing an individual as a police officer unless the individual has undergone and achieved a satisfactory result on a certain psychological screening; requiring that a police officer who has been convicted of killing or causing a debilitating injury against another person be terminated from employment; requiring a police officer to receive certain training every 3 years; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

PS, § 3-523 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 43**      **Senators Elfreth and Hettleman****CRIMINAL LAW – LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS – PROHIBITION ON SEXUAL ACTIVITY**

Prohibiting a law enforcement officer from engaging in certain sexual acts, sexual contact, or vaginal intercourse with a victim, witness, or suspect in an investigation during the course of an investigation that the officer is conducting, supervising, or assisting with, or with a certain person requesting assistance from or responding to the law enforcement officer in the course of the officer's official duties; and establishing a certain exception to the prohibition under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

CR, § 3-314 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 44**      **Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request – Departmental – Public Safety and Correctional Services)****CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS – AGE REQUIREMENT**

Lowering, from 21 years old to 19 years old, the age requirement for employment as a correctional officer in any unit of the Division of Correction, any unit of the Division of Pretrial Detention and Services, or the Patuxent Institution within the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services; and requiring the Secretary of Public Safety and Correctional Services to adopt certain regulations.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

CS, § 2-109 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings



**SB 45**      **Senator Patterson**

## STATE LOTTERY AND GAMING CONTROL AGENCY – GAMING STUDY – USE OF GAMING PROCEEDS

Requiring the State Lottery and Gaming Control Agency to conduct a study on the distribution and use of local impact grants, the use of the Problem Gambling Fund, and the use of video lottery proceeds distributed to the Small, Minority, and Women–Owned Business Account; requiring the Agency to report its findings to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before December 1, 2021; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

**SB 46**      **Senator Lam**

## CRIMES – MITIGATION – RACE, COLOR, NATIONAL ORIGIN, SEX, GENDER IDENTITY, OR SEXUAL ORIENTATION

Establishing that the discovery or perception of, or belief about, another person’s race, color, national origin, sex, gender identity, or sexual orientation, whether or not accurate, does not constitute legally adequate provocation to mitigate a killing from the crime of murder to manslaughter or an assault from the crime of assault in the first degree to assault in the second degree or another lesser crime.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

CR, §§ 2-207 and 3-209 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 47**      **Senator Corderman**

## HEALTH FACILITIES – NURSING HOMES AND ASSISTED LIVING PROGRAMS – ESSENTIAL CAREGIVERS

Requiring each nursing home and assisted living program to establish certain policies and procedures authorizing indoor visitation from an essential caregiver and relating to the designation and use of an essential caregiver; authorizing nursing homes and assisted living programs to consult with a certain local health officer when establishing certain policies and procedures; requiring an essential caregiver to inform the staff of the nursing home or assisted living program if the essential caregiver develops certain symptoms; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

HG, § 19-1418 - added

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 48**      **Senator Young, et al****INCOME TAX – SUBTRACTION MODIFICATION – LIVING ORGAN DONORS**

Increasing, from \$7,500 to \$10,000, the amount of a subtraction modification under the Maryland income tax for certain expenses paid or incurred by an individual that are attributable to the individual's donation of an organ; altering the definition of "qualified expenses" for purposes of the subtraction modification to include unreimbursed expenses for child care, elder care, and medication; applying the Act to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2020; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

TG, § 10-208(w) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

**SB 49**      **Senator Lee****STATE GOVERNMENT – DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY – CYBERSECURITY**

Requiring the Secretary of Information Technology, in consultation with the Attorney General, to advise and oversee a consistent cybersecurity strategy for units of State government, including institutions under the control of the governing boards of public institutions of higher education; requiring the Secretary, in consultation with the Attorney General, to develop guidance on consistent cybersecurity strategies for counties, municipal corporations, certain other entities and political subdivisions; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

SF, §§ 3A-301 and 3A-303 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 50**      **Senator Carter****CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – POLICE OFFICERS – DUTY TO INTERVENE**

Requiring a police officer to make a reasonable attempt to intervene to terminate or prevent another police officer's use of excessive force; prohibiting a police officer from knowingly and willfully violating the requirement to intervene established under the Act; establishing a penalty of imprisonment not exceeding 5 years or a fine not exceeding \$10,000 or both for a violation of the Act; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

CP, § 2-109 and PS, § 3-207(a)(25) - added and PS, § 3-207(a)(23) and (24) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 51**      **Senator Bailey**TRI-COUNTY COUNCIL FOR SOUTHERN MARYLAND – PROPERTY  
MANAGEMENT – SOUTHERN MARYLAND REGIONAL  
AGRICULTURAL CENTER

Authorizing the Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland to act as a property manager of the Southern Maryland Regional Agricultural Center.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

EC, § 13-612 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 52**      **Senator Washington**PUBLIC HEALTH – MARYLAND COMMISSION ON HEALTH EQUITY  
(THE SHIRLEY NATHAN-PULLIAM HEALTH EQUITY ACT OF 2021)

Requiring the State designated exchange to participate in a certain advisory committee, maintain a certain data set, and provide data under certain circumstances; authorizing the State designated exchange to use certain data to improve outcomes for patients; establishing the Maryland Commission on Health Equity to employ a health equity framework by taking a collaborative approach to improve health outcomes and reduce health inequities in the State and incorporating health consideration into broad-based decision making; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

HG, § 4-302.3 - amended and §§ 13-4201 through 13-4207 - added

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 53**      **Senator Hershey**

## CLEAN ENERGY ATTRIBUTE CREDITS AND PROCUREMENT

Establishing a clean energy attribute credit standard for certain purposes; repealing certain provisions relating to the renewable energy portfolio standard; stating certain findings of the General Assembly; stating certain policies of the State regarding certain energy sources and markets; requiring the Public Service Commission to appoint an independent administrator for certain purposes with certain qualifications and certain duties; providing for the term and reappointment of the independent administrator; etc.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2022

PU, Various Sections - repealed, amended, and added

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 54**      **Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Maryland Energy Administration)**

LOCAL GOVERNMENT – CLEAN ENERGY LOAN PROGRAMS – GRID RESILIENCE PROJECTS

Altering the purpose of a certain clean energy loan program established by a county or municipality to include loans to certain residential and commercial property owners to finance grid resilience projects when installed with energy efficiency projects or renewable energy projects; and requiring a certain ordinance or resolution that establishes a certain clean energy loan program to include certain eligibility requirements for certain grid resilience projects.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

LG, §§ 1-1103 and 1104 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 55**      **Senator Sydnor**

LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT – ELIGIBILITY TO SERVE AS SENATORS AND DELEGATES – PLACE OF ABODE

Establishing that a person is eligible to serve as a Senator or Delegate if the person has maintained a place of abode for 6 months preceding the date of the election in the district that the person has been chosen to represent.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT – CONTINGENT

Maryland Constitution, Art. III, § 9 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 56**      **Senator Eckardt**

MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM – PSYCHIATRIST AND PSYCHIATRIC NURSE PRACTITIONER TELEMEDICINE REIMBURSEMENT – SUNSET TERMINATION

Repealing the termination provisions for certain provisions of law relating to the eligibility of psychiatrists and psychiatric nurse practitioners who provide Assertive Community Treatment or mobile treatment services to Maryland Medical Assistance Program recipients in a home or community-based setting through telemedicine to receive reimbursement for the health care services from the Program.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

Chapter 691 of the Acts of 2018, § 3, as amended and Chapters 479 and 480 of the Acts of 2019, § 3 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 57**      **Senator Lee**

## FAMILY LAW – CHILD CUSTODY AND VISITATION

Requiring a court, in a custody or visitation proceeding, to deny custody or visitation rights to a certain party if the court has reasonable ground to believe that a child has been abused or neglected by the party, unless the court specifically finds that there is no likelihood of further child abuse or neglect by the party and states the reasons for the finding; authorizing the court to approve a supervised visitation arrangement under certain circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

FL, §§ 9-101, 9-101.1, and 9-105 - amended and § 9-109 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 58**      **Senator Ellis**

## ELECTION LAW – LOCAL BOARDS OF ELECTIONS – MEMBERSHIP

Altering the membership of the local boards of elections to require that a majority of the members of the boards be registered members of the political party with the largest number of registered voters in the county, rather than being of the majority party, and the remainder of the members of the boards be registered members of the political party with the second largest number of registered voters in the county, rather than being of the principal minority party.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

EL, §§ 2-201(b), (g)(1), and (i)(4), 2-202(d), and 11-301(g) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 59**      **Senator Patterson**

## STATE PROCUREMENT – SMALL BUSINESS RESERVE PROGRAM

Increasing to 25% the minimum percentage of a unit's total dollar value of contracts that are, to the extent practicable, to be made directly to small businesses; providing that certain preferences do not apply to certain procurement contracts; requiring a certain unit to apply a 5% percentage price preference on certain procurement contracts designated for the small business reserve under certain circumstances; and applying the Act prospectively.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

SF, §§ 14-501, 14-502, and 14-504 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 60**      **Senator Peters**

## STATE DEBT – ANNUITY BOND FUND – USE OF BOND PREMIUMS

Expanding the authorized use of certain premiums transferred to the Annuity Bond Fund from the sale of State bonds to include paying for capital projects and, if necessary or appropriate from time to time to comply with the requirements of the Internal Revenue Code, any other use authorized by the Internal Revenue Code.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2021

SF, § 8-132 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

**SB 61**      **Senator Lam**

## PUBLIC BUILDINGS – CHANGING FACILITIES – REQUIREMENTS

Requiring, except under certain circumstances, that a changing facility suitable for changing the diaper of a child and providing personal care for an adult be installed in certain public restrooms in certain public buildings by October 1, 2022; requiring certain entities to report to 2-1-1 Maryland, Inc., the location of changing facilities when changing facilities are installed; requiring 2-1-1 Maryland, Inc., to maintain a list of changing facilities on its website; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

SF, §§ 2-801 through 2-803 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 62**      **Senators Hester and Elfreth**

## EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT – CHIEF RESILIENCE OFFICER – APPOINTMENT AND DUTIES

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

PS, § 14-104.1 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 63**      **Senator Benson****MARLOW HEIGHTS POLICE DEPARTMENT – ESTABLISHMENT**

Establishing the Marlow Heights Police Department; specifying the purpose, powers, and duties of the Police Department; specifying that the Police Department is not an agency of Prince George’s County; specifying that certain persons associated with the Police Department are not associated with Prince George’s County; requiring the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services and the Motor Vehicle Administration to assist the Police Department in certain matters; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

CP, HG, and PS, Various Sections - added and amended and LG, § 9-114 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 64**      **Senator Salling****UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE – EARNED RATING RECORD – WAIVER OF BENEFIT CHARGES DUE TO COVID-19**

Requiring the Secretary of Labor to waive the charging of unemployment insurance benefits paid to a claimant during the state of emergency declared by the Governor due to the COVID-19 pandemic against the earned rating record of an employing unit; specifying the circumstances under which the required waiver of benefit charges is no longer in effect; and terminating the Act 1 year from the date on which the state of emergency declared by the Governor due to the COVID-19 pandemic ends.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2021

LE, § 8-611(k) - amended

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 65**      **Senator Kelley****ELECTRICITY – RENEWABLE ENERGY PORTFOLIO STANDARD – QUALIFYING BIOMASS**

Altering the definition of “qualifying biomass” for purposes of excluding energy derived from certain material from being eligible for meeting certain Tier 1 obligations under the renewable energy portfolio standard; providing that existing obligations or contract rights may not be impaired by the Act; and applying the Act to all renewable energy portfolio standard compliance years beginning January 1, 2022, or later.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

PU, §§ 7-701(l) and 7-704(a) - amended

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 66**      **Senator Elfreth, et al****DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT –  
OFFICE OF DIGITAL INCLUSION – ESTABLISHED (DIGITAL  
CONNECTIVITY ACT OF 2021)**

Establishing the Office of Digital Inclusion in the Department of Housing and Community Development to ensure that every resident of the State is supported by high-quality broadband Internet service at an affordable price and has the tools necessary to use and take advantage of the Internet; requiring the Governor to appoint the Director of the Office; requiring the Office to develop, by July 1, 2022, a statewide plan to ensure all State residents have the ability to connect to reliable broadband Internet by December 31, 2029; etc.

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

EC, §§ 5-1101, 5-1102, and 13-501 through 13-506 - repealed and HS, §§ 6.5-101 through 6.5-104 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs and Budget and Taxation

**SB 67**      **Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee (By  
Request – Departmental – Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical  
Services Systems)****EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES – PARAMEDICS – VACCINATION  
ADMINISTRATION**

Authorizing a paramedic to administer a vaccination included on the Recommended Adult Immunization Schedule from the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention if the services are under the direction of a certain entity or a certain physician and authorized by the Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems, part of a certain program or outreach effort, and provided in accordance with a certain written agreement that includes certain provisions.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

ED, § 13-516(g) - repealed and added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs



**SB 68**      **Senator Lam****MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT – ESTABLISHMENT**

Renaming the Maryland Emergency Management Agency to be the Maryland Department of Emergency Management; establishing the Department as a principal department of the Executive Branch of State government; providing that the head of the Department is the Secretary of Emergency Management; requiring the Secretary to be appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate; specifying that the Department is the successor of the Maryland Emergency Management Agency; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

EN, GP, HG, LE, NR, and SG, Various Sections - amended and PS, Various Sections - added, amended, and repealed

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs and Budget and Taxation

**SB 69**      **Senators Hester and Simonaire****MARYLAND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY – CYBERSECURITY COORDINATION AND OPERATIONS OFFICE – ESTABLISHMENT**

Establishing the Cybersecurity Coordination and Operations Office within the Maryland Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) to help improve statewide cybersecurity readiness and response; requiring the Director of MEMA to appoint an Executive Director as head of the Office; requiring the Office to be provided with sufficient staff to perform the Office's functions; requiring the Office to establish regional assistance groups to deliver or coordinate support services to political subdivisions, agencies, or regions; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

PS, § 14-104.1 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 70**      **Senator Patterson****ENVIRONMENT – MOLD INSPECTIONS – STANDARDS, REPORTING, AND PENALTIES**

Requiring the Department of the Environment, in consultation with the Maryland Department of Health, the Department of Housing and Community Development, and the Department of General Services, to adopt certain regulations on or before June 1, 2023, establishing uniform standards for mold assessment and remediation; requiring the Department of the Environment to maintain a certain registry and to develop and make available on its website and in print certain resource materials; requiring a certain indoor air quality report; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2021

EN, §§ 6-1701 and 6-1702 and RP, § 8-211.2 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 71**      **Senator Sydnor****POLICE OFFICERS – TESTIMONY – PRESUMPTION OF INADMISSIBILITY (MARYLAND POLICE ACCOUNTABILITY ACT OF 2021)**

Providing that a knowing and willful failure of a certain police officer to activate a body-worn camera creates a rebuttable presumption that testimony of the police officer is inadmissible in a criminal prosecution relating to the incident that was not recorded; providing that a certain presumption may be rebutted by a certain showing; and providing for the application of the Act.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

CP, § 2-109 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 72**      **Senator Kagan****OPEN MEETINGS ACT – REQUIREMENTS FOR STATE AGENCIES AND LOCAL BOARDS OF ELECTIONS (MARYLAND TRANSPARENCY ACT OF 2021)**

Requiring State agencies in the Executive Branch and local boards of elections to make publicly available on their websites an agenda and all meeting materials at least 48 hours in advance of each open meeting or, under certain circumstances, as far in advance of the meeting as practicable; requiring State agencies and local boards of elections to make publicly available on their websites live video or audio streaming of each portion of a certain meeting, and a certain recording for a minimum of 1 year after the date of the meeting; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

EC, EL, GP, PS, PU, and TR, Various Sections - amended and GP, § 3-306(c) - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 73**      **Senator Young****STATE REAL ESTATE COMMISSION – PROPERTY MANAGERS – REGISTRATION**

Requiring a person who provides property management services to be registered as a property manager by the State Real Estate Commission before practicing in the State; prohibiting the providing of, attempting to provide, or offering to provide property management services unless registered with the Commission as a property manager; subjecting violators of this prohibition to a civil fine of not more than \$1,000; requiring certain property managers to be covered by a certain surety bond; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

BOP, §§ 17-3B-01 through 17-3B-08 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 74**      **Senator Washington****POLICE OFFICERS – MENTAL HEALTH – EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS**

Requiring each law enforcement agency to provide confidential access to an employee assistance program or a mental health program to address the mental health issues of police officers stemming from personal and work-related concerns, including stress, financial issues, legal issues, and family problems; requiring each agency provide all its officers with a voluntary mental health consultation or counseling following certain incidents; requiring an agency to provide access to services at minimal cost to the officer; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

PS, § 3-523 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 75**      **Senator Hettleman****DRIVER'S LICENSES – OLDER LICENSEES – IN-PERSON RENEWAL**

Prohibiting the Motor Vehicle Administration from renewing the driver's license of an individual who is at least 85 years old without requiring the individual to complete the renewal transaction in person except under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

TR, § 16-115(a) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 76**      **Senator Kramer****CLIMATE CRISIS AND EDUCATION ACT**

Establishing a Climate Crisis Initiative in the Department of the Environment for certain purposes; establishing a greenhouse gas reduction target of 60% from 2006 levels by 2030 and net-zero by 2045; establishing a Climate Crisis Council to develop a plan to reach the reduction targets and submit it to the General Assembly by December 31, 2022; requiring the Council to have the plan verified in a certain manner; requiring a greenhouse gas pollution fee on all fossil fuels brought into the State for combustion in the State; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

EN, §§ 2-1214 through 2-1228 - added and SF, § 6-226(a)(2)(ii)122. and 123. - amended and § 6-226(a)(2)(ii)124. through 126. - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation and Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 77**      **Senator Griffith****ENERGY EFFICIENCY – NET-ZERO HOMES – CONTRACT PREFERENCES**

Requiring the Department of Housing and Community Development to give preference to applications for funding for a net-zero home from the Energy-Efficient Homes Construction Fund that will use the services of small, minority, women-owned, and veteran-owned businesses in the clean energy industry, particularly those businesses that provide employment for individuals trained through workforce development programs supported by the Strategic Energy Investment Fund and the Clean Energy Workforce Account.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

HS, § 4-2004 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 78**      **Senator Waldstreicher****PUBLIC SAFETY – LAW ENFORCEMENT AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES PROVIDERS – ADMINISTRATION OF KETAMINE**

Prohibiting a law enforcement officer from administering ketamine to an individual or directing an emergency medical services provider to administer ketamine; and authorizing an emergency medical services provider to administer ketamine to a certain individual only if the emergency medical services provider obtains medical direction prior to administering ketamine, subject to a certain exception.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

PS, §§ 3-523 and 7-404 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 79**      **Senator Kramer****ELECTRICITY – CHANGE OF ADDRESS – MAINTENANCE OF SUBSCRIPTIONS AND CONTRACTS**

Authorizing a subscriber to a community solar energy generating system who has a change in the service address associated with the subscription to maintain the subscription under certain circumstances; prohibiting an electric company or a subscription organization from terminating a subscriber's subscription due to a change of a certain address under certain circumstances; requiring an electric company to make certain changes to accommodate a subscriber's change of address under certain circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

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

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 80**      **Senator Kagan****ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – MARYLAND TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION – ALTERATIONS**

Altering the title of the Executive Director of the Maryland Technology Development Corporation to be the Chief Executive Officer of the Corporation; increasing the membership of the Board of the Maryland Technology Development Corporation from 15 to 19 members; altering certain provisions on the removal of a Board member; altering the quorum requirement for the Board; authorizing the publisher of the Annotated Code of Maryland to make certain changes in a certain manner; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

EC, Various Sections, ED, § 12-305(d)(2)(iii), and SG, §§ 9-2204(c)(3)(iv) and 9-2901(c)(10) - amended

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 81**      **Senator Ellis****SOUTHERN MARYLAND RAPID TRANSIT PROJECT – FUNDING**

Requiring the State Department of Transportation promptly to undertake all steps necessary to complete the design, engineering, and National Environmental Policy Act process and secure a record of decision for the Southern Maryland Rapid Transit Project; requiring the Governor to include in the annual State budget an appropriation from the Transportation Trust Fund of \$12,000,000 in fiscal year 2023 and \$15,000,000 in fiscal year 2024 for certain purposes related to the Project; etc.

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

**SB 82**      **Senator Augustine****STATE BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS AND THERAPISTS  
– MARYLAND MUSIC THERAPISTS ACT**

Establishing the Music Therapist Advisory Committee within the State Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists; requiring the Board to adopt regulations and a code of ethics for the practice of music therapy; requiring the Board to set reasonable fees for services provided by the Board to music therapists; requiring the Board to pay the fees to the Comptroller; requiring the Comptroller to distribute the fees to the Board; requiring the fees to be used to cover certain costs; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

HO, §§ 17-6B-01 through 17-6B-31 - added and SG, § 8-403(14) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 83**      **Senator Kramer****UTILITY REGULATION – CONSIDERATION OF CLIMATE AND LABOR**

Requiring the Secretary of the Environment to prepare a certain recommendation in connection with certain issues considered by the Public Service Commission; requiring the Secretary of Natural Resources to incorporate an evaluation of the impact of certain electric power plants on climate change into the Power Plant Research Program; requiring the Commission to consider the maintenance of fair and stable labor standards and the protection of the global climate in supervising and regulating certain public service companies; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

EN, § 2-405(a), NR, § 3-303, and PU, §§ 2-113 and 7-207(e) - amended and PU, § 7-108 - added

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 84**      **Senators Young and Waldstreicher****PHARMACISTS – ADMINISTRATION OF SELF-ADMINISTERED MEDICATIONS AND MAINTENANCE INJECTABLE MEDICATIONS**

Authorizing a pharmacist who meets certain requirements to administer maintenance injectable medications to a patient under certain circumstances; prohibiting a pharmacist from administering an initial dose of a maintenance injectable medication under a certain provision of the Act except under certain circumstances; requiring the State Board of Pharmacy, by September 1, 2022, and in consultation with the State Board of Physicians and the State Board of Nursing, to adopt certain regulations; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

HG, § 15-148(c) and HO, §§ 12-101(x)(1)(viii) and 12-509 - amended and HO, § 12-101(o-1) and IN, § 15-716 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs



**SB 85**      **Senator Rosapepe****CREATING GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF IMMIGRANT AFFAIRS**

Creating the Governor's Office of Immigrant Affairs to establish a network of neighborhood-based centers providing immigrant services, assist immigrants in certain matters, assist law enforcement in combatting crimes against immigrants, and promote civic and economic participation among immigrant communities; requiring the Director to submit a certain report to the Governor and the General Assembly by June 15 each year describing calls received by the Office, the number of immigrants assisted, and all other relevant information; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

SG, §§ 9-3301 through 9-3304 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs and Budget and Taxation

**SB 86**      **Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Labor)****CORRECTIONAL EDUCATION – CHANGES TO MANDATORY EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS**

Increasing, from 120 to 240, the number of required days for a certain mandatory education program for correctional institutions in the Division of Correction.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

LE, § 11-902(b) - amended

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 87**      **Senator West****GENERAL PROVISIONS – STATE SONG – REPEAL AND COMPETITION**

Repealing the State song; requiring the Maryland State Arts Council to develop a plan for and conduct a certain State song competition, including the acceptance of certain entries to the competition, and to carry out certain tasks relating to the competition; requiring the Council to report certain finalists of the competition to the Governor and certain committees of the General Assembly on or before December 1, 2021; authorizing the Council to make certain recommendations; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

GP, § 7-318 - repealed

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 88**      **Senator Smith**

## STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT – PARTICIPATION IN FEDERAL IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT

Providing that an official of State or local government is immune from criminal and civil liability for refusing to provide information to the federal government or another state for a certain purpose; authorizing the State to indemnify a certain official for certain costs or judgments; expressing the intent of the General Assembly to maintain community trust in Maryland governmental operations and law enforcement efforts by clarifying the parameters of State and local participation in federal immigration enforcement efforts; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

CJ, § 5-527, CP, § 5-104, GP, §§ 9-101 through 9-104, and SF, § 7-240 - added  
Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 89**      **Senator Peters**

## MUNICIPALITIES – VACANCIES IN ELECTED OFFICES

Requiring each municipality to establish procedures requiring a vacancy in an elected municipal office to be filled through a regular or special election held within 90 days after the vacancy occurs.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

LG, § 4-108.5 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 90**      **Senator Feldman**

## ELECTRIC FACILITIES – STUDY AND PROCEDURES

Requiring the Public Service Commission to set a date by which the Department of Natural Resources and the Department of the Environment must submit certain materials with regard to a certain proceeding for a certificate of public convenience and necessity; requiring the departments to submit the materials before the date set by the Commission unless waived by the Commission; authorizing the office of planning and zoning for certain counties or municipal corporations to submit a certain report to the Commission; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

PU, § 7-207 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 91**      **Senators Waldstreicher and McCray****CRIMINAL LAW – ASSAULT OF A PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION OPERATOR – PENALTIES**

Increasing the penalties for voluntarily causing physical injury to bus, train, or light rail operators or any other individuals providing public transportation services.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

CR, § 3-203 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 92**      **Senator Eckardt****INCOME TAX – CREDITS FOR PRECEPTORS IN AREAS WITH HEALTH CARE WORKFORCE SHORTAGES – ELIGIBILITY AND SUNSET REPEAL**

Reducing, from 160 to 100 hours, the number of training hours that a licensed physician is required to perform in a preceptor program rotation in order to qualify for a certain credit against the State income tax; repealing the termination date for certain credits against the State income tax for certain individuals who serve as preceptors in certain preceptorship programs and work in areas of the State with health care workforce shortages; and applying the Act to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2020.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2021

TG, § 10-738 and Chapters 385 and 386 of the Acts of 2016, § 2 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

**SB 93**      **Senator Griffith****BUSINESS OCCUPATIONS AND PROFESSIONS – ARCHITECTS – SCOPE OF LICENSURE**

Increasing, from \$5,000 to \$25,000, the maximum estimated cost in labor and materials for the alteration of a certain existing building or structure for which a person is not required to employ a licensed architect under certain circumstances; and altering the circumstances under which a person is not required to employ a licensed architect.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

BOP, § 3-103(d) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 94**      **Senator Ellis****PUBLIC HEALTH – LOCAL HEALTH DISTRICT BOARDS**

Establishing local health district boards in each local health planning agency; prohibiting certain funding for local health district boards from being included in certain local health services funding; requiring a local health planning agency to provide supplemental services approved by a local health district board; providing that local health district boards are independent units that operate within the local health planning agencies; providing for the purpose and duties of a local health district board; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

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

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation and Finance

**SB 95**      **Senator Kramer****PUBLIC UTILITIES – INVESTOR-OWNED UTILITIES – PREVAILING WAGE**

Requiring certain investor-owned gas, electric, or combination gas and electric companies to require certain contractors and subcontractors to pay their employees not less than the prevailing wage rate for certain projects involving the construction, reconstruction, installation, demolition, restoration, or alteration of any underground gas or electric infrastructure of the company, and any related traffic control activities.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

PU, § 5-305 - added

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 96**      **Senator McCray****PUBLIC HEALTH – BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PROGRAMS AND HEALTH CARE FACILITIES – SAFETY AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS PLANS**

Requiring that the regulations adopted by the Behavioral Health Administration under certain provisions of law governing requirements for the licensure of behavioral health programs include a requirement that a behavioral health program establish and implement a safety plan for the safety of the individuals served by the program before being issued a license; requiring a behavioral health program to submit a certain community relations plan to the Administration under certain circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

HG, § 7.5-402 - amended and § 19-1C-01 - added

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 97**      **Senator Rosapepe****PURPLE LINE MARKETING ACT**

Requiring the Maryland Transit Administration, in cooperation with certain stakeholders, to develop and implement a Purple Line marketing plan designed to generate early interest in and promote use of the Purple Line; requiring the Governor to include in the annual budget bill \$500,000 from the Transportation Trust Fund for the marketing plan in fiscal years 2022 and 2023; requiring the Administration, by October 1, 2021, to submit a certain report to certain standing committees of the General Assembly; etc.

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

TR, § 7-713 - added

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 98**      **Senator McCray****COUNTY BOARDS AND PUBLIC AND NONPUBLIC  
PREKINDERGARTEN PROGRAMS AND SCHOOLS –  
DISCRIMINATION – PROHIBITION**

Prohibiting a county board, public prekindergarten program or primary or secondary school, or nonpublic prekindergarten program or primary or secondary school that receives State funds from discriminating against a person, refusing enrollment of, expelling, or withholding privileges from any student or prospective student, or taking certain retaliatory actions on the basis of race, ethnicity, color, religion, sex, age, national origin, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity, or disability; providing certain penalties; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

ED, §§ 2-303(b) and 4-108 - amended and §§ 26-701 through 26-705 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 99**      **Senator Bailey****HATE CRIMES – LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS AND FIRST  
RESPONDERS**

Including law enforcement officers and first responders within the scope of certain prohibitions against committing certain crimes against certain persons, damaging certain property of certain persons, burning certain objects, and damaging certain buildings with which certain persons or groups have contacts or associations or under circumstances exhibiting certain animosity against a certain person or group; providing certain penalties; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

CR, §§ 10-301, 10-304, and 10-305 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 100**      **Senator Kelley****TASK FORCE ON ORAL HEALTH IN MARYLAND**

Establishing the Task Force on Oral Health in Maryland to study access to dental services for all State residents, identify areas lacking in dental services for a significant number of people, identify barriers to receiving services, analyze the impact of barriers, assess options to eliminate barriers, and make recommendations on methods to increase access to dental services; requiring the Task Force to submit an interim report by May 1, 2022, and a final report by December 1, 2022, to the Governor and certain committees of the General Assembly; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 101**     **Senators Kagan and Reilly****CRIMINAL LAW – PUBLIC SAFETY – INTERFERENCE WITH AGENCIES AND SERVICES – PROHIBITIONS**

Prohibiting a person from using telephone facilities, data files, or equipment to make calls or send data intended to annoy, abuse, torment, or harass a public safety answering point or public safety agency; prohibiting a person from using telephone facilities, data files, or equipment to make calls or send data to a public safety answering point or a public safety agency with the intent to trigger an emergency response or impair certain functions; establishing certain penalties; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

CR, §§ 3-801, 3-804, 7-302(c) and (d), and 9-501 - amended and § 3-804.1 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 102**     **Senator Eckardt****INCOME TAX – CREDITS FOR PRECEPTORS IN AREAS WITH HEALTH CARE WORKFORCE SHORTAGES**

Authorizing a credit against the State income tax for certain health care practitioners who serve as certain preceptors for a certain preceptorship program approved by the Maryland Department of Health for physician assistant students; requiring the Department, on application of a health care practitioner, to issue a tax credit certificate under certain circumstances; requiring the Department to approve applications on a first-come, first-served basis and notify applicants of approval or denial within 45 days after receipt; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2021

TG, § 10-751 - added and HO, § 15-206(a) and (b) and Chapters 385 and 386 of the Acts of 2016, § 2 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

**SB 103 Senator Kramer****BUSINESS REGULATION – RETAIL PET STORES – MODIFICATIONS  
(NO MORE PUPPY– AND KITTEN–MILLS ACT OF 2021)**

Altering the definition of “retail pet store” to include a broker that transfers dogs or cats for resale by another person for purposes of certain provisions of law regulating retail pet stores; clarifying a certain prohibition on the sale of cats or dogs by retail pet stores; repealing a certain statement of intent of the General Assembly; and altering certain definitions.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

BR, §§ 19-701 and 19-703 - amended and Chapter 237 of the Acts of 2018, § 2 - repealed

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 104 Senator Bailey****PUBLIC AND NONPUBLIC SCHOOLS – ELECTRIC RETRACTABLE  
ROOM PARTITIONS – OPERATION REQUIREMENTS**

Prohibiting public and nonpublic school employees from operating an electric retractable room partition in a school except under certain circumstances; requiring any annual safety review, evaluation, or exercise for school employees in a school building to include information and demonstrations regarding the safe operation of the electric retractable room partition; requiring the State Department of Education to develop and disseminate model safety guidelines on the safe operation of electric retractable room partitions; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

ED, § 7-447 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 105 Senator Sydnor****PEACE ORDERS – WORKPLACE VIOLENCE**

Making certain provisions of law relating to the filing, issuance, and modification of certain peace orders and to the shielding of certain court records of certain peace order proceedings apply to certain peace orders filed by certain employers on the basis of certain acts committed against certain employees under certain circumstances; requiring an employer to notify an employee before the employer files a certain petition; providing immunity from civil liability to a certain employer under certain circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

CJ, §§ 3-1501, 3-1502, 3-1503, 3-1503.1, 3-1504, 3-1505, 3-1506, and 3-1510 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings



**SB 106 Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Assessments and Taxation)**

LICENSING – GOOD STANDING WITH THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF ASSESSMENTS AND TAXATION – REQUIREMENT

Requiring, before certain licenses or permits are issued or renewed, the issuing authority to verify with the State Department of Assessments and Taxation that the applicant is in good standing with that Department if the applicant is an entity required to submit a certain report and not a natural person.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

BOP, § 1-204, BR, § 1-210, EN, § 1-203, HO, § 1-213, NR, § 1-402, TG, § 1-205, and TR, § 1-103 - amended and HG, § 1-203 - added

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 107 Senator Hayes**

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: Finance

**SB 108 Senator Hough, et al**

CRIMINAL LAW – CRIME OF VIOLENCE – DEFINITION

Altering the definition of “crime of violence” to remove an exception for the use of a firearm in the commission of a certain offense of possession with intent to distribute a controlled dangerous substance.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

CR, § 14-101(a) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 109**     **Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request – Departmental – Secretary of State)**

SECRETARY OF STATE – ADDRESS CONFIDENTIALITY PROGRAMS  
– MERGER OF PROGRAMS AND EXPANDED PARTICIPANT  
ELIGIBILITY

Merging the Address Confidentiality Program and the Human Trafficking Address Confidentiality Program into a single Address Confidentiality Program administered by the Secretary of State; expanding certain eligibility requirements for the Address Confidentiality Program to include certain individuals; repealing the requirement that a request by a Program participant to withdraw from the Address Confidentiality Program be notarized; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

FL, §§ 4-519 thru 4-531 - repealed and EL, FL, RP, and SG, Various Sections - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 110**     **Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Maryland Insurance Administration)**

PRIVATE PASSENGER MOTOR VEHICLE LIABILITY INSURANCE –  
NOTICES – ALTERATION OF REQUIREMENTS

Repealing the requirement that a certain notice required to be sent by an insurer that intends to cancel or fail to renew a policy or binder of private passenger motor vehicle liability insurance or reduce coverage under a policy or private passenger motor vehicle liability insurance be in triplicate; and repealing the requirement that a certain notice required to be sent by an insurer that intends to increase the total premium for a policy of private passenger motor vehicle liability insurance be in duplicate.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

IN, §§ 27-613(c)(2) and 27-614(c)(4) - amended

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 111**     **Senator Kramer****HEALTH CARE FACILITIES – DIALYSIS TREATMENT SERVICES – TRAINING (DAVID SELBY DIALYSIS PARITY ACT)**

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022

HG, § 19-150 - added

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 112**     **Senator Lee****COMMERCIAL LAW – PERSONAL INFORMATION PROTECTION ACT – REVISIONS**

Requiring a business that maintains personal information of an individual residing in the State to implement and maintain certain security procedures and practices; altering the circumstances under which the owner or licensee of certain computerized data is required to notify certain individuals of a certain breach; altering the time periods within which certain notifications regarding the breach of a security system are required to be given; requiring, rather than authorizing, a certain notification to be given; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

CL, §§ 14-3501, 14-3503(a), and 14-3504 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 113**     **Senator Rosapepe****OPPORTUNITY ZONE TAX DEDUCTION REFORM ACT OF 2021**

Requiring certain taxpayers to add a certain deduction for gains from sales or exchanges of qualified opportunity zone property back to federal adjusted gross income to determine Maryland adjusted gross income; requiring certain taxpayers to add a certain deduction for gains from sales or exchanges of qualified opportunity zone property back to federal adjusted gross income to determine Maryland modified income; and applying the Act to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2020.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

TG, § 10-204(m) - added and § 10-305(d) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

**SB 114**     **Senator McCray****CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – EXPUNGEMENT OF CONVICTION – DRIVING WHILE PRIVILEGE IS CANCELED, SUSPENDED, REFUSED, OR REVOKED**

Authorizing a person to file a certain petition for expungement if the person is convicted of a certain misdemeanor involving driving while the person's license or privilege to drive is canceled, suspended, refused, or revoked.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

CP, § 10-110 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 115**     **Senator Patterson****BALTIMORE CITY AND PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY – DIVERSIONARY AND REENTRY PROGRAM**

Requiring the Office of the State's Attorney for Baltimore City to establish a certain Diversionary and Reentry Program in Baltimore City for at-risk youth and youth offenders; requiring the Office of the State's Attorney for Prince George's County to establish a Diversionary and Reentry Program in Prince George's County for at-risk youth and youth offenders; establishing the purposes of the programs are to improve public safety, develop skills for at-risk youth, and reduce recidivism by youth offenders; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

HU, § 9-247 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 116**     **Senators Kagan and West****DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT – OFFICE OF RECYCLING – RECYCLING MARKET DEVELOPMENT**

Requiring the Office of Recycling in the Department of the Environment to promote the development of markets for recycled materials and recycled products in the State; requiring the Office to evaluate the availability of certain markets and identify businesses in the State that use recycled materials; requiring that the annual Maryland solid waste management and diversion report be submitted to the General Assembly by September 1, 2022, and each year thereafter, and include certain activities; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

EN, § 9-1702(d) and (e) - amended and § 9-1702.1 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 117 Senator Sydnor****WORKGROUP ON MINORITY HOMEOWNERSHIP, NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION, AND HOUSEHOLD WEALTH EQUITY**

Establishing the Workgroup on Minority Homeownership, Neighborhood Revitalization, and Household Wealth Equity; requiring the Workgroup to study and make recommendations to promote homeownership and create wealth-building opportunities for minority households and promote community revitalization through targeted investments in homeownership; requiring the Workgroup to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly by December 1, 2021; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 118 Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request – Departmental – Public Safety and Correctional Services)****CORRECTIONAL SERVICES – WARRANT APPREHENSION UNIT – TRANSFER**

Transferring the Warrant Apprehension Unit of the Division of Parole and Probation in the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services to the Intelligence and Investigative Division in the Department.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

CS, § 6-106 - repealed and § 10-702 - added and CP, PS, and SP, Various Sections - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 119 Senators Guzzone and Elfreth****CLEAN WATER COMMERCE ACT OF 2021**

Establishing the Clean Water Commerce Fund as a special, nonlapsing fund; requiring the Department of the Environment to transfer \$20,000,000 from the Bay Restoration Fund to the Clean Water Commerce Fund for certain purposes beginning in fiscal year 2022; altering the authorized uses of the Bay Restoration Fund to include certain transfers to the Clean Water Commerce Fund; repealing a certain authorization to use funds in the Bay Restoration Fund for costs associated with certain nutrient or sediment load reductions; etc.

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

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2021

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

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs and Budget and Taxation

**SB 120**     **Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Maryland Insurance Administration)**

INSURANCE – CREDIT FOR REINSURANCE MODEL LAW – REVISIONS

Authorizing the Maryland Insurance Commissioner to adopt certain rules and regulations applicable to certain reinsurance arrangements; limiting the application of the rules and regulations to certain reinsurance; providing that the rules and regulations may require a certain insurer to use the manual adopted by the National Association of Insurance Commissioners for a certain purpose; and prohibiting the regulations from applying to certain cessions to certain assuming insurers.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

IN, § 5-916 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 121**     **Senators Patterson and Benson**

ZONING – ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE CONSIDERATIONS

Requiring a local governing body, on application by a property owner for a special exception to construct or operate a landfill in an area zoned for residential use, to require an environmental justice analysis, paid for by the property owner, describing any potentially adverse environmental, health and economic impacts to the area; requiring the Commission on Environmental Justice and Sustainable Communities to recommend strategies for State oversight of local zoning decisions that present environmental justice concerns; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

LU, §§ 1-401 and 10-103 - amended and § 4-215 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 122**     **Senator Kramer****CRIMES – UNATTENDED DOGS IN EXTREME WEATHER CONDITIONS**

Prohibiting a person from leaving a dog outside and unattended for longer than 30 minutes without access to continuous suitable shelter during extreme weather conditions, subject to certain exceptions; defining “extreme weather conditions” as temperatures below 32 degrees Fahrenheit or above 90 degrees or during an active weather warning; making a violation a civil offense; applying certain penalties ranging from a warning for a first violation to a fine up to \$1,000 for a third or subsequent offense; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

CR, § 10-623 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 123**     **Senator Young****SMALL BUSINESS FAIRNESS ACT**

Requiring affiliated retail trade and food services corporations with multiple locations to compute Maryland taxable income using a combined reporting method; authorizing certain corporations, subject to regulations adopted by the Comptroller, to determine certain income using the water’s edge method; requiring, subject to regulations, certain groups of retail trade and food services corporations to file income tax returns reflecting the aggregate income tax liability of all members of the group; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

TG, § 10-402.1 - added and § 10-811 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

**SB 124**     **Senator Carter****COURTS AND JUDICIAL PROCEEDINGS – COURT FINES – PAYMENT**

Requiring the court to investigate the ability to pay court fines by defendants who fail or are unable to pay a fine; repealing authorization and procedures for a court to order an individual committed to a correctional facility for nonpayment or inability to pay court fines; and authorizing the court to authorize the clerk of the court to approve an individual installment payment plan under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

CJ, §§ 7-504 and 7-504.1 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 125**     **Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee (By Request – Departmental – Health)**

STATE BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC EXAMINERS – SUNSET EXTENSION

Continuing the State Board of Chiropractic Examiners in accordance with the provisions of the Maryland Program Evaluation Act (sunset law) by extending to July 1, 2032, the termination provisions relating to the statutory and regulatory authority of the Board.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

HO, § 3-602 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 126**     **Senators Hester and Zucker**

STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION – EARLY LITERACY AND DYSLEXIA PRACTICES – GUIDANCE AND ASSISTANCE

Requiring the State Department of Education to establish, by October 1, 2021, a stakeholder advisory group to develop a reading and dyslexia handbook to guide local school systems in the implementation of best practices for early literacy and dyslexia; requiring a completed handbook be made available to the public by June 1, 2022; requiring the development of tools and materials to address the needs of at-risk and struggling students with dyslexia; requiring the Department to update the handbook every 3 years; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

ED, § 8-420 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 127**     **Senators Patterson and Augustine**

INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION – USE OF CRIMINAL HISTORY IN ADMISSION – MODIFICATIONS

Prohibiting an institution of higher education from using certain third-party admissions application information about the criminal background of the applicant to deny admission; and altering a certain process in using certain information about an applicant's criminal history to make a determination regarding the applicant's access to campus residency.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

ED, §§ 26-503 through 26-505 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs



**SB 128**     **Senator Kramer****HATE CRIMES – CIVIL REMEDY**

Providing that a person who is the victim of an act that would constitute a violation of certain hate crime laws may bring a civil action against the person or persons who committed the act in a court of competent jurisdiction; authorizing the court to impose an injunction and award certain economic and noneconomic damages; and applying the Act prospectively.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

CR, § 10-309 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 129**     **Senator Gallion****EDUCATION – HARFORD COUNTY – LIABILITY OF SCHOOL BUS CONTRACTORS**

Establishing that an entity operating a school bus under a contract with the Harford County Board of Education to provide student transportation services may not be held liable beyond the limits of the entity's insurance coverage under the contract with the Harford County Board of Education through the Maryland Association of Boards of Education in any suit that arises from a vehicular accident or an act or omission of an officer, a director, or an employee of the entity except under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

ED, § 7-810 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 130**     **Senator Ellis****LANDLORD AND TENANT – FAILURE TO PAY RENT – FEE LIMIT DURING EMERGENCIES**

Prohibiting a landlord from assessing certain late fees for the failure of a tenant to pay rent under certain circumstances and following certain notice from the tenant; requiring a tenant to provide certain documents to a landlord for a certain purpose; requiring a tenant to provide written notice with each missed rent payment in order to avoid an assessment of certain late fees; authorizing a landlord to reasonably request documents supporting a tenant's claim from a tenant for a certain purpose; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2021

RP, § 8-208.4 - added and § 8-401(b)(1)(iii) and (iv) and (c)(2)(ii) and (iii) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 131 Senator Patterson**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: Finance

**SB 132 Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request – Departmental – Secretary of State)**INSPECTION OF PUBLIC RECORDS – NOTARIES PUBLIC –  
DISCLOSURE OF HOME ADDRESS AND PHONE NUMBER

Providing that a custodian of a public record is required to disclose the home address or home telephone number of a notary public only if the custodian has not been provided with the business address or business telephone number of the notary public.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

GP, § 4-332 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 133 Senator Rosapepe**

## LOCAL TAX RELIEF FOR WORKING FAMILIES ACT OF 2021

Increasing to 2.25% the minimum rate a county shall impose on an individual's Maryland taxable income; increasing to 3.5% the maximum rate a county may impose on an individual's Maryland taxable income for a taxable year beginning after December 31, 2021; requiring a county, with regard to any increase to its county income tax rate that is effective on or after January 1, 2022, to impose the increase on an income bracket basis; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2021

TG, § 10-106 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

**SB 134**     **Senator Hettleman, et al****CIVIL ACTIONS – CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE – DEFINITION AND STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS**

Altering the definition of “sexual abuse”; altering the statute of limitations in certain civil actions relating to child sexual abuse by providing that a certain action may be filed at any time; providing for the retroactive application of the Act to revive any action that was barred by the application of the period of limitations applicable before October 1, 2021, if the action is filed before October 1, 2023; and repealing a statute of repose for certain civil actions relating to child sexual abuse.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

CJ, § 5-117 - amended and Ch. 12 of the Acts of 2017, §§ 2 and 3 and Ch. 656 of the Acts of 2017, §§ 2 and 3 - repealed

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 135**     **Senator Klausmeier****BUSINESS REGULATION – BATTERY-CHARGED FENCE SECURITY SYSTEMS – REGULATION**

Authorizing a local government to require that certain persons who provide battery-charged fence security systems comply with certain laws, require certain persons who operate or install certain security systems to obtain certain registrations or permits, require a certain installer to submit a certain affidavit, and conduct a certain inspection; authorizing a local government to issue a citation under certain circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

BR, § 19-902 - added

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 136**     **Senator Carter****JUVENILE LAW – JUVENILE INTERROGATION PROTECTION ACT**

Requiring a law enforcement officer who takes a child into custody to provide notice to the child’s parents, guardian, or custodian in a manner reasonably calculated to give actual notice; requiring the notice to include the child’s location, the reason for the custody action, and instructions on how to make in-person contact; prohibiting the interrogation of a child by a law enforcement officer until the child has consulted with a certain attorney and a notice has been provided to the child’s parent, guardian, or custodian; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

CJ, § 3-8A-14 and CP, § 2-108 - amended and CJ, § 3-8A-14.2 and CP, § 2-405 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 137**     **Senator Zucker****MARYLAND TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION – CONVERSION TO ZERO-EMISSION BUSES (ZERO-EMISSION BUS TRANSITION ACT)**

Prohibiting, beginning in fiscal year 2023, the Maryland Transit Administration from purchasing buses for the Administration’s State transit bus fleet that are not zero-emission buses; requiring the Administration, on or before January 1, 2022, and each January 1 thereafter, to submit a report to certain committees of the General Assembly on the implementation of the Act; requiring the report to include a schedule for converting to zero-emission buses and a plan for transitioning any adversely affected State employees; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

TR, § 7-406 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs and Budget and Taxation

**SB 138 Senator Hettleman****EDUCATION – BALTIMORE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY – COLLECTIVE BARGAINING**

Authorizing employees of the Baltimore County Public Library to form, join, and participate in an employee organization and engage in certain other activities related to collective bargaining; specifying the responsibilities of the library and the certified exclusive representative; requiring the library to recognize certain rights of the certified exclusive representative; requiring the certified exclusive representative to represent employees in a certain manner; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

ED, §§ 23-701 through 23-709 - added

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 139 Senators Carozza and Beidle****INTERSTATE OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY LICENSURE COMPACT**

Entering into the Interstate Occupational Therapy Licensure Compact; stating the purpose of the Compact; requiring a state to meet certain requirements to participate in the Compact; establishing certain duties of member states; authorizing a certain state to charge a certain fee for granting a certain compact privilege; requiring certain occupational therapists or occupational therapy assistants to meet certain eligibility requirements to receive certain licensure and exercise a certain privilege; etc.

CONTINGENT – EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

HO, § 10-3A-01 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 140 Senator Peters****VEHICLE LAWS – COMMERCIAL MOTOR CARRIERS – SAFETY, INSPECTION, PERFORMANCE, AND INSURANCE INFORMATION (JAMES COHRAN’S LAW)**

Requiring certain employers of commercial motor vehicle drivers to provide the U.S. Department of Transportation number of any entity currently owned by the employer and website address for the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration’s Safety and Fitness Records (SAFER) System to a prospective employee driver on a bona fide offer of employment; and providing certain civil penalties.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

TR, § 16-806 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 141**     **Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee (By Request – Departmental – Labor)**

STATE BOARD OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTANCY – EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS – OBSOLETE REFERENCES

Updating and correcting obsolete references to certain educational institution accrediting bodies in the Maryland Public Accountancy Act.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

BOP, § 2-303 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 142**     **Senator Ellis**

LEGAL HOLIDAY – MARYLAND EMANCIPATION DAY – ESTABLISHMENT

Establishing November 1 as the legal State holiday of Maryland Emancipation Day; and making Maryland Emancipation Day a public school holiday, a bank holiday, and a State employee holiday.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

ED, § 7-103(c)(1), FI, § 5-705(a)(1), GP, § 1-111(a), and SP, § 9-201 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs and Budget and Taxation

**SB 143**     **Senators Waldstreicher and Carter**

CRIMINAL LAW – MARIJUANA – POSSESSION AND POSSESSION WITH INTENT TO DISTRIBUTE

Increasing, from 10 grams to 1 ounce, the amount of marijuana below which possession is a civil offense, rather than a criminal offense; and creating a presumption that a person in possession of less than 1 ounce of marijuana is not in violation of a certain provision of law with regard to marijuana in the absence of any other evidence of a certain violation.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

CJ, §§ 3-8A-01(dd) and 3-8A-33(a) and CR, §§ 5-601, 5-601.1, and 5-602 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 144 Senator Guzzone****ELECTRIC VEHICLE RECHARGING EQUIPMENT FOR MULTIFAMILY UNITS ACT**

Providing that certain provisions of a recorded covenant or restriction, a declaration, or the bylaws or rules of a condominium or homeowners association are void and unenforceable if they prohibit or unreasonably restrict the installation or use of electric vehicle recharging equipment; requiring certain owners of electric vehicle recharging equipment to be responsible for certain costs and disclosures; requiring a unit owner or lot owner to obtain certain permits or approval; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

RP, §§ 11-111.4, 11B-111.8, and 14-129 - added and SG, § 9-20B-05(f)(10) and (11) - amended and § 9-20B-05(f)(11) - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 145 Senator Hough****FAMILY LAW – PREVENTING OR INTERFERING WITH REPORT OF SUSPECTED SEXUAL ABUSE OF A CHILD – STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS**

Altering the statute of limitations for a violation of the prohibition on preventing or interfering with the making of a certain report of suspected sexual abuse of a child; and providing that a person who violates the prohibition on preventing or interfering with the making of a certain report of suspected sexual abuse of a child may reserve a point or question for in banc review.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

FL, § 5-705.2 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 146 Chair, Budget and Taxation Committee (By Request – Departmental – Juvenile Services)****DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE SERVICES – DEPUTY SECRETARIES**

Authorizing the Secretary of Juvenile Services to appoint an additional deputy secretary as necessary under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

HU, § 9-206 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

**SB 147 Senator Feldman****TASK FORCE ON HIGHER EDUCATION STUDENTS WITH CHRONIC HEALTH CONDITIONS**

Establishing the Task Force on Higher Education Students With Chronic Health Conditions to study existing data on undergraduate and graduate students with chronic health conditions at institutions of higher education in the State; authorizing the Task Force to use State, federal, and academic resources to carry out its functions; requiring the Task Force to report its findings and recommendations on meeting the needs of students with chronic health conditions to the Governor and the General Assembly by December 31, 2022; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 148 Senators West and Feldman****ELECTRIC GENERATION – TRANSITION FROM FOSSIL FUELS – CARBON DIOXIDE EMISSIONS RATE AND TRANSITION PLAN AND FUND (MARYLAND COAL COMMUNITY TRANSITION ACT OF 2021)**

Prohibiting the carbon dioxide emissions rate for certain affected electric generating units from exceeding 180 pounds per million British thermal units; establishing the Fossil Fuel Community Transition Fund to provide grants to certain individuals and communities; requiring the Maryland Department of Labor to establish certain policies and procedures for the administration of the Fund; requiring the Maryland Energy Administration to use the Maryland Strategic Energy Investment Fund to provide certain funding; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2021

EN, §§ 2-10A-01 through 2-10A-03 and LE, §§ 11-1401 through 11-1405 - added and SG, § 9-20B-05(f) - amended

Assigned to: Finance and Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 149 Senator Kelley****INSURANCE – APPLICATION OF PREMIUM TAX – CONTINUED EXCLUSION OF MARYLAND AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE FUND**

Repealing a certain termination provision for the purpose of continuing the exclusion of the Maryland Automobile Insurance Fund from the list of insurance companies and other persons that are subject to a certain premium tax.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

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

Assigned to: Finance and Budget and Taxation



**SB 150 Senator Sydnor****BALTIMORE COUNTY – BOARD OF EDUCATION – ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Altering the number of votes required, to a majority vote of the voting members currently serving, for the members of the Baltimore County Board of Education to elect a chair and vice chair.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

ED, § 3-2B-09(a) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 151 Senator Patterson****CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT – ENVIRONMENTAL RIGHTS**

Proposing an amendment to the Maryland Constitution to establish that every person has an inalienable right to a healthful environment; declaring that the State's natural resources are the common property of every person and the State is the trustee of the natural and historic resources of the State; establishing that every person has the right to intervene in an action brought by the State or a political subdivision of the State to protect certain rights; submitting the amendment to the qualified voters of the State; etc.

**CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT – CONTINGENT**

Maryland Constitution, Declaration of Rights, Art. 48 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings and Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 152 Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Maryland Energy Administration)****MARYLAND STRATEGIC ENERGY INVESTMENT FUND – USE OF FUNDS AND ELECTRIC VEHICLE EXCISE TAX CREDITS**

Altering the purposes for which certain compliance fees paid into the Maryland Strategic Energy Investment Fund may be used; requiring at least 50% of certain energy-related loans and grants made by the Maryland Energy Administration to directly benefit low-income residents of the State; requiring certain vehicle excise tax credits for the purchase of certain electric vehicles to be issued from the Transportation Trust Fund under certain circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

SG, § 9-20B-05(i) - amended

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 153**     **Senator Eckardt****RENEWABLE ENERGY PORTFOLIO STANDARD – MUNICIPAL ELECTRIC UTILITIES**

Setting the renewable energy portfolio standard for municipal electric utilities for 2021 and later.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

PU, § 7-703(e) - amended

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 154**     **Senator Hettleman, et al****LANDLORD AND TENANT – EVICTION ACTION – RIGHT TO COUNSEL**

Establishing that certain individuals have a right to legal representation in eviction proceedings; establishing the Right to Counsel in Evictions Coordinator to organize and direct services and resources to provide covered individuals with legal representation for a judicial or administrative proceeding; providing for the legal representation of certain individuals in certain proceedings and civil matters by certain organizations; providing for outreach and education regarding tenants' rights by certain community groups; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

RP, §§ 8-901 through 8-912 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings and Budget and Taxation

**SB 155**     **Senator Washington****HIGHER EDUCATION – TUITION EXEMPTION FOR FOSTER CARE RECIPIENTS AND HOMELESS YOUTH – ALTERATIONS AND REPORTS**

Altering the method by which a financial administrator at a public institution of higher education is required to verify that a certain youth is a homeless youth; providing that a foster care recipient or a homeless youth who receives a tuition exemption is entitled to priority consideration for on-campus housing under certain circumstances; requiring a public institution of higher education to make the application for a certain tuition exemption available to current and prospective students; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

ED, § 15-106.1 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 156**     **Senator Kramer****PUBLIC SAFETY – LAW ENFORCEMENT – VETERINARY CARE OF RETIRED LAW ENFORCEMENT K–9S ACT**

Requiring certain State and local law enforcement agencies to reimburse individuals who take possession of dogs formerly used in law enforcement work under certain circumstances for reasonable and necessary veterinary treatment; specifying that the reimbursement may be only for certain veterinary treatment and may not exceed \$2,500 during a calendar year and \$10,000 over the life of the dog; authorizing certain State law enforcement agencies to accept public donations for the payment of certain veterinary expenses; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

PS, § 3-523 and SF, § 6-226(a)(2)(ii)124. - added and SF, § 6-226(a)(2)(ii)122. and 123. - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 157**     **Senator Ellis****PROCUREMENT – SPECIALIZED PRINTING SERVICES CONTRACTS – BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS APPROVAL**

Requiring the Board of Public Works to approve the award of a procurement contract for specialized printing services before a unit may execute the contract; prohibiting the Board from delegating its authority to approve the award of a procurement contract for specialized printing services; and defining “specialized printing services” as services for the printing of a ballot or a document that contains sensitive or personally identifiable information.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

SF, §§ 11-101(u) and (x) and 12-101 - amended and § 11-101(u-1) - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 158**     **Senator Lee****ELECTION LAW – TIME OFF FOR EMPLOYEE VOTING**

Requiring every employer in the State to allow any employee, rather than any employee who claims to be a registered voter, in the State up to 2 hours absence from work to vote in an election, rather than only on election day; altering the requirement that certain employees furnish to their employers certain proof to specify that the proof be reasonable and furnished in a timely manner; and prohibiting an employer from discriminating, retaliating, or taking any form of reprisal against an employee who is absent from work to vote.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2021

EL, § 10-315 - amended

Assigned to: Finance and Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 159**     **Senator Waldstreicher****CRIMINAL LAW – HUMANE SOCIETY AND ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICERS – EDUCATION AND TRAINING REQUIREMENTS**

Requiring a new officer of a humane society or a new animal control officer to receive at least 80 hours of training within 12 months of employment; and requiring an officer of a humane society and an animal control officer to complete at least 6 hours of continuing education every year.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

CR, § 10-609 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 160**     **Chair, Budget and Taxation Committee (By Request – Departmental – Commerce)****ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – CYBERSECURITY INVESTMENT INCENTIVE TAX CREDIT PROGRAM – EXPANSION AND EXTENSION**

Altering the Cybersecurity Investment Incentive Tax Credit program administered by the Department of Commerce to be the Innovation Investment Incentive Tax Credit program; expanding the applicability of the tax credit to include investments in certain technology companies; prohibiting the Department from certifying eligibility for tax credits for investments in a single technology sector in excess of a certain amount during any fiscal year; extending the termination date of the program to June 30, 2025; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2021

EC, § 2.5-109(a)(4)(vii), SF, § 6-226(a)(2)(ii)80., TG, §§ 1-303(i) and 10-733, and Ch. 390 of the Acts of 2013, § 2, as amended - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

**SB 161**     **Senator Eckardt****TASK FORCE TO STUDY ACCESS TO MENTAL HEALTH CARE IN HIGHER EDUCATION**

Establishing the Task Force to Study Access to Mental Health Care in Higher Education; requiring the Task Force to study and make recommendations regarding barriers to providing mental health services on campus, the use of telemedicine, video conferencing, and hotlines, and implementation of counseling services; requiring the Task Force to submit an interim report on or before December 1, 2021, and a final report on or before December 1, 2022, to certain committees of the General Assembly; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2021

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 162 Senator Hettleman****COURTS – CIVIL ACTIONS – STRATEGIC LAWSUITS AGAINST PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Altering the conditions under which a lawsuit is considered a strategic lawsuit against public participation (SLAPP suit); specifying the conditions under which a lawsuit is not considered a SLAPP suit; altering the conditions under which a defendant in a SLAPP suit is not civilly liable for certain communications; requiring a court to rule expeditiously on a certain motion to dismiss an alleged SLAPP suit; providing for a plaintiff's burden and the award of certain fees in connection with a motion to dismiss; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

CJ, § 5-807 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 163 Senator Ellis****MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM – DOULAS**

Requiring the Maryland Medical Assistance Program, subject to the limitations of the State budget, and as permitted by federal law, to provide certified doula services including childbirth education and support services and emotional and physical support provided during pregnancy, labor, birth, and postpartum; authorizing the Secretary of Health to contract with certified doulas for the provision of care under the Maryland Medical Assistance Program; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

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

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 164 Senator Simonaire****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: Finance

**SB 165**     **Senators Bailey and Beidle**

## MARYLAND HEALTHY WORKING FAMILIES ACT – APPLICABILITY

Providing that the Maryland Healthy Working Families Act does not apply to employees of a county board of education who are called to work on an as-needed basis, can reject or accept the shift offered by the county board of education, and are not guaranteed to be called on to work by the county board of education.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

LE, § 3-1303(a) - amended

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 166**     **Senator Sydnor, et al**

## CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – POLICE OFFICERS – DUTY TO REPORT MISCONDUCT (MARYLAND POLICE ACCOUNTABILITY ACT)

Requiring a police officer to report specified criminal conduct of another police officer to a supervisor or police chief when the reporting officer has actual knowledge of the criminal conduct; prohibiting a police officer from knowingly and willfully violating the reporting requirement; and establishing a penalty of imprisonment not exceeding 5 years or a fine not exceeding \$10,000 or both for a violation of the Act.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

CP, § 2-109 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 167**     **Senator West**

## STATE BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS – TEMPORARY LICENSE TO PRACTICE SOCIAL WORK

Authorizing the State Board of Social Work Examiners to issue a temporary license to practice social work to certain applicants who meet certain requirements; providing that a temporary license issued to a bachelor social worker or master social worker authorizes the holder to practice social work only under certain supervision while the license is effective; providing that a temporary license is valid until certain notification; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

HO, §§ 19-101(e) and 19-310(a) - amended and §§ 19-101(w) and 19-309.1 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 168**     **Senator Eckardt****PUBLIC HEALTH – MARYLAND SUICIDE FATALITY REVIEW COMMITTEE**

Establishing the Maryland Suicide Fatality Review Committee, also referred to as the State team, to identify and address the factors contributing to suicide deaths and facilitate system changes in the State to prevent suicides; requiring the State team to meet at least quarterly each year, report at least annually to the Governor and the General Assembly, perform certain annual studies, and disseminate certain findings and recommendations to policymakers, health care providers, health care facilities, and the public; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

HG, §§ 5-1001 through 5-1009 - added

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 169**     **Senator Patterson****HEALTH OCCUPATIONS – PODIATRIC PHYSICIANS**

Altering the term “podiatrist” to be “podiatric physician”; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

CL, CA, CJ, CR, ED, ET, HG, HO, IN, SP, and TR, Various Sections - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 170**     **Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Transportation)****TRANSPORTATION-RELATED PROPERTY AND COPPER OR ALUMINUM ITEMS – DUTIES, PROHIBITED ACTS, AND ENFORCEMENT**

Requiring a junk dealer or scrap metal processor to hold certain copper or aluminum items, and prohibiting the junk dealer or scrap metal processor from bartering, selling, or exchanging the items, for at least 30 days after submitting a copy of a certain report; prohibiting certain persons from willfully altering, disconnecting, tampering with, removing, or otherwise interfering with certain transportation-related property or an intelligent transportation system; establishing certain penalties; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

BR, § 17-1011(d) and (f) - amended and TR, § 21-206.1 - added

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 171**     **Senator Guzzone****INCOME TAX – THEATRICAL PRODUCTION TAX CREDIT**

Allowing certain theatrical production entities to claim a credit against the State income tax for certain costs incurred for certain theatrical productions within the State; making the credit refundable under certain circumstances; requiring an entity to apply to the Department of Commerce to be a qualified theatrical production entity; requiring that to qualify for the credit certain estimated costs incurred in the State must exceed \$100,000; applying the Act to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2020; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

EC, § 2.5-109(a)(4) - amended and TG, § 10-751 - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

**SB 172**     **Senator Hayes, et al****MARYLAND HEALTH EQUITY RESOURCE ACT**

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

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

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

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation and Finance



**SB 173**     **Senators Elfreth and Hettleman****FAMILY LAW – EMANCIPATION OF A MINOR AND AUTHORIZATION TO MARRY**

Extending the jurisdiction of the equity court to include a petition for emancipation of a minor and authorization to marry; altering the conditions under which an individual who is 17 years old is authorized to marry; prohibiting an individual under the age of 17 years from marrying; requiring an applicant for a marriage license to provide a certain document to a clerk of the court; requiring a clerk of the court to review a certain order before issuing a marriage license under certain circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

FL, §§ 1-201(b), 2-301, 2-402(b), and 2-405(c) - amended and §§ 5-2A-01 through 5-2A-05 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 174**     **Chair, Budget and Taxation Committee (By Request – Departmental – Assessments and Taxation)****PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENTS – 5–YEAR ASSESSMENT CYCLE**

Altering the triennial assessment cycle for real property for property tax purposes to a 5–year cycle.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

TP, Various Sections - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

**SB 175**     **Senator Ellis****PROCUREMENT – PERFORMANCE AND PAYMENT SECURITY – REQUIREMENTS AND LIMITATIONS**

Prohibiting the Board of Public Works from requiring a contractor to furnish certain guarantees before an energy performance contract is ratified; and requiring certain performance bonds, payment bonds, and other securities to be provided at the time of contract ratification.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

SF, §§ 12-301(b), 13-216, and 17-103 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 176 Senator Kramer****INCOME TAX – SUBTRACTION MODIFICATION – STATE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS**

Altering a subtraction modification under the Maryland income tax for the first \$5,000 of income earned by certain law enforcement officers to include State law enforcement officers who reside in a political subdivision in which the crime rate exceeds the State's crime rate; and applying the Act to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2020.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

TG, § 10-207(cc) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

**SB 177 Senator Washington****BUSINESS REGULATION – FLAVORED TOBACCO PRODUCTS – PROHIBITION**

Providing that certain licenses to manufacture, sell, buy, and store cigarettes, other tobacco products, and electronic smoking devices do not authorize the licensee to, or to attempt to, manufacture, ship, import, or sell into or within the State a flavored tobacco product; providing that a public statement that cigarettes, other tobacco products, or electronic smoking devices have or produce a certain smell or taste is presumptive evidence that they are flavored tobacco products if the statement is made by certain persons; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

BR, Various Sections - amended

Assigned to: Finance and Budget and Taxation

**SB 178 Senator Carter****PUBLIC INFORMATION ACT – PERSONNEL RECORDS – INVESTIGATIONS OF LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS (ANTON'S LAW)**

Establishing that a record relating to an administrative or criminal investigation of misconduct by a law enforcement officer is not a personnel record for purposes of certain provisions of the Public Information Act; authorizing a custodian to deny inspection of records relating to an administrative or criminal investigation of misconduct by a law enforcement officer; defining "law enforcement officer"; and applying the Act prospectively.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

GP, § 4-101(e) - added and §§ 4-311 and 4-351 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 179**     **Senator Klausmeier****DISTRACTED DRIVING MONITORING SYSTEMS – AUTHORIZATION**

Authorizing certain agencies to place distracted driver monitoring systems on certain highways under certain circumstances; requiring that a recorded image made by a distracted driver monitoring system include two or more photographs, microphotographs, or electronic images, videotape, or any other medium as well as clear identification of the registration plate number; providing that the owner or driver of a motor vehicle recorded committing a certain violation is subject to a civil penalty not to exceed \$500; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

CJ, §§ 4-401(13), 7-302(e)(1) through (3) and (4)(i), and 10-311 - amended and TR, § 21-1124.4 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 180**     **Senator Simonaire****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: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 181 Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request – Departmental – Assessments and Taxation)**

**CORPORATIONS AND ASSOCIATIONS – TRADE NAME CERTIFICATES – REQUIREMENTS**

Requiring that a certain certificate filed with the State Department of Assessments and Taxation disclose a certain identification number assigned by the Department for the business associated with the certificate; and prohibiting the Department from accepting a certain certificate associated with a business that is not in good standing with the Department.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

CA, § 1-406 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 182 Senator Ellis**

**STATE FINANCE – GENERAL OBLIGATION DEBT – APPLICATION OF MINORITY BUSINESS PARTICIPATION GOALS**

Establishing that a certain project that receives a certain appropriation from the State is subject to a certain minority business participation goal.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

SF, § 8-117 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs and Budget and Taxation

**SB 183 Senators Young and Rosapepe**

**AUDIOLOGY AND SPEECH–LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY INTERSTATE COMPACT**

Entering into the Audiology and Speech–Language Pathology Interstate Compact; stating the purpose of the Compact; requiring a state to meet certain requirements to participate in the Compact; requiring certain audiologists and speech–language pathologists to meet certain eligibility requirements to exercise the privilege to practice; requiring member states to recognize the right of an audiologist or a speech–language pathologist to practice via telehealth under certain circumstances; etc.

CONTINGENT – EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

HO, § 2-3A-01 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 184**     **Senator McCray****MARYLAND TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION – REDUCED FARE PROGRAM FOR OPIOID TREATMENT PROGRAM PATIENTS – PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS**

Altering the application of the Maryland Transit Administration’s reduced fare program for opioid treatment program patients by prohibiting participation by a treatment program that was subject to a license suspension or revocation, the imposition of sanctions, including a directed plan or correction, the issuance of a notice of deficiencies, approval of a settlement agreement establishing specific conditions for continued program operations, or an approved petition for receivership within the previous 10 years.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

TR, § 7-712 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 185**     **Senators Kagan and Reilly****FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS – SECURITY QUESTIONS AND MEASURES**

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

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

FI, § 1-212 - added

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 186**     **Chair, Budget and Taxation Committee (By Request – Departmental – Commerce)**

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – JOB CREATION TAX CREDIT – CREDIT FOR HIRING VETERANS**

Expanding eligibility under the job creation tax credit program administered by the Department of Commerce to include certain small businesses that hire at least one qualified veteran employee; providing for the calculation of the credit for qualified business entities that hire qualified veteran employees under certain circumstances; extending for 5 years the termination date applicable to the program; repealing provisions of law authorizing an income tax credit for wages paid to qualified veteran employees; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

EC, §§ 6-301, 6-303, 6-304(b), 6-305, and 6-309(a) - amended and TG, § 10-743 - repealed

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

**SB 187**     **Senator Sydnor**

**CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – FORENSIC GENETIC GENEALOGICAL DNA ANALYSIS, SEARCHING, REGULATION, AND OVERSIGHT**

Establishing that a certain forensic genetic genealogical DNA analysis and search may not be initiated without certifying certain information before a court and obtaining a certain authorization from the court; prohibiting certain biological samples subjected to certain forensic genetic genealogical profile analysis to be used to determine certain information about a certain donor; requiring the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services to produce a certain annual report; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

CP, §§ 17-101 through 17-105 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 188**     **Senator Pinsky**STATE FINANCE – PROHIBITED APPROPRIATIONS – MAGNETIC  
LEVITATION TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM

Prohibiting the State and certain units and instrumentalities of the State from using any appropriation for a magnetic levitation transportation system in the State; and providing that the prohibition does not apply to certain expenditures for salaries.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2021

SF, § 7-240 - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation and Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 189**     **Senator West**COURTS – PROHIBITED INDEMNITY AND DEFENSE LIABILITY  
AGREEMENTS

Prohibiting a provision in a contract or an agreement with a design professional for professional services that requires the design professional to indemnify or hold harmless certain parties unless the design professional is at fault for causing the loss, damage, or expense indemnified; prohibiting a provision in a contract or an agreement with a design professional for professional services that requires the design professional to defend certain parties against liability or certain claims; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

CJ, § 5-401(a) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 190**     **Senator Hough**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: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 191**     **Senator Patterson****LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT – HIRING – HIGHER EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS (GIVE ME A CHANCE ACT)**

Prohibiting an employer from developing or implementing an application or hiring process that uses a higher education degree as a certain limitation except in certain circumstances; prohibiting an employer from using an applicant's lack of a higher education degree to deny an applicant the opportunity to apply for a position except under certain circumstances; prohibiting an employer from inquiring during the interview process about an applicant's lack of a higher education degree except under certain circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

LE, § 3-718 - added

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 192**     **Senator West****CEMETERIES – PERPETUAL CARE – DISTRIBUTION FROM PERPETUAL CARE TRUST FUND**

Requiring a distribution from a perpetual care trust fund to be used for certain purposes; permitting a certain cemetery to select a certain method of distribution from a certain perpetual care trust fund; requiring the cemetery to submit a certain statement to the Director of the Office of Cemetery Oversight if the cemetery selects a certain method of distribution from the perpetual care trust fund; requiring the Director to make a certain report to certain committees of the General Assembly on or before December 1, 2027; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

BR, § 5-603 - amended

Assigned to: Finance



**SB 194**     **Senator Benson****CORRECTIONAL SERVICES – INMATES – LABOR, JOB TRAINING,  
AND EDUCATIONAL COURSES**

Requiring the compensation rate for inmate labor in Maryland Correctional Enterprises to be not less than the State minimum wage; repealing a requirement that the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services reimburse a certain county or the State for certain costs from an inmate's earnings under certain circumstances; prohibiting the Department from deducting certain costs from an inmate's earnings; requiring the Division of Correction to offer job training to all inmates who wish to participate; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

CS, §§ 3-514 and 9-615 - amended and § 9-617 - added

Assigned to: Finance and Budget and Taxation

**SB 195**     **Senators Elfreth and Beidle****ENVIRONMENT – PFAS CHEMICALS – PROHIBITIONS AND  
REQUIREMENTS**

Prohibiting, on or after January 1, 2022, a person from using, manufacturing, or knowingly selling or distributing certain fire-fighting foam that contains intentionally added PFAS chemicals in the State; prohibiting, on or after January 1, 2022, a person from manufacturing, selling, or distributing a certain rug or carpet in the State; prohibiting, on or after January 1, 2022, a manufacturer or distributor from manufacturing, selling, or distributing certain food packaging in the State; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

EN, §§ 6-1601, 6-1603, and 9-1901 through 9-1905 - amended, §§ 6-1602 and 6-1604 - repealed, and §§ 6-1602, 6-1604, and 6-1604.1 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 196**     **Chair, Budget and Taxation Committee (By Request – Departmental – Commerce)**

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT TAX CREDIT – ALTERATIONS**

Repealing a certain credit against the State income tax for certain Maryland qualified research and development expenses not exceeding a certain base amount; increasing the amount of research and development tax credits that the Department of Commerce may approve in certain calendar years; requiring the Department of Commerce to reserve \$3,500,000 of the total amount of research and development credits that the department may approve in a calendar year for small businesses; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

TG, § 10-721 and Chapters 515 and 516 of the Acts of 2000, §§ 2 and 4, as amended - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

**SB 197**     **Senator Ellis**

**PROCUREMENT – MINORITY BUSINESS PARTICIPATION GOALS – WAIVER**

Prohibiting certain units of State government from waiving certain minority business enterprise goals for emergency or expedited procurement contracts or contracts for the purchase of commodities.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

SF, § 14-302(a)(9)(i) and (iii) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 198**     **Senator Kramer**

**INCOME TAX – CREDIT FOR ENERGY EFFICIENCY UPGRADES – PASSIVE HOUSES**

Allowing a credit against the State income tax for certain costs, paid or incurred after July 1, 2021, by an owner of certain residential property for certain energy efficiency upgrades and for which the owner obtains a tax credit certificate from the Maryland Energy Administration; prohibiting a taxpayer from claiming the tax credit in a taxable year in which the Governor declares a certain state of emergency; requiring the Administration to report on the tax credits to the Comptroller on or before January 31 each year; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

TG, § 10-751 - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

**SB 199**     **Senators McCray and Zucker****MARYLAND TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION – FUNDING (TRANSIT SAFETY AND INVESTMENT ACT)**

Requiring the Governor to include certain appropriations in the State budget from the Transportation Trust Fund to the Maryland Transit Administration for certain operating and capital needs in certain fiscal years; authorizing the reduction of certain appropriations under certain circumstances; requiring that certain capital appropriations be in addition to capital funds appropriated for the Purple Line; requiring the Administration to submit a certain report annually; declaring the intent of the General Assembly; etc.

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

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2021

TR, §§ 7-205 and 7-309 and Chapters 351 and 352 of the Acts of 2018, § 9 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

**SB 200**     **Senator Young, et al****NATURAL RESOURCES – ORGANIZED KILLING CONTESTS – RESTRICTION**

Prohibiting a person from sponsoring, conducting, or participating in organized contests that have the objective of killing a coyote, fox, or raccoon for prizes or monetary awards except under certain circumstances; and establishing a fine of \$25 for each coyote, fox, or raccoon killed in violation of the Act.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

NR, § 10-427 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 201**     **Senators Patterson and Sydnor****CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – EXPUNGEMENT OF RECORDS – WAITING PERIOD**

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

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

CP, § 10-105(c) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 202 Senator Kelley, et al****CORRECTIONAL SERVICES – PAROLE – LIFE IMPRISONMENT**

Altering, from 15 years to 20 years, the time period that certain inmates sentenced to life imprisonment for a crime committed on or after October 1, 2021, must serve before becoming eligible for parole consideration; repealing certain provisions that provide that inmates serving a term of life imprisonment may be paroled only with the Governor's approval, subject to certain provisions; repealing certain provisions that require certain parole decisions to be transmitted to the Governor under certain circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

CS, §§ 4-305(b) and 7-301(d) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 203 Senator Bailey****AQUACULTURE LEASE APPLICATIONS – NOTICES, PROTESTS, MEETINGS, AND CONFLICT RESOLUTION**

Altering the property owners that the Department of Natural Resources is required to notify of applications for certain aquaculture leases to be issued in the Chesapeake Bay or the Atlantic Coastal Bays; requiring the Department to work with a certain petitioner and a certain applicant to mitigate certain concerns and to consider conflict resolution between shoreline property owners and aquaculture lease applicants before issuing a lease; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2021

NR, § 4-11A-09(g) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 204 Senator Beidle****HEALTH CARE FACILITIES – ASSISTED LIVING PROGRAMS – MEMORY CARE AND ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE UNIT REGULATIONS**

Requiring that the Maryland Department of Health adopt certain regulations that establish specific standards governing memory care and Alzheimer's disease units in assisted living programs, including certain training requirements, certain staffing pattern requirements, certain activity requirements, certain admissions and discharge criteria, and certain other procedures, and that require compliance by assisted living programs with the standards; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

HG, § 19-1805(c) - added

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 205 Senator Hettleman****ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – SALE OR DELIVERY FOR OFF-PREMISES CONSUMPTION**

Altering the scope of a certain provision prohibiting the retail delivery to a purchaser of alcoholic beverages under certain circumstances; authorizing holders of certain licenses that authorize the sale of alcoholic beverages at a restaurant, bar, or tavern to sell certain alcoholic beverages in sealed containers for off-premises consumption or delivery under certain circumstances; and prohibiting a local licensing board from charging a certain license holder an additional fee under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

AB, § 4-507 - amended and § 4-1107 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 206 Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Labor)****STATE COLLECTION AGENCY LICENSING BOARD – SUNSET EXTENSION**

Continuing the State Collection Agency Licensing Board in accordance with the provisions of the Maryland Program Evaluation Act (sunset law) by extending to July 1, 2032 the termination provisions relating to certain statutory and regulatory authority of the Board.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

BR, § 7-502 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 207 Senator Ellis****STATE PROCUREMENT – MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PARTICIPATION GOALS – PERFORMANCE OF UNIT EMPLOYEES**

Prohibiting a procurement officer and any other employee responsible for the procurement of goods and services on behalf of a unit that is not meeting a certain minority business enterprise goal or making improvements in meeting the goal from receiving a promotion or merit increase under certain circumstances; requiring that, if there is no improvement toward meeting a certain goal in 3 consecutive fiscal years, the employee responsible for procurement shall have their employment terminated or be assigned to a different position; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

SF, § 14-302.1 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 208**     **Senator Hough, et al****VEHICLE LAWS – MANUFACTURERS AND DEALERS – PRICES LISTED ON DEALER WEBSITES**

Providing that a manufacturer, distributor, or factory branch may not prohibit a dealer from listing on the dealer’s website a vehicle for sale or lease at the purchase price, coerce or require a dealer to list a price different from the purchase price on the dealer’s website, or take an adverse action against a dealer for listing a vehicle at a particular price on the dealer’s website; and defining “purchase price” as the full delivered price of a vehicle, excluding taxes, title fees, and certain other dealer charges.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

TR, § 15-207(a) and (h) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 209**     **Senator Peters****SPECIAL EDUCATION – PROLONGED SCHOOL CLOSURE – EXTENSION OF EDUCATION SERVICES**

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 §§ 8-413 and 21-305 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 210**     **Senator West, et al**

## COVID-19 CLAIM – CIVIL IMMUNITY

Providing civil immunity from liability for a COVID-19 claim to a person who acts in compliance with certain statutes, rules, regulations, executive orders, and agency orders, unless the person acted with gross negligence or intentional wrongdoing; providing that certain deviations from certain statutes, rules, regulations, executive orders, and agency orders does not deny a person civil immunity provided for under the Act; limiting the effect of the civil immunity provided for under the Act; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

CJ, § 5-809 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 211**     **Senator Hayes**

## LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT – FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE INSURANCE PROGRAM – ESTABLISHMENT (TIME TO CARE ACT OF 2021)

Establishing the Family and Medical Leave Insurance Program to provide temporary benefits to a covered individual who is taking leave from employment; establishing the Family and Medical Leave Insurance Fund; requiring, beginning January 1, 2022, certain employees, employers, and self-employed individuals to pay certain contributions; authorizing, beginning July 1, 2023, a covered individual taking certain leave from employment to submit a claim for benefits; authorizing the establishment of private employer plans; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2021

LE, § 8-302 and SF, § 6-226(a)(2)(ii)122. and 123. - amended and LE, §§ 8.3-101 through 8.3-1001 and SF, § 6-226(a)(2)(ii)124. - added

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 212**     **Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request – Departmental – Secretary of State)**

## STATE GOVERNMENT – NOTARIES PUBLIC – OFFICIAL STAMP OF A NOTARY PUBLIC

Requiring certain county residence or qualification information of a notary public to be printed on a certain notary stamp; and repealing the requirement that certain jurisdiction information be printed on a certain notary stamp.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

SG, § 18-217 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 213**     **Senators Ellis and Patterson**

## STATE HIGHWAYS – DESIGNATIONS – PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA HIGHWAY

Requiring the State Highway Administration to designate Maryland Route 210 as the President Barack Obama Highway.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

TR, § 8-663 - added

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 214**     **Senator Salling**

## UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE – COMPUTATION OF EARNED RATE OF CONTRIBUTION – APPLICABLE TABLE OF RATES

Requiring, beginning June 1, 2021, the computation of the earned rate of contribution to be calculated using Table A of unemployment insurance rates; and terminating the Act on the date that is 1 year from the date on which the state of emergency declared by the Governor due to the COVID–19 pandemic ends under Title 14 of the Public Safety Article.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2021

LE, § 8-612 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 215**     **Senator Kelley**

## 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: Finance



**SB 216 Senator Lam (By Request)****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: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 217 Senator Sydnor****MARYLAND PERSONAL INFORMATION PROTECTION ACT – REVISIONS**

Requiring a business, credit card processor, and vendor to take reasonable care to protect against unauthorized access to personal information connected to credit and debit cards in accordance with certain provisions of law; establishing that a business, credit card processor, or vendor is liable to a certain financial institution for certain reimbursement under certain circumstances; providing that a business, credit card processor, or vendor is not liable to a certain financial institution under certain circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

CL, §§ 14-3501 and 14-3504 - amended and § 14-3504.1 - added

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 218 Senator King****MARYLAND CHILD TAX CREDIT**

Allowing certain taxpayers with federal adjusted gross income for the taxable year that is \$6,000 or less to claim a credit against the State income tax for certain dependent children under certain circumstances; providing that the credit is equal to \$500 for each qualified child; allowing certain taxpayers to claim a refund in the amount of any excess credit; applying the Act to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2020, but before January 1, 2026; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

TG, § 10-751 - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

**SB 219 Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Labor)****FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS – COMMISSIONER OF FINANCIAL REGULATION – MONEY TRANSMISSIONS**

Establishing licensing requirements for certain money transmission locations; altering certain net worth requirements for certain applicants for a license to engage in money transmission; requiring an applicant for a license to engage in money transmission to provide the address of each self-service financial kiosk in a certain application; specifying a \$500 licensing fee that an applicant for a branch location license is required to pay; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

FI, § 12-401(o) and (r) - repealed, § 12-401(h), (o), (s), and (t) - added, and Various Sections - amended

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 220 Senator Hettleman****CRIMINAL LAW – HATE CRIMES – PROTECTED GROUPS AND PENALTIES**

Altering the term “sexual orientation” in the context of hate crimes to include gender expression; including age in the list of characteristics protected by the prohibition on hate crimes; authorizing a court to require an offender convicted of hate crimes to complete an antibias education program; requiring a court to provide offenders convicted of hate crimes with information on an antibias education program; requiring the University System of Maryland to develop and offer an antibias education program; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

CR, §§ 10-301(c), 10-304, 10-305, and 10-306 - amended and ED, § 12-120 and SG, § 20-208 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 221 Senator Bailey****HANDGUN QUALIFICATION LICENSE – FIREARMS SAFETY TRAINING**

Repealing a requirement to obtain a handgun qualification license that a certain firearms safety training course include a certain firearms orientation component.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

PS, § 5-117.1(d) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 222**      **Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request – Departmental – Juvenile Services)**

**JUVENILES CHARGED AS ADULTS – STUDY AND CONFINEMENT**

Repealing certain provisions requiring certain courts exercising criminal jurisdiction in certain cases involving a child to order the child to be held in a secure juvenile facility pending a certain determination; requiring a certain child to be held in a secure juvenile facility and prohibiting the child from having sight or sound contact with adult inmates while the child is awaiting trial; requiring, rather than authorizing, certain courts to order that a certain study of a child be made under certain circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

CP, §§ 4-202 and 4-202.1 - amended and § 4-202.3 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 223**      **Senator Augustine**

**PLASTIC BAG REDUCTION ACT**

Prohibiting, on or after July 1, 2022, a certain retail establishment from distributing plastic carryout bags to a customer at the point of sale; providing that, on or after July 1, 2022, only the State may enact a law or take other action to prohibit, restrict, or regulate the use of certain plastic bags by a retail establishment, that certain authority of a county or municipality is preempted, and that certain laws or ordinances are superseded; requiring the Maryland Department of Labor to adopt certain regulations; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

BR, § 19-106 - added

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 224**     **Senator West****ELECTION LAW – CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES – VOTER REGISTRATION AND VOTING**

Requiring the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services to provide each individual who is released from a correctional facility with a voter registration application and documentation informing the individual that the individual's voting rights have been restored; requiring the State Board of Elections to adopt certain regulations establishing a program to inform eligible voters incarcerated in correctional facilities of upcoming elections and how to exercise the right to vote; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2021

CS, § 2-501 and EL, § 1-303.1 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs and Judicial Proceedings

**SB 225**     **Senators Young and Feldman****EDUCATION – PUBLIC AND NONPUBLIC SCHOOLS – SEIZURE ACTION PLANS (BRYNLEIGH'S ACT)**

Requiring a county board of education and authorizing a nonpublic school, beginning in the 2022–2023 school year, to require two school employees to be trained in recognizing the signs and symptoms of a seizure, administering first aid, and administering or assisting with the administration of seizure medication and performing manual vagus nerve stimulation; authorizing a certain registered nurse to serve as a certain trained school employee; providing a certain employee is immune from civil liability under certain circumstances; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

ED, § 7-447 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 226**     **Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Maryland Insurance Administration)**

MARYLAND INSURANCE ADMINISTRATION – DELIVERY OF NOTICES AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS BY ELECTRONIC MEANS

Authorizing the Maryland Insurance Commissioner to send certain notices and communications by electronic means under certain circumstances; authorizing, under certain circumstances, a person to send to the Commissioner certain notices and communications by electronic means approved by the Commissioner; and providing, subject to certain provisions of law, that certain notices and communications are to be presumed to have been received in the ordinary course.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

IN, § 2-116 - added and Various Sections - amended

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 227**     **Senator Elfreth, et al**

WATER POLLUTION – STORMWATER MANAGEMENT REGULATIONS AND WATERSHED IMPLEMENTATION PLANS – REVIEW AND UPDATE

Requiring the Department of the Environment to review and update certain regulations at least once every 5 years; requiring the Department to propose the first update to certain regulations on or before January 1, 2022; requiring the Department to review and update certain regulations in a certain manner; requiring the Department to take certain actions at least 6 months before the proposal of regulations under the Act; altering the time by which the Department must hold a certain public hearing; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2021

EN, § 4-203 - amended and § 4-901 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 228**     **Senator Hettleman****CAPITAL PROJECTS – HIGH PERFORMANCE AND GREEN BUILDINGS – ALTERATIONS (GREEN BUILDING RESTORATION ACT)**

Altering the definition of “high performance building” to include certain schools and public safety buildings; altering the application of certain high performance building requirements to apply to capital projects for which more than 25% of the funding for the acquisition, construction, or renovation of the project is from State funds; repealing a requirement that the Maryland Green Building Council develop guidelines for new public school buildings to achieve a certain rating without requiring a certain certification; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

SF, §§ 3-602.1(a) and (c) and 4-809(f) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 229**     **Senators Waldstreicher and Carter****PUBLIC SAFETY – PRETRIAL SERVICES PROGRAM GRANT FUND – EXTENSION AND PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS**

Prohibiting a pretrial services program that receives a certain grant from charging a fee to a defendant for participation in the program; and extending the termination date of the Pretrial Services Program Grant Fund to June 30, 2028.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

PS, § 4-1104 and Chapter 771 of the Acts of 2018, § 2 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 230**     **Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Transportation)****MARYLAND PORT ADMINISTRATION – LAND ACQUISITION AND PAYMENT TO COUNTIES**

Reducing, from 90 to 30, the number of days that political subdivisions have to respond to a request by the Maryland Port Administration to acquire property in the political subdivision before approval is deemed given; limiting the number of years to 3 that the Administration and a county may agree to the Administration paying the county a stated sum in place of certain taxes or assessments or voluntary contributions; repealing a requirement that Anne Arundel County hold a certain public hearing; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

TR, §§ 6-304, 6-308, and 6-309 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 231**     **Senator Hester****PUBLIC SCHOOLS – CYBER SAFETY GUIDE AND TRAINING COURSE  
– DEVELOPMENT, IMPLEMENTATION, AND REPORTING**

Requiring the State Department of Education, the Behavioral Health Administration within the Maryland Department of Health, the Maryland Center for School Safety, and the Department of Information Technology jointly to develop and publish a cyber safety guide and training course on safe Internet, social media, and technology usage for certain students, parents, and school employees to be implemented beginning in the 2022–2023 school year; requiring the guide to be posted on certain websites; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

ED, § 7-447 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 232**     **Senator Waldstreicher****CIVIL CASES – SURCHARGES**

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

CJ, §§ 7-202 and 7-301(c) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 233**     **Senator Simonaire****ELECTION LAW – ABSENTEE BALLOTS – ENVELOPE  
PROHIBITIONS, BALLOT STATUS INFORMATION, AND SIGNATURE  
VERIFICATION**

Requiring that certain guidelines for absentee voting provide for voter access to information concerning the status of the voter’s absentee ballot or absentee ballot application; prohibiting an envelope enclosing an absentee ballot from including language or information that visibly identifies the political party affiliation of the voter; prohibiting ballot/return and return envelopes from including language or information that visibly identifies the party affiliation of the voter; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

EL, §§ 9-303 and 9-310 - amended and § 9-311.1 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 234**     **Senator Lam****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 the part of a public record that contains personal information or a certain photograph image unless a 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

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 235**     **Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Information  
Technology)****MAJOR INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT PROJECT  
FUND – USE OF FUNDS**

Requiring that certain money paid into the Major Information Technology Development Fund shall be used to support a certain State telecommunication and computer network and the Statewide Public Safety Interoperability Radio System; and authorizing the Secretary of Information Technology to determine the portion of certain funds that may be allocated to each program.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

SF, § 3A-309(1) - amended

Assigned to: Finance



**SB 236**     **Senator Hettleman**MARYLAND COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS – EMPLOYMENT  
DISCRIMINATION – REPORTING

Requiring the Maryland Commission on Civil Rights to include a review of certain data and recommendations, if any, for policy changes to address discriminatory trends noted in the data in its annual report; requiring certain county offices of civil rights to report certain information relating to complaints of employment discrimination to the Commission; making the reporting requirement applicable only in Anne Arundel County, Baltimore City, Baltimore County, Howard County, Montgomery County, and Prince George’s County: etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

SG, § 20-207(c) - amended and § 20-208 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 237**     **Senator West**

## 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: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 238 Senator Kramer****CONSUMER PROTECTION – BANKING INSTITUTIONS –  
UNAUTHORIZED DEBIT TRANSACTIONS (CONSUMER BANK  
DEPOSITS PROTECTION ACT)**

Prohibiting a consumer from being held liable for unauthorized debit transactions if the consumer notifies the banking institution within 90 days after receiving a periodic statement; requiring a banking institution to extend the time frame within which a consumer has to make a notification in cases of hospitalization, extended travel or if the Governor has declared a state of emergency; requiring a periodic bank statement, whether mailed or emailed, to display a certain message regarding unauthorized account transactions; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

CL, § 13-301(14)(xxxiv) - amended and §§ 13-301(14)(xxxvi), 14-4301 through 14-4307, and FI, § 1-212 - added

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 239 Senator Bailey****ST. MARY'S COUNTY – PUBLIC AND NONPUBLIC SCHOOLS –  
PROHIBITION ON POSSESSION OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS BY  
MINORS**

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

ED, § 26-105 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 240**     **Chair, Budget and Taxation Committee (By Request – Departmental – Transportation)**

MARYLAND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT  
PROJECT FUND – SOURCES OF REVENUE

Repealing the requirement that certain revenues received and collected by the Maryland Department of Transportation be distributed to the Maryland Information Technology Development Project Fund; and altering the sources of revenue for the Fund to exclude money received by the Department of Transportation.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2021

SF, § 3A-309(f) and TR, § 3-216(b) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

**SB 241**     **Senator Peters**

INCOME TAX CHECKOFF – MARYLAND VETERANS TRUST FUND

Establishing an income tax checkoff for voluntary contributions to the Maryland Veterans Trust Fund; requiring the Comptroller to include a checkoff on the individual income tax return; requiring the Comptroller to collect and account for contributions made through the checkoff and to credit the proceeds to the Fund after deducting the amount necessary to administer the checkoff; applying the Act to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2020; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

TG, §§ 2-116 and 10-804(l) - added and SG, § 9-913(g) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

**SB 242**     **Senator Young**

TRANSPORTATION – I-270 COMMUTER BUS ROUTE STUDY

Requiring the Department of Transportation to study and make recommendations on the feasibility of establishing a point-to-point commuter bus route that serves certain population centers along the I-270 corridor in Frederick and Montgomery Counties and provides service to and from job centers in Northern Virginia; requiring the Department, to consult with certain governments, stakeholders, and entities and to study and make recommendations to the Governor and certain committees of the General Assembly by December 1, 2022; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 243**     **Senator Simonaire****PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOLS – HEALTH EDUCATION – GAMBLING DANGERS AND ADDICTION**

Requiring the State Department of Education, by July 1, 2022, to develop a certain program of education on the dangers of gambling and gambling addiction to be provided in public high schools; requiring the program to be coordinated with other State agencies responsible for gambling addiction education; authorizing a county board of education, beginning in the 2022–2023 school year, to require each public high school in the county to include instruction on the dangers of gambling one time for students in grades 9 through 12; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

ED, § 7-447 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 244**     **Senator Lam****MARYLAND FUNDING ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY ACT – NONBUDGETED STATE AGENCIES**

Altering the Maryland Funding Accountability and Transparency Act to require the Department of Information Technology to include in a searchable website payments made by units of State government that receive funds that are not appropriated in the annual budget bill; requiring the Department to update the payment data on the searchable website on or before the 15th day of the month that follows the month in which an agency makes a payment to a payee; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

SF, § 3A-313 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 245**     **Senator Ellis****PUBLIC SCHOOLS – SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS – REQUIREMENTS AND PROHIBITIONS**

Prohibiting a school resource officer from entering a school building except if summoned by a school administrator or official to respond to an emergency involving violence or the threat of violence, to participate in certain training, or to use certain facilities; requiring a school resource officer to conceal any firearms except under certain circumstances; requiring a school resource officer to wear civilian clothing; and prohibiting a school resource officer from participating in the routine school discipline of a student.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

ED, § 7-1508 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs and Judicial Proceedings

**SB 246**     **Senator Hester, et al****INCOME TAX – ANGEL INVESTOR TAX CREDIT PROGRAM**

Allowing a credit against the State income tax for 50% of an investment made in a qualified innovation business, not to exceed \$50,000, or \$100,000 for a qualified investor that is a married couple filing jointly or a pass-through entity; requiring a qualified investor to meet certain requirements in order to be eligible for the credit; requiring the Department of Commerce to administer the credit; applying the Act to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2020; etc.

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

EC, § 2.5-109(a)(4)(xi) and (xii) - amended and EC, § 2.5-109(a)(4)(xiii) and TG, § 10-751 - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

**SB 247**     **Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee (By Request – Departmental – Health)**

STATE BOARD OF PODIATRIC MEDICAL EXAMINERS – SUNSET EXTENSION

Continuing the State Board of Podiatric Medical Examiners in accordance with the provisions of the Maryland Program Evaluation Act (sunset law) by extending to July 1, 2032, the termination provisions relating to the statutory and regulatory authority of the Board.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

HO, § 16-602 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 248**     **Senator Jennings**

HARFORD COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – CLASS D BEER AND WINE LICENSE

Establishing a Class D beer and wine license in Harford County; repealing the prohibition on a Class D beer and wine license in Harford County; authorizing the license holder to sell beer and wine, at retail, at the licensed premises for on-premises consumption; authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Harford County to issue not more than five Class D licenses to the same person; requiring the license holder to provide prepackaged snack food; providing an annual license fee of \$1,000; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

AB, §§ 22-810 and 22-2003 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 249**     **Senator Bailey**

HIGHER EDUCATION – SENATORIAL SCHOLARSHIPS – PROGRAM ACCREDITATION

Authorizing each Senator to award not more than 10% of funds available under the Senatorial Scholarship Program to applicants planning to attend certain accredited institutions outside the State, provided that the applicant will be studying in an academic area that is not offered in an accredited program in any institution in the State.

EMERGENCY BILL

ED, § 18-405 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 250**     **Senators Lee and Waldstreicher****CRIMINAL LAW – SEXUAL CRIMES – REPEAL OF SPOUSAL DEFENSE (LOVE IS NO DEFENSE TO SEXUAL CRIMES)**

Repealing a certain prohibition on prosecuting a person for rape or a certain sexual offense against a victim who was the person's legal spouse at the time of the alleged rape or sexual offense.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

CR, § 3-318 - repealed

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 251**     **Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Labor)****COMMISSIONER OF FINANCIAL REGULATION – LICENSING OF NONDEPOSITORY INSTITUTIONS – ELIMINATION OF PAPER LICENSE REQUIREMENTS**

Providing for the elimination of certain paper licenses for collection agencies, credit services, lenders, installment lenders, mortgage lenders, mortgage loan originators, sales finance companies, check cashing services, money transmission businesses, and debt management services; providing for the licensing of certain persons for certain activities through the Nationwide Mortgage Licensing System and Registry (NMLS); requiring that certain licenses provided for through NMLS include certain information; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

BR, CL, and FI, Various Sections - added and amended

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 252**     **Senator Ellis****MARYLAND SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT FINANCING AUTHORITY – MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PROCUREMENT CONTRACT FINANCING PROGRAM**

Establishing a Minority Business Enterprise Procurement Contract Financing Program in the Maryland Small Business Development Financing Authority to provide working capital to qualified minority business enterprises to facilitate their ability to enter into and complete performance under State procurement contracts; requiring the Authority to manage, supervise, and administer the Program, provide loans and award grants to certain minority business enterprises, and adopt certain regulations; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

EC, § 5-512(c) - amended and §§ 5-578 through 5-580 - added

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 253**     **Senator Elfreth**

## VEHICLE LAWS – SCHOOL BUS SAFETY – OCCUPANT CAPACITY

Requiring that a school bus be routed with the intent that the number of pupils on the bus does not exceed the manufacturer's rated seating capacity for the bus; and providing that if an emergency or temporary situation causes the number of pupils on the bus to exceed the seating capacity, the situation shall be corrected within a reasonable period of time.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

TR, § 21-1118(c) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 254**     **Senator McCray**

## PUBLIC SAFETY – MARYLAND SWIMMING POOL AND SPA STANDARDS – ADOPTION

Requiring the Maryland Department of Labor to adopt by regulation the International Swimming Pool and Spa Code as the Maryland Swimming Pool and Spa Standards; requiring the Department to adopt each subsequent version of the Standards within 18 months after the version is issued; requiring the Department to take certain actions before adopting each version of the Standards; prohibiting the Department from adopting a modification of the Standards that is more stringent than certain requirements; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

PS, §§ 12-1201 through 12-1207 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 255**     **Senator Hershey**

## COMMERCIAL LAW – MARYLAND CREDIT SERVICES BUSINESS ACT – REVISIONS

Prohibiting a credit services business, its employees, and independent contractors from attempting to remove or advising a consumer to remove certain information from the consumer's credit report, calling or sending certain communications to certain entities, and sending certain communications to a person without disclosing certain information; requiring a certain credit services business, its employees, and independent contractors to provide certain information to a certain credit reporting agency or data furnisher; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

CL, §§ 14-1902 and 14-1906(a) - amended and § 14-1917 - added

Assigned to: Finance



**SB 256 Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Commerce)****ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT DISTRICTS – ARTISTIC WORK AND ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT ENTERPRISE – DEFINITIONS**

Altering the definitions of “artistic work” and “arts and entertainment enterprise” for purposes of provisions of law governing the State arts and entertainment district program; altering the eligibility for certain persons to claim certain tax incentives; and applying the Act to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2020.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

EC, § 4-701(b) and (d) - amended

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 257 Senator Guzzone****SALES AND USE TAX – VENDOR COLLECTION CREDIT – JOB TRAINING**

Authorizing certain vendors who are qualified job training organizations to claim a credit for the expense of collecting and paying the sales and use tax; prohibiting, for any calendar year, the total amount of credits a vendor may claim from exceeding \$250,000; requiring a vendor to be certified as a qualified job training organization before claiming a certain credit; authorizing a vendor to submit an application to the Secretary of Labor to be certified as a qualified job training organization; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

TG, § 11-105 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

**SB 258 Senator Patterson, et al****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: Budget and Taxation

**SB 259 Chair, Budget and Taxation Committee (By Request – Departmental – Transportation)**

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION – GRANT ANTICIPATION REVENUE VEHICLE BONDS – CALCULATION OF DEBT LIMIT

Altering the calculation of the maximum amount of debt secured by future federal aid that the Department of Transportation may issue; and providing that the maximum amount of debt that may be issued is calculated as of June 30 of any year.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

TR, § 3-601 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

**SB 260 Senator Ellis**

PUBLIC SAFETY – POLICE OFFICERS’ PERFORMANCE REVIEW BOARD

Establishing the Police Officers’ Performance Review Board as an independent board that functions in the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services; requiring the Board to require all law enforcement agencies to collect certain data on certain citizen encounters with officers, establish standards for appropriate race neutral behaviors, and impose sanctions for racially discriminatory behavior by officers; authorizing the Board to hold hearings in conducting annual reviews of police officer performance; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

PS, §§ 3-801 through 3-806 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 261 Senator Simonaire**

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: Budget and Taxation

**SB 262**     **Senator Eckardt****DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY – STUDY OF A COMMON INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY PLATFORM FOR HEALTH OCCUPATIONS BOARDS**

Requiring the Department of Information Technology to conduct a certain review of certain information technology platforms used by certain health occupations boards and make certain recommendations on the feasibility and cost of developing a certain common information technology platform; and requiring the Department to report certain findings and recommendations to the Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee and the House Health and Government Operations Committee on or before December 1, 2021.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 263**     **Senators West and Waldstreicher****CORPORATIONS AND REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUSTS – MISCELLANEOUS**

Clarifying that the charter or bylaws of a corporation may require that any internal corporate claim be brought only in certain specified courts; repealing the authority of certain corporations to effect a certain reverse stock split; altering the manner in which a corporation may allow stockholders to participate in a certain meeting; authorizing a certain meeting of the stockholders to be held partially or solely by means of remote communication; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

CA, Various Sections - amended and §§ 2-606.1 and 8-203(c) - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 264**     **Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request – Departmental – Public Safety and Correctional Services)**

**CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – LIFETIME SEXUAL OFFENDER SUPERVISION – CONDITIONS, VIOLATIONS, AND PETITIONS FOR DISCHARGE**

Expanding the persons for whom a sentence is required to include a term of lifetime sexual offender supervision; requiring inclusion of certain conditions for lifetime sexual offender supervision; requiring a sexual offender management team to report a certain violation of a condition of lifetime sexual offender supervision to the office of a certain State's Attorney; requiring a certain judge to conduct a certain hearing; authorizing a certain judge to act in a certain matter under certain circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

CP, §§ 11-723 and 11-724 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 265**     **Senator Waldstreicher**

**ESTATES AND TRUSTS – MARYLAND REVISED UNIFORM ANATOMICAL GIFT ACT – REVISIONS**

Altering the purposes for which certain anatomical gifts may be used; repealing provisions of law that require certain persons to search certain individuals for a document of gift or any other information identifying the individual as a donor, that specify procedures to be taken if a document is located, and that concern certain administrative sanctions; requiring a certain procurement organization to make a certain search of certain registries under certain circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

ET, §§ 4-509(e) and (f) and 4-512(a) - amended and § 4-510 - repealed

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 266**     **Senators Patterson and Benson****EDUCATION – VOLUNTARY ETHICAL SPECIAL EDUCATION  
ADVOCATE CERTIFICATE PROGRAM**

Requiring the State Department of Education to establish the Voluntary Ethical Special Education Advocate Certificate Program on or before July 1, 2022, for administration of a voluntary certificate program for ethical special education advocates; specifying qualifications and application procedures for a certificate; requiring the Department to issue a certificate to a certain applicant; authorizing an applicant to petition for judicial review of a decision of the Department that relates to issuing or renewing a certificate; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

ED, § 8-420 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 267**     **Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request – Departmental –  
Human Services)****FAMILY LAW – INVESTIGATION OF SUSPECTED CHILD ABUSE AND  
NEGLECT – PRELIMINARY REPORT TO STATE’S ATTORNEY**

Repealing a requirement that a local department of social services or law enforcement agency provide a local State’s Attorney with a report of the preliminary findings of an investigation of suspected child abuse or neglect within 10 days after receiving notice of suspected child abuse or neglect.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

FL, § 5-706(i) - repealed and § 5-706(j) through (t) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 268**     **Senators Bailey and West****CRIMINAL LAW – CRIME OF VIOLENCE – DEFINITION**

Altering the list of crimes included within a certain definition of “crime of violence” to include sexual abuse of a minor if the victim is under the age of 16 instead of under the age of 13.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

CR, § 14-101(a) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 269**     **Senator Ellis****PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION – DISABLED ACTIVE DUTY SERVICE MEMBERS, DISABLED VETERANS, AND SURVIVING SPOUSES – REFUND**

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

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2021

TP, § 7-208(g) and (h) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

**SB 270**     **Senators Waldstreicher and Augustine****CRIMES – INDECENT EXPOSURE – DEFINITION**

Defining the term “indecent exposure” to establish that the offense of indecent exposure prohibits a person from engaging in a certain act of masturbation in public.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

CR, § 11-107 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 271**     **Senator Lam****ELECTION LAW – VOTING SYSTEMS – ACCESSIBILITY FOR VOTERS WITH DISABILITIES**

Requiring each voter to use a ballot marking device that is accessible to voters with disabilities to vote at early voting centers and election day polling places to ensure that access is provided to voters with disabilities in accordance with a certain provision of law; applying the Act to all elections beginning with the statewide primary election held under a certain provision of law in 2022; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

EL, § 9-102(g) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 272**     **Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Maryland Insurance Administration)**

**INSURANCE – CLAIM PAYMENT – CLARIFICATION**

Authorizing the Maryland Insurance Commissioner to require an insurer that holds a certificate of authority to fulfill the holder’s contractual obligations or pay a certain claim instead of or in addition to suspending or revoking the certificate; and authorizing the Commissioner, on a finding of a violation of certain provisions of law, to require an insurer, a nonprofit health service plan, or a health maintenance organization to make a payment that has been improperly denied.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

IN, §§ 4-113 and 27-305 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 273**     **Senator Kramer**

**ELECTRONIC SMOKING DEVICE REGULATION ACT OF 2021**

Repealing the electronic smoking device retail license; altering the Clean Indoor Air Act to include a prohibition on electronic smoking devices and exhaled electronic smoking device vapor; altering the definition of “electronic smoking devices manufacturer” to limit the manner in which a manufacturer may sell electronic smoking devices to consumers; altering the definition of “vape shop vendor” to require that the vendor exclusively sell electronic smoking devices and related accessories to consumers in a certain manner; etc.

**VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES**

BR, Various Sections - added and amended and CR, § 10-107(d) and HG, §§ 24-501 and 24-505 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 274**     **Senator Kramer**

STATE FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT – CHESAPEAKE BAY WATERSHED STATES – EXPENSES AND CONTRACTS (QUIT POLLUTING MY BAY ACT OF 2021)

Requiring the Standard State Travel Regulations to prohibit the reimbursement for travel expenses to a certain state for which the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has identified two or more pollution source sectors at a backstop actions level of oversight; prohibiting a public body from awarding a certain procurement contract to a business from a state for which the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has identified two or more pollution source sectors at a backstop actions level of oversight under certain circumstances; etc. EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

SF, § 10-203 - amended and §§ 17-901 and 17-902 - added  
Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 275**     **Senators Hester and Hayes**

MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH – RESIDENTIAL SERVICE AGENCIES – TRAINING REQUIREMENTS

Requiring each residential service agency, beginning July 1, 2022, to ensure that certain individuals receive certain training relating to dementia; providing that certain training may be provided by a certain supervisory staff member; prohibiting a residential service agency from requiring certain individuals to complete certain training; requiring an individual who provides certain training to issue a certification of completion to each individual who completes the training; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

HG, § 19-4A-03.1 - added

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 276**     **Senator Carter**

JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY – POLICE DEPARTMENT – REPEAL

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

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

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

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings



**SB 277**     **Senators Bailey and Guzzone****PROPERTY TAX CREDIT – PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICER – DEFINITION AND LIMITATION ON CREDIT AMOUNT**

Repealing the definition of “public safety officer” for purposes of a certain credit against the county or municipal corporation property tax imposed on a dwelling owned by a public safety officer; repealing a certain limitation on the amount of the credit; requiring the governing body of a county or municipal corporation that authorizes the credit to establish, by law, the definition of “public safety officer” for purposes of eligibility for the credit; and applying the Act to taxable years beginning after June 30, 2021.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2021

TP, § 9-260 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

**SB 278**     **Senator Kagan****STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH – MARYLAND SCHOOL–BASED HEALTH CENTER STANDARDS – TELEHEALTH**

Requiring the State Department of Education and the Maryland Department of Health to authorize a certain health care practitioner at an approved school–based health center to provide health care services through telehealth under certain circumstances; prohibiting the State Department of Education and the Maryland Department of Health from establishing certain requirements for a certain school–based health center to provide health care services through telehealth; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 279**     **Senators Hettleman and Feldman****PUBLIC HEALTH – OVERDOSE AND INFECTIOUS DISEASE PREVENTION SERVICES PROGRAM**

Authorizing the establishment of an Overdose and Infectious Disease Prevention Services Program by a community-based organization to provide a place for the consumption of preobtained drugs, provide sterile needles, administer first aid, and provide certain other services; providing that the Maryland Department of Health may approve not more than six programs, with two in urban areas, two in suburban areas, and two in rural areas, that operate at a single location in an area with a high incidence of drug use; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

HG, §§ 24-1801 through 24-1806 - added

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 280**     **Senator Feldman****WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT AUTHORITY – METRO TRANSIT POLICE – QUOTAS AND 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: Finance

**SB 281 Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Labor)****OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF FINANCIAL REGULATION –  
SUNSET EXTENSION**

Continuing the office of the Commissioner of Financial Regulation in accordance with the provisions of the Maryland Program Evaluation Act (sunset law) by extending to July 1, 2032, the termination provisions relating to the statutory and regulatory authority of the office of the Commissioner of Financial Regulation.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

FI, § 2-401 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 282 Senator Lam****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: Finance

**SB 283 Senator Elfreth****STUDENT AND MILITARY VOTER EMPOWERMENT ACT**

Requiring a local board of elections to contact and obtain input from certain large residential institutional communities including institutions of higher education, continuing care retirement communities, senior communities, and military installations when establishing precinct boundaries and designating the location of polling places; requiring the State Board of Elections to maintain a page on its website that includes certain information about and links regarding voter registration and voting by certain students; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2021

EL, Various Sections - added and amended and § 3-204(c) - repealed

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 284**     **Senator Simonaire**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: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 285**     **Senator Patterson**MINORITY PARTICIPATION IN THE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES  
INDUSTRY – STUDY

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

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2021

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 286**     **Senator Augustine**BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CRISIS RESPONSE SERVICES –  
MODIFICATIONS

Requiring the Maryland Department of Health to require that proposals requesting Behavioral Health Crisis Response Grant Program funding contain certain response standards that minimize law enforcement interaction for individuals in crisis; altering the proposals the Department is required to prioritize in awarding grants under the Program; requiring a local behavioral health authority, for each service or program that receives funding under the Program, to make certain information available to the public; etc.

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

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

HG, §§ 7.5-208, 10-1401, and 10-1403 - amended

Assigned to: Finance and Budget and Taxation

**SB 287**     **Senator Hayes****INCOME TAX – SUBTRACTION MODIFICATION FOR CENTENARIANS**

Authorizing a subtraction modification under the Maryland income tax for up to \$50,000 of income received during a taxable year by an individual who is at least 100 years old; and applying the Act to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2020.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

TG, § 10-207(jj) - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

**SB 288**     **Senator Pinsky****INCOME TAX – CARRIED INTEREST – ADDITIONAL TAX**

Imposing a tax of 17% on the Maryland taxable income attributable to certain investment management services of an individual or a corporation or the distributive share of a pass-through entity; providing that the tax does not apply to investment management services if at least 80% of the specified assets consists of real estate; terminating the Act if certain federal legislation is enacted into law; applying the Act to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2020; etc.

CONTINGENT – EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

TG, § 10-102.1(a), (b), and (d) - amended and § 10-102.2 - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

**SB 289**     **Senator Reilly****ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – MARRIAGE LICENSE APPLICATIONS AND CEREMONIES**

Authorizing a party to be married in Anne Arundel County to provide to the clerk for Anne Arundel County a marriage license application form containing certain information and the license application payment as directed by the clerk; requiring that information on a certain marriage license application in Anne Arundel County be sworn to under oath before the clerk through the use of video conferencing, or in an affidavit included with the application under certain circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

FL, §§ 2-402, 2-406, and 2-409 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 290 Senator Benson****HEALTH INSURANCE – OUT-OF-POCKET MAXIMUMS AND COST-SHARING REQUIREMENTS – CALCULATION**

Requiring, to the extent authorized under federal law, certain entities to include payments made by certain persons when calculating the overall contribution to an out-of-pocket maximum or a cost-sharing requirement for an insured, a subscriber, or a member; and applying the Act to all policies, contracts, and health benefit plans issued, delivered, or renewed in the State on or after January 1, 2022.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2022

IN, § 15-118 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 291 Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request – Departmental – Transportation)****MOTOR VEHICLE OFFENSES – FOLLOWING TOO CLOSELY – UNIFIED TRUCK TRAVEL**

Establishing that certain motor vehicle offenses related to following too closely do not apply to a group of individual trucks that are traveling in a unified manner with electronically coordinated speed and braking systems and are being operated in a certain manner; and requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration to adopt certain regulations governing truck travel in a unified manner.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

TR, § 21-310 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 292 Senator Beidle****CIVIL ACTIONS – TORTIOUS INJURY TO OR DEATH OF PET – COMPENSATORY DAMAGES (BUDDY’S LAW)**

Increasing from \$10,000 to \$25,000 the maximum amount of compensatory damages that may be awarded to an owner of a pet from a person who tortiously causes an injury to or death of the pet while acting individually or through an animal under the person’s ownership, direction, or control.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

CJ, § 11-110 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 293**     **Senator Waldstreicher**VEHICLE LAWS – INJURY OR DEATH OF VULNERABLE INDIVIDUAL  
– PENALTIES

Prohibiting an individual from causing the serious physical injury or death of a vulnerable individual as a result of the individual operating a vehicle in violation of the Maryland Vehicle Law; defining “vulnerable individual” as a pedestrian, including certain workers and emergency services personnel, an individual walking an animal, or an individual lawfully operating certain modes of transport; establishing penalties of a fine of up to \$2,000, community service, and participation in a motor vehicle safety course; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

TR, § 21-901.3 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 294**     **Senator Gallion, et al**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: Budget and Taxation

**SB 295**     **Senator Kramer**

## CIRCUIT COURT JUDGES – ELECTION

Proposing an amendment to the Maryland Constitution relating to the selection and tenure of circuit court judges; altering the method of filling vacancies in the office of a judge of a circuit court; providing for retention elections following an appointment to fill a vacancy in the office of a judge of a circuit court; providing for a transitional period under which the terms of certain amendments are to become effective; and submitting the amendment to the qualified voters of the State for their adoption or rejection.

## CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT – CONTINGENT

Maryland Constitution, Art. IV, §§ 3, 5, 5A, and 11 - amended and Art. XVIII, § 6 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 296**     **Senator Simonaire****ELECTION LAW – CAMPAIGN FINANCE – PROTECTION OF CONTRIBUTOR INFORMATION**

Prohibiting a person from using contributor information from any report or statement required under provisions of law governing campaign finance for commercial solicitation purposes; and prohibiting a person from publishing contributor information from any report or statement required under provisions of law governing campaign finance in newspapers, magazines, books, or other similar media for the purpose of facilitating commercial solicitation.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

EL, § 13-106 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 297**     **Senator Benson****VEHICLE LAWS – SPEED RESTRICTIONS – EXPRESSWAYS AND INTERSTATE HIGHWAYS**

Requiring that the maximum speed limit for all expressways and interstate highways that connect with Interstate 495 in the State be the same as for Interstate 495 at the point of connection for 5 miles from the point of entrance to or exit from Interstate 495; and requiring the State Highway Administration to post notice of the maximum speed limit for an expressway at no greater than 5-mile intervals.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

TR, § 21-801.1 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 298**     **Senator Reilly****STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY – PHARMACY CLOSURE – NOTICE TO CUSTOMERS (THE DENNIS ROBIN ACT)**

Requiring an owner of a pharmacy to post or mail a certain notice of the closing of the pharmacy at least 30 days prior to the anticipated closing of the pharmacy; requiring the notice to include certain information; and requiring the State Board of Pharmacy to adopt certain regulations.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

HO, § 12-513 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs



**SB 299**     **Senator Carter****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: Finance

**SB 300**     **Senator Peters****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: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 301 Senator Sydnor****CORPORATIONS – BOARD MEMBERS AND EXECUTIVE OFFICERS  
DIVERSITY – PROCUREMENT PREFERENCE AND REPORTING**

Requiring the Board of Public Works to establish, by regulation, a threshold and process for determining the demographics of board members and executive officers of a corporation that are similar to those of the State; requiring the Board to adopt certain regulations that require certain units of State government to establish a certain corporate diversity percentage price preference; requiring the Department to report by January 1 annually to the Board information on the racial and ethnic diversity of certain Boards of Directors; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

SF, § 14-417 - added and TP, § 11-101 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 303 Senator Patterson, et al****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: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 304 Senator Pinsky****MARYLAND RECYCLING ACT – RECYCLABLE MATERIALS AND  
RESOURCE RECOVERY FACILITIES – ALTERATIONS**

Altering the definition of “recyclable materials” under the Maryland Recycling Act to exclude incinerator ash; and repealing the authority of a county to utilize a resource recovery facility to meet 5% of the waste reduction required to be achieved through recycling in the county’s recycling plan.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

EN, §§ 9-1701(p) and (t) through (w) and 9-1703(e) through (g) - amended and §§ 9-1701(s) and 9-1703(d) - repealed

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 305**     **Senator Eckardt**

LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT OR LEGAL NOTICE – PUBLICATION IN NEWSPAPER OR NEWSPAPER IN GENERAL CIRCULATION – ONLINE NEWSPAPERS

Altering the meaning of “newspaper” or “newspaper in general circulation” when referring to the publication of a certain legal advertisement or legal notice to include certain publications that are offered in a print format or through a dedicated website under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

GP, § 1-113 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 306**     **Chair, Budget and Taxation Committee (By Request – Departmental – Assessments and Taxation)**

ENTERPRISE ZONES – REIMBURSEMENTS TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS – REQUEST DEADLINE AND RECOVERY OF OVERPAYMENT

Requiring the State Department of Assessments and Taxation to deny a request by a county or municipal corporation for reimbursement of a certain portion of the revenue not collected as a result of the enterprise zone property tax credit if the request is made after June 30; providing that the county or municipal corporation is forever barred from reimbursement under certain circumstances; requiring the Department to collect reimbursements in excess of the amount due in a certain manner; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

TP, § 9-103(i) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

**SB 307**     **Senator Guzzone****LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT – DIRECT CARE WORKFORCE INNOVATION PROGRAM**

Establishing the Direct Care Workforce Innovation Program in the Division of Workforce Development and Adult Learning within the Maryland Department of Labor; requiring the Division to provide certain matching grants to certain entities to create and expand on successful recruitment and retention strategies that address certain barriers to increasing the population of direct care workers; requiring the Governor to include a \$250,000 appropriation in the annual budget bill for the Program; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

LE, §§ 11-1401 through 11-1407 - added

Assigned to: Finance and Budget and Taxation

**SB 308**     **Senator Ellis****HIGHER EDUCATION – MARYLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE PROMISE SCHOLARSHIP – REVISIONS**

sb309Expanding eligibility for a Maryland Community College Promise Scholarship to an applicant who enrolls in a continuing education course focused on entrepreneurial activities or career development and an individual who is unemployed or laid off through no fault of their own; requiring the Governor to include \$3,500,000 in the State budget for fiscal year 2023 in addition to the amount that is already required for Maryland Community College Promise Scholarships; etc.

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

ED, § 18-3603 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 309**     **Senator Hough, et al****HANDGUN PERMIT – PRELIMINARY APPROVAL**

Authorizing a person to apply for preliminary approval of a permit to wear, carry, or transport a handgun without completing a certified firearms training course; requiring the Secretary of State Police to investigate an application for a handgun permit; requiring the Secretary to issue preliminary approval if the applicant meets certain requirements except the certified firearms training course; requiring an applicant to satisfy the firearms training requirement within 120 days after receipt of preliminary approval; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

PS, § 5-306 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 310**     **Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee (By Request – Departmental – State Board of Elections)****ELECTION LAW – CAMPAIGN FINANCE ENTITIES – TERMINATION**

Altering the circumstances under which a certain provision of law requiring a campaign finance entity to terminate and file a final campaign finance report applies; altering the time period within which a certain campaign finance entity is required to terminate and file a final campaign finance report; requiring the State Board of Elections to provide a certain notification to certain persons affiliated with a campaign finance entity that is required to terminate under a certain provision of law; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

EL, §§ 13-310 and 13-313 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 311**     **Senator Hettleman****CATASTROPHIC HEALTH EMERGENCIES – HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS – DEFINITION AND IMMUNITY (MARYLAND HEALTH CARE HEROES PROTECTION ACT)**

Altering the definition of “health care provider” for purposes of certain provisions of law governing catastrophic health emergencies to include an employee, an agent, or a contractor of a health care facility who provides or assists in the provision of health care services; specifying the acts and omissions for which and altering the circumstances under which a health care provider has civil and criminal immunity related to a catastrophic health emergency; applying the Act retroactively; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

PS, §§ 14-3A-01(e) and 14-3A-06 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 312**     **Senator Eckardt****MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION – EXCEPTION FOR GOLF CARTS – HOOPERS ISLAND AND TAYLORS ISLAND**

Creating an exception from motor vehicle registration requirements under certain circumstances for golf carts on Upper Hoopers Island, Middle Hoopers Island, or Taylors Island in Dorchester County; providing that a person who operates a golf cart on a highway on Upper Hoopers Island, Middle Hoopers Island, or Taylors Island may operate the golf cart only on highways on which the maximum speed does not exceed 30 miles per hour between dawn and dusk and only if the golf cart is equipped with certain lighting devices; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

TR, § 13-402(c)(12) - amended and § 21-104.5 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 313**     **Senator Washington**MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH – PUBLIC HEALTH  
OUTREACH PROGRAMS – COGNITIVE IMPAIRMENT, ALZHEIMER’S  
DISEASE, AND OTHER TYPES OF DEMENTIA

Requiring the Maryland Department of Health, in partnership with the Department of Aging, the Virginia I. Jones Alzheimer’s Disease and Related Disorders Council, and the Greater Maryland Chapter of the Alzheimer’s Association, to incorporate information regarding certain types of cognitive impairment into outreach programs administered by the Maryland Department of Health to educate health care providers and increase understanding of certain types of cognitive impairment.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

HG, § 18-110 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 314**     **Senator McCray**BOARD OF REVENUE ESTIMATES AND BUREAU OF REVENUE  
ESTIMATES – ORGANIZATION AND OPERATIONS

Requiring the Comptroller to appoint the Chief of the Bureau of Revenue Estimates from a list of candidates reviewed and evaluated by the Consensus Revenue Monitoring and Forecasting Group; requiring the Bureau to submit the March revenue report to the Board of Revenue Estimates by a date that allows the Board to meet prior to the passage of the annual budget bill in the first chamber of the General Assembly to vote on the budget bill in that year; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

SF, §§ 6-103, 6-104(b)(2), 6-105(e) and (f), and 6-106 - amended and §§ 6-104(f) and (g) - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

**SB 315 Senator Young****VEHICLE LAWS – PLUG-IN ELECTRIC DRIVE VEHICLES – RESERVED PARKING SPACES**

Prohibiting a person from stopping, standing, or parking a vehicle that is not a plug-in electric drive vehicle in a parking space that is designated for the use of plug-in electric drive vehicles; requiring that a parking space for the use of plug-in electric drive vehicles have certain pavement markings; requiring that a parking space for the use of plug-in electric drive vehicles be counted as part of the overall number of parking spaces for certain purposes; establishing a civil penalty of \$50 for a violation of the Act; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

TR, § 21-1003.2 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 316 Senator Klausmeier, et al****RENEWABLE ENERGY PORTFOLIO STANDARD – HYDROELECTRIC POWER**

Extending indefinitely the renewable energy portfolio standard percentage derived from Tier 2 renewable sources; repealing the limit on the period of time during which energy from a Tier 2 renewable source is eligible for inclusion in meeting the renewable energy portfolio standard; applying the Act to all renewable portfolio standard compliance years that begin on or after January 1, 2021; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2021

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

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 317 Senator Hettleman****OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL – RIGHT TO COUNSEL IN IMMIGRATION PROCEEDINGS COORDINATOR**

Establishing that certain individuals have a right to legal representation in certain immigration proceedings; establishing the Right to Counsel in Immigration Proceedings Coordinator in the Office of the Attorney General to manage services and resources in order to provide all covered individuals with access to certain legal representation; requiring the Coordinator to designate appropriate community groups to provide outreach and education services to individuals and communities impacted by immigration detention; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

SG, §§ 6-601 through 6-609 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings



**SB 318**     **Senators Bailey and Simonaire****NATURAL RESOURCES – FISHING AND HUNTING RIGHTS**

Stating certain findings of the General Assembly related to the value of fishing and hunting to the cultural and social heritage and the economy of the State; and establishing that it is the intent of the General Assembly that residents of the State have a right to fish and to hunt subject to regulations and restrictions under laws that the General Assembly enacts.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

NR, §§ 4-103 and 10-102 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 319**     **Senators Hester and Elfreth****CLEAN ENERGY LOAN PROGRAM – REMEDIATION AND RESILIENCY**

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

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

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

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 320**     **Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request – Departmental – Assessments and Taxation)****FOREIGN CORPORATIONS – RESIDENT AGENTS – STATE DEPARTMENT OF ASSESSMENTS AND TAXATION**

Authorizing a foreign corporation to certify that the State Department of Assessments and Taxation is the corporation's resident agent when registering or qualifying with the Department; and authorizing the Department to act as a resident agent for a foreign corporation that does business in the State without a resident agent or with a resident agent who cannot be found or served with the exercise of reasonable diligence.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

CA, §§ 7-202, 7-203, and 7-205 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 321 Senator Reilly****ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – OPERATION OF VESSELS IN CONTROLLED WATER SKI AREA IN MAYNADIER CREEK – SUNSET REPEAL**

Repealing the termination provision of certain provisions of law relating to the operation of a vessel for certain purposes in a slalom ski course located in a controlled water ski area in Maynadier Creek during certain times on certain days and State holidays.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

Chapter 747 of the Acts of 2019, § 4 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 322 Senator Benson****HEALTH – HEALTH AND WELLNESS STANDARDS – CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES AND HEALTH CARE FACILITIES**

Requiring the Secretary of Health to adopt certain health and wellness standards for certain health care facilities; providing that certain standards may exceed the standards set by federal law; establishing the Correctional Facilities Health and Wellness Pilot Program to establish minimum mandatory standards for inmate food services for participating correctional facilities; requiring each participating facility to comply with certain health and wellness standards, offer plant-based meals, and provide certain information to inmates; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

HG, § 19-308(a) - amended and §§ 21-1301 and 21-1302 - added

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 323 Senator Elfreth****MARYLAND ARTS CAPITAL GRANT PROGRAM**

Establishing the Maryland Arts Capital Grant Program to provide grants for the expansion of, the renovation of, or major repairs to a facility operated by a certain eligible organization; requiring the Governor, for fiscal years 2023 through 2028, to include \$3,000,000 for the Program in the State budget; requiring the establishment of a competitive application process and a quantitative system to evaluate each application; prohibiting an organization from receiving a grant for a single project that exceeds \$1,000,000 in any fiscal year; etc.

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

EC, § 4-514 - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

**SB 324**     **Senators Elfreth and Bailey****ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES – COMPLAINTS,  
INSPECTIONS, AND ENFORCEMENT – INFORMATION  
MAINTENANCE AND REPORTING**

Requiring the Department of the Environment to receive and process complaints involving suspected environmental violations in a certain manner; requiring the Department of the Environment to maintain and update certain information involving suspected environmental violations; requiring the Department of Natural Resources to report, on or before September 30 each year, to the Governor and the General Assembly certain information relating to the enforcement of natural resources and conservation laws; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

EN, § 1-305 and NR, § 1-211 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 325**     **Chair, Budget and Taxation Committee (By Request – Departmental –  
Assessments and Taxation)****TAX SALES – REDEMPTION – NONDELINQUENT TAXES**

Altering the amount which a person is required to pay the tax collector to redeem property sold at tax sale by limiting taxes, interest, and penalties accruing after the sale to include only delinquent taxes, interest, and penalties; and requiring that certain notices include certain information regarding the taxes included in a redemption payment.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2021

TP, §§ 14-828 and 14-833 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

**SB 326**     **Senator Hayes****BALTIMORE CITY COMMUNITY COLLEGE – PROCUREMENT AUTHORITY**

Exempting Baltimore City Community College from certain provisions of the State procurement law; requiring the Board of Trustees of the College, subject to approval by the Board of Public Works and the Joint Committee on Administrative, Executive, and Legislative Review, to develop policies and procedures governing procurement; requiring the Board of Trustees to develop a certain information technology plan; requiring the Board of Public Works and the Board of Trustees of Baltimore City Community College to approve certain contracts; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

ED, § 16-505.3 - added and SF, §§ 3A-302, 3A-402, 4-401(d), 4-402(a), 4-406(a), 11-203(e), and 12-202 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 327**     **Senator Waldstreicher****CIVIL ACTIONS – FINANCIAL EXPLOITATION OF VULNERABLE ADULTS (MARYLAND SAFE ACT)**

Establishing a cause of action for certain financial exploitation of certain vulnerable adults; authorizing a vulnerable adult or certain individuals in certain representative capacities to bring an action under the Act under certain circumstances; providing that an action authorized under the Act is in addition to and cumulative with certain other claims, causes of action, and remedies and shall survive the death of the vulnerable adult; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

ET, §§ 13-601 through 13-608 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 328**     **Senator Reilly****ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – LANDLORD AND TENANT –  
PROCEDURES FOR REPOSSESSION FOR FAILURE TO PAY RENT**

Authorizing a landlord in Anne Arundel County to repossess property in a certain manner for failure of a tenant to pay rent if a judgment is entered in favor of the landlord; requiring the landlord to provide a written notice of an intended repossession to a tenant in a certain manner; requiring a sheriff in certain circumstances to notify the District Court and prohibiting the sheriff from executing the warrant of restitution without further order of the Court; applying the Act prospectively; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

RP, § 8-401(d) - amended and § 8-401(d-1) - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 329**     **Senator Benson****INCOME TAX – CREDIT FOR THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION  
OF INDOOR AIR QUALITY EQUIPMENT**

Allowing individuals to claim a credit against the State income tax for 50% of the costs incurred during the taxable year to purchase and install certain indoor air quality equipment in a home or commercial building; requiring an individual to obtain a certain eligibility certificate from the Maryland Energy Administration in order to claim the credit; providing that the tax credit may not exceed a certain amount and may not be carried over to any other taxable year; applying the Act to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2020; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

TG, § 10-751 - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

**SB 330**     **Senator West****STATE-FUNDED CONSTRUCTION AND MAJOR RENOVATION PROJECTS – SOLAR PANELS – REQUIREMENT**

Requiring the State, for certain construction projects and major renovation projects proposed after December 31, 2021, to require that the project be designed, engineered, and constructed in a manner that allows the roof to withstand the weight of solar panels; requiring certain construction projects and major renovation projects to include the installation of the maximum number of solar panels for which the project was designed; requiring the Maryland Green Building Council to provide certain recommendations; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

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

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 331**     **Senator Lee****ADOPTION – ACCESS TO BIRTH AND ADOPTION RECORDS AND SEARCH, CONTACT, AND REUNION SERVICES**

Repealing certain provisions of law specifying that certain provisions of law apply only to adoptions in which a juvenile court enters an order for adoption on or after January 1, 2000; altering, from 21 to 18, the age at which an adoptee, or biological parent if the adoptee is at least 18 years old, may apply for a copy of certain birth and adoption records; requiring the Director of Social Services to develop and make available a certain contact preference form; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

FL, Various Sections and HG, § 4-211(g) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 332**     **Senator McCray****CAMPAIGN FINANCE – FOR-PROFIT SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT PROVIDERS – DISCLOSURE OF CONTRIBUTIONS**

Altering the definition of “contract” for purposes of certain provisions of law requiring disclosure of campaign contributions by persons doing public business to include a certain Medicaid reimbursement contract with a for-profit substance abuse and mental health treatment provider; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

EL, § 14-101 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 333**     **Senators Bailey and Ready**

## CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – SEXUAL OFFENDERS – LIFETIME SUPERVISION

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

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

CP, § 11-723 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 334**     **Senator Carter**

## WATER POLLUTION CONTROL – INTERVENTION IN CIVIL ACTIONS – RIGHTS AND AUTHORITY

Providing that a person who meets certain threshold standing requirements under federal law has an unconditional right and authority to intervene in a civil action that the State commenced in State court to require compliance with certain water pollution control measures; and requiring that a person who meets the requirements to intervene in a certain action has all the rights of a party in interest or an aggrieved party.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

EN, § 9-344.1 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings and Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 335**     **Senator Sydnor**

## COURTS – NONGOVERNMENTAL CORPORATE PARTIES – DISCLOSURE STATEMENTS

Requiring a nongovernmental corporate party to file, at a first appearance, pleading, petition, motion, response, or other request addressed to the court, two copies of a certain disclosure statement; specifying the contents of the disclosure statement; requiring a nongovernmental corporate party to file a supplemental statement if any required information changes; requiring the Act to be interpreted in a manner that is consistent with the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

CJ, § 6-412 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 336**     **Senator Hayes**

## STATE AND LOCAL PROCUREMENT – PAYMENT PRACTICES

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

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

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

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 337**     **Senator Kramer**

## VEHICLE LAWS – RECKLESS DRIVING – EXCESSIVE SPEEDING

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

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

TR, § 21-901.1 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 338**     **Senator Simonaire**

## 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: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs



**SB 339 The President (By Request – Departmental – Commerce)**

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE – SISTER–STATE RELATIONSHIPS –  
MAINTENANCE AND DEVELOPMENT

Transferring lead responsibility for maintenance and development of the sister–  
state relationships from the Secretary of State to the Office of International  
Trade in the Department of Commerce.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

EC, § 3-304 - amended and SG, § 7-109 - repealed

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 340 Senator Gallion**

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: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 341 Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee (By  
Request – Departmental – Maryland State Archives)**

GENERAL PROVISIONS – STATE SONG – REPEAL

Repealing the State song.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

GP, § 7-318 - repealed

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 342**      **Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee (By Request – Departmental – General Services)**

MARYLAND MILITARY DEPARTMENT – SALE OF SUPERFLUOUS ARMORIES

Adding as conditions precedent for a sale of a certain superfluous armory by the Maryland Military Department that the Maryland Military Department has complied with a certain provision of law and that the Department of Budget and Management has made a certain determination that no unit of State government is interested in the property.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

PS, § 13-217 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 343**      **Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee (By Request – Departmental – Natural Resources)**

NATURAL RESOURCES – SHRIMP FISHERY – LICENSING AND REGULATION

Requiring a person to obtain a license from the Department of Natural Resources before catching shrimp for commercial purposes; and authorizing the Department to adopt certain regulations governing any aspect of the shrimp fishery, including regulations establishing and implementing a pilot program related to fishing for shrimp.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2021

NR, § 4-904 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 344**      **Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee (By Request – Departmental – Agriculture)**

AGRICULTURE – COST-SHARING PROGRAM – STATE COST-SHARING FUNDS

Increasing from 87.5% to 100% the percentage of eligible costs for which State cost-sharing funds may be made available for projects that prevent or control agriculturally related nonpoint source water pollution.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

AG, § 8-704(a)(1) and (2) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 345**      **Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee (By Request – Departmental – Information Technology)**

STATE GOVERNMENT – INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY – REVIEW OF PROJECTS AND PROPOSALS

Altering the information technology proposals of which a unit of State government is required to advise the Secretary of Information Technology to include those involving the sale, lease, exchange, or other disposition of communications sites, communications facilities, or communications frequencies for certain purposes; altering the dollar value threshold from \$100,000 to \$200,000 of certain information technology proposals that triggers the requirement that the proposal be subject to approval by the Board of Public Works; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

SF, § 3A-307(c) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 346**      **Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee (By Request – Departmental – Natural Resources)**

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES – PUBLIC NOTICES AND HEARINGS

Repealing the requirements that the Department of Natural Resources provide public notice of certain administrative actions through publication in certain newspapers; authorizing the Department when closing an area of State waters to fishing to provide the public notice on the Department's website and through certain other media so an affected person has the opportunity to be informed; repealing certain requirements that the Department hold certain hearings or provide public notice before certain regulations take effect; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

NR, Various Sections - amended and repealed

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 347**      **Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee (By Request – Departmental – Environment)**

ENVIRONMENT – PUBLIC HEARING AND NOTIFICATION  
MODERNIZATION ACT

Modifying the procedures for public participation in the licensing, permitting, and regulations processes of the Department of the Environment; authorizing the Department to hold certain public meetings and hearings using teleconference or Internet-based conferencing technology under certain circumstances; specifying that the Department is not required to hold certain in-person public meetings or hearings when a certain emergency declaration has been issued; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

EN, §§ 1-601(f), 1-602, 2-303, 2-404, 5-204(b), (c), and (e), 7-239, 9-204.2, 9-234, 9-234.1, 9-324, and 16-307(a)(5) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 348**      **Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee (By Request – Departmental – Information Technology)**

STATE GOVERNMENT – INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY –  
CYBERSECURITY

Codifying the establishment of the Office of Security Management within the Department of Information Technology, the position of State Chief Information Security Officer, and the Maryland Cybersecurity Coordinating Council; altering the membership of the Council; requiring each unit of the Legislative or Judicial Branch of State government that uses a certain network to certify certain compliance to the Department on or before December 1 each year; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

CP, HG, HU, IN, NR, and SF, Various Sections - amended and SF, §§ 3.5-2A-01 through 3.5-2A-05 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 349**      **Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee (By Request – Departmental – Environment)**

ENVIRONMENT – DRINKING WATER REVOLVING LOAN FUND –  
USE OF FUNDS

Altering the conditions under which the Maryland Drinking Water Revolving Loan Fund may be used to provide certain financial assistance for certain purposes.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

EN, § 9-1605.1(d) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 350**      **Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee (By Request – Departmental – Natural Resources)**

NATURAL RESOURCES – AQUACULTURE – LEASES

Repealing the authority of the Department of Natural Resources to establish Aquaculture Enterprise Zones and issue leases within those zones for shellfish aquaculture; authorizing the Department to issue enterprise leases under certain circumstances for the cultivation of aquatic plants; requiring a person who wishes to obtain an enterprise lease to complete and submit a certain application and pay a certain application fee; establishing a maximum lease term of 5 years and maximum lease size of 2 acres for enterprise leases; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

NR, § 4-11A-05 - repealed and §§ 4-11A-01(i) and 4-11A-05 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 351**     **Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee (By Request – Departmental – Information Technology)**

STATE GOVERNMENT – PROTECTION OF INFORMATION – REVISIONS (MARYLAND DATA PRIVACY ACT)

Requiring certain units of State government to employ certain reasonable security procedures and practices; requiring certain units of State government to undertake activities comprising collection, processing, and sharing of personally identifiable information in good faith; requiring each public institution of higher education to submit a report including a summary of the status of any data privacy framework and the number and disposition of reported breaches, if any, to the Governor on or before December 1 each year; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

SG, §§ 10-1301 through 10-1304 and 10-1305(a), (b)(1) and (2), (c)(1), (g)(1), (h)(2), and (j) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 352**     **Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee (By Request – Departmental – Agriculture)**

AGRICULTURE – MULTIFLORA ROSE MANAGEMENT – REPEAL

Repealing provisions of law declaring that the existence of multiflora rose may be a certain nuisance on land used for agricultural production; repealing provisions of law requiring a person who owns land where multiflora rose is grown to maintain the land in a certain manner; repealing provisions of law requiring the Secretary of Agriculture to make a certain investigation under certain circumstances; repealing provisions of law requiring the Secretary to provide certain notice of a certain violation; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

AG, §§ 9-701 through 9-705 - repealed

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 353**     **Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee (By Request – Departmental – Veterans Affairs)**

**VETERANS – BENEFITS AND BENEFITS APPEALS SERVICES – DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS**

Requiring a person who charges a fee for certain veterans benefits services or veterans benefits appeals services to provide a written disclosure statement to and obtain written acknowledgment of the disclosure statement from certain individuals under certain circumstances; requiring a certain person who charges a fee for providing certain veterans benefits appeals services to include a certain notice in advertisements for those services; establishing a civil penalty of up to \$1,000 for each violation; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

SG, § 9-905.1 - added and § 9-913(g) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 355**     **Senators Carozza and Lee**

**FAMILY LAW – CUSTODY EVALUATORS – QUALIFICATIONS AND TRAINING**

Requiring that an individual meet certain educational and experiential requirements in order to be appointed or approved by a court as a custody evaluator; requiring that, beginning October 1, 2022, an individual complete 60 hours of initial training in certain areas in order to be appointed or approved by a court as a custody evaluator; requiring that an individual receive 10 hours of ongoing education and training every 2 years in order to continue to be appointed or approved by a court as a custody evaluator; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

FL, § 9-109 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 356**     **Senator Bailey**

**CALVERT COUNTY – SUNDAY HUNTING**

Authorizing the Department of Natural Resources to allow a person to hunt on each Sunday of the game bird and game mammal season in Calvert County; and authorizing the Department to allow a person to hunt on public land designated for hunting by the Department on Sunday in Calvert County.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

NR, § 10-410(a) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SENATE JOINT RESOLUTIONS INTRODUCED January 13, 2021****SJ 1 Senator Kelley****CONGRESSIONAL ACTION – SURPRISE BILLING – AIR AMBULANCE**

Urging the U.S. Congress to pass legislation that prohibits the balance billing of consumers by air ambulances that do not participate in a consumer's insurance carrier network.

Assigned to: Finance

**SJ 2 Senator Ellis****URGING THE RENAMING OF THE TOWN OF INDIAN HEAD**

Urging the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Indian Head to rename the Town in order to better reflect the State of Maryland's respect of indigenous history, culture, and persons.

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SJ 3 Senator Reilly****COMMISSION TO ESTABLISH A MARYLAND WOMEN VETERANS MEMORIAL**

Urging the Governor to create a 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: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SJ 4 Senator Guzzone****NATURAL RESOURCES – FISHING – WILD-CAUGHT BLUE CATFISH**

Opposing certain inspection rules promulgated by the U.S. Department of Agriculture that have drastically impeded the harvest and sale of blue catfish and thus rendered the State unable to adequately use the commercial harvest as a form of control over the invasive blue catfish species; urging the U.S. Congress to amend 21 U.S.C. § 601(w) to exempt the wild catch of domestic catfish from certain inspection requirements; and requiring a copy of the Resolution to be forwarded to certain elected officials.

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs