PLEASE NOTE: For the bill introduction deadline, all bills should be given to the Secretary of the Senate’s office by 5:00 P.M. on Monday, February 8. As required by Senate Rule 32(b), bills introduced after this date will be referred to the Senate Rules Committee.

SENATE BILLS INTRODUCED February 5, 2021

SB 721  Senator Hester
PROCUREMENT – SMALL BUSINESS RESERVE PROGRAM – ADMINISTRATION AND APPLICATION

Requiring the Governor’s Office of Small, Minority, and Women Business Affairs to establish certain guidelines for the administration of the Small Business Reserve Program; requiring that certain guidelines for the Program be developed in partnership with certain persons; requiring that a unit assess certain procurements with a total dollar value of $500,000 or less under the guidelines for the Program and either designate the procurement for the Program or request a certain waiver; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021
SF, §§ 11-203(e)(5), 14-503, and 14-504 - amended
Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs
SB 722  Senator Hester

DEPARTMENT OF SMALL BUSINESS, ENTREPRENEURSHIP, AND INNOVATION – ESTABLISHED

Establishing the Department of Small Business, Entrepreneurship, and Innovation to assist units of State government in identifying and evaluating qualified minority business enterprises to help achieve the objective for greater use of minority business enterprises; establishing the Department in the Executive Branch; transferring authority over from the Maryland Small Business Development Financing Authority; transferring the responsibilities of the Governor’s Office of Small, Minority, and Women Business affairs to the Department; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

EC, ED, EN, HG, HS, IN, PU, SF, SG, and SP, Various Sections - amended and SG, § 8-201(b)(17) - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 723  Senator Hester

MARYLAND FOOD SYSTEM RESILIENCY COUNCIL

Establishing the Maryland Food System Resiliency Council; providing the goals of the Council are to address the food insecurity crisis in the State due to the pandemic, develop recommendations to increase the long-term resiliency of the food system, and develop by November 1, 2021, a plan to increase the production and procurement of Maryland certified food; requiring the Council to submit an interim report by November 1, 2021, and recommendations on a statewide food policy council to the General Assembly by November 1, 2022; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

PS, §§ 14-1101 through 14-1103 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs
SB 724  Senator Carter

MORTGAGE SERVICERS – REQUIREMENTS AND PROHIBITIONS DURING AND AFTER A STATE OF EMERGENCY AND CATASTROPHIC HEALTH EMERGENCY (FORECLOSURE RELIEF ACT OF 2021)

Prohibiting a certain mortgage servicer from commencing or completing an action to foreclose a mortgage or deed of trust during a state of emergency and catastrophic health emergency; requiring a servicer to grant a forbearance to a borrower under certain circumstances; prohibiting a period of forbearance from lasting more than 180 days except under certain circumstances; requiring a servicer to notify a borrower of a certain right to mediation under certain circumstances; etc.  
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021  
RP, § 7-105 - amended and §§ 7-601 through 7-611 - added  
Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 725  Senator Peters

WORKERS’ COMPENSATION – OCCUPATIONAL DISEASE PRESUMPTIONS – COVID–19

Providing that certain covered employees who are suffering from the effects of severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 are presumed, under certain circumstances, to have an occupational disease that was suffered in the line of duty or course of employment and is compensable in a certain manner.  
Preliminary analysis: local government mandate  
EMERGENCY BILL  
LE, § 9-503 - amended  
Assigned to: Finance
SB 726  Senator Feldman, et al

VEHICLE LAWS – PERSONAL DELIVERY DEVICES – STANDARDS AND REQUIREMENTS

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

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

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

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 727  Senator Feldman

MARYLAND HEALTHY WORKING FAMILIES ACT – REVISIONS AND PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY LEAVE

Repealing the exemption from the Maryland Healthy Working Families Act for certain on-call employees; requiring employers to allow employees to use earned sick and safe leave during a public health emergency; requiring certain employers to provide employees certain earned sick and safe leave on the date that a public health emergency is declared or proclaimed for a jurisdiction; requiring an employer to provide certain earned sick and safe leave regardless of the employee’s length of employment with the employer; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EMERGENCY BILL

LE, §§ 3-1301, 3-1303, 3-1304(c), 3-1305(a), 3-1306, 3-1309, and 3-1310 - amended and § 3-1306 - added

Assigned to: Finance
SB 728  Senator Feldman

LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT – WORKER SAFETY AND HEALTH – INJURY AND ILLNESS PREVENTION PROGRAM

Requiring employers with 10 or more employees, or whose rate of work-related injury and illness exceeds the average incidence rate of all industries in the State to develop and implement a health and safety committee to promote health and safety in the workplace; providing for the membership, meetings, and duties of the committee; requiring that the committee maintain certain records and retain the records for a certain period of time; requiring each employer to establish and maintain an injury and illness prevention program; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021
LE, §§ 5-1301 through 5-1305 - added
Assigned to: Finance

SB 729  Senator Feldman

MARYLAND HEALTH BENEFIT EXCHANGE – STATE–BASED YOUNG ADULT HEALTH INSURANCE SUBSIDIES PILOT PROGRAM

Requiring the Maryland Health Benefit Exchange to establish and implement a State–Based Young Adult Health Insurance Subsidies Pilot Program to provide a means for young adults to reduce the amount they pay for health benefit plans in the individual health insurance market; requiring the Exchange, in consultation with the Maryland Insurance Commissioner and as approved by the Board of Trustees of the Exchange, to establish certain subsidy eligibility and payment parameters for calendar years 2022 and 2023; etc.
This bill requires a mandated appropriation in the annual budget bill.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021
IN, § 31-107 - amended and § 31-122 - added
Assigned to: Finance
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SB 730  Senators Edwards and Carozza

INCOME TAX – CREDIT FOR TRAVEL, HOSPITALITY, AND ENTERTAINMENT EXPENSES

Allowing an individual to claim a credit against the State income tax for certain travel, hospitality, and entertainment expenses paid or incurred by the individual during taxable years 2021 and 2022 under certain circumstances; providing that the credit may not be allowed for certain travel expenses for which the individual claimed a certain federal deduction; requiring the Department of Commerce, on application by an individual, to issue a tax credit certificate in a certain amount; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021
TG, § 10-751 - added
Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 731  Senator Edwards

ALLEGANY AND GARRETT COUNTIES – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – GIFT BASKET PERMITS

Establishing, in Allegany County and Garrett County, gift basket permits; authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Allegany County to issue a gift basket permit to certain persons; authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Garrett County to issue a gift basket permit to certain persons; prohibiting each of the Boards from issuing the permit for certain uses; providing that the permit authorizes a permit holder to sell and deliver gift baskets containing beer, wine, or liquor to certain individuals; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021
AB, §§ 9-1001.2 and 21-1001.2 - added
Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs
SB 732 Senator Patterson

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – MARYLAND INNOVATION INITIATIVE UNIVERSITY PARTNERSHIP PILOT PROGRAM – ESTABLISHMENT

Establishing the Maryland Innovation Initiative University Partnership Pilot Program within the Maryland Technology Development Corporation to expand opportunities for technology validation, entrepreneurial development, and industry engagement at eligible universities; requiring the Maryland Innovation Initiative within the Corporation to implement and administer the Pilot Program; authorizing Bowie State University and Salisbury University to participate in the Pilot Program; etc.
This bill requires a mandated appropriation in the annual budget bill.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021
EC, § 10-457(b) and (d) - amended and § 10-461 - added
Assigned to: Finance

SB 733 Senator Lee

EDUCATION – STUDENT DATA PRIVACY – REPORTS AND STUDENT DATA PRIVACY COUNCIL SUNSET EXTENSION

Requiring each county board of education to provide a certain list of digital tools to the State Department of Education on or before July 1 each year; requiring the Department to publish certain information on digital tools provided by each county board on or before September 1 each year; requiring the Student Data Privacy Council to submit a certain report to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before December 1, 2024; and extending the termination date for the Council to September 30, 2025.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2021
ED, § 4-131(a) - amended and § 4-131(p) - added and Chapter 398 of the Acts of 2019, §§ 1(h) and 2 - amended
Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs
SB 734  Senator Lee
STATE PROCUREMENT – INTERNET OF THINGS DEVICES – GUIDELINES, STANDARDS, AND PURCHASING RESTRICTIONS

Requiring the Department of Information Technology to issue certain standards and guidelines for units of State government for the appropriate use and management of certain Internet of Things devices under certain circumstances; requiring the Department to review and revise its standards and guidelines at least once every 5 years to ensure that they are at least as comprehensive as the standards and guidelines adopted by the Director of NIST; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021
SF, § 11-203(e)(5) - amended and §§ 12-601 through 12-605 - added
Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 735  Senator West
STATE GOVERNMENT – NOTARIAL ACTS – REMOTE NOTARIZATIONS

Expanding the availability of remote notarial acts to include certain wills and trust documents; clarifying the application of certain provisions of law regarding identity proofing and credential analysis; and affirming the validity of the notarization of certain documents in conformance with certain executive orders.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021
SG, §§ 18-214(a) and (h) and 18-223 - amended
Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 736  Senator Augustine
HEALTH OCCUPATIONS – PHARMACISTS – ADMINISTRATION OF VACCINATIONS

Authorizing a pharmacist to administer certain vaccinations to an individual who is at least 3 years old but under the age of 18 years; altering the age of an individual to whom a pharmacist may administer certain vaccinations; requiring a pharmacist to administer certain vaccinations under a written protocol; repealing the requirement that individuals in a certain age group have a certain prescription in order for a pharmacist to be allowed to administer a certain vaccination to the individual; etc.
EMERGENCY BILL
HO, § 12-508 - amended
Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs
SB 737  Senator Rosapepe
COMPREHENSIVE CONSERVATION FINANCE ACT

Providing that Department of Agriculture, the Department of Natural Resources, and the Maryland Environmental Trust must allow participants in certain programs to participate in and receive compensation from certain markets, credits, or programs under certain circumstances; authorizing certain units to enter into pay-for-success contracts with certain aggregators to procure certain environmental outcomes projects or already certified environmental outcomes; etc.
This bill requires a mandated appropriation in the annual budget bill.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021
AG, NR, EN, and SF, Various Sections - amended and added
Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 738  Senator Rosapepe
INCOME TAX – MECHANICAL INSULATION INSTALLATION TAX CREDIT

Allowing a credit against the State income tax for certain qualified expenses paid or incurred by a taxpayer for the installation of certain mechanical insulation in a certain manner on a certain property and for which the taxpayer obtains a tax credit certificate from the Maryland Energy Administration; prohibiting the Administration from issuing tax credit certificates for credit amounts in aggregate totaling more than $5,000,000; requiring that the tax credits be issued on a first-come, first-served basis; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021
TG, § 10-751 - added
Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 739  Senator Rosapepe
PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – BLX LICENSE

Providing that the requirement to obtain a certain entertainment permit does not apply to the holder of a certain license under certain circumstances; authorizing a certain license holder to offer entertainment when persons under the age of 21 years are on the licensed premises if the license holder enters into a certain agreement with certain persons and the lease of the property on which the licensed premises is located contains certain provisions; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021
AB, §§ 26-1103(a) and 26-1616 - amended
Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs
SB 740  Senator Rosapepe

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – COVID–19 SMALL BUSINESS GRANT PROGRAM (COVID–19 CRISIS SMALL BUSINESS SURVIVAL PROGRAM ACT OF 2021)

Establishing the Maryland COVID–19 Small Business Grant Program in the Department of Commerce; requiring the Department, subject to certain circumstances, to distribute to each county certain funds for the purpose of providing grants to certain eligible small businesses; authorizing a county to apply to the Department for a distribution of funds in accordance with the Act; authorizing a county to designate a certain entity to receive and distribute certain funds; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EMERGENCY BILL
EC, §§ 5-1701 through 5-1704 - added
Assigned to: Finance and Budget and Taxation

SB 741  Senator Rosapepe, et al

COVID–19 TESTING, CONTACT TRACING, AND VACCINATION ACT OF 2021

Requiring, on or before April 1, 2021, the Maryland Department of Health, in collaboration with local health departments of the State, to adopt and implement a certain plan to respond to the outbreak of COVID–19; requiring, for calendar year 2021, institutions of higher education in the State to adopt and implement a certain COVID–19 testing plan; requiring certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations to provide coverage for certain COVID–19 tests and associated costs; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EMERGENCY BILL
HG, Various Sections, ED, §§ 11-1701 and 11-1702, and IN, § 15-856 - added
Assigned to: Finance and Budget and Taxation
SB 742  Senator Smith
MARYLAND MODEL PRISONS FOR YOUTHFUL OFFENDERS STUDY ACT

Establishing the Maryland Model Prisons Study Workgroup to develop a plan for fundamental changes to the culture and practices of State prisons with emphasis on reduction of recidivism for all incarcerated individuals, prioritizing the classification of incarcerated individuals who committed offenses when under the age of 25 years; requiring the Workgroup to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly by December 1, 2022; etc.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2021
Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 743  Senator Eckardt
NATURAL RESOURCES – MARYLAND ENVIRONMENTAL TRUST – APPOINTMENT OF TRUSTEES

Altering the manner in which certain trustees are chosen to serve on the board of the Maryland Environmental Trust by requiring certain ex officio members of the Trust to appoint the remaining trustees.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2021
NR, §§ 3-202(a), 3-203(4), and 3-204(a) - amended
Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 744  Senator Eckardt
STATE BOARD OF NURSING – CERTIFIED NURSING ASSISTANT ADVISORY COMMITTEE – MEMBERSHIP AND MEETINGS

Increasing the number of alternates that the State Board of Nursing is required to appoint for certain members of the Certified Nursing Assistant Advisory Committee; establishing certain qualifications for members of the advisory committee; prohibiting a member of the advisory committee from serving more than 2 consecutive full terms; requiring the State Board to fill a certain vacancy within 60 days after the date of the vacancy, to the extent practicable; altering the meeting requirements for the advisory committee; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021
HO, § 8-6A-13 - amended
Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs
SB 745  Senator Elfreth

HEALTH OCCUPATIONS – STATE BOARD OF MASSAGE THERAPY EXAMINERS – REVISIONS

Altering a certain requirement for certain State Board of Massage Therapy Examiners members who are licensed massage therapists; altering the education requirements for applicants to qualify for a certain license or registration by requiring that certain curriculums and programs be endorsed by the Commission on Massage Therapy or a certain equivalent entity; requiring the Criminal Justice Information System Central Repository to provide the Board with a certain revised statement under certain circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021
HO, §§ 6-101, 6-202(b)(1)(iii), 6-302, 6-303, and 6-308(a)(16) - amended, § 6-306.2 - added, and § 6-403 - repealed

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 746  Senator Guzzone, et al

EDUCATION – COMMUNITY COLLEGES – COLLECTIVE BARGAINING

Establishing collective bargaining rights for certain community college employees; establishing procedures for the selection and certification of an exclusive bargaining representative; establishing a cap on the number of bargaining units that may be within each community college; requiring certain contracts and agreements entered into before October 1, 2021, to remain in effect until the agreement or contract expires; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021
ED, §§ 16-403, 16-412, and 16-414.1 - repealed and §§ 16-701 through 16-715 - added and SP, §§ 3-2A-05, 3-2A-07, and 3-2A-08(a) - amended

Assigned to: Finance
SB 747  Senator Kagan

STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS – MEMBERSHIP, CONTRACT MANAGEMENT, BALLOT DROP BOXES, AND VOTING SYSTEM FINANCING

Altering the membership of the State Board of Elections; requiring certain members of the State Board to have expertise or experience in certain areas; providing for a nonvoting, ex officio member of the State Board; altering the duties of the State Board to include reviewing and voting on certain contracts and ensuring the cost effectiveness of the use of certain funds; requiring the State Administrator of Elections to report contracts, contract renewals, and change orders to the State Board; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2021
EL, Various Sections - amended and added and Chapter 564 of the Acts of 2001, §§ 4, 5, and 6 - repealed
Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 748  Senator Beidle

PUBLIC HEALTH – STATE DESIGNATED EXCHANGE – CLINICAL INFORMATION

Requiring a nursing home, on request of the Maryland Department of Health, to electronically submit clinical information to the State designated exchange; authorizing the State designated exchange to provide certain information to certain individuals and entities; providing that information submitted under a certain provision of this Act may be combined with other data maintained by the State designated exchange to facilitate a state health improvement program, mitigate a public health emergency, and improve patient safety; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021
HG, § 4-302.3 - amended
Assigned to: Finance
SB 749  Senator Ellis  
CHARLES COUNTY – BOARD OF EDUCATION – MEMBERSHIP ALTERATIONS  
Altering the manner of election for certain members of the Charles County Board of Education by specifying that members be elected from six school board districts and one from the county at–large; requiring the Board of Charles County Commissioners to establish six school board districts in a certain manner; providing for the ballot requirements for a certain election; requiring the State Board of Elections to declare the election of certain candidates; providing for the qualifications of the elected members of the county board; etc.  
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021  
ED, §§ 3-501 and 3-502 - amended  
Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 750  Charles County Senators  
CHARLES COUNTY – COMMUNITY SERVICE AND PRETRIAL RELEASE PROGRAMS – AUTHORIZATION  
Authorizing the Charles County Board of County Commissioners to establish a community service program and a pretrial release program in Charles County; authorizing the Board to enact certain local laws and ordinances; providing that a court may order a person to participate in the community service program; providing for a fee of up to $40 for each 8–hour period of community service; providing a person is eligible for the pretrial release program if not being held for a certain crime of violence or escape; etc.  
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021  
CS, § 11-710 - amended  
Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings
SB 751 Charles County Senators

SOUTHERN MARYLAND – HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

Authorizing the county commissioners of a code home rule county of the Southern Maryland class to establish a Human Relations Commission for the county; specifying the purpose of the Commission is to use its influence to direct the efforts of the community to solving problems that are often the basic reasons for racial tensions and to encourage and ensure equal treatment of all people; making certain provisions of law governing a certain county human relations commission applicable to a Human Relations Commission established under the Act; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021


Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 752 Senator Hayes

BALTIMORE CITY – POLICE OFFICERS – PROMOTIONAL APPOINTMENTS

Altering the procedures used by the Police Commissioner of Baltimore City to award promotional appointments; and authorizing the Commissioner to remove certain applicants from the list of eligible appointees if the Civilian Review Board has sustained a certain misconduct complaint against the applicant between the time the applicant applied for the promotion and the time in which the applicant is to be selected for the promotion.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

PLL of Baltimore City, Art. 4, § 16-10(c) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 753 Senator Hayes

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE – COVID–19 BUSINESS RELIEF DISTRIBUTION – REPORTING

Requiring the Maryland Department of Commerce to submit to the House Appropriations and the Senate Budget and Taxations Committees a report containing demographic information, including race, age, gender, and socioeconomic status, of each recipient of COVID–19 business relief in the State such as small business relief and other financial assistance intended to address the economic impact of COVID–19 within 30 days after enactment of the Act.

EMERGENCY BILL

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs
SB 754  Senator Hayes
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION – DAMAGED, OBSOLETE, OR EXCESSIVE LINES – FINES

Requiring the Public Service Commission to promptly notify the owner of a utility pole about damaged, dangling, obsolete, or redundant lines or blight or public nuisance caused by an excessive number of lines on a utility pole under certain circumstances; requiring the owner of a utility pole to require the person that controls the line or lines to investigate and repair or remove offending lines within 30 days after receiving a certain notice from the Commission; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021
PU, § 5-107 - added
Assigned to: Finance

SB 755  Senator Hayes
BALTIMORE CITY – 40TH DISTRICT ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

Authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Baltimore City to issue a Class C beer, wine, and liquor license in certain areas of the 40th alcoholic beverages district in Baltimore City; prohibiting certain license holders in the 40th alcoholic beverages district in Baltimore City from selling alcoholic beverages before 10 a.m. or after 10 p.m., with certain exceptions; and making technical corrections.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021
AB, §§ 12-1603 and 12-2005 - amended
Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 756  Senator Carter
WORKERS’ COMPENSATION – OCCUPATIONAL DISEASE PRESUMPTIONS – COVID–19

Providing that certain covered employees who are suffering from the effects of severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 are presumed, under certain circumstances, to have an occupational disease that was suffered in the line of duty or course of employment and is compensable in a certain manner; requiring an individual who is eligible for benefits under certain provisions of the Act to provide a copy of a certain test or written documentation to the employer or insurer; applying the Act retroactively; etc.
Preliminary analysis: local government mandate
EMERGENCY BILL
LE, § 9-503 - amended
Assigned to: Finance
SB 757  Senator Carter
STATE PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT SYSTEM – OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC DEFENDER – PLACEMENT

Establishing that, within the Office of the Public Defender, the deputy public defender, district public defenders, assistant public defenders, and other employees are placed in certain employment categories in the State Personnel Management System; authorizing the Public Defender to employ, rather than appoint, assistant public defenders and other employees; authorizing assistant public defenders and other employees to be terminated or disciplined only for cause in accordance with certain provisions of law; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021
CP, § 16-203 - amended
Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 758  Senator Beidle
HEALTH INSURANCE – INCENTIVE ARRANGEMENTS – AUTHORIZATION

Authorizing certain bonus or incentive–based compensation to include a certain two–sided incentive arrangement; authorizing a certain carrier to recoup funds paid to an eligible provider under a two–sided incentive arrangement that meets certain requirements and criteria; providing that a certain primary care provider is not engaged in certain acts of an insurance business if certain requirements are met solely because the primary care provider enters into a certain contract that includes certain capitated payments; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021
IN, §§ 4-205(a), 15-113(a), (c), and (e), and 15-1008(b) - amended and §§ 15-113(f), 15-2101, and 15-2102 - added
Assigned to: Finance

SB 759  Senator Ready, et al
STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION – INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETICS ELIGIBILITY WAIVER – GRADUATE ATHLETES

Requiring the State Department of Education to waive certain eligibility requirements for participation in interscholastic athletics in order to allow certain graduate athletes to participate in certain interscholastic athletics under certain circumstances; providing that certain graduate athletes may participate in an interscholastic athletic program only at the high school from which they graduated; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021
Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs
SB 760  Senator Ready  

CRIMINAL LAW – ANIMAL CRUELTY – PETITION FOR COSTS FOR CARE OF SEIZED ANIMAL

Authorizing, if an animal is seized under a certain provision of law, certain individuals to file a petition for certain costs against a certain owner or custodian for reasonable costs of caring for the animal, including the provision of food, water, shelter, and medical care; requiring that a certain petition be filed within 7 days after criminal charges are filed; providing for the service of the petition; requiring the court to set and hold a certain hearing; requiring a certain petitioner to present certain evidence at the hearing; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021
CR, § 10-615.1 - added
Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 761  Senator Elfreth  

ALCOHOL AND TOBACCO COMMISSION – EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR – CLARIFICATION

Requiring the Executive Director of the Alcohol and Tobacco Commission to be a sworn police officer with the powers granted to an officer or employee of the Field Enforcement Division; specifying that the Executive Director is a member of the Law Enforcement Officers’ Pension System as a condition of employment; requiring the Board of Trustees for the State Retirement and Pension System to transfer certain service earned under certain circumstances; and requiring the Board of Trustees to transfer certain contributions.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2021
AB, § 1-309(c) - amended and SP, §§ 26-201(a)(20) and (21) - amended and § 26-201(a)(22) - added
Assigned to: Budget and Taxation
SB 762  Senator McCray

MARYLAND ELECTRICIANS ACT – REVISIONS

Altering the powers and duties of the State Board of Master Electricians; changing the name of the State Board of Master Electricians to the State Board of Electricians; requiring the Department, by December 1, 2024, to adopt regulations necessary for the regulation and licensing of low–voltage electricians if certain legislation establishing a certain licensing program is not enacted by July 1, 2024; prohibiting, beginning on a certain date, local jurisdictions from issuing certain licenses; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021
BOP, Various Sections - amended, §§ 6-104, 6-307.1, and 6-605 through 6-608 - added, and § 6-605 - repealed
Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 763  Senator McCray

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – CLASS A LICENSES – RETAIL GROCERY ESTABLISHMENTS (HEALTHY FOOD ACCOUNTABILITY ACT OF 2021)

Establishing a certain exception to the prohibition against issuing certain retail alcoholic beverages licenses for use in conjunction with or on the premises of certain establishments; requiring a local licensing board to issue a Class A beer or beer and wine license for use in conjunction with or on the premises of certain self–service or delivery–based grocery establishments located in certain priority funding areas; prohibiting a local licensing authority from transferring a Class A license under the authority of the Act; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021
AB, §§ 4-205, 4-507, 20-1603, 22-1603, and 26-1509 and HS, § 6-211 - amended
Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs
SB 764  Senator Washington (Chair, Joint Committee on Ending Homelessness)
WORKGROUP ON ADAPTIVE REUSE OF VACANT COMMERCIAL SPACES

Establishing the Workgroup on Adaptive Reuse of Vacant Commercial Spaces to study the potential for conversion of vacant or underutilized commercial spaces into residential, mix-use, and commercial spaces in order to increase the affordable housing stock in the State; requiring the Workgroup to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before November 30, 2021; etc.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2021
Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 765  Senator Washington
MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISES – SEXUAL AND GENDER MINORITIES (IMARI’S BUSINESS PRIDE ACT)

Altering the definition of “socially and economically disadvantaged individual” for purposes of certifying certain minority business enterprises to include certain sexual and gender minorities.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021
SF, § 14-301 - amended
Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 766  Senator Washington
STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS AND LOCAL BOARDS OF ELECTIONS – MEMBERSHIP AND STAFF

Requiring each member of the State Board of Elections to have at least 5 years of experience in administering elections and have extensive knowledge of State election laws; establishing the position of Racial Equity Coordinator within the State Board to ensure that all registered voters across the State receive the same treatment and access to resources, investigate racial disparities in ballot access and voter turnout, and make recommendations on ways to improve racial equity in the administration of elections in the State; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021
EL, §§ 2-101 and 2-201 - amended and § 2-103.1 - added
Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs
SB 767  Senator Washington

HIGHER EDUCATION – HUNGER–FREE CAMPUS GRANT PROGRAM – ESTABLISHED

Establishing the Hunger–Free Campus Grant Program to address student hunger and basic food needs on campus; requiring the Maryland Higher Education Commission to administer the Program, develop a certain form, and designate certain campuses as hunger–free campuses; authorizing certain public institutions of higher education to develop certain procedures and make certain information publicly available; requiring the Governor, beginning in fiscal year 2023, to include in the annual budget bill a $150,000 appropriation for the Program; etc.

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

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

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

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 768  Senator Washington

NONDISCRIMINATION AND LGBTQ+ INDIVIDUALS

Stating that it is the policy of the State to provide equal access to various courts, agencies, programs, departments, and services for LGBTQ+ individuals, improve safety, well–being, and stability for LGBTQ+ individuals, ensure LGBTQ+ individuals are protected from discrimination on the basis of certain nonmerit factors, prohibit discrimination on the basis of certain nonmerit factors, and provide appropriate training to employees and contractors of various State agencies and departments; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

CJ, § 1-801, FL, § 1-204, HS, § 2-401, and HU, § 1-301 - added and HU, § 8-707(b) and SG, § 20-901 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings
SB 769 Senators Hester and Bailey

INCOME TAX CREDIT FOR VENISON DONATION – ALTERATIONS, EXTENSION, AND TESTING FOR CHRONIC WASTING DISEASE

Increasing from $50 to $75 the maximum amount of qualified expenses an individual may claim as a credit against the State income tax for a certain donation of processed deer meat; increasing from $200 to $600 the maximum aggregate credit amount the individual may claim in a taxable year; extending for 5 years the termination date of the credit; requiring the Department of Natural Resources to report to certain committees of the General Assembly on or before December 31, 2021, on testing of deer for chronic wasting disease; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

TG, § 10-746 and Chapters 172 and 173 of the Acts of 2018, §3 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 770 Senators Hester and Rosapepe

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

Providing for the target per pupil foundation amount in fiscal year 2022; requiring each county board of education to use not less than 7% of the target per pupil foundation amount to provide certain technology resources to students; authorizing a local school system, at the end of each fiscal year, to hold unused funds in a special fund to be used in a subsequent fiscal year; requiring a county board that allocates certain funding to follow certain information technology security standards; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

ED, § 5-202(a)(13) - amended and § 5-202(m) - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs
SB 771  Senators Hester and Rosapepe

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE – WORK SHARING (WORK SHARE EXPANSION ACT OF 2021)

Altering the definition of “affected employee” for purposes of certain provisions of law governing work sharing under the unemployment insurance law to include certain interns and apprentices and certain individuals who were rehired by an affected unit following a temporary closure or layoff due to the COVID–19 pandemic; requiring the Maryland Department of Labor to undertake any actions necessary to achieve the goal of having 4% work sharing claims as a percentage of total unemployment claims by June 1, 2021; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL
LE, §§ 8-1201(b) and 8-1204(a)(1) - amended and § 8-1202.1 - added
Assigned to: Finance

SB 772  Senator Hester

SMALL BUSINESS COVID–19 RELIEF ACT OF 2021

Establishing the Maryland COVID–19 Emergency Loan Program in the Department of Commerce to provide working capital to assist Maryland for-profit small businesses, the operators of which have been disrupted due to COVID–19, and offer interim relief complementing actions with those of businesses’ banks, business interruption insurance, and financial partners; authorizing the Department of Commerce to issue loans to certain eligible small businesses under certain circumstances; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL – CONTINGENT
EC and TG, Various Sections - added and TG, § 10-307(g) - amended
Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 773  Senator Simonaire

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT – GENERAL ASSEMBLY – STANDING COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Proposing an amendment to the Maryland Constitution to require each chamber of the General Assembly to designate its highest elected member within each party to appoint their party’s members to standing committees in a manner that reflects the diversity of each House; and submitting this amendment to the qualified voters of the State of Maryland for their adoption or rejection.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT – CONTINGENT
Maryland Constitution, Art. III, § 19 - amended
Assigned to: Senate Rules
SB 774  Senator Lee
FAMILY LAW – CUSTODY AND VISITATION – CHILD’S PREFERENCE

Requiring a court in a custody or visitation proceeding to hear and consider a child’s custody or visitation preference; requiring a court to explain the court’s reasoning for issuing a custody or visitation order that is inconsistent with a child’s stated preference; requiring a court to allow a child who is at least 8 years old to testify to the child’s custody or visitation preference in open court; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021
FL, § 9-109 - added
Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 775  Senator Lee
FAMILY LAW – CHILD CUSTODY AND VISITATION – ABUSE

Requiring a court that approves an arrangement for custody or visitation with a party who has committed abuse against the other parent of the party’s child, the party’s spouse, or any child residing within the party’s household, to impose certain conditions on the custody arrangement; creating a rebuttable presumption that it is not in the best interest of a child for a court to grant custody to a party who has committed abuse against certain individuals; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021
FL, § 9-101.1 - amended
Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 776  Senator Lee
CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – OUT OF COURT STATEMENTS – CHILD AND VULNERABLE ADULT VICTIMS

Authorizing the court to admit into evidence in certain criminal proceedings certain out of court statements made by a child victim or vulnerable adult victim subject to certain requirements.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021
CP, § 11-304 - amended
Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings
SB 777  Senator Elfreth, et al

PUBLIC HEALTH – MARYLAND PRENATAL AND INFANT CARE GRANT PROGRAM FUND

Renaming the Maryland Prenatal and Infant Care Coordination Services Grant Program Fund to be the Maryland Prenatal and Infant Care Grant Program Fund; altering the purpose of the Fund to include making grants to federally qualified health centers, hospitals, and certain providers to increase access to prenatal care; requiring the Governor to include in the annual budget bill certain appropriations for the Fund; requiring that priority for awarding grants under certain provisions of the Act be given to certain proposals; etc.

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

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 778  Senator Elfreth

REGIONAL INSTITUTION STRATEGIC ENTERPRISE ZONE PROGRAM – ALTERATIONS

Expanding the purposes of the Regional Institution Strategic Enterprise Zone Program; establishing the Regional Institution Strategic Enterprise Zone Fund in the Department of Commerce for certain purposes; prohibiting the Secretary of Commerce from approving a Regional Institution Strategic Enterprise (RISE) zone the geographic area of which exceeds 500 acres; altering eligibility for tax incentives that a business entity that locates in a RISE zone may receive under certain circumstances; etc.

VARIABLE EFFECTIVE DATES
EC, SF, TG, and TP, Various Sections - amended and added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation
SB 779  Senator Elfreth, et al

MARYLAND 529 PROGRAM – BOARD AUTHORITY AND STATE CONTRIBUTION – ALTERATIONS

Authorizing the Maryland 529 Board to distribute certain fees in a certain manner; requiring an account holder of the Maryland Senator Edward J. Kasemeyer College Investment Plan to be a State resident and file taxes before July 15 each year to qualify for a State contribution; requiring a qualified beneficiary to be under 26 years of age to receive a State contribution; prohibiting an account holder from qualifying for more than $9,000 of State contributions through a certain time period; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

ED, §§ 18-1901(n), 18-1905(f)(8), 18-19A-01(g) and (h), and 18-19A-04.1 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 780  Senator Pinsky

STATES OF EMERGENCY – EMERGENCY PROCUREMENT AND BUDGET AMENDMENTS – NOTICE AND AUTHORIZATION

Requiring the Governor or the head of a certain unit to provide certain notice to the Legislative Policy Committee within 72 hours after the earlier of the execution of the contract or the expenditure of the funds when authorizing a certain emergency procurement during a state of emergency under certain circumstances; requiring the Office of Legislative Audits to perform a certain audit within 8 months after an emergency procurement is executed under certain circumstances; etc.

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PS, § 14-117 and SF, § 7-214 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs and Budget and Taxation
SB 781  Senator Hayes

REAL PROPERTY – RESIDENTIAL CONTRACT OF SALE – BUYER IDENTIFICATION

Authorizing a buyer who executes a residential contract of sale for a single family residential real property with a real estate broker to make a certain election; requiring a buyer who makes a certain election to sign and initial a residential contract of sale in a certain manner; requiring a buyer who makes a certain election to identify the buyer’s real estate broker in the residential contract of sale and to execute a separate document with the buyer’s real estate broker; applying the Act prospectively; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021
RP, § 10-711 - added
Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 782  Senator Hayes

STATE DEPARTMENT OF ASSESSMENTS AND TAXATION – REAL PROPERTY ASSESSMENTS AND APPEALS

Requiring the State Department of Assessments and Taxation to publish on the Department’s website certain information in plain language relating to the assessment process and methodology used by the Department in determining the value of real property; requiring the Department and certain assessors employed by the Department, when determining the value of real property, to conform to certain federal guidelines, consider certain matters, and provide certain information; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021
TP, § 2-218.1 - added and §§ 8-104(a) and (c)(1) and 14-516 - amended
Assigned to: Budget and Taxation
SB 783  Senator Hayes

BALTIMORE CITY – WEST NORTH AVENUE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Establishing the West North Avenue Development Authority in Baltimore City to support the development and approval of a comprehensive neighborhood revitalization plan in the target area and the buffer zone; requiring the Authority to work in coordination with residents of the target area to develop the comprehensive plan; prohibiting a member of the Authority from receiving certain compensation; requiring a report by the Authority to the Governor and certain committees of the General Assembly by October 1, 2023; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021
EC, §§ 12-701 through 12-706 - added
Assigned to: Finance

SB 784  Senator Hayes

STATE ANATOMY BOARD – CLAIMED CREMATED REMAINS – PROVISION WITHOUT PAYMENT OF COSTS

Requiring the State Anatomy Board to provide the cremains of a decedent cremated through the State cremation process in a suitable container to a relative of the decedent without requiring the relative to pay any costs if the cremains have not been buried at the State burial grounds and the relative can show hardship.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021
HG, § 5-406(d) - added
Assigned to: Finance

SB 785  Senators Ferguson and Pinsky

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERSHIP AND TERMS – CAPABILITY AND CAPACITY STUDY OF EDUCATION AGENCIES

Requiring the Governor to appoint or reappoint a member of the State Board of Education on or before January 1 of the year in which the member’s term expires; establishing qualifications for members of the State Board; requiring a member’s term to begin on the July 1 after appointment; requiring the Accountability and Implementation Board to contract with a consultant to study the capability and capacity of the State Department of Education, the Maryland Higher Education Commission, and other entities, to carry out their duties; etc. This bill requires a mandated appropriation in the annual budget bill.

EMERGENCY BILL
ED, § 2-202 - amended
Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs