



SYNOPSIS

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Schedule 4

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 January 20, 2021

SB 414 Senator Pinsky, et al

CLIMATE SOLUTIONS NOW ACT OF 2021

Requiring the State to reduce statewide greenhouse gas emissions by 60% from 2006 levels by 2030; requiring the State to achieve net-zero statewide greenhouse gas emissions by 2045; requiring the Maryland Department of Labor to adopt regulations establishing certain energy conservation requirements for certain buildings by July 1, 2022; establishing a goal of planting and helping to maintain in the State 5,000,000 sustainable trees of species native to the State by the end of 2030; terminating certain provisions of the Act; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

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

CONTINGENT – EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2021

AG, ED, EN, NR, PS, PU, SF, SG, TP, and TR - Various Sections - added and amended

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

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SB 415 **Senator Pinsky****PUBLIC FINANCING ACT – MATCHING FUND REVISIONS
(MARYLAND FAIR ELECTIONS ACT)**

Requiring the Comptroller to distribute public contributions to a certain campaign finance entity established to receive public contributions for certain eligible candidates; requiring the State Board of Elections to make a certain determination regarding the balance of the Fair Campaign Financing Fund on or before a certain date in certain years; requiring in fiscal year 2023 the governor to include in the annual budget bill an appropriation of at least \$4,000,000 to the Fund; etc.

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

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2021

EL, Various Sections - amended, repealed, and added

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

SB 416 **Senators Pinsky and Guzzone****PUBLIC FINANCING ACT – STATE SENATE AND HOUSE OF
DELEGATES CANDIDATES AND MATCHING FUND REVISIONS**

Altering the candidates authorized to receive public contributions from the Fair Campaign Financing Fund to include candidates for State Senator and member of the House of Delegates; requiring the Comptroller to distribute public contributions to a certain campaign finance entity established to receive public contributions for certain eligible candidates; altering the frequency with which the Comptroller is required to submit a certain statement to the State Board of Elections; etc.

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

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

EL, Various Sections - amended, repealed, and added

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

SB 417 Senator Pinsky**POWER PLANT RESEARCH PROGRAM – REVIEW OF APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY – ALTERATIONS**

Altering the circumstances under which the Public Service Commission must notify the Department of Natural Resources and the Department of the Environment about an application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity associated with power plant construction; requiring the Department of Natural Resources to complete an independent environmental and socioeconomic project assessment report within 6 months after the Commission determines the application to be complete; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

NR, § 3-306 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 418 Senator Pinsky, et al**MARYLAND ENERGY ADMINISTRATION – ENERGY AND WATER EFFICIENCY STANDARDS – ALTERATIONS**

Repealing certain provisions of law regarding the adoption of regulations establishing certain efficiency standards; repealing certain provisions of law prohibiting the sale or offering for sale of certain products; altering the application of certain testing, certification, and enforcement requirements for certain efficiency standards; requiring the Maryland Energy Administration to review certain efficiency standards on or before January 1, 2022; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

SG, Various Sections - repealed, added, and amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 419 Senator Carter**NO-KNOCK WARRANTS – ELIMINATION**

Repealing a provision of law authorizing an application for a search warrant to contain a request authorizing the executing law enforcement officer to enter a building, apartment, premises, place, or thing to be searched without giving notice of the officer's authority or purpose under certain circumstances; applying the Act prospectively; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

CP, § 1-203(a)(2)(vi) and (3) and PS § 3-207(a)(24) - amended and PS, § 3-523 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 420 Senator Carter**CRIMINAL LAW – DRUG PARAPHERNALIA FOR ADMINISTRATION
– DECRIMINALIZATION**

Repealing the prohibition against a person using or possessing with intent to use drug paraphernalia to inject, ingest, inhale, or otherwise introduce into the human body a controlled dangerous substance; repealing the prohibition against a person delivering or selling, or manufacturing or possessing with intent to deliver or sell drug paraphernalia under certain circumstances; altering a prohibition against a person possessing or distributing controlled paraphernalia under certain circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

CR, §§ 5-101(h), 5-619(c) and (d), and 5-620(a), (b), and (d) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 421 Senator Patterson**INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' DAY – RULE OF INTERPRETATION AND
REPLACEMENT OF COLUMBUS DAY**

Replacing references to Columbus Day in certain provisions of law with references to Indigenous Peoples' Day; and establishing that Indigenous Peoples' Day is to be observed on October 12 or, if the United States Congress designates another day for the observance of Columbus Day, the day designated by the United States Congress.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

CL, § 14-301(b), ED, § 7-103(c)(3), FI, § 5-705, GP, § 1-111, and SP, § 9-201 - amended and GP, § 1-111.1 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 422 Senator Salling**MARYLAND TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY – VEHICLE NOT
USING BRIDGE – NO TOLL PAYMENT REQUIRED**

Prohibiting the Maryland Transportation Authority from charging a toll at a toll plaza adjacent to a bridge that is a transportation facilities project for a vehicle that does not traverse the bridge; and requiring the Authority to direct, by physical traffic management measures, vehicles that do not traverse the bridge into a toll-free lane through the toll plaza or construct a lane bypassing the toll plaza for use by vehicles that do not traverse the bridge.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

TR, § 4-312(c) - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 423 Senator Salling**PUBLIC HEALTH – FEDERAL AND STATE FUNDING FOR ABORTIONS – PROHIBITION AND EXCEPTIONS**

Prohibiting the use of federal and State funds to pay for an abortion procedure or health benefits coverage of abortion procedures; and providing that the prohibition does not apply if the woman's pregnancy is the result of an act of rape or incest or the woman has a life-endangering physical condition caused by or arising from the pregnancy itself that would, as certified by a physician, place the woman in danger of death unless an abortion is performed.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

HG, § 20-217 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 424 Senator Salling**BALTIMORE COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – CLASS D BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR LICENSE**

Repealing a prohibition on the Board of License Commissioners for Baltimore County from issuing a Class D beer, wine, and liquor license for use by a drugstore in Baltimore County.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

AB, § 13-904 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 425 Senator Augustine**WORKGROUP ON SCREENING RELATED TO ADVERSE CHILDHOOD EXPERIENCES**

Establishing the Workgroup on Screening Related to Adverse Childhood Experiences; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Workgroup; requiring the Workgroup to update, improve, and develop certain screening tools, submit certain screening tools to the Maryland Department of Health, study certain actions and best practices, develop a certain template, and make and develop certain recommendations; requiring the Workgroup to report its findings to the Governor and General Assembly by October 1, 2022; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

Assigned to: Finance

SB 426 Senator Ferguson**BALTIMORE CITY – 46TH DISTRICT – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES LICENSES**

Authorizing the holder of a Class 9 limited distillery license and a 6–day Class D beer, wine, and liquor license to apply to the Board of License Commissioners for Baltimore City to convert the existing Class D license to a 7–day Class D beer, wine, and liquor license in the 46th alcoholic beverages district in Baltimore City; and authorizing the Board to issue a Class D beer and light wine license in a certain area if a memorandum of understanding has been executed with Brewer’s Hill Neighbors, Inc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

AB, § 12-1604 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 427 Senators Elfreth and West**PUBLIC SCHOOLS – PROVISION OF MENSTRUAL HYGIENE PRODUCTS – REQUIREMENT**

Requiring each county board of education to ensure that each public school provide, at no charge to students, menstrual hygiene products via dispensers in the restrooms at the school; requiring a public middle or high school to install menstrual hygiene product dispensers in at least two restrooms on or before October 1, 2021, and certain restrooms on or before August 1, 2025; and requiring a public elementary school to install menstrual hygiene product dispensers in at least one restroom by October 1, 2021.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

ED, § 7-447 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 428 Senator Kelley**PUBLIC UTILITIES – ANNUAL REPORTS**

Altering the due dates of certain annual reports prepared by the Public Service Commission; and altering the due date from December 1 to January 1 of a certain report by the Department of Housing and Community Development relating to the Electric Universal Service Program.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2021

PU, §§ 2-122, 7-211(k), and 7-512.1(c) and (d) - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 429 **Senator Kelley****FOR-HIRE DRIVING AND VEHICLES – REQUIREMENTS**

Altering the requirements for submission of certain photographs by certain applicants for a for-hire driver's license to the Public Service Commission; requiring certain applicants for a for-hire driver's license to allow the Commission access to photographs through the Motor Vehicle Administration; requiring certain applicants to provide photographs in a format that the Commission specifies; repealing the requirement for certain applicants for a Baltimore City taxicab license to have completed a certain course; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2021

PU, §§ 10-104 and 10-206 and TR, §§ 21-1127 and 22-412 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 430 **Senator Kelley****PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION – VIRTUAL PUBLIC HEARINGS**

Authorizing the Public Service Commission to conduct certain hearings relating to certain rate increases virtually; authorizing the Commission to conduct certain public hearings relating to certain certificates of public convenience and necessity virtually in a certain manner; requiring the Commission to provide information on the virtual hearings prominently on the Commission's website; etc.;

EMERGENCY BILL

PU, §§ 3-104 and 7-207(d) - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 431 **Senators King and Guzzone****MARYLAND SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETER ACT**

Establishing the State Board of Sign Language Interpreters in the Maryland Department of Labor for purposes of ensuring effective communications for deaf, deaf-blind, and hard of hearing persons and to promote the public welfare by regulating those who provide sign language interpretation services; providing that certain provisions of law do not apply to certain individuals; authorizing the Board to set licensing requirements for sign language interpreters and certain fees; establishing the Sign Language Interpreters Fund; etc.

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

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

BOP, §§ 22-101 through 22-502, BR, § 2-108(a)(23), and SG, § 8-403(58) - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 432 **Senator King****PUBLIC LIBRARIES – ELECTRONIC BOOK LICENSES – ACCESS**

Requiring a publisher who offers to license an electronic book to the public to also offer to license the book to public libraries in the State on reasonable terms that would enable public libraries to provide library users with access to the electronic book; requiring the license terms authorizing public libraries to provide access to electronic books to include certain limitations and measures; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

ED, §§ 23-701 and 23-702 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 433 **Senator King****COMMUNITY COLLEGES – STATE FUNDING – REVISION**

Specifying that a certain appropriation calculated under the Senator John A. Cade Funding Formula and a certain appropriation for Baltimore City Community College include appropriations, regardless of where they are budgeted, designated for the general operation of 4-year public institutions of higher education in the State, including personnel-related appropriations.

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

ED, §§ 16-305(c)(1)(ii) and 16-512(a)(2) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 434 **Senator King****VEHICLE LAWS – FAILURE TO PAY VIDEO TOLL – OUTSTANDING FINES**

Reducing to \$25 the penalty for outstanding civil citations for video toll violations assessed on or before July 1, 2021.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

TR, § 21-1414(c) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 435 Senator King**VEHICLE LAWS – FAILURE TO PAY VIDEO TOLL – PENALTIES**

Repealing the requirement that the Motor Vehicle Administration, under certain circumstances, suspend the registration of a motor vehicle that incurs a certain toll violation; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2021

TR, §§ 21-1414(d)(4) and (i) and 21-1415 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 436 Senator King**CHILD CARE CENTERS – TEACHER QUALIFICATIONS**

Requiring the regulations adopted by the State Board of Education to govern the licensing and operation of child care centers to include provisions that establish certain qualifications for probationary employment for an individual applying for the first time to be a child care teacher in a certain child care center in the State; requiring a child care center to terminate or reassign a certain individual at the end of a 6-month probationary period if the individual has not completed the required pre-service training; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

ED, § 9.5-404(b)(10) and (11) - amended and § 9.5-404(b)(12) and (c) - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 437 Senator Washington, et al**MARYLAND LONGITUDINAL DATA SYSTEM – STUDENT DATA – PREGNANT AND PARENTING STUDENTS**

Including data on pregnant and parenting students in the data collected, organized, managed, disaggregated, reported on, and analyzed by the Maryland Longitudinal Data System Center; and altering the types of records excluded from the definition of “student data” for purposes of the Maryland Longitudinal Data System.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

ED, § 24-701 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 438 **Senator Washington, et al****PUBLIC SCHOOLS – PREGNANT AND PARENTING STUDENTS – POLICIES AND REPORTS**

Requiring the State Department of Education to establish a model policy to support the educational and parenting goals and improve the educational outcomes of pregnant and parenting students; requiring the model policy to include certain policies and procedures; requiring each county board of education to establish a policy based on the Department’s model policy; and altering the required contents of the pregnant and parenting students attendance policy developed by each county board.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

ED, § 4-138 - added and § 7-301.1(c)(1) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 439 **Senators Ready and West****PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION – STUDENT ATHLETES (JORDAN MCNAIR SAFE AND FAIR PLAY ACT)**

Requiring public 4–year institutions of higher education with athletic programs to provide a student athlete with scholarships for academics, athletics, or both, for 5 years or until the student athlete completes an undergraduate degree, whichever occurs first; requiring an athletic program to renew the athletic scholarship if a student athlete suffers an incapacitating injury or illness under certain circumstances; prohibiting public institutions of higher education from taking certain actions against student athletes; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

ED, §§ 15-126 and 15-127 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 440 **Senator Lee****COURTS – WIRETAPPING – MISCONDUCT IN OFFICE**

Adding misconduct in office to a certain list of crimes for which certain evidence may be gathered by, and a judge may grant an order authorizing, interception of oral, wire, or electronic communications.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

CJ, § 10-406 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 441 **Senator Lee****DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES ADMINISTRATION – SELF-DIRECTED SERVICES**

Requiring the Maryland Department of Health to increase by a certain amount certain funding to certain recipients of services funded through the Developmental Disabilities Administration under certain circumstances; requiring the Developmental Disabilities Administration to provide certain recipients of services certain options and services under certain circumstances; establishing the State Advisory Council on Self-Directed Services; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

HG, §§ 7-101, 7-903, and 7-1101(a)(1) - amended and §§ 7-309 and 7-408 through 7-410 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 442 **Senator Klausmeier****AQUACULTURE LEASES AND SHELLFISH NURSERY OPERATIONS – WETLANDS**

Exempting under certain circumstances certain activities and the use of certain equipment associated with an aquaculture lease or a shellfish nursery operation from the requirement to obtain certain licenses from the Department of the Environment or the Board of Public Works; establishing that certain aquaculture activity and the installation of certain equipment on a pier for the cultivation of shellfish seed under a certain permit are lawful uses on private wetlands; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

EN, §§ 16-101(i), 16-202(h), and 16-304 and NR, § 4-11A-23(d) - amended and NR, § 4-11A-10(d-1) - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 443 **Senator West****CRIMES – MALICIOUS DESTRUCTION OF HISTORICALLY SIGNIFICANT MONUMENT (MONUMENT PROTECTION ACT OF 2021)**

Prohibiting a person from willfully and maliciously destroying, damaging, vandalizing, or desecrating a certain historically significant monument; providing penalties for violations of the Act; authorizing a court to consider as one crime the aggregate value of damage to each property resulting from one scheme or course of conduct in determining a penalty; providing for the application and determination of the value of certain damage; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

CR, § 6-301.1 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 444 **Senator West****TRANSFORMING MANUFACTURING IN A DIGITAL ECONOMY WORKGROUP (MAKING IT IN MARYLAND)**

Establishing the Workgroup to Study the Transformation of Manufacturing in Maryland's Emerging Digital Economy; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Workgroup; requiring the Workgroup to study and make recommendations regarding certain matters relating to the State's current and future workforce and emerging digital economy; requiring the Workgroup to submit an interim and a final report to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before December 1, 2021, and December 1, 2022, respectively.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

Assigned to: Finance

SB 445 **Senator West****VEHICLE EQUIPMENT – SAFETY GLASS – REPLACEMENT STANDARDS**

Requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration to adopt regulations establishing standards and requirements for aftermarket safety glass replacement that meet or exceed the standards and requirements under the Automotive Glass Replacement Safety Standard established by the Auto Glass Safety Council.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

TR, § 22-406(g) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 446 **Senator West****DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT – SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECTS DATABASE**

Requiring the Department of the Environment to create and maintain a database of supplemental environmental projects from which a person that violates the Environment Article may choose to undertake as part of a settlement or enforcement action; requiring the Department to solicit input from certain communities in creating and maintaining the database; and requiring the Department to ensure that the scope and cost of a chosen supplemental environmental project is commensurate with the scope and cost of a certain violation; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

EN, § 1-305 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 447 **Senator Edwards****HISTORIC REVITALIZATION TAX CREDIT – CERTIFIED HISTORIC STRUCTURE AND SINGLE-FAMILY, OWNER-OCCUPIED RESIDENCE – DEFINITIONS**

Altering the definitions of “certified historic structure” and “single-family, owner-occupied residence” to include a certain structure that is located on property that is owned by the Department of Natural Resources or one of its units and occupied by a person under an agreement with the Department by which the person pays for rehabilitation of the structure as a condition of occupancy; applying the Act to all taxable years beginning after December 31, 2020; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

SF, § 5A-303(a)(6) and (29) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 448 **Senator Edwards****COUNTY BOARDS OF EDUCATION – STUDENT TRANSPORTATION – VEHICLES**

Authorizing a county board of education to provide transportation to and from school for certain students using a vehicle other than a Type I or Type II school vehicle when a school vehicle cannot reasonably be provided; and requiring the State Department of Education, in consultation with county boards of education and the Motor Vehicle Administration, to adopt regulations establishing minimum vehicle and driver safety standards for alternate student transportation.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

ED, § 7-801 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 449 **Senator Kagan****PUBLIC INFORMATION ACT – REVISIONS (EQUITABLE ACCESS TO RECORDS ACT)**

Requiring each official custodian to adopt a policy of proactive disclosure of public records; requiring each official custodian to publish by July 1 each year a report on a certain website on the requests received in the preceding year for inspection of public records; requiring each official custodian to store the report in a place easily accessible to the public if the website is not available; requiring the Public Information Act Compliance Board to receive, review, and resolve certain complaints from applicants; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

GP, Various Sections - amended and §§ 4-104 and 4-105 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 450 **Senator Edwards****STATE LAKES PROTECTION AND RESTORATION FUND – PURPOSE, USE, AND FUNDING – SUNSET EXTENSION**

Extending the termination date applicable to certain provisions relating to the purpose, use, and funding of the State Lakes Protection and Restoration Fund from June 30, 2022, to June 30, 2027.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

Chapter 698 of the Acts of 2018, § 3 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 451 **Senator Edwards**

GARRETT COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ACT OF 2021

Repealing certain requirements that the Board of License Commissioners for Garrett County charge a one-time issuing fee for certain licenses; and altering the types of alcoholic beverages that a license holder may purchase from a wholesaler or a retailer in Garrett County.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

AB, §§ 21-904(g), 21-1001(g), 21-1301, and 21-1312 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 452 **Senator Edwards**ALLEGANY COUNTY – VIDEO LOTTERY TERMINALS –
DISTRIBUTION OF PROCEEDS

Altering the distribution of proceeds from video lottery terminals at a facility in Allegany County after 10 years of operations at the facility.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

SG, §§ 9-1A-01(u)(3)(ii), 9-1A-26(a)(3), and 9-1A-27(b) and (c) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 453 **Senator Edwards**ALLEGANY COUNTY AND GARRETT COUNTY – ARCHERY
HUNTING – SAFETY ZONE

Altering to 50 yards from a dwelling house, residence, church, or any other building or camp occupied by human beings the size of the safety zone for archery hunters in Allegany County and Garrett County within which archery hunting may not take place except under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

NR, § 10-410(g) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 454 **Senator Sydnor****REAL PROPERTY – ALTERATIONS IN ACTIONS FOR REPOSSESSION AND ESTABLISHMENT OF EVICTION DIVERSION PROGRAM**

Establishing the Eviction Diversion Program in the District Court to reduce the incidence of judgments for repossession of residential property and to promote continuity of housing; requiring the Chief Judge of the District Court to establish a Program in a District Court sitting in a county that processed 10,000 or more claims for repossession of residential property in fiscal year 2019; requiring that a landlord provide a certain written statement to a tenant within 5 days of receiving a certain request from the tenant; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

CJ, §§ 4-501 through 4-503 - added and RP, §§ 8-208.3 and 8-401 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 455 **Senator Sydnor****EMPLOYMENT DISCRIMINATION – TIME FOR FILING COMPLAINTS**

Extending from 6 months to 300 days the time periods within which a person claiming to be aggrieved by certain discriminatory acts is required to file a complaint with the Commission on Civil Rights; and providing that a complaint filed with a local human relations commission within certain time periods is deemed to have complied with certain provisions of the Act.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

SG, § 20-1004 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 456 **Senator Sydnor****OFFICE OF THE STATE’S ATTORNEY – COLLECTION AND PUBLICATION OF PROSECUTORIAL INFORMATION**

Requiring each Office of the State’s Attorney to collect and disclose certain information relating to prosecutions and office policies to the the Governor’s Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services; requiring the Office to determine the manner in which the State’s Attorneys transmit and publish certain information; requiring the Office to publish online certain information in a certain manner; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

CP, §§ 15-501 through 15-506 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 457 **Senator Feldman**

COMMERCIAL LAW – CREDIT REGULATION – REVERSE MORTGAGE LOANS ACT – REVISIONS

Requiring that a borrower of a reverse mortgage loan be at least 60 years old and occupy the dwelling that secures the reverse mortgage loan as a principal residence; requiring a certain lender or an arranger of financing to provide a prospective borrower certain documents at certain times; requiring a certain lender to provide to the borrower a certain statement by January 31 each year and a certain disclosure at certain times; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

CL, Various Sections - added, repealed, and amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 458 **Senator Feldman**

INSURANCE – IMPAIRED ENTITIES – DELINQUENCY PROCEEDINGS

Providing that a federal home loan bank may not be stayed or prohibited from exercising certain rights with respect to certain collateral of a certain insurer–member after the 14th day following the filing of a delinquency proceeding; requiring a federal home loan bank to repurchase certain outstanding capital stock of a certain insurer–member under certain circumstances; requiring a federal home loan bank to establish a certain timeline and process within 10 business days after a request from a receiver; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2021

IN, §§ 9-201, 9-215, and 9-221 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 459 **Senator Feldman**

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – MARYLAND SMALL BUSINESS INNOVATION RESEARCH TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM – ALTERATIONS

Altering the purpose of the Maryland Small Business Innovation Research Technical Assistance Program to include providing technical assistance to assist small businesses with attracting and accessing private capital.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

EC, § 10-4B-01 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 460 **Senator Feldman****ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – ADVANCED CLEAN ENERGY AND
CLEAN ENERGY INNOVATION INVESTMENTS AND INITIATIVES**

Altering references to the term “clean energy” to be “advanced clean energy” for purposes of certain provisions of law concerning the Maryland Clean Energy Center and the Maryland Energy Innovation Institute; altering certain findings of the General Assembly, the purposes of certain provisions of law concerning the development of clean energy industries in the State, and the purposes, powers, and duties of the Center and Institute to include certain actions supporting clean energy innovation; etc.

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

EC, Various Sections - amended, added, & repealed & SG § 9-20B-05(f)(10) and (11) - amended & § 9-20B-05(f)(11) & (f-4) - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 461 **Senator Feldman****WORKERS’ COMPENSATION – MEDICAL CANNABIS –
COMPENSATION AND BENEFITS**

Providing that, under certain circumstances, a covered employee or a dependent of a covered employee is not entitled to workers’ compensation or benefits if a certain accidental personal injury, compensable hernia, or occupational disease was caused solely by the effect of medical cannabis on the employee and the medical cannabis was not administered or taken with the written certification of a certifying provider or the written instructions of a physician; applying the Act prospectively; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

LE, §§ 9-506(b) and 9-660(a) - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 462 **Senator Feldman****PUBLIC UTILITIES – LOW-INCOME HOUSING – ENERGY PERFORMANCE TARGETS**

Requiring the Public Service Commission, for the 2021–2023 program cycle, by regulation or order, to the extent that the Commission determines that low-income programs are available, to require the Department of Housing and Community Development to procure or provide for electricity customers energy efficiency and conservation programs and services designed to achieve a target annual incremental gross energy savings of at least 1% per year starting in 2022; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

PU, §§ 7-211.1 and 7-211.2 - added and SG, § 9-20B-05 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 463 **Senator West****PUBLIC SAFETY – POLICE ATHLETIC LEAGUE GRANT FUND – ESTABLISHMENT**

Establishing the Police Athletic League Grant Fund to assist local governments and organizations to create and support police athletic league programs; defining “police athletic league programs” as those designed to build relationships among youth, police, and community through certain activities with the goal of preventing juvenile crime; requiring the Governor annually to appropriate \$500,000 for the Fund; requiring the Executive Director to establish procedures for local governments and organizations to apply for grants from the Fund; etc.

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

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

PS, §§ 4-1501 through 4-1503 - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 464 **Senator West****EDUCATION – EDUCATIONAL INTERPRETER – CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS**

Requiring the State Board of Education and the Professional Standards and Teacher Education Board to develop certain rules and regulations for the certification of educational interpreters on or before July 1, 2022; providing that certain individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing may not be denied the right to receive certain credentials or a contract for work for which the individual is otherwise qualified because the individual is deaf or hard of hearing; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

ED, § 6-704(a) - amended and § 6-704.2 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 465 **Senator West****MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS – DENTAL PROVIDERS AND DENTAL STUDENTS – REIMBURSEMENT**

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

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

HG, § 15-114.1 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 466 **Senator West****CERTIFICATES FOR INVOLUNTARY ADMISSION – LICENSED CERTIFIED SOCIAL WORKER–CLINICAL**

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

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

HG, §§ 10-615, 10-616, and 10-619 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 467 **Senator West**ESTATES AND TRUSTS – ADMINISTRATION OF ESTATES –
PAYMENT OF COMMISSIONS AND ATTORNEY’S FEES

Requiring, rather than authorizing, the payment of certain commissions to personal representatives and attorney’s fees to be made without court approval under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

ET, § 7-604 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 468 **Senator West**BALTIMORE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION – ANNUAL BUDGET
– CONDITIONS ON EXPENDITURES

Authorizing the Baltimore County Executive and Baltimore County Council to amend the annual budget of the Baltimore County Board of Education to prohibit the expenditure of certain funds unless certain conditions are met; authorizing the Baltimore County Executive and Baltimore County Council to withhold certain funding for the Baltimore County Board of Education if certain conditions are not met; and requiring the Baltimore County Council to adopt certain procedures.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

ED, § 5-102.1 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 469 **Senator Washington**MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM – APPLIED
BEHAVIOR ANALYSIS SERVICES – REIMBURSEMENT

Prohibiting the Maryland Department of Health from conditioning reimbursement of applied behavior analysis services provided to Maryland Medical Assistance Program recipients on the presence or availability of the parent or caregiver of the Program recipient in the setting where the applied behavior analysis services are provided to the Program recipient.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

HG, § 15-149 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 470 **Senator Washington****INSTITUTE FOR INNOVATION AND IMPLEMENTATION –
PREGNANT, EXPECTING, AND PARENTING STUDENTS – DATA
COLLECTION AND REPORT**

Requiring certain county boards of education to collect and track certain data relating to pregnant, expecting, and parenting students and submit certain data to the Institute for Innovation and Implementation in the University of Maryland School of Social Work on or before July 1, 2022, and each June 1 thereafter; requiring the Institute to document and analyze certain data and to use certain information to develop recommendations on legislation, regulations, and policy initiatives needed to address certain issues; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

ED, § 4-138 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 471 **Senator Washington (By Request)****TASK FORCE TO STUDY CRIME CLASSIFICATION AND PENALTIES
– ALTERATIONS**

Extending the due date to December 31, 2021, by which the Task Force to Study Crime Classification and Penalties is required to submit a report on certain findings and recommendations to the Governor and General Assembly; and extending the termination date for the Task Force to June 30, 2022.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2021

Chapter 372 of the Acts of 2019, §§ 1(g) and 2 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 472 **Senator Washington****BALTIMORE CITY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES DISTRICTS –
LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTING PLAN REFERENCES**

Updating certain provisions of law regarding Baltimore City alcoholic beverages districts to refer to the Legislative Districting Plan of 2012 rather than the corresponding plan of 2002; requiring the Board of License Commissioners for Baltimore City to grant a certain exemption to certain persons under certain circumstances; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

AB, §§ 12-903(c)(1) and (d), 12-1603(a), 12-1604(a), 12-1707(a), and 12-2007(b)(1) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 473 Senator Washington**LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT – LEAVE WITH PAY – BEREAVEMENT LEAVE**

Authorizing employees of certain employers to use certain leave with pay for bereavement leave; defining the term “bereavement leave” as leave an employee is allowed to use on the death of a member of the employee’s immediate family; and defining the term “child” for purposes of certain bereavement leave to include an adopted, biological, or foster child, a stepchild, or a legal ward.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

LE, § 3-802 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 474 Senator Eckardt**REAL PROPERTY – SALE OF MOBILE HOME PARKS – NOTICE REQUIREMENTS**

Altering the time frame of certain notices that a mobile home park owner is required to provide to each resident in the mobile home park and the Department of Housing and Community Development and to post in a public area of the mobile home park, concerning the sale of the mobile home park, to be not less than 30 days before the date of the sale of the park.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

RP, § 8A-202(h) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 475 Senator Eckardt**TALBOT COUNTY – DEER AND TURKEY HUNTING – SUNDAYS**

Authorizing the Department of Natural Resources to allow a person to hunt deer on each Sunday of the deer hunting seasons from the first Sunday in October through the second Sunday in January, inclusive, in Talbot County; authorizing the Department to allow a person who is 16 years old or younger to hunt turkey on one Sunday of the spring turkey hunting season in Talbot County if participating in a certain junior hunt; and authorizing a person to hunt deer and turkey on certain public land in Talbot County under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

NR, § 10-410(a) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 476 Senator Eckardt**HEALTH OCCUPATIONS – NURSES – DELEGATION OF TASKS**

Providing that an advanced practice registered nurse is not precluded from delegating a nursing or other technical task to an assistant under certain circumstances; providing that a registered nurse or a licensed practical nurse is not precluded from delegating a technical task other than a nursing task to an unlicensed individual under certain circumstances; and requiring the State Board of Nursing to adopt certain regulations.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2021

HO, § 8-6A-02 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 477 Senator McCray, et al**ENOCH PRATT FREE LIBRARY – OPERATING HOURS AND FUNDING**

Requiring an annual appropriation of \$3,000,000 to be used for branches of the Enoch Pratt Free Library that extend operating hours and services above those in effect as of January 1, 2016; declaring that it is the intent of the General Assembly to utilize increased operating hours and services to advance the library's commitment to equity, inclusion, and greater access to library resources, programs, and services; etc.

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

ED, § 23-402(a) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 478 Senator Smith**CORRECTIONAL SERVICES – IMMIGRATION DETENTION – PROHIBITION (DIGNITY NOT DETENTION ACT)**

Stating certain findings of the General Assembly; prohibiting the State or any local jurisdiction from entering into agreements facilitating immigration-related detention by private entities; prohibiting governmental entities from approving zoning variances or permits for the construction or reuse of buildings to house immigration-related detainees; requiring governmental entities to terminate existing contracts for the detention of immigration-related detainees not later than October 1, 2022; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

CS, § 1-101 - amended and §§ 1-102 and 1-103 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 479 **Senator Smith****PUBLIC SAFETY – ACCESS TO FIREARMS – STORAGE REQUIREMENTS (JAELYNN’S LAW)**

Altering a certain prohibition to prohibit a person from storing or leaving a firearm in a location where a minor could gain access to the firearm; altering a certain exception to the prohibition; establishing certain exceptions to the prohibition; prohibiting a person from storing or leaving a firearm in a location where an unsupervised minor could gain access to the firearm and an unsupervised minor does gain access to the firearm and the firearm causes harm to the minor or another person; establishing certain penalties; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

CR, § 4-104 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 480 **Senator Zucker****INCOME TAX DISTRIBUTION – TAX CLINICS FOR LOW-INCOME MARYLANDERS**

Requiring that each fiscal year the Comptroller distribute \$250,000 of income tax revenue from individuals to the Tax Clinics for Low-Income Marylanders Fund; establishing the Tax Clinics for Low-Income Marylanders Fund to provide grants to the University of Maryland School of Law, the University of Baltimore School of Law, and the Maryland Volunteer Lawyers Service to operate tax clinics for low-income Marylanders; requiring the Secretary of Higher Education to administer the Fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

ED, § 11-409 and TG, § 2-608.2 - added and TG, § 2-609 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 481 **Senator Carter****STATE FIRE MARSHAL – INVESTIGATIONS – REPORTING REQUIREMENT**

Requiring the State Fire Marshal to report to the Public Service Commission with an update of a certain investigation within 90 days after a fire or explosion or attempt to cause a fire or explosion and every 90 days thereafter until the investigation is concluded; and requiring an update to include the status of the investigation and the expected date on which the investigation will conclude.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

PS, § 6-309 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 482 **Senator Carter****PUBLIC SAFETY – LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS – WHISTLEBLOWER PROTECTIONS**

Prohibiting a supervisor, an appointing authority, and the head of a certain law enforcement agency from threatening or taking certain retaliatory actions against a certain law enforcement officer who discloses certain information or seeks a certain remedy; providing that the protections afforded under the Act apply to certain disclosures only under certain circumstances; requiring a law enforcement agency to provide certain law enforcement officers a copy of the Act under certain circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

PS, §§ 3-801 through 3-806 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 483 **Senator Hettleman****SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT – ORGANICS RECYCLING AND WASTE DIVERSION – FOOD RESIDUALS**

Requiring a certain person that generates food residuals to separate the food residuals from other solid waste and ensure that the food residuals are diverted from final disposal in a refuse disposal system in a certain manner; applying the requirements of the Act, beginning in certain years, to certain persons that generate certain amounts of food residuals; authorizing a certain person to apply to the Department of the Environment for a certain waiver; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

EN, §§ 9-1701(i-1) and (r-1) and 9-1724.1 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 484 **Senator Hettleman****CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – VICTIMS OF CRIME – PRIVATE ROOM**

Requiring the State Board of Victim Services to develop a poster to notify a victim of the right to request a certain private room in a law enforcement agency or unit when reporting a crime, other than homicide, that primarily involves injury to a person; requiring a certain law enforcement agency to display a poster developed by the State Board of Victim Services informing a victim of the right to request a private room; and requiring a certain law enforcement agency to provide a certain private room to a certain victim.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

CP, § 11-914 - amended and § 11-1002(d) - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 485 **Senator Augustine****MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM – DENTAL PROPHYLAXIS CARE AND ORAL HEALTH EXAMS**

Prohibiting, beginning January 1, 2022, the Maryland Medical Assistance Program from including a frequency limitation on dental prophylaxis care or oral health exams that requires the dental prophylaxis care or oral health exams to be provided at an interval greater than 120 days within a plan year.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

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

Assigned to: Finance

SB 486 **Senator Augustine, et al****LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT – EMPLOYMENT STANDARDS DURING AN EMERGENCY (MARYLAND ESSENTIAL WORKERS' PROTECTION ACT)**

Requiring an essential employer to give a written statement regarding certain hazard pay paid to certain essential workers at certain intervals; requiring an essential employer to take certain actions related to occupational safety and health during an emergency; authorizing an essential worker to refuse to fulfill a certain responsibility under certain circumstances; prohibiting an essential employer from retaliating or taking other adverse action against an essential worker or other worker for certain actions; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EMERGENCY BILL

IN, § 31-108(b)(6) and LE, § 3-504 - amended and LE, §§ 3-1601 through 3-1612 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 487 **Senator Beidle, et al**

ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS

Requiring the Governor to appoint five members, instead of three, to the Board of License Commissioners for Anne Arundel County; requiring that members be appointed from each legislative district in Anne Arundel County; limiting the number of terms that a member of the Board may serve to four consecutive terms; staggering the terms of members of the Board; altering certain requirements for political diversity among members of the Board; authorizing the Board, rather than the Governor, to designate a chair of the Board; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

AB, §§ 11-202 and 11-203 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 488 **Senator Beidle**

FAMILY LAW – MARRIAGE – LICENSES AND RECORDS

Altering certain designations on a marriage license and certificate; and authorizing the clerk of the circuit court to maintain a certain electronic record as an alternative to the requirement that the clerk keep a certain marriage license book.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

FL, §§ 2-403 and 2-501 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 489 **Senators Beidle and Elfreth**

ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – CLASS MT LICENSE

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

AB, § 11-1006.2 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 490 **Senator Beidle, et al**

ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS
– CHIEF INSPECTOR

Requiring the Board of License Commissioners for Anne Arundel County to employ a chief inspector; and providing for the salary of the chief inspector.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

AB, § 11-204 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 491 **The President (By Request – Administration)**

BUDGET BILL (FISCAL YEAR 2022)

Making the proposed appropriations contained in the State Budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022, in accordance with Article III, Section 52 of the Maryland Constitution; etc.

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 492 **The President (By Request – Administration)**

CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – MARYLAND CONSOLIDATED CAPITAL BOND LOAN OF 2021, AND THE MARYLAND CONSOLIDATED CAPITAL BOND LOANS OF 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, AND 2020

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt in the amount of \$1,107,427,000, the proceeds to be used for certain necessary building, construction, demolition, planning, renovation, conversion, replacement, and capital equipment purchases of the State, for acquiring certain real estate in connection therewith, and for grants to certain subdivisions and other organizations for certain development and improvement purposes; etc.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

Various Chapters, Various Sections - added, amended, and repealed

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 493 The President (By Request – Administration)**BUDGET RECONCILIATION AND FINANCING ACT OF 2021**

Authorizing, altering, or requiring the distribution and payment of certain revenue in certain fiscal years; increasing the amount local governments are required to reimburse the State for certain services; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

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

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2021

Various Articles, Various Sections - amended and added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 494 Senator West, et al**JUVENILES CONVICTED AS ADULTS – SENTENCING – LIMITATIONS AND REDUCTION (JUVENILE RESTORATION ACT)**

Authorizing a court, when sentencing a minor convicted as an adult, to impose a sentence less than the minimum term required by law; prohibiting a court from imposing a sentence of life without the possibility of parole or release for a minor; authorizing an individual convicted as an adult for an offense committed as a minor to file a motion to reduce the duration of the individual's sentence; requiring the court to conduct a hearing on a motion to reduce the duration of a sentence; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

CP, §§ 6-235 and 8-110 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 495 Senator Cassilly**RECKLESS AND NEGLIGENT DRIVING – DEATH OF ANOTHER – MUST-APPEAR VIOLATION**

Providing that a person charged with reckless or negligent driving that contributes to an accident that results in the death of another person must appear in court and may not prepay the fine.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

TR, § 21-901.1 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 496 The President (By Request – Administration)**RECOVERY FOR THE ECONOMY, LIVELIHOODS, INDUSTRIES, ENTREPRENEURS, AND FAMILIES (RELIEF) ACT**

Providing certain financing during fiscal years 2021 and 2022 for the purpose of relieving the adverse effects of the coronavirus pandemic; allowing, beginning with a certain taxable year, a subtraction under the Maryland income tax for certain unemployment insurance benefits; allowing, for certain taxable years, a subtraction under the Maryland income tax for certain coronavirus relief payments received by a person during the taxable year; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

EC, § 5-559 and TG, §§ 10-207(jj) through (ll) and 10-307(g)(6) - added and LE, § 8-606(e) and TG, § 10-307(g)(4) and (5) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 497 Senator Kelley, et al**JUVENILE SERVICES EDUCATION BOARD AND PROGRAM – ESTABLISHMENT, POWERS, AND DUTIES**

Repealing provisions of law establishing educational programs for juveniles in residential facilities under the State Department of Education; establishing the Juvenile Services Education Board in the Department of Juvenile Services; requiring the Board to oversee and approve all educational services to all juveniles who are in a residential facility beginning July 1, 2022; establishing the Juvenile Services Education Program; requiring the Board to appoint a Juvenile Services Education Program Superintendent; etc.

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

ED, Various Sections - repealed, CS, SG, and SP, Various Sections - amended, and HU and SP, Various Sections - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 498 Senator Kelley**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 499 Senator Lam**PROHIBITION ON VENDING MACHINE SALES OF DRUGS AND MEDICINES – REPEAL**

Repealing the prohibition on the sale, distribution, and disposal of certain drugs, medicines, pharmaceutical preparations, and medical preparations by means of a vending machine or similar device.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

BR, § 3-103(b) and HG, §§ 21-1204 and 21-1212 - amended and HG, § 21-1111 - repealed

Assigned to: Finance

SB 500 Senators Lam and Hettleman**PSYCHOLOGY INTERJURISDICTIONAL COMPACT**

Entering into the Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact; stating the purpose of the Compact; establishing certain criteria and duties for compact states; requiring certain psychologists to hold a certain license from a home state and meet certain eligibility requirements to exercise certain authority to practice interjurisdictional telepsychology and practice certain temporary authority to practice in-person, face-to-face psychology in certain compact states; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

HO, § 18-3A-01 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 501 Senator Beidle**TOWING OR REMOVAL OF VEHICLES FROM PARKING LOTS –
PLACEMENT OF SIGNS – REGIONAL MALLS**

Altering the standards for signage at a regional mall parking lot by requiring that, before being authorized to tow or remove a vehicle, the owner or operator of the parking lot must place certain signs at each entrance to the parking lot.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

TR, § 21-10A-02 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 502 Senator Carozza, et al**LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT – MARYLAND WAGE AND HOUR LAW
– AGRICULTURAL STANDS, RETAIL FARMS, AND FARMERS’
MARKETS**

Establishing an exemption from the Maryland Wage and Hour Law for an individual employed at an agricultural stand, a retail farm, or a farmers’ market that primarily sells agricultural products that the employer has produced.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

LE, § 3-403 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 503 Senator Smith**PUBLIC UTILITIES – GAS SERVICE REGULATOR SAFETY (FLOWER
BRANCH ACT)**

Requiring that any gas service newly installed at an occupied structure may have a gas service regulator installed only outside the structure; requiring an existing interior gas service regulator in a multifamily residential structure to be relocated outside whenever a gas service line or regulator is replaced; requiring a gas company, on or before January 1, 2022, to file a plan with the Public Service Commission to relocate any gas service regulator that provides service to a multifamily residential structure; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

PU, § 7-312 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 504 Senator Smith**DISCRIMINATION IN EMPLOYMENT – USE OF MEDICAL CANNABIS
– PROHIBITION**

Prohibiting an employer, except under certain circumstances, from discriminating against an individual because of the individual's receipt of a certain written certification for the use of medical cannabis or the individual's positive drug test under certain circumstances; and establishing that certain provisions prohibiting employment discrimination do not prohibit an employer from adopting policies and procedures that prohibit an employee from performing the employee's duties while impaired by medical cannabis.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

SG, § 20-606(a) - amended and § 20-606(g) - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 505 Senator Hettleman**CRIMINAL LAW – FIRST-DEGREE CHILD ABUSE – CONTINUING
COURSE OF CONDUCT**

Establishing as first-degree child abuse three or more acts that constitute second-degree child abuse committed as a continuing course of conduct; and applying certain penalties.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

CR, § 3-601 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 506 Senator Kelley**PUBLIC UTILITIES – REGULATORY ASSETS – PROHIBITION**

Prohibiting a public service company from receiving a rate of return on a regulatory asset created as a result of conditions addressed by a certain state of emergency as declared by the Governor.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

PU, § 4-501(a) - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 507 **Senator Kelley, et al**

DIVISION OF CONSUMER PROTECTION – ASSISTED LIVING PROGRAMS

Requiring certain assisted living programs to report certain information, on or before June 1 each year, to the Division of Consumer Protection of the Office of the Attorney General; requiring the Office of Health Care Quality within the Maryland Department of Health to refer an allegation of an unfair, abusive, or deceptive trade practice by an assisted living program to the Division of Consumer Protection under certain circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

CL, § 13-4B-01 and HG, § 19-1814 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 508 **Senator Peters**

PUBLIC UTILITIES – NET ENERGY METERING

Increasing the maximum generation capacity of an electric generating system used by an eligible customer–generator for net metering to 5 megawatts; and prohibiting the Public Service Commission from prohibiting the construction or operation of multiple net metered solar generating facilities located on contiguous lots that are owned by a local government solely because the capacity of the combined net metering systems exceeds the megawatt limit.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

PU, § 7-306(g) - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 509 **Senator Peters**

NATIONAL CAPITAL STRATEGIC ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM – ELIGIBILITY

Altering the definition of “national capital region” for the purposes of the National Capital Strategic Economic Development Program; requiring in fiscal years 2022 and 2023, that 75% of the National Capital Strategic Economic Development Fund to be used for community enhancement projects in sustainable communities located within the boundary of Interstate 495 in the State and the District of Columbia; and requiring in fiscal year 2024 that 100% of the Fund be used for enhancement projects in certain sustainable communities.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

HS, §§ 6-701 and 6-710 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SENATE BILLS REASSIGNED January 15, 2021**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

Reassigned 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

Reassigned to: Finance