



SYNOPSIS

Senate Bills and Joint Resolutions
2021 Maryland General Assembly Session

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SENATE BILLS INTRODUCED *February 10, 2021*

SB 929 **Senator Ready**

STATES OF EMERGENCY AND CATASTROPHIC HEALTH EMERGENCIES – RENEWALS – AUTHORIZATION BY LEGISLATIVE POLICY COMMITTEE

Prohibiting the Governor from renewing a state of emergency or catastrophic health emergency for more than two 30-day periods without approval from a majority of the Legislative Policy Committee; authorizing the Committee to vote on certain requests at a meeting held either in person or virtually; and clarifying that a state of emergency expires under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

PS, §§ 14-107(a) and 14-3A-02 - amended

Assigned to: Senate Rules

SB 930 **Senator Lee**

MARYLAND ONLINE CONSUMER PROTECTION ACT

Requiring certain businesses that collect a consumer's personal information to provide certain clear and conspicuous notices to the consumer at or before the point of collection; authorizing a consumer to submit a certain request for information to a business that collects the consumer's personal information; requiring a business to comply, free of charge, with a certain request for information in a readily usable format and within 45 days after receiving a verifiable consumer request; etc.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2022

CL, §§ 14-4301 through 14-4314 - added

Assigned to: Senate Rules

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SB 931 Senator Jackson**PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY – SCHOOL FACILITIES AND PUBLIC SAFETY SURCHARGES AND REPORT – SUNSET EXTENSION**

Extending the date by which Prince George's County is required to report findings on the impact of the school facilities and public safety surcharges from December 1, 2020, to December 1, 2022; and extending the termination date from June 30, 2021, to June 30, 2024, for certain provisions of law that reduce the school facilities surcharge for certain multifamily housing, exempt certain dwelling units from the surcharge, and authorize Prince George's County conduct a certain review and take certain actions; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

Chapter 351 of the Acts of 2019, §§ 3 and 4 - amended

Assigned to: Senate Rules

SB 932 Senator Benson**MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM – COVERAGE – ACUPUNCTURE SERVICES**

Requiring the Maryland Medical Assistance Program, subject to the limitations of the State budget, to provide coverage for acupuncture services administered by health care practitioners who are licensed under Title 1A of the Health Occupations Article and operating within the scope of practice of the practitioner.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

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

Assigned to: Senate Rules

SB 933 Senator Benson**FINANCIAL REGULATION – ACCESS TO BANKING AND FINANCIAL SERVICES – REPORTING**

Requiring the Commissioner of Financial Regulation to submit a certain report that analyzes the banking environment in the State to the General Assembly on or before December 31, 2021; and requiring the report to include the number and types of financial institutions by jurisdiction, identification of banking deserts, and recommended strategies for ensuring that residents of underserved areas have access to financial services.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

Assigned to: Senate Rules

SB 934 **Senator Peters****PUBLIC SCHOOLS – PURPLE STAR SCHOOLS PROGRAM – ESTABLISHMENT**

Establishing the Purple Star Schools Program to recognize public schools that provide strong services and supports for military-connected students and their families; requiring the State Department of Education to administer the Program and designate a public school as a Purple Star School under certain circumstances; establishing the qualifications for the designation of a Purple Star School; authorizing a certain school to partner with a county board of education to fulfill certain program requirements; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

ED, § 7-126 - added

Assigned to: Senate Rules

SB 935 **Senator Augustine****PUBLIC SAFETY – ELEVATOR INSPECTIONS – TRANSIT COMPACT AUTHORITY**

Establishing that certain provisions of law relating to the inspections of elevators do not apply to elevators installed in a building or structure that is owned, operated, or controlled by a transit compact authority with oversight provided by a State Safety Oversight agency that is certified by the Federal Transit Administration.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

PS, § 12-804(a)(1) - amended

Assigned to: Senate Rules

SB 936 **Senator Jackson****GENERAL PROVISIONS – COMMEMORATIVE DAYS – OVERDOSE AWARENESS DAY**

Requiring the Governor annually to proclaim August 31 as Overdose Awareness Day; and requiring the Governor annually to order the State flag to be flown at half-staff on Overdose Awareness Day.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

GP, § 7-414 - added

Assigned to: Senate Rules