



SYNOPSIS

Senate Bills and Joint Resolutions 2021 Maryland General Assembly Session

**January 15, 2021
Schedule 3**

PLEASE NOTE: January 19 – Bill request deadline.
February 8 – Bill introduction deadline.
All bills should be given to the Secretary of the Senate's office by 5:00 P.M. on Friday, February 5.
As required by Senate Rule 32(b), bills introduced after this date will be referred to the Senate Rules Committee.

SENATE BILLS INTRODUCED January 15, 2021

SB 357 Senator Rosapepe

JOINT COMMITTEE ON WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Establishing a Joint Committee on Workforce Development to evaluate the condition of the State's public and private sector workforces, monitor skills shortages, identify strategies to expand employment opportunities, increase earnings, and evaluate the effectiveness of certain programs and policies; requiring the Committee to submit its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before December 31 each year; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

SG, § 2-10A-16 - added

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

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SB 358 Senator Rosapepe**GENERAL PROVISIONS – COMMEMORATIVE DAYS – PONGAL DAY**

Requiring the Governor annually to proclaim January 14 as Pongal Day, Pongal being one of the main festivals celebrating the importance of the harvest in the state of Tamil Nadu in south India, Sri Lanka, and many other countries.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

GP, § 7-402 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 359 Senator Rosapepe**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT – PURPLE LINE TREE REPLACEMENT PLAN**

Requiring the Department of Transportation, in conjunction with the Department of the Environment, to develop a plan to replace trees removed during construction of the Purple Line; requiring the Department of Transportation to consult with businesses, community representatives, local governments, and residents about the plan; requiring the plan to provide for the replacement of trees in areas affected by Purple Line construction with priority given to those with environmental justice issues or the heat island effect; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

TR, § 7-713 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 360 Senator Rosapepe**STATE GOVERNMENT – NOTARIES PUBLIC – NOTARY PUBLIC FUND AND REMOTE NOTARIAL ACTS**

Establishing the Notary Public Fund as a special, nonlapsing fund; specifying that the purpose of the Fund is to provide funding to support the Secretary of State in the implementation, regulation, and enforcement of certain actions; requiring the Secretary of State to administer the Fund; requiring the State Treasurer to hold the Fund and the Comptroller to account for the Fund; specifying the contents of the Fund; specifying the purpose of the Fund; requiring the Secretary of State to distribute certain fees to the Fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

SF, § 6-226(a)(2)(ii)122. and 123. and SG, §§ 18-103(e) and 18-108 - amended and SF, § 6-226(a)(2)(ii)124. and SG, § 18-109 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 361 Senator Rosapepe**PUBLIC–PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS – PROCESS AND OVERSIGHT**

Establishing the Public–Private Partnership Oversight Review Board; requiring a certain reporting agency to include in presolicitation reports for public–private partnerships with a total value that exceeds \$500,000,000 presolicitation reports of certain contracts and a certain environmental impact statement under certain circumstances; requiring certain agreements to be submitted to the Legislative Policy Committee; prohibiting the Board of Public Works, under certain circumstances, from designating a public–private partnership; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2021

SF, Various Sections - amended and added

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

SB 362 Senator McCray**TRANSPORTATION – HIGHWAY USER REVENUES – REVENUE AND DISTRIBUTION**

Increasing the amounts of capital grants calculated based on highway user revenues that are required to be appropriated to Baltimore City, counties, and municipalities in certain fiscal years.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

TR, §§ 8-402 and 8-403 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 363 Senator McCray**COURTS – IMPROPERLY SUMMONING A POLICE OFFICER – CIVIL LIABILITY**

Authorizing a certain civil action to be brought against a person who knowingly summons a police officer with the intent to infringe on the person's constitutional rights, unlawfully discriminate against the person, cause the person to feel harassed or humiliated or to be expelled from a certain place, or damage a person's reputation or certain other interests; specifying certain types of damages that a certain person is entitled to recover; and providing that the Act does not restrict certain legal remedies.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

CJ, §§ 3-2201 through 3-2203 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 364 Senator McCray**BALTIMORE CITY – CIVIL CLAIMS AGAINST LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS OF AN INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION – PROHIBITION AGAINST NONDISCLOSURE PROVISION IN SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT**

Prohibiting the use or enforcement of a confidentiality or nondisclosure provision in a settlement agreement or other release of liability between the parties in a claim of misconduct in the performance of duties against a law enforcement officer of an institution of higher education in Baltimore City.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

CJ, § 5-644 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 365 Senator McCray**NEIGHBORHOOD BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM – FOOD DESERT PROJECTS – BUSINESS RETENTION**

Expanding the purposes of the Neighborhood Business Development Program to include retaining certain businesses and enterprises in food deserts and certain areas that serve food deserts; increasing to \$100,000 the maximum amount of a certain small loan that may be provided to an approved entity for assistance in providing or maintaining access to healthy food in certain food deserts; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

HS, §§ 6-301(i), 6-303, and 6-308.3 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 366 Senator McCray**DEPARTMENT OF ASSESSMENTS AND TAXATION – IDENTIFICATION NUMBER FOR BUSINESS – TASK FORCE**

Requiring the Department of Assessments and Taxation to convene a task force to study and make recommendations on the adoption of a unique Maryland Identification Number for each registered or licensed business in the State to be used by certain State agencies; requiring the task force to include representatives of certain State agencies; authorizing the task force to include representatives of certain State agencies; providing for the duties of the task force; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2021

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 367 Senator McCray**HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION PROGRAMS – APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS**

Requiring an application for the Community Legacy Program, the Neighborhood Business Development Program, and the Baltimore Regional Neighborhood Initiative Program within the Department of Housing and Community Development to include a letter of support from the legislative district in which a certain project or plan is proposed; and applying the Act prospectively.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

HS, §§ 6-204(b), 6-305(a), and 6-505(a) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 368 Senator Peters**SPEED MONITORING SYSTEMS – MUNICIPAL CORPORATIONS – AUTHORIZATION**

Authorizing a municipal corporation to implement and use a speed monitoring system on a municipal highway within its corporate limits under certain circumstances; prohibiting a county from unreasonably denying a certain request or from placing exactions, fees, or certain restrictions on the implementation and use of a speed monitoring system; authorizing a municipal corporation to contest in the circuit court a certain denial of permission by the county; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

TR, § 21-809(b)(1)(vi) - amended and § 21-809(b)(1)(xi) - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 369 Senator Peters**CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT – MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH MILITARY FAMILY ADVOCACY PROGRAM**

Requiring a local department of social services with a military installation in its jurisdiction to enter into a memorandum of understanding with the Military Family Advocacy Program for that installation; and establishing certain requirements for a memorandum of understanding under the Act.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

FL, § 5-705.5 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 370 Senator Peters**INCOME TAX SUBTRACTION MODIFICATION – MILITARY AND PUBLIC SAFETY RETIREMENT INCOME**

Increasing to \$20,000 the amount of a subtraction modification under the Maryland income tax for certain military retirement income for individuals who are at least 55 years old; increasing to \$10,000 the amount of a subtraction modification under the Maryland income tax for certain retirement income attributable to a resident's employment as a correctional officer, a law enforcement officer, or a fire, rescue, or emergency services personnel; etc.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

TG, §§ 10-207(q) and (jj) and 10-209 - amended and § 10-207(jj) - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 371 Senator Peters**SPECIAL EDUCATION – INDIVIDUALIZED EDUCATION PROGRAMS – EDUCATIONAL EVALUATIONS**

Altering the circumstances under which a parent may request an independent educational evaluation of a child with a disability at public expense to include a parent who submits a certain request to a local school system and the local school system does not respond within 30 days after the date the request was received or, on approval and under certain circumstances, the educational evaluation meeting does not occur within 60 days after the date the request was received.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

ED, § 8-405 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 372 Senator Reilly**CIVIL ACTION – SURETY INSURANCE – FAILURE TO ACT IN GOOD FAITH**

Authorizing the recovery of actual damages, expenses, litigation costs, and interest in obligee claims against surety insurance providers under certain circumstances; applying certain provisions of law on unfair claim settlement practices to surety insurance; requiring an obligee to comply with certain procedures before bringing a certain claim against a surety insurance provider; applying the Act prospectively; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

CJ, § 3-1701 and IN, §§ 27-302 through 27-304 and 27-1001 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 373 Senator Reilly**VEHICLE LAWS – SUSPENSION OF DRIVER’S LICENSE OR VEHICLE REGISTRATION – UNPAID JUDGMENTS**

Requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration, on receiving notice from a certain insurer, to suspend the driver’s license and all vehicle registrations of a motor vehicle judgment debtor who fails to pay the judgment, subject to certain exceptions; prohibiting the Administration from renewing or reissuing a license or registration suspended under the Act until certain conditions are met; requiring the Administration to reinstate the license and registrations of a judgment debtor who enters into an installment plan; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

TR, §§ 17-202 and 17-209 - amended and §§ 17-204 through 17-207 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 374 Senator Kagan**CAMPAIGN FINANCE – SPECIAL SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY – CONTRIBUTIONS PROHIBITED**

Prohibiting the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, Comptroller, and members of the General Assembly and persons acting on behalf of those officials from receiving, soliciting, depositing, or using a certain contribution or conducting a certain fund-raising event during a special session of the General Assembly except under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

EL, § 13-235 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 375 Senator Kagan**AGRICULTURE – NEONICOTINOID PESTICIDES – SALE AND STORAGE**

Restricting a person that sells a neonicotinoid pesticide under certain provisions of law to selling a neonicotinoid pesticide only to a certain certified applicator or farmer; and requiring a person selling a neonicotinoid pesticide to store each neonicotinoid pesticide behind the counter and in a manner that is inaccessible to customers.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

AG, §§ 5-2A-01 and 5-2A-02 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 376 Senator Kagan**MARYLAND NONPROFIT DEVELOPMENT CENTER PROGRAM –
NONPROFIT, INTEREST-FREE, MICRO BRIDGE LOAN (NIMBL)
ACCOUNT – FUNDING**

Altering, beginning in fiscal year 2022, the percentage to be paid by the Comptroller from the Small, Minority, and Women-Owned Businesses Account to the Nonprofit, Interest-Free, Micro Bridge Loan (NIMBL) Account within the Maryland Nonprofit Development Center Program Fund.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2021

SG, § 9-1A-27(a)(6) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 377 Senator Kagan**VEHICLE LAWS – RENTAL VEHICLES – PROVISION OF SPARE TIRES**

Requiring motor vehicle rental companies to provide with each rental vehicle either a spare manufacturer's standard issue permanent tire or a spare donut tire.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

TR, § 18-110 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 378 Senator Hayes**BALTIMORE CITY – CIGARETTES, OTHER TOBACCO PRODUCTS,
AND ELECTRONIC SMOKING DEVICES – LOCAL LAWS
AUTHORIZATION**

Authorizing Baltimore City to enact and enforce local laws regulating the sale and distribution of cigarettes, other tobacco products, and electronic smoking devices, subject to certain exceptions.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

BR, §§ 16-308.4, 16.5-104, and 16.7-103 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 379 **Senator Lam****HEALTH OCCUPATIONS – REGISTRATION OF AUDIOLOGY ASSISTANTS**

Requiring, on or after October 1, 2022, an individual to be registered by the State Board of Examiners for Audiologists, Hearing Aid Dispensers, and Speech–Language Pathologists before assisting in the practice of audiology in the State, except as otherwise provided under certain provisions of law; establishing qualifications to obtain an audiology assistant registration; authorizing a licensed audiologist to provide general supervision for up to two audiology assistants at any time; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

HO, Various Sections - amended and added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 380 **Senator Lam****MARYLAND OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL FOR GENERAL SERVICES**

Establishing the Maryland Office of the Inspector General for General Services as an independent unit of the State; establishing the Inspector General in the Office; providing for the eligibility, professional qualifications, appointment, term, and removal of the Inspector General; providing for the Inspector General’s duties and powers when investigating the management and affairs of the Department of General Services; prohibiting the Inspector General from taking certain actions under certain circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022

SF, §§ 4-2A-01 through 4-2A-06 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 381 Senator Cassilly**LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS' BILL OF RIGHTS – UNIFORM DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES**

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

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

PS, §§ 3-102, 3-107(c), and 3-108(c) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 382 Harford County Senators**HARFORD COUNTY – BOARD OF EDUCATION – TERMS OF APPOINTED MEMBERS**

Requiring the appointed members of the Harford County Board of Education to be appointed within 90 days of the general election beginning in November 2024; and providing for the termination of the terms of certain appointed members of the county board.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

ED, § 3-6A-01(d) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 383 Senator Cassilly**COURT ORDER TO USE A CELL SITE SIMULATOR OR OBTAIN LOCATION INFORMATION FROM AN ELECTRONIC DEVICE – PROCEDURES**

Providing the ways in which an application for a court order authorizing or directing a law enforcement officer to use a cell site simulator or obtain location information from an electronic device may be submitted to a judge; providing the ways in which an applicant for the court order and a judge may converse about the court order application; and providing the ways in which a judge may issue the court order.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

CP, § 1-203.1 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 384 Senator Kelley**HEALTH FACILITIES – RESIDENTIAL SERVICE AGENCIES –
COMPLIANCE WITH STATE LABOR LAWS**

Requiring the Office of the Attorney General, in consultation with the Maryland Department of Health and the Maryland Department of Labor, to produce a guidance document, by December 30, 2021, concerning the application of employee protection laws to personal care aides employed by residential service agencies; providing for the content and structure of the report; requiring a residential service agency to certify certain information through the signature of a certain individual as a condition of obtaining or renewing a license; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

HG, § 19-4A-01 - amended and § 19-4A-11 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 385 Senator Cassilly**ORGANIZED RETAIL THEFT**

Providing that multiple thefts committed by the same person in multiple counties under one scheme or continuing course of conduct may be aggregated and prosecuted in any county in which any one of the thefts occurred; altering a certain reference to the maximum value of certain property or services applicable to misdemeanor theft; requiring a court to make a finding as to whether a certain crime is organized retail theft; providing that the State has the burden of proving that a certain crime is organized retail theft; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

CR, § 7-103(f) and CP, § 2-203 - amended and CP, § 6-235 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 386 Harford County Senators**HARFORD COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – ASSISTED LIVING PROGRAM LICENSE**

Establishing an assisted living program beer, wine, and liquor license in Harford County; authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Harford County to issue the license to a manager of an assisted living program, but not more than five ALP licenses to a person; authorizing the license holder to provide beer and wine for on-premises consumption by a resident or guest; authorizing the license holder to store liquor, prepare mixed drinks, and serve liquor or mixed drinks; specifying a license fee of \$5,000; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

AB, §§ 22-1001 and 22-1405(c) - added and §§ 22-1405(a) and 22-1602(a) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 387 Senator Cassilly**INTERSECTION OF STATE AND LOCAL HIGHWAYS – CROSSWALKS AND CURB RAMPS**

Requiring the State Highway Administration to install and maintain a crosswalk and curb ramps at intersections of State and local highways under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

TR, § 8-631 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 388 Senator Cassilly**VEHICLE REGISTRATION – DISABILITY PLATES – PARKING METER FEES**

Repealing the requirement that a parking meter be noncompliant with the federal Americans with Disabilities Act before an individual who is issued special disability registration plates is exempted from parking meter fees.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

TR, § 13-616(f)(2)(i) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 389 **Senator Gallion, et al****MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM – EMERGENCY SERVICE TRANSPORTERS – REIMBURSEMENT**

Altering the medical services provided by an emergency service transporter for which the Maryland Department of Health is required to reimburse the emergency service transporter under certain circumstances; and requiring the Department to increase the amount of certain reimbursement for emergency service transporters by \$25 each fiscal year, beginning in fiscal year 2022, until the rate is at least \$300.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

HG, § 15-114.1 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 390 **Senator Gallion****HARFORD COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – GIFT BASKET PERMIT**

Establishing, in Harford County, a gift basket permit; authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Harford County to issue the permit to a person whose business includes the sale and delivery of gift baskets; prohibiting the Board from issuing the permit for use in conjunction with or on the premises of certain establishments; limiting the total annual sales from alcoholic beverages to 10% of the annual gross sales of the permit holder; establishing a permit fee of \$100; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

AB, § 22-1002.1 - added and § 22-1602 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 391 **Senator Gallion****HORSE RACING – PURSE DEDICATION ACCOUNT – ANNUAL GRANT TO FAIR HILL**

Increasing from \$100,000 to \$1,300,000 the amount of a certain annual grant paid by the State Racing Commission to Fair Hill from the Purse Dedication Account.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

SG, § 9-1A-28(f) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 392 Senator Augustine**ELECTRICITY AND GAS – LIMITED-INCOME MECHANISMS**

Authorizing certain gas and electric utilities to adopt a limited-income mechanism to benefit certain eligible limited-income customers, subject to the approval of the Public Service Commission; authorizing various forms that a mechanism may take; requiring a utility company to apply for Commission approval of a mechanism in certain manners; requiring a proposal for a mechanism to allocate certain costs across rate classes; providing for the required contents of a proposal for a mechanism; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

PU, § 4-308 - added and § 4-503 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 393 Senator Augustine**MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM AND HEALTH INSURANCE – COVERAGE AND REIMBURSEMENT OF TELEHEALTH SERVICES**

Altering the health care services the Maryland Medical Assistance Program is required to provide through telehealth; requiring the Maryland Department of Health to include certain health care providers and programs when specifying by regulation the types of health care providers eligible to receive certain reimbursement; requiring certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations to provide certain coverage for certain services delivered through telehealth; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

HG and IN, Various Sections - amended and Chapters 17 and 18 of the Acts of 2020, § 3 - repealed

Assigned to: Finance

SB 394 Senator Carter**FAMILY LAW – NONPAYMENT OF CHILD SUPPORT – SENTENCING**

Requiring a sentence for a conviction under a provision of law prohibiting a parent from willfully failing to provide for the support of his or her minor child to run concurrently with a sentence for any other conviction under the same provision of law imposed against the parent.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

FL, § 10-203 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 395 Senator Carter**CRIMINAL LAW – FELONY MURDER – LIMITATION AND REVIEW OF CONVICTIONS FOR CHILDREN**

Altering provisions of law relating to murder in the first degree; providing that a person who was a child at the time of the offense may not be found to have committed murder in the first degree under certain provisions of law; authorizing a persons convicted, on or before September 30, 2021, of first degree murder who was a child at the time of the offense to file a motion for review of conviction; requiring a court to hold a certain hearing on the filing of a motion for review of conviction under certain circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

CR, § 2-201 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 396 Senator Carter**BALTIMORE CITY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES LICENSES – HOURS OF SALE**

Establishing hours of sale for a holder of a Class B–D–7 beer, wine, and liquor license from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. along the north side of Frederick Avenue between South Augusta Avenue and South Loudon Avenue in Baltimore City.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

AB, § 12-2004(c) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 397 Senator Carter**CORRECTIONAL SERVICES – DIMINUTION CREDITS – EDUCATION**

Awarding a diminution credit of 90 days per program completed to reduce the term of confinement of an inmate if the inmate successfully obtains a certain educational certificate, diploma, or degree; requiring the Commissioner of Correction to establish a uniform system of deductions and participation criteria; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

CS, § 3-706.1 - added and § 3-708 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 398 Senator Carter**MENTAL HEALTH LAW – PETITIONS FOR EMERGENCY EVALUATION – PROCEDURES**

Authorizing, rather than requiring, a certain petitioner for emergency evaluation of an individual to give the petition to a peace officer; repealing the requirement that a peace officer explain certain information to a certain petitioner; requiring a certain petitioner for emergency evaluation to take an emergency evaluatee to the nearest emergency facility under certain circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

HG, §§ 10-622 and 10-624 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 399 Senator Carter**MARYLAND TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION – DISABLED REDUCED FARE PROGRAM FOR OPIOID TREATMENT PROGRAM PATIENTS – MODIFICATIONS**

Altering requirements relating to participation in the Maryland Transit Administration's Disabled Reduced Fare Program by certain opioid treatment programs by requiring the Administration to allow opioid treatment programs to certify eligibility for and issue identification cards and monthly transit passes to qualifying patients; requiring rather than authorizing participating opioid treatment programs to issue the identification cards and transit passes to patients on-site; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

TR, § 7-712 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 400 Senator Carter**HATE CRIMES – FALSE STATEMENT TO A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER**

Clarifying that the making of a certain false statement to a law enforcement officer may form the basis for a certain hate crime.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

CR, § 10-304 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 401 Senator Carter**LANDLORD-TENANT – NONRENEWAL OF LEASE – NOTICE REQUIREMENTS**

Altering the period of time prior to the expiration of a tenancy that a landlord is required to notify a tenant, in writing, of the intent to terminate a tenancy upon expiration, subject to certain conditions; applying the notice provisions statewide; and applying the Act to any residential lease executed in the State on or after October 1, 2021, and, beginning October 1, 2021, to any residential lease executed before October 1, 2021, which has expired and resulted in a holdover tenancy on or after October 1, 2021.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

RP, § 8-402 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 402 Senator Carter**DRIVER'S LICENSES – SUSPENSION FOR CHILD SUPPORT ARREARAGES – REPEAL**

Repealing the process under which the Child Support Administration is authorized to notify the Motor Vehicle Administration of an individual's child support arrearages for the purpose of suspending the individual's driver's license or privilege to drive; repealing the process under which the Motor Vehicle Administration is required to suspend an individual's driver's license or privilege to drive on certain notice that the individual has child support arrearages; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

FL, § 10-119 and TR, § 16-203 - repealed and TR, §§ 16-208(a) and 16-303(h) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 403 Senator Carter**PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION – INCARCERATED AND FORMERLY INCARCERATED INDIVIDUALS – ACADEMIC AND EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES**

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

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

ED, § 11-409 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 404 Senator Augustine**STATE GOVERNMENT – WEBSITES – REQUIRED INFORMATION**

Requiring each principal department of the Executive Branch of State government to publish prominently on its website the name and title of the secretary and any deputy secretaries of the department along with photographs of the individuals.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

SG, § 8-506 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 405 Senator Augustine**HIGHER EDUCATION – STUDENT IDENTIFICATION CARDS – REQUIRED INFORMATION**

Requiring each institution of higher education to provide the telephone number of Maryland's Helpline on student identification cards, if provided by the institution; authorizing an institution of higher education to also provide certain telephone numbers of mental health crisis hotlines on student identification cards, if provided by the institution; and providing that certain student identification cards in use on, or printed before, the effective date of the Act will be in compliance with the Act.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

ED, § 15-126 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 406 Senator Augustine**PUBLIC SAFETY – LOCAL YOUTH VIOLENCE REVIEW COMMITTEES**

Authorizing a county to establish a local youth violence review committee to prevent violence and homicides involving youth assailants and youth victims by promoting cooperation among certain agencies, providing youth services, determining the causes of youth violence, and recommending certain changes; specifying that certain officials may organize a local youth violence review committee; providing the committee with access to certain information; providing that certain records obtained by the committee are confidential; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

PS, §§ 1-601 through 1-607 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 407 Senator Kramer**ELECTRICITY – NET ENERGY METERING – LIMIT**

Increasing to 3,000 megawatts the statewide limit on rated generating capacity for net energy metering under a certain contract or tariff available to certain eligible customer–generators.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

PU, § 7-306(d) - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 408 Senators Kramer and Zucker**VEHICLE LAWS – RECKLESS DRIVING, SPEED CONTESTS, REGISTRATION PLATES, AND NOISE ABATEMENT – PENALTIES**

Prohibiting a person from knowingly obscuring a registration plate for the purpose of evading automated enforcement of the Maryland Vehicle Law; providing a \$500 fine for a violation of this section of the Act; increasing the assessments for certain motor vehicle violations related to reckless driving or participation in a race or speed contest to 12 points; establishing that a person charged with reckless driving or violations related to participation in a race or speed contest must appear in court and may not prepay the fine; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

TR, §§ 13-411(c), 16-402(a)(22), (28), and (29), 21-901.1, 21-1116, and 22-609 - amended and § 16-402(a)(43) and (44) - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 409 Senator Kramer**COUNTY BOARDS OF EDUCATION – THERAPY DOGS – POLICY FOR HANDLING AND USE IN SCHOOLS**

Requiring a county board of education to allow the use of therapy dogs in public schools in the county; requiring each therapy dog used in a public school to be accompanied by a handler; and requiring each county board to adopt a policy with certain guidelines for the use and handling of therapy dogs in public schools in the county.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

ED, § 4-138 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 410 Senator Kramer**CIGARETTES, OTHER TOBACCO PRODUCTS, AND ELECTRONIC SMOKING DEVICES – LOCAL LAW AUTHORIZATION**

Authorizing a county or municipality to enact and enforce local laws regulating the sale and distribution of cigarettes, other tobacco products, and electronic smoking devices, subject to certain exceptions.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

BR, §§ 16-308.4, 16.5-104, and 16.7-103 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 411 Senator Kramer**LONG-TERM CARE INSURANCE – PREMIUM RATE INCREASES – RESTRICTION (EQUITY IN LONG-TERM CARE INSURANCE PREMIUMS ACT)**

Prohibiting a carrier from imposing a premium rate increase for a policy or contract of long-term care insurance in a year in which the carrier, or any entity with which the carrier is affiliated, pays a dividend, or comparable payment, to its shareholders or a bonus or benefit to any of the executive officers of the carrier or any entity with which the carrier is affiliated that is in addition to the contractually fixed compensation provided to the executive officers for certain services; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

IN, § 11-703(b) - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 412 Senator Hester (By Request – Joint Cybersecurity, Information Technology, and Biotechnology Committee)**CONSUMER PROTECTION – RIGHT TO REPAIR**

Requiring an original equipment manufacturer to make available, on fair and reasonable terms, certain materials or updates to an independent repair provider or owner of digital electronic equipment; providing that a violation of certain provisions of the Act is an unfair, abusive, or deceptive trade practice and subject to certain enforcement and penalty provisions; applying the Act prospectively; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

CL, §§ 13-301(14)(xxxiii) and 14-4301 through 14-4304 - added and § 13-301(14)(xxxiii) through (xxxv) - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 413 Senator Guzzone**MARYLAND LEGAL SERVICES CORPORATION FUNDING – ABANDONED PROPERTY**

Increasing, from \$2,000,000 to \$8,000,000, the amount that the State Comptroller is required to distribute of certain abandoned property funds each year to the Maryland Legal Services Corporation Fund.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

CL, § 17-317 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTIONS INTRODUCED January 15, 2021**SJ 5 Senator Reilly****COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH EDUCATION PROGRAM – FEMALE MONTHLY CYCLE TRACKING FOR ADOLESCENT GIRLS**

Emphasizing the General Assembly's support, and urging the support, of female monthly cycle tracking education for adolescent girls; and encouraging the State Board of Education to update the comprehensive health education program to include certain standards for instruction on female monthly cycle tracking for adolescent girls.

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SJ 6**Senator Bailey****ATLANTIC STATES MARINE FISHERIES COMMISSION – ATLANTIC
MENHADEN – POPULATION EVALUATION AND PROHIBITION ON
COMMERCIAL REDUCTION FISHING**

Requesting the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission to evaluate the population of Atlantic menhaden in the Chesapeake Bay; and requiring the Commission to consider prohibiting the commercial reduction fishing of Atlantic menhaden, including the use of purse seines and spotter planes, in the Chesapeake Bay.

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs